

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES

April 11, 2016

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- 1) **Call to Order:** Regular meeting by Chair, Ken San Filippo at 7:02 p.m.
Roll Call: Ken San Filippo, Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown (alt, nv), Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner (alt, nv), Lynn Walter (alt, nv), Denise Allen, Kirt Collins, Steve Fiant: Absent: Liz Guho-Johnson, Anita Forde.

JAN TAYLOR

In memoriam

We lost a good friend this day

There was some irony that she died on an AVAC meeting day. There was very little that would keep her from attending our meetings. There was a moment of silence in the meeting. She will be missed and remembered by many for her steadfastness, her courage, and her willingness to make her community a place she belonged and one that belonged to her.

- 2) **Approve Minutes** from March 14, 2016: Motion: Hartig, Second/ Collins, approval with name correction.
Abstain: Ken Thompson/Mike Grantham.
- 3) **Chair's Comment:**
a) Avila Beach Bicycle Corral Dedication was April 8th. Nice event.
b) 2015 Annual Report for County of San Luis Obispo available: www.slocountyannualreport.com
- 4) **Public Comments:** Beverly Henry from Avila inquires for installation of signs on bike trail.
Status report next month.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Check for \$448.00 grant from AB Foundation. Second check to follow from Supervisor Hill.
Account Balance \$1,388.66.
- 6) **County Reports:**
a) Sheriff's Department: No Report
b) Highway Patrol: No Report
c) CAL Fire: **i)** 47 medical aids, some in open space and Ontario Ridge. Task force has provided intelligence regarding social media parties. Call volume off for these recent events. **ii)** Fire hydrant markings: investigating putting down blue dots on road by fire hydrants. **iii)** Harford fuel break going well. Fire break complete for length and will widen more. Break protects Kingfisher homes and SLBE as a whole. SRA monies provide for this clearance. **iv)** Helicopter will be used in addition to plane to provide water for fires. **v)** June 1st is deadline for weed abatement. Inspectors will be roving issuing warnings for failed clearance.
- d) Planning: Ryan Hostetter: **i)** Introduced Sarah Sanders who is working on Avila Traffic Planning. She will shadow Ryan and take over eventually. **ii)** May 20th is Advisory Council Training. No agenda is available to date. **iii)** Avila Circulation Fee Update will be continued to July 19. **iv)** All projects on hold. **v)** HTFT Avila infill at 1st & San Antonio, looking for feedback. AVAC sent letter. **vi)** Tank Farm project is being set up for EIR; nothing will be done until Chevron provides project description.

- e) Public Works: Jeremy Ghent: **i)** Avila Circulation Study hearing will be changed from April 19 to July 19. **ii)** February mailer announced Bicycle Advisory Committee published Bicycle Master Plan. **iii)** Rumble strips construction on AB Drive and SLB Drive is 4 process application. They are noise strips. Project funded by \$900,000 grant. **iv)** Street Light request for Ontario and S L Bay Drive. Evaluation done and the lights will be installed. Contract with PG&E for installation. **iv)** Replacing high sodium lights with LED lights around County. Avila CSD will not have lights upgraded. Uses half electricity of current lights. **v)** Last week SLOCOG Board recommends putting measure for tax increase to go on November ballot. Several projects to be advanced with \$25M/year for 9 years. Bob Jones Trail on list for this project. Half cent sales tax. **vi)** Bridge abutment in Avila seismic retrofit—still advancing. Funded for construction 2019. **vii)** Roadside vegetation fire clearance is May/June. Avila’s major roads to be done. **viii)** AB Drive/San Miguel visual clearance blocked by cars---red curb needs to be extended. **ix)** Steel plates on Ontario Road—So Cal Gas. **x)** Bike Lanes: State passed law for 3 foot lane signs. Bike Advisory Council requested posting in Avila Beach.

f) County Parks: Nick Franco/Shawn Cooper: No Report

7) **Old Business**: None

8) **New Business**: None

9) **Community Liaisons**:

a) AB Civic Assn: No report

b) AB Foundation: No report

c) Port San Luis: re Leuker is in contract negotiations for Harbor Manager’s position. **i)** Status of Avila Pier: Commission confirmed scope of pier rehab project. **ii)** Old Ice House contract awarded to use for fishery. **iii)** Old Lighthouse RFP for caretaker Unit includes maintenance and living in old building. **iii)** Working on 2016-17 budget. **iv)** Harbor Terrace/Red Tail Acquisitions project continue with Harbor/County staff. www.portsanluis.com.

d) PG&E/Diablo Canyon: John Shoals: **i)** Units One and Two operating at 100%. **ii)** Mobilizing for Fuel Outage May 1. **iii)** “Meet-n-Greet” folks who run plant before AVAC meeting June 13 if AVAC responsive. **iii)** Ron Alsop, Emergency Response Director for County may attend on same date. **iv)** AVAC Group tour could be arranged this summer after outage. **v)** No official word on re-licensing. State Lands Commission must approve water intake permit, which expires in 2018/19. PG&E’s license to operate the plant expires in 2024/25. They are meeting to know if CEQA will be required. License to expire in 2018/2019. June 28 is meeting in Sacramento to be determined. Information by May meeting for AVAC.

10) **AVAC Committees**:

- i. Land Use—Sherri Danoff: Presented draft letter from AB Committee/Land Use regarding Vacation Rentals. Two amendments are being recommended to the Vacation Rental Ordinance. Now VR rental approval is over-the-counter. Require one parking space for each bedroom/room used for sleeping. Two parking spaces per house is current requirement. (see attachment). **Motion**: Danoff: AVAC send letter with change removing last paragraph. Second by Ken Thompson: Unanimous approval. Send to Planning Director/copy Adam Hill.
- ii. Diablo: Ken Thompson –no report
- iii. Port – Mary Matakovich: Attended meeting in D.C. with Port and Harbor leaders in CA. Visited 24 different agencies while there. No junket there! We have significant issues in our Harbor. Our breakwater must be repaired. Army Corp gives \$400,000 to study issue. Regional sediment issue; we must be part of regional program. We need a *critical harbor designation* to be eligible for more funds. We can’t go to D.C. once a year; we need to build a relationship with CA legislatures and communities. Marine Sanctuary is another critical issue. Committee meetings are open to public input. They are posted on the website. Public Safety workshop will be open to public.

- iv. Avila Beach—Ken San Filippo: AB Residential Committee met. Several projects on hold. **i)** Hodge Project on 1st Street recommending hotel/condos. **ii)** Other project is Sylvester, on hold. **iii)** Colony Lots 14, 15, 17 & 18. Developers want all homes to be Vacation Rentals. We need a balance of Vacation Rentals and residents. **iv)** The AB Committee needs additional members. Prefer to have AB residents, but not many residents able to participate. Community members can participate (non-AVAC).
- v. San Luis Bay Estates: Jim Hartig: Don't have to be a homeowner to participate in AVAC sub-committees. Article 7: Any resident, voter or homeowners can participate on committees. No report.
- vi. Avila Valley—Julia Hartzell: Property owner of Lot 28 (23 acres) on Ontario Road between Jehovah Witness Church and PG&E are looking for someone who might be interested in selling Lopez and/or State water to them. Sandpiper Investments looking to develop home sites.
- vii. See Canyon: Denise Allen: 80% of See Canyon are not in AVAC boundaries. Adam Hill can facilitate change in boundaries. Report recommendation in June.
- viii. Squire Canyon: Kirt Collins: No report.

11) Next Meeting: May 9th Jim Hartig, Vice-chair, will chair.

12) Motion to Adjourn, Jim Hartig, 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Bittner

Secretary

Approved