

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES

July 9, 2018

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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 (present): Mary Matakovich, Lisa Newton, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Marti Brand, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Martin Suits, Steve Benedict, Saul Goldberg, Lynn Walter (alt), Mike Casola. Roll Call (excused) Denise Allen, Liz Guho-Johnson (alt), Kirt Collins, and Margaret Greenough. Quorum established.

2. **Approve Minutes**: Minutes for June 11, 2018 were unanimously approved following a motion to approve by Danoff and a second by Brown.
3. **Chair's Comments**: Jim Hartig reported the Envision Avila workshop was well attended and he thanked County planning for their support of the event.
4. **Public Comments**: Shirley Getz from Avila Beach commented that she had sent a letter to the Bird Sanctuary organization to invite them to a future AVAC meeting to explain the bird sanctuary activities. Kara Woodruff commented that she was pleased to be there to support agenda item #7, supporting a resolution to preserve the open space lands owned by PG&E surrounding the power plant.
5. **Treasurer's Report**: Julia Hartzell: There were no expenses or deposits since last meeting so the balance remains the same: Checking Account Balance is: \$1,820.63.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports**:
 - a) **Sheriff** – Sargent Chad Nicholson: The statistics between June 11 – July 9th looked like this: 82 calls for service (calls for service are in addition to traffic stops and other active measures by the Sheriff). Within the calls for service there were 16 suspicious subjects, 20 disturbing the peace, 2 petty thefts (from unlocked vehicles) and 2 burglaries. If a vehicle is locked and there is forced entry it is classified as a burglary. If a vehicle is unlocked and less than \$950 is taken it is classified as a petty theft. The big message from the Sheriff is LOCK YOUR CAR and do NOT leave valuables within eyesight. Also, lock your doors to your home; even though we live in a bucolic location, there are still thieves that look for crimes of opportunity. There were multiple arrests (mostly drug related) at Pirates Cove over the 4th. Pirate's Cove was so crowded on July 4th that the sheriff department has formulated a new enforcement strategy for next year. Sheriff deputies will be assigned to the Pirates Cove location during the next July 4th holiday, similar to what is done in Cayucos.
 - b) **Highway Patrol** - Sergeant Heiderbrink: The June statistics include: 7 collisions in the Avila area, 4 minor injuries, 3 DUI related crashes and 1 hit and run. There were also 2 DUI arrests without injury crashes and 1 DUI arrest for someone who ran into an open car door at the port. Pirates Cove over July 4th required the Sheriff to tow several cars. The red newly painted line makes it very clear that these cars are illegally parked. The sergeant encouraged the public to make calls to their department if they have parking concerns.

Suits from the council notices that there were several cars parked in the bicycle lane over the hot weekend. The Sergeant said he would look into the signage.

- c) **CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee: In the last month there were 64 calls for service, 36 of them were for medical. Two calls were for a near drowning at the Avila Hot Springs and 1 call was for a small pier fire at Old Porte due to someone smoking on the pier (smoking is prohibited on the wooden pier). Conditions are HOT and DRY! So please be on the lookout for any activity that could start a fire; for example cars dragging chains, which caused some fires along 101 last year. The department is fully staffed. They are doing vegetation management at Pirate's Cove and are securing a 4-wheel drive egress from the Bluffs in Shell Beach over to Pirates Cove to get their engines through in an emergency.
- d) **Planning** - Sara Sanders: Sara reviewed the changes to the planning spreadsheet. Of note; Item #2, Salucci & Hodge, has a tentative Planning Commission hearing date of August 23rd. Item #3, Nolte, A tentative board of supervisors hearing date of August 21st. Item #4, Avila Beach Dreams LLC was approved. (Sara later followed up with the information regarding the staff recommendation on that project which was for approval). Item #8, Community Plan Update, the background report continues with addressing public comments (great public turnout at the last meeting). Item #10, Avila Valley Partners, on information hold. Item #11, ABR properties, on information hold. Item #16, Farmer, Planning department hearing is August 3rd with a staff recommendation of denial.
- e) **Public Works** - Dave Flynn: Parking restrictions and accommodations plan will be coming before the Board of Supervisors soon. The seismic project on Avila Bay Drive's bridge work continues as planned underneath the bridge. On July 20th Public Works will be meeting with the Land Use Committee regarding the Avila Beach Drive capacity study. Currently the report is a draft and can be viewed on the County Public Works website. Also moving forward is the Consultant's evaluation of the Ontario Road and San Luis Bay Drive intersection. They are leaning towards some type of signalization. Newton asked Flynn about the possibility of installing a 4-way stop at 1st street and San Antonio Street. Flynn said that it needs evaluating because even though it seems like a 4-way stop would work on the busy summer days, it might set up a non-adherence situation during the times of no traffic. Brown mentioned that the vegetation still hadn't been addressed at the Ontario Road and San Luis Bay drive intersection. Hansen mentioned that she had recently seen some eye-catching flashing stop signs at some other intersections that might be used for Ontario/San Luis Bay drive. Goldberg asked for a reading of the legality of golf carts crossing Avila Bay Drive, because they are not actually driving on the street when they are crossing the street. Flynn responded that this was a question for the CHP but they had left the meeting by this time. Bittner asked for attention to the illegally placed real estate signs posted on Avila Bay and San Luis Bay Drives.
- f) **County Parks** - Nick Franco: The Bob Jones trail expansion to the Octogon Barn is slowly proceeding. The NEPA phase was completed so now they can enter into discussion with land owners where easements will be established for the future extension of the trail. Progress on the Pirates Cove improvements is still waiting on the Ad Hoc committee (Hill/Pershong) to provide direction. The public workshop was well attended. The department is launching a cost recovery study that would be brought to the board for approval. It will establish a list of current department expenditures that are classified as community benefits and therefore are eligible to be funded through the general funds. (Examples of community benefit are trails, playgrounds). The result of the report will be a policy addressing the future funding of the Parks department.

g) **Port San Luis** - Andrea Lueker (not present but a written report was provided:

1. **Avila Pier**– continued work on the direction given by the Board of Commissioners, who 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.

2. **Business Opportunities at Port San Luis** - As a reminder, a Request for Proposals (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 4:30 pm. The RFP can be found on the District's Website, www.portsanluis.com, under the Bids and Proposals tab on the left hand side of the home page. A second RFP for a Retail/Wholesale Fish Market, located at the end of Harford Pier was released on July 1, 2018, with an expected submission deadline of fall. This RFP can also be found on the District's Website.

3. **Statistics for June** - Three (3) Inner Harbor Rescues, 2 Outer Harbor rescue, 27 Vessel assists, 29 "aid other agencies". Lifeguard Statistics; 37 preventative actions, 3 rescues aided by the Harbor Patrol and their vessel, 26 medical aids, 708 public contact, 226 dog ordinance reminders.

h) **County Supervisor** - Adam Hill: Supervisor Hill handed out the annual "recommended budget" plan summary (a tri-fold pamphlet) which shows the big picture of where County money will be allocated for 2018/2019. Adam introduced his new legislative assistant Nicole Nix who can be reached at (805) 781-4336. Adam sees the gas tax as key to getting SLO County road projects completed. Without it, favored larger population areas will get the smaller amount of available funds. This warrants more discussion in the future since there are many differing points of view and the initiative to repeal the gas tax will be on the November ballot. Danoff commented that the ad hoc committee regarding Pirates Cove has dragged on unnecessarily and wanted Hill to give it a higher priority.

7. **Old Business:** The "Resolution to Conserve Diablo Canyon Lands" was discussed. Behind the resolution is Dave Humphries with Concerned Citizens of Avila, Kara Woodruff of the SLO Conservancy, and Cheryl Conway of Cayucos. The intended recipients are County Supervisors, California Legislators, Key Decision makers within the state, and the decommissioning engagement panel. The resolution states that open space and agricultural lands be preserved in perpetuity for public access and resource protection. A motion was made (Danoff) to have AVAC endorse the resolution and seconded (Suits). The motion passed with one abstention and all others voting in favor.

8. **New Business:** (1) A motion was made (Hartig) to send a letter to the Cal Trans Division of Local Assistance in support of ATP Grant Application for Bob Jones Trail Expansion. The motion was seconded by Brown. The motion unanimously passed. (2) A motion was made (Danoff) to send a letter to County Planning regarding the Somera 50 Cottage Project and the SLBE Master Plan Open Space requirement requesting specifically a written determination with rationale about the applicability of the SLBE Master Plan Open Space and Conservation clause to the Somera project. The motion was seconded by Suits. The motion passed unanimously. (3) A motion was made (Danoff) to send a letter to County Planning with comments from the

SLBE Committee regarding the application to separate a single family residence lot from the Avila Bay Athletic Club for a long list of excellent reasons. The motion was seconded by Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Community Liaisons:

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Lisa Newton: July 4th pancake breakfast and doggie parade was very successful. The next event, the Avila Apple Festival, will include a dinner on September 22nd. Tickets can be obtained at www.my805tix.com. Noted was that the Harbor is providing free parking for this event.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation** - Rick Cohen: Saul Goldberg provided the following report in Rick's absence: Grant application season has begun. See all the details on Avilabeachfoundation.org. The theme is "enhance life in Avila Beach". The tagging that occurred on the night of July 4th on the lifeguard stand artwork was dismaying but all the graffiti was successfully removed due to the epoxy coating that the artist had used on top of her art.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** - Suzanne Hosn:

This is Suzanne's last night with AVAC; she has a new job and promotion. Eric Daniels will be back with the AVAC next meeting. Both Diablo Canyon units are generating emission free electricity at 100% capacity. SB 1090 (supported by PG&E which compels the CPUC to impose rates that would provide full funding for the community impact mitigation and employee retention program due to the decision to close down an emission free nuclear power plant) has passed the assembly utilities and energy committee and will go to the appropriations committee by August 6th. The third public engagement council public meeting will be held on July 25th at the county government center. The main topic will be decommissioning funding and eligible use of funds and potential revenue sources. The gathering will start with an open house from 6pm-7pm and the meeting will follow starting at 7pm to 9:30pm which will include public comments.

10. AVAC Committees:

- a. **Land Use** - Sherri Danoff: The Land Use Committee is looking to their next meeting with Public Works regarding the Avila Beach Drive Capacity report as mentioned above.
- b. **Diablo** - Ken Thompson: DCISC held public meetings on June 13-14 and videos can be viewed at SLO-SPAN.ORG. Plant Tours will continue each time, Tom Jones presented an update on the Employee retention plan where 91% of the employees signed on to the revised package. As retirements are occurring, replacements are being hired as warranted. The presentation on the seismic risk and the tsunami risk still showed many differences of opinion. For the next DCISC meeting in October, Dr. David Victor, chair of the San Onofre engagement panel will speak about their experiences with the San Onofre Plant decommissioning project.
- c. **Port** - Mary Matakovich: the Harbor Commission will be embarking on an effort for financial sustainability starting in August with a workshop.

- d. **Avila Beach** - Anne Brown: see discussion under “county planning”.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** - Jim Hartig: see discussion under “new business”.
- f. **Avila Valley**: - Julia Hartzell: Continuing to monitor the 22 home subdivision on Ontario road and also the King property fines and rectifying of damages.
- g. **See Canyon** - Denise Allen: no report
- h. **Squire Canyon** – Kirt Collins: no report
- i. **Ad Hoc Committees** - Jim Hartig: no ad hoc meetings occurred last month and none are scheduled.

11. Next meeting date: Monday, August 13, 2018

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Lynn Walter
Secretary