

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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

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

2. **Approve Minutes:** A comment was made that a date from the previous minutes needed to be corrected. Given that correction, minutes for October 1, 2018 were approved following a motion to approve by Brown and a second by Danoff.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig: After a relatively quiet couple of months there has been a barrage of new projects and applications for the committee to review including the refiled application at the golf course for events, the Somera 50 cottages, the Avila Inn addition and a new project from PG&E for an access road to a communications equipment location. Jim is also looking forward to helping Rick Cohen in support of the Community Showcase scheduled for February. There will be opportunities for AVAC to participate in supporting this event.
4. **Public Comments:** There was one public comment from Shirley Goetz who publicly thanked Denise Allen for trying to find answers about the status of the Avila Bird Sanctuary. The conclusion was that there is no current benefit to the Avila community being provided by the non-profit organization.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell: There was no activity last month and the current balance remains at: \$1,766.63. Jim Hartig indicated that he had just received the bill for the website and would be providing that to Julia.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff** – Commander Michael Manuele: Commander Manuele apologized for being late but that he had just returned from the Cambria Community Center who had provided a donation to the Sheriff's program for gang aversion training. During the month of October there were 91 calls for service. As a comparison; Cambria had 321, Cayucos had 153, Los Osos had 586, San Simeon had 45. In Avila, among the calls for service there were 11 disturbances, 1 drug arrest, 1 lost property, no burglaries, no thefts, 1 vandalism, 2 suspicious circumstances, and 2 phone scams. Looks like the end of summer. There was an urn found at the Port with remains which is illegal and improper. The urn was turned over to the County Coroner for proper treatment. In answer to a question from the public, Commander Manuele stated that it would be appropriate to call the Sheriff for loud parties in the town of Avila. The Sheriff would generally check out the situation and in most cases

they would be able to mitigate the situation. He also cautioned to look out for rental scams on Craig's list!

- b) **Highway Patrol** – Captain Michael Bueno/Sergeant Heiderbrink: No representative present and no report.
- c) **CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee: In the last month there were 46 calls for service, 26 of those medical related. There was a tanker rollover on highway 101 with about 2500 gallons of fertilizer spilled on the roadway. The special Hazmat team helped keep it out of the creek. Cal Fire also rescued 3 people from Ontario Ridge. The heat at the top of the ridge is extreme compared to the heat at the foot of the trail and 2 females were out of water and had to be helped off the ridge. Also a large dog that was overheated due to lack of hydration and the temperature that had to be assisted down the trail. There was a 25 acre fire on Sunday near Johnson Ranch. The response took 10 engines, 1 bulldozer, 3 water dropping helicopters and 2 water dropping planes. The cause of the fire is still under investigation but Chief Lee expects to know the cause by the end of the week and will report to AVAC next month. Also, congratulations to the San Luis Bay Estates who was awarded a grant for fire safety measures; first protecting the homes abutting the Bob Jones trail and next protecting the Estates from the back side of the Irish Hills. The Light House burn permit won't be granted until after the first rains. Cal Fire will communicate about the burn when it is scheduled. This last weekend was the time change – a good reminder to replace fire alarms and to check your portable emergency kit.
- d) **Planning** - Sara Sanders: Changes from last month include: Project #2, The Salucci & Hodge project and Director Determination was appealed to the Board of Supervisors and the hearing date is to be determined. Project #6, The RFP for the General Plan Amendment will be going out November 6th and Sara will send a copy to AVAC. This RFP has an 18 page "Scope" section! Project #7, The Somera 50 room cottages development plan has project updates that were sent to AVAC for review. Project #11, A subdivision review board hearing is now scheduled for December 3rd to convey property from San Luis Coastal Unified School district to private ownership at 161 San Antonia Street. Project #12, The Covelop minor use permit for the Avila Inn was referred to AVAC. Project #14, in answer to a question from last month, Sara indicated that the process now is in the hands of the Regional Water Quality Board. When that entity completes their evaluation and determination, the process is then returned to the County planner. Project #15 is the new PG&E permit request for a road to access communication equipment. That project was not yet on the project spreadsheet but Sara will be sending out an updated spreadsheet this week to AVAC. Anne Brown asked Sara to check out the ad in the Avila paper that is selling property that includes 3 vacation rentals. Anne is concerned that it violates the vacation ordinance. Sara will investigate and provide information back to AVAC on this.

Sherri Danoff made a motion, seconded by Jim Hartig. Motion: AVAC to send a letter to Supervisor Hill, copied to Rita Neal (county counsel), and Trevor Keith (director of planning and building). The letter was provided to the AVAC members prior to and at the meeting. The letter requests that county provide their rationale in determining that the General plan need not be amended in conjunction with amending the San Luis Bay Estates Master Development plan. This decision resulted from an internal meeting at the county planning offices, and represents an about-face from the 2006 determination from a now retired County Division Manager. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- e) **Public Works** - Dave Flynn: The seismic retrofit project for the Avila Beach Drive Bridge is going well except that it is behind schedule. Dave estimates that the project will extend to the end of the year. Starting November 19th the crew will begin working on the top deck which will result in traffic delays between the hours of 7:00am and 3:00pm. They will be resurfacing the deck as well as excavating at each end of the bridge. In response to a question about Proposition 6, Dave said that if it were to pass, this bridge project and others like it will still continue. At risk will be the projects that are in the planning phase with no current funding. The consultant TJKM provided a presentation last month to the Land Use Committee and discussed several interesting ideas about solving the parking issues in Avila. The draft report is available on the County Public Works website. Dave is going to make the consultant available in the months after January to make a presentation to AVAC. Dave announced the annual reporting on road impact fees is complete for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. This report is a procedural requirement that allows the County to collect the road impact fees. The report shows a total of \$535,778 in funds that will be used to mitigate traffic impacts in Avila. Dave was asked the question about why the fees are not adjusted annually and have remained at \$3800 per trip for several years. Dave responded that a change to the escalation policy (whether for cost of living or other nominal percentage annual increase) needs to be brought to the board of supervisors for approval. Sherri Danoff made a motion that AVAC support the continuation of the current fees for this year as recommended by Public Works with an amendment to the motion to add a recommendation for an annual escalation. Mary Matakovich seconded the amended motion. Discussion included concern for the cost of development if there was an ever-increasing fee. The motion was passed, with 3 “no” votes.
- f) **County Parks** - Nick Franco: not present and no report.
- g) **Port San Luis** - Andrea Lueker: Not present but report provided.

Avila Pier – The Staff has met with representatives from Moffat and Nichol, the firm hired to complete a study to look at the condition of the Avila Pier and provide a more specific cost estimate for repairs/replacement. As a result of the meeting, in a Special Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for November 8th at 3:00 pm we will be asking the Board to amend the scope of work to include a Load Capacity Study.

Harbor Terrace Project – Red Tail Acquisitions continues to fine tune the grading plan and retaining wall design and hopes to submit the grading plan in the very near future. At this time, the development schedule has not been amended with groundbreaking in February and completion in late 2019.

Cruise Ships – National Geographic will be anchoring in San Luis Bay on December 5th between 8 am and 3 pm. The vessel is the National Geographic Venture built in 2018 (293 ft. long, 48 ft. wide, 9 ft. draft) with capacity for 100 passengers. If conditions are favorable, the passengers will board their inflatable tenders (Zodiacs) and access the Harford Pier from the floating public landing. From there, several excursions are planned for the passengers. The Board of Commissioners, at their October 2018 meeting passed a per passenger wharfage fee of \$7 for each passenger/crew member that disembarks.

Business Opportunities at Port San Luis – Several months ago, Request for Proposals (RFP) was released for a Retail Market, Deli and/or Other Related Retail Services at the District’s Trailer Boat Launch Building (next to Avila Paddle Sports). Two proposals were

turned in and neither proposal had majority support from the Board of Commissioners, so a second RFP will be released, likely in December. The RFP will 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 as soon as it is released.

h) County Supervisor - Adam Hill: Adam had been focusing in the last few months on improving the tenor of the Board of Supervisor meetings and interrelations. He reflected that after the June election he didn't want national-stage politics to be mirrored at our local level. Adam said that elected officials owe good governance to their constituents and that allegiance needs to play out as good decorum at meetings. So, he has been doing everything possible to lower the temperature at the board and in the board room. He believes that people shouldn't look at each other as enemies just because they have different opinions. On a different note, Adam noted that the Decommissioning Engagement Panel will be providing a report to the PUC and has served PG&E's needs to report to the PUC. This means that the County needs to step up in dealing with the economic hit the County will take when Diablo Canyon stops operations. At that point it is even conceivable that PG&E might sell the plant to a decommissioning company who will bring their own employees. The 1090 bill signed by the governor that provided additional funds to the county is just a part of what will be needed to have economic survivability here. The County is stepping up efforts within their partnerships, for example with Cal Poly, to continue an aggressive effort to develop business and economic vitality without PG&E. The County will begin engaging with the Nuclear Regulators and the Department of Energy on safety for the County during decommissioning activities. Adam feels it is important that the County go on record with what we want.

7. **Old Business:** Genaro Diaz (project manager for the Avila Beach Drive at US101 Interchange project) gave a presentation together with Paul Valado of Cal Trans. Currently the Initiation and Scoping phase of this project is complete and currently the Planning, Specification and Environmental Documentation are being prepared. This phase should be complete by the fall of 2019. Construction is still pending funding. So far the project is ahead of schedule and on budget. The team came up with a traffic circle concept by applying the intersection control policy successfully used by Cal Trans throughout the state. Kirt Collins asked about the County helping with Monte Road blind curve from entering traffic to the 101. Genaro will relay that concern for more immediate consideration since it is outside the scope of this project. Ken Thompson asked if there would be cameras and lighting at the newly proposed park and ride. The answer was that there would be electricity planned for lighting and Cal Trans will consider providing some cameras on stations for security. Lights are already included in the project. Carol Hayden asked about the safety consideration of crosswalks planned for the intersection. The Project team will consider experienced as well as novice bicycle riders in the plan.
8. **New Business:** MaryEl Hansen will chair the nominating committee for the 2019 Officer nominations. She will be contacting existing officers to see if they are interested in staying on. Anyone interested in this amazing opportunity to support your community please contact MaryEl directly. MaryEl will be presenting the nominating committee nominations during the December AVAC meeting.
9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association** - Lisa Newton: The Spaghetti and Bingo night was a big success and brought in a lot of money. Next up is the Doggie Parade on November 26th, Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00 on the promenade. Santa's Doggie parade and potluck will be held on December 14th.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation** - Rick Cohen: nothing to report.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels: The clock for the room had been ordered but disappeared somewhere in the system; they have ordered a new one. There was an evaluated drill by FEMA and the NRC. There were no findings. Even though the governor signed SB 1090 this September, the bill goes into effect January 1st. The bill directs the PUC to provide funding for employee retention, green replacement power and community mitigation funds. PG&E remains at standby until the PUC orders. The next engagement panel meeting is on November 14th at 6:30 in the Board of Supervisors chamber.

10. **AVAC Committees:**

- a. **Land Use** - Sherri Danoff: The Land Use Committee's only activity this last month was meeting with Public Works on parking. Sherri said that there were some very good ideas presented and looks forward to having a fuller presentation and discussion at an AVAC meeting in the future. The LUC is very grateful to Dave Flynn and his group's work on the area circulation study. Though the study is behind schedule it is moving forward.
- b. **Diablo** - Ken Thompson: At the last Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee Public Meeting on October 24-25 a speaker was featured who was Dr. David Victor, Chair of the San Onofre Engagement Panel. He spoke about their 4 years of experiences with the San Onofre Plant shutdown. Their communities are most concerned about Safety. Sherri commented that the Diablo Canyon Engagement panel will be discussing spent fuel storage at the next meeting and are going to be focused on safety.
- c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich: nothing to report.
- d. **Avila Beach** - Anne Brown: The Avila Beach Committee did not meet last week because there are no new projects at this time. However, Anne and Vicky are appealing the Salucci/Hodge project to the Board of Supervisors and are standing by to learn the date of the hearing. They will let AVAC members and the public know the date and welcome the support of everyone who would be able to attend.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** - Jim Hartig: As stated before there are project updates that have been received that the San Luis Bay Estates Committee will be reviewing and one project that is not on the county planning project spreadsheet because it is being handled through the tax collector's office, is the golf course events application.
- f. **Avila Valley**: - Julia Hartzell: The Avila Valley residents are anxiously waiting on what will be happening with the two projects now on hold in their area. Julia also had some information regarding the Belleview Santa Fe school construction project. Apparently that big hole that was dug in the garden area of the school was filled by dirt removed from the San Luis Obispo High School pool construction. There were several trucks used to fill that hole. The trucks journeyed to and from on a small residential road and she is worried about the wear and tear on that road.

- g. **See Canyon** - Denise Allen: not present no report.
- h. **Squire Canyon** – Kirt Collins: nothing to report.
- i. **Ad Hoc Committees** - Jim Hartig: No meetings this last month but that will change once the RFP is issued, shortly.

11. Next meeting date: Monday, December 10, 2018

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Lynn Walter
Secretary