

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

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**November 4, 2019**

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1. **Call to Order:** by the Chair, Jim Hartig, for regular meeting at 7:00pm, at the PG&E Energy Education 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, Denise Allen. Kirt Collins, Margaret Greenough, Mike Casola, and Liz Guho-Johnson (alt) were not present. Quorum established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded (Thompson/Newton) to approve the amended October 7, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig thanked everyone for their "well" wishes and said, "All is well!"
4. **Public Comments:** There were two public comments. (1) Katy Surtevant of the Avila Resort commented on the Avila by the Sea event and said that pictures and updates are on the website, Avila by the Sea Resort.com. There will be an Open House, Nov. 14 from 1-3PM and Nov. 20 from 4-6PM; RSVPs are requested. Dec. 7, a Holiday Market is scheduled with Golf Sales available too. (2) Mary Chiu congratulated Jim Hartig who is highlighted in this month's edition of the Avila Life News. Mary also encouraged attendance at the Port San Luis Harbor District Meeting on Nov. 19, 6PM, for a presentation by Moffat-Nicols, as they will present their report on the rehabilitation project of the Avila Pier.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell reported that there were no expenditures this past month. The checking balance is now \$1,695.62.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**

**a) Sheriff** – Sheriff Auden reported there were 112 calls for service, compared to last year's 92. There were 18 reports in the Avila area compared to 11 last year. There were incidents involving: burglary, vandalism, fighting. There have been incidents of mail thief, particularly in See Canyon; the Sheriff encouraged See Canyon residents to secure post office boxes at the Avila Beach Post Office, thereby avoiding this problem.

**b) Highway Patrol** – No report

**c) CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee: There were 47 calls for service of which 16 were medically-related. There have been some small, local fires. Be on the alert for anything suspicious. He asked the question, once again, "What do we do when there is a time change?" The audience answered, "Change your smoke alarm batteries!" He was pleased with the audience's response. Due to the weather, there have been no layoffs. Our local firefighters, at times, have been assigned to other fires in the state. Also, our area has received additional equipment, like a heli-tanker and a bucket ship, both able to access water easily. The staff is involved in training with the Diablo staff. Three grants are in-the-works; the Chief should hear the results in December.

- d) **Planning** - No report. Though later in the meeting, Supervisor Hill distributed an updated Avila Planning & Building Projects table. No AVAC rep assigned at this time.
- e) **Public Works** - Dave Flynn: The Avila Circulation Study and Road Improvement Fee Update will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their action. The environmental review documents for the Avila Beach Drive Interchange requires a Mitigated Negative Declaration. At the January meeting there will be a Round-About Display for public review. Mary El Hansen asked if there has been no collisions with the new setup; Dave indicated that there have been a few collisions, and it is too early to evaluate its effectiveness.
- f) **County Parks** - No report
- g) **Port San Luis** - Bob Vessley, President of the Harbor District Board, read the Harbor Manager's report announcing: Commission Meetings in Nov. and Dec. will be the third Tuesday, due to the holidays; Pension Liability Workshop set for 9:30AM on 11/6; Nov. 19th Commission Meeting with Avila Pier Report presented; Harbor Terrace is still in need of the required permits, as they are working with the County to resolve.
- h) **County Supervisor** - Adam Hill talked about the "looming black-outs" which the Board of Supervisors are to be discussing at their next meeting. He shared that Planning and Building Department is in the process of hiring a position to address Decommissioning of Diablo to which he is suggesting adding the Avila Liaison position to this new position; this would serve as a "bridge" as a temporary position for now. PG&E's bankruptcy resulted in a judge assigning a mediator; there are issues to be resolved up and down the State. Ken Thompson asked about the employees and their need for support throughout this process. Mary Matakovich asked about the homeless issue in the county to which he indicated it is a short-term priority with one-time funding; public safety and health needs to be addressed.

7. **Old Business:** None.

8. **New Business:** Officer Nomination Committee 2020 is made-up of MaryEl Hansen and Lynn Walter. They are in the process of putting a slate of officers together for action at the December meeting:

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Anne Brown stated that the Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night was a terrific success. There will be the Annual Meeting in December; it also will be a potluck and everyone is invited.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation** - Rick Cohen stated that the Foundation is in the middle of the grant process and they will be making their decisions within the next couple of weeks, with a December announcement. He encouraged everyone to purchase an Avila license plate holder to promote and support the public art projects.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels reported that Unit 1 is 100% and the outage is mainly focusing on additional maintenance and dealing with the non-nuclear-side of the plant. The Engagement Panel is dealing with the Economic Impact topic as well focusing on development. There is an Interactive Process between the County and PG&E going on at this time. During the first part of the new year, the Panel will be dealing with transportation issues including, but not limited to, non-contaminated materials..

10. **AVAC Committees:**

- a. **Land Use** - Sherri Danoff provided an overview of the proposed letter mainly addressing the council's objection to the golf course's events application focusing on the major issues: County Ordinance requirements, the Open Space Easement, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the legality of existing events, parking and the temporary nature of the events. Also, she presented an overview of Recommended Conditions for Golf Course Events which were gleaned from the ongoing discussion of the Land Use Committee. A discussion ensued clarifying the role of the AVAC and addressing individual Board members' comments. Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Goldberg) to approve the letter (attached) and the recommended conditions (attached). Motion carried. Sherri also mentioned that the Avila Circulation Study and Road Improvement Fee Update will be presented for action at the Board of Supervisors' Meeting on Nov. 19.
- b. **Diablo** - Ken Thompson reported on the Independent Safety Committee Meeting reviewing PG&E's continued maintenance program (for 85 days) involving refueling, maintenance and the reactor pump. There is also continued attention to the retention of employees for this second tier 2020 - 2023.
- c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich - No report
- d. **Avila Beach** - Anne Brown shared three letters(attached) the committee requested for action:1) Motion made and seconded (Brown/Danoff) to approve the letter recommending approval of a Minor Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit for the Chevron remediation facility for hydrocarbon recovery; motion carried. 2) Motion made and seconded (Brown/Matakovich) to approve the letter with committee's recommendation for a Minor Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit for Helenius to add a second story on their home; motion carried. 3) Motion made and seconded (Brown/Danoff) to approve the letter recommending approval of a Minor Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit for Chevron's removal of the pump house, lab pump house and the fire pump house; motion carried. Discussion of #3 centered around the historical significance of the setting; the letter indicates that there be a historical description placed at the site addressing the site's historical significance. Brad Hageman, Avila Beach Community Service District(ABCSD), was present to represent the CSD, if necessary, on the two Chevron projects. Next Avila Beach Committee Meeting will be on Nov. 13 at 9:30 downstairs at the Avila Beach Civic Association building.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** - Jim Hartig: Nothing to report.
- f. **Avila Valley**: - Julia Hartzell shared the committee's letter requesting for approval by the Council for their recommendations on the proposed Conditional Use Permit to change the approved use of the existing structure from a tasting room to a daycare center on Ontario Road. Items provided for careful review were: construction, septic system, security, driveway and issues about Ontario Road. Motion was made and seconded (Hartzell/Danoff) to approve the committee's recommendations for review before issuing the permit. (attached) Motion carried.
- g. **See Canyon** - Denise Allen invited the Council members and the audience to an Apple Picking at her home on Sunday between 12 - 2PM, as there are 1000's of all kinds of apples ready to be picked. People were thankful for her generous offer. .
- h. **Squire Canyon** – No report
- i. **Ad Hoc Committees** - Jim Hartig indicated no Planning Department Liaison/no report.

11. **Next meeting date:** Monday, December 9, 2019

12. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary Matakovich  
Substitute Secretary