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**Monday, December 9, 2013**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Hartig at 7:03 p.m. Present were: Jim, Sherri Danoff, Anne M. Brown, Julia Hartzell, Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, Karla Bittner, Denise Allen, Bob Pusanik, Ken Thompson. Excused were: Lynn Walter, Saul Goldberg. Absent was Bill Tickell.
2. The Minutes were approved as e.mailed. Motion passed.
3. Chair's Comments: Jim announced the resignation of John Salisbury as the Avila representative, due to a move to San Luis Obispo. He also announced that Bill Ziegler has resigned, but could be available for special projects.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Julia reports \$914.23 with no bills. A request for funds has been made to Supervisor Adam Hill to establish a new website.
6. County Reports:
  - a. Sheriff: Cmdr Nix reports a "quiet" month with 52 calls; 2 EMS; no violent crime; 2 property crimes; work on relocation of transients. A question regarding "trending" of statistics shows similar results to last year (slower in November/December with pickup expected in January).
  - b. Planning: Ryan Hostetter reports that the Coastal Commission approved the County Vacation Rental Ordinance changes. A 50' separation between rental buildings is now required. There is new planning staff, one of whom is Megan Martin who will be doing Avila projects. A new project is in for the vacant lot on Front Street: 2 commercial spaces on ground floor, and a large condo on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The Harbor Terrace project is in to the County with the Port handling the CEQA process. The comment period on the Bob Jones Trail over-crossing has closed. Planning and Parks are working on the received comments and will develop more fully the under-crossing alternative. The timeline is set back so that these changes may be made. A question from Council asking if the San Luis Bay Estates is included in the vacation rental ordinance: Yes, says Ryan, on the portion in the Coastal Zone.
  - c. Public Works: Jeremy Ghent is the new staff representing Avila area. (Ryan Chapman has taken a job in Monterey County.) Mr. Ghent reviewed a list of projects which Ryan left: The broken bollards at Shell Beach Road and Avila Beach Drive will be fixed soon; a crosswalk at 1<sup>st</sup> and San Francisco Sts. will be re-stripped; the BOS will consider the "road impact fees" at their meeting tomorrow; the missing palm tree at Front St. and San Luis St. will be replaced. A "sponsor" is needed to maintain the tree; he will continue work on the golf cart matter with hopefully some resolution; the chip sealing is delayed due to the cold weather. It will be rescheduled when the temperature is conducive to the asphalt application; Street parking in Avila is affected by placement of cones and painting of curbs: Mr. Ghent will look into the problem, since the streets are public property.

d. County Parks: Deputy Director Curtis Black addressed the issue of motorized bikes on the BJ Trail: they are prohibited because the Trail is not adjacent to a roadway as defined in the Motor Vehicle Code. Electric wheelchairs are permitted as are the 3 and 4 wheel motorized vehicles used by medically challenged persons.

e. CalFire: Chief Rob Lewin reported 36 calls including 15 EMS calls; also 2 fires. The burn in Long Canyon behind Pismo is awaiting rain. Pismo Beach is looking for paramedic services (as is Avila!). CalFire is preparing a report for them, with a possibility of a share-of-cost arrangement. AVAC expressed interest in such a report and Chief Lewin will include Avila and environs also. It should take about 40 days to complete. He cautioned care in using ladders for Christmas light installation during this season.

f. County Supervisor Adam Hill endorsed the website money; the Events Ordinance review by the EVC should be available shortly; the Harbor District will receive recognition from the BOS for its founding in 1954; he will participate in the Avila Town Hall meeting sponsored by the ABCF in February; the budget looks good with the improving economy; north county water continues in discussion. A question from Council regarding the NRC meeting at the courtyard Marriott revealed the BOS concern of storage of spent fuel rods and their transfer into dry cask storage which is slow.

#### 7. Old Business:

a. Avila Beach Bird Sanctuary: Adam Hill read a resolution from the BOS re: the establishment of such a sanctuary. He commended Shirley Goetz, spearhead and the CSD, represented by President Pete Kelley for their work on this designation.

b. Website Update: Chair Jim says that with Adam's monetary award, AVAC can hire Cubularity to do the work. **Motion by Sherri, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob that the contract be awarded to Cubularity. Passed.**

#### 8. Community Liaisons:

a. Avila Beach Civic Association: Anne reported the recent Annual Meeting/Potluck party at the Community Center. Santa arrived on the fire truck, and although there weren't many children at the party, a good time was had by all. An award for "Person of the Year" was given to Nick Girardi, retiring Board Member. The "Business of the Year" award went to Port San Luis (Steve McGrath accepted).

b. Avila Beach Community Foundation: Rick Cohen reports that their grants were announced in the Avila Community Newspaper; the Foundation is underwriting the cost of the Forum on February 20<sup>th</sup> with no cost to attendees. The Foundation is considering an Apple Festival in Avila. more news to come.

c. Port San Luis: Steve McGrath expressed pleasure for the Port being recognized by the ABCA as the "Business of the Year". The Sheriff's Dept has awarded mobile data centers for port staff. He thanked Adam for the support of SLOCOG for work on the Pier. The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Port will be observed at the regular meeting of the Port Commissioners on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Party at the Port is this coming Saturday with a Boat Parade at 5:30 p.m. There will be various activities at Port during the day. Come one and all!! A question from Council regarding the progress on the pier restaurant: working with the Coastal Commission to avoid the CUP process if possible.

d. PG&E/Diablo: John Shoals reports a ½ day release of workers which may affect traffic in Avila. He read a statement which is a response to the New Times

- article; “vetted” by PG&E, but not on their letterhead. A question from Council regarding the evacuation times study: is still in process.
9. New Business:
    - a. Jim requests a new alternate representative for SLBE. Present members will work on that.
    - b. 2014 Officers: A nominating committee of Sherri and Anne reported that the present Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are willing to serve again. Denise Allen will serve as Vice-Chair. The election will take place at the January 2014 meeting.
  10. AVAC Committees:
    - i. Land Use: No report.
    - ii. Diablo: Ken is waiting for the NRC meeting video to be put up on their website. He will then send it to the Council.
    - iii. Port: Mary Matakovich distributed flyers for the Saturday Open House at the Port.
    - iv. Avila Beach: see above.
    - v. SLBE: No report.
    - vi. Avila Valley: No report.
    - vii. See Canyon: Denise shared educational packets prepared for See Canyon residents with creek, watershed and ecological pamphlets. In addition, appropriate signage will be placed along the creek banks alerting people to its fragile ecosystem.
    - ix. Squire Canyon: still no representative available.
  11. Next meeting: Monday, January 13, 2014.
  12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Brown, Secretary