

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA
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Date 3-14-2022
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1. **Call to Order:** by the chair, Steve Benedict, for regular meeting at 7:02 PM, via Zoom
Roll call (present): Denise Allen, Mary El Hansen, Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Curtis Cole, Steve Benedict, Margaret Greenough, Michael Clayton., Kirt Collins, Bill Crew, Carol Hayden, Jim Hartig, John Janowicz.
Quorum was established,
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the February 14, 2022, meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Steve Benedict welcomes the group and notes upcoming discussion of returning to live meetings.
4. **Public Comment:** William Bailey said thank you to Chief Lee and your crew for all the work you got done to make our area more fire safe.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Denise Allen reports.
Balance of Checking Account: \$ 2,115.36
Expenses: \$ 14.99 Zoom expenses
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - A. **Sheriff:** Sargent Hank Abbas reports
 - a. Calls for service (CFS) Avila Beach 27.
 - b. Calls for service Cave Landing 16.
 - c. Phone scams are increasing during tax season, be aware and stay diligent.
 - d. Sheriff's department duties were discussed for emergency warning system including TV, radio, automated calls, and patrols going into neighborhoods.
 - B. **Highway Patrol:** Captain Greg Klingenberg reports
 - a. A few collision reports with no or minor injuries.
 - b. DUI collisions with arrest were reported.
 - C. **Cal Fire:** Battalion Chief Paul Lee reports
 - a. Dr. Dicus and his class has been working hard on the Ontario/Shell Beach CWPP for the past 7 Weeks. On February 28 from noon-3pm three groups presented their CWPP'S to CAL FIRE. The 3 CWPP's were presented at the Avila CSD Building (100 San Luis Street Avila Beach CA).

Please refer to the Cal Fire communications from 2-25-2022 "Avila Wildfire Protection Plan" email, detailing Dr. Discus' team report and field map
 - b. Fire Safe Vegetation Management work was discussed
This work is provided as a result Fire Safe Council Grant written by SLBE Fire Safe Task Force. Emphasis was noted for future grant proposals and funding efforts.

- c. **Dan Turner** of Fire Safety Council (FSC) presented a detailed program description of fire prevention services, educational sessions, building safety, and “ready to go” preparedness plans.
Questions from AVAC members were addressed as to county-wide scope of FSC responsibilities, including North County Salinas River, Cambria, and Avila Valley. Concerns were voiced about evacuation routes, time needed for evacuation, and community education for evacuation. It is proposed that focus groups be formed representing the SLBE communities to gain information and disseminate information.
- d. 42 calls reported, mostly medical related. Man in cardio-pulmonary arrest revived and transported to French Hospital alive. CPR courses will be offered at the firehouse.
- e. High volume brush clearance continues. Cal Fire working with Sea Canyon neighbors creating better evacuation routes and safe spaces.

D. Planning: Nicole Ellis reports:

- a. Susan Strachan reported on a county letter compiled to Governor Newsom concerning Diablo Canyon Power Plant decommissioning with state approval to continue operations. (Please refer to letter of March 8, 2022, for reference).
Concerns were expressed about spent fuel storage, both locally and nationally.
- b. No issues concerning Avila Valley

Update 1:

The March 2022 project list has been updated to reflect project status updates. Where updates were made, the various spreadsheet cells have been highlighted in yellow.

1. The following **new project** has been added to the list.
 - C-DRC2021-00010 (new Item 1 on the list) Minor Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit- Request by Port San Luis Harbor District for a temporary storage yard to occupy up to 30 paid parking spaces within the Avila Public Parking Lot. Will be utilized for storage of construction materials and equipment as part of the Avila Pier Renovation project (CDP has been issued by the California Coastal Commission). A minimum of 300 paid parking spaces will remain available in the Avila Public Parking Lot during renovations. Location: Avila Public Parking Lot APNs: 076-215-012 & 076-213-009. Status: Application received. Referrals distributed 3/3/22.
2. The following **projects have been updated** to reflect current status.
 - AMEND2021-00002 (now item 5 on the list)- Minor Use Permit Amendment to DRC2015-00098 for modifications to site plans, floor plans, and elevations, has been updated to reflect status “Approved by PDH on consent February 18, 2022. Subject to appeal periods.”
 - DRC2021-00126 & AMEND2022-00002 (now item 8 on the list)- Updated to reflect subsequent Amendment to the SLBE MDP- Amendment to the San Luis Bay Estates Master Development Plan to establish 10 overnight accommodation units & Development Plan/ CDP to Add ten (10) overnight hotel accommodations and limited support facilities to the Avila Beach Golf Resort. The project has also been updated to reflect status “Project scheduled for Planning Commission hearing March 24, 2022.”
 - DRC2013-00080 (now item 15 on the list) Minor Use Permit / Coastal Development Permit for remediation facilities for hydrocarbon recovery has been updated to reflect status “The County is reviewing the proposed land use category change as part of the Draft Avila Community Plan (see item 21 on list below).”

- LRP2012-0003, DRC2012-00048, SUB2015-00008 (now item 21 on the list) General Plan Amendment, Development Plan- Remediation of previous oil tank farm and refinery. Change land use category from Industrial to Recreation with specific standards. Development of recreation and resort uses. Tract Map to subdivide site into 8 parcels. Status has been updated to reflect assignment coordination between Long Range Planning (Airlin Singewald) and Environmental Division (Steve McMasters).
3. The following **project has been relocated to approved projects list.**
- DRC2020-00152 Development Plan/Coastal Development Permit (Cool) (now item 23 on the approved project list) Residential development in three phases: 1) Barn with residence, 2) New residence, 3) New residence. Status has been updated to show "Project approved at Planning Commission hearing January 13, 2022. Cleared appeal periods.

Update 2:

The County has received inquiries from community members seeking clarification and response to several commonly asked land use and regulation questions. There are many governing documents and rules and regulations involved in development within Avila Beach. Therefore, providing a clear understanding of the strengths and limitations of the various regulating documents and laws will help facilitate effective community engagement and contribute to smart and well-developed projects.

County staff provided an overview of two draft guidance documents, listed below, at the AVAC meeting of February 14, 2022.

County staff is working to finalize the Quick User-Guide which outlines the various documents that govern development in Avila Beach and their roles in development applications.

D. Public Works: John Waddell reports

- a. No report

E. County Parks: Nick Franko / Tanya Richardson report

- a. Introduction of Tanya Richardson as assistant in County Parks.
- b. Road work projects in Avila were reported.
- c. Cave Landing vehicles parking above parking lot will be discouraged by placing boulders in that area.
- d. Graffiti, which continues to reoccur, is being cleaned by rangers.
- e. FSC is working to improve Bob Jones Trail vegetation management.

F. Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins reports

- a. Hiring of lifeguards and maintenance workers is proceeding.
- b. In person board meetings are scheduled.
- c. Avila pier maintenance ongoing, working on budget.
- d. Dredging at boat ramp and boat lift ongoing.

G. County Supervisor: Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg reports

- a. Dan Turner's report acknowledged and appreciated.
- b. Letter to Governor Newsom discussed and her abstention in vote due to conflict of interest prior to appointment as supervisor 3rd district. Spent fuel disposal discussed by Tom Marre.
- c. Upcoming Board of Supervisor meeting 3-15-2022.
- d. Budget discussions. 3 million dollars for childcare, 0.5 million for small business grants. Addition of four staff members for adult protective services.
- e. Commission on status of women and girls. 31 women being recognized for their contributions.
- f. 8-million-dollar budget deficit requiring difficult decisions going forward.

- g. Envision Avila proceeding
- h. Fire Safe Council Focus Groups safety leadership and evacuation planning.

7. Old Business:

None

8. New Business:

Use of EEC for in person AVAC meetings discussed. No consensus, therefore, revisit at April AVAC meeting.

9. Community Liaisons:

A. Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich reports

No report

B. Avila Beach foundation: Rick Cohen reports

Rick Cohen reminds members of the April 15th deadline to submit applications for the Foundation's \$5,000 Community Impact Grant. He previously sent an application with details in an earlier email. If you have any questions or wish to discuss ideas, feel free to call him at 805-234-0855
Farmer's Market will run on Fridays beginning in May and running through August

C. PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Tom Jones reports for Eric Daniels

- a. Decommissioning updated. EIR being developed
- b. PG&E filed an LRA for the Diablo Canyon Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).
 - The current ISFSI license expires in March of 2024 and the LRA is required by NRC regulations to be submitted two years prior to existing license expiration.
 - PG&E is requesting a 40-year ISFSI license renewal. At the time of original ISFSI licensing, NRC regulations allowed only 20-year licenses, with the option for license renewal in 20-year increments.
 - Current regulations allow the original license and a license renewal duration to be 40 years each.
 - The future approval of this LRA will demonstrate that PG&E stores and manages used nuclear fuel in a safe and responsible manner that meets or exceeds federal requirements.
 - PG&E developed Aging Management Programs (AMPs) that use periodic inspections to ensure the dry storage system components perform their functions properly. The AMPs will be NRC requirements stemming from the LRA process.
 - PG&E conducted a pre-application inspection prior to submitting the LRA that included seven times as many components compared to the industry standard for license renewal, which is one to two components.
 - These inspections confirmed there are no unique aging effects taking place at the site and ensured all potential aging effects are identified in the LRA.
 - The NRC will independently review the inspection findings as it relates to long-term aging management during its review of the LRA.

10. AVAC Committees:

A. Land Use: Sherri Danoff reports

- a. DRC2021-00015, Avila Valley Barn Events Application. Issues identified concerning traffic, noise, parking, wastewater, ingress/egress from Ontario Road need to be addressed. It was recommended that a traffic study be included. Motion made and carried for an AVAC letter. Diligently prepared and sent 3-15-2022.

- b. DRC2021-00126, Golf course 10-unit lodging was discussed. Concerns with no new golf cart barn location, along with parking for public assembly need to be detailed. Motion made and carried for letter requesting more detail. Letter diligently prepared and sent 3-15-2022.
- B. **Diablo Canyon:** Ken Thompson reports
 - a. Decommissioning Engagement Panel meeting now scheduled for April 20, 2022.
 - c. **Port San Luis:** Mary Matakovich reports
No report
 - d. **Avila Beach:** Mary Matakovich reports
No report
 - e. **San Luis Bay Estates:** Curtis Cole reports
Hearing to consider a request by ARB Property, L.P. for an amendment (AMEND2022-00002 to the SLBE Master Development Plan to allow ten overnight accommodations at the golf resort. This March 24, 2022, agenda item has been addressed by our Land Use letter of concern and SLBE may also be providing a letter of concern.
Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell reports
No report
 - f. **Sea Canyon:** Denise Allen reports
Mailbox thefts with individuals using crow bars have increased. Be aware please and report any suspicious activities.
 - g. **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins reports
Call out of thanks to Dan Turner and Chief Paul Lee for outstanding fire prevention work
 - h. **Ad Hoc APU (Avila Plan update):** Jim Hartig reports
No report

11. **Next Meeting Date:** April 11, 2022

12. **Adjourn:** 9:14 PM