

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

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Date 8/12/2024

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- **Call to Order:** by the chair, Denise Allen for regular meeting at 18:02 PM, via Zoom.
Roll call (present): Mary Matakovich, Jim Hartig, Carol Hayden, Steve Benedict, Bob Pusanik (alt), Michael Clayton, Mandi George, Sheri Robesky, John Janowicz, Judy Kaatz, Allegra Shea, Percy Jones, Mary El Hansen, Bill Crewe, Bradley Escobar, Margaret Greenough.
Quorum was established.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A motion was made by Carol Hayden and seconded by Jim Hartig to approve minutes of the July 8, 2024 AVAC meeting as presented. The motion carried.
- **Chair's Comments:**
 - Honor to Saul Goldberg's contributions and unfortunate passing.
 - AVAC wishes to develop a Community Outreach notification encouraging participation.
 - AVAC-Chair Comments 8-12-2024
 1. County planning gives us a monthly update and this is posted on our website. When there is a new project, it is listed on the agenda as new business and a presentation is given during the meeting. The project will be deferred to a subcommittee or Ad Hoc committee to do further research and write a letter. The letter is then distributed to the council and voted on at the next meeting. The public can participate by speaking at the public comments portion of the meeting, writing an email to the AVAC email or being a part of the subcommittee or Ad Hoc committee, which any resident can be a part of upon approval by committee chair.
 2. We will display "draft letters" during the meeting on ZOOM, when available, when the council is discussing and voting on the letter.
 3. We will include on the agenda any "letters" that the sub committees are working on if received prior to posting of agenda.
 4. We will be looking into different ways to display "approved Letters" either attached to meeting minutes or in an updated website category.
 5. We are **recommending** use of the CAC form as a guide for writing a letter or to be used in place of a letter **if desired** by committee chairs.
 6. The agenda is posted on the website one week before the meeting
- **Public Comment:**
 - **Written reports:** Written comments were provided by the Avila Beach Resort regarding the recent C-10 truck show and by Avila Village owners regarding parking on Lupine Canyon Rd.
- **Treasurer's Report: Steve Benedict reports:**
 - Balance of Checking Account: \$ 1,165.79
 - Expenses: \$ 15.99 in July for Zoom.

- **County and Local Agency Reports:**

- A. Sheriff: Comm. Stuart MacDonald reports:**

- 168 CFS in 2024, 46 in Avila proper. Compared to 179/47 in 2023. 3 suspicious circumstances, 13 disturbances, 17 enforcement stops, 2 thefts, 2 vandalism, 13 preventive patrol activities, 2 assault and battery.
- Percy Jones asks about increased patrols at large events? Yes

- B. Highway Patrol: Lt. Mike Brown reports:**

Three collisions, two hit and run. No injuries.

Percy Jones noted three fatalities in Avila Valley and suggested increased patrol activity may help. [

- C. Cal Fire: Battalion Chief Paul Lee absent:**

- 59 calls for service, 32 medically related.
- Diablo Canyon and Cal Fire joint exercises conducted.
- Lightning strikes have caused Cal Fire to be busy statewide.
- The Firesafe Council has received 1 million in grant funds for the Avila Valley.
- Fire related service calls have been minor issues only.

- D. Planning: Jeremy Freund reports in absentia:**

AVILA COMMITTEE PROJECT(S)

- C-DRC2021-00028 (item 1 on August Active/In Process list)- August 2024 Updates Highlighted in Yellow and Red Column: Update as of August 2024: Environmental Document and Hearing Materials are being drafted, a hearing date is expected by the end of the year.

AVILA VALLEY COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATE

- AMEND2023-00007 (item 3 on August Active/In Process list)- Updates Column: Project Number: N-DRC2023-00016 voided new case AMEND2023-00007 will also be accompanied by a new case number N-DRC2024-00031. Project Type Column: Amendment to CUP for Tract 1612 and Minor Use Permit; August 2024 Updates Highlighted in Yellow and Red Column: Additional staff review determined the Amendment case to be accompanied by a new Minor Use Permit case, N-DRC2024-00031, for the request of the construction of the residence. The Amendment case is for the request for amendments to Tract 1612 conditions. No re-referral or new referrals required for the Minor Use Permit as the project scope has remained unchanged since the May 29, 2024, re-referral.

DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATES

- **C-DRC2024-00023 (Item 6 on August Active/In Process list)- August 2024 Updates. It was approved at the Planning Dept. Hearing on August 2, 2024**

Susan Strachan reports: Absent

- **No report.**

E. Public Works: John Waddell reports:

- Accidents in Avila Beach over the past few months prompts review of regulations, signage, and speeds. Will review signage on roads and compliance.
- Avila Beach Roundabout moving forward. 2025 40 day closure anticipated with San Luis Bay Drive alternative route. An emergency lane will be available for emergency pass through.
- The Bob Jones Trail land issues to be taken up by the Supervisors. Issue of possible imminent domain at question. Other negotiations in progress. 18 million dollar grant may expire.
- Pavement management plan continues. Updated plan available on website for 2024-25. Resurfacing will also continue in Avila Valley roads including Shell Beach Road, Onterio Road, Cave Landing Road and See Canyon south of San Luis Bay Drive.
- Storm damage repairs from 2023 storms show two sites on See Canyon that will be addressed in 2025 with permanent repairs.
- Excess right of way at ABD and San Miguel Street sign relocated.
- Water project in progress right now on San Luis Bay Drive between county service area 12 water system and Sam Miguelito Water Company to combine them as back up system should one system go down.
- Questions:
 - Eric Daniels asks if resurfacing of Ontario Road from Avila Beach Drive to Higuera Street in 2025? Yes.
 - Bob Pusanik asks who is responsible for creek clean up? Individual land owner.
 - Brad Escobar sites potential accidents and safety issues at San Luis Bay Drive and See Canyon intersection. Several options suggested by AVAC members. County will assess.

F. County Parks: Tanya Richardson absent:

- No report.

G. Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins reports:

- Summer maintenance activity ongoing.
- Offshore Wind gaining information for options. The Port wishes to be very transparent in providing information during these feasibility proceedings., providing updates where possible. Santa Barbara and SLO Counties Reach Study for economic development and encourage thinking of off shore wind for the Central Coast.
- Operations and maintenance activities will require about 3 to 5 acres.
- Beaches busy with summer guests.

H. Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg reports:

- **Vacation Rentals:**
 - Request at Treasure / Tax Collector Office.
 - Together with P&B< assessing what exactly do we need?
 - Calculating fees to cover costs of administrating VR activities and code enforcement costs.
 - Housing issues likely will not apply to Avila.

- **Fire Service Enhancements:**
 - Special District Fire Protection Study: 2018.
 - For 3 person staffing, annual total:-\$2M.
 - Assessment is one answer but education needs to happen.
 - 2022 Strategic Plan Update @ BOS late sept/Oct.
 - Will be reviewing options on staffing costs, communications, IT needs, PCF “support option in rural area”.
- **Upcoming Board Items:**
 - Bob Jones Trail: August 20
 - Offshore Wind Grants: September 10
 - Fire Strategic Update: September YBD
- **Avila Community Forum:**
 - Co-Host: Avila Community Foundation,
 - October 15, 2024
 - Time: Evening?
 - Avila Civic Center.
 - Invited speakers
 - Send requests to: District3@co.slo.ca.gov.
- **Office Hours:**
 - September 5, 2024.
 - Time: 1:30 – 3:30.
 - Kelley Abbas, Legislative Assistant.
 - Avila Civic Center

Old Business:

- No report.

• **New Business:**

- Ad hoc emergency support committee for station 62 needed. Looking for volunteers to support firefighters. Motion made by Mary Matakovich and seconded by Denise Allen to form committee. The measure carried.

• **Community Liaisons:**

• **Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich reports:**

- Encourage membership.
- September 4, 2024 bingo night and spaghetti dinner. Please attend.

• **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Rowe reports:**

- The Community Impact Grant was awarded to Cal Fire to purchase power roller to allow firefighters to quickly move from one fire to where needed. Equipment has arrived.
- Grant cycle is open and invitation made for applications on web site.
- Saul Goldberg remembered for contribution to Avila. Jim Hartig thanked for information support.

• **PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels reports:**

- Unit #1 and Unit #2 operating at 100%.
- PG&E conducting focused visits.

- Eric can arrange AVAC guided tours upon request.
- Cell tower dead zones: AVAC should directly contact communication company.
- **AVAC Committees:**
 - **Land Use: Jim Hartig reports:**
 - No report.
 - **Diablo Canyon: Ken Thompson reports:**
 - No report.
 - **Port: Mary Matakovich reports:**
 - Avila Committee has discussed and reviewed the proposal to allow portable propane fire pits on Avila Beach and possible Old Port Beach. A trial is now underway and will run through Labor Day.
 - Avila Beach celebrated 150 years since its founding.
 - Feasibility reports are being generated for Off Shore Wind and should be available in about a year.
 - Congratulations to CSC for Diablo Canyon right of way sign
 - **Avila Beach: Mary Matakovich reports:**
 - Crews working on both Avila and Harford piers
 - **San Luis Bay Estates: Percy Jones absent:**
 - Comments on truck event on the golf course noted violations of open BBQ and parking on violation of open space ordinances. Traffic back up on Avila Beach Drive was also mentioned. A letter from Supervisor Ortiz-Legg addressed these issues.
 - **Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell reports:**
 - No report.
 - Questions posed by Sheri Robesky, Mary C., and Kristen McKiernan about Onterio Road project truck parking on bike path, oversight noise complaints, inspectors and beeping noises in early hours. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg will investigate but assured that inspections are ongoing.
 - **See Canyon: Denise Allen absent:**
 - No report.
 - **Squire Canyon: Margaret Greenough absent:**
 - No report.
- **Next Meeting Date:**
September 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- **Adjourn:** 7:34 PM