

Final

Avila Valley Advisory Council

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Minutes July 14, 2014

1.) Meeting called to order by Chair Jim Hartig at 7:03p.m. Attendees were Denise Allen, Julia Hartzell, Lynn Helenius, Mary Matakovich, Mary El Hansen, Jan Taylor(alternate), Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner(Alternate), Bill Tickell, Kirt Collins. Excused were Anne Brown and Lisa Newton.

2.) The minutes from the June 9, 2014 meeting were amended with a motion to approve and seconded. (Goldberg/Thompson). Motion carried.

3.) Chairs Comments: Chair Hartig recommended that the Council not meet in August as is traditional and there doesn't seem to be a lot of business at hand. Discussion followed and the issue was tabled until the end of the meeting.

4.) Public Comment: Rich Vorie of the San Luis Bay Estates (SLBE) introduced his group, the Avila Beach Advocates (ABA). The group is 200 hundred strong and is concerned about the permitting process of events at the Avila Beach Golf Course. They would like to have an input into public safety, parking and noise control at the golf course. The group feels it has no voice in the planning of events (which claim to be non-profit) so they are contacting the County Council Office to look into the matter. Betty Woody of Avila Beach asked the Council to come up with a solution for the permitting of events at the golf course. Brian LeConte commented on the Coastal Commissions recent ruling on the McCarthy project at Pirates Cove and the coastal trail.

5.) Treasures report: Treasurer Julia Hartzell reported that there was one expense last month, \$48.00 for the Post Office Box rental. Balance in our account is \$1,413.77.

6.) County Reports:

a.) Sheriff's report. Commander Nix reported that he emailed the crime statistics to all members of the Council. Commander Nix has been in communication with the Sherrif regarding the need to increase the presence of deputies in Avila, especially on Saturday and Sunday during the busy summer season. One way they will accomplish this is by overlapping the boundaries of Avila with the South County Beat. He again reiterated that the his department in always in close contact with the golf course regarding their events.

b.)Highway Patrol: not present

c.) Planning: Ryan Hostetter reported that Morgan in the Planning Dept. is handling the D-Ray Project and Holly is working on the Mazzone Project. Both projects are still in planning phase and there is no final word. The D-Ray Project will come before Planning

on Sept. 8th. Planning will take the advice of County Counsel on the events ordinance/permitting relating to the Avila Beach Golf Course.

d.) Public Works: not present

e.) County Parks: not present

f.) Cal Fire: Chief Lewin represented Cal Fire as Batt. Chief Paul Lee is away fighting a fire. There were 43 calls for service in June. The cliff rescue on Sunday, July 13, 2014 of a young woman in Avila Beach was successful and a fine example of all community agencies working together. Video of the rescue can be seen on The Tribune's web page. The SRA fire fee may be changed as it applies to the town of Avila Beach. There will be a hearing on the SRA fee with the Dept. of Forestry and Chief Lewin will keep us posted as to the date of the hearing. FEMA commended County Fire during the Hostile Action Drill at Diablo Canyon. All agencies did a fine job. As far as Cal Fire is concerned codes are in place for events at the golf course.

g.) County Supervisor Adam Hill was not present but his assistant Hannah Miller spoke on his behalf. County will not pursue the Ontario Ridge Trail issue that the Coastal Commission ruled on last week. Supervisor Hill wrote to the Coastal Commission to remove fencing from the Trail. Supervisor Hill has heard the Council's concerns about events/permitting at the golf course and will be meeting with County Council. She handed out the proposed County Budget.

7.) Old Business:

a.) Mazzone Project of Squire Canyon. Kirt Collins introduced Jamie Kirk who represented the applicant for a General Plan Amendment at 6505 Monte Road. The proposed project (on 16.74 acres) would change the land use designation from Agriculture to Rural Residential allowing for a two lot subdivision. The proposed lot split would result in two parcels, one 11.7 acres and the other 5 acres. The concern of the Council was that the 11.7 acre parcel could eventually become two parcels as Rural Residential zoning allows for a minimum of 5 acres. Discussion followed and a motion to approve the change in the zoning from Agriculture to Rural Residential with the caveat that the lot split be changed to 9 acres and 7.74 acres respectively. Kirt Collins made the motion and Sherri seconded. Motion carried.

b.) D-Ray Properties-Avila Beach. Carol Florence of Oasis Management gave a brief presentation of the proposed project. The applicant would like to obtain a conditional use permit to allow vacation rentals on the first floor of a commercial building at 90 San Luis Street in Avila Beach. This is a two story building and the top floor is already being used as vacation rentals. The property is zoned Commercial/Retail and the zoning would have to be changed to Multifamily for it be all vacation rentals. The Avila sub-committee recommended the project be denied for the following reasons: 1.) A zoning change such as this would set a precedent by allowing vacation-rentals on the 1st floor of commercial buildings, 2.) Reduction in commercial space in town, 3.) Increase in the number of vacation rentals in the area and the whole town, 4.) Denial of the ability to use the vacation rental ordinance as it was intended to protect full-time residents in their enjoyment of their homes. A motion was made by Mary Matakovich, seconded by Bob Pusanik that the Council adopt the Avila Committees recommendation that the project be denied. Motion passed.

c.) Ambulance Performance Study presented by Steve Lieberman of the Office of Public

Health, emergency services.

Steve was tasked with looking at the Avila/Avila Valley emergency response time. His full report was forwarded to the Council by Chairman Hartig following the meeting.

8.) New Business: none

9.) Community Liaisons:

a.) Avila Beach Civic Association- Lisa Newton not present. Mary reminded all that there will be a spaghetti dinner at the Civic Association on Aug. 09...please come, lots of fun!

b.) Avila Beach Community Foundation. Rick Cohen reminded all to get tickets to the Apple Festival. It is grant proposal time for the Foundation. Request for proposals are due Sept. 19, 2014. Applications are available on the Foundations web site.

c.) Port San Luis. Steve McGrath not present. Mary reported from Steve's emailed report: the third pier is repaired, busy and safe holiday weekend, dogs on the beach will be discussed by the Commission in September or October, and we should find out if Dorn's permit for a remodel was approved by the Coastal Commission by the next council meeting.

d.)PG&E Eric Daniels recaptured his email report. Available to Council via email.

10.) AVAC committees:

1) Land Use- no report

2.) Diablo Ken Thompson reported that the Diablo Independent Safety Committee from June 11 and 12 is available for viewing on line at <http://www.slo-span.org/>. The video recording of the NRC Public Meeting on May22 of the Annual Assessment of Diablo Canyon can be seen on the NRC Webcast Portal @<http://video.nrc.gov>

3.) Port- no report

4.)Avila Beach- no report

5.)San Luis Bay Estates. Mike Grantham reported elections will be in Sept.

6.)Avila Valley- no report

7.)See Canyon. Denise reported a sign is missing in See Canyon.

8.Squire Canyon- no report

It was moved and seconded that the August meeting be cancelled, unless an urgent matter arises. Motion passed. 10 favored, 3 opposed

Adjourned 9:15p.m.

Submitted by Lynn Helenius