

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

### MINUTES

August 14, 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: Denise Allen, Anne Brown, Mike Casola, Kirk Collins, Sherri Danoff, Saul Goldberg, Mike Grantham, Mary Matakovich, Bob Pusanik, Ken Thompson. Excused: Karla Bittner. Quorum established.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was moved and seconded (Thompson/Casola) to approve amended Minutes of July 10, 2017. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** No comments
4. **Public Comments:** Jeff Brubaker, a transportation planner for the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, SLOCOG, whose purpose is to examine common regional problems and suggest solutions. SLOCOG is embarking on a program to involve the public in the development of its long-range transportation plan. Its Board is looking to adopt their 2019 Regional Transportation Plan with a Sustainable Communities Strategy in June 2019. It will provide a 20+ year vision for future growth and development of the region. Public input will be gathered through interactive group presentations and an online survey. The public is encouraged to participate. The link to the survey is at: [slocog.org/2019RTP](http://slocog.org/2019RTP).  
Betty Hartig, representing the Bob Jones Trail Keepers shared that their first activity was held last Sunday at the trail to pick-up litter and cut back vines. It was a big success. The community is invited to participate on this project; they will meet every second Sunday of each month at 8:30AM at the the Bob Jones Trailhead.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** A written report was provided by Julia Hartzell stating: There were no expenses for the previous month and we have a balance of \$1941.73.
6. **County Reports:**
  - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Jim Voge stated there were 69 calls for service, 11 suspicious subjects/suspected criminal acts, 1 phone scam (IRS), 9 disturbances of the peace and 2 cruelty to animals: Penal Code 597.7 states that a person shall not leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health of an animal. Commander Voge discussed a series of notable incidents; for details, see report submitted to the Secretary. Also, he reported that there will be cameras and signs posted on the promenade in Avila Beach for safety reasons. Carl Lee brought up the issue of rural mailboxes being used for drug drops; he was referred to the Narcotics detectives.
  - b) **Highway Patrol:** Officer Mike Brown reported that the patrol is focused on parking issues and working the County roads.
  - c) **CAL Fire:** Batt. Chief Paul Lee stated there were 35 calls for service. The Office of Traffic Safety has authorized a \$40K grant, which will provide equipment to remove people from vehicles. A heli-tanker is being provided to the station; this tanker will be able to secure up to 10,000 gallons of water from our local creeks and lake resources in one swoop. He suggested that the community be aware of vehicles dragging chains: they cause sparks which cause fires. Also, it is too late in the game for vegetation management; so, call CAL Fire for help in handling these issues.

- d) **Planning:** Meagan Martin filled-in for Sara Sanders: The Council requested the updated copy of the log of outstanding projects be immediately forwarded to them. Meagan highlighted those where there has been progress over the past month. A question was raised: why is the 25 ft. height limit on the new Colony Lot homes being exceeded and why is Planning no longer using the Title 23 Ordinance? Has there been an amendment? There has been no amendment to the ordinance. The answer to the other questions will be sent to the Council by Meagan.
  
- e) **Public Works:** Dave Flynn reported on a series of projects: The second week of September Avila's roads will be asphalted and parking spaces will be newly-lined, starting with Front Street. The Ontario Road Light Project needs to have underground conduits in place before PG&E can set up the lights. The trees on San Luis Bay Drive and Avila Drive are being trimmed. The Avila Beach Interchange Project is requiring an environmental study. The Bridge permit has been waived by the Coastal Commission and now, securing funding will begin anticipating a Fall 2018 project.
  
- f) **County Parks:** Shaun Cooper reported that County Parks is in the process of selecting a consultant for the Bob Jones Pathway who will be developing the construction documents for the project beginning at the Octagon Barn. This will make the project more competitive for future grant funding for the project. The National Environmental Policy Act documents are due to be completed within a month. The department is applying for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant for the Right-of-Way project funding for the pathway. The construction of the Octagon Barn site improvements including grading and a left turn lane will start in the Fall. A question was raised about a new business' permanent structure on the promenade; staff will look into it.
  
- g) **Port San Luis:** Andrea Lueker gave an update on: parking lot program and its issues with the new system. Staff is working to make it efficient; the Friends of Avila Pier have had their first Board meeting as a 501(c) 3, with non-profit status; within the next thirty days, hopefully, the Harbor Terrace Project will complete negotiations; The ordinance for Dogs/Animals on the Beach will be presented at the August 22 Commissioners' Meeting. There are no changes to the time schedule at Avila Beach and Port Beach. It is proposed that Fishermen's Beach and Coast Guard Beach (at the Lighthouse) will be dog-free, depending on the action taken by the Commissioner at their meeting. There was a Special Meeting to discuss Harford Pier. Now there will be Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the expiring leases of Olde Port Inn (2020) and Olde Port Fisheries (2018). There is a need to repair the west side of the pier; so, the businesses selected through the RFP process will be moved to the east side of the pier.
  
- h) **County Supervisor:** Adam Hill indicated that he has sent a letter to the Avila Golf Course requesting that an application be completed within the next 30 days. The Council asked for a copy of the letter, for their information. This was followed with a continued discussion of the problems with events, traffic circulation and parking.

## 7. Old Business

- a) **Howell Lot Line Adjustment:** Jeremy Freund with Wallace Group presented the Lot Line Adjustment Project with a handout and diagram. Kirt Collins presented an 8/14 memo delineating the Squire Canyon/Monte Rd. Residential Review Committee's recommendation to AVAC. (This document is attached to the minutes.) The Council discussed it. Public comment involved Carl Lee who spoke to the concern for water. The motion was made and seconded (Collins/Brown) that AVAC not support the proposed Lot Line Adjustment to the County Building and Planning Department and the County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

## 8. New Business:

- a) **Parking Ordinance 15.400.016, Public Works:** Dave Flynn provided an overview of the proposed No Parking of Non-Motorized Vehicles or Objects in Designated Parking Lanes in Avila Beach. After a brief discussion of the limited uses to what the parking spaces are intended, a variety of viewpoints were presented from the Council members to bike shop owner to Public Works. Metered parking was presented and Dave indicated that that would take an Overall Parking Plan for a Parking District and a Coastal Development Permit. Sherri Danoff presented a draft of a letter addressed to Dave Flynn. The letter was discussed in light of the Council point of view. The word "annually" was removed. A motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Grantham) to send the letter as amended. Motion carried. (Amended Letter is attached to the minutes.)
- b) **Unpermitted event - 7/22 Monte Road:** Art Trinitade summarized the event which was under the Temporary Event exemption for nonprofits. It requires admission free with any proceeds to go to a charity. He gave the background of the event. There were under 3000 people and the donations were to go to the Women's Shelter. This event is under review and further investigation through Code Enforcement. Discussion continued. Sherri Danoff provided a draft of a letter to Supervisor Hill and read it to the Council. Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Goldberg) to send the letter to Supervisor Hill, copied to the other Supervisors and to the Director of Planning and Building. Motion carried with one abstention - Mike Casola (Letter is attached to the minutes.)
- c) **Parking Cave Landing Road:** Notes from the Cave Landing Road Parking Meeting of 8/4/17 were presented to the Council. The Land Use Committee reviewed the notes highlighting the stated issues and actions intended. After their review an AVAC letter was drafted to be sent to the Director of Parks and Recreation and Commissioner Hilton with a copy to Supervisor Hill and involved agencies. It urges: 1) Immediately addressing that absence of County management has resulted in death, injuries, rescues, fires and the despoliation and destruction of significant natural features - while draining resources of public safety. 2) Immediately scheduling a Parks Commission public meeting for input on a revised Cave Landing management and improvement plan, with notification to interested community members and affected public safety agencies. 3) Immediately following-up the public meeting by meeting with the Coastal Commission staff for its input on a revised plan. 4) Immediately performing revisions to the existing plan for management and improvements, then submitting an application. Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Brown) to send the letter stating the Land Use Committee's recommendations. Motion carried. (Letter is attached to the minutes.)

**9. Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Anne Brown reminded the Council and community of the Avila Gala Apple Festival Dinner on September 23 at the Avila Beach Civic Association.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation:** Rick Cohen announced the Avila Storytelling Evening on Oct. 20 from 6 - 8:30PM. Reservations are open online starting Sept. 1.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon:** John Shoals reported: 1) Unit 1 and 2 are operating safely; 2) The July 28 Alert was in Unit 2 because of the oxygen level in the containment vessel; 3) Diablo Joint Proposal is being developed to determine how to replace the output when the plant goes off-line and also, the employee retention package has been accepted by 90% of its employees.

The Community Benefit Package is going to the PUC Hearing on Sept 14 at 1 PM and 7PM at the Ludwig Center in San Luis Obispo. 4) The Decommissioning Team is in process and it will involve the public. 5) The Regional Economic Assessment costs \$400K and will occur with more details to follow.

**10. AVAC Committee:**

- a) **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff requested that there be monthly updates to AVAC from County Parks on the Cave Landing Project. Also, it is suggested that the draft standards for events be responded to by the County staff. Circulation Study is being redone. By attending meetings, it has been noted that there is impact from events on parking and the study will be more comprehensive.
- b) **Diablo:** Ken Thompson stated no further comments.
- c) **Port:** Mary Matakovich stated not additional comments.
- d) **Avila Beach:** Anne Brown reported that there are no additional comments.
- e) **San Luis Bay Estates:** Jim Hartig said that there was no additional comments.
- f) **Avila Valley:** No report
- g) **See Canyon:** Denise Allen stated no additional comments.
- h) **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins stated no additional comments.
- i) **Ad Hoc Committees:** APU (Avila Plan Update) Jim Hartig - August 30 is the next meeting.

**11. Next meeting date:** September 11, 7:00PM

**12. Adjourn:** 9:20PM

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Matakovich for Karla Bittner, Secretary