

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

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1. **Call to Order:** by Chair, Jim Hartig for regular meeting at 7:00pm, at the PG&E Energy Education Center.

Roll Call (present): Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Marti Brand (alt), Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Martin Suits, Steve Benedict, Saul Goldberg, Carol Hayden, Kirt Collins, Margaret Greenough, Denise Allen. Lisa Newton, Lynn Walter, Mike Casola, and Liz Guho-Johnson (alt) were not present. Quorum established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Danoff and seconded by Benedict to approve the August 12, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig: The Chair reminded the council and the public that the purpose of public comment is to make statements without questions, answers or comments other than that of the person commenting. The Chair asked that everyone respect that process and to limit public comments to three minutes. Items will be addressed during the County Planning item later on the agenda.
4. **Public Comments:** There were two public comments. (1) Mary Chiu of Friends of Avila Pier displayed a copy of the Avila Life publication highlighting the status of the Avila Pier. She made copies available to those who have not received a copy. Also, she pointed out Lisa Newton receiving a Community Service Award at the Apple Festival. (2) Steve Rossi announced two events at the Avila Beach Resort: 9/14 – Octoberfest and 9/20 – Marin Morris.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell: There were no expenses; so, the balance remains the same, \$1695.63, in the checking account.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff** – Commander Justin Nelson: During the month of August there were 142 calls for service (same as last year) and 21 reports (last year 19) in the Avila area. There were two calls for assault/domestic violence issues, eleven calls for disturbance of the peace, three calls for burglary (vehicles), and four calls for thefts. The sheriff assisted CalFire at Cave Landing where a stolen firearm was confiscated and it turned out it was retrieved from the owner who had not reported he had found his firearm.
 - b) **Highway Patrol** – Sgt. Heiderbrink provided the August statistics; two collisions and two separate DUI's.
 - c) **CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee: The Chief was involved in an "active fire situation." No report.
 - d) **Planning** – Chair Jim Hartig reported from Director Trevor Keith that there is no County Planning Liaison to AVAC at this time, possibly next month there will be a replacement.

There was no updated project list presented. Also, Jim noted that the Somera Project (50 cottages) will be having a County Planning Scoping Meeting preparing for the EIR on Oct. 10, from 6-8PM at the ABCA building; all are invited to attend.

- e) **Public Works** - Dave Flynn: Public Works has met with the Land Use Committee reviewing the Circulation Study. There is no action at this time. He is expecting that AVAC's comments will be available at the October meeting, as this study is scheduled for the Board Of Supervisors' Meeting November 19th. Also, involved is the review of the comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration regarding projects within the traffic signals and the third exit lane (outbound), and the Avila Beach Drives' interchange. Also, Julia Hartzell noted that off of San Luis Bay Drive, north-bound, looking both right and left as you drive on to the freeway, the vegetation is blocking the road view. Dave indicated that they would look into it.
- f) **County Parks** – No report
- g) **Port San Luis** – Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker prepared a written report.
Harbor Terrace Project – Red Tail Acquisitions has installed “coming soon” signage on the site and continues to address a few additional comments from the County for issuance of the grading permit. County Planning Commission will be considering a request for the third extension of the Coastal development Permit for the Harbor Terrace Project at their September 12, 2019 meeting. County staff has recommended approval of the extension.

Avila Pier – Moffat and Nichol have completed their underwater and above water inspection of the Avila Pier and are working on the final report in regard to their findings. Harbor District staff has been busy working on various grant applications for the Avila Pier including through the Division of Boating and Waterways as well as the Coastal Conservancy. The nonprofit, Friends of Avila Pier, website is up and running and can be found at www.AvilaPier.org A new Board of Directors for the nonprofit is headed up by President Tom Swem.

Harbor Patrol Rescue – A few weeks ago, the Port San Luis Harbor Patrol was in the process of towing a boat when they got the call and responded to a 25-foot capsized vessel, 4-5 miles outside of Port San Luis. Harbor Patrol was able to arrive on site and rescue all six people, including two elderly and one child. The vessel sank. All six were transported and treated for hypothermia, and all are fine thanks to the quick action and excellent work from our Harbor Patrol, Coast Guard and EMT's.

Final Beach Clean-Up – Harbor District Staff concluded their yearly “after the holiday beach clean-up” on Tuesday September 3rd. Next District Beach Clean-up will be following Memorial Day, 2020.

- h) **County Supervisor** – Nicole, Legislative Assistant to presented the update. Adam Hill is serving on the State Council Homeless Advisory Group which will be meeting four times this year to establish recommendations. On the 24th, the Veterans' Outreach Program with activities throughout the community took place. The Airport will now have flights to Portland and San Diego. The Board of Supervisors' Meeting on Dec. 17 will take action on the Avila Beach Resort event permit. The staff report will be made available prior to that meeting. The Central Coast Aquarium event is the 14th and everyone is encouraged to support this event. Ken Thompson inquired about the reporting that the Board of Supervisors are requesting to be the Lead Agency during the Decommissioning Process of Diablo Canyon. Nicole indicated that the Board wants to share their perspective during this process. Also, as far as the General Plan Update, the funding is secured now and the logistics have to be set,

like the Planning Staff assigned, Diablo's decommissioning and permitting of events in place. Sherri Danoff inquired about the contract with Rincon that planning has stated is in place to complete the update to the General Plan. Nicole said she would get back to us regarding if Planning or Rincon will complete the update.

7. Old Business: None.

8. New Business: Joe Guzzardi, the new Director of the Office of Emergency Services, introduced himself providing an overview of his extensive professional background. His office is in the New Government Center, 1055 Monterey, SLO – D-430. His team is focused on “all risks” including, but not limited to nuclear plant issues. He will be heading-up multiple alert programs. The Office of Emergency Services will complete its tasks by 2038 and they will have the funding guaranteed to do their work. Also, there will be extensive trainings for the power plant. A concern was raised about the evacuation times. Joe indicating they are contracting with Alert Sense to provide our County with the latest communication system; soon to be implemented.

7. Community Liaisons:

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Anne Brown: Anne announced that the Apple Festival was a big success. She appreciated the support of the community.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation** - Rick Cohen: Rick announced that the art panels will be installed at the Central Coast Aquarium for a Community Foundation Reception October 5 from 1:30-2:30PM. Also Boyd Horne's Celebration of Life will be from 11-1PM on that day at the Avila Beach Civic Association.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels presented an overhead, accompanied by music, on the notice to connect your cell phones to PG&E services 1-877-9000-PGE. Also, the Planning Commission's Hearing regarding the improvement to the North Ranch (access) Road from Diablo Canyon will be held on September 27th. This improved road will provide two-way access. It is also on CAL Fire's Emergency Plan for secondary access for the Port. Consultations have been with the Native Americans. The bulk of the work will be done in the Spring.

10. AVAC Committees:

- a. **Land Use** - Sherri Danoff: The Land Use Committee will continue to review revisions made by Public Works on the Avila Circulation Study draft.
- b. **Diablo** - Ken Thompson: There is no video of the NRC's meeting of August 27th, and the dictation will be ready for public access.
- c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich: Nothing to add to the report she read to the Committee earlier.
- d. **Avila Beach** - Anne Brown: She reported that Chevron has submitted an application to demolish three buildings and have submitted a re-transmittal of an application from 2013 for hydrocarbon recovery and remediation. More information will become available when the request is formalized for the committee to review.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** - Jim Hartig: Nothing to report.

- f. **Avila Valley**: - Julia Hartzell: Nothing to report.
- g. **See Canyon** - Denise Allen: Denise reported a line was down in the canyon causing a power outage. Also a mountain lion was spotted. Apple season is in full swing. Denise generously supplied apples for the committee and invited everyone to come to her home for a free-pick of apples : red fugis and pink ladies.
- h. **Squire Canyon** – Kirt Collins: Nothing to report
- i. **Ad Hoc Committees** - Jim Hartig: Nothing to report.

11. Next meeting date: Monday, October 7, 2019

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Lynn Walter
Secretary