

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES (Draft)

September 12, 2016

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1. **Call to Order:** by Vice Chair, Jim Hartig for regular meeting held at 7:07 p.m., PG&E Community Center. Roll Call: Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner, Denise Allen, Kirt Collis, Steve Fiant: Excused: Ken San Filippo, Lisa Newton, Anne Brown, Lynn Walter, Absent: Anita Forde. Liz Guho-Johnson, See Canyon, has resigned from the Board.
2. **Approve Minutes:** August 8, 2016: Motion to approve: Danoff/Thompson: Hartzell & Grantham abstain. Approved.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Wild Cherry Canyon Run was a well- run event and fun for all.
4. **Public Comments:** **i)** Bob Vessely introduced himself. He is a candidate for Port San Luis Harbor District Commissioner. Four people running for three seats. He has engineering background and volunteered for PSL Lighthouse Keepers and pier improvements. **ii)** Vicki Brook talked about Apple Festival at Avila Barn and Promenade events this weekend. Sept. 17 is Farm to Table Dining at Avila Barn; Sept. 18 is Everything Apple at the promenade in Avila.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Kirk Collins: Balance is \$851.82. **i)** Monthly service fee for web-site of \$10. **ii)** Saul Goldberg requests funds for suitcase to store new audio system, cost \$150 max. Motion by Goldberg/second by Grantham. Unanimously approved.
6. **County Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Taylor: **i)** August 8 to Sept. 9, 120 calls for service. Fifteen traffic stops, six 911 calls, 2 pedestrian contacts, four thefts. One armed robbery at Sycamore Resort; \$1200 was taken. Two assaults at Mr. Ricks. One assault with deadly weapon at Pirates Cove. Numerous calls for phone scams, identifying as County Sheriff and taking monies for "warrants". Thefts are troubling; many involve locked cars. This report is not exceptional based on previous reports.
 - b) **Highway Patrol:** No Report.
 - c) **CAL Fire:** Paul Lee, Battalion Chief: (e-mail report) **i)** The Chimney Fire has been controlled. Smoke may be seen until it rains. The fire was in the top 10 of the largest fires ever in SLO County. **ii)** Funding now available from a PG&E grant to do Vegetation Management work around the Ontario Ridge communication sites. Cal Fire will be working on this project over the next 2 months, as funding expires the end of October.
 - d) **Planning:** Sara Sanders: **i)** Designing web site for General Plan Update. Community Plan Update refers to the URL. Community meeting October 27; discussing time line and vision for Avila. Web site to be completed next week. **ii)** The Community Plan Update will be called Envision Avila. **iii)** General Plan Flow Chart shows the elements of the general plan. Draft timeline for Envision Avila. This shows the tentative timeline of the effort and layout what goes into the effort. There will be at least 10 community outreach events during the process in addition to AVAC meetings and Update subcommittee meetings. **iv)** Project's List - 16 projects and not too many updates: Excel spreadsheet: #4, Coastal appeal period ended: # 6) Eureka Energy approved, currently in Coastal appeal period. #9) Appeal period completed 9/8. #16) Info received in 2nd 30 day review. Link to be provided on AVAC web-site. Contact Ssanders@co.slo.ca.us.

- e) **Public Works:** Jeremy Ghent: **i)** San Miguel St between 2nd St. and Colony Drive on east side of road there is no defined curb. Mailers went out to property owners to formalize driveways. Older houses don't have much frontage, and secondary units in back. Curbing and driveways present challenges and may disrupt project. It may be difficult to preserve street parking spaces. AVAC will have presentation on plan. **ii)** Circulation Study is targeting November 27 for final adoption. **iii)** Street light at Ontario and SLB Drive: Two lights catty corner from each other. These are only illumination lights, not stop lights. **iv)** See Canyon and Prefumo Canyon will be resurfaced in April, 2017. *Following are Board inquiries:* **v)** Hansen states concerns regarding signage for the intersection at highway off-ramp. There will eventually be a traffic signal. With enough accidents, traffic volumes will not be primary consideration for installing a traffic light. **vi)** Flashing light near schoolhouse on SL Bay Drive should only operate during school hours as it becomes a traffic hazard with slowing traffic. **vii)** Concerns about cleaning around sea wall on pedestrian side—a Harbor District responsibility. **viii)** Lighting district in Avila through CSD. PG&E may maintain lights for Avila CSD.
- f) **County Parks:** No Report
- g) **County Supervisor: Adam Hill:** Hanna Miller reporting: **i)** SLO Tribune article regarding Cave Landing and Pirates Cove: Hopefully a new plan will be coming to AVAC in the coming months. **ii)** Parks director and Hill can initiate graffiti removal. *Comment by Board:* We should request plan be resubmitted to Coastal Commission. *Comment by resident:* **iii)** Developers are developing Avila and we are losing our community. Locals who live in town are disappointed to see changes. **iv)** Question regarding possibility of hotel taxes to stay in Avila.

7. **Old Business:**

- a) None

8. **New Business:**

- a) **Presentation by Dale Sutliff, Advocate, San Luis Obispo Bicycle Club (SLOBBC):** Plans for moving bike racks. Bike racks at Hula Hut are highly used, but owner of Hula Hut property did not grant permission for rack placement. Custom House representatives have granted approval with a written document of placement of racks next to Custom House. Motion to approve replacement of bike racks as conditioned by Hartig/second by Goldberg. Unanimously approved.
- b) **Diablo Lands Affirm Dream Initiative:** Motion by Hartig/Second by Danoff to send draft letter to Board of Supervisors. Unanimous approval.

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Avila Apple Festival September 17 & 18.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation:** Paula Dempsey: **i)** Deadline for grant applications September 26th. See www.avilabeachfoundation.org for more information. **ii)** Avila Art project is in progress. Colleen Gnos was the contest winner for art on the lifeguard towers.
- c) **Port San Luis:** Andrew Lueker: **i)** Port is adding additional bike racks. **ii)** Avila Pier: Matchfire has revised scope of work. Feasibility study will evaluate if it is feasible to raise funds; starts in October. **iii)** Revised site plan from Red Tail for Harbor Terrace. Special meeting Sept. 14, 6:00, Coastal Gateway. **iv)** Clean-up of beach trash after Labor Day was good. **iv)** New water taxi bids are within budget of \$38,000. Re-bid date is September 21st. **v)** RFP's for license to do business on Port property distributed. **v)** Approved social media policy. **vi)** Casey Nielson, Harbor Patrol Chief, resigned and is moving to Oregon; last day September 20th. Recruiting for his position. **vii)** Gerard Parsons, founding father of the port passed away on Friday at age 98.

- d) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon:** John Shoals: **i)** Units 1 & 2 operating at full power. **ii)** Joint Proposal submitted to PUC addressing how to replace power lost by closure of Diablo. **iii)** Employee retention package to retain employees for the next 9 years. **iv)** Economic mitigation for SLO County. \$28M in property taxes paid to the County last year. Working with County to stabilize impacts. **v)** Senator Monning submitting legislation AB968 to address draw down and help with strategies to help with DCNPP closure. **vi)** Highest and best use would be grazing. **vii)** Decommissioning will take 9 to 20 years. Security forces will remain on site for security of dry cask storage. **vi)** De sal agreement was signed with County to provide water for *emergency* supplies. The commitment will be honored. Water provided to community will not be part of the agreement. **vii)** Dream Initiative- 12,500 acres under environmental stewardship. Land Stewardship program is in place. Sustainable resources; cattle grazing and farming—those partnerships will be continued. Public Access trails for Point Buchon will continue. There is no plan to sell the property. The decommissioning process will require more employees than are currently at the plant.

10. AVAC Committee:

- a) **Land Use: Sherri Danoff:** **i)** Dream initiative letter approved. **ii)** Looking at Cave Landing options and how to approach further action. Priorities are being set, including trash removal. Coastal Development permit is required. No conclusions reached.
- b) **Diablo: Ken Thompson:** **i)** Diablo Independent Safety Committee will be in town October 19th & 20th. Tour will be available. Details to follow.
- c) **Port: Mary Matakovich:** Open House at Yacht Club September 17, noon to 4:30 p.m. to pay respects for Gerard Parsons. All invited.
- d) **Avila Beach: Ken San Filippo:** Met on September 7. Miguel & San Luis Street project. Comments not yet prepared.
- 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:** Steve Ford sent letter to Caruso about parcel in Squire Canyon in 2006. No new application. Water issues are of big concern.
- i) **Ad Hoc Committees: Jim Hartig:** RMS Update Plan info.

11. Next meeting date: October 10, 2016, PG&E Community Center, 7:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Bittner, secretary