

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

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1. **Call to Order:** by the Chair, Steve Benedict, for regular meeting at 6:02 PM, via Zoom

Roll call (present): Denise Allen, Steve Benedict, Mike Clayton, Curtis Cole, Bill Crewe, Sherri Danoff, Margaret Greenough, Julia Hartzell, Jim Hartig, John Janowicz, Mary Matakovich, Lisa Newton, Ken Thompson. A quorum was established.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the June 13, 2022; meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

3. **Chair's Comments:**

- No comments

4. **Public Comment:**

- Betty Hartig shared a picture of the cement pilings under the Bridge with extensive, huge graffiti. Since this is the Port's territory, the Port was advised of this problem and took responsibility.
- ABR reported on upcoming events

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Denise Allen reports.

Balance of Checking Account: \$ 1,966.41

Expenses: There were two expenditures this month: \$14.99 for Zoom and \$74 for the Post Office Box.

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

- A. **Sheriff:**

- No report. Later info received indicated 37 calls for service in June compared to 42 last year. Cave Landing had 10 of the calls for service.

- B. **Highway Patrol:** Captain Greg Klingenberg reports

- There were: Six non-injury collisions and 2 DUIs, one of which was a non-injury collision.
- **Cal Fire:** Battalion Chief Paul Lee notified AVAC of unavailability for July meeting. Chief Paul Lee would like to pass on a thank you to Nick Franco and his staff for doing such a great job with pirates' cove on the 4th of July with assistance from the Port, California Highway Patrol, and the Sheriff's Department. The fire department did not receive one call for service on the 4th of July which has never happened before at Pirates Cove. The safety plan County Parks implemented was spot on.
- Have a safe summer and looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

- C. **Planning:** Nicole Ellis not attending:

- Written planning updates posted on AVAV website
- The July 2022 project list has been updated to reflect project status updated. No comments were made.
- Susan Strachan addressed the progress of the County's work with PG&E document for decommissioning. The EIR and the impact statement are now scheduled for release in the winter.

D. Public Works: John Waddell not attending

- No report

E. County Parks: Nick Franco / Shaun Cooper report

- Nick Franco discussed the coordinated effort to manage parking along with the fire lanes at Cave Landing. Due to the parking lot being full, the entrance was closed. Next day, there were 18 large trash bags full of trash removed from the site.
- He also spoke of the leopard sharks circling/nursing in the immediate area as a normal occurrence.
- The question was raised as to the improvements at Cave Landing, which are "in the works" for ADA compliance and storm water.
- Graffiti is still an issue and takes up to two weeks to remove.

F. Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins reports

- We are very excited to have the Connolly-Pacific team in and working on the breakwater repair. The crew started at the end of June dredging sediment and redepositing it away from the breakwater. This will allow the equipment to maneuver. In the next stage, we will see deconstruction and reconstruction of breakwater sections. The crew is working with the "D.B. Long Beach", a 76' x 255' steel barge with a 350-ton derrick mounted to it. With the boom all the way up, it is about 265' tall. Its size makes it visible from a good distance away.
- Our new business manager, Jenn Dance, started mid-June. She will be handling leasing and administrative operations.
- Update on Avila Pier: Mary reports that a meeting in September for permits. The lumber has been ordered. The pier project is scheduled for two years.
- Camping concerns were voiced on Avila Bay Drive, yet campers remain. Applying to The Coastal Commission extension to continue, as Flying Flags not complete.

G. County Supervisor: Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg reports

- Budget has been passed and is adding positions in the Planning and Building Departments.
- 3 million dollars have been allocated to non-profits, with \$650,000 for the Homeless Division, allowing better accountability, tracking and assistance. Homelessness affects not only those individuals, but also the community citizens and our quality of life.
- League of Women Voters presented a package for housing and assistance.
- All employees have received a salary increase to assist in employee retention.
- Statement by Percy Jones offering his assistance to the SLBE evacuation planning committee.

- Ken Thompson asked if any Sheriff positions have been compromised. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg assured the committed that public safety remains a top priority.
- Denise Allen voiced concerns as to camping on county lands and in See Canyon pose sanitation, waste, and evacuation concerns. These are in code violation and are not allowed.
- Supervisor Ortiz-Legg's Avila office hours for July are July 21, 2022, from 1:00-3:00 PM

7. **Old Business**

- No report

8. **New Business:**

- No report

9. **Community Liaisons:**

A. **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Mary Matakovich reports

- Successful 4th of July community breakfast was reported. 280 breakfasts were served.
- 124 dogs participated in the doggie parade.
- Boat parade was also successful.

B. **Avila Beach foundation:** Rick Cohen reports

- Rick Cohen reports that the Foundation is considering a focus on creating an Avila history presentation. They anticipate an event taking place in the first quarter of 2023. More information to come at avilabeachfoundation.org.

C. **PG&E / Diablo Canyon:** Eric Daniels reports

- Both reactor units are operating at full power.
- Emergency egress via Diablo Canyon Road is being finalized
- Governor Newsome has requested an extension to assist with providing additional service and time to transition from carbon to renewable energy. Funds, in the form of Civil Nuclear Credits are not specifically designated for this and Diablo Canyon is requesting an extension beyond the September 6th deadline.
- Local SLBE and local power outages were addressed in mailings and webinars.
- Percy Jones asked about the reporting process to residents, when potential shutdowns could be expected during high-risk events, such as Santa Ana winds. PG&E would issue notices beginning seventy-two hours before and continue to update as the situation evolves.

10. **AVAC Committees:**

A. **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff reports

- No report

B. **Diablo Canyon:** Ken Thompson reports

- The DCICS discussed the new spent fuel plan, giving details of the storage specifics.
- Discussion was entertained about a what-if-situation arose, where the political climate changed, and DC was given the go ahead to relicense and continue for another period.

- C. **Port:** Mary Matakovich reports
 - No report

- D. **Avila Beach:** Mary Matakovich reports
 - Mary Matakovich reports the Avila Committee reviewed the proposed project at 490 and 498 Front Street (C-SUB2022-0001) and provided a letter with recommendations to be presented to the Planning Department. Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Thompson) to approve the letter. Motion carried.

- E. **San Luis Bay Estates:** Curtis Cole reports
 - Evacuation plans are moving forward with the assistance of Percy Jones.

- F. **Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell reports
 - No report

- G. **Sea Canyon:** Denise Allen reports
 - No report

- H. **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins reports
 - No report

- I. **Ad Hoc APU (Avila Plan update):** Jim Hartig reports
 - Jim Hartig reports that the committee continues to meet. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2022.

11. Next Meeting Date:

- August 8, 2022, 6:00 PM

12. Adjourn:

- 7:05 PM