

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES

December 12, 2016

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1. **Call to Order:** by Chair, Ken San Filippo for regular meeting held at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center. Roll Call: Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown (alt), Julia Hartzell, Marti Brand (alt, voting), Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner (alt), Kirt Collins, Steve Fiant, Mike Casola: Excused: Mary El Hansen, Lynn Walter, Absent: Denise Allen. Quorum established.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve Nov. 14, 2016 Minutes: Goldberg/Pusanik: Approved. Matakovich abstain. Motion by Danoff/Second Hartzell that AVAC members be copied on all approved letters distributed. In favor, 9 members, 6 opposed. Motion passed.
3. **Chairs Comments:** Documents provided to AVAC Board included Avila Planning & Bldg. Projects, Schedule for 2017 AVAC meetings, Oak Woodland Protection Ordinance info from Land Use Committee.
4. **Public Comments:** Bittner honored Ted Ivarie, past AVAC Board member, passed away last week.



TED IVARIE

IN MEMORIAM

WE REMEMBER TED THROUGH HIS YEARS OF SERVICE ON OUR AVAC BOARD.

HE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN

IN HIS DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY, AND FAMILY.

HE WILL BE REMEMBERED BY HIS FRIENDS AND DEVOTED FAMILY.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Kirt Collins: Balance of \$559.23. Reimbursed \$87.47 for audio case and website management of \$165.12.
6. **County Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Jim Taylor: No report.
 - b) **Highway Patrol:** Sgt. John Johnson: **i)** Bike lanes in SLO do not allow parking anywhere. There have been two fatalities in the last few months. Be aware of cyclers when driving. **ii)** There are parking violators in Avila Beach. Enforcement is problematic because marked cars get moved before 72 hours expire. **iii)** More transients are settling into Avila and are a concern for Post Office employees and residents.
 - c) **CAL Fire:** Batt. Chief Paul Lee: **i)** 41 Calls for service, 30 medical. **ii)** Cal Fire has gone to winter staffing. The state is funding 4 additional engines to work on winter vegetation management projects throughout the county. **iii)** Davis Peak Management project completed. Protection of the critical communication infrastructure has occurred and the access road has been turned into a shaded fuel break. **iv)** Smoke detectors should have new batteries and home emergency kits fully stocked. **v)** Make sure your structure is winterized. The number one thing to look out for is electric appliances that are not protected from water contact.
 - d) **Planning:** Sara Sanders: 6 projects reported, Refer to Avila Planning & Bldg. Projects: 1) Salucchi & Hodge, accepted; 2) HDFT Investments, approved, 3) Serenade Homes, in coastal appeal period, 4) McCarthy, Environmental Review complete and scheduled for Jan. 26 Planning Commission hearing; 5) SLO County Community Plan Update, next workshop February 9, 2017, 6:30-8:00 p.m.; 6) Three Sylvester Sister LLC, information hold. Responding to AVAC members comments, Sara said she would check whether EIR

preparation is proceeding for Chevron's Avila Point project and would insert into the project status chart when information holds commenced.

- e) **Public Works:** Mike Britton: **i)** SLB Drive on-ramp/lights. Problem is defining right of way between Cal Trans and SLO County. May consider reflectors on guardrail. **ii)** There may be a resolution to revise speed limit on Ontario Road near Bob Jones Trailhead. **iii)** Looking at Highway safety Improvement Program for pedestrian crosswalk illumination at the Bob Jones trailhead. **iv)** Flooding at San Antonio and First Street on-going (Hartig). **v)** AVAC is seeking the latest draft updates on Circulation Study.
- f) **County Parks:** Nick Franc: **i)** Raccoons on Bob Jones Bike Trail. Don't feed the animals. **ii)** Cave Landing: County meeting with Coastal Commission staff, getting support on scaled down project. January may be next meeting. **iii)** AVAC requests commendation to Park staff in Avila. **iv)** Use of Bob Jones trail times required by County to be dawn to dusk. PW should replace sign on the pedestrian bridge over creek that has hours (Pusanik). **v)** AB Drive crosswalk toward Golf Course has eucalyptus tree debris on the trail. Request cleaning (Hartzell).
- g) **County Supervisor:** Adam Hill: He is attending swearing in of John Shoals and city council in Grover Beach. Hana Miller: **i)** Final County Budget brochures distributed. **ii)** Measure J failed. What measures will Supervisors take to fix our roads? (Thompson) **iii)** AVAC needs application to request funds for our treasury.

7. **Old Business:**

- a) None

8. **New Business:**

- a) **Land Use- Amendment for Agriculture Ponds and Reservoirs:** Airlin Singewald, Sr. Planner, County: No Report
- b) **2017 AVAC Council Member Nominations:** Kirk Collins: Chair: Ken San Filippo; Vice Chair: Jim Hartig; Treasurer: Julia Hartzell; Secretary: Karla Bittner. Slate nominated; to be elected in January, 2017.
- c) 2017 AVAC Meeting Dates Schedule: Every month, second Monday as follows: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 2017.

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Lisa Newton: **i)** Christmas party big success. Santa arrived. **ii)** Doggie Parade had 35 entries. **iii)** Feb 6 is Spaghetti Dinner. **iv)** Avila News has column with future events. **Avila Beach Foundation:** Rick Cohen: No report.
- b) **Port San Luis:** Andrea Lueker: **i) Status of Avila Pier** - Netzel Grigsby Associates of Santa Barbara has begun the work on the feasibility study which will address the question – "Is it feasible to raise the amount of \$\$ needed to replace the pier as it is and how long will that take?" **ii) Harbor Terrace** –review of the financial structure of a lease agreement that would work for both Red Tail and the District. The draft revised site plan, which adheres to the existing contours of the site result in a reduction of the number of RV spaces, Cabin Spaces and Safari tents from the 126 to 74, which affects revenues. **iii) Interim Chief Harbor Patrol Officer:** Interview process begins early 2017. **iv) November Commission Meeting:** Commission approved travel to DC to advocate for the breakwater repair, sediment management, designation of the Port as a critical Harbor of refuge and increased Coast Guard presence. They hope to meet with NOAA concerning National Marine Sanctuaries. **v)** District staff held a fundraiser for **Mara Ziehn** a port employee for almost 30 years, who is facing medical difficulties. The drive-through BBQ raised almost \$6,000. **vi)** Port Commissioners will be addressing dogs on the beaches in January at the Property committee meeting. Reported problems are increasing.

- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon:** John Shoals being sworn in as Mayor of Grover Beach: Eric Daniels: Plant operating safely. January or Feb. AVAC presentation on Join Proposal for Closure to AVAC. New terms are adding \$10M for economic development. \$75M is tax mitigation money. Drop off in tax revenue will be augmented with those funds. Every small district will get funds through County Assessor.

10. **AVAC Committees:**

- a) **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff: **i) Oak Woodland Protection Ordinance:** Intent is to protect healthy oak woodlands. Communicating the following, incorporated into a letterhead letter, to Planning and the Supervisors:

AVAC supports adoption of the draft ordinance with revisions which address comments below:

- The ordinance should not apply only to oak woodland removal “for non-residential land uses.” Substantial oak removal for other uses is possible, such as
- The ordinance should protect clearing of less than an acre of healthy oaks. Depending on property sizes in an area, character and ecology could be significantly damaged.
- The ordinance should clarify what oak removal is to require an approved Management Plan. Proposed language merely states: “An Oak Woodland Management Plan can be used to allow for the removal of oak trees.” Motion to approve sending letter to Planning and Board of Supervisors: Danoff/Second-Hartig; unanimous approval. **ii) Mike Britton met with Mike Grantham and Danoff.** Insufficient parking is critical for good circulation plan.

- b) **Diablo:** Ken Thompson: FEMA did safety exercise with County OES and other public agencies, including the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services. These exercises are important for plant safety. The exercise took place at 28 locations with 3 field monitoring teams. There were 175 assigned criteria to be evaluated. Ron Alsop, OES said there was a successful execution of exercise.
- c) **Port:** Mary Matakovich No report
- d) **Avila Beach:** Ken San Filippo: No report.
- e) **San Luis Bay Estates:** Jim Hartig: No Report.
- f) **Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell: Monitoring John King Project, DRC2014-00065 on Alliance Way with Caruso of Planning. Currently on information hold.
- g) **See Canyon:** Denise Allen: No report
- h) **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins: No report
- i) **Ad Hoc Committees: Avila Plan Update:** Jim Hartig: No report.

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

12. **Adjourn: 8:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:
Karla Bittner, Secretary