

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

### MINUTES

September 11, 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: Mary Matakovich, Lisa Newton, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Marti Brand (alt), Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner (alt V), Mike Casola, Kirk Collins. Excused: Ken Thompson, Lynn Walter (alt), Denise Allen, Liz Guho-Johnson. Quorum established.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion and second (Brown/Hartzell) to approve Minutes of August 14, 2017 as amended. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Thanks to Mary Matakovich for taking the Minutes!
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig: Lisa Newton announces **Avila Apple Festival Gala Dinner**, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, AB Civic Assn. Garden. Fund raiser, 5 course dinner, horse & buggy rides, silent & live auction, 5-9 p.m. Tickets are available—please participate! It will be a fun event!
4. **Public Comments:** None
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell: No expenses; balance of \$1,923.80.
6. **County Reports:**
  - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Jim Voge: August 15-Sept. 11, 48 calls for service, down from previous two months. Two burglaries (non-residential). Unsecured items are at risk for burglaries. Lock your car and keep valuables on self. Pirates Cove child abandoned while mother left to explore area.
  - b) **Highway Patrol:** Capt. Michael Bueno: No report.
  - c) **CAL Fire:** Batt. Chief Paul Lee: 41 calls for service—18 medical related. **2)** Fire sprinklers are valuable for property and wildland protection. **3)** Mariposa County was assisted by our crews. **4)** Vegetation for Wild Cherry Canyon still under clearance management. **5)** Ontario Ridge is being cleared. **6)** Water agencies gathered to review water rescue reports. Kayaks should have personal identification with a sticker. This prevents searches for kayakers if their kayaks drift from shore.
  - d) **Planning:** Sara Sanders: **1)** Projects update from spreadsheet: Items 6, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17 & 18. **2)** May 16<sup>th</sup> a request was made to find out if the Avila Barn needs an event permit. Sara will follow-up. **3)** Inquiry about project 5 (King) drilling for wells—stipulation for location on property?
  - e) **Public Works:** Dave Flynn: **1)** Seal coating roads in Avila will be done September 25<sup>th</sup>. Door hangers will be hung 48 hours in advance of sealcoating. Re-striping will be done early October. **2)** Street lights on Ontario & 101 will be in place mid-October. **3)** Cave Landing Road—fire lane striping done the second week in October. **4)** Engage Avila business owners in discussion regarding employee parking in October. **5)** Zone 9 Flood Control openings for Advisory Committee available. Four year terms. Contact [DMMayfield@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:DMMayfield@co.slo.ca.us) for applications. Board of Supervisors oversee entire creek areas. **6)** **Avila Circulation Study:** Update model for presentation on September 19<sup>th</sup> to the Board of Supervisors. Annual update may be provided to AVAC. Omni will be looking at more details regarding events traffic and review other recreation areas to see how those areas accommodate special events. Present options on threshold capacity. **7)** Hartzell comments regarding cutting of willows blocking road access views on SLB Drive (S) and Avila Beach Drive (W). Roadways can only be trimmed in August. Protection of habitat for bird nesting is February through July.

- f) **County Parks:** Nick Franco: **1)** County Parks is partnering with Surfriders to place canisters and signs at the entrances to the AB plaza for cigarette disposal to try to limit the amount of cigarette butt litter in the area. **2)** The Octagon Barn/Left Turn Lane project which will be a staging area for the Bob Jones Pathway has started. Construction should be complete in late winter/early spring. **3) Cave Landing** issues will be worked on by County Parks staff as time and resources become available. Staff must focus on projects that have been prioritized and funded by the Board of Supervisors. As time allows, staff will scope a minimal project to address trash and parking issues and look for funding to support the development of new plans than can be submitted for potential permitting. Managing parking through hours of operation would be helpful. Parking surface improvements would help enforce parking regulations. Any development must be approved by Coastal Commission (which vetoed earlier requests to make minimal park improvements).
- g) **Port San Luis:** Andrea Lueker:
1. There is a large Scientific Study going on in our waters in September and October, conducted by the University of Washington, the Office of Naval Research and other universities and organizations. The study is focusing on the ocean's inner shelf dynamics. More information can be found at Inner Shelf Dynamics.
  2. **Status of Avila Pier** – Work continues on securing Board Members for the nonprofit organization. There will be an "Open House" sometime in October to look at some conceptual designs for the Pier Replacement.
  3. **Harbor Terrace** –Progress continues. Hoping to execute the Red Tail lease by the end of September. Red Tail is working on their submittals for the County to be ready almost as soon as execution occurs. The draft document is being reviewed by the Coastal Conservancy.
  4. **Beach Clean-up:** District staff conducted their final "after the holiday weekend" beach clean-up on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Coastal Clean-Up is scheduled for this Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m. at both Olde Port and Avila Beach.
  5. **Fire Rings** – get in your bonfires before Daylight Savings time when the fire rings will be pulled from Olde Port Beach.
  6. **Breakwater Repair Update** – Earlier this spring, the District's Breakwater repair project received *5 million dollars of federal funding* through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The repair job will be advertised for bids with an estimated bid opening in March 2018. Estimated start of construction is May 2018 with a four month construction period – all dependent on the weather/water conditions.
- h) **County Supervisor:** Adam Hill: **1)** DCNPP: California Public Utility Commission is holding Public Participation Hearings on Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. The CPUC will hold two identical hearings to take your comments about the retirement of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The hearing will be facilitated by an Administrative Law Judge Peter V. Allen, and your oral comments will be accepted. The meeting location is at the Ludwick Community Center, 864 Santa Rosa Street, San Luis Obispo. The first meeting will start at 1:00 PM and the second meeting at 7:00 PM. SLO seems to be better situated for Diablo closure than other cities have been. More businesses and tech companies are coming to SLO. **2)** New SLO Airport Terminal opens November 2nd. New service routes are being discussed. **3) Apple Festival** on September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be nice event. **4) Avila-Pismo Trolley** is valuable and will be supported with funding. **5)** We must be able to manage Cave Landing.

Matt Janssen, Division Mgr. from Planning regarding **Golf course events**. Land Use permit application that has multitude of improvements. Over the last two years, no responses have been made to the Planning Department. Response letter had 3 components (public info—Sara). **1)** Update on Will Serve letter, **2)** 75 day extension, **3)** Application to Tax Collector for Events over 3,000.

Marvin Rose granted the 75 day extension. In that time, entertainment license application should be filed and it will go to Board of Supervisors in the Spring. It falls under the Environmental Quality Act. Without 75 day extension, it would go to Code Enforcement and no public input is allowed. Entertainment License –what activities are allowed? Title 6, County Code. Planning Department must sign off for Title 6 applications. If the Bd. Of Sups approve the permit, it cannot be appealed to the Coast Commission.

**7. Old Business:**

- a) Project Update Avila Beach Drive Roundabout/AB Drive at US 101 Interchange Project – Genaro Diaz: Brochure has purpose/need/background and estimated schedule. We are forced to follow state/Cal Trans Plans process: Scoping & evaluation (complete), now entering Phase 2; 3<sup>rd</sup> phase Final Design, 4<sup>th</sup> phase construction. Currently no funding for construction. Seeking grants to help fund. Best case construction would be summer of 2020. Goes to Board Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> to award consultant services. Background activities may begin. This project includes Park & Ride at Shell Beach & Avila Beach Drive. Go to: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/projects/avila\\_at\\_101](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/projects/avila_at_101).

**8. New Business:**

- a) None

**9. Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Lisa Newton: **Avila Apple Festival Gala Dinner**, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, AB Civic Assn. Garden. Fund raiser, 5 course dinner, horse & buggy rides, silent & live auction, 5-9 p.m. Tickets are available—please participate! It will be a fun event!
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation:** Rick Cohen: **1)** Deadline for grant applications for 2018 today. \$80,000 was requested by applicants for awards. **2)** October 20<sup>th</sup> is Avila History Storytelling, 6-8:30 p.m. Free tickets available. **3)** Public Arts fund now \$20,000. Thanks to Adam Hill for initial pledge for the Arts fund.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon:** John Shoals: **1)** Units 1 & 2 operating safely at 100%. **2)** California Public Utility Commission is holding Public Participation Hearings on Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. The CPUC will hold two identical hearings to take your comments about the retirement of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Your oral comments will be accepted. The meeting location is at the Ludwick Community Center, 864 Santa Rosa Street, San Luis Obispo. The first meeting will start at 1:00 PM and the second meeting at 7:00 PM. Joint Proposal deals with replacing output, employee retention and training and community mitigation to make community whole. Important to keep employees here. Decommissioning is in early stages. Looking for opportunities to keep some infrastructure in place (de-sal plant). **3)** Working with Cal Fire for controlled burn in October.

**10. AVAC Committee:**

- a) **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff: **1)** Update draft for Circulation Study to establish fees for new development. **2)** McCarthy appeal hearing Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> for Ontario Trail.
- b) **Diablo:** Ken Thompson: No report.
- c) **Port:** Mary Matakovich: No report.
- d) **Avila Beach:** Anne Brown: Item 17, cell antennae on La Fonda Hotel, Thursday, 1:30 p.m. plans available at CSD office. Anyone can access report for recommendation.

- 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: No report.
- i) **Ad Hoc Committees:** APU (Avila Plan Update) Jim Hartig: Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.

11. **Next meeting date:** October 9, 2017

12. **Adjourn:** 8:20 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:**

Karla Bittner

AVAC Secretary

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