

Final Draft

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Minutes of Monday, March 10, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Jim Hartig. Present were: Jim, Denise Allen, Anne M. Brown, Julia Hartzell, Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, Mary Matakovich (alternate), Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Mike Grantham, Bill Tickell. Excused were: Bob Pusanik and Saul Goldberg. Lynn Walter has been re-designated to alternate due to work commitments. Karla Bittner, alternate was excused.
2. The Minutes of the February 10, 2014 were approved as emailed.
3. Chair's Comments: attended a Council Chairs' meeting where the main topic was the water drought in our County (and throughout the State). Water in Avila seems to be stable, but San Miguelito water users are asked to conserve 10%. Everyone is asked to conserve. Chair sees water as becoming a bigger issue before the council in the future.
4. Public Comment: Brian Le Conte appreciates the new Website design and the current information provided.
5. Treasurer's Report: Julia reports \$1558.72 in the treasury, \$644.49 being Website money.
6. County Reports:
 - a. Sheriff: Cmdr. Aaron Nix reports 69 calls (2 EMS, 16 assisting others, 1 sexual assault at a hotel [no arrest], 2 burglaries, 4 property crimes, etc. At AVAC request, he will send stats to our Chair before the meetings.
a+: CHP: Sgt. Tim Wilson reported protestors at the Diablo gate, but no problem. Cars (for sale) parked along county roads are illegal. He gives a warning and then tickets. Report any such cars to the CHP at 593-3319. They responded to a serious accident at Cave Landing Road and Avila Beach Drive: the driver is in critical condition.
 - b. Planning: no-one in attendance.
 - c. Public Works: Dave Flynn reports that the seismic studies on the Avila Beach Drive bridge over San Luis Creek have been completed: cable restraints will be placed and work done at each end. The deck of the bridge will be re-surfaced which will necessitate bridge closure; the problem of traffic management is being studied. Provision of a bike lane on the bridge is not possible at this time: CalTrans will not help with funding.
 - SLOCOG has given money to study the traffic at Avila Beach Drive and Shell Beach Road: perhaps a round-a-bout; there is space for a park-and-ride also. Studies continue with CalTrans. A Coastal Development Permit (CDP) will be required.
 - SLOCOG has provided \$150K for improvements to the BJTrail parking lot which should take more-or-less 12 months.
 - The Avila Beach parking survey which has been requested will be coordinated with the Land Use Committee during consideration of the Traffic Circulation Study.
 - d. County Parks: no representative present.

e. CALFIRE: Batt. Chief Lee reports 40 calls(25 EMS), 4 accidents; helped Port staff with Pirate's Cove issue; working with Avila CSD on the fire insurance rating scores for Avila; burn permits are required for any burning because the brush is so dry, even after the rain. Staff is working on Davis Canyon/Wild Cherry Canyon breaks are being widened and lengthened; cleanup along the BJ Trail is continuing. They were called for help with the accident mentioned in the CHP report.

f. Supervisor: Adam Hill and Hannah are not present.

7. Old Business:

a. Avila Parking Survey: Sherri requests that the businesses be included in any Survey instrument developed. Public Works Dave Flynn stated that they will be.

8. Community Liaisons:

a. ABCA: Lisa reminded all that the Community Center is hosting a free Easter Festival on Saturday April 19th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

b. ABCF: Rick Cohen introduced the Apple Festival to be at the Avila Barn on October 4th and the Promenade on the 5th. He read the Barn Dinner Menu (400 tickets) and that vendors will be at the Sunday Promenade Event. More information to follow. The Foundation has granted money to Bellevue Santa Fe Charter School to augment extra-curricular projects, which the School cannot afford.

c. Port San Luis: Steve reports good attendance at the February 12th Harbor Terrace meeting. A "scoping" meeting for the project EIR is on March 19th at 2 p.m. at the Harbor Meeting Room. There was damage needing repair at the Port after the last storm: lost pilings and needed deck repair. The workers did a heroic job during the storm and AVAC members complimented the Port for their work. There was 4-to-6" of sand in the parking lot!! In answer to a question about the East stairs to Avila Beach, he said they are in the 5 year Capital Improvements Plan".

d. PG&E/Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels reports that the outage will be ending in the next week or so. A documentary "Pandora's Promise" is being shown at the Spanos Theater at Cal Poly on March 12th at 7 p.m. No charge. The only "protest" he knew about was a monk chanting and 7 or so people camping at Harbor Terrace (with permission).

9. New Business: None

10. AVAC Committees:

a. Land Use: Sherri deferred to Mike Grantham who had attended the Harbor Terrace meeting on February 12th. Concerns were expressed about off-site impacts, traffic and bike lanes. He will attend the "scoping" meeting on the 19th.

b. Diablo: Ken Thompson reports that the February 12/13th Independent Safety Committee meeting videos are available at www.slo-span.org. There will be a "dry" run drill at Diablo on April 16th for the full Emergency Drill on May 21st. Ken plans to be an observer on the April Dry Run. The Evacuation Times report is still waiting on the Seismic Studies review.

c. Port: Mary Matakovich reports that the "Patrons of Port San Luis" will hold a Fishing Derby on March 23rd for youth 15 years and younger.

d. Avila Beach: Anne reports that a MUP for a new deck and vacation rental at a house at 137-1st St, Avila has been considered by the sub-committee and it **recommends to the council that the MUP be approved for the new deck and**

vacation rental use; that landscaping be provided in the front setback. Motion carried.

- e. SLBE: Mike Grantham has nothing new.
 - f. Avila Valley: Mary El reports a mountain lion at Bassi Ranch!
 - g. See Canyon: Denise: all o.k.
 - h. Squire Canyon: still no representative.
11. Next Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7 p.m.
12. Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Brown, Secretary