

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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October 4, 2021

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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, Lisa Newton (late), John Janowicz, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Curtis Cole, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Denise Allen (late). Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the September 2021 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Steve Benedict welcomes the group. Chair commented on the power outages and raised the concern if it happened during the meeting, he would call for a special meeting.
4. **Public Comment:**
 - a. None
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Denise Allen Balance in Checking Acct: \$2193.31 Expense: \$29.98 in Zoom fees
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff** – Sergeant Hank Abbas is the Council's new representative. He reported that there were 28 calls for service this past month compared to 41 from last year. He listed a number of violations. The Council discussed vehicle break-ins in the parking lot, the homeless camping overnight in the parking lot, incidents in the creek, etc. It was suggested individuals make a "call for service" or 911, whichever applies to the severity of the matter. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg indicated that the BOS has passed a Parking Ordinance which will go into effect within a month and this should assist law enforcement as these matters are handled.
 - b) **Highway Patrol** – Written report was submitted: two non-injury collisions and three DUIs
 - c) **Cal Fire**: No Report.
 - d) **Planning**: Nicole Ellis N/A. She provided a written report which included an updated spreadsheet of projects, listing two new projects in Avila Beach
 - e) **Public Works** – John Waddell N/A. He provided a written report noting that painting the curb red at San Miguel and Avila Beach Drive might deter the illegal parking; if not, the CHP is to be notified. Also, the signal on the Bob Jones Trail and Ontario Road is in progress, though materials for it have not arrived.
 - f) **County Parks** – No report.
 - g) **Harbor District** – John D'Ornellas is Interim Harbor Manager per Mary M. Lots going on at the Port: Harbor Terrace is in its final permit review with the County and will be opened soon. Avila Pier received its permits from the Coastal Commission and will begin work on its rehabilitation in the Spring. Harford Pier Workshop will be October 14, when the feedback received on the scope of the project will be shared. Oct. 6, there will be a Special Commissioners' Meeting to discuss the recruitment process for the Harbor Manager, as Andrea Lueker is in the last year of her contract. The Army Corps of Engineers accepted a bid on the repair of the breakwater for \$9M and that project will begin in the Spring.
 - h) **County Supervisor** – Supervisor Ortiz-Legg reports. she will follow-up with Parks on the homeless comments made, as they have some authority. Also, she shared that the BOS has a

challenge in dealing with the unsheltered/homeless population and the lack of Human Resources. There also is the discussion on Tommy Gong's placement which will occur at the Board of Supervisors' meeting Tuesday. Supervisor indicated that the Envision Avila Plan is "on hold." This means that the goal is to have a quality product. The BOS will meet in November and determine the most important items to be addressed by the Planning Department: evacuation plan, alternate evacuation routes, vacation rental compliance, water, climate change, traffic/circulation were named. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg will update the Council monthly on the progress of this action. Also, Dawn's office hours (1-3pm) on October 28 are at the Avila Beach Civic Association/Community Center on San Miguel Street.

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

7. **Old Business:** None.

8. **New Business:** None

9. **Community Liaisons**

- a. **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Mary Matakovich reports, Bingo was cancelled due to county restrictions. Postponed until future notice. Membership drive is starting October 1st
- b. **Avila Beach Foundation** – Rick Cohen. Nothing to report.
- c. **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels provided a written report: supplemental application is under review and received its second Information Hold Letter in August and will be involved an EIR and scoping meetings. Kris Vardas and Kristen Doud were present at that meeting and apologized for the interruption of service today; they were not aware of its cause.

10. **AVAC Committees:**

- a. **Land Use** – Sherri Danoff explained the documents submitted for approval. Motions were made and seconded (Danoff/Cole) that AVAC submit the recommendations entitled: Resubmitted Cool Project, Colony Lots Application, Recommendations re: Traffic Study, Appendix H – Draft Community Plan. Motion carried.
- b. **Diablo** – Ken Thompson. Ken Thompson asked that two issues be addressed at the next meeting: what were the results of the dry casks storage inspection and the redesign plans for the casks as they reportedly are cracked. Every two years in September there is an Emergency Exit Exercise; what were the results? Also, there will be public meetings of the Independent Safety Committee on Oct. 19 – 20; go to: SL0.SPAN.ORG for more information.
- c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich. No report
- d. **Avila Beach** – Mary Matakovich reviews the report on Project DRC2021-00041 – Keese. Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Cole) to accept the report. Motion carried.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** – Jim Hartig no report.
- f. **Avila Valley** – Julia Hartzell No Report
- g. **See Canyon** – Denise Allen. Denise welcomed everyone to come and harvest See Canyon apples!
- h. **Squire Canyon** – No Report
- i. **Avila Plan Update Committee** – Jim Hartig indicated that he planned to cancel this committee but considering the Avila Plan discussion. He will hold off and await further input.

13. **Next meeting date:** Monday, **November 8, 2021** - 7 PM

14. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Margaret Greenough, Secretary