

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

### MINUTES (Draft)

December 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: Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Marti Brand (alt), Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Saul Goldberg, Denise Allen, Mike Casola, Kirt Collins, Margaret Greenough. Quorum established.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the amended Minutes of October 9, 2017 by Sherri Danoff, seconded by Anne Brown. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig made a special presentation to Bob Pusanik for his AVAC service. Karla Bittner and Mike Grantham were not present to receive their recognition. The Board is grateful for these three individuals who have served on the council for many years.
4. **Public Comments:** Betty Hartig recognized Mary El Hansen for her efforts along with Public Works and PG&E for installing the light at Ontario Road and San Luis Drive. Mary Chui asked if John King's new proposal was on the agenda. She cited genuine concerns. Since the plan has been posted as "Info Hold," the Avila Valley Estates Committee will be meeting to review it. Marti Brand voiced concerns on this project as well. Norm Blackburn stated that this plan is very different from the one presented earlier and there are issues with wastewater, traffic and the open pond. Jim Hartig noted that the revised plan is posted on the website for public review.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell stated the balance for last month was \$1916.25 with expenses for a name plate for new Board member, Margaret Greenough, and renewal of the Domain Name for one year. Balance in Checking Account now is \$1888.66.
6. **County Reports:**
  - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Jim Voge provided a detailed report highlighting six notable incidents. There were: 40 calls for service, four suspicious subjects/suspected criminal act, six disturbance of the peace, five petty thefts, one vehicle burglary (reminder: always lock your car), and zero cruelty to animals.
  - b) **Highway Patrol:** Capt. Michael Bueno/Sgt. John Johnson - No report
  - c) **CAL Fire:** Batt. Chief Paul Lee stated that there were forty-five calls for service, mostly medically-related. He reported that state-wide there are four major fires. Hopefully, the weather will back-off, though the humidity is low and with the rainfall delayed, he suggested that people be aware of poles and trees that are down. When asked about the warning we will receive if there is a fire, he stated that there will be loud sounds, red/blue lights, public information messages, reverse 911 alerts. He suggested that people pre-plan and get out early if notified.
  - d) **Planning:** Sara Sanders presented an updated spreadsheet with fourteen active planning projects and she highlighted seven of which have updates this month: the Cagliero Multi-Family Duplexes appeal was withdrawn and notice of Final Action was sent to the Coastal Commission; the King CUP is on information hold; ABR Properties CUP is being reviewed by staff; Curti CUP was approved and the Coastal Appeal is pending; Coker Ellsworth & Verizon MUP was approved and the Spearman CUP is on Information Hold.
  - e) **Public Works:** Dave Flynn stated that the Community Parking Meeting regarding downtown Avila was well attended. Topic samples are: Employee Parking, potential for one-way traffic on Front Street, satellite parking, increased use of the Avila Trolley. He will be bringing back a plan in the

Spring. Also, the Circulation Study will be shared with the Land Use Committee. The Lights on Ontario Rd./San Luis Drive greatly help with the visibility; Dave thanked PG&E. Mary El Hansen suggested the reflectors on the railing need to be put back on for safety purposes. Public comments brought up the issue of enforcement of the parking laws. Allowing Public Works staff to be a part of the enforcement effort is being looked at. Blocked driveways are the responsibility of the CHP. However, neighbors have painted the curbs to meet their personal needs and posted signs; this is the responsibility of the Public Works Dept.

- f) **County Parks** Nick Franco said the Parks staff has been meeting with County Code Enforcement regarding the unpermitted removal of trees at the Bob Jones/Ontario Road parking lot. They are seeking a solution to compensate for the damages. Also, the Board of Supervisors directed Parks to develop a project and plan to manage the Cave Landing area as a Natural Area within the County Parks System. After the first of the year, Parks staff will meet with stakeholders, the appellants of the prior 2014 project, planning and public works staff, Coastal Commission Staff and others to develop a project that can be funded and permitted, but is significantly less than the prior project

to make the area safe for the public and drive the crime away. With a managed facility it could be safe. There is a possibility of funding to clean up the area, especially at night, and protect this valuable resource.

- g) **Port San Luis** Andrea Lueker reported that there are two new, fully-trained officers; the port now has a full staff. Harbor Terrace Project is continuing to work through the lease issues. Crab season is open. The District has received a small grant to study the economic impact of commercial fishing in Port San Luis. BJ's Seafood on Harford Pier was not able to be permitted by the County Health Department and as a result, he had to close his business. The Friends of Avila Pier are planning to meet at the yacht club on January 8; interested community members are invited.
- h) **County Supervisor** Adam Hill stated that since the last Board meeting, the Supervisors have appointed two major Department Heads, one for Housing and one for Planning. Also, they have joined the "Stepping Up" Initiative addressing jail deaths and this will include changes in all agencies involved with the jail system. Health and Mental Health Services will be externally evaluated. Hill noted that the current interim Director of Planning has deemed withdrawn the application for project #9 on the spreadseet, as the application was incomplete. They can resubmit the plan and continue process. This is the Avila Beach Resort Development Plan. Adam distributed a Summary of the 2017-18 Final Budget.

- 7) **Old Business** - Officer Nomination Committee Report was given by Mary El Hansen, appointed by Chair Hartig to put a slate together. She presented: Jim Hartig - Chair, Mary Matakovich- Vice Chair, Julia Hartzell- Treasurer, Lynn Walter - Secretary. The Board will vote on the slate at the January meeting.
- 8) **New Business** - Golf Course Temporary Commercial Outdoor Entertainment License - Tax Auditor and Treasurer from the County Tax Collector's Office, Justin Cooley, gave a background on issues concerning business licenses. There is a Temporary Outdoor License Ordinance 6.56 that triggers at attendance of 3,000 +. Typically, the license is for one event. In this case there are multiple events projected which is a challenge to the staff, along with the multiple agencies which have to review such applications, like the Sheriff, Health Services, Public Works, Planning, Emergency Services, etc. Staff is working on a packet to provide the Board of Supervisors the pros and cons of this application with conditions. Staff is looking to March's BOS meeting for this application to be reviewed and presented for action by the Supervisors. Comments ensued, especially noting the need for a checks-and-balances on these events, with Code Enforcement involved and the non-profit standard established throughout the County. It was suggested that comments can be written or in person. Comments/questions contact Justin at [jcooley@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jcooley@co.slo.ca.us) or 781-5852. They will be forwarded to planning.

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Lisa Newton spoke of the successful Christmas Party.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation:** Rick Cohen - no report
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon:** Suzanne Hosn indicated that Unit 1 and 2 are operating. CPUC is hearing opinions on the 14th, at which meeting they plan to make their decision.

10. **AVAC Committee:**

- a) **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff noted the Barn item is on-hold.
- b) **Diablo:** Ken Thompson stated that the Public Utilities Commission will vote on PG&E's Joint Agreement and it can be viewed live this Thursday morning starting at 9:30AM on the Internet at <http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc>.
- c) **Port:** Mary Matakovich reminded everyone to join the Community at the east side of Avila Pier on January 1, at noon, for the annual Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge and buy a t-shirt as the proceeds all go to supporting the Friends of 40Prado, the nonprofit supporting the County's Homeless Services Center.
- d) **Avila Beach:** Anne Brown presented the Avila Sub-Committee's recommendations to the case planner regarding the Nolte Project. She provide the Board with the complete recommendation and highlighted the main items. She stated that it is premature to approve this project before the list of recommendations are addressed. Motion was made and seconded (Brown/Danoff) to forward the recommendations to the case planned and to not approve this project at this time. Motion carried.
- e) **San Luis Bay Estates:** Jim Hartig presented Martin Suits, Steve Benedict and Carol Hagan as the new Council Members representing the San Luis Bay Estates. They will be seated next month.
- f) **Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell indicated that their committee has not looked at the "revised project." This redesign and resubmittal of an RV resort consisting of forty-four "park model" units includes a variety of structures (i.e., retail, cafe, brewery, outdoor spa tubs, bike camping, etc.). The committee needs time to analyze and discuss this project to make a recommendation to the Board.
- g) **See Canyon:** Denise Allen - no report - though indicated that there has been ten power outages in the last month.
- h) **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins - no report
- i) **Ad Hoc Committees:** APU (Avila Plan Update) Jim Hartig - Meeting has been postponed to the new year, as the Background Report is under staff review.

11. **Next meeting date:** January 8, 7PM

12. **Adjourn:** 9PM

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary Matakovich  
Substitute Secretary