

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call- Jim Hartig, Chair
Meeting commenced at 7:02. Present: Denise Allen, Karla Bittner, Sherri Danoff, MaryEl Hansen, Saul Goldberg, Julia Hartzell, Jim Hartig, Lisa Newton, Bob Pusanik, John Salisbury, Ken Thompson (plus Bill Ziegler, a non-voting alternate at this meeting).
Excused: Anne Brown, Lynn Helenius, Lynn Walter. .
- 2) April 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes – Jim Hartig, Chair
M/S Approved as presented.
- 3) Chair's Comments- Jim Hartig:
Thank you to Saul Goldberg, assisted by his wife Carol, for the Trail Identification Project that installed markers identifying vegetation along the Bob Jones Pathway
- 4) Public Comment (please limit time to 3 minutes)
None
- 5) Treasurer's Report –Julia Hartzell –
Expended \$59.95 for website fees and \$6.16 for copies for April AVAC meeting. Balance is \$985.01.
- 6) County Reports
 - a) **Sheriff's Department** – Commander Jason Nefores
100 Total calls last month. Included: (9) Incident Reports, (1) Assault, (3) Arrests, (1) Drug, (1) Identity Theft, (1) Citation, (1) Threat, (14) Traffic Stops.
(Did not include AVAC's April request for a report in May on graffiti removal under the San Luis Bay Drive bridge.)
 - b) **Planning** – Ryan Hostetter
Existing Projects include: Cave Landing plans for parking headed for Planning Commission next Thursday. Multi Family project on Laurel in Avila Beach approved by Planning Commission. Coming up for approvals are two houses on lots within the old railroad right-of-way lots along Avila Beach Drive. No new projects
 - c) **Public Works** – Ryan Chapman
None
 - d) **County Parks** – Shaun Cooper
 - Bob Jones Pathway Update: EIR Draft still underway. Additional time needed to address traffic and safety and additional alternatives. Want to keep pathway on the east side of the road. This means eliminating two road crossings prior to the Highway 101 crossing. Shaun responded to a question from Julia Hartzell by stating that there will be construction poles to show bridge heights and location. Johns Salisbury asked about the west side of the highway and requested they show length of ramps as well as height for both sides of the highway 101. The proposed project is a bridge over the highway and an undercrossing is an alternative included in analyses. There will be a 60 day public comment period. The Parks Commission will provide a review. The Board of Supervisors makes the final decision on the project.
 - Blue Heron Drive section of Bob Jones trail improvements await an estimate from Rob Rossi who shares responsibility along with Parks and San Luis Bay Estates Homeowners Association for costs.
 - e) **CAL Fire** –Batt.Chief Paul Lee
Two staff changes coming. Working with See Canyon and Rob Rossi to address need for more fire protection. Homes need for 100 foot clearance. See Canyon area is particularly encouraged to start abatement and to perform the work in early morning. New ordinance for unincorporated County area prohibits sky lanterns and other jurisdictions will be requested to enact prohibitions. Amgen action plan is finalized.
 - f) **County Supervisor** – Adam Hill
 - All with roles in Amgen preparations are confident. Will shutdown town when 7,000 parking capacity is met. There likely will be fewer in attendance than had been expected, based on hotel reservations.

- Budget – Gradually reducing through attrition and consolidating departments. A recommendation is to merge Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector departments. Reductions not expected to be problematic.
- Very disappointed that Wild Cherry Canyon preservation project fell apart, although not giving up until the last minute/tomorrow. Future development will probably be proposed.

7) Old Business

a) **Greg Schulte/Amgen Tour Update**

Inter agency plans involving all public safety providers are in place and ready to go. Number of attendees is uncertain. Once parking spaces are filled vehicles will be rerouted. 104 letters sent by Public Works to properties regarding availability of access and parking passes. Signs prohibiting parking were placed on Monday, three days in advance of race. John Salisbury requested they extend road access to his property on Ontario Road. Greg plans to return to AVAC next month for follow-up evaluation. Per request by Karla Bittner, he will report on number and cost of County staff hours.

b) **Cave Landing Improvements**

- Ryan Hostetter, Planning, reviewed the parking plan which reduces spaces to 35. Design must be sensitive to area environmental and archeological requirements. Considered was Coastal Commission staff indication that visible drainage pipes are aesthetically unacceptable..
- Elizabeth Kavenaugh, Parks, mentioned that constraints above and below ground resulted in the proposed design- landslide, slopes, bluff instability and cultural resources. Stated that current lot parks 60 vehicles. (Audience protests indicated otherwise.)
- Community Comments:
 - >Bryan Parker (?)
 - >Mike Obayashi, Architect – Represents Whale Caves Conservancy. Current lot protects cultural resources underneath by a layer of fill under the parking surface. Proposed lot is half the capacity and lacks a vehicle turn-around. 127 vehicles parked on street and in lot, shown by counts. Usage has increased following recent County ownership. Redesign to retain the current number of parking spaces and a turnaround is requested. Conservancy engineers would like further discussion with staff to increase parking. Staff has not incorporated any Conservancy ideas.
 - >Doug (?), Civil Engineer – Project should be based on the purpose & need for public access. Project does not accomplish this. The proposed parking lot design is a disservice to community and tourist economy.
 - >Brian LoConte, Irish Hills Resident, District #3. Provided another design option to accommodate existing parking demands, including angled parking on one side of Cave Landing Road.
 - >David Wasoloski- Mitigation of drainage is possible to enable retaining current parking spaces.
- AVAC Comments: Saul Goldberg – Safety issue with elimination of a turnaround. Others concurred. In response to a question from Karla Bittner, Shaun Cooper, Parks, clarified that approval of a project is required within a few weeks to prevent loss of a portion of funding for improvements. Sherri Danoff passed out the Local Coastal Plan-County General Plan standards which include: “Parking area for 100 cars... The parking area is to be surfaced with a permeable material to control bluff erosion.”
- Motion by Sherri Danoff, seconded by Saul Goldberg, passed unanimously:

Postpone May 23 Planning Commission hearing for staff to work with the Whale Caves Conservancy and Mr. LoConte, and any others, to retain the existing number of parking spaces, at a minimum, and continue to provide a turn-around for circulation safety. A thorough study of engineering solutions for drainage should occur.
- Supervisor Hill said he has concerns as well regarding the reduction in parking spaces. He committed to work on an extension for funding.

8) Community Liaisons

a) **Avila Beach Civic Association – (Anne Brown)**

Lisa Newton mentioned the recent successful community event with outstanding participation by Avila and area food and beverage hosts.

b) **Avila Beach Foundation** (Rick Cohen)

A report from Rick was highlighted by Jim Hartig. Three new Trustees are Stephen Johnson, Rick Rowe and Michael Faber, representing Avila Beach residents and businesses. The Joan Sargen Community Fund supported the TIPS project, launched, managed and completed by Saul Goldberg, with donations and other assistance arranged by Saul, for vegetation and other identification signs along the Bob Jones Trail.

c) **Port San Luis** – (Steve McGrath)

Harbor Terrace Project getting good feedback. Dredging continuing in the harbor. Amgen – Harbor staff will concentrate on water safety. Life guards will be scheduled for the day of the race. Staffing up for trash and restrooms service end of the day. The Parking Plan was presented at the AVAC meeting, and for the Avila community at the Harbor's community building. On May 26 the plan is agendaized for the Harbor Commission.

d) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** (John Shoals)

Taking steps to reduce traffic during Amgen event. Opening up exit to the North of the plant and telecommuting from home that day.

9) New Business

10) AVAC committees

i) **Land Use** – Sherri Danoff Golf Cart Parking in Avila

Reported that a May 6 joint Land Use Committee – SLBE Committee meeting supports Avila Beach being a golf cart friendly community with designated golf cart parking spaces.

Motion by Sherri Danoff, seconded by Lisa Newton, passed unanimously:

AVAC will send letters requesting consideration of designated golf cart parking spaces, (for street legal golf carts) to the Harbor District for its' Avila Beach parking lot and to County Public Works for commercial area streets, particularly for appropriate unused areas too small for standard vehicles.

ii) **Diablo** – Ken Thompson

Independent Safety Council tours scheduled for June 6th. May have chance to visit the simulator. Registration Monday,, May 20, 800 493-4688 9-noon and 2-5pm.

iii) **Port** – Mary Matakovich (as issues arise)

iv) **Avila Beach** – Anne Brown – No report

v) **San Luis Bay Estates** – Saul Goldberg – No report

vi) **Avila Valley** – Julia Hartzell – No report

vii) **See Canyon** – Bill Tickell/Denise Allen – No report

viii) **Squire Canyon** – Karin Argano – Not present

11) Next Meeting June 10, 2013 7:00 PM