

Final Draft

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Monday, February 10, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Jim Hartig. Present were: Jim Hartig, Denise Allen, Anne M. Brown, Julia Hartzell, Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Saul Goldberg, Mike Grantham subbing for Lynn Walter (excused), Bill Tickell.
2. The Minutes for the previous meeting (January, 2014) were approved as emailed.
3. Chair's Comments: John Salisbury was awarded a certificate for meritorious service to AVAC since 1997. He spoke briefly of various events which happened during that time of service. He was roundly applauded by all attending.
4. Public Comment:
 - a. Tommy Gong, clerk/recorder candidate, shared his work in the office now, and offered his background. He may be reached at www.tommygong.com.
 - b. Archie McLaren, Director of the Central Coast Wine Classic, introduced his assistant Bev Aho who lives in Avila. Archie has lived in Avila since 1979 and had the same experiences as John Salisbury as Avila went through the Union Oil cleanup in the late '90s.
 - c. Rick Williams from Chevron reports that work continues on the cliff area at the Tank Farm. They are working closely with the County on permits.
5. Treasurer's Report: Julia reports \$1058.72 in the treasury, \$644.49 earmarked for the website.
6. County Reports:
 - a) Sheriff's Dept: Cmdr. Aaron Nix reports 95 calls: 9 EMS, 7 assists, 9 various disturbances, 3 crimes against persons, 2 burglaries, one drunk in public, and various others. Deputies are patrolling when possible.

In addition, Sgt. Tim Wilson of the Highway Patrol reported on matters requested by AVAC at the January meeting: they have contacted the business who has provided motorized vehicles on the BJ Trail and asked for compliance; they have increased patrols at the Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School during morning and afternoon traffic; he requests help with solutions to the bike/car incidents at both the Ontario/Bay Drive and Shell Beach/101 off-ramps. Discussion ensued.
 - b) Planning: Ryan Hostetter provided a "major projects" list to the Chair. It is on their website also. She checked per request about the Avila Barn and permitting food/ice cream, etc. They have the necessary permits. She will speak with Planner Cody Scheel regarding a permit request by Mr. Travelini for a vacation rental in Avila.

Regarding the Tank Farm project, the department is working with Chevron for scoping meetings and preparation for the EIR. An EIR consultant will be hired. Chevron intends to go through the permitting process and then will sell the project to a developer.
 - c) Public Works: no representative.
 - d) County Parks: no representative.
 - e) Cal Fire: Chief Lee reports that the recent rain helps, but residents should continue to clear brush, since the fire danger is still high. They had 36 calls during

January with 18 being EMS. A state-wide meeting to plan allocation of the “state fee” funds is planned shortly; these funds are to be used for prevention, not suppression and will be allocated throughout the State after this meeting. The County-wide EMS report has been released and the Avila area has been moved from “rural” designation to “urban”. This changes the ambulance response time from 30 minutes to 10 minutes. The report is being circulated throughout the various agencies for 6 months, and after that the changes will be considered.

f) Supervisor Hill: distributed an information card announcing the 2013 Annual Report. It is available at www.slocountyannualreport.com.

- The Ontario Ridge Trail closure has been removed from the Coastal Commission’s Agenda on Wednesday, February 12 at the Cliffs Hotel, due to decisions made by the County and the Commission. The County is asking that the Commission, rather than the County, be the enforcement agency in this matter.
- The BOS has waived the fees associated with the Harbor Terrace Project at San Luis Port.
- Supervisor Hill is sponsoring, with the Avila Beach Community Foundation, the Forum on the 20th in Avila. Various agencies will report on their departments then.
- Supervisor Hill and Hannah will not be at the March AVAC meeting, but will send Chair Jim Hartig his report beforehand.
- He briefly discussed the economic impact of Diablo on the County income.
- The palm tree replacement project in Avila is awaiting a “sponsor” for maintenance.

7. Old Business:

a. Events Ordinance Update: Sherri reviewed Planning response to requests: very confusing! Supervisor Hill mentioned that he would arrange for the County Counsel attorney to contact Sherry for a meeting.

b. Bob Pusanik reviewed the EVC letter sent to the County detailing its response to the draft Events Ordinance. There was not enough response to their request to “stakeholders” to make valid suggestions. Supervisor Hill says the Ordinance will be considered by the BOS “this year”.

c. Paramedic Committee Update: Karla confirmed Chief Lee’s comments and added that under the reclassification, Avila Beach is only meeting service requirements 44.9% of the time.

8. Community Liaisons: (3 Minutes)

a) Avila Beach Civic Association: Lisa Newton reported the successful Spaghetti Feed/Bingo Night last Friday evening. She encouraged membership in the ABCA to help fund the Community Center.

b) Avila Beach Community Foundation: No report.

c) Port San Luis: Steve McGrath reports a 5 p.m. meeting this Wednesday with the consultants for the Harbor Terrace Project. There will be a “scoping” meeting on March 19th. The Coastal Commission meeting on Thursday will consider Port issues. He mentioned the 60th Anniversary Celebration on January 29th, with recognitions from the BOS, State Assembly and Senate, and also from Congresswoman Capps. Original Commissioner Gerard Parsons attended, as did long-time fisherman Travis Evans (both over 90 years young!!!). Their stories put the event into context with the present.



The parking survey requested by AVAC previously would be conducted by the Public Works Dept. The Port is not responsible. Supervisor Hill will check into the matter.

d) PG&E/Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels mentioned the outage being conducted. There was no extra traffic plan made since fewer than 1000 additional workers would not make much of an effect. (His opinion!) Seismic study review continues. The corporate response to the New Times article states that there are various opinions and that Commissioner McFarland says that Diablo is in compliance and there is redundancy in the system. The evacuation times study is waiting for the seismic studies report.

9. New Business:

a. Highway 101 Billboards: Sherri, Lynn H. and Saul presented video pictures showing the 2 entrances to San Luis Obispo with and without the signs now present. A local group including Sherri, Saul and Lynn has started with a mission statement to “protect San Luis Obispo County scenic views along Highway 101.” They will report back to AVAC on progress with the effort.

10. AVAC Committees:

i) Land Use: no report.

ii) Diablo: Ken reports that the Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee meets on this Wednesday and Thursday at the Lighthouse Suites. An evening session Wednesday at 5:30 will hear about Spent Fuel Pools and Movement of Rods. The Agenda can be accessed at www.DCISC.org. Ken has sent AVAC members information by email previously.

iii) Port: see above.

iv) Avila Beach: No report.

v) San Luis Bay Estates: Mike Grantham is the new alternate member.

vi) Avila Valley: no report.

vii) See Canyon: no report.

viii) Squire Canyon: no representative.

11. Next Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2014.

12. Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Brown, Secretary