

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES (Draft)

July 10, 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), Lynn Walter (alt), Denise Allen, Mike Casola, Kirt Collins. Quorum established.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion by Anne Brown to approve June 12, 2017 Minutes/second/Newton. Unanimous approval.
3. **Chair's Comments:** AVAC Board acquired Liz Johnson as an alternate from Squire Canyon. Openings on Board for Squire Canyon regular member and See Canyon alternate member.
4. **Public Comments:** **i)** Debbie from Pedego Electric Bike Store in Avila: County Public Works, Michael Britton, gave their business a draft of document proposed for Board of Supervisors restricting parking of bikes on street. PW claims bikes are taking 2 parking spaces. The owners believe they are in compliance with all regulations. Traffic and parking are major concerns in Avila. AVAC Board has not seen resolution. **ii)** Sharon Suits—Who does maintenance on Promenade in Avila Beach? Farmer's Market has big impact on cleaning. Reply--Promenade was power washed this date.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell: \$52. Expense for post office box. Balance \$1,923.80
6. **County Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Jim Voge: 59 calls for service, down from 73 in June. **ii)** a) Gang activity of graffiti on Avila seawall. b) Two brothers were taking photos near the restroom in Avila and got into an altercation with a woman. Skull fracture received by woman. Assault with deadly weapon charges against perpetrators. **iii)** Another assault following day. **iv)** Tire slashing at Pirates Cove. **v)** Man overboard at sea. Still missing and no evidence of foul play.
 - b) **Highway Patrol:** Sgt. John Johnson: **i)** Bull Dogs gang members come to the coast from Central Valley. The word is out that Avila is a good place to go to beach. They are violent and dangerous. Be aware of increased gang activity in Avila. If we see a group of gang members, call the Sheriff to notify them.
 - c) **CAL Fire:** Batt. Chief Paul Lee: Managing large fires. No Report.
 - d) **Planning:** Sara Sanders: Updates on Avila Projects Spreadsheet. **11:** Howell Trust, SUB2016-00040 presenting to AVAC 8/14/2017. **14:** Central Coast Aquarium, DRC2016-00098, approved. **17:** Curtis, DRC2016-00117, Planning Dept. Hearing 8/18/2017. Danoff: Inquiry regarding events at the Avila Barn?
 - e) **Public Works:** Dave Flynn: Danoff presents letter: **i)** Still working with Omni-Means to provide additional services for the Avila Circulation Study which will be up for review/discussion at a LUC meeting later this summer. **ii)** Public Works has item on the July 18th Board agenda to banish bike parking on the street on First Street (or any street in town between the curbs; bike parking allowed on sidewalk). This issue was reported in AVAC Minutes, June 12, 2017 by Flynn. **iii)** Cave Landing Road: We have not placed any additional No Parking signs based on Coastal Commission enforcement and permit requirements. We have placed a centerline strip on the road to clearly provide CHP with enforcement of vehicles parked in the travel lane.

- f) **County Parks:** Nick Franco: **i)** Octagon Barn improvements and proposals for construction of the left turn lane for the Bob Jones Pathway are in and we have an apparent low bidder that is within our budget. Public Works is the lead for this project and hopes to have a contract for Board of Supervisors approval in August with construction beginning in late Sept or early Oct. **ii)** We received proposals for the preparation of construction documents and environmental work for the Octagon Barn to Ontario Road Bob Jones Pathway extension. Those proposals are under review and we anticipate going to the Board in September to approve a contract with whomever is the successful bidder. **iii)** A number of trees were topped in the Ontario Road staging area parking lot. This was not approved by County Parks. We are working on identifying the responsible people and will follow up to address this issue with some form of mitigation for the loss. Danoff: AVAC would like to receive regular updates on the Pirates Cove status.
- g) **Port San Luis:** Andrea Lueker: **Busy Summer** - This summer has been extremely busy in the Port! **i) Status of Avila Pier** – Expecting confirmation of the 501c3 status for Friends of Avila Pier any moment. We are looking for interested parties to be on the Board of Directors for the nonprofit organization, we need a short statement of interest by July 13th. **ii) Harbor Terrace** – District and Red Tail met last week to discuss the DDA and Lease and the meeting went well. The lion’s share of the work is now between the attorneys to finalize language. **iii) Mooring Ordinance** – the Board of Commissioners approved a revised Mooring ordinance which included clean-up language as well as the addition of a live-aboard permit – for those who have their primary residence on their boat. Staff is working on the specifics of implementation of the live aboard permit and will likely be looking at compliance in September. **iv) Dogs on District Beaches** – this item will come back to the Board in August 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. **vi) Parking Changes in Avila:** On or about July 24th, parking permit patrons will need to enter their license number in the parking pass machine. This change is being made to reduce pass transfers.
- h) **County Supervisor:** Adam Hill: **i)** Gang Task force in SLO is sophisticated; focused on preventing problems. Interagency cooperation helps handle related issues. **ii)** Board member Goldberg: Expressed concerns regarding camping on the 18th Fairway at the golf course. This is County Open Space. Code enforcement has been notified. Hill will follow-up. **iii)** Q: Danoff: Can Code Enforcement work on the weekends? AH: They have been budgeted. **iv)** Q: Hartzell: Proposed Zoning Ordinance for Granny Units—unclear of impacts. A: County is trying to densify housing units. This subject is in early stages and presentation will be made. County needs to be consistent with State requirements. **v)** Biggest increases in County Budget is related to law enforcement issues. Jails and probation are requiring greater resources.

7. **Old Business: None**

8. **New Business: None**

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Lisa Newton: July 4th Breakfast success—400 people attended. Doggie Parade had 100 dogs. Apple Festival is September 23rd semi-formal; please support.

- b) **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Cohen:** i) Grant application season is now open. Deadline is Sept. 11th for projects in 2018. Individuals may qualify for funding. ii) Mid-October will be Avila Story Telling Event on October 20th at the AB Community Center. Mini-museum and movie of Avila will be available for viewing. iii) \$14,500 of \$25,000 has been raised for the next public arts project. Money will be in-hand before next project is started. License plate frames “given” to Board members with request for donation to support Arts Project. Supervisor Hill contributed \$5,000.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon: John Shoals,** PG&E Public Affairs Rep., reported that Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) was operating safely at full power, the Joint Proposal for DCPP closure was progressing through the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) process and that PG&E representatives had met with the County of San Luis Obispo Transition team led by Guy Savage. He reminded the Council about the upcoming Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) "End of Cycle" meeting on DCPP safety performance for 2016. Finally, he informed the Council of PG&E efforts to support firefighters in battling the various fires in the region and repaired PG&E facilities that may be damaged by the fires.

10. AVAC Committee:

- a) **Land Use: Sherri Danoff:** 3 Motions about projects for Colony Lots 8, 9, 10, 12 & Cagliero/DRC2015-00098: Vacation Duplex: The Avila Sub-committee recommends to AVAC that the request for a Minor Use Permit for Project DRC2015-00098 (Calgiero) for the use of one duplex with 2 vacation rentals **be denied**. The Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance: 23.08.165 (residential vacation rentals) c.(3) states that “no parcel shall be approved for residential vacation rental if it is within 50 feet of another parcel with a vacation rental....”. Motion by Brown/second Newton. Unanimous approval.

We request that AVAC have input. **AVAC supports moratorium on vacation rentals. Motion by Danoff/second Goldberg** to send letter to Planning: These concerns have been acted on in the past. Avila Beach Drive has particular safety issues especially with these large vacation rental homes and inadequate parking on site. **Motion approves** with one abstention. **Motion by Danoff** that if time period for challenging Negative Declaration has not past for this project on July 21st it should be challenged on the Caligro project (#2). Dies for no second. This motion can be added to other letter by Motion of Brown/second by Danoff, Unanimous approval.

- b) **Diablo: Ken Thompson:** i) The NRC has scheduled their annual public outreach meeting in San Luis Obispo for this Wednesday evening July 12th starting at 6:00 PM. The Agenda starts out with opening comments, then a presentation by the NRC personnel about Diablo Canyon performance/safety and finally a presentation by PG&E Management. Shortly after 7:00, the meeting will move to Public Questions and Comments. Some of you may find this an appropriate time to ask the NRC about their current plans for Long Term Storage of Spent Fuel. ii) Videos from DCISC meetings of June 7 & 8 can be viewed at www.dcisc.org and click on the “Meeting Videos” link to SLO-SPAN.
- c) **Port: Mary Matakovich:** No report.
- d) **Avila Beach: Anne Brown:** No report.
- 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:** Property on Monte Road is coming into compliance. New use will be a hoof shed. Current building is illegal. Code Enforcement has been involved in resolution.
- i) **Ad Hoc Committees:** APU (Avila Plan Update) Jim Hartig: July 26th, 3:00.

11. Next meeting date: August 14, 2017

12. Adjourn: 8:20 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted, Karla Bittner, Secretary