

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

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Date 11/14/2022

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1. **Call to Order:** by the chair, Steve Benedict, for regular meeting at 18:00 hrs., via Zoom.
Role call (present): Denise Allen, Mary El Hansen, Mary Matakovich, Jim Hartig, Carol Hayden, Julia Hartzell, Kirt Collins, Ken Thompson, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Curtis Cole, Margaret Greenough, John Janowicz, Bob Pusanik (alt), Sheri Robesky (alt).
Quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the October 03, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:**
 - Steve Benedict welcomed the newest member of AVAC, Sherry Robesky.
4. **Public Comment:**
 - No written public comment.
 - Dr. McGee spoke to the issue our County homeless population. He highlighted affordable housing as a major issue. He emphasized public awareness and community support through people, place, and purpose.
5. **Treasurer's Report: Denise Allen reports:**
 - Balance of Checking Account: \$ 1,906.45
 - Expenses: \$ 14.99 for Zoom.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - A. **Sheriff: Sgt. Abbas reports**
 - 126 calls for service, 33 in Avila Beach proper. Cave Landing had 5 calls for service.
 - Ken Thompson again mentioned discrepancies in the printed report stats and Sgt, Abbas explained that under the title "Avila" refers to Avila Beach proper only. "Avila Valley" is another area, distinct from Avila Beach proper. Dr. Clayton suggested a new format for reporting distinguishing the three areas in the written report, Avila Proper, Avila Valley, and Cave Landing.
 - B. **Highway Patrol: Lieutenant Captain Greg Klingenberg reports:**
 - 1 noninjury, solo vehicle, collision occurred in October. The individual was arrested on DUI charges.

C. Cal Fire: Battalion Chief Paul Lee reports:

- Chief Paul Lee absent attending meeting. Written notes provided.
- 45 Calls for service 27 were medically related.
- With the rain we received, CAL FIRE will continue to burn more piles and complete prescribed burns. In the Avila Valley projects planned for burning are:
 - End of Davis Canyon, pile burning this month.
 - East of Shell Beach, pile burning this month.
 - Light House #2 Prescribed burn unknown time frame, most lines are in. A Community briefing will be held prior to the event.
 - Long Canyon prescribed burn East of Shell Beach dependent on rainfall, 1 month out. A community briefing will be held prior to event.
 - Hats off to the Avila Valley Focus Group for putting together such an outstanding Fire Safe Council Grant Package. Thank you to Jim Hartig for being the chair and keeping the project moving forward.
 - A reminder that when we change time, we also look at our smoke and CO detectors. If they take batteries, we change them, or if they are wired and more than 8 years old we change them out with new ones.

D. Planning: Nicole Ellis/Susan Strachan reports:

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

The following projects have been updated:

Update 1: Current Planning Staff anticipates attending the December AVAC meeting virtually to provide an overview of the EIR schedule (next steps and milestones and public participation) for the Avila Beach Resort phased expansion project DRC2018-00067.

Update 2: The November 2022 project list has been updated to reflect project status updates. Where updates were made, the various spreadsheet cells have been highlighted in yellow. The following projects have been updated:

- C-SUB2022-00005 (Item 1 on the Active/In Process list) revised “60-Day Response Deadline column” to reflect “11/18/2022 (subcommittee requested extension and rereview once information hold items are addressed).”
- C-SUB2022-00006 (Item 2 on the Active/In Process list) revised “60-Day Response Deadline column” to reflect “11/18/2022 (subcommittee requested extension and rereview once information hold items are addressed).”
- SUB2021-00041 (item 6 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “Application is under review- pending scheduling for hearing in January.”

- DRC2021-00092 (item 7 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “At this time, County staff continue to work with PG&E on both extended operations and decommissioning.”
- DRC2021-00126 & AMEND2022-00002 (item 8 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “During the November 1, 2022 BOS appeal hearing the Board unanimously approved staff recommendations and denied the appeal request thereby approving the project. Action to be considered by Coastal Commission.”
- DRC2020-00212 (item 12 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “Project is scheduled for December 16, 2022 Planning Department Hearing (confirmed with agent and owners).”
- SUB2020-00067 (item 13 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “County Planning staff is working on the staff report and anticipate a Planning Commission hearing in January.”
- DRC2018-00067 (item 17 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “EIR Contract approved by BOS October 4, 2022. October 20, 2022 EIR kick off meeting held with applicant, agent, consultant and departments and agencies. October 25, 2022 site visit with consultant. EIR tentative schedule- next steps: Notice of Preparation of EIR and Scoping Meeting & Project Description and EIR Outline.”

E. Public Works: John Waddell reports:

- John Waddell advised the council of road maintenance, cleaning and resurfacing. Kirt Collins asked about the rough surface of Ontario Road being poorly suited for bicycles and John stated that a new surface material is projected. Ken Thompson mentioned about the 5-year asphalt plan and the possibility of PG&E trucking damage. Eric Daniels assured the council that no increase in trucking at PG&E is anticipated.
- An updated presentation of the Avila Beach Drive/101roundabout was presented to the council. Please refer to the “Old Business” for details.

F. County Parks: Nick Franco / Shaun Cooper reports:

- Nick Franco advised that tree pruning on the Bob Jones trail should improve now that a new land owner is working together with the County. Previous prunings were unacceptable.
- The benches throughout the park and Avila Plaza are in needed repairs. Rangers have making temporary repairs, but we are looking into a more long-term fix by replacing the benches. The replacement benches will be phased in over time. Design of the benches are being considered. Photos of design will be presented at next AVAC meeting.
- Cave Landing Project – Parks has submitted for the permit with building and planning and once that is approved, we have a contractor already lined up to begin the work. The project will take approximately 6 weeks and will begin in the spring.

G. Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins-Harbor Director reports:

- Construction on the pier continues with piler underwater reinforcement now completed. Top decking and handrails replacements are ongoing.
- Engineering for the pier landing and stairs is planned.
- The breakwater crew is gone for the winter season and will return in spring to summer to complete the project.
- The North Ranch Road has undergone paving and drainage work and is excellent. Eric Daniels invited anyone wishing to visit to contact him.

H. County Supervisor: Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg reports: Steve Benedict presents:

- **Avila Beach Community Plan:**
 - Next Milestones:
 - March 2023 publish revised draft
 - Summer 23-Spring 24 EIR
 - Spring 2024 Planning Commission
 - 2024 Board of Supervisors
- **Downtown Landscaping:**
 - County does not provide landscaping services.
 - Roads and safety maintenance is the County responsibility.
 - Tree maintenance is the homeowner's responsibility.
- **Parking Study of 2019:**
 - Evaluate existing public parking, seek alternatives, enhance mobility for all travel modes.
 - Study identified high occupancy in designated areas.
 - Means to reduce impact of parking by adding new parking (Chevron), allowing possibility of 54 spaces. Any changes require commercial/residential stakeholders.
- **Offshore Wind Update:**
 - Bureau of Ocean management-wind lease sale December 6, at 7am.
 - All 5 areas, 3 for Central Coast/ Morro Bay and 2 for Humboldt.
 - Post auction time should result in more activity surrounding OSW.
- **December 6th Planning Priorities:**
 - Streamline process, improve response time and customer service.
 - Support training, leadership and staff engagement.
 - Reduce items that increase stress and costs rather than generate income and project turn arounds.
- **New Legislative Assistant:**

Meet Kelly Abbas.

Long-time Central Coast Resident. She has experience as a police officer and dispatcher. She has earned her bachelor's and Associate's degrees in History and Administration of Justice respectively. She worked as a field representative for Jordan Cunningham.

Welcome Kelly Abbas.

7. **Old Business**

- Aaron Yonker, supervising engineer and project director, and associated staff, presented an excellent Power Point Presentation (PPP) updating the council on the Avila Beach Drive-101 roundabout project. The construction project should start in mid 2023, continue for 20-24 months, and be completed in mis 2025.

For more information and review the PPP, go to www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/projectavilaat101.

8. **New Business:**

- The nominating committee for council and AVAC officers will be chaired by Julia Hartzell with the assistance of Jim Hartig. Nominations will take place in December with a vote in January.

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- **Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich reports:**
 - The Holiday Dog Parade will take place on December 10th at 11:00 am on the promenade in Avila Beach.
- **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Cohen reports:**
 - The Avila Beach Community Foundation Board of Trustees met last week to determine grant awards to be used for the coming year. The total amount we allocate each year is greatly affected by the current value of our investment portfolio, which is tied solely to the stock market. As you are likely aware, stocks have taken a huge hit this year (down more than 20%) so, unfortunately, we have had to reduce the total amount of funds available. For this round of funding, we have allocated a grand total of \$50,000 (down roughly 10% from the last round).
 - **Grants were awarded to:** Avila Beach Civic Association, Avila Beach Junior Lifeguards Program, Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School, Cancer Well-Fit Program at the Avila Bay Club , Central Coast Aquarium, KCBX Public Radio, Noor Foundation of San Luis Obispo, Operation Surf, People’s Self Help Housing at Lachen Tara in Avila Beach, Pt. San Luis Lighthouse Keepers, Port San Luis Harbor District Doggy Do Bags, Surfrider Foundation, Avila Beach Free Trolley, Avila Beach Life News Publication.
- **PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Susan Strachan/Eric Daniels reports:**
 - Refueling outage for reactor #2, beginning October 17th, is almost completed.
 - An interactive, virtual, town Hall Meeting is scheduled for 11-16-2022 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
 - PG&E has completed the recording of a deed restriction on 1200 acres of land near Diablo Canyon Power Plant to preserve the pristine coastline and protect it from further development. The deed restriction preserves recreational use and access to the lighthouse.
 - An offer was presented to take members, anytime, on the 14-mile drive on the north access road by Mr. Daniels.

10. AVAC Committes:

a. Land Use:

- No report.
- Need a chairperson for this committee. Interested individuals to contact Steve Benedict directly.

b. Diablo Canyon: Ken Thompson reports:

- Follow-up on Eric Daniels offer to listen in on the virtual town hall meeting. Ken will forward information to council members on 11-15-2022.

c. Port: Mary Matakovich reports:

- No report.

d. Avila Beach: Mary Matakovich reports:

- No projects to report.

e. San Luis Bay Estates: Curtis Cole reports:

- Three litigations against SLBE Homeowners Association are ongoing. One is set for trial in mid-July of next year.
- Clarification from planning on potential new development of open space land will require an amendment to the master plan.

f. Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell reports:

- Julia encouraged members to take the PG&E road tour.

g. Sea Canyon: Denise Allen reports:

- No report.
- Inquiry into Airbnb's requirements in the county. Steve stated the subject should be looked into be looked into.

h. Squire Canyon: Kirt Collins reports:

- SUBJECT: Nelson Lot Line adjustment (APN 076-271-030)
- Both Lot 1 and Lot 2 are owned by Dr. Peter Nelson. He has owned and lived on one of the lots for over 25 years. Dr. Nelson lives on Lot 2, which is mostly level with approx. 30 % being vegetated with native oaks. Lot 1 is not developed with an average slope of +/- 24% and is completely covered with oak trees. Development of a house site on the existing Lot 1 would require extensive grading and tree removal. The proposed lot line adjustment would add approx. 1.9 acres and allow for a future home construction with minimal tree removal and grading. Lot 1 is 6.12 acres, and the proposed change would increase it to 8.01 acres. Lot 2 would go from 7.64 acres to 5.73. This acreage change

fully complies with the rural residential requirements. RE: Nelson Lot Line adjustment (APN 076-271-030)

- This project has no impact with the current rural residential requirements and the Squire Canyon Committee of AVAC has no issues with it.
- A motion to approve this lot line adjustment the letter was requested and seconded. Motion carried.

i. **Ad Hoc APU (Avila Plan update): Jim Hartig reports:**

- No report.

11. Next Meeting Date:

- December 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

12. Adjourn:

- 7:41 pm