

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES

May 9, 2016

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- 1) **Call to Order:** Regular meeting by Vice-Chair, Jim Hartig at 7:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner (alt, voting), Kirt Collins
Excused: Steve Fiant, Ken SanFilippo, Ken Thompson, Lynn Walter, Denise Allen, Absent: Anita Forde, Liz Guho-Johnson, Anne Brown.
- 2) **Approve Minutes** from April 11, 2016: Motion to approve: Goldberg, Second/ Matakovich. Unanimous approval.
- 3) **Chair's Comment:** i) Thanks to Goldberg for assisting with the research and implementation of the new sound system with funding by grants from AB Foundation and Supervisor Hill. ii) New project on Ontario Road behind trailer park for AVAC review.
- 4) **Public Comments:** i) Terry Taylor thanked AVAC for comments for Jan Taylor. ***He invites the AVAC Board to attend her memorial celebration at his home on July 23rd, from 1-4 p.m. 575 Bassi, Bassi Ranch, SLO.***
ii) Butch Powers of Port San Luis Harbor fishermen stated his concerns of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) and the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. The latest proposal reveals that the fishing industry will be heavily impacted if this sanctuary is approved. Congresswoman Lois Capps supports the sanctuary; Port San Luis Commissioners do not support it as there is already federal regulation on our local fisheries. See www.opccoalition.com for background. Avila Pier may also be affected if not restored before sanctuary is approved, according to Mr. Powers.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Account Balance \$929.82.
- 6) **County Reports:**
 - a. **Sheriff's Department:** Sgt. Odom: April 11-May 9, 2016 there were 59 calls for service (8 traffic stops, 14 foot patrols in downtown AB, 4 disturbing the peace, 1 theft, 1 burglary to parked car at Pirates Cove. Reports of IRS bogus calls reported county-wide. Caller tells them they owe money and must pay promptly.
 - b. **Highway Patrol:** No Report
 - c. **CAL Fire: Chief Paul Lee:** i) 60 calls for service; 32 medical aids (20% increase due to tourism). ii) Irish Hills fire contained, but grasses very dry. iii) Fire clearance deadline June 1. There should be 100'-300' around residences. Keep fire extinguisher, water source and shovel handy when clearing. iv) Keep vehicles in good condition as exhaust starts fires. v) If evacuating, take emergency kit with you. Get out/stay out and leave lights on and close windows and doors. vi) Have situational awareness and call 911 if you see anything suspicious.
 - d. **Planning:** Ryan Hostetter: i) May 20th is Advisory Council Training. ii) All projects on hold.
 - e. **Public Works:** Jeremy Ghent: presentation follows under New Business.

f. **County Parks:** Nick Franco:

i) Rick Cohen cited an LA Times article regarding a traffic death in San Pedro in which the City of LA was found 95% responsible for the death because they had been warned many times about a road condition that was dangerous and no corrective action was taken. The award was for multi millions of dollars. He related this to the issue of visual impairment at the San Miguel setback in Avila Beach. ii) Signs: Interpretive and regulatory signs are being installed on the Bob Jones pathway. iii) Electric bike laws have changed. Motorized bikes (electric) are classified into 3 classes: Class 1 & 2 are below 20 mph; Class 3 are speeds from 28 mph. Only Class 1 and 2 will be allowed on the Bob Jones Pathway. An ordinance would be required to prohibit electric bikes on the Bob Jones Pathway. iv) Goldberg: No Smoking signs on the beach are not visible. PW should re-evaluate.

g. **County Supervisor:** Adam Hill: i) Thanks to AB Foundation for workshop for new ideas to make AB a better community. ii) July 24th the Board of Supervisors will have discussions regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Act. The Paso Robles Basin is big issue for this county. iii) Thanks to AVAC and the Concerned Citizens for being proactive on the Resource Management Study.

7) **Old Business:** None

8) **New Business:**

Resource Management Study (RMS) for Avila Beach: Presentations by Jeremy Ghent of Public Works and Sara Sanders of Planning. Process includes all stakeholders from Avila Beach, including AVAC and Concerned Citizens. The presentation included progress to date, and future work and issues in pursuit of a reasonable capacity survey of traffic in Avila Beach. In 1994 there was an amendment to the Avila Area Plan that used the 2nd weekdays in May to determine a Level of Service (LOS) to help in administering fees for road improvements and to identify and mitigate direct traffic impacts of projects. This study approach will determine the relevance of the 1994 study. July 19th 2016 the staff report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

J. Ghent of Public Works has been evaluating the Circulation Study and Road Improvements. From 1989 to present, \$2.3M has come from new construction fees. Some of those fees went to the new bridge at Avila Beach Drive and SLB Drive. The Level of Service (LOS) indicates that outbound traffic from Avila Beach proper is the most important to mitigate. June 13th the Board of Supervisors considers approval of Community Plan Upgrade funding. June 15th the AVAC sub-committee meets. Avila Beach Drive needs to be widened for 2035 predicted traffic counts.

9) **Community Liaisons:**

- a. **AB Civic Assn:** No report
- b. **AB Foundation:** Public Art project approved. Pauline Gnos will be painting on the life guard towers.
- c. **Port San Luis:** Andrea Lueker is new PSL Manager. i) Status of Avila Pier: Commission confirmed scope of pier rehab project and has hired Studio Good PR firm to help raise funding. ii) Port budget is slated for adoption on June 28th. iii) Fees will be raised for

- d. Avila Parking lot from \$5 to \$6. **iii)** Zippys has lease agreement for Harbor Landing next to Paddle Sports. They are moving from Avila Pier. **iv)** Harbor Terrace/Red Tail Acquisitions project continue with Harbor/County staff. www.portsanluis.com. **v)** Fire rings have been placed on PSL beach. **vi)** Memorandum of Understanding has been made with Lighthouse Keepers.
- e. **PG&E/Diablo Canyon:** John Shoals: **i)** Outage completed June 1. **ii)** Planning reception for AVAC and management for August 8th. **iii)** Emergency Response experts for County may attend on same date.

10) AVAC Committees:

- i. **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff: No Report
- ii. **Diablo:** No report
- iii. **Port:** Mary Matakovich: Andrea Lueker is new Harbor Manager.
- iv. **Avila Beach:** Jim Hartig (for Ken San Filippo): AB projects are on hold.
- v. **San Luis Bay Estates:** Jim Hartig: No report.
- vi. **Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell: A letter was drafted for the Bob Jones Trail extension. Requested revising last sentence, first paragraph: was "This extension completes the long awaited Bob Jones City to the Trail." Change to "This extension will eventually complete the long awaited Bob Jones City to the Sea Trail." Motion by Danoff/2nd by Matakovich/Approved.
- vii. **See Canyon:** No Report
- viii. **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Cos: No report.
- ix. **Ad Hoc Committee:** Dissolve Audio Committee

11) Next Meeting: June 13, 2016.

12) Motion to Adjourn, 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Bittner

Secretary

APPROVED