

**AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**San Luis Obispo County, CA**

**MINUTES**  
**March 14, 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, KARLA BITTNER, Kirt Collins, Lisa Newton, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Jan Taylor (Alt), Sherri Danoff, Bob Pusanik, Saul Goldberg, Lynn Walter, Denise Allen.  
Excused Absence: Mary Matakovich, Ken Thompson, Mike Grantham, Liz Guho-Johnson, Steve Fiant;  
Absent: Anne Brown, Anita Forde. **Quorum established.**
- 2) **Approve Minutes, February 8, 2016:** Motion to approve by Danoff/Second by Hartig: Unanimous.
- 3) **Chair Comments:** none
- 4) **Public Comments:** none
- 5) **Treasurers Report:** \$10 bank service charge/Balance \$949.72.
- 6) **County Reports**
  - a) **Sheriff,** Commander Taylor: 85 calls for Avila/9 traffic stops at Pirates Cove/4 arrests (2 Pirates Cove)/ 1 theft, 1 burglary. Staffing remains at 1 commander, 1 sergeant, 23 Deputies
  - b) **Highway Patrol:** Officer Jordon Richards: No specific stats; Cave Landing impacted with parking creating fire hazard. Issued lots of citations on Sat/Sun. DUI's and traffic violations down due to weather conditions.
  - c) **CAL Fire**—Batt. Chief Paul Lee: 49 calls for service. i) Rescued 3 people at Pirates Cove. ii) Vegetation—prescribed burn at Pier Avenue; iii) Hartford Canyon fuel break; CCC \$ used. More work on 4 wheel drive road will be done. iv) CHP, Sheriff, CAL Fire met regarding Special Events created by social media. v) Chief Scotty Jalbert from Santa Cruz area has been selected to fill Chief Rob Lewin's position. vi) Check batteries on smoke detectors.
  - d) **Planning**--Ryan Hostetter: **i)** Bd. Of Supervisors to vote for funding to work on Avila Community Plan. Going to the Board in June. **ii)** AVAC Sub-committee monthly meeting with our office on Avila traffic. Our staff will be scheduling time on an upcoming AVAC meeting to discuss traffic and answer any questions. **iii)** Salucci SUB2015-00051 and Cagliero DRC2015-00098 Projects are new in Avila Beach and staff is completing preliminary review of the applications (Cody Scheel is planner 781-5157). Will be working with Avila Beach committee. **iv)** The Three Sylvesters project DRC2015-00081 is on hold and the Avila Beach Committee just submitted comments from their March meeting (Brandi Cummings 781-1006 is planner). **v)** HTFD Investment Project may be scheduled for hearing in June (James Caruso is planner 781-5702). **vi)** Review of See Canyon Projects: Last two: April 2009, DeVencenzo, June 2007—2 AVAC meetings with comments, approved in 2011. Eighty percent of See Canyon is not in AVAC boundaries. No General Plan Amendments. **vii)** Chevron project slowed. **viii)** All other projects remain on hold such as King project on Ontario and Golf Course applications.
  - e) **Public Works**- Jeremy Ghent: No report.

- f) **County Parks, Nick Franco:** i) Pirates Cove; discussed trash cans—must be large and they require a concrete base which requires a Coastal Development Permit. Parks must develop a management solution. Significant solution is complicated. Pirates Cove requires some management. ii) Bob Jones; Trash bins—5 locations (with gap which could use can near Blue Heron). iii) What kind of a trail? Bob Jones Pathway intended for multiple modes of traffic. Signage to include regulatory, trailhead and interpretive signs. No Motorized vehicles or scooters. New law allows bicycles that can be peddled up to 20 mph. Our ordinance prohibits motor bicycles. No smoking signs will be added. Major entries will have one sign with all prohibitions. Dog leashes no longer than 6 feet?

**Shaun Cooper:** Bob Jones Pathway Project, EIR approved last year with several changes. Lots of comments were included. Changes include: 1) path under 101, 2) move pathway away from Monte Road, 3) move pathway to the same side of S. Higuera, south St. as the Octagon Barn, eliminating at grade crossings on S. Higuera St. Amendments were included in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents. Cal Trans needs to approve. Request for Proposal to be out in the next few months. Some funding available (Cave Landing) for planning. No funds available to construct the project. If monies became available (\$10M), construction could begin in 2019/2020.

- g) **County Supervisor Adam Hill:** i) Ontario Ridge; policy does not support moving ridge trail. The Coastal Development permit for McCarthy has not been approved. ii) King Project on Ontario—treat for mosquitos. iii) Board item repeal of Templeton Mental Health Facility. iv) Chevron Property (Avila Point) will not move forward. v) Wild Cherry Canyon property is not pursuing large housing project. Revisiting conservation efforts. vi) Pismo Preserve will open this year.

**7) Old Business:**

- a) **Samantha Pruitt, Ultra-Wild Cherry Canyon:** Sports Production Company; all locals, produce SLO Marathon. Event is Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. SLO 50 mile Ultra, 26M Marathon, 13M Half and 5 miles. Expect 600 walkers & runners. Event includes hiking and trail running with free event of live Bluegrass. All parking on property grounds. Most traffic from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. 150 athletes registered for Ultra. Music starts at noon. Land Conservancy/Visiting Avila Beach co-sponsors. Go to : [www.sloultra.com](http://www.sloultra.com) for information.
- b) **Skip Amerine, Public Review Draft 2015-16 County Bikeways Plan:** Review done every 5 years, but this year has new statues and regulations. 124 pages on web. Go to: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/Assets/PW/Traffic/BAC/County+Bikeways+Plan+2015-16+Update+Draft.pdf](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Assets/PW/Traffic/BAC/County+Bikeways+Plan+2015-16+Update+Draft.pdf): (County website). April 29<sup>th</sup> is cutoff date for review of document. Plan reaches out to 2035. Funding is challenging. Review Page 3: State Requirements: Page 5-10, Goals and Policy; Page 39 Ranks segments of County roads. Appendix Figure 5/Class 1/2/3 existing/Appendix G. Comments to/at [http://slocounty.ca.gov/PW/personal\\_forms/Bicycle\\_Contact\\_Form.htm](http://slocounty.ca.gov/PW/personal_forms/Bicycle_Contact_Form.htm)

8) **New Business:** none

**9) Community Liaisons**

- a. **Avila Beach Civic Association**, Lisa Newton: Easter Festival, Sat., March 26, 20-11:30 a.m. for children.
- b. **Avila Beach Foundation**, Rick Cohen: i) **Meet the Artist for Public Art Project for Promenade**, Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 p.m., AB Community Center ii) AVAC has been awarded a matching grant for new audio equipment. Supervisor Hill has provided matching grant.

- c. **Port San Luis:** Dave Kirk, Commission President: **i)** There will be a Safety Conference with commission and patrol. **ii)** Avila Pier rehab on-going. PR firm will be hired to help identify funding. **iii)** Dorn's restaurant open on Harford Pier. **iv)** Dredging started on time.
- d. **PG&E/John Shoals:** **i)** Diablo Units 1 & 2 are operating at 100% power. **ii)** Getting ready for refueling outage. Contract with SLO Rideshare for outage employees. Outage begins May 1, lasts 33 days. **iii)** Retired CAL Fire Chief Rob Lewin met with PG&E regarding updating emergency plans and that plan is evolving. **iv)** First Responders had meeting. **v)** Reaching out to women in the work force. **vi)** Mr. Alsop, Director, County Emergency Operations would be a good resource regarding information for emergency planning. **vii)** March 22<sup>nd</sup>, PG&E meets with County regarding supplemental water resource from the Diablo De-Sal plant.

**10) AVAC Committees:**

- a. **Land Use—i)** Sherri Danoff: Reverse Osmosis Platform Study at PG&E. There will be no recommendation from AVAC. **ii)** Committee reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the Circulation Study. It needs important improvements before Board consideration.
- b. **Diablo:** No Report
- c. **Port:** No report.
- d. **Avila Beach—Ken San Filippo:** **i)** Hodge/Salucci Project AP 076-217-015@315 1<sup>st</sup> Street holding for additional information. **ii)** Colony Lot 10, Proposed MUP APN076-196-013-014-015-017; 2 duplexes and 3 single family units to be used as Vacation Rentals. Ordinance requires 50' separation—owner wants to get 50' reduced. **iii)** Sylvester Sisters, APN 076-201-071 @ 246 & 260 San Miguel still on hold.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates,** Jim Hartig: Draft letter to Code Enforcement on Lot 69 in SLBE. Request to re-engage request for Code Enforcement for COD2013-00427. **Motion** to approve/send letter: Newton/second, Goldberg/Unanimous approval.
- f. **Avila Valley**-Julia Hartzell: King Project, Ontario Rd. on-going.
- g. **See Canyon** – Denise Allen: No report.
- h. **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins: 250 Indian Knob Road, Fascillo project—conversion of permitted 600 sq ft workshop to guest house with distance modification of 50 feet from residence. No reason to deny request. **Motion** to approve Fascillo project/second by Walter. Unanimous.
- i. **Ad Hoc Committees:** Jim Hartig reports on Resource Management Study. They are meeting with Planning each month. **ii)** Goldberg and Hartig sought grants to fund AVAC's new audio system. Supervisor Hill and AB Foundation have provided funds and system will be purchased soon.

11) Next meeting date: April 11, 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center.

12) Adjourn at 9:02. Motion to adjourn Goldberg/second, Walter. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Bittner  
Secretary  
March 15, 2016

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