

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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

Roll Call (present): Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Marti Brand, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Curtis Cole, Denise Allen, Carol Hayden, Margaret Greenough, Anne Brown, Lisa Newton, Bill Crewe. Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes**: Motion was made and seconded to approve the May, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

3. **Chair's Comments**: Interim chair Denise Allen welcomes the group.

4. **Public Comment**:

- a. Betty Hartig: Kudos to County Parks and all other agencies involved in the much needed cleanup of Pirates Cove/Cave Landing. Please continue your efforts to restore its natural beauty. Thank You!
- b. Steve Rossi: As you will see from the County of San Luis Obispo, the Avila Beach Resort has submitted for a new Mini-CUP requesting to create 10 hospitality rooms.
 - i. The intent is to enhance ABR's customer experience with on-site accommodations.
 - ii. This is consistent with the area plan and Recreation zoning, this is an "allowed and primary" use, adding 10 overnight accommodations.
 - iii. New facilities are entirely built over the existing Beach Club building, offices, and storage; thus no site modifications.
 - iv. No impacts.
 - v. We are available tonight for questions.

5. **Treasurer's Report**: Denise Allen gives the May report.

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

- a) **Sheriff** –Officer McDonald is present to give report on statistics from May and June.
 - a. J. Hartzell asks for information on Cave Landing. Sherriff: This area is difficult to control, they are doing their best but it is open 24 hours and they can't enforce any camping etc.
- b) **Highway Patrol**– Greg Klingenberg present to give report. May: 4 collisions, all minor.
- c) **Cal Fire**: Battalion Chief Paul Lee. 50 calls for service, 28 medically related. Paddleboard rescue ongoing at this moment. Fire season started early. They have brought back our seasonal workers, trucks and aircraft. Busy few months on projects, mostly vegetation management, Squire Canyon, Baron Canyon and Cave Landing. SLBE has a fire-safe grant they will be working on. No fire permits granted, if you see smoke call 911. Please perform vegetation management and do any weed whacking etc. in the AM. All fireworks are illegal.
- d) **Planning** – Nicole Ellis reports. They have reviewed the Spearman and Cool project regarding oak tree preservation and ownership of the property. She worked with J. Hartzell regarding King project. Avila Beach resort has a new request to add 10 overnight units. Liaison for CPUC Chris Moore reached out regarding possible presentation to community advisory committees.
 - a. S. Danoff asks about the new request for the 10 overnight units at ABR. There will be an information hold letter submitted regarding parking, traffic etc.

- b. D. Allen for ABR project, what is the zoning? NE: current land use is 'recreation'. The larger project will require re-zoning and permitting.

e) Public Works – No report

f) County Parks – Nick Franco reports.

- a. Cave Landing project moving forward. They are nearing the end of the first phase, cleanup is nearing resolution. Trash and graffiti removal almost complete via contractor. In July they will start the project on the parking lot. BOS approved an additional ranger for future patrols.
- b. There have been meetings with Chevron re. Avila point. Hopefully Chevron can discuss concepts at the July meeting. The new direction is away from the initial resort plan and more towards public use. Parking, open space, habitat conservation, Native American site perseveration approximately 50 acres. 32 acres could be sold to a private vendor for low cost overnight development and possible multifamily unit closer to Avila proper.

g) Harbor District – Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker

- a. Harbor Terrace Project – the project continues to move ahead and is entering week 70. Currently paving is taking place, the park model cabins are installed with decks being built on each one, several of the restrooms/shower buildings have been build. The website is up, under highwaywestvacations.com, but reservations are not yet being taken. The soft opening is now scheduled for August 2, 2021.
- b. Breakwater Repair Project – a US Army Corps of Engineers project funded approx. 14M, expected to go out to bid in mid-July advertised with a project award of late August. Construction is slated to begin in April 2022.
- c. Paid Parking in Harford Landing and Harford Pier Terminus - a rollout of the new paid parking began on May 24th. All 14 public parking spaces (not including the 2 designated ADA parking spaces) on Harford Pier will be paid parking. In Harford Landing, 36 of the 250 parking spaces will also be paid parking, in both areas from 8a to 8p. The paid-parking spaces in Harford Landing will have a 2-hour limit with a fee of \$3. Parking on Harford Pier will also include the 2-hour limit for a fee of \$3, as well as an optional 30-minute limit for 75 cents. Additionally, all overnight parking in Harford Landing (11:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.) will necessitate an Overnight Permit. One pay station is on Harford Pier and one in Harford Landing.
- d. Minor Use Permit for the Sea Trains in Avila Parking Lot was denied by the Planning Commissioner and the Harbor District appealed the denial to the Board of Supervisors. The appeal is scheduled for September; however, the District expects to be well out of the parking lot by then with the typical parking usage restored
- e. Key Statistics: May 2021
 - i. Harbor Tows: 6
 - ii. Vessel Assists: 8
 - iii. Rescues 17
 - iv. Water Tax: 161 Runs, 281 people
 - v. Assist Other Agencies (Sheriff, highway patrol etc) 9
 - vi. Lifeguard Statistics: 2 rescues, 247 public contacts, 284 contact for dogs, 61 contacts for alcohol and 2 lost children/lost parents
- f. Mary El Hansen asks about the fire rings. Andrea doesn't think the rings will go back out because of fire danger, trash and nails/etc. left behind by fires.

h) County Supervisor –Supervisor Ortiz-Legg not available. Sarah Sartain reports. Budget decisions are underway. Thank you to Nick Franco for Cave Landing efforts. Board will be on break June 28-July12. Question from last meeting re. speed reduction on Avila Beach Dr. Speed was reduced after a speed study in 2020, next speed study is scheduled for 2024.

- a. Ken Thompson asks re. budget for 2021-2022. Showed a staffing increase of 12-24 people. Where are those positions opening up? SS not sure where the positions will be, will look into it.
- b. Dawn is available by: email – dortizlegg@co.slo.ca.us and phone 805-781-5450.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business: Sarah Sanders now with SLOCOG 2023 SLO County regional transportation plan. She defines and characterizes SLOCOG as a council of governments in the county. She provides

information on transportation initiatives spearheaded by SLOCOG in the last few years. The regional transit plan is a document looking forward 20+ years of transportation needs in the county and she reviewed the elements including costs and goals.

9. Community Liaisons

- a. **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Mary Matakovich reports. The Avila Beach Community Center will hopefully open on June 15th. They are currently hosting small family gatherings. July 4th dog parade is happening.
- b. **Avila Beach Foundation** – Rick Cohen. Nothing new to report.
- c. **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels announced a new PG&E Regional Vice President, Teresa Alvarado with a brief bio.
 - i. Eric responded to a question about security after the Colonial Pipeline ransomware incident. He told us that Diablo Canyon cannot be controlled remotely and has its own network. They have rigorous cybersecurity but he cannot give details as it could compromise efforts.
 - ii. Ken Thompson had asked Eric to talk more about the Decommissioning Plant Tour. Eric responded with a brief summary and offered an invitation for a special tour of Diablo Canyon to the AVAC Council Members.
 - iii. Trail systems on the property had been closed due to the COVID pandemic but could be opened again on June 15.
 - iv. Sherri Danoff asked if the North Ranch Road on Diablo Canyon property is available for emergencies? Eric responded “YES, it is an emergency egress.”

10. AVAC Committees:

- a. **Land Use** – Sherri Danoff. Review of the golf course resort proposal will be performed by the committee including the separately proposed 10 unit project.
- b. **Diablo** – Ken Thompson. If any of the Council Members are interested in taking the Decommissioning Plant Tour that Eric talked about, send me an email with your available dates and I'll set it up.
 - i. Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee - Planning public meetings on June 23-24, 2021. This DCISC meeting will be conducted back at the Avila Lighthouse Suite in Avila Beach and if you plan to attend, Face Coverings are Required. The DCISC will continue to provide real-time access through ZOOM and refer to the Meeting Notice and Agenda that I sent you for specific information .
- c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich. Things are going well with the nice weather. No report
- d. **Avila Beach** – Mary Matakovich. Recent informal brainstorming activities on the Front street project went well.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** – Jim Hartig no report.
- f. **Avila Valley** – Julia Hartzell thanks Nicole Ellis for a productive meeting re. the King Property, many positive changes have been made.
- g. **See Canyon** – Denise Allen. No report.
- h. **Squire Canyon** – Kirt Collins not available. Margaret Greenough alternate. No report.
- i. **Avila Plan Update Committee** – Jim Hartig AP draft is available for public comment
 - i. Airlin Singewald reminds us the website is open for public comment on the Avila Community plan. Chevron's updated plan for Avila Point will need to be in concordance with the community plan.
 - ii. MM asks where she can find the key points of the plan when reading it over. It is quite long. He recommends the goals, policies and objectives section along with the Plan Area Standards.
 - iii. DA asks about prior CP assemblage seemed to involve AVAC more. AS recommends the background report.

13. Next meeting date: Monday, July 12, 2021 - 7 PM

14. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Margaret Greenough, Secretary