

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES

May 8, 2017

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1. **Call to Order:** by Chair, Ken San Filippo for regular meeting held at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center. Roll Call: Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown (alt), Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner (alt), Lynn Walter (alt), Denise Allen, Kirk Collins. Excused: Marti Brand (alt), Ken Thompson, Mike Casola. Quorum established.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion by Hartzell with second to approve April 10, 2017 Minutes. Unanimous approval.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Ken San Filippo is resigning as chair as he is moving to San Luis Obispo. He expressed sincere appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Board.
4. **Public Comments:** None
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell: New No Fee checking account established with Bank of Sierra with grant check received from the County Supervisor Adam Hill. Closed Rabobank checking account and transferred funds into new checking account. Checking account balance \$1,994.05 (\$1,500 County check plus \$494.05 Rabobank transfer) Authorized signatures are: Treasurer Julia Hartzell and Vice Chair James Hartig.
6. **County Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Jim Vogue: 61 calls for service. Camera install on Bob Jones Trail parking lot has been delayed. Burglaries have occurred to cars in the Ontario lot.
 - b) **Highway Patrol:** Sgt. John Johnson: Spike in DUI collisions. Drinking is picking up. Cave Landing is on-going concern with road parking obstructing emergency vehicle access.
 - c) **CAL Fire:** Batt. Chief Paul Lee: **i)** 54 calls for service, 28 medical. **ii)** One vehicle accident on AB Drive near town, with injury. **iii)** 100' fire clearance is required around homes. Only burning allowed now is agricultural burning. Get an early start on weed abatement—before June 1st and before 10:00 a.m. **iv)** Cave Landing Bluffs fire management project complete.
 - d) **Planning:** Sara Sanders: Updates on Planning & Bldg. Projects: **1)** Salucci & Hodge/SUB2015-00051 pulled due to redesign issues. **2)** Cagliero Multi-family Duplexes/DRC2015-000989 Planning hearing June 16, 2017 (tentative). **6)** SLCUSD/SUB2015-00077 Staff researching Easement or LLA. **9)** SLO County/LRP2015-0018 writing background report. Next workshop June 8th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. **13)** Avila Ocean Adventures, LLC/SUB2016-00050 Subdivision Review Board (7/3/17). **14)** SL Coastal Unified School District/SUB2016-00065/CO15-0114 Accepted. Hearing 6/2/17 **15)** Central Coast Aquarium/DRC2016-00096 Planning Hearing 6/2/17.
 - e) **Public Works:** David Flynn: **i)** Cave Landing Road is enforcement issue for illegal parking on road. **ii)** Roadside mowing is being done for fire clearance. **iii)** Re-stripping ocean side of Front Street from San Antonio to San Luis Street for safer pedestrian access to be done. This will be tried over the summer and once the road is resurfaced after Labor Day, a permanent proper connection to sidewalk will be made. **iv)** No turns on 1st Street to AB Drive on red has been issue for traffic and is in works to improve. **v)** Avila Circulation Study is being done with AVAC Land Use Committee.
 - f) **County Parks:** Nick Franco: No report.
 - g) **Port San Luis:** Andrea Lueker: **1)** Status of Avila Pier – District Maintenance staff completed work on a section of the pier near the closure gate, and moved the gate out an additional 96 feet. This action was also the first recommendation from the Feasibility Study completed by Netzel Grigsby Associates. Other recommendations:

- Refine the scope of the project to reflect the estimated \$10M goal and develop a funding package.
- Build the leadership of the Friends of Avila Pier-501(c)3.
- Explore collaboration partnerships.
- Strengthen communication between the District and the community at large.

2) Harbor Terrace – District staff is working on the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) which is a precursor to the lease agreement; staff is also working on the Lease Agreement. The DDA covers the conditions during the development phase and then upon approval, the lease agreement is the lead document.

3) Lifeguards on the Beaches –lifeguards are now working Avila beach on the weekends and will begin 7 days a week on June 2nd. Lifeguards will be on Olde Port Beach, weekends only beginning on May 27th.

4. Committee and Ad Hoc Meetings – all will held this Wednesday, instead of the usual 2nd Thursday. A number of issues will be discussed, including a continued discussion of Dogs on District Property.

5. Harford Pier Workshop – on Wednesday, May 18th from 4p to 6:00 p.m. we will be holding a workshop to discuss the Harford Pier terminus, including existing leases and licenses and future needs.

6. National Safe Boating Expo – on Saturday, May 21st, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, County Sheriff and Fish and Wildlife will be in front of the Coastal Gateway Building in Harford Landing for the 1st National Safe Boating Day Expo in Port San Luis. When you stop by, you can exchange your old life jacket for a new model, have the Coast Guard Auxiliary conduct a vessel safety check and obtain information on the mandatory California Boating Card. Other boating and water related material will also be available. The Expo goes from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- h) County Supervisor:** Adam Hill: **i)** Certificate of Recognition for Ken San Filippo who has done a great job interfacing with all County personnel on behalf of AVAC. **ii)** Oak Ordinance passed. **iii)** Push for funding for the Bob Jones Trail moving forward. **iv)** Appeal for Ontario Ridge Trail project. Staff felt conditions needed to be improved for accessibility. It goes to Coastal Commission for approval. **v)** Budget hearings being held. No major changes. **vi)** Permanent Planning Director has not been appointed. A search is ongoing—may take 6 months.

7. Old Business: None.

8. New Business:

- a) Officer election:** Ken San Filippo is leaving as our Chair. Our Vice-chair, Jim Hartig can fulfill this position. Mary Matakovich has agreed to be Vice-chair. Motion to replace chair/vice chair by Danoff/seconded by Goldberg. Unanimous approval.

9. Community Liaisons:

- a) Avila Beach Civic Association: Lisa Newton:** July 4th Pancake Breakfast followed by Doggie Parade at 11:00. All invited.
- b) Avila Beach Foundation:** Rick Cohen: No report.
- c) PG&E/Diablo Canyon: John Shoals:** 1) Plant operations include the ongoing outage (1R20); 2) the DCPJ Joint Proposal that addresses plant closure, employee retention and community transition benefits; and 3) DCPJ decommissioning. He indicated that we would update the Council as he received information.

10. AVAC Committees:

- a) **Land Use: Sherri Danoff:** **i)** Parks Commission is having a meeting May 25th to establish priorities for projects. Cave Landing is not included in priorities. Danoff will attend this meeting to represent AVAC. Meetings are open to the public and take place on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the County Government Center Board Chambers located 1055 Monterey Street, Room D-170, San Luis Obispo, California. **ii)** Land Use Circulation Study Group met with Dave Flynn of Public Works regarding traffic concerns. Follow-up for study evaluation by AVAC will be presented at June meeting.
- b) **Diablo: Ken Thompson: by Walter:** **i)** Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee—next public meeting will be held on June 7th & 8th at the Avila Lighthouse Suites. Ken will e-mail to Council members the details of the plant tour and the specific meeting agenda items. **ii)** Videos of the recent CPUC Hearing on PG&E's Application to Retire Diablo Canyon are available at <http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/> (then click "Past Meetings" tab).
- c) **Port: Mary Matakovich:** Thanks to Lueker for her report. **i)** \$10M is new goal for Avila pier rehab. Consultants suggest state & federal funding among other sources. Commissioners will be meeting with Supervisor Hill. **ii)** Community support will coordinate through the new non-profit; Friends of Avila Pier. **iii)** Twenty-seven community members responded to survey regarding effectiveness of Commissions/staff in their jobs. Finding was for developing a better communication plan to communities. **iv)** There are several unfunded Port projects, including the Avila Pier. **v)** National Safe Boating Expo – on Saturday, May 21st, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, County Sheriff and Fish and Wildlife will be in front of the Coastal Gateway Building in Harford Landing. There will be a life jacket exchange program (old for new).
- d) **Avila Beach Committee:** Anne Brown discussed Central Coast Aquarium Application DRC2016-5702. This application is to construct a sound-wall and stage for a courtyard adjacent to the Aquarium. This matter was discussed over several meetings with the planner and applicant attending. The major comments concerned a) height of wall to be no higher than 6' from the sidewalk with some variance; b) provide landscaping space on the outside of wall to allow for planting to mitigate appearance; c) some kind of art/tiles/mosaic features which could help with long wall. **Motion by Danoff to approve project contingent upon addressing those concerns stated above and forwarding to Planning.** Second. Unanimous approval. Hearing June 2, 9:00 a.m. Caruso.
- e) **Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell: No report
- f) **See Canyon:** Denise Allen: **i)** Gopher Glen is opening a hard cider tasting room. **ii)** DeVencenzio development; environmental mitigation has been completed and property is on the market.
- g) **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins: 20 young men are living in a make-shift dwelling on Monte Road. Sara to follow-up.
- h) **Ad Hoc Committees:** APU (Avila Plan Update) Jim Hartig: June 8th next meeting.

11. **Next meeting date:** June 12, 2017

12. **Adjourn:** 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Karla Bittner, Secretary

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