

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

### MINUTES (Draft)

June 11, 2018

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1. **Call to Order:** Chair Jim Hartig called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center. Roll Call: Mary Matakovich, Lisa Newton, Anne Brown, Mary El Hansen, Marti Brand (alt), Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Martin Suits, Steve Benedict, Saul Goldberg, Carol Hayden (alt), Denise Allen, Mike Casola, Kirt Collins, Margaret Greenough. Quorum established. Excused: Lynn Walter, Julia Hartzell.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion made and seconded (Brown/Suits) to approve the amended Minutes to the May 14, 2018 Meeting. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Chair Hartig complimented the Council members who attended the Planning Department's Advisory Council Members' Training, Anne Brown, Martin Suits, Margaret Greenough, and Jim Hartig, as well the Planning Department for hosting it.
4. **Public Comment:** Shirley Goetz asked the Council if anyone was aware of the work of the non-profit Avila Bird Sanctuary, Inc.; there was no response. Shirley asked the Chair to invite this organization to the advisory council meeting. The Chair told her to invite them to a meeting, if she so chose.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Chair stating no expenditures this month and that the current balance is: \$1820.63.
6. **County Reports:**
  - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Voge noted that there were 61 calls for service (up from 47 the previous month) including, but not limited to: phone scams (i.e., IRS and Mexican kidnapping), San Luis Bay Estates residential burglaries, Pirates' Cove campfire, fight at Mr. Rick's, and an Avila Valley crime spree. He continues to caution everyone to lock their cars and their homes at all times. Crime is down comparing stats from last year's April - June. He advised that cell phone security option is an effective way to monitor your home when you are away.
  - b) **Highway Patrol:** Sergeant Heiderbrink reported that there have been three DUI arrests and one accident. He reported that three officers have been hired by the golf course for Thursday's event.
  - c) **CAL Fire:** Batt. Chief Paul Lee indicated that they had 55 calls for service with 20 medically-related. He stated that they are fully-staffed with ten additional firefighters and ninety-seven seasonal firefighters including the National Guard. Once again there is aircraft availability. Staff is involved with Diablo Training. He reminded the council to be sure there is a one hundred foot clearance around your home and to do weed-whacking in the early morning and be aware of any sparks. He recommended that if there is any questionable activity going on to report it immediately; the staff will review any situation presented, to be on the safe side. A question came up about open fires on the beach and Port San Luis Harbor Manager Lueker indicated that there should not be any open flames.
  - d) **Planning:** Sara Sanders invited everyone to the Envision Avila event on June 28 from 6:30 - 8PM with a Social before at 5:45PM provided by the Concerned Citizens of Avila. Sara reviewed the Avila Planning and Building Project list highlighting numbers: 2,8,10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17. Sara drew attention to #17 which is the countywide General Plan Amendments to the General Plan and County Code. Questions surfaced around Planning Department practices relative to vacation rentals with the 50 ft. requirement between vacation rentals. This is the standing ordinance. People go through the County MUP process to secure a vacation rental permit in Avila Beach.
  - e) **Public Works:** Dave Flynn opened with an update on the Avila Beach Seismic Retrofit of the Bridge. It is a \$1.4M construction project which will begin under the bridge after Memorial Day. After Labor

Day the road surface will be handled, probably taking five months. San Luis Drive shrubs are targeted to be trimmed back. The San Luis Bay Drive/Ontario Road project will be going to the Land Use Committee for review. The location of a stop sign, as a near-term fix, is in the works. Also, a one-page, work paper is being developed analyzing Avila Beach's capacity, including interim parking ideas and a circulation review; this will go to the Land Use Committee by the end of the summer and then, to be discussed at AVAC. Capacity report will go to the Land Use Committee for review. Parking Committee will look at basic options to propose to the Land Use Committee and then, they will be brought to AVAC for comment.

- f) **County Parks:** No report
  - g) **Port San Luis:** Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker reported that the breakwater repair, which the US Army Corps of Engineers funded \$5M in the FY 2017 Work Plan for repairs to the breakwater. Once the Corps began the assessment of the project, they determined that additional funding was needed and the Port was informed that the Corps was funded an additional \$4.9M for a grant project totalling a \$9.9M project. The Corps is currently working on the environmental assessment and hope to have a contract awarded for the project by September 2018. Thanks goes to our local officials and our representatives in D.C. for their support through this project. The Avila Pier Project continues work at the direction by the Board Commissioners, who have asked for a study by an engineer/engineering group to look at the condition of the pier and provide a more specific cost estimate for repairs/replacement. The District is poised to approve the FY 18/19 budget on June 26. The approximate \$5.7M budget includes a number of maintenance and capital projects. The draft document can be found on the Port's website on June 21. There are business opportunities at Port San Luis: Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued for a Retail Market, Deli and/or Other Related Retail Services at the District's Trailer Boat Launch Building, next to Avila Paddle Sports. Deadline to submit is Tuesday, July 24, at 4:40PM. The RFP can be found on the District's website, [www.portsanluis.com](http://www.portsanluis.com), under the Bids and Proposals tab on the left-hand side of the home page. A second RFP for Retail/Wholesale Fish Market, located at the end of Harford Pier will be released on July 1, 2018, with an expected submission deadline in the Fall. This RFP can also be found on the District's website. Statistics for May for the Harbor Patrol are, but not limited to: three inner harbor rescues, one outer harbor rescue, seven vessel assists, fourteen aid to other agencies such as: Cal Fire, Sheriff's Office, Fish and Wildlife and CA Highway Patrol. Lifeguard statistics are: twenty-two preventative actions, three rescues aided by Harbor Patrol and their vessel, five medical aids, 274 dog ordinance reminders and an estimated beach crowd of 7720.
  - h) **County Supervisor:** Supervisor Adam Hill discussed the current issues around the budget process to allocate \$667M for the 2018-19 year. He addressed how important the hearings are especially a review of the proposed allocations such as: the Land Conservancy- Octagon project, the homeless, affordable housing, and mental health. As well, he indicated his support for the local trolley and the civic associations' Apple Festival.
7. **Old Business:** Lisa Newton, representative from the Avila Beach Civic Association (ABCA), reminded those present about the Annual Pancake Breakfast on July 4 from 8-11 with a Dog Parade at 11. Also, the Apple Festival is scheduled for September 22 at the ABCA Garden.
  8. **New Business:** Resolution to Conserve Diablo Canyon Lands was presented to the council by Dave Humphreys and Cheryl Conway. They explained that they are seeking support for this resolution with all the advisory groups in the area. This was the first time the council members had an opportunity to hear about their efforts. A motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Brown) to have the Land Use and Diablo Canyon Committees review this resolution and come back to the council at the July meeting with their recommendation. Motion carried.
- The Somera 50 Cottage Project was presented by Steve Welton and his team. They provided an overview of the project with a view of Ole Port Beach, planned traditional rural cottage architecture, cars

parked underground and electric cars used for transportation around the complex, CA native plants, a lodge and a restaurant, small events available for weddings or reunions, single story cottages, water available. Questions came about: zoning, the hotel/restaurant not being a part of the San Luis Bay Estates Plan (SLBEP) ,50 Cottages are in the SLBE Plan the need to address the open space requirement, concern for the cultural resource (specific to the Chumash burial grounds). It was stated that AB 72 the County Government and the Chumash will need to come to consensus on this project for it to move forward. The Environmental Impact Report to be completed with this process. Other community feedback was: enough parking, water conservation, light affecting the view of the local residents, the importance of this Chumash site, the need for a left-side turn lane on to the property, and how will these visitors access the beach. This was an initial presentation. The County process will proceed and AVAC will be updated..

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Lisa Newton reported under Old Business.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation:** No report
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon:** Suzanne Hosn reported that both units are operating at full power. SB 1090 which addresses the community retention funds passed the State Senate and now to the Assembly and the Utilities and Energy Committee to Appropriations then to the floor. Next step is the Governor's Office. The Decommissioning Engagement Panel Meeting Schedule is set with the next meeting on June 27 from 7-9PM at the County Government Building Center. There will be a poster session from 6-7PM which should be very informative. PG&E is working on their Wildfire Initiative with new vegetation management practices. Also, a weather station to operate as a center 24/7 is being developed.
- d) **AVAC Committees:**
  - a) **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff - No report
  - b) **Diablo:** Ken Thompson reported that the Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee Public Meeting is scheduled for June 13-14 at the Point San Luis Conference Room at the Avila Lighthouse Suites.
  - c) **Port:** Mary Matakovich reminded the attendees that if you see a fire on the beach to contact the Harbor Patrol, as it's their job to handle issues on the beach.
  - d) **Avila Beach:** Anne Brown presented minutes to the Avila Sub-Committee Meeting of June 6. After discussion, there was a motion and a second (Danoff/Newton) to send a letter to the Planning Department regarding the committee's recommendation to not support a vacation rental request which is within 50' of another vacation rental. Motion carried. The Hodge/Salucci project was reviewed by the committee and since there were several areas to be addressed in a letter to the Planning Department. The committee will bring back to AVAC the specifics.
- e) **San Luis Bay Estates:** Jim Hartig shared that this committee has four projects under review at this time and the committee is committed to working them through with a recommendation to AVAC in a timely fashion.
- f) **Avila Valley:** No report
- g) **See Canyon:** Denise Allen - No report
- h) **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins: - No report
- i) **Ad Hoc Committees:** Reminder: Envision Avila Meeting - June 28 - 6:30-8PM
- j) **Next meeting date:** July 9, 2018 - 7PM

12. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:23PM.

Respectfully submitted: Substitute Secretary, Mary Matakovich