

# Final

**AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
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Minutes, Monday, April 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. after a “Meet and Greet “ with PG&E Officers. Present were: Jim Hartig, Sherri Danoff, Anne M. Brown, Julia Hartzell, Lynn Helenius, Mary El Hansen, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik,, Lynn Walter, Saul Goldberg, Denise Allen. Excused was Lisa Newton. Absent was Bill Tickell.

**Minutes** of the March meeting were approved by motion (Sherry/Ken).

**Chair’s Comments:** Jim thanked PG&E for the reception before the meeting. He attended the CAC meeting this month. Another will be May 17<sup>th</sup> and he requests that new Council Members Denise Allen and Mary El Hansen attend. He will forward the information when available. He congratulated the Parks Dept for their award for a new logo given recently.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Julia states that the balance is the same: \$1051.07.

**County Reports:**

**1. Sheriff:** Sgt. Kevin Norris reports 8 crime reports, 9 EMS calls, one rape in Avila and other miscellaneous contacts. A council member’s concern about graffiti under the San Luis Bay Drive bridge was reported. The Department has a voluntary clean-up team which responds to requests, and he will log this report. Sherri asked for a progress report at the next meeting.

**2. Planning:** Ryan Hostetter reviewed department projects in Avila (2 houses on Avila Beach Drive); the EIR for the Tank Farm project is out for bid; working with Supervisor Hill’s office on the bird sanctuary; BJ Trail EIR review will be extended to 60 days from release; the Cave Landing renovation will be reviewed by the Avila sub-committee this Thursday. Denise Allen requests information about 2 projects she has observed in See Canyon.

Sherry brought up the matter of the Draft letter to Karen Nall in Planning regarding the out-dated data being used in the San Luis Bay Estates portion of Reorganization of the County areas. Kami Griffin, assistant director of Planning (in attendance) responded and agreed that a notation on each page could be made to clarify the out-dated data being used. **Motion (Saul/Ken) that the proposed draft letter be sent to Planning. Yes: 8; No: 0. Abstain: 3.** Jim will sign the letter.

**3. Public Works:** no representative.

**4. County Parks:** Deputy Director Curtis Black addressed the issue of golf carts using the BJ Trail to get to Avila. Conflicting information on signs along the trail exacerbate the problem. He provided a map and legal language in the Motor Vehicle ordinance which prohibits their use (attached). Suggestions were made for better wording and locations. SLBE president will send a letter to all residents reminding them of the use of golf carts as a violation and ask for their cooperation. Rick Cohen, Exec. Director of the Avila Foundation, is working with the golf course and the Port to resolve the issue so

that Avila is viewed as a “cart-friendly” town. Sherri asked that the Land Use and Circulation Committee be involved also.

Mr. Black also addressed the matter of the water feature on the Avila Promenade: 3 bids are being reviewed and the work should be completed in 6 to 8 weeks.

**5. CalFire:** Chief Lewin reports the fire season is here!! Winds being experienced now add to the concerns and will prolong the season. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of “fire prevention” fees is being delayed while protests are resolved. An awards ceremony open to the public is planned for Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> in the BOS chambers at 3:30 p.m. His Department is asking the BOS for an ordinance to prohibit “sky lanterns” which are being used in rural area events. The paramedic personnel for Avila is still in study by EMSA. It’s a slow process. Capt. Dennis Byrnes reports 17 medical calls, 2 surf calls, 6 alarms, 3 accidents, 5 structure fires and other minor items. New blue street markers for hydrant locations are being applied in Avila. CalFire has cleared the access road from Sycamore Hot Springs to Ontario Ridge.

**6. Supervisor Adam Hill** reports the budget process is starting. Funds look pretty good and this will be the last year of scheduled budget cuts. The unemployment rate in the county is 7%, lower than the state average. The county has a good bond rating. He introduced 2 CHP officers who will be involved with the AMGEN tour and deferred comments on that to Mr. Schulte who will report later.

**Old Business:**

**1. AMGEN tour update:** Greg Schulte discussed traffic and parking plans (attached), and states that the CSD in Avila will have pink “access” passes for those Avila residents and businesses impacted by parking restrictions (2 per household). Supervisor Hill’s office will also have them. The contract with AEG will be an item on the April 16<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**2. Harbor District Parking Study:** Steve McGrath, harbor manager, distributed the parking study plan as prepared by D2 Consult (Charlie Clouse). Additional copies are available at the Harbor Office. Comments are welcomed by the District until April 26<sup>th</sup>. They will be incorporated into the Report and a final draft prepared and presented to the Port Commissioners on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McGrath and Mr. Clouse stressed that the Plan has included the Avila town-area also, because of the Port parking lot in town and because parking problems in one area affect the whole area.

**New Business: None**

**AVAC Committees:**

- 1. Land Use:** nothing to report.
- 2. Diablo:** Ken Thompson thanked AVAC and PG&E for attendance at the “meet and greet”.
- 3. Port:** see above.
- 4. Avila Beach:** Anne Brown reports the continuing anticipation of the AMGEN tour in town and its impact.
- 5. San Luis Bay Estates:** Nothing to report.
- 6. Avila Valley:** Nothing new.
- 7. See Canyon:** Denise Allen requested information from Planning (see above).
- 8. Squire Canyon:** no representative in AVAC.

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2013.**

**Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.**