

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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December 14, 2020

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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, Julia Hartzell, Marti Bland, MaryEl Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Carol Hayden, Denise Allen, Kirt Collins, Lisa Newton, Bill Crewe. Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded (Benedict/Danoff) to approve the November 9, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig shared that AVAC will be going through a time of change with new officers and new members but he has confidence that everyone will pull together in support so AVAC can continue to serve the community.
4. **Public Comment:** No written comments received.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell reported that there was one expense, Zoom Meeting fee - \$14.99. Host Gator – Domain Registration for one year - \$17.99. The balance is \$907.21.

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

a) Sheriff – Lt. Stuart MacDonald's report shared the following: 28 calls for service compared to 28 last year: 7 disturbances, 6 thefts, one suspicious circumstance, 10 enforcement stops, 30 pre-sevention patrol activities, and 31 Covid Compliance checks.

b) Highway Patrol – Commander Greg Klingenberg's reported in November there was one non-injury collision with a deer.

c) CAL Fire - Batt. Chief Paul Lee's report stated they had 48 calls for service with 24 medically-related. He said it is very rare to have a Red Flag Warning in December, but here we are. His station is at full-staffing, with access to three large tankers. PG&E are requesting a Burn; the community will be notified in advance. The grant writing season starts soon. Pull your ideas together, as focus groups are forming. His advice this month is to keep small problems, small. Call 911 if you see anything curious.

d) Planning - Planner Kimmie Nguyen's report indicated that the County will be meeting with the Ad-hoc Committee to review a second draft packet of the Avila Community Plan Update. The December Spreadsheet was highlighted with comments on: #1 – 6380 Mar Vista Place, a new application for a single family dwelling; #13 – PSLHD parking lot with its seatrains was continued to March 25 Planning Commission Meeting; #16 – off of Ontario Road, a two lot map with three designated building sites.

e) Public Works – John Waddell stated that there are no significant updates. It was reported that trimming of vegetation around San Luis Bay Drive Bridge and Sea Creek Bridge is necessary. Also, Avila Beach Drive at the 101 Project the contract for final design is to go to the Board of Supervisors. They are working on obtaining the Bob Jones Trail right away from the Octagonal Barn to the Parking Lot.

e) County Parks – Nick Franco's reported that there is a serious trash problem. Cave Landing's permit was approved. The Coastal Conservancy has given \$250K to this project and will need to be funded by the Board of Supervisors. There is also a need for an assigned Ranger . Nick was complimented for stewarding this project.

g) Harbor District – Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker shared that the Harbor Terrace Project is in its 43rd week. All underground utilities are complete. Work on Avila Beach Drive has been delayed, probably to startup in the next few weeks. The contractor is pushing ahead to complete the Commercial Fishing Gear Storage Area. Staff was granted a continuance until March 25 for the minor use permit. The Gear Storage units will hopefully be relocated to Harbor Terrace by then, pending any issues arise. Commercial Crab season will be delayed until Dec. 23. Avila Pier – State Coastal Conservancy awarded a \$250K to the District for the Avila Pier Project. Fishermen's/Farmers Market – The Commercial fishermen will be operating a market in the former fish market site. Sales will be the catch from the individual fishermen, Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. This will begin after the crab season. Check the website for more information. Upcoming meeting of the Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 2PM.

h) County Supervisor – The Council welcomed Dawn Ortiz-Legg as our new supervisor. She thanked the Council for their commitment to this community recognizing the time and energy it takes to provide the necessary feedback to the County staff on projects and how their work supports the community. She wants to ensure that there is the infrastructure necessary to continue to provide such a wonderful environment. She addressed the status of the pandemic preparations for the vaccine and said we must support the Health Care needed. She is in the process of hiring an assistant and a Planning Commissioner; this will be completed by the end of the year. She is available by: email – dortizlegg@co.slo.ca.us 805-781-5450. She is available.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ken Thompson provided the slate of officers for 2021: Chairperson, Steve Benedict, Vice Chairperson, Kirt Collins, Secretary, Margaret Greenough, Treasurer, Denise Allen. Motion made and seconded (Thompson/Hartig) to accept the slate of officers. Motion carried.

Community Liaisons

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Anne Brown indicated that the center continues to be closed. Also, Anne was recognized as the Community Member of 2020 for her outstanding commitment to the community of Avila Beach.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation** – Rick Cohen talked about the 2- Part Walking Quiz with a raffle drawing for those who participate; go to the Foundation's website for more information.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels stated that there was a Diablo Drill involving environmental sampling. Unit 2, on the non-nuclear side, has been removed again for maintenance. The trails are closed and no plant tours are being given due to the pandemic.

AVAC Committees:

- a. **Land Use** – Sherri Danoff presented a draft letter for the Cool Project. Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Hartig) to approve the letter. Motion carried.
- b. **Diablo** – Ken Thompson introduced Dr. Bunditz who was observing the meeting. Ken said that there will be a Stakeholders Advisory Group Meeting to identify issues.
- c. **Port** – No report
- d. **Avila Beach** – Anne Brown presented a draft letter for the Garris Project. Motion was made and seconded (Brown/Hartig) to approve the letter. Motion carried.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** – Jim Hartig presented a letter for the COTE project. Motion was made and seconded (Hartig/Collins) to approve the letter. Motion carried. Jim mentioned that Martin Suits will be replaced by Curtis Cole on the Council in this new year.
- f. **Avila Valley** – Julia Hartzell reported that the Little Sprouts are making improvements, water tanks and safety measures. The King rehab project now has fencing around it and there is some planting going on.
- g. **See Canyon** – Denise Allen gave a shout-out to Kimmie Nguyen for handling a proposed Music Festival in See Canyon by involving Code Enforcement. There is an issue with a 18 ft.

cell tower, which is not in our jurisdiction; so, we have no comment. She also told the Council to look forward to next year's apple crop.

h. Squire Canyon – Kirk Collins complimented the Land Conservancy for making the irrigation improvements along Monte Road.

i. Ad Hoc Committee – Jim Hartig said that the committee will review the next draft of the Avila Plan sometime this month.

11. Next meeting date: Monday, **January 11, 2021** - 7 PM

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Matakovich, Secretary