

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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1. **Call to Order**: by the chair Steve Benedict, for regular meeting at 7:00pm, via Zoom.

Roll Call (present): Mary Matakovich, Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Curtis Cole, Denise Allen, Carol Hayden, Margaret Greenough, Michael Clayton, Bill Crewe, Kirt Collins. Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes**: Motion was made and seconded to approve the July, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments**: Steve Benedict welcomes the group. Steve is requesting backup help for secretary in September, October and November.
4. **Public Comment**:
 - a. Bob Pusanik: Avila Community plan comment period is extended until September 17. Chapter 10 of the plan is, in his opinion, handled poorly. He encourages everyone to read it and participate in the comments.
5. **Treasurer's Report**: Denise Allen gives the July report.
Balance in Checking Acct: \$2,223.29
Expense: \$14.99 in Zoom fees
\$64.00 Avila PO box
6. **County and Local Agency Reports**:
 - a) **Sheriff** –No Representative present.
 - b) **Highway Patrol**– Greg Klingenberg present to give report. 4 Collisions. 2 Injuries none serious. Hit and run DUI collision. Hit and run collision with injuries, motorcyclist. Still under investigation. DUI arrest at Cave Landing. August collision on 8/6, head on collision, DUI perpetrator. One fatality, one serious injury. Driver has been booked preliminarily on secondary murder.
 - a. Vicki public comment. Significant vehicular noise, they live downtown. In southern California there are noise ordinances that police and CHP enforce. Could we have this in Avila?
 - c) **Cal Fire**: Battalion Chief Paul Lee. 74 calls for service. 38 medically related. Fatal San Luis Bay Dr. accident on 8/6 did involve significant intervention.
 - a. Northern California fires, SLOC has sent resources
 - b. New air resources, a jet from Paso. Helicopter that can source ocean water
 - c. Squire Canyon fire-safe project has consumed all grant funds
 - d. Working vegetation management on Price Canyon
 - e. Control burn in late fall on PGE land.
 - f. No fire permits have been issued. If you see smoke, call
 - g. D. Allen: how many structures burned on Dixie Fire? P. Lee no available data. D. Allen thanks PGE for their activity in See Canyon
 - h. K. Collins thanks chief Lee for the work in Squire Canyon.
 - d) **Planning**:
 - a. Susan Strachan, county decommissioning manager. Discusses application supplement from PGE, has been filed and the County continues information hold. The Aspen Group has been chosen to complete the EIR. They are moving forward with information gathering.

- i. K. Thompson: what is the time frame that PGE needs to respond? S. Strachan: they have 90 days.
 - b. Nicole Ellis sent a written planning summary:
 - i. The August project list has been updated to reflect project status updates. Where updates were made, the various spreadsheet cells were highlighted in yellow.
 - ii. Item 7 on the list for the project located at 217 1st Street, requesting additional vacation rental units, was denied by the Board of Supervisors.
 - iii. Item 17 on the list, requesting the storage of seatrains in the public parking lot in Avila Beach, is scheduled for the September 28, 2021, BOS meeting.
 - iv. There are two new projects which have been added to the list which are shown as items 1 and 2 at the top of the list.
 - v. Two new columns have been added to the far right of the table which contain 1) the dates referrals were sent by the County and 2) the 60-day response deadline.
 - vi. Update: Staff is considering adding a new column to the spreadsheet identifying which committees have review authority over the various active projects. Will need your assistance in identifying which projects fall within your review jurisdiction. A spreadsheet will be circulated amongst the groups with instructions.
 - vii. Update: The project listed as item 10 on the list for the Cool property (DRC2020-00152) off Avila Valley Drive, requesting phased residential development and a barn, will be presented to AVAC by the applicant and agent during the upcoming September 13th meeting.
- e) **Public Works** – John Waddell could not attend. They are going to paint the curb red at First St and Avila Beach Drive.
- f) **County Parks** – Nick Franco reports.
 - a. Bob Jones project is moving forward. Board approved the funds. Wrapping up the preliminary planning phases. PGE was doing some line clearance on the path.
 - b. Cave Landing: Close to having a building permit. Then construction will commence. Likely after Labor Day. Rangers are contacting patrons who are trying to stay overnight and quelling parties in the area. They are still removing graffiti. Signs are being stolen. Progress is being made, it will become a managed area.
 - c. Avila Point: Chevron continues to offer a meeting with the land use committee.
- g) **Harbor District** – Mary Matakovich covering for Andrea
 - a. This week Thursday 9 am open meeting Hartford Pier consultants present their vision of the updated pier.
 - b. There is an appointment with the coastal commission in September to review permits to renew the Avila Pier
 - c. Sea trains in Avila, there is an appointment to meet with the BOS. The hope is this won't be necessary, hopefully the Sea Trains will be moved to Harbor Terrace by the deadline.
- h) **County Supervisor** –Supervisor Ortiz-Legg reports.
 - a. **Avila Community Plan**: the BOS and the public need more time to comment on the proposed plan, it has been extended to 9/17/21. The estimated release of the final draft will be 2/2022. After that there will be a scoping meeting for the EIR with time for public comment. In 11/22 there will be time for public comment and the final EIR will go before the planning commission in 1/2023. If it passes then go to the BOS in 3/23. Then the coastal commission will review. The public will have a chance to submit comments at every stage of this process.
 - i. Summarizing public concerns: Emergency egress, climate change, environmental impacts, public safety. D. Ortiz-Legg may host an opportunity for local public comments.
 - ii. M. El Hansen: Is attending many tours around the area. She has concerns regarding evacuation. During the week at rush hour 'you are encountering a parking lot', the freeway is not always a good exit point. For emergencies, would it be possible to have a volunteer fleet of boats or barges who would be committed to rescue? Is this a possibility?
 - iii. Vicki (public comment): She again mentions changing zoning for commercial, multi-family from single family, this affects traffic. She and others are making

comments, but they don't feel heard. D. Ortiz-Legg assures her there are opportunities for them to make comments

iv. BOS updates:

1. Tomorrow the regional homeless plan should be approved. It is complex and detailed. There is funding for encampment cleanup, relocation, communication strategies.
2. The BOS will not be deciding on a mask mandate
3. M. Greenough, M. Clayton, D. Allen all speak out in favor of a mask mandate.

b. Dawn is available by e-mail – dortizlegg@co.slo.ca.us and phone 805-781-5450.

7. **Old Business:** None

8. **New Business:**

- a. M. Matakovich: summarizes options for AVAC in person meeting venues.
 - i. A discussion ensued re. location and potentially relocating the meeting to ABR vs. a public or community center.
 - ii. M. El Hansen could the Yacht Club host? M. Matakovich: most likely the yacht club would be open to hosting.
 - iii. The discussion is tabled until next month.

9. **Community Liaisons**

- a. **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Mary Matakovich reports, Bingo will occur on August 17, there will be a raffle. A Little Library dedication occurred in the community garden. D. Ortiz-Legg attended. Membership drive will occur in October.
- b. **Avila Beach Foundation** – Rick Cohen reports. Thanks community partners including Eric Daniels for helping the Foundation to obtain grant money which includes funds for cleanup.
- c. **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels reports.
 - i. Helicopters today were replacing poles in posterior See Canyon.
 - ii. CPUC approved plan for decommissioning after input from numerous community groups.
 - iii. Thanks participants who toured the DCP. They were able to view the upgraded North rd. which can be used for ingress/egress during an emergency. He did miss-speak, the entire road wasn't widened for 2 way traffic, just portions although there are turnouts.
 - iv. Both units are performing at 100%

10. **AVAC Committees:**

- a. **Land Use** – Sherri Danoff. Sherri made a motion, seconded by C. Cole and unanimously approved, for AVAC to send a letter to the County recommending that all standards in the Avila Community Plan be in the same section where they will be noticed.
- b. **Diablo** – Ken Thompson thanks PGE for hosting the decommissioning plant tour. A big "Thank You" to PG&E Eric Daniels and Tom Jones for conducting the Decommissioning Plant Tour for AVAC Council Members. There were 12 people that went on the 2 Tours. Eric showed us the Intake & Discharge Structures, the Seawater Reverse Osmosis (Desalination) Facility, the ISFSI and Ponds, changes made to the North Ranch Road, the current Security Building and active Shooting Range. Tom Jones talked about different possible future uses of these facilities from a College Campus and Office Buildings and Harbor facilities.

Ken reviewed the "DRAFT" Letter outlining our findings with the newly released PG&E Documents for the Decommissioning Permit. He had sent the "DRAFT" to each Council Member which listed AVAC concerns and questions about PG&E's approach to the Decommissioning process. There were no questions from the Council Members, so Ken made a Motion to Accept this Letter and send it to County Planning and a second from Sherri Danoff and passed unanimously.

- i. S Strachan: Appreciates the comments and notes PGE does plan on barging and keeping the breakwater in place

- b. **Port** – Mary Matakovich. No report
- c. **Avila Beach** –Mary Matakovich: no report
- d. **San Luis Bay Estates** – Jim Hartig unavailable no report.
- e. **Avila Valley** – Mary El Hansen our alternate has resigned.
- f. **See Canyon** – Denise Allen. No report. Apple season starting soon. Many weddings occurring.
- g. **Squire Canyon** –. Kirt Collins. No report.
- h. **Avila Plan Update Committee** – Jim Hartig not available. New public comment deadline 9/17/21. M Matakovich requests that the ad hoc committee potentially be re-convened.

13. Next meeting date: Monday, **September 13, 2021** - 7 PM

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

Respectfully submitted:
Margaret Greenough, Secretary