

**AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2015**

1. **Call to Order:** Regular meeting by Chair Jim Hartig at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center.  
**Attendance: Present:** Ken San Filippo, Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Mike Grantham, Bob Pusanik, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner, Kirt Collins, Steve Fiant, Liz Guho-Johnson **Excused:** Julia Hartzell, Lynn Walter, Jan Taylor **Absent:** Anita Ford **Quorum established.**
2. **Approve June 13, 2015 Minutes. Motion to Approve (Danoff), Second (Thompson)/1 Abstension (Grantham) Approval.**
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig : Annual Pancake Breakfast and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration by AB Civic Association was fun and well attended. Thanks to all volunteers and staff.
4. **Public Comment:** a) Paul Prather, AB; stated concerns regarding traffic safety in AB. Many violations occurring with illegal parking at fire hydrants. Enforcement seems non-existent. (Supervisor Hill's assistant, Hannah Miller commented that she would bring the matter up with Supervisor Hill to see if a collaboration between Public Works, Highway Patrol and Harbor Patrol might be a possibility in rectifying this situation) b) Brian LaConte: Trash at Cave Landing is bad, especially the last 3 months. Ticketing violators would help. c) Carol Goldberg, SLBE, inquired regarding AVAC request to Port SL for smoking on beaches. PSLHD has not agendized.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Kirt Collins: Reported checking account balance of \$1,209.82.
6. **County Reports:**
  - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Taylor. **i)** May 12-June 8 there were 203 calls for service; up from 103 previous reporting period. This is a seasonal influx. One attempted kidnapping; one sexual assault, one battery, 4 burglaries to locked vehicles, 5 thefts, 8 disturbing the peace, 25 traffic stops.
  - b) **Highway Patrol:** Mike Bueno, Capt. **i)** Stats: 25 traffic collisions with 3 injuries last 6 weeks. Three caused by DUI's. **ii)** Parking issues are handled by HP. **iii)** Bicycle safety issues have increased.
  - c) **CAL Fire:** Chief Lee: **i)** 54 Calls for Service (38 medical). **ii)** Park Hill fire burned 2,000 acres; Deer Fire, 150 acres. **iii)** CAL Fire is working on a fuel break in SLBE and See Canyon with SAR fees. **iv)** Watch for dead trees falling on power lines. They should be removed (with appropriate approvals) as they can start fires.
  - d) **Planning:** Megan Martin: **i)** John King, Ontario Project on Information Hold. **ii)** Avila Village Inn on Information Hold to develop Lot 8 with 14 hotel units. No Will Serve. **iii)** Lot 69 SLBE-Planner Terry Wahler waiting on Will Serve before going to BOS for authorization. **iv)** Colony Lots: Lot 1 goes to hearing August 21. **v)** Colony Lot 6 has no Will Serve. **vi)** Port San Luis Harbor Terrace was appealed to the Coastal Commission by the Sierra Club. **vii)** Supervisor Hill has not directed Planning to work on the San Luis Bay Area Plan Update, but authorization may come in October. **viii)** Serenade Homes LLC has applied for a Lot Line Adjustment on two lots directly across from the Avila Valley Barn. On information hold for environmental issues.
  - e) **Public Works:** Jeremy Ghent: Not present.
  - f) **County Parks:** Nick Franco: Not present.
  - g) **Supervisor Adam Hill:** (by Hanna) **i)** Betty Woody reported graffiti on AB lamp posts and his office directed immediate removal. **ii)** A Minor Use Permit went to the Board of Supervisors, so the Board agreed to revisit the Events Ordinance. **iii)** Supervisors are prioritizing special projects;

Sup. Hill is requesting the Avila Area General Plan Update, along with the AB Traffic Study be done.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) **AVAC Committee Descriptions:** Danoff presents Update of descriptions. Motion to approve as revised: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grantham; Unanimous approval.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **City to the Sea ½ Marathon: Brian Locher:** Event to be held October 11, 7:00 a.m. Route is being modified to correct problematic local traffic issues. Visit [www.citytothesea.org](http://www.citytothesea.org) for details. SLO to Pismo Beach. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> annual event.
- b) **PG&E Presentation on Once Through Cooling:** by Brian Cunningham, Supervisor, Environmental Operations. The California State Water Board required PG&E to evaluate alternative technologies for cooling at the Plant. Bechtal Corporation was selected by CSWB to complete the \$3M evaluation (paid for by rate payers). The alternatives considered were to reduce thermal discharge impingement and entrainment of marine life. The plant transfers 2.54 billion gallons of sea water per day. Diablo would not be a good site for cooling towers; they work well but are big and obtrusive. The best alternative, after all cooling systems analysis, was to retain the existing cooling method. CSWB will not hear the findings in the near future due to the drought.

**COMMUNITY LIAISONS:**

- A) **Avila Beach Civic Assn.:** i) Pancake Breakfast was July 4<sup>th</sup>. About 400 guests enjoyed the events. ii) A bar-b-que is planned for September 6. Plan to attend!
- B) **AB Foundation:** Rick Cohen: i) Applications for community grants are being accepted and are due in September. ii) There is \$10,000 for the Public Arts projects and Chevron is including an additional \$5,000. A committee, with public input, will plan what art and where it should be placed.
- C) **Port San Luis:** Steve McGrath: i) The Avila Pier was closed June 18 and will be closed until complete assessment and repairs are implemented. No funding has been identified. Contact Steve McGrath at [stevem@portsanluis.com](mailto:stevem@portsanluis.com) for further details. ii) Balanced budget approved. iii) Fish cleaning station on Harford Pier being improved. iv) The Commission adopted a position of opposition to the creation of a new national marine sanctuary on the central coast. v) New restaurant on Harford Pier is under construction.
- D) **PGE&/Diablo Canyon:** John Shoals: i) Tom Jones will attend August AVAC meeting to report on desalinization at DCP.

9. **AVAC COMMITTEES:**

- a) **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff: i) Lot Line Adjustment for Serenade Homes LLC (across from Avila Barn). Ten years ago AVAC reviewed a conference center project for this land. It was denied by the Coastal Commission. This Rural Land designation will allow a maximum of 2 homes per parcel. Motion by Danoff to support Lot Split/second by Grantham/Unanimous approval.
- ii) **County Fire: Future Area Access:** CAL Fire Chief Lee informed the Land Use Committee of the following:
- Future large projects will be required by CAL Fire to have mitigation for access. Mitigation will depend on the number of people involved. Evacuation is of concern.

- Developers must propose solutions for CAL Fire to evaluate.
- Retention of the Blue Heron *evacuation route* is essential.
- CAL Fire would recommend paved northern and southern evacuation routes, one past Pirates Cove to Shell Beach and another north to Los Osos for any additional large projects. This would be based on project scope.
- Wild Cherry Canyon Road is not an emergency route at present. It has inadequate width, etc.
- Lupine Canyon Road is not built to standards for public roads for a major access. Also, for emergency purposes, the loop road in SLBE has limited utility since both ends convey people to almost the same point. In addition it is private property and not county maintained.
- Avila Beach Drive is inadequate to serve more development of substantial size.
- Shuttles have limitation because people need transportation in an emergency.
- Fire protection for Avila is at the threshold of needing multiple functional access.

- b) **Diablo:** Ken Thompson: Relicensing is getting under way. NRC will have a public meeting on Environmental Scoping August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Courtyard. The 7:00 p.m. session will be good to attend.
- c) **Port:** Mary Matakovitch: No report
- d) **Avila Beach:** Ken San Filippo: No report.
- e) San Luis Bay Estates: Jim Hartig: **i)** All projects are on hold; most due to lack of Will Serve approval.
- f) Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell: No report.
- g) See Canyon: No report.
- h) Squire Canyon: Kirt Collins: No report.

10. Next Meeting: Monday August 10, 2015

11. ADJOURNMENT: 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Bittner, Secretary