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AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Minutes for Monday, July 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the PG&E Education Center by Chair Jim Hartig. Present were: Jim Hartig, Sherri Danoff, Anne M. Brown, Julia Hartzell, Lynn Helenius, Mary El Hansen, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Lynn Walter, Karla Bittner, and Bill Tickell. Excused were: Lisa Newton, Denise Allen. Absent were: Saul Goldberg, Karen Wickler, John Salisbury and Karin Argano.

The **Minutes of the June meeting** were approved with one abstention.

Public Comments: Chevron rep. Rick Williams mentioned pilot testing to take place at the Tank Farm site during July/September which will run 24 hrs/day with night lights. There should be no noise pollution associated with this testing.

A rep. from “Friends of Cave Landing” spoke against the closing hours of the beach proposed by Parks and Rec Dept. Lynn Walter suggested putting the matter on the August/September AVAC meeting Agenda.

Treasurer: Julia Hartzell reports \$982.85 with no expenses paid.

County Reports:

a. Sheriff: Sgt. Cox reports 170 calls in June: 23 medical; 19 assist other agencies; 3 crime; one assault; one theft; 2 petty theft; 2 trespassing; 5 intoxicated; 23 911 calls. The bridge graffiti has been partially removed, with additional sites identified. Removal was by a volunteer person who was on his way to celebrate his 40th wedding anniversary! An AVAC member requested contact #s for volunteers which Sgt Cox will provide. AVAC thanks Sgt. Cox for following through on this previous request.

b. Planning: Ryan Hostetter is back from 3-week cycling trip in Italy and the projects in Avila have been assigned to others. Several requests for vacation-rentals are being considered by the Avila sub-committee and will come to the Council at the August meeting.

c. Public Works: no rep

d. Parks: Sean Cooper reports that the draft EIR on the BJ Trail should be available for comment the end of July. There is a 60-day comment period, and poles to aid visual assessment should be in place the first part of August. The project should go to the BOS by the end of the year. (Julia is keeping track of this project for the Council.)

e. CalFire: Batt. Chief Paul Lee said there were 57 calls for service by Station 62. He cautioned residents to mow before 10 a.m. to decrease the chance of fire. He then discussed issues: sky lanterns are prohibited by County Ordinance, and their use is way down; 300 “contacts” regarding fireworks; 1 DUI; 17 assists; confiscated 200 lbs. of fireworks. Wild Cherry Canyon and Davis Canyon firebreaks are in works. Chief Lewin then mentioned statewide there is a 58% increase in fires this season and the season is much earlier than previous years. Fuel moisture is down 60%!!

A Council member notes smoking on the BJ Trail!! and there are no “NO SMOKING” signs on the Trail. Sean will get appropriate signing placed.

f. Supervisor Hill states that the BOS will respond to the Grand Jury Report and it will be available to AVAC in September. Requests were made for copies for members, which Mr. Hill will provide. He mentioned Supervisor Texeira's death as devastating, and remarked about Mr. T's work on the Board and his affable nature. Governor Brown will appoint a successor, but it will take several months. In the meantime, the Board will have 4 members, which can complicate action on matters. A tribute to Mr. T. will be at tomorrow's BOS meeting. He also reported on the final #s for the AMGEN tour in May and provided a financial reckoning. Thanks to Greg Schulte and Hannah who handled most of the work. The Final Budget pamphlet is being prepared and he will distribute it at our next meeting.

Old Business:

a. AMGEN report: see above.

b. Cave Landing Revisions: Elizabeth Kavanaugh from Parks shared revisions which include 70 parking spaces (requested by AVAC). The plan goes to the Planning Commission on July 25th. She (and Sean) discussed the County Code on "dawn-to-dusk" use of county parks. This is a contentious issue with users, as is the staircase down to the beach which Parks has planned. Several people, including reps from the Whale Conservancy spoke to various parts of the plan, but did express "mild" support for the plan with concerns about stairs, need for more parking (?110 spaces possible?); paving rather than permeable surface. They were encouraged to attend the Planning Commission meeting mentioned above. **Action: Sherri motioned and Ken 2nd that a letter be written to the Planning Commission supporting the increased # of parking spaces in the revised plan and supporting a request to study the widening of Cave Landing road to accommodate angled parking along it. Passed with no dissent.**

c. Paramedics at Station 62: Karla Bittner distributed a report of the "Paramedic Committee" which recommends waiting until EMSA determines the service level proposed for Avila and whether a County Service Area to fund paramedics at Station 62 is possible.

At this point, Chair Jim suggested considering "New Business" ahead of "Community Liaisons" reports. Approved.

New Business:

a. US 101 Mobility Plan: Kendall Flint (SLOCOG) presented an interactive power-point presentation reflecting various areas of the county along the 101 corridor with opportunity to respond to various scenarios. The information is being sought in all areas through which the 101 passes, and will be used to plan county responses.

Community Liaisons:

a. ABCA: Anne reported a very successful Pancake Breakfast with 394 plates served!!

b. ABCF: Penny Burciaga reported for Rick Cohen: grant application requests will be out by July 15th. Please go to the website and take the Survey regarding Avila.

c. Port San Luis: Mary Matakovich reported for the vacationing Steve McGrath: the Port Commission has a balanced budget.

d. PG&E/Diablo: Eric Daniels says Tracy Vardas will report on "estimated evacuation times" at our September meeting. He expressed problems with a Tribune article and corrected "misinformation". He shared a report prepared by the Oraflea Business School at Cal Poly which shows the economic impact of the power plant on the

local economy. A question was asked about the study funding and he will check if it was from PG&E or someone else.

AVAC Committees:

a. Land Use: Anne reported on the joint meeting of the Avila sub-committee and Land Use regarding the Port Parking Management Plan. They suggest that AVAC receive ongoing information regarding parking in Avila, probably through Steve McGrath, Harbor Manager, who is meeting with Greg Schulte as the County rep.

Sherri mentioned a request by Diablo to remove several support buildings and add another building requested by the NRC. No action required.

She also spoke to the death of an alternate member of AVAC Jack Biesek. He worked on prior Diablo committees which contacted Senator Blakleslee to secure possible state funding for additional egress roads from Avila. Mary Matakovich mentioned a memorial event at the Golf Course on July 28th.

b. Diablo: Ken reports that the Safety Committee report is on their website.

c. Port: none

d. Avila Beach: see above.

e. SLBE: none

f. Avila Valley: none

g. See Canyon: road work will start +/- August.

h. Squire Canyon: no rep, but Julia says she continues to try to find a representative from that area.

Next Meeting date: After discussion, it was agreed that an abbreviated meeting should be held due to 2 Avila projects which need AVAC input. Therefore, a SHORT meeting with a limited agenda will be held **Monday, August 12th at 7 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Brown, Secretary