Avila Valley Advisory Council Minutes of November 10, 2003 Meeting

Call to Order

K. Bittner called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She acknowledged Veterans in the audience and on the board and shared information about Normandy, France where she had recently paid a very moving visit.

Members Present: K. Bittner, M. Gooden, L. Newton, J. Taylor, R. Kiessig, S. Gooding, N. Matlin, L. Walter, T. Eberhardt, C. Whipps

Members Absent: T. Ivarie, J. Salisbury, D. Palaia, B. Tickell, B. Cockrill, G. Gibson, R. Bollay, J. Slattery

Approval of minutes:

Motion (Gooding/Walter) to approve minutes of October 13, 2003 meeting passed.

1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Ted Ivarie

No changes in expenditures from October meeting.

2.0 COUNTY REPORTS

2.1 Sheriff's Department

Sgt. Jim Taylor

Sgt. Jim Taylor introduced himself as the new AVAC liaison and reported that Lt. Basti was transferred to South County. Sheriff's Dept will be participating in a countywide DUI program during the holidays.

2.2 County Supervisor, District 3

Peg Pinard

No report.

2.3 County Planning Staff

James Caruso

- 1) Hole in the Clouds (San Miguel & 2nd) project has been appealed the 1st appeal since the specific plan was adopted. More information will follow next month. Board and audience members asked questions and made comments about the project.
- 2) 15 active projects are currently underway in Avila. 3 new projects T property; San Luis Coastal property; Avila Tank Farm property
- 3) Special events permit for See Canyon traffic safety report has been received, will be reviewed in the next month.
- 4) James will review special event permits with regards to noise and traffic during the upcoming month.

2.4 Public Works Rosemarie Gaglione

Question about dedication/ plaque for benches in Avila should be directed to Jan DeLeo. Presented information about proposed Avila Road impact fees. Various proposals vary from an 8% increase to a 4% decrease depending on how many other sources may be included (to be finalized in the next few weeks).

Motion (Gooding/ Eberhardt) that we accept the reduced fee schedule (-4.38%) as presented on 11/10/03 passed with 2 abstentions.

101/ San Luis Freeway Exit - (Old Business 3.5) configuration of off ramps in relation to Ontario Rd and stop signs is precarious. Improvements would require widening of the road but to make any changes would involve an incredible expense. AVAC requests that Sheriff's Department ask the Highway Patrol to increase enforcement in the area.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Avila Image/ ABA

Steve Gregory

Have secured a billboard, are steam cleaning the entire plaza, will try to make that a quarterly event. Are working on a web site. Will try to hire a public relations person.

3.2 Bike Path – moved to a future meeting

3.3 EIR for Diablo

Sheri Gooding

Available on line through County planning office. Handouts with some background were distributed to board. Diablo committee makes the following 4 points in their response to Diablo Draft EIR: 1) AVAC supports the Accelerated Transfer Alternative 2) AVAC supports the Safety

Mitigation Measures SS-1 through SS-6. 3) AVAC supports the Circulation Mitigation Measures T-1 through T-4. (Mitigation T-4 should be modified to identify specific measures that would be required to relieve circulation impacts if construction occurs during peak tourist season.) 4) AVAC encourages County efforts to obtain PG&E agreement to implement the Accelerated Transfer & Safety Mitigations.

Motion (Gooding/Taylor) Move that AVAC send the letter, Response to Diablo Draft EIR, dated 10/10/03 to the County passed with 1 abstention.

3.4 Avila Grocery Bachman

Issue of addition of living quarters above Avila Grocery returned for consideration. Mr. Bachman's team, Robert Chattel, Preservation Architect and Brian Star, architect, presented information about historic preservation and new revisions to plans for the Avila Grocery. Avila subcommittee will review the material one more time and return with a final recommendation to AVAC next month. Several board members expressed pleasure at the quality and approach of the revised plans.

3.5 101/ San Luis Freeway Exit (see 2.4 above)

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Traffic Calming Moved to next month

4.2 Sudden Oak Death

Information from Tribune article was shared with the board. Deferred to next meeting.

5.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/COMMUNICATIONS

Nomination committee will present their report next month.

Firewise Communities workshop will be presented on December 2&3, 2003, members are encouraged to attend.

6.0 STANDING & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Avila Beach Committee

Lisa Newton/John Salisbury

Hall project has met initial concerns. Rossi restaurant project - suggested that French & developers meet again to work out concerns. Ann Brown will replace Jane Slattery as AVAC representative.

Motion (Newton/ Walter) to approve Hall project with understanding that specific concerns previously addressed at Avila subcommittee are submitted in writing passed.

6.2 Avila Valley Committee

Winery sign has finally been removed.

6.3 San Luis Bay Estates

Nisan Matlin

Board is reviewing impact of Avila Village in relation to parking. Meeting in reference to the store is still in the works. General store is only possibility for local use.

6.4 See Canyon No report Bill Tickell
6.5 Squire Canyon No report Rob Bollay
6.6 Traffic Circulation No report Jan Taylor/Sherri/Gooding

6.7 Community Liaisons

Flood Zone 9 No report

Port San Luis No report Karla Bittner 6.8 Diablo Canyon (see above) Sheri Gooding

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM. Respectfully submitted, Marylou Gooden, Secretary