

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES

December 10, 2018

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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: Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Martin Suits, Steve Benedict, Saul Goldberg, Carol Hayden (alt), Denise Allen, Kirt Collins, Margaret Greenough. Excused: Lisa Newton, Lynn Walter(alt). Quorum established.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the amended Minutes of November 5, 2018 and seconded (Brown/Danoff) Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those attending that it is important to hear a grassroots' voice in our government. He explained the meeting's protocol.
4. **Public Comments:** No comments.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell stated the balance for last month was \$1751.63, with a \$15 expense for our domain name for one year.
6. **County Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff:** No report
 - b) **Highway Patrol:** Sgt. Heiderbrink reported there were no accidents in Avila Beach for the past month and there were two DUI arrests. No questions were asked.
 - c) **CAL Fire:** Batt. Chief Paul Lee stated that there were forty-three calls for service, twenty-one medically-related. Currently, the staff has been down-sized meeting the winter demands. He reviewed the status of current projects in Heron Crest along the Bob Jones Trail, Barron Canyon, the Lighthouse controlled burn delayed and he commented on the illegal grinding at Johnson Ranch. He also reminded those attending the meeting to be alert to roof leaks, taking care of Christmas decorations/trees, and to close your doors when you go to sleep (thus, preventing the spread of a potential fire).
 - d) **Planning:** Sara Sanders presented the Avila Planning & Building Projects spreadsheet highlighting nine projects and their updated status. Projects number: 1,2,6,7,8, 11, 12 were addressed. See the Dec. 10th spreadsheet for details.
 - e) **Public Works** Dave Flynn reported that the Avila Beach Drive Bridge Project will continue for at least the next two months. Motorists are to expect delays when travelling to and from the Port. The Community Enhancement Grant was approved; so, the trees in downtown Avila Beach will be trimmed. There will be an Avila Beach Drive Capacity Study presented to the Land Use Committee in January. Then, the Circulation Report with analysis of events will follow in the next three to four months. A formal Parking Assessment will be presented at the February AVAC meeting to get feedback from AVAC. There will be a full report to the Board of Supervisors in the summer. Due to traffic regulations, at San Antonio/First Street and the issue of parking to the intersection, there will be an All-Way Stop proposed. This will be presented at the January 24 Board of Supervisors' Meeting. There was extensive discussion about the proposed Ontario Rd. Speed Limit with noted that if a road is not posted at 55 miles per hour, then there can be enforcement at 50 miles per hour. Variety of people spoke to the topic with concerns to limit the speed and raising the concern for the bicyclists and the need for a lower speed limit. Dave indicated that he will be meeting with the County Bicycle Advisory Committee in February to get their input. Dave also indicated that drivers should drive with what is safe for the road. More discussion to take place to establish a proposal which allows safe driving along this road. Friends of the Bob Jones Trail are concerned about the speed set and want it posted at 45 miles per hour.

Also, green painted lanes were suggested. More input will be gathered before the recommendation is made.

- f) **County Parks** Nick Franco presented the Bob Jones Pathway. Consulting services, Wallace Group, are underway for the design, construction documents, right-of-way and permitting for the pathway between the Octagon Barn and the Ontario Rd. Staging Area. Kick-off meeting was held on September 11th. 30% construction documents are planned to be completed by the end of December.

An Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant for ROW and construction was submitted in July 2018 for \$15M in construction funding. Recommendations for the ATP grant funding should be announced by December 31st.

Cave Landing was reported to have a consulting service, Fall Creek, are underway for the 30% design plans and preliminary cost estimate for an unpaved parking lot. design will: protect cultural resources, address erosion, manage storm water from future Cave Landing Trail, include trash receptacles, signage and vehicle control features. The plans will be used to apply for a Coastal Development Permit. The department anticipates having the 30% plans by the end of December. Funding for construction has not been identified by the Coastal Conservancy Grant funding is a possibility.

- g) **Port San Luis** Andrea Lueker reported on several items: Avila Pier - the engineering firm of Moffat and Nichol are conducting a Load Capacity Study on the pier to further determine and refine what a repair or replacement looks like in terms of "how extensive." A preliminary report in the first quarter of 2019 for the Board of commissioners to review and determine a course of action; 2018 Elections - Commissioners Brandy and Matakovich were unopposed and this means they will serve another four year term; Cruise Ship - National Geographic Venture did anchor in San Luis Bay on December 5th about 7AM. The vessel was recently launched and on its maiden voyage to Baja, where it will be doing cruises. The vessel is 293 ft. long, 48 ft. wide, with 9 ft. draft with a capacity for 100 passengers. Unfortunately, the conditions were significantly less than favorable, and the passengers were not able to disembark. Also, it was understood the voyage the night before from Monterey was extremely rough and after leaving Port San Luis around 10AM on Wednesday, the seas around Point Conception were expected to be even worse; Business Opportunities at Port San Luis - The District has re-released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Retail Market, Deli and/or Other Related Services at the District's Trailer Boat Launch Building (next to Avila Paddle Sports). The deadline for submission is February 8th. The RFP can be found on the District's Website under the Bids and Proposals tab on the left-hand side of the home page; Breakwater Repair - The project manager and biologist from the USACE came out last week to discuss the \$10M breakwater project repair. Because of the black abalone on the breakwater, sea lions on the breakwater and the presence of eelgrass and sea grass in close proximity, the USACE will be going through both informal and formal consultations to determine how to work in and around the species and how the work will affect the species. The USACE is confident the repair will get done, the time-frame at this point is not able to be determined.

- h) **County Supervisor** Adam Hill stated that he is pleased with the current "peace making" at the Board's level. Housing proposal is moving along and might be influenced by the State regulations. County employees are striking for better wages. The strike will take place over the next three days; this will impact the public. Adam stated is continuing to ask the big questions beyond the Decommissioning process. He is concerned about the state of PG&E as a business. Actions will be taken sooner rather than later as far as the plant's closure. A question was brought up as to the mail theft going especially with forging checks, etc. Adam referred the council to the Sheriff for answers to this issue. The County Council determination letter of Nov. 9, 2018 was also addressed.

- 7) **Old Business** - Officer Nomination Committee Report was given by Mary El Hansen. She confirmed the slate presented: Jim Hartig- Chair, Mary Matakovich -Vice-Chair, Lynn Walter -Secretary, Julia Hartzell - Treasurer. This slate of officers will be voted on 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 an attendance of 3 thousand people. 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. Jamie Jones, representing the Avila Beach Resort provided background on the land use permit dating back to 1967 with residential ownership included into the Master Plan in 1981. The Area Plan Standard noting active recreation and recreational uses. Through the Unocal clean-up there has been a long-standing history of events. The proposal is to amend the existing 2004 Entertainment License uniquely with eight outdoor events and three outdoor festivals, with three of these for up to three days. Parking diagram was presented for 2410 vehicles on the turf with the temporary parking. Improvements "claimed" were: parking cost was added to the admission price with no money exchange at the event; free parking for beach visitors is provided thereby cars are not circling around for a parking space; CHP traffic control and a Uber/Ride Share - Designated Driver Program in place. Chapter 6.56 compliance issues: security, water, sanitation and food supply is all formally handled. The golf resort is tracking numbers in accordance with the Avila Beach counts to address the impact and plan properly for an event. Concluding comments by Jamie was that there has been an organize growth of activities and strategies have been implemented to address the issues. Justin indicated that the BOS has referred this to the agencies involved. A hearing date is January 29 with materials due January 14. Betty Hartig, Concerned Citizens for Avila President and Bob Jones Trailkeepers Volunteer presented a video which "speaks for itself." Betty also presented statistics regarding pedestrian and cyclist use of the Bob Jones Trail. The item was opened for Public Comment. Over 25 people spoke on a variety of points ranging from entrance into and out of Avila Beach, permit requirements, traffic counts, congestion, scheduling of events back-to-back, gridlock after an event, permit charge for each event, noise, concern for having an amendment to the 2004 license exemption for nonprofits, comparison to the Paradise disaster, ordinance questions, safety plan. Supervisor Hill indicated that he supports the staff whose responsibility it is to coordinate the agencies and at this point gather the information necessary to recommend action. He asked staff to collect all recommendations. A motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Matakovich) to direct the Land Use Committee to review the 2004 directive by the BOS and work to resolve this matter. Motion carried.

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Anne Brown invited everyone to the Annual Holiday Potluck at the Civic Association on Dec. 15 beginning at 6PM. There will also be entertainment and an election of officers for 2019.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation:** Rick Cohen announced that the Foundation has awarded 13 grants, totaling \$56,000. Recipients are: Avila Beach Civic Association, Avila Beach Jr. Lifeguard Program, Avila Beach Free Trolley, Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School, Cancer Well Fit, Central Coast Aquarium, KCBX Public Radio, People Self Help Housing, Pt. San Luis Lighthouse Native garden, Pt. San Luis Lighthouse History exhibits, Port San Luis Mutt Mitts Project, Surfrider Foundation and Continued home mailing of the Avila Community News. Rick also announced the "Avila Community Spotlight" event scheduled for Thursday, February 28th at the Avila beach Community Center. Come and learn all about local organizations, agencies, and community groups; celebrate winner of the *Avilones of Distinction Awards*, enjoy free refreshments, win prizes and more. In addition, the Avila Beach Public Art Project, Phase 2, has

received ten proposals from local artists, and are being vetted. The selection panel will meet later in December to determine the finalists. The winner will be announced around mid-January.

- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon:** Eric Daniels indicated that Unit 1 and 2 are operating at 100%. The Decommissioning Panel's next meeting is Executive Resource. The council appreciates the new clock which is placed at the back of the meeting room. Also, a question came up about the sell of Eureka property and it was stated that PG&E is not discussing the sell of property.

10. **AVAC Committee:**

- a) **Land Use:** Discussed earlier
- b) **Diablo:** Discussed earlier
- c) **Port:** Mary Matakovich reminded everyone to join the Community at the east side of Avila Pier on January 1, at 1:30, for the 7th 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 invited everyone to the annual Holiday Potluck on Dec. 14. Come and join in the fun. Bring a side dish. The turkey and ham will be provided by Terri Hicks, owner of Seven Sisters Vacation Rentals. Holiday music too!
- e) **San Luis Bay Estates:** Jim Hartig presented drafts of three letters for discussion and to be approved by the council for distribution: the Somera Project [Motion made and seconded (Hartig/Danoff) to approve the letter with attachments included. Motion carried.], Avila Inn Addition [Motion made and seconded (Hartzell/Thompson) to approve the letter with T. Whaler, architect's meeting addendum. Motion carried.] , Golf Course TCOEL. [Motion was made and seconded (Hartig/Danoff). Motion carried.]
- f) **Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell indicated that their committee has received new documents. The Planner has been informed that committee will review the documents in January and prepare a response. This is project #8, 21 homes cluster subdivision on Ontario Road.
- g) **See Canyon:** Denise Allen indicated that even with the drought, they still have apples.
- h) **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins - no report
- i) **Ad Hoc Committees:** APU (Avila Plan Update) Jim Hartig stated that the RFP is out. Also, the San Luis Master Plan has been sent to County Counsel for review.

11. **Next meeting date:** January 14, 7PM

12. **Adjourn:** 9:45PM

Respectfully submitted:
Mary Matakovich
Substitute Secretary