

# AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Final

San Luis Obispo County, CA

## MINUTES

February 8, 2016

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**1) Call to Order:** Regular meeting by Chair, Ken San Filippo, at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center.

**Attendance:** Present: Ken San Filippo, Jim Hartig, Kirt Collins, Anne Brown for Lisa Newton (excused), Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Jan Taylor (alt), Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Lynn Walter (alt), Steve Fiant, Denise Allen, Liz Guho-Johnson **Excused:** Karla Bittner and Lisa Newton **Quorum established.**

**2) Approve January Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Pusanik and Second by Hartzell : Unanimous approval.

**3) Chair's Comment:** San Filippo thanked Jim Hartig for mentoring him. San Filippo stated that Samantha Pruitt will present at the March 14 council meeting regarding Ultra at Wild Cherry Canyon. Scheduled for the April 11 AVAC meeting there will be a PG&E "Meet and Greet" from 5:30-6:45 PM before the meeting for Council members to meet the new Director and staff. San Filippo commented on the following documents provided the Council: XMG Holdings for a Minor Use Permit - request for Public Hearing, March 4 with SLO County Planning Department; the Three Sylvester Systems LLC MUP to be reviewed by the Avila Beach Committee; the Inland Draft Residential Vacation Rental Ordinance - comments due by February 26 to SLO Planning Department. Dale Sutliff wanted the Council to know that the Bike Racks by the Hula Hut will be secured by March. San Filippo mentioned a Governance Workshop he attended and reminded the Council when speaking in public, they are to be clear that they are speaking for themselves unless authorized by the Council to speak for it.

**4) Public Comment:** Beverly Henry from the Bay Estates asked County Parks and Recreation if there have been any fatalities on the Bob Jones Parkway and she asked if there is a safety protocol on the trail. She suggested that the public needs to be educated because of the heavy use and the variety of "traffic" on the trail is a real concern. Adam Hill said he would have Parks and Recreation Dept at the March 14, 2016 AVAC meeting to address this issue.

Ann Fessler from Avila Beach asked about the status of the Avila Pier, inquiring whether grants, matching funds, etc. were being secured for its repair and as well what is the timeline for opening of the pier. She also asked when the community survey would be distributed, as the public would like to have input, as they are seriously impacted at this time.

**5) Treasurer's Report:** Kirt Collins: Balance of \$959.72 and a \$10 banking fee charge.

### **6) County Reports:**

**a) Sheriff's Dept.** - Commander Jim Taylor: 65 calls for service, 12 traffic stops and cited burglary incidents. He reiterated his small staff being stretched across the County. It was suggested to have "volunteers" do Bike Patrol and he indicated that only Sheriffs are authorized to handle that type of patrol.

**b) Highway Patrol** – Sgt. Johnson told the Council that data requests, such as the fatality question, could be asked and that the question would be answered within a ten day period through Sacramento. He cited three incidents that involved his officers including a car accident in See Canyon. He advised the Council to drive carefully at night because of people walking the streets in dark clothing. Also, the rock sides are being taken care of as soon as they are reported on the roadway.

**c) CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee listed: 39 calls for service with 23 medical and commented on the completion of the vegetation burn out in Pozo and reminded everyone to be careful and follow the protocol for open burning; Hartford access line in the Kingfisher area/ridge has been completed; a new Engineer has been hired with Type 2 Team Certification to be completed in 18 months; a task force has been created to prepare for events that "pop-up" like 4/20, St. Patrick's Day, etc. Open burn season does not need a FIRE DEPARTMENT Permit but it DOES require a permit from APCD.

**d) Planning** - Ryan Hostetter was congratulated by the Council for her promotion to Supervisor: Housing and Economic Division. James Caruso will be take over King Project, which is on-hold. Lot 69 in the Bay Estates is in process of amending their application.

The Chevron Project will be handled by James Caruso. The rest of the projects will be assigned a planner and the appropriate people will be advised as the assignments are made, like Terry Wahler will have the Bay Estates, the Sylvester project is Brandy Cummings. Denise Allen stated that the See Canyon project was “under the radar” and that it went through the County process, and she was not aware of it until it was completed; staff will look into this project and advise the Council at the next meeting of the protocol followed. Ryan stated only new and discretionary projects to the Advisory Committees. Planners encourage the community to contact them if there is a question as the question arises.

**e) Public Works** - Jeremy Ghent: No report. Circulation Committee will meet with Jeremy shortly to review the draft of the Circulation Study.

**f) County Parks** - Nick Franco and Shaun Cooper: No report. Adam Hill indicated that there would be a report at the next meeting.

**g) County Supervisor** - Adam Hill congratulated the Avila Beach Civic Association for a successful Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Event; the Pismo Preserve will have a Public Open House in the Fall; Wild Cherry Canyon is not looking for housing of any kind at this time; the Area Plan Update is moving forward and an Ad-hoc Committee Meeting will take place shortly; the Desalination Project is developing with PG&E; ground water will always be an issue; short term drought solutions are in place but they are still looking for a permanent solution; Public Works has agreed to place a light at Ontario Road and San Luis Bay Drive. Also, reported that the pre-breaching effort has allowed the lagoon to breach with recent tides and storms and Public Works will continue to monitor the status of the sandbar and the lagoon and the Avila Beach Parking Lot is no longer flooded. Adam stated that the County’s position is that there needs to be permitted events at the golf course.

**7) Old Business** - none

**8) New Business** - none

### **9) Community Liaison Reports**

a) **Avila Beach Civic Association** - Anne Brown said the Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night was a success. The next event will be an Easter Egg Hunt in March 26; watch for the announcement.

b) **Avila Beach Community Foundation** - no report; Ken San Filippo mentioned the Internet Safety Session on 2/25 from 6-8 PM is still open.

c) **Port San Luis** - Andrea Lueker said that there is now an electronic announcement board at the base of the parking lot to advise visitors of weather conditions; Closed Session on Red Tail Acquisitions’ contract for Harbor Terrace have been scheduled; developing a Water Taxi plan to ensure that boaters can access their boats in the harbor; there is an RFP out for businesses to apply to serve as potential Public Relations/fundraisers for the Rehabilitation of the Avila Pier; an Ad-hoc Committee has been set-up to work through the proposals and recommend to the Commission the next steps. Denise Allen suggested that there be a seal platform to attract visitors.

d) **PG&E** - John Shoals stated that both reactors are up and running safely; final assessment will be in Sept. 2016; refueling Unit 2 will take place from May 1 - June 3, costing \$48 million; 780 people came to their employment open house; replacing lights with high pressure, sodium vapor lights.

### **10) AVAC Committees**

i) **Land Use** - Sherri Danoff indicated that there will be a Circulation Study meeting on Thursday at 1 PM with Jeremy Ghent conducting the meeting. Sherri was asked about her appeal to the Board of Supervisors; she stated that her requests for a delay due to new information being presented at the meeting was denied; Adam Hill indicated that all the conditions were met and therefore the project was approved.

ii) **Diablo** - Ken Thompson mentioned that past Cal Fire Chief Lewin’s recommendation to implement NFPA Standard 805 for nuclear power plants will begin implementation this year. Also, spent fuel storage canisters - due to potential corrosion/cracking over the long term (40-100 years), changed the Stainless Steel material. If corrosion is found in 19 older canisters, Diablo Canyon will remove and reload the spent fuel into new canisters. Accelerated Loading Campaign to start in August with the movement of Spent Fuel Cells from pools into cask with 12 casks loaded to a total of 49. The two Spent Fuel Pools will then be down to the minimum level per current regulation. Upcoming events: Power Plant Tours are available, contact John Shoals or Ken Thompson.

iii) **Port** - no report

iv) **Avila Beach** - Avila Beach Residential Committee meeting - March 9 Three Sylvester Systems LLC MUP to be reviewed

v) **San Luis Bay Estates** - no report

vi) **Avila Valley** - no report

vii) **See Canyon** - Denise Allen stated that the committee was not notified of activities/developments (MUP) in their area. She claimed that subdivisions are going in without AVAC review. Planning staff will look into this particular incident and report back at the next meeting.

viii) **Squire Canyon** - no report

ix) **Ad Hoc Committee** - Meeting set on 2/18

11) Next meeting date: Monday, March 14, 2016

12) Meeting Adjournment by Chair, Ken San Filippo at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Matakovich, substitute for Secretary Karla Bittner

