

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 9, 2015

- 1) **Call to Order:** Regular meeting by Chair Jim Hartig at 7:02 p.m., PG&E Community Center.

Attendance: Present: Ken San Filippo, Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Jan Taylor (alt), Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bitner (alt), Denise Allen, Kirt Collins: Excused: Lisa Newton: Absent: Lynn Walters, Liz Guho-Johnson, Anita Forde (alt): Quorum established.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes** from January 12, 2015, with correction of Attendance to include Mary El Hansen and Jan Taylor. Motion/Second/Unanimous approval.
- 3) **Chair's Comment:** Jim Hartig requested Board submit corrections to AVAC Roster.
- 4) **Public Comment:** A) Rich Powers: Commercial Fisherman's Association, spoke to issues regarding the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary and rules and regs that could negatively impact the local fishing industry. B) Archie McLaren requests support for Amgen Tour coming to Avila in May.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Kirt Collins: No changes. Checking Account signatures updated at Rabobank.
- 6) **County Reports:**
- c) **Planning:** i) Ryan Hostetter reports that Megan Martin will assist in managing AVAC projects. ii) Brian Pedrotti, Planner, Project Manager, has developed the RMS (Resource Management Report) to help guide County decision makers about land development. The new format is by issue rather than area. The report includes Level of Severity for water supplies/systems, wastewater, roads and interchanges, schools, parks, and air quality. Draft document 2012-2014 is at www.slocounty.ca.gov/Planning. Project goes to Board of Supervisors April 14. All comments should be submitted to Brian in writing, for inclusion in analysis.
 - d) **Public Works:** i: Jeremy Ghent met with Cal Trans for kick off meeting for 101/Avila Beach Interchange. Cal Trans is taking the lead. Projected construction to begin in 4-5 years. ii: *Avila Circulation Study* meeting with consultant this week. Requesting a Land Use Committee Meeting in March 12 or 13, 1:30 p.m. M. Matakovich to reserve Avila Civic Association Conference Room. iii: Kidd Immel, Sr. Engineer with Public Works, presented *plans for retrofit of San Luis Creek Bridge in Avila Beach*. This bridge provides access to Port San Luis and Diablo Canyon. Design consultant to be awarded in March by the Board of Supervisors. A CEQA review will follow and community environmental issues will be address then. Construction will begin in 2018. Tons of concrete will be removed and replaced with a polyester concrete overlay. The bridge is 50 years old and retrofitting will provide another 25 years of service. Analysis for a bike path will be included in the contract, but construction is not included for lack of funding. This may require a stand-alone bridge for bikers. Highway bridge is funded through highway tax.
 - f) **CAL Fire:** Chief Paul Lee: 38 calls/13 were medicals. This is low in standard average. Fire clearances: Wild Cherry Canyon, Ontario Ridge, Bob Jones Trail and Lighthouse. Attended first meeting with AMGEN staff. Looking for paid Call Firefighters.

- g) Adam Hill, County Supervisor: **i)** Introduction of new department/Parks and Director Nick Franko. He comes from CA State Parks. **ii)** Pismo Preserve is getting more use. **iii)** AMGEN tour is returning because they love the background Avila provides for international media coverage. **iv)** Giro Della Costa Central bike race to run Nov. 15. Go to www.GIRODCCC.com for more information. Ryan Hostetter is coordinating. **v)** King property: Code Enforcement met with property owners and Hanna. Public historical photos are excellent for monitoring violations. **vi)** CA Coastal Commission meeting at Cliffs, Shell Beach on Feb. 11/12/13. **vii)** SLO County 2014 Annual Report is available on line: www.slocountyannualreport.com. **viii)** Smoking in County: no smoking in county parks; smoking is allowed on the beach (controlled by Harbor Commissioners) No smoking on piers.
- 7) **NEW BUSINESS:** Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary: Fred Collins. Visit the website: www.chumashsanctuary.com for detailed information regarding the process to designate our Central Coast waters as a Marine Sanctuary. The territory is the north end of Fiscallini Ranch to North of Gaviota Creek. The Chumash have been working on this since 2011, attending the Coastal Commission for support. NOAH evaluates waters and the administrative process begins with the community. The fishing community of the Central Coast is resisting keepers of the designation because of limitations the designation places on their industry. Working waterfront entities have concerns about impacts. There would be no oil drilling or hydraulic fracking. Since this is a community driven process with all stakeholders participating, the Chumash are requesting the support of AVAC. *Action: AVAC Task Force of Kirt Collins, Denise Allen and Ken San Filippo will examine the proposal/economic report and report to AVAC Board.*
- 8) **OLD BUSINESS:** AVAC By-Law Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations: Entire document reviewed for approval. *Motion to approve with noted Article changes by the Council. Second/Unanimous approval. Motion to Disband By-Laws Committee: Second/Unanimous approval.*
- 9) **COMMUNITY LIAISONS:** **b)** Avila Beach Foundation: Rich Cohen: **i)** Avila CSD Manager Kathy Richardson is retiring. Reception is Feb. 26, 3-5 p.m. Avila Community Center. **ii)** Live Well Symposium early May. **iii)** Avila has a \$10,000 grant for a public arts project. Local volunteers sought for selection process. Location to be determined.
- c)** Port San Luis, Steve McGrath: **i)** Welcome to Mary Matakovich, Harbor Commissioner. **ii)** Harbor Terrace EIR was certified by the Harbor Commission. **iii)** Harbor Travel Hoist is being repaired.
- d)** PG&E/Diablo, John Shoals: Plant operating at 100%. There will be no more high energy seismic testing around the plant.
- 10) **AVAC COMMITTEES:**
- i) Land Use: Sherri Danoff: a) Anne Brown will remain on Land Use Committee.
- ii) Joint meeting with Avila Beach Committee to look at McCarthy Trail on hold.
- iii) Reviewed action of Harbor Commission approval of Harbor Terrace EIR. AVAC holds concerns regarding the Harbor Terrace traffic study which did not evaluate visitor season traffic or identify and mitigate visitor season impacts. Avila Beach Committee: Meeting 2/9/15 to review Front Street Project (APN:076-218-013). *Motion:*

Recommend AVAC support comments to County Planning from the Land Use and Avila Beach Committees: 1) Should be consistent with existing Front Street structures between San Luis St. & San Miguel St., the committee strongly prefers no rooftop deck that would be inconsistent with the streetscape. 2) The LU Committee strongly prefers revisions for a less symmetrical façade and more roofline height variation; 3) A less bulky appearance is wanted, as has been achieved by adjacent buildings. 4) A substitute for the stone façade elements is preferred for a less residential appearance and for consistency with the streetscape. 5) Variation in awnings is preferred, with inclusion of one similar to that for the adjacent market. 6) Overall, the building should better blend to be more compatible with the streetscape. A second on the motion/unanimous approval.

141 San Rafael St., Avila Beach Single Family Residence (APN-076-223-022) Proposed Minor Use Permit to convert existing 1st level deck over living space to a living area with 255 sf on ground level and 305sf on upper level: remodel master bath and kitchen. Motion to recommend approval as stated by application—that AVAC support project remodel to County Planning from the Land Use and Avila Beach Committees. Second on the motion/Unanimous approval.

Wild Cherry Canyon: Feb. 5 AVAC members met with representatives of Home Fed, a large development company, to hear their presentation to develop Wild Cherry Canyon, a 2400 acre ranch near the Harbor District's Harbor Terrace development project and adjacent to the Diablo Canyon power plant. This was an informal meeting as an application for development has not been filed with County Planning. The 10% of 2400 acres (240 acres) are proposed for development for 1,000-1,500 residences, housing 2,000-3,000 residents. The timing and scope of the project were surprising. Wild Cherry Canyon is not intended by the County General Plan for urban development. It is outside of the Urban Reserve boundary for future development. It is important for AVAC to advocate the County evaluate peak visitor traffic before it considers a Coastal Development permit for Harbor Terrace and Cherry Canyon. Development of Wild Cherry Canyon is being pursued by area developer Dennis Sullivan in conjunction with outside area HomeFed and affiliates. Kara Woodruff Karaslo@charter.net is still fighting for the Conservation option. Woodruff spearheaded the Wild Cherry Canyon conservation effort that failed when the Governor of California failed to agendaize the item for the Natural Resource Committee to approve.

Bob Jones Pathway: Environmental Impact Report: The Board of Supervisors will hear the discussion to certify the EIR on February 24th. Julia Hartzell presented a letter to the Board to approve the EIR and Alternative 6 as the proposed route. AVAC spent years of energy on getting the under crossing in Alternative 6 considered. Motion to approval the draft letter to the Board/Second/Unanimous approval.

11) Next Meeting Date: Monday March 9, 2015 PG&E Community Center

12) Adjournment 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: K. Bittner, Secretary