

Final Draft

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Monday April 14, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Chair Jim Hartig. Present were Jim Hartig, Denise Allen, Anne M. Brown, Julia Hartzell, Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, MaryEl Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Jan Taylor (alternate), Mary Matakovich (alternate). Excused were: Ken Thompson, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner (alternate), Lynn Walter (alternate). Absent were Bill Tickell and Liz Johnson (alternate).
2. The Minutes for the previous meeting were approved as amended (Port San Luis report).
3. Chair's Comments: The CAC training meeting will be May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the County Library Community Room. Mike Grantham (new member) plans to attend.
4. Public Comment: Supervisor Adam Hill introduced the new Planning Director Jim Bergman who states he graduated from Cal Poly and has worked in Arroyo Grande.
5. Treasurer's Report: Julia reports \$1558.72 in the treasury, \$644.49 being earmarked for the website.
6. County Reports:
 - a) Sheriff's Dept: Cmdr. Nix reports 94 calls which reflect an increase due to improved weather: 2 crimes against persons; 0 domestic violence; 7 property crimes, mainly "crimes of opportunity" (i.e. cars unlocked): **Please report** any suspicious activity!!; additional miscellaneous calls. He reports a protocol for transient activity: a 72-hour eviction notice is served, noticing the trespassing; if the "encampment" isn't removed by the trespasser, the area is cleaned up. Call the office (781-4550) to report incidents.
 - b) Highway Patrol: Officer Brad Mallory reports one DUI and one traffic stop on San Luis Bay Drive. Campers parking overnight are in violation of the law. The speed limit on See Canyon is 55 mph!! (The conditions on that road require driving more slowly due to the curves and blind spots!)
 - c) Planning: Ryan Hostetter reports: Project on Colony Dr. "in process"; Front Street lot "on hold"; Travalini deck and vacation rental approved; Tank Farm EIR consultant chosen and "scoping" meeting will be scheduled (public notice); the Port is the lead on the EIR for Harbor Terrace; Lot 69 in SLBE (behind the Fire Station) will require a general plan amendment to allow development.
 - d) Public Works: No representative, but questions about the imminent street closures in Avila to Supervisor Hill who will get clearer information to the community.
 - e) County Parks: No representative.
 - f) Cal Fire: Batt. Chief Paul Lee reports 50 calls, of which were 28 medical aid. There are 5 new staff at Station 62, and additional seasonal firefighters have been added. The "Cesar Chavez" event at Shell Beach had fewer attendees this year, probably due to the weather, but there is another event planned on April 20th at Pirates Cove/Silver Shoals beaches which could be large and require CalFire attendance. Fuel breaks along Wild

Cherry Canyon are being made with the help of the CA Conservation Corp (CCC). In the future, they will help clean the BJ Trail firebreaks.

In response to concerns about the junkyard at the Golf Course, he is working with their staff to remove part by the end of the month. (see report under "7b.")

g) Supervisor Hill reports a September 13/14th event "Forever Neverland" at the Golf Course. It will require a discretionary business license that will have to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The event is not allowed to have overnight camping or offsite activities; however, the event will be bussing to reduce traffic impact and operating hours from 2-10 p.m. The event owner reported that there will be a reduction of dB of music. Demographic age is 30-50. The event is hiring security and a portion of the profits will go to local charities (?ABCA;?ABCF). A community meeting in the spring in Avila is planned to explain the event.

In addition, he mentioned the recent sale of land near the Golf Course for a "boutique" hotel.

7. Old Business:

a. AVAC input to Harbor Terrace EIR: Mike Grantham reviewed the LUC committee's comments (see attachment). After discussion, Sherri moved and Julia seconded a motion **to put the "Suggestions for Content for the Harbor Terrace EIR" into letter form to the Port Commission and EIR preparers**". Motion passed. Sherri will write the letter.

8. New Business:

a. San Luis Bay Inn project: Planner Alicia Harrison and Stephanie Ball presented an enhancement project to the front of the Bay Inn (see attachment). It will include an elevator and port cochere to the front. The project was well-received and will come before AVAC during the planning phase.

b. Junkyard Storage at the Golf Course: Bob Pusanik and Sherri presented pictures and comments about the problem, which has continued since before the Rossi purchase of the property. They appealed to the Planning Director, (Jim Bergman, present) to abate the problem. According to Ryan Hostetter, Art Trinitade of Code Enforcement, walked the site recently. The plan now is: add storage containers to "contain" the junk and remove some, and increase the landscaping to screen the area. Chance Jorgensen, manager of the Golf Course, was in attendance and states that they are attempting to find a contractor who can remove the debris, but liability insurance is an issue. Jim Bergman, the new Planning Director, states "he will look into the matter" and report back to AVAC.

9. Community Liaisons: (3 Minutes):

a) Avila Beach Civic Association: Lisa Newton reports an Easter Festival at the Community Center on Saturday the 19th from 10:00 to 11:30 with help from the Yacht Club. All are welcome!!

b) Avila Beach Community Foundation: Rick has no new news.

c) Port San Luis: Steve McGrath reports the opening of salmon season; dredging of the bay continues; the new restrooms at Port Beach are installed; information about Harbor Terrace is on their website; the fire rings at Port Beach will be reinstalled in May after the high tides are over; the '14-'15 Budget will be considered at the regular Port Commission meeting on April 22nd (it includes \$60K for repairs to the Avila Pier and an increase in the Avila parking lot fee to \$6.00 from \$5.00).

d) PG&E/Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniel sent a detailed email to AVAC members mentioning 5 points: 1. Seismic studies still underway and will be reported to the NRC and PUC when completed. 2. The outage is complete and units are at 100%. 3. A letter from CPUC President to PG&E President was copied to AVAC members as an attachment to his email. 4. The County Health Department refutes assertions by the World Business Academy in Santa Barbara about the safety of Diablo. 5. Tours of the plant are scheduled for August 15 and September 17. More information will be available about reservations soon. (Refer to his email for expanded information.)

10. AVAC Committees:

- i) Land Use: Sherri referenced the action earlier in the meeting.
- ii) Diablo: Ken Thompson absent. (See above PG&E/Diablo report.)
- iii) Port: Mary has no further report.
- iv) Avila Beach: Anne confirmed the projects in Avila mentioned by Ryan and also that several "Colony" lots can be subdivided when proposed as condos.
- v) San Luis Bay Estates: Mike has nothing additional.
- vi) Avila Valley: Julia reports a possible new person to represent the area. Also, she reports a new group (Friends of the BJ Trail), which is a coalition of the Land Conservancy, the Bicycle Coalition, and the new group to conserve and maintain the BJ trail. Their website is: bobjones@slobikelane.org. for more information.
- vii) See Canyon: Denise announced that 4 environmental/educational signs have been placed in strategic places for visitors to see.
- viii) Squire Canyon: No representative on AVAC.

11. Next Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2014.

12. Adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Brown, Secretary