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Ted Ivarie  
Jayne Morton  
Bob Pusanik  
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Lynn Walter  
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See Canyon:

Marylou Gooden  
Bill Tickell  
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Squire Canyon

Karin Argano  
John Schug  
Vacancy (alt)

**AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

AVAC meets the 2<sup>ND</sup> Monday of every month, 7-9 p.m. at the PG&E Community Center, 6588 Ontario Road, Avila Beach, CA. Items for each agenda may be submitted to the Executive Committee two weeks in advance of the meeting.

**Public Participation:** *Following discussion of each agenda item by Council, the Chair may allow public comment as time permits. Non-agenda concerns may be raised during the Public Comment period. Please limit remarks or questions to 3 minutes.*

**Minutes of  
Monday, August 13, 2007**

7:00 P.M.

**Call to order/Roll Call**

Sherri Danoff/Jayne Morton

Present: Anne Brown, Lisa Newton, Jan Taylor, Boyd Horne, Karla Bittner  
Sherri Danoff, Ted Ivarie, Jayne Morton, Bob Pusanik, Lyn Walter, Marylou Gooden, Bill Tickell, Karin Argano.

Absent: John Salisbury, John Schug

**Public Comment**

Tom Jones of PG&E has a new position –Public Relations Manager. He introduced Patricia Wilmore who will be our new PR representative. She can be reached at 805-595-6400, e-mail [p@wh@PGE.com](mailto:p@wh@PGE.com). The Board expressed their appreciation to him for having the AVAC Community Forum flyers done for us at no cost.

**Approval of Minutes**

The July 9, 2007 minutes were approved as presented.

**1.0 Treasurer's Report**

Anne Brown

As of July 31, 2007 the balance was \$1275.92. Two bills were presented and approved for payment for a total of \$55.56. **MSP**

**2.0 County Reports**

**2.1 Sheriff's Department**

Lieutenant Ben Hall

There were 110 calls for service. There were a few thefts that did not follow any pattern. Lt. Hall felt it was done by people passing through. There have been many complaints made regarding problems of inappropriate behavior at Pirates Cove and an undercover operations was put in place resulting in four assault charges. The victims were the undercover officers. The Sheriff will continue to work the area so illegal activity will be controlled.

**2.2 County Supervisor**

Jerry Lenthall

He said the portable speed check signs are in place and has had a very positive response to them.

The \$300,000 PG&E mitigation funds for the Harbor Walkway Project will be used for the engineering needed before the path can be started. After the engineering is done then the Parks and Rec. can apply for grants to complete the project. It will take a least a year or more to get the engineering plans. The person to contact is Shawn Cooper at 781-4388 e-mail [secopper@co.slo.cos](mailto:secopper@co.slo.cos).

The Coastal Conservancy will not commit money at this time to purchase the coastal property next to Tank Farm. They will keep in touch.

He explained that the penalty fees for motor home parking from the Harbor to Diablo Cyn are not high enough to deter many motor homes from staying for long periods of time and to help control where they park. An increase in penalties may be a deterrent. The request for raising fees has to go to the Board of Supervisors and the process will take a year before the fees can be raised. They are looking at establishing a parking control district.

**2.3 Planning** – No report

#### 2.4 Public Works

Mike Britton

The Kingfisher sign has been given to Code Enforcement and hopefully we will see a change soon.

Mike checked on why we did not have knowledge about the proposed traffic signal at 1<sup>st</sup> in Avila. The reason is that it was already on the list of projects to do and was not scheduled until 2010. It is way ahead of schedule.

He reported the Bridge is ahead of schedule and under budget.

#### 2.5 Parks- Bob Jones Pathway Team

Karin Argano

Karin reported that the meetings had gone well. The Team's preferred route changed as a result of the input from various agencies as well as property owners. The route noting changes is as follows: One change was located at the Octagon Barn. In this location a crossing would be provided at the proposed Buckley Road/South Higuera intersection versus at the Octagon Barn's driveway. Another change was the path would be on the south side of San Luis Bay Drive versus the north side between Monte Road and Ontario Road). Instead of the path going through the Ontario Road/San Luis Bay Drive intersection and then running parallel to Ontario Road (west of Highway 101), the PRC approved path would run along the "Farm Road" (east of Highway 101) with a crossing over Highway 101 proposed in the vicinity of the Salisbury Winery. This change had been made as a result of input from SLO County Public Works Department. Public Works staff had noted the Ontario Road/San Luis Bay Drive intersection does not currently work well. Adding bike/pedestrian traffic in this location would not be acceptable. Members of the Team were supportive of the overpass and liked the idea of a historic railroad bridge and /or bridge relevant to the Avila Beach area. Some felt a pedestrian/bike bridge in this area could be a positive tourist attraction.

The project has federal and state grant funds. Caltrans is the local administrator of the federal funds and will issue federal permit. The County of SLO will issue the local permit.

#### 2.6 Planning- Framework GPA

Jim Lopes

Jim presented an extensive power point presentation on the County's Framework for Planning – "Smart Growth". It outlines goals that the planning department would like AVAC to take time and review and let them know if we support their goals. He will be sending a revised copy by e-mail to the Board.

1. Cities and the County always seem to have problems when projects are on the outskirts. There are a lot of details when a project is proposed and they are always working on agreements between the two, especially when the city wants to expand.
2. How does smart growth help us with Fossil Point? It could be a good tool to use for a guideline when it is adopted.
3. When will the goals be adopted? The Board will be acting on it in Dec.
4. Does not have a conservation goal.
5. They do not reach far enough for such goals as solar design, green building, and other environmental concerns. Working on a new draft which will include all the pertinent input given to them by agencies, people, etc. and it will include energy conservation goals.
6. Will goals require more staff? What type of action will be taken? They are concerned and know it will take more staffing and they are looking at it and are working on an outline for getting started.

For more information – [www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org) for General Plan; [www.smartgrowth.org](http://www.smartgrowth.org).

#### 2.7 Planning – Ag-Preserve rules Amendment

Terry Wahler

Terry began before an informative power point presentation familiarizing the Board and audience with the Williamson Act. The Act enables governments to enter into contracts with private landowners for the purpose of restricting specific Parcel of land to agricultural related open space use. In return, landowners receive property tax assessments which are much lower than normal because they are based upon farming and open space uses as opposed to full market value. The Program protects agricultural lands for continual production of food and fiber and limits the type of land devoted to doing business and development.

There are 1.4 million acres zoned agriculture and 55% are privately owned and most of them are under contract. There are proposed amendments to the rules and procedure to the Williams act. Some are to be more restrictive due to property tax relief in order to restrict contract landowners not to be able to reduce their parcels; reduce the minimum prime land agricultural preserve size for specialized farm properties and amendments to the inland and coastal areas.

### **3.0 Old Business**

#### 3.1 Community Forum, tank farm property

Karla Bittner

Karla passed out the agenda for the Forum and asked for the Board's approval. The Board approved the final agenda and the questionnaire as proposed. **MSP** The 15 members on the Board were asked to fill out the questionnaire which would be sent out by e-mail to them and send it to Karla ASAP by e-mail for a test to see how it works and how hard it is to tally the results.

The Board approved the revised motion to allow up lot up to \$300 expenditure for an ad about the Forum in the Tribune. **MSP**

It was suggested that we contact the TV and radio stations for public service announcements regarding the Forum. Karin Argano volunteered.

**4.0 New Business** None.

**5.0 Executive Committee Communications**

There will be an Avila Beach 5k race Oct. 7 from the Avila Pier to the Ole Port Parking Lot. This is the third year that they have been doing it and a motion was made and passed to encourage it. **MSP**

**6.0 Community Liaisons**

- 6.1 Avila Business Association Karin Argano  
Karin reported that they had a very informal meeting because they didn't have a quorum. The next meeting will be at the regular time and place.
- 6.2 Port San Luis (from AVAC) Karla Bittner
  - 1.) 2007-08 Final Budget/Public Hearing:  
Final Budget Adopted for 2007-08. Total amount of money required is \$3,576,577 and the same being for ordinary annual expenses; in addition, the total amount budgeted for planned Capital Projects is \$3,638,000.
  - 2.) Lighthouse Road:
    - a) Award contract for road construction to Souza Construction in the amount of \$736,866.55.
    - b) Construction Management to MarWal "Construction, estimated at \$12,500.
    - c) Construction Observation and Administration to RRM Design Group, estimated at \$46,000.
    - d) Biological Monitoring: Morro Group, estimated at \$6,870.
    - e) Soils Engineering: Earth Systems Inc., estimated at 12,600 and
    - f) Archaeological Monitoring to Parker and Associates, estimated at \$8,800.
  - 3.) Avila Parking Lot Fee Sponsorship:
    - a) Port Staff will negotiate with representatives of the Avila Beach Civic Association to provide for sponsored parking during the off season, not to exceed October 1, 2007 to May 1, 2008.
    - b) The parking lot is reserved for beachgoers from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The program was tried last year as a pilot program and was an unqualified success.
  - 4.) Avila Beach CSD Informational Update: PSL is a partner with the ABCSD and the District "owns" 35% of the plant and is responsible for a share of the operating costs.
  - 5.) Update on Lighthouse Keepers Activities:
    - a) Works continues on tower interior.
    - b) Special events last month included Coastal Commission field trip to the Lighthouse.
    - c) Fund Raising/Auction raised \$16,000.
    - d) See web site: <http://www.sanluislighthouse.org/>
  - 6. Retirement of Jay Elder, Harbor District Manager for 25 years. County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution on August 14, 2007, recognizing Jay's distinguished contributions to the District.

**7.0 AVAC Committees Reports**

- 7.1 Land Use Committee Karla Bittner  
Previously covered
- 7.2 Diablo Committee Dusty Palaia/Lynn Walter  
PG&E is having a Ride Pool Festival with a goal to have 20 new van pools and have a100 people to sign up for car pools. They will be giving incentives and hope it will be very successful.
- 7.3 Avila Beach Committee Lisa Newton/John Salisbury  
New Avila Beach Civic Center is ahead of schedule and a thank you to all the wonderful people who have helped. The trash problem on Avila Front St. is being addressed.
- 7.4 San Luis Bay Estates Committee No report Ted Ivarie
- 7.5 Avila Valley Committee No report Jan Taylor/Boyd Horne
- 7.6 See Canyon Committee No report Marylou Gooden
- 7.7 Squire Canyon Committee No report Karin Argano

**8.0 Adjourned at 9:25 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Jayne Morton, Secretary