

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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

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

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded (Benedict/Clayton) to approve the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig announced the officers' open positions: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. Ken Thompson is coordinating the nominations for 2021; interested Council members should contact him, if interested.
4. **Public Comment:** No written comments received.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell reported that there was one expense, Zoom Meeting fee - \$14.99. The balance is \$955.18. Julia also reported that she made a County Grant Request for \$1500 to cover the operating expenses of the Council for the next three years; receipt of the grant application was confirmed.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff** – Lt. Stuart MacDonald introduced himself as he is newly-assigned to our local station. He reported that there were 74 calls for service compared to 71 last year. There were: no batteries or assaults, 9 disturbances, 4 vehicle burglaries, 10 thefts, 3 vehicles vandalized, 2 mailbox thefts and five suspicious circumstances reported. The Sheriff's proactive efforts include 34 enforcements including 30 stops, 3 bicycles and one pedestrian. They had 33 Covid Compliance checks. One nuisance package delivery was brought to the officer's attention.
 - b) **Highway Patrol** – Commander Greg Klingenberg indicated that there were four traffic collisions, of which 1 was a hit-and-run and 1 was a DUI. The officers worked on the parking complaints on Avila Beach Drive by Port Beach. Between the hours of 2-6AM there were 22 parking citations and 9 verbal warnings. Also, 9 verbal warnings were given to RVs blocking the sidewalks. Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker later in the meeting complimented the Sheriff for his staff's support.
 - c) **CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee stated that there were 62 calls for service of which 38 were medically-related. Due to the high volume of visitors to the area, the calls have increased 30-50%. Over four million acres have burned in California. We have the support of the National Guard who are receiving training as hand crews. Chief Lee suggested that with the Santa Ana winds coming up, homeowners should make sure that there is five feet clearance around your home. CAL Fire's website has a number of applications available to assist with things like First Aid, CPR, etc.; check them out. Also, if your cell phone is not registered with the Sheriff's Office for Reverse 911 calls, please do it. Be informed as to important notifications when you are away from home.
 - d) **Planning** - Planner Kimmie Nguyen provided a comprehensive overview of the current projects that have been updated this month. She used the Projects Spreadsheet as a reference: #1 – Garris Project, #2 – Public Works – Avila Beach Drive, 101 northbound and southbound, #3 – Ontario Rd and Avila Beach Drive, #4 – County Parks and Recreation Cave Landing improvements, #6 – Ontario Rd. Subdivision, 2 lot parcel map, #12 – King Project on Ontario Rd. and Alliance Way

(Planner to confirm and document that the replanting took place – This raised a comment from the Committee.); #16 – 217 First Street – demolition of existing structures scheduled for Planning Commission Hearing on Oct. 22 – staff is recommending denial. Avila Beach Resort's 6.56 Outdoor Entertainment License was withdrawn. The applicant's intent to revise the Conditional Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit application in order to include the scope of events. The revised application has not been received. The Avila Beach Ad-hoc Committee will be receiving a draft of the first four chapters of the Avila Specific Plan to review and then will meet with the County's team before it is presented to the public for review and comments.

e) County Parks – County Parks has requested a Minor Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit for the Cave Landing Natural Area improvements discussed at your last meeting. The hearing is scheduled for Friday, October 16th at 9:00 am. Any information regarding the hearing is available at www.sloplanning.org along with information on how to provide public comment if people wish to do so. The specific agenda and staff report are located here: <https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/meeting/Details/1240>.

f) Public Works – No report

g) Harbor District – Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker presented a report which stated that the Harbor Terrace Project is moving ahead and is in its 32nd week. Utility work is nearing completion. The Avila Pier Repair Plan prepared by Moffatt and Nichols will be presented at the Board of Commissioners' Meeting on October 27 for review and action. Fishermen's Market guidelines are being discussed by the Commercial Fishermen's Association. This agreement will allow them to sell the fish they catch off the pier. Fishermen's Market follows the same guidelines as a Farmers' Market. The market is a pilot project approved by the Board of Commissioners and hopes to begin the market in time for crab season – late November. It will be located on Harford Pier and operational a few days each week.

h) County Supervisor – No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Community Liaisons:

a) Avila Beach Civic Association – No report

b) Avila Beach Foundation – No report

c) PG&E/Diablo Canyon – Eric Daniels announced that Unit 1 was successfully shut down on Saturday for refueling and an maintenance outage. During this planned outage, there will be an estimated 250,000 person-hours invested in this outage, comprised of 10 major projects. Sherri mentioned the upcoming Diablo Canyon Engagement Panel meeting on October 28 that will cover many relevant issues for Avila residents including traffic and water.

10. AVAC Committees:

a. Land Use – Sherri Danoff presented a letter from the committee on the Road Impact Balance Report. Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Thompson) to accept the Committee's letter to the County for approval.

b. Diablo – The Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee has planned a Virtual Public Meeting for Oct. 22 & 23. The Agenda will be released in the next week and Ken will notify the Council Members about specific presentations.

c. Port – No report

d. Avila Beach – No report

e. San Luis Bay Estates - No report

f. Avila Valley – No report

g. See Canyon – No report

h. Squire Canyon – No report

i. Ad Hoc Committee – No report

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

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Mary Matakovich, Secretary