

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES

June 12, 2017

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1. **Call to Order:** by Chair, Jim Hartig for regular meeting held at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center. Roll Call: Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Marti Brand (alt), Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner (alt). Excused: Lynn Walter, Denise Allen, Mike Casola, Kirk Collins. Quorum established.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion by Danoff with second to approve May 8, 2017 Minutes. Unanimous approval.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Public thanks to everyone who participated in Cave Landing mailer to Park & Recs Commissioners to include Cave Landing on funding priority list.
4. **Public Comments:** No comments.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell: New checks, \$18.25; Checking account balance: \$1,975.80.
6. **County Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Jim Vogue: 73 calls for service but fewer incidents generated for follow-up. **ii)** Bob Jones parking lot experiencing thefts. Camera in place. **iii)** Scam phone calls (IRS or family emergency) continue. Be aware of revealing personal identity on phone.
 - b) **Highway Patrol:** Sgt. John Johnson: Cave Landing parties a problem. County may make fire lanes on both sides of Cave Landing Road.
 - c) **CAL Fire:** Batt. Chief Paul Lee: **i)** 50 calls for service; 21 medical. **ii)** Peak season staffing complete. Aircraft serving our area from Santa Maria and Paso Robles. **iii)** Cave Landing Road clearing complete with signs for towing. **iv)** Wild Cherry Canyon received grants for continued clearing. **v)** Fifty acre controlled burn near Cuesta College June 13th.
 - d) **Planning:** Sara Sanders: **i)** Updates on Planning & Bldg. Projects: See Projects sheet: **(2)** Cagliero, DRC2015-00098 hearing 7/21/2017. **(6)** SLCUSD, SUB2015-00077, Subdivision Review Bd 7/10/2017. **(11)** Roy Howell Trust, SUB2016-00040, 30 day review. **(12)** Avila Ocean Adventures, SUB2016-00050, Subdivision Review Bd 7/10/2017. **(13)** SL Coastal Unified School District, SUB2015-0114, Information hold. **(14)** Central Coast Aquarium, DRC-2016-00096, Coastal appeal period. **(15)** So Cal Gas, DRC2016-00122, Info hold. **ii)** Envision Avila public workshop generated good information.
 - e) **Public Works:** David Flynn: **i)** Cave Landing Road—signage must be doubled; fire lane striped; tow-away plates on all signs **ii)** Front Street marked pedestrian way but no public compliance. Wheel stops needed and will be installed after Labor Day. **iii)** Advertisement –chalk marks on street is illegal. No sandwich boards are allowed. **iv)** Bike shop on 1st Street is taking up 2 parking spaces with bicycles for rent. Parks may take ordinance to Board of Supervisor to remedy problem. **v)** New budget approved to work with consultants. **vi)** Golf carts without license plates are not allowed to park on county streets. There is a limitation to carts on streets with 25 mph speed limits.
 - f) **County Parks:** Nick Franco: **i)** Bob Jones Pathway Octagon Barn staging area out to bid. Construction to begin in the Fall. **ii)** 4-1/2 mile plans out for proposal on next segment. **iii)** The Avila to Port trail extension is on hold until 100 parking spaces loss can be mitigated. Those funds were transferred to the current trail extension. **iv)** Cave Landing is being scoped for critical elements for improvements. Funding is the challenge. There is no money remaining in budget to fund this project.

g) **Port San Luis:** Andrea Lueker:

1. **Status of Avila Pier** – Expecting confirmation of the 501c3 status for Friends of Avila Pier in the month of June. The District is also working on forming the Board of Directors for the nonprofit organization.
2. **Harbor Terrace** – Both the (DDA) Disposition and Development Agreement and the Lease are in the hands of Red Tail with the next step being an in-person meeting to finalize the details of documents, which will be then be presented to the Board for approval at the same time.
3. **Breakwater** – The District was notified earlier this month the repairs to the Federal Breakwater were funded 5 million dollars in the 2017 Army Corps of Engineers Work Plan. We will be working with the LA District Corps Office in terms of project timing.
4. **Harbor Patrol Staff and Reserve Program** – Kyle Shaffer and Cory Bankston are two new full-time additions to the Harbor Patrol. We have also started a Harbor Patrol Reserve Program. The part-time reserves will be used to augment our Harbor Patrol and also as a training ground for future full-time vacancies.
5. **Mooring Ordinance** – we will be presenting our proposed revised mooring ordinance to the Board of Commissioners in a noticed public hearing at the June 27th Board meeting. The proposed ordinance contains requirements for live-aboards, which are not addressed in the existing ordinance as well as some other updates and changes.
6. **Dogs on District Beaches** – this item will come back to the Board in July in the form of a public hearing for ordinance revision. After significant time at the Property Committee, the Board will consider Fishermen’s Beach and Coast Guard Beach as dog free beaches. The current practice on Olde Port Beach and Avila Beach are not proposed for revision.

h) **County Supervisor:** Adam Hill by Hannah Miller: Tentatively approved SLO County budget approval this week; final approval next week. See complete recommended budget at www.slocounty.ca.gov.

7. **Old Business:** None

8. **New Business:**

Bob Jones Trail Signage: Betty Hartig: Presentation of “dog signs” to be placed at the entrance to the Trail in Avila Beach at 1st street, Ontario Road, Coffeeberry & Woodstone entrances. Parks & Rec will provide the signs and install them on existing posts. Goldberg **motion to approve signs** as presented; seconded/ approved with one against vote.

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Lisa Newton: Breakfast on 4th of July with Doggie Parade. Everyone welcome! Need new Board members. Contact Newton for information.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation:** Paula Dempsey: **i)** \$12,000 raised for Avila arts project. Second phase to raise \$25,000. Looking for smaller donations. **ii)** License plate holders “Avilones” will be available as a fundraiser—watch e-mail for further detail. **iii)** Story telling event “Avila Past” for mid-October. Hill offered grant.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon:** John Shoals: **i)** Unit 2 operating at 100%, Unit 1 offline—in 8th week of outage. **ii)** Joint proposal –retraining going though PUC process. **iii)** Decommissioning process is not yet open for public meetings. Plant tours available upon request to Shoals.

10. **AVAC Committees:**

- a) **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff: **i)** Danoff and Matakovich met with the Parks & Rec Commissioner representing Avila about adding Cave Landing to the priority list for park projects.

In addition, AVAC and other community members wrote letters and attended the Commission hearing to support prioritizing Cave Landing. Efforts resulted in Cave Landing being included as a priority project by Commissioners, despite no identified funding. **ii)** A Committee letter about changes needed for the Avila Circulation Study was provided to Public Works. The letter was well received.

- b) Diablo:** Ken Thompson: **i)** CPUC legal briefs completed. Agreement—87% of personnel have accepted Tier 1 retention package to 2020. Tier 2 Retention Package rollout in 2019 for the next 5 years to 2025. There is major concern that retention of critical staff will be compromised until plant closure. **ii)** NRC is coming to SLO for annual public outreach regarding performance of DCPD on July 12th, 6:00 p.m. at Marriott Courtyard.
 - c) Port San Luis:** Mary Matakovich: **i)** Looking for volunteers for the Avila Pier non-profit to raise funds for pier rebuilding. Contact Mary for orientation. **ii)** Join friends for beach clean-up after the 4th of July at 8:00 a.m. July 5th.
 - d) Avila Beach:** Anne Brown: Committee met and has generated letters for submission to the Planning Department on the following two projects; SUB2016-00065 CO15-0114, Old School Houses & DRC2016-00117, Curti. Anne Brown **motion to approve** each letter to submit to Planning; second. Attach vacation rental advertisement for 17 guests in adjacent vacation rental to Planning for Curti project. Intro in letter. Vote: Unanimous approval.
 - e) San Luis Bay Estates:** Jim Hartig: No report.
 - f) Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell: No report.
 - g) See Canyon:** Denise Allen: No report.
 - h) Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins: No report.
 - i) Ad Hoc Committees:** APU (Avila Plan Update) Jim Hartig: Next meeting for ad-hoc committee is June 21st.
- 11. Next meeting date:** July 10, 2017
- 12. Adjourn:**

Respectfully submitted:
Karla Bittner
Secretary