

**AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
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Meeting Monday, February 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Hartig at 7 p.m. Present were: Jim Hartig, Sherri Danoff, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, MaryEl Hansen, Jan Taylor, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner, Denise Allen. Absent were: John Salisbury, Lynn Walter, Bill Tickell, Karin Argano.

The **Minutes** were approved as emailed. (Sherri/Ken)

Jim deferred **comments** to later in the meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Julia reports a balance of \$570.03.

**County Reports:**

a. Sheriff's Dept: Commander Nefores reports 76 calls, including 14 EMS, 5 crime, 15 traffic stops and 9 "citizen assists". Questions re: homeless encampment in San Luis Creek near the dam will be investigated. Question re: reported "break-ins" on Front St. He will investigate.

b. Planning: no representative here.

c. Public Works: no representative here.

d. County Parks: Deputy Director Curtis Black handed out a letter and supporting photos explaining the disrepair of the water feature on the Promenade, and the plan to remove it. Pavers to match the present Promenade will be installed. This will increase the space available for Farmer's Market and other Promenade events. Some funding is available for the project. A suggestion was made to provide benches (movable?) also. The **Pirates Cove/Cave Landing** trail project was presented by Parks Shaun Cooper with a hand-out showing the area. The first step is to "accept" parcel 5 from San Miguelito Partners. The plan is to build "vault toilets", improve the parking area, and the trail using decomposed granite. Grant funding is available. Parcel 4 is still private. Sherri read an email from the Whale Cove Conservancy stating that they and various other volunteer groups who have spent hours cleaning the area in the past have been left "out-of-the-loop" with this project. Shaun states that this action by the Board of Supervisors on February 26<sup>th</sup> is just the first step. All interested groups will be contacted after acquisition of the land for their help.

e. CalFire: Batt.Chief Lee reported 36 calls, most flu-related aids; also calls to accidents on 101. The Wild Fire Protection Plan will be presented by a group of Cal Poly students on March 7<sup>th</sup> (9-10 a.m.) in Bldg 11, Room 304). The public is invited. A question from SLBE re: possible funding for their fire-related prevention efforts. Chief Lee will get the information to them.

f. County Supervisor Hill distributed a colorful card announcing the 2012 Annual Report. It is available online at [www.slocountyannualreport.com](http://www.slocountyannualreport.com). The requested \$500.00 from his community funds will be coming to AVAC soon. His office may be able to help with the Promenade bench mentioned above. Remember the AMGEN community meeting on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> here at the PG&E event center (6:30 p.m.). Concern was expressed about Wild Cherry Canyon and the process. He says it is still “in the works”, but continues to experience delays. He met with the NRC chair when she was in San Luis. He will look into the Events Ordinance process and try to ascertain reasons for delays.

**Old Business:**

a. PG&E Evacuation Times Estimates: Tracey Vardas presented a sheet giving study estimates for 2012, in comparison with 2002 numbers. The whole study is being sent to the NRC for review and should be back in 6 +/- months. Questions from AVAC and the audience helped with clarification of the numbers. She encouraged everyone to register their **cell-phones** with the Sheriff’s Dept (their website) for use in the “reverse-911” program. Potassium coupons are available in the PG&E Calendar sent to all residents. The tablets can be obtained from the Health Dept and various pharmacies. The wind direction studies results are being used actively by CalFire and other agencies.

b. Bird Sanctuary: Shirley Goetz asked for postponement to the March meeting, due to experts being unavailable. Granted.

c. AMGEN Tour: County Assistant CAO Greg Schulte reviewed the history of the race and detailed the route from Santa Barbara north to San Luis along Ontario Road, San Luis Bay Drive, Avila Beach Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> St, San Miguel, and along Front Street to finish at San Antonio St. The group will leave Santa Barbara at 11 a.m. and should arrive in Avila at 3:30-4:00 p.m. After a televised award ceremony, all will be dismantled for the trip to San Jose. There are 16 teams of 8 riders, making 128 in all. The impact on Avila will start the Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> with the setup of TV trucks, finish line preparation, and street barriers. An estimated attendance of 5000 to 10,000 viewers is anticipated. A concert from 5:30 7:30 p.m. is being considered. More information will be available at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting mentioned.

The contract with AEG (tour owners) is still being negotiated.

**Community Liaisons:**

a. Avila Beach Civic Association: Anne reported a successful (and delicious) spaghetti dinner/bingo party this past Friday. She reminded people to purchase commemorative bricks for the garden at the Center. They are available at the Community Center office, and support the costs of providing the Building to the community.

b. Avila Beach Community Foundation: Rick Cohen said that the telescope funded with donations will be installed on February 19<sup>th</sup> with a public ceremony at the end of the Pier. He reminded about the Health Fair on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. For \$10.00 a participant will get lunch and all the information imparted by specialists in health.

c. Port San Luis: Steve McGrath reports a parking committee meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Gateway room at the Port. This is the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the development of the Port (actual date January 27, 2014), and an ad-hoc committee is planning events to celebrate. A question about repair of the south stairs to Avila Beach elicited the response that rebuilding them would cost at least \$100,000.00 and is way-down the list of things to do, but that it is on the capital improvement list.

d. PG&E/Diablo: John Shoals reports the on-going outage will end in March. One thousand +/- additional workers are there. He mentioned the visit by the NRC chair. The deep-water seismic studies will NOT occur this Fall. They are looking at data from previous studies. The Wild Cherry Canyon easements are in process by PG&E. Diablo Canyon tours are still available and he can be contacted for schedules.

**New Business:** None.

**AVAC Committees:**

a. Land Use: Sherri: none.

b. Diablo: Ken reports the meetings of the Independent Safety Committee were last week. CalFire Chief Lewin has proposed 15 improvements in the collaboration of CalFire and Diablo fire personnel. Ken encouraged AVAC members to review his article.

c. Port: no report.

d. Avila Beach: Anne reported a single family project being proposed along Avila Beach Drive (old railroad right-of-way land). It was early in the process and will come back to the sub-committee.

e. San Luis Bay Estates: Sherri reported that the circulation plan update is using 1980 data, none of which reflect the present conditions. There is a need for current figures and a complete overhaul of the planning process. She will send a personal email requesting additional information.

f. Avila Valley: Julia: none.

g. See Canyon: Denise: none.

h. Squire Canyon: no representative.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Brown, Secretary