

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC),

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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1. **Call to Order:** by the Chair, Jim Hartig, for a regular meeting at 7:00pm, via Zoom.

Roll Call (present): Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown, Lisa Newton, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Marti Brand, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Martin Suits, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Bill Crewe, Carol Hayden, Kirt Collins, Margaret Greenough. Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Hartzell) to approve the July 13, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig recognized Adam Hill's passing, as Adam was our supervisor since 2008. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Adam.

4. **Public Comment:** No comments

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell reported that there were two expenses, Zoom Meeting fee - \$14.99, for the August meeting and the Post Office Box Annual Fee - \$56. The balance is \$985.16.

6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**

**a) Sheriff** – Commander Justin Nelson stated there were 360 calls for service compared to 190 last year. There were: three batteries or assaults, 16 service disruptions, 3 burglaries, four thefts, and three suspicious circumstances reported. Fourth of July had two fireworks incidents along with 18 calls for service. A question was posed as to whether cameras could be placed at Pirates' Cove as there have been a number of large group gatherings.

**b) Highway Patrol** – Captain Greg Klingenburg indicated that there were six collisions, four of which were non-injury and two minor injury. There was one DUI.

**c) CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee stated that there were 64 calls for service. There was one 5-acre fire contained. The vegetation project with the San Luis Bay Estates is completed. Squire Canyon work will soon begin as well, the Ontario Ridge Project. Chief Lee encourages everyone to call immediately if s/he sees anything that might need attention. His saying is: Keep small smokes small.

**d) Planning** - Planner Kimmie Nguyen reviewed projects: # 1, the Cave Landing Trailhead Project proposed by County Parks and Recreation; #2 – 51 San Luis St.; #7 – Chevron Project – no update as they are in the process of cleaning-up the site first before they apply for their resort development permit; # 13 – King Project has a remediation plan which has five years to be completed. The Envision Plan Workshop was held with approximately 30 people attending. Presentation materials along with the online survey was presented. Its focus is on Land Use and Vacation Rentals. The surveys are being accepted until next Monday. The Ad-Hoc Committee will be reviewing drafts of the chapters of the Plan in advance of their presentation to the public for comments.

**e) County Parks** – Nick Franco reiterated that the Cave Landing Project has been submitted. He will notify the Council as to when the Public Comment Period is open. He stated that the Coastal Conservancy might be interested in a matched-fund agreement. There is a dramatic increase in park use as well and increased volume of trash in some places by 40% and others 200%. He thanked volunteers who are helping with clean-up. He stated that the Bob Jones Trail has increased in participants by 40-50% and he thanked their volunteers for installation of the signs.

**f) Public Works** - John Waddell credited Dave Flynn for his work with Caltrans, as the streetlights on the northbound/Monte Road entrance to the 101 are noted as an active project. Crossing signal

improvements for the Bob Jones Trail on Ontario Road are still planned to be constructed in 2021. The Avila Beach Drive and Highway 101 intersection roundabout project is approved for the permitting and design phase. Design is expected to begin in early 2021 after the design contracts are approved. Continue to contact Public Works at 805-781-5252 to report any road maintenance issues.

**g) Harbor District** – Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker stated that the Harbor Terrace Project is in its 25th week. It is anticipated that it will open in early 2021. Thursday there will be a virtual meeting with the Department of Boating and Waterways to address the grant request for the Trailer Boat Dock; this grant was submitted three years ago and is estimated at \$400K. The Leasees' Rent Reduction Payment Schedule is in place and restaurants have been supported in expanding their outside dining. At the August 26 Commissioners' Meeting a decision will be made on the consultant to coordinate the Harford Pier Project. The Port was complimented on the striping of the parking lot.

**h) County Supervisor** – No report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

A. PG&E Power Safety Shutoff Plan (PSPS) presentation was made by Eric Daniels. He walked the Council through the Community Wildfire Safety Program which has a goal of public safety and improve situational incidents. He pointed out that one-third of the electric lines are in the Fire Threat areas. PG&E program efforts are: real-time tools, high definition cameras, system hardening and resiliency, new sectionalizing projects and vegetation management. The PSPS will reduce the risk of major wildfires during severe weather, keep customers and communities safe and review of a combination of criteria when determining if power should be turned off for safety. If severe weather threatens a portion of the electric system, there are a series of check points: red flag warning, low humidity level, forecasted sustained winds, dry material and on-ground, real-time observation. Customers will be notified of updates on actions taken. There will be Customer Resource Centers provided along with social media, TV, etc. To stay updated, go to: [pge.com/wildfireweather](http://pge.com/wildfireweather). There will also be workshops August 12 and 19 from 5:30-7PM for an overview of this process along with the ability to ask questions of the presenters. Eric stated that if you have an Earthquake Plan, then you are ready for this. More questions: 866-743-6589.

B. Discussion - Possible Request for Envision Avila – MaryEl Hansen addressed the Council with a thank you to Public Works for their work on the streetlight project. Regarding the Envision Workshop, she felt that there was a synergy missing from the virtualness of the presentation. She proposed that the development of the plan be delayed until such time as there could be interaction in-person. Of particular concern too was that the survey has been opened up to the broader community, as it was on television and also in the New Times. After a discussion, Jim Hartig summarized that there has been a delay of over 25 months with this update and with the Covid-19 issue we could have another delay of another year. The Ad-hoc Committee will be responsible to review the updates prior to them being disseminated to the community and that will help with clarity in its presentation. Also, the survey will be distributed to all past participants in this process and hard copies will be accepted this round. The consensus is to move forward and learn from this first round.

**Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Anne Brown stated the Avila Beach Civic Association Building is closed; therefore, no scheduled events nor activities.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation** – Rick Cohen stated that the passing of Adam Hill is a huge lose to the Foundation, as Adam was a true supporter of its effort to enhance the community of Avila. He also said that the Foundation has decided to set aside its protocols for their grant process and that they will fund the grantees from this year for a second year at the same financial level.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels reported that both towers are 100%. He also explained all the steps the plant is taking to keep the work environment safe for its employees.

**10. AVAC Committees:**

- a. **Land Use** – No report

- b. **Diablo** – No report
- c. **Port** – No report
- d. **Avila Beach** – Anne Brown said that the 51 San Luis Street Project will require a meeting which will be conducted through Zoom. A report will be made at the next meeting. She thanked the PSLHD for restriping the Post Office parking lot.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** - No report.
- f. **Avila Valley**: - Julia Hartzell thanked Kimmie for getting the status of the King Project.
- g. **See Canyon** – No report
- h. **Squire Canyon** – No report
- i. **Ad Hoc Committee** – Meeting will be set for review of the Envision Avila Plan draft.

11. **Next meeting date**: Monday, September 14, 7 PM

12. **Adjourn**: Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary Matakovich, Secretary