

## Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

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- **Call to Order:** by the chair, Denise Allen for regular meeting at 6:02 PM, via Zoom.  
Roll call (present): Mary Matakovich, Jim Hartig, Carol Hayden, Steve Benedict, Bob Pusanik (alt), Michael Clayton, Allegra Shea, Judy Katz (alt.), Mandy George (alt.), Sheri Robesky (alt.), Percy Jones, Mary El Hansen, Julia Hartzell, Bradley Escobar, Ken Thompson.  
Quorum was established.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
  - A motion was made by Mary Matakovich and seconded by Carol Hayden to approve August minutes with a small revision from Ken Thompson , who requested that the second bullet under the Diablo report be removed. The motion carried with two abstentions, Thompson, Hartzell.
- **Chair's Comments:**
  - The chair asked for volunteers to participate in the SLO Safe Street Project. Members are to contact her for participation.
  - Creek clean up is September 21st. See EcoSlo website
  - Reminded attendees of rules for comments and questions
  - Town Hall meeting October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center giving another opportunity to communicate with local politicians and community individuals.
- **Public Comment:**
  - : Several members of the public gave comments regarding the proposed off shore wind turbine project, for and against.
- **Treasurer's Report: Steve Benedict reports:**
  - Balance of Checking Account: \$ 1,149.80
  - Expenses: \$ 15.99 in August for Zoom.
- **County and Local Agency Reports:**
  - A. **Sheriff: Comm. Stuart MacDonald reports:**
    - 127 calls for service, 32 in Avila Proper compared to 178/40 in 2023. Assault/Battery 3, Disturbance 4, Burglary 1, Theft 1, Suspicious circumstances 7, Enforcement stops 9, Preventive patrol activity 1. 2 fires on Harford Pier.
    - Past problems at Bob Jones Parking Lot now decreased due to surveillance cameras.
  - B. **Highway Patrol: Lt. Tim Santoro reports:**
    - 1 DUI, 2 collisions one vehicle/bike another golf cart mishap with minor injuries.
    - Radar increased on San Luis Bay Drive with intent to slow traffic.
    - Cones in San Miguel Street to be reevaluated for obstruction to flow.
    - Supervisor Ortiz-Legg thanked CHP for attention in school areas traffic.

**C. Cal Fire: Battalion Chief Paul Lee reports:**

- 71 calls for service, 42 medically related.
- 2 small fires on Harford Pier, contained quickly.
- Increased fire activity in the state.
- 101 Round-about construction traffic time response being addressed.
- Ontario Ridge vegetation management project completed.
- Genasys app recommended. Informs you of evacuation zones.
- Difference between evacuation warning and order.
- Watchduty app for information on fires near to you or within the USA.
- Question: Percy Jones asks about air support for our county. Air support from north County, Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande helicopter base.

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

There has been no changes to the Active/In Process Project Spreadsheet since the August 12th meeting. Attached is the September 2024 Active/In Process Project Spreadsheet and all previous highlighted changes have been cleared and there are no new updates.

**Susan Strachan reports:**

- No update on Diablo Canyon.
- Update wind: 1 million dollars earmarked for wind feasibility. Tomorrow the supervisors will be presented with a contract for operations and feasibility study. The remainder of the funds will be dispersed to the Port, Morro bay and Cal Poly.

**E. Public Works: John Waddell reports:**

- No report.

**F. County Parks: Tanya Richardson absent:**

- No report.

**G. Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins reports:**

- 2 fires on Harford Pier. Cigarette smoking not permitted on pier.
- Summer over with decrease in tourist activity.
- Avila Pier repair work continues making good progress.

**H. Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg reports:**

- **Upcoming Board Items:**
- Offshore Wind Grants: September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- “Active Transportation Advisory” change from “Bike Advisory”: September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Fire PCF Strategic Update Paid California firefighters: October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Behavioral Health Crisis Division: October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Bob Jones Trail: Options for Brunell Property..
- **Community Meetings:**
- Shell Beach Library Coffee. Come visit. September 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to Noon.
- Community Meeting October 15<sup>th</sup>, evening. Sponsored by Community Foundation

- California Insurance Commissioner Representative.
- Fire Safe Council.
- SLO County Planning and Building.
- **Office Hours:**
  - October 17, 2024.
  - Time: 1:30 – 3:30.
  - Avila Civic Center.
  - Need time with Supervisor? Supervisor will meet at your location or set up time at County Building.
- Question by Mary Matakovich about vacation rentals? No report yet, backed up.

**Old Business:**

- No report.

• **New Business:**

- CET Presentation by Brian Sabina, CEO Clean EnergyTerminals.com
- A slide show presentation was made by Mr. Sabina followed by questions and comments from AVAC council members and the community. The presentation was informational and educational only. It is a feasibility study and there is no formal project proposed at this time. The feasibility will take 6 – 18 months. Community outreach will continue through the process.

• **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 Avila Community Foundation grant application process open until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

- No report

- **Land Use:**

- No report.

- **Diablo Canyon: Ken Thompson reports:**

- Every two years FEMA evaluates emergency exercises related to the power plant with SLO, Santa Barbara and Monterey. Senior level emergency response personnel participate along with personnel from various California State agencies and the NRC. The feedback was very positive.
- The DCISC next public open meeting October 9-10, 2024 in Avila Beach. Ken will send agenda.

- **Port: Mary Matakovich reports:**

- Thanks council for presentation. Thanks for openness.

- **Avila Beach: Mary Matakovich reports:**

- On planning spreadsheet, the first two items are the Avila Committee. We would like to be able to continue to be engaged with both of these.

- **San Luis Bay Estates: Percy Jones reports:**

- No report.

- **Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell reports:**

- Nothing new to report except letter sent to planning requesting update on project ongoing over five years. Last update 2021 on project on King's property. How long is permit left open without action?

- **See Canyon: Denise Allen reports:**
- Apple season has started.
- **Squire Canyon: Margaret Greenough absent:**  
No report.
- **Next Meeting Date:**  
October 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- **Adjourn: 8:28 PM**