

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

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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, Martin Suits, Denise Allen, Kirt Collins. Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Hartzell) to approve the amended January 13, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion was approved as amended.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig stated that he will provide an updated roster as soon as the Public Works' position is filled.
4. **Public Comments:** There were three public comments. (1) Shirley Goetz of Avila Beach asked that her written statement be presented for the record. "My public comment is about public comment, which is protected under the 1st Amendment. If any of you on this council do not like my public comments, please do not complain to the District Supervisor and request I be contacted by him at my home to restrict my public comment content. Your representative does not have authority over my rights. Otherwise, you may consider eliminating public comment all together. Supporting votes and campaign donations are lost when your elected representatives step on voter's rights. Especially the voice of the handicapped and disabled community members. Nobody with integrity needs to conceal truth." (2) Katy Surtevant of the Avila Resort said that Cindy Silva will be presenting a free QiGong Workshop and there will be a Cancer Wellness workshop on March 21. (3) Betty Hartig of the Bay Estates said that there are now signs up on the Bob Jones Trail. Also, on Wednesday, the 19th at 10AM at the Bob Jones Trail Parking Lot, M. Silva will be presenting a "Hiking Safety" workshop.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell reported that there were no expenses for January 2020. The balance is \$1417.15.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff** – Sgt. Sandra Arauza reported that there were 84 calls for service, down from 85 last year; as well 8 reports written which is down from 9 last year..
 - b) **Highway Patrol** – Sgt. Heiderbrink reported one injury collision and one DUI.arrest.
 - c) **CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee indicated that there were 42 calls for service, 18 were medically-related. This is training time for the staff including medical certification, rescue watercraft service, Diablo Urban Search and Rescue, along with Water Communication Keeping in mind that we live in an area with a lot of open space, the Chief suggested that when walking, look at the area around you for landmarks in the event you have to call for assistance using your cell phone. Always carry water. Watch out for rattlesnakes.
 - d) **Planning** - Planning Division Manager presented Kimmie Nguyen as AVAC's planner. She introduced herself and indicated that she is working with Ricon Consulting who is reviewing the Background Report of the Avila Beach Community Plan. They will be meeting with the Ad-hoc

Committee, as needed, to get the draft updated and presented for discussion. The Project Spreadsheet too will be presented and up for discussion with the individual planners responsible for their projects. It was noted that the Ad-hoc Committee has not met since October 2018; time to meet..

e) **Public Works** - No report

f) **County Parks** - No report

g) **Port San Luis** - Andrea Lueker's written report included an update of Harbor Terrace Project which had its groundbreaking January 22; more updates to follow. Avila Pier will have a repair plan developed by Moffat Nichols. The plan will be based upon successful acquisition of grant funds and as well a "bare bones" approach will be done, if no grant funds are secured. Board of Commissioners have elected officers for 2020. Commissioner Brandy and Manager Leuker will attend the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference in Washington DC to discuss Port/Harbor issues such as: dredging, breakwater repair, sediment management, fisheries issues.

h) **County Supervisor** - Supervisor Hill reported the success of the opening of the Pismo Preserve which is realizing great attendance and parking is being addressed. He spoke of the ground-breaking at Harbor Terrace, PG&E/Diablo bankruptcy and the Decommissioning process .

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Community Liaisons:

a) **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Anne Brown spoke of the success of the Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night.. .

b) **Avila Beach Foundation** - No report

c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels stated that Diablo is at 100%. The plan is to exit bankruptcy by the end of June. There will be a regional organization of the staff. March 11 the Decommissioning Panel will meet.

10. AVAC Committees:

a. **Land Use** - Sherri Danoff reported that the Environmental Report for the Project at 101 and Avila Beach Drive has been reviewed. She stated that there was no mitigation on the 17 ft. wall. So, she requested that AVAC review the options and give their feedback by the end of the meeting; she passed a clipboard with the options displayed.

b. **Diablo** - Ken Thompson's written report indicated that there are upcoming DCISC Public Meetings on Wednesday 2/12 starting at 1:30PM at the Lighthouse Suites regarding Plant performance during the refueling outage. At 5:30PM a presentation by the SLO County Office of Emergency Services Manager on Emergency Preparedness programs will be made..

c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich shared that the Port is also working on the development of Harford Pier in light of vacant restaurant space and the need to provide public access to services. She indicated that there would be a time for public input as a plan is developed.

d. **Avila Beach** - Anne Brown stated that the committee has asked for assistance on the project at San Miguel and 2nd Street as there is an issue with the hillside, parking and oak trees..

e. **San Luis Bay Estates** - No report

f. **Avila Valley**: - Julia Hartzell noted that there are three projects with plans that need to be addressed.

g. **See Canyon** - Denise Allen thanked the County staff for holding a meeting on the See Canyon project..

h. Squire Canyon – Kirt Collins said that CalFire and the Squire Canyon landowners are working on alternate routes through gates in the event of an emergency.

i. Ad Hoc Committees - No report

11. Next meeting date: Monday, March 9, 7PM

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Matakovich, Secretary