

Final Draft

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Monday, October 14, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Jim Hartig. Present were Jim, Sherri Danoff, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, Jan Taylor, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Lynn Walter, Saul Goldberg, Denise Allen and alternates John Salisbury, Jan Taylor, Karla Bittner. Absent were Bill Tickell and Mary El Hansen.
2. The Minutes for the previous meeting were approved as corrected by a majority voice vote.
3. Chair's Comments: Jim thanked the County employees for coming to the meeting, even though it is a National Holiday. He expressed condolences from the Council to John Salisbury at the death of his mother-in-law.
4. Public Comment: none.
5. Treasurer's Report: No bills. Balance is \$914.23.
6. County Reports:
 - a) Sheriff's Dept: Sgt. Scott reports that September was a "slow" month: 104 calls for service of varying types, including 1 burglary at Pirate's Cove.
 - b) Planning: Ryan Hostetter had sent her report by email to Council members previously, but summarized them: the appeal of the Pirate's Cove project going to the BOS in November; the vacation rental MUP is on hold pending more information from the applicant. A question about SLBE screening trees being cut down or lowered was referred to Terry Wahler, senior planner in charge of violations in SLBE easement areas. Reference to aerial maps of the area before and after was suggested.
 - c) Public Works: Ryan Chapman presented the 2013 Update of the Avila Circulation Study which has been reviewed and modified by the Land Use Committee. **A motion by Jim and seconded by Sherri that AVAC support the Update. Motion passed.** Referencing a Land Use Committee meeting with Ryan, Sherri presented a recommendation to the Council regarding the Port Parking Management Plan for the town of Avila. **The LUC recommends that Public Works develop a survey, with input from the LUC committee, to gauge Avila Beach property and business owners' attitude regarding the Port's plan as pertains to County streets in Avila Beach. The survey should inform about proposed commercial area parking meters and residential parking restrictions, and about the ability for business owners, employees and residents to purchase parking passes. Motion by Sherri, 2nd by Anne; passed.**

A question to Ryan about the left-hand turn into the Avila Barn and the danger of near-misses by cars. Ryan will again look into possible solutions.
 - d) County Parks: Sean Cooper has no report, but is present to hear the discussion of the Bob Jones Overcrossing. A question was asked about a previous request for No Smoking signs along the trail. He will check on progress on the matter.
 - e) Cal Fire: Batt. Chief Lee reports 43 calls, 20% of which were medical. All in attendance are invited to Station 62 on Saturday, November 2nd for their Open House. Control burns are planned east of Pismo Beach after we get ¾" of rain!! They are in

planning stages for some brush control above the Lighthouse, due to increased use of the area by hikers and trolley visitors. The Irish Hills/Davis Canyon area has been cleared. The adoption of the updated Fire Code is going to the Avila CSD for review. Work on clearing the Ontario Ridge repeater site is continuing.

f) Supervisor Hill reports that new Supervisor Caren Ray has been sworn in and is now serving to fill out the roster of the BOS. Tomorrow is a Strategic Planning Session to consider planning/building priorities in regard to the water crisis throughout the County; the 7th year of the 7-year “pain” plan for finances; and the economic impact of Diablo Canyon Power Plant and its re-licensing. AMGEN is interested in County involvement in the 2014 race, with the possibility of 2 stages in the County so that there is some economic value to county businesses/residents.

A question about the “Palm Tree Caper” (the disappearance of the palm tree in front of Joe Momma’s business in Avila Beach) elicited several theories and the discovery of cut sections at Port Beach. The investigation is continuing with consequences of county property destruction possible.

7. Old Business: Bob Jones Pathway Committee report: Julia presented the findings of the ad-hoc committee which had been emailed to Council members. Questions to clarify statements were made. A major concern is the lack of study on the hydrology of the whole area in regard to the over-crossing and **under** the 101 bridge. A motion was made to add the statement: **the hydrology study in T6 does not support the conclusions expressed in the DEIR. Motion by Sherri, 2nd by Lynn; passed unanimously.**

The comment was made and supported by the ad-hoc committee that the whole DEIR is confusing and very difficult to read and understand. Jim and the Council thanked Julia and her committee for their hard work on this important issue.

8. Community Liaisons: (3 Minutes)

a) Avila Beach Civic Association: Anne reports that the Albacore Feed was successful, but fewer attendees. They hope they made their budget. Everyone who attended enjoyed the event. Mary Matakovich, chair of the event, thanked Port manager Steve McGrath for the donation of locally-caught albacore.

b) Avila Beach Community Foundation: Rick Cohen reports a \$1500 grant from Chevron for the December 7th Art Showcase which will be part of the Avila Downtown Christmas Celebration. Grant requestors will present their projects at an ABCF Board meeting on October 21st with the finalists determined at their meeting on November 4th.

c) Port San Luis: Steve McGrath reports ongoing work on the Harbor Terrace and Trailer Park. Repair work continues at the end of Harford Pier. He reported on a State award to the Harbor District on cost savings which were made possible by employee Julie vanHoff working with the County. Kudos to Julie!! Lessee Chris Dorn has his restaurant plans at the Coastal Commission for a CDP, and Steve says that working with their staff may speed the process.

d) PG&E/Diablo Canyon: John Shoals mentioned 6 items: Reactors 1 and 2 are operating; planning continues for the 2 outages in 2014; the seismic study data are being reviewed by the NRC and public agencies; the New Times article is being reviewed by “experts” and they will respond in writing to AVAC with their response made available to the public; the geoscience team and seismic experts will meet in Berkeley; the “estimated evacuation times” study is in 3rd party review; the economic impact of Diablo will be discussed with the BOS as mentioned by Supv. Hill. A request for copies of the

response to the New Times by PG&E was made with the statement that it will be on an Agenda of AVAC.

9. New Business: None

10. AVAC Committees:.

i) Land Use: Sherri referenced the “Public Works” section of the Minutes for her report. Jan Taylor will be added to the LUC committee roster.

ii) Diablo: Ken reported that the State PUC Safety Committee met last week. (The Federal NRC meetings were postponed due to the Government shutdown.) It was discovered that there is no remote monitoring of the “spent fuel” pools’ water levels at this time, although they are monitored manually in routine inspections. The plant is waiting for the APCD to “permit” the diesel pumps which can add water if the level is low. An attendee mentioned that the costs associated with any shutdown of the Plant in 2025 (if re-licensing is denied) will continue the presence of PG&E in the area for years to come.

iii) Port: No extra report.

iv) Avila Beach: Anne reports a new restaurant in Avila: “Ocean Grill”.

v) San Luis Bay Estates: no report

vi) Avila Valley: no report

vii) See Canyon: Denise says the road work is stalled due to new findings, but that the delays have been minimal and that the workers are helpful to residents.

viii) Squire Canyon: no representative on AVAC now.

Discussion about the AVAC website and its lack of current information.: Jim has contacted the website manager with no response. He will work on a solution, since several groups have tried to access current Agendas and Minutes and have had no success. The matter will be on the November Agenda.

11. Next Meeting: Monday, November 11, 2013 (which is Veterans’ Day).

12. Adjourn at 8:51 p.m.