

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 13, 2015

- 1) **Call to Order:** Regular meeting by Chair Jim Hartig at 7:04 p.m., PG&E Community Center.
Attendance: Present: Ken San Filippo, Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Jan Taylor, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner, Lynn Water, Denise Allen, Liz Guho-Johnson, Kirt Collins, Steve Fiant **Excused:** Ken Thompson **Absent:** Lisa Newton
Quorum established.
- 2) **Approve March 9, 2015 Minutes. Motion to Approve, Second/Unanimous approval.**
- 3) **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig and Supervisor Adam Hill gave certificates of appreciation to Anne Brown for her devoted service to AVAC and the Avila community. Agenda change; Supervisor Bruce Gibson will not speak under New Business.
- 4) **Public Comment:** **i)** Mary Chu: Property owners meeting scheduled with Megan Martin, Planner assigned to King Ontarior Road project. Suggests lighting at AB Post Office parking lot. **ii)** Michael Kidd: Appeal of Harbor Terrace Project to Board of Supervisors June 16; concerns for water and traffic. Requests General Plan Update. **iii)** Ann Feeser reported 170 attendees at Concerned Citizens meeting. Outcome was requesting Board of Supervisors to Update Avila Beach General Plan. **iv)** Kirt Collins suggests AVAC have fund-raiser to help with public outreach.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Kirt Collins: Reported expenses of \$60. for AVAC website and checking account balance of \$1151.52.
- 6) **County Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff Steve Odom:** Commander Taylor is new. No monthly stats. Looking at foot and bike patrols in Avila for summer months. Julia Hartzell alerts to stranger inquiries at home in Avila Estates.
 - b) **Highway Patrol:** Michael Bueno, Captain, new to Avila. Stats: Collisions down in Avila. Higher traffic volumes with Spring Break. Impaired drivers (DUI) increased patrols. April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month (cell phones/texting). April 25th is Whiskey Festival (unpermitted golf course event). HP will supplement patrol with grant overtime. AMGEN planning continues. Parking/traffic issues are HP.
 - c) **Planning:** Ryan Hostetter: One new single family house (6315 Mar Vista Place) in SLBE on hold. Other AB projects on hold. General Plan Update is a multi-year process and Board of Supervisors approves with recommendation from Planning. Coastal Commission also approves. Suggests a scoping meeting with AVAC to understand amendment process. Community wants the General Plan Update! State law governs the process. Goals and policies must be consistent. Area Plan Update would include Inland and Coastal Zone. King project (350 Lyons Way) on hold. Staff reports include AVAC comments. Hearing notice sent to AVAC Mailbox.
 - d) **Public Works:** Jeremy Ghent: **i)** He met with David Flynn regarding Concerned Citizens meeting and need for better traffic counting. Moving forward with traffic consultant to include assessment of 1992 study (2nd week in May) data. They may recommend a different data outcome. Will work

with Land Use Committee. **ii)** Cave Landing parking issue for emergency vehicle access. No Parking signs were posted at request of CAL Fire. **iii)** Cal Trans is evaluating widening of 101 to Price Street to help congestion causing traffic accidents. Managed shoulder is option. **iv)** Embedded Avila traffic counters numbers will be posted at 60 day intervals. Will work toward monthly count.

v) Concerns about parking at 101 & Shell Beach Drive. Posts were removed for construction. Cal Trans Inspector is checking to reinstall posts. **vi)** Avila Hot Springs has fence permit. Cars are parking in Bike Lane causing safety concerns. Jeremy, Public Works, will evaluate if additional bike lane symbols are needed. **vii)** Linda Erwin inquired about golf course events and impacts. Golf course project has been applied for and includes events amphitheater. **viii)** Ken San Filippo, AB, has 60 cars/day turn in driveway on busy weekend. Needs sign assistance. **ix)** Summertime traffic counts will be included in Circulation Study. Impact fees will still be May figures. Omni Study will reflect summer and May counts. **x)** AB Drive parking (at Aquarium) is blocking sight vision of oncoming cars. Safety issue. **xi)** Cave Landing Road No Parking needs re-evaluation.

e) County Parks: No report

f) CAL Fire: Captain Jason Cohn: **i)** There are 10 additional (of 12 total) Wild land fire engines in SLO County. Two Air tankers; 1 air tack (guide plane); in SLO 6 hand crews, plus 4 in Ventura camp for 10 total. **ii)** For fire safety, do not use open fires for anything. Gas pits are safest; propane is preferred as it can be turned off. Don't leave any fire unattended until cold and out. **ii)** No Paramedics at Station 62—and none to come. **iii)** Community CERT program can be done with enough public interest.

g) Supervisor Adam Hill: **i)** Recapped Concerned Citizens community meeting. Heard request for Update of Area Plan. **ii)** Looking into AB Circulation Study to make adjustments. **iii)** Conservation proposal for Cherry Canyon will be revisited as it appears to have increasing support. **iv)** Chevron Tank Farm has not begun environmental impacts report. **v)** CAL Fire Chief Donnely says CAL Fire will not approve project without an alternative egress route. **vi)** Event permits for golf course plan must be included on development project or there will be an enforcement issue. **vii)** Bob Jones Bike Trail underpass was approved by Cal Trans. AVAC community wanted to preserve the 101 view shed corridor and was instrumental in changing proposed bike trail route. **vii)** Paramedics for CAL Fire Station 62 will not be approved by EMSA. The addition of a paramedic is not determined by the Board of Supervisors. **viii)** Cherry Canyon: Hill supports conservation of the entire 2500 acres.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

a) Code Enforcement: Art Trinidad: Ontario Road Project: **i)** Project application for the entire area with variety of uses for commercial/retail. Mr. King agreed to submit an application for Discretionary Permit. Looked at historical data to determine what has been removed. Neighbors are still concerned about work that has been done. He believes property owner will be a better neighbor given pressure from neighbors. If project is not approved, he may be asked to restore some of the site. **ii)** Request for Code Enforcement to have cars removed from storage area in Track 2049 (golf course storage yard). They pose fire hazard.

b) Bob Jones Trail: Julia Hartzell: Thanks to all committee members for assistance in evaluating Draft EIR. Success in having trail overpass removed and replaced with bridge underpass (101)

was due to AVAC persistence. Thanks to Bill Ziegler, Karla Bittner, Sherri Danoff, Anne Brown, Bob Pusanik, Mary El Hansen and Jim Hartig.

- c) **Lot 69 San Luis Bay Estates: SLBE Committee:** Draft Letter (to send to Board of Supervisors) Reference: LRP2014-00020 COVELPO, General Plan Amendment: AVAC requests denial of the authorization to proceed with the referenced application for a General Plan Amendment.

MOTION by Sherri Danoff, second by Lynn Walter. Vote to Approve sending letter: Unanimous.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Supervisor Gibson deferred to another meeting for Diablo Seismic Study

b) **San Luis Bay Drive Traffic Counts: MOTION by Sherri Danoff to ask County to amend the San Luis Bay Area Plan to reflect new method to calculate level of service (LOS). "The level of service (LOS) shall be determined by analyzing the flow of traffic with the "30th highest hourly volume" method. An automatic traffic counting station shall be used to record a continuous traffic count for a one-year (8800) hours) period to calculate the 30th highest design hour and LOS." Second by Mike Grantham. Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

9) COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

- A) **Avila Beach:** Civic Association Easter Egg Hunt had 150 children participate. Spring Break/beach traffic generated gross amounts of trash.
- B) **AB Foundation:** Rick Cohn: Live Well Symposium May 2nd. Advanced registration: 595-4095
- C) **Port San Luis:** Steve McGrath: **i)** Seal and stripping Port parking lot. **ii)** Letter received from AVAC regarding no smoking on the beaches. Harbor Commissioners to discuss. **iii)** Harbor Terrace Plan has been appealed to the Board of Supervisors.
- D) **PGE&/Diablo Canyon:** John Shoals: **i)** Unit 22 operating at 100% power. Minor Use Permits for warehouse conversions at plant have been approved. They are converting existing warehouse for storage and providing new storage facility to store emergency equipment and pumps. **ii)** AMGEN tour working with County to assure Diablo employee plant access for Tour. **iii)** There are 1500 total employees; and during Outages, increases by 800-1,000 more. Next Outage in October.

10) AVAC Committees:

- a) **Land Use: Sherri Danoff:** **i)** Add Terri Taylor to Circulation Committee. Anne Brown will continue with Land Use Committee, especially for Avila. **ii)** Sherri attended Harbor Terrace Planning Commission Hearing to speak for AVAC regarding traffic impacts. She will speak again at the appeal hearing. **iii)** Avila Beach: Ken San Filippo: Received a request from Planning for Nick Forester for a Type 42 license application (Wine tasting room) at 435 1st Street, AB. Sub-committee reviewed application and supports approval by AVAC. **iii)** Colony Project, Lot 1: Concerns regarding height/setbacks. Concern is no side setbacks. If it is a house, there should be a set-back. Is it a residential strip or part of the central business district (CBD)? Waiting for Planning information. **iv) Land Use Committee proposes two Specific Plan Amendments:** The Specific Plan does not deal with house height if in a Recreation Zone. If zoned for use as a house, height is 25 ft. Corner Lots: County does not treat corner lot same. Setbacks should be the same with two front set-backs. Subdivision created in 2006 was supposed to be visitor serving. **MOTION: Danoff: A) Support Ordinance amendment for both street setbacks on corner lots to meet front setback requirements. B) Support an amendment to the Avila Beach Specific Plan for height of all single**

family dwellings to be subject to the height limits for RSF (Residential Single Family).
Second/Pusanik.
Vote: Unanimous approval.

- b) Diablo: Ken Thompson: No report
- c) Port: Mary Matakovich: No report
- d) Avila Beach: Ken San Filippo: No report
- e) San Luis Bay Estates: Mike Grantham: No report
- f) Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell: No report.
- g) See Canyon: Denise Allen: No report.
- h) Squire Canyon: Kirt Collins: No report.

11) Next Meeting: Monday May 11, 2015

12) ADJOURNMENT! 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Bittner, Secretary

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