

Avila Valley Advisory Council

Minutes of December 8, 2003 Meeting

Call to Order

K. Bittner called meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Members Present: K. Bittner, M. Gooden, L. Newton, J. Salisbury, A. Brown, J. Taylor, S. Gooding, N. Matlin, D. Palaia, T. Eberhardt, B. Tickell, C. Whipps

Members Absent: T. Ivarie, R. Kiessig, L. Walter, B. Cockrill, R. Bollay, G. Gibson, J. Scott

Approval of minutes:

Motion (Gooding/Taylor) to approve minutes of November 10, 2003 meeting passed.

1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Karla Bittner

No activity last month. Current balance is \$1406.00.

2.0 COUNTY REPORTS

2.1 Sheriff's Department

Lt. Reed

No report by sheriff's department. Karla Bittner reports that Avila Beach was hit badly by graffiti done by a Santa Maria gang last Thursday evening. Harbor & County were working quickly to remove all the damage.

2.2 County Supervisor, District 3

Peg Pinard

Proposal for Avila's mid block passage project has been submitted. Mr. Rossi will be presenting the railway right of way proposal in the next week. Project for affordable workforce housing will be presented to the Avila Beach committee next month. Pirate's Cove property seismic study is under way. Supervisor Pinard questioned some of the numbers in the housing element - especially shift in numbers toward high-end housing. Peg introduced Patty Andreen, candidate for 3rd District Supervisor.

2.3 County Planning Staff

James Caruso

No report

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Bob Jones Bike Path - AVAC representatives and Rob Rossi and Jan DeLeo will be meeting on December 15 to review the history of the bike path problems.

3.2 Avila Village Grocery - 8 years in the planning, deadline presented by Mr. Rossi for opening this December will not be met. Plans have been submitted to the county.

3.3 Avila Grocery Store - Avila subcommittee met to review information and the revised plans in light of two historical reports with conflicting information. After discussion the subcommittee approved the project.

Motion (Newton/ Salisbury) AVAC support AB subcommittee recommendation for the grocery store to move forward with a few minor changes passed.

3.4 Nominating committee report: John Salisbury presented the following names:

Secretary: Marylou Gooden, Vice Chair: Terry Eberhardt, Chair: Karla Bittner

Motion (Gooding/ Brown) to accept the nominations as presented carried.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Sudden Oak Death - Bill Tietje from UC Extension presented slides and information about sudden oak death, a fungus 1st discovered in 1995 that is causing death to many oak trees in 13 counties. Is often found in the same areas where Bay Laurel trees grow in conjunction with oak trees. Not yet evident in SLO County but has been found just north of county. He answered questions from the audience.

4.2 Candidate's forum: Discussion about the possibility of hosting a Candidates Forum on February 10 featuring the candidates for 3rd District Supervisor. Terry Eberhardt & Dusty Palaia are willing to handle the publicity.

Motion (Eberhardt/ Newton) to support a candidates forum on February 10 passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/COMMUNICATIONS

Ann Brown, new Avila Beach rep was welcomed.

Jerry Lenthall, another candidate for 3rd District Supervisor was introduced.

Information was shared about January 28; 7-9, public review of draft Parks & Recreation Element.

Karla Bittner attended the Fire Wise 2-day conference in early December. She would like to have AVAC focus on fire safety next year.

Audience was invited to participate in the fire safe/ green waste chipping event to be held during January.

5.0 STANDING & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Diablo Committee - Sherri Gooding: Read a report authored by the committee.

Recommendation: Consider registering disappointment about PG&E's responses (to County's draft EIR, and other matters listed in the letter) not being in the best interests of the public through media release.

Susan Bisek, audience member, presented information about Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility. Jane Swanson, audience member, presented information from perspective of Mother's for Peace and Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility.

5.2 Community Liaisons

Flood Zone 9 - Claire Ronalt: No report

Port San Luis -Karla Bittner: Report on schedule for beach cleaning equipment

5.3 Circulation Committee - Jan Taylor/Sherri Gooding: No report

5.4 Avila Beach Committee - Lisa Newton/John Salisbury: Café Avila at 268 Front St. was discussed - have agreed on a good neighbor agreement.

Motion (Newton/ Salisbury) that AVAC support the Café Avila project passed.

Project on 1st St. - existing 2 bedroom home in commercially zoned area near post office- committee has concerns about set back, density & other issues. Was not approved at this time. This Saturday the community Christmas potluck party will be held. Extended an invitation to AVAC to attend. Request for proposals for old schoolhouse property is moving forward, more discussion will be held at meeting on December 9, 2003. Audience members asked questions about the historical status of the schoolhouse.

5.5 Avila Valley Committee - Jan Taylor: No report

5.6 San Luis Bay Estates - Sherri Gooding: Avila Village general store is still pending. Subcommittee will make a recommendation at next meeting for a general plan amendment if some progress isn't shown. Also working on bike path issues.

5.7 See Canyon - Bill Tickell: No report

5.8 Squire Canyon - Rob Bollay : No report

6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Question was asked about the Tank Farm property. The project will be started in January and will include community input.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Gooden, Secretary