

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date 11/4/2024

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1. **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, Bill Crewe

Michael Clayton, Sheri Robesky, Judy Kaatz (alt.), Percy Jones, Mary El Hansen, Julia Hartzell, Bradley Escobar, Ken Thompson, John Janowicz, Mandy George, Bob Pusanik, Steve Benedict

Quorum was established.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mary Matakovich and seconded by Ken Thompson to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

3. **Chair's Comments:**

New Officer nominations for 2025 will be presented in December. We currently have an opening for Secretary. Any council member interested should let us know.

4. **Public Comment:**

Oral reports: None.

Written reports: None.

5. **Treasurer's Report: Steve Benedict reports in absentia:**

- Balance of Checking Account: \$ 1,133.81
- Expenses: \$ 15.99 in November for Zoom.

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

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

- 70 calls for service, 23 in Avila Proper compared to 110/34 in 2023. Assault/Battery 0, Disturbance 7, vandalism 2, Burglary 0, Theft 0, Suspicious circumstances 1, Enforcement stops 4, preventive patrol activity 9.
- Be aware of phone scams

B. **Highway Patrol: Lt. Tim Santoro reports:**

- 4 collisions, all occurred on Avila Beach Road and HWY 101. 1 vehicle minor injury collision and 3 non-injury accidents.

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

- 53 calls for service, 28 medically related.
- 1 significant rescue with Port San Luis at Pirates Cove
- Avila Valley Fire Safe Council Group will be meeting in Pismo Beach. The Council is pleased with progress and applying for next grants.
- Request to form second group for Pismo Beach.

- Training with Diablo for hazardous materials continues.
- Alert routing training in Sea Canyon Road has taken place.
- Wind warning next weekend, therefore reduce outdoor BBQ and such.
- No news on staffing increase at station 62. Issue for Supervisor.
- In any emergency, Cal Fire can call upon resources nationwide.
- Question regarding AI technology for early detection of fires. Program out of UC San Diego. More devices are planned.

D. Planning: Jeremy Freund reports:

The following projects have been updated:

AVILA COMMITTEE PROJECT(S)

C-DRC2024-00039 (item 3 on the October Active/In Process list) A Development Plan Coastal Development Permit (C-DRC2024-00039) to allow for a new construction of a new 2-story mixed-use project with a 25-foot maximum height. The first floor contains 928 square feet of commercial space and a 448 square-foot ADU with an adjacent carport. Second floor contains a 2,052 square-foot unit connected via elevator to a 577 square-foot, two-car garage. The project will require demolition of an existing two-story 1,522 square foot structure, with decking, existing perimeter fencing and will result in the disturbance of approximately 3,000 square feet on a 0.07-acre parcel. The proposed project is within the commercial retail land use category and is located at 502 First Street Avila Beach, California. The site is in the San Luis Bay Coastal Area Plan of the Coastal Zone. Application received 9/11/2024, Referral sent 9/20/2024. The information hold letter to be sent by 10/11/2024. Avila Committee Reviewed Oct 30th.

- A 6 questions letter was generated by AVAC committee to submit to planning to approve. A motion to approve letter was made by Mary Matakovich and seconded by Ken Thompson. The motion was approved for submittal.
- Mary Matakovich appreciated discussions between Vic Montgomery, staff, and Avila Beach about the project. Project is mixed use project.
- Ken Thompson asked for clarification on rental vs. residential designations and about road impact fees for development.

- **Susan Strachan no report:**

E. Public Works: John Waddell:

- No report.

F. County Parks: Tanya Richardson:

- No report.

G. Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins:

- No report.

H. Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg reports:

- Thanks to Rick Rowe for a successful Town Hall meeting at Avila beach Community Center.
- Jeremy Freund to streamline Planning spreadsheet to separate by regions.
- Adding third fireman to station #62 a high priority. Financing remains problematic.

- Supervisors are looking at budget adjustments.
- Studying vacation rental issues.
- Electric bike speed signs on Bob Jones Trail discussed.
- Insurance Commissioner reports. Working with Cal Fire to work around insurance assessments.
- Mary Matakovich notes delivery trucks parking at all hours on streets.
- Bill Crewe mentions excessive fire insurance coverage for Pelican Point.
- 3CE and PG&E are partnering in unincorporated county to improve energy supply.

7. Old Business:

- No report.

8. New Business:

- No report.

9. Community Liaisons:

- **Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich reports:**
 - Encourage membership.
 - Bingo night and spaghetti dinner was a great success.
 - Holiday Doggie Parade is December 14th with registration at 10:00 AM and parade at 11:00 AM.
- **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Rowe reports:**
 - The 2025 Avila Community Foundation grant application process closed with 18 applicants with 4 new applicants. These grants are under review.
 - Rick Cohen is welcomed back as board member.
- **PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels reports:**
 - Celebrated reactor #1 extended operations status.
 - Both reactors functioning at 100 % capacity providing 9% of California's needs.
 - November 14 & 20, EIR meeting in SLO at Courtyard Suites.
 - Outage today was due to upgrade work.

10. Avac Committees:

a. Land Use:

- i. No report.

b. Diablo Canyon: Ken Thompson:

- i. No report. Ken is retiring from this committee after 16 years of service.

c. Port: Mary Matakovich:

- i. Port is busy on both Avila Beach and Harford piers.
- ii. Winter prep underway.

d. Avila Beach: Mary Matakovich:

- i. No report

e. San Luis Bay Estates: Percy Jones:

- i. No report.

f. Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell:

- i. No report.

g. See Canyon: Denise Allen:

- i. No report.

h. Squire Canyon: Margaret Greenough:

- i. No report.

i. Ad Hoc Fire Station Staffing: Percy Jones

i. No report.

11. Next Meeting Date:

December 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM

12. Adjourn: 7:14 PM