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AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Minutes, Monday March 11, 2013

1. Jim Hartig, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.. Present were: Chair Hartig, Sherri Danoff, Anne M. Brown, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Jan Taylor, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Lynn Walter, Karla Bittner, Denise Allen, Bill Tickell. Excused were: Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, John Salisbury and Saul Goldberg. Absent was Karin Argano.
2. Minutes: The February minutes were approved (Sherri/Julia) as emailed , by voice vote.
3. Chair's comments: Attended the Parking Management meeting on February 28th. At his request, Steve McGrath will email the report to AVAC members. There is also a paper report available at Port.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Treasurer's Report: Julia reports receipt of \$500.00 from Supervisor Adam Hill's discretionary account. Thanks to him. The account now has \$1051.07 after paying \$18.96 for name plaques.
6. County Reports:
 - a. Sheriff: Cmdr. Nefores reports 92 calls (9 EMS, 11 crime (2 intoxication, 3 burglaries), 13 traffic, etc. No suspects in the SLBE burglaries where the 2 homes involved were unlocked. The transient encampment along San Luis Creek, mentioned previously, has been cleaned up. Thanks given to Sheriff's Dept. from See Canyon AVAC member for covering their Canyon with increased patrols. The See Canyon/San Luis Bay Drive intersection continues to be a concern. Cmdr. Nefores will try to increase patrols at active School times.
 - b. Planning: Airlin Singlewald reported on the LUCE (Land Use and Circulation Elements) update and provided maps to show new areas and the re-organization. The plan will go to the Planning Commission in May. Concern was expressed by Sherri Danoff, chair of our AVAC LUC committee regarding including "old" data (1980) in the plan. This has been expressed previously to Planning by our Council. Suggestions included the possibility of citizens providing "wikipedia-like" input to help with updating the data. Airlin will take this suggestion back to Planning. Supervisor Hill stated he would ask the "systems planning director" to come to the April meeting to discuss this matter. He requests a letter from AVAC asking for this information. Sherri will write the letter.
 - c. Public Works: Anne reports a request from Ryan Chapman for input of AVAC in the Avila Parking Plan. Because Steve McGrath from Port who is spearheading this Plan will report at the April AVAC meeting, Ryan's request will be considered after that presentation.
 - d. CalFire: Batt.Chief Paul Lee reports 19 calls only, due to the decrease in "flu" calls; he attended the Cal Poly Wildfire Protocol meeting which students have addressed; his agency attends the AMGEN tour meetings and plans 4 times their usual staffing for that event. During Spring Break there will be extra coverage in Pismo Beach and Avila.

They have conducted a tsunami drill. An AVAC member requested another” chipping” project in See Canyon. Chief Lee will look for funding for this project. San Luis Bay Estates requests help with funding their weed abatement, since they have spent \$1000s on the state assessment. Chief Lee will look into the matter. The Davis Canyon fire break is waiting for funding to expand its perimeters.

e. Supervisor Adam Hill addressed the Events Ordinance question by saying that there are “more important” issues before the Board, even though it has been 18 months since referral to the EVC, a time-table of review which the Board might be able to shorten, the use of “non-profit” status to continue to allow events at the Golf Course, and the continuing lack of a permitting process for larger venues in the County. The Pirate’s Cove property has been accepted by the County. (See 7b. for more info.) In response to a question about Wild Cherry Canyon, he states that it is still alive, and hopes for action at the State level soon.

7. Old Business:

a. Bird Sanctuary: Shirley Goetz provided printed material to support the request for this designation by the County. She wishes for AVAC to support the proposal to the Board of Supervisors. Active discussion with input from audience members cleared up many questions of Council members, i.e. boundaries of the designated area, signage, damage to croplands, etc. **Action: That AVAC recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Avila Specific Plan area be designated as a bird sanctuary, with the following provisions: 1. That the above Plan area be the designated area; 2. That there be a requirement for signage proclaiming sanctuary status; 3. That there be no bird protection requirements beyond existing laws. Vote: 7 yes; 2 no; 2 abstain.** Sherri will draft the letter.

b. Support letter for Pirates Cove/Cave Landing Project: Sherri reviewed a previous letter written in support with concerns expressed re: loss of parking spaces, and cataloging/placement of archaeological artifacts found during construction. The letter will be modified by Sherri to reflect our support with the same concerns. **Action passed.**

c. AMGEN Tour Update: Greg Schulte reviewed current planning: meetings continue; parking plans coming together; the route established into Avila; times of closure of the route to cars, etc.; CHP to staff intersections closed. The contract will go to the BOS in April: many vendors are providing services “free” to the County; major costs to the County will be Sheriff and Public Works man-hours used. Shuttle vehicles will be needed at a cost of \$12,000.00 +/- . Volunteers are needed and can register at the AMGEN website. The bicycle community is very active in planning. The “Avila Alerts” website can be used to notify residents of any changes. Many questions were asked: access to residents’ homes during the event; Bellevue-Santa Fe School access during afternoon dismissal; traffic issues on Hwy 101, etc. It is not known at this time whether there will be a Concert at the Golf Course. Mr. Schulte will come to the April and May AVAC meetings with current planning information.

8. Community Liaisons:

a. Avila Beach Civic Association: Anne reports a “Spring Festival” on May 30th at the Community Building with support from the Yacht Club and Sea Life Center. All are invited 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

b. Avila Beach Community Foundation: Rick Cohen reminds that there is still time to register for the Health Symposium on April 6th at the Community Center. The

cost is \$10.00 for all sessions and lunch. The new telescope at the Pier has been dedicated and is in active use. It has received many positive comments.

c. Port San Luis: Steve McGrath says dredging continues. The water taxi is free. The February 28th Parking Management meeting provided updated information. It will be presented to the Port Commission on March 26th. Comments are actively solicited. Additional copies of the Plan are available at the Port office and can be sent on-line with a request to Steve. He will present the Plan at our April AVAC meeting.

d. PG&E/Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels is a new Government Relations hire. He reports that the refueling/upgrades is almost complete and that workers will be leaving in the next two weeks.

9. New Business: None.

10. AVAC Committees:

a. Land Use: no report.

b. Diablo: Ken Thompson thanks Cal Poly Professor Richard Gearhart for help with making videos of NRC meetings available to the public. Contact Ken for more information. He announces an "Invitation Only" meeting at 6 p.m. before our regular AVAC meeting on April 8th. It will be a "meet and greet" session with Ed Halpin and Barry Allen of PG&E, and open ONLY to AVAC members. Food will be provided. An invitation will follow.

c. Port: See 8c. above.

d. Avila Beach: Anne says the main issue is the Tour impact in Avila.

e. San Luis Bay Estates: Bob Pusanik reports hiring more security for the race days.

f. Avila Valley: no report.

g. See Canyon: no report, but Denise brought oranges...thanks!!.

h. Squire Canyon: no report...no representative!!

i. Bob Jones Trail: Julia reports a meeting with Shaun Cooper (Parks) re: the draft EIR expected shortly (it is back for "tweaking" regarding farmland issues). The construction poles requested by AVAC are being sought. It will come to AVAC as part of the review process, which is 45 days. Council members want a 60-day review period and ask Supervisor Hill to intercede with Parks for this extension. **Action: AVAC requests that Supervisor Hill work with Parks to extend the comment period to 60 days, rather than 45 days. Passed unanimously.**

11. Next meeting: Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Brown, Secretary