

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 9, 2015

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- 1) **Call to Order:** Regular meeting by Chair Jim Hartig at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center.
Attendance: Present: Ken San Filippo, Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown (alt), Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner (alt), Kirk Collins, Steve Fiant. **Excused:** Jan Taylor, Lynn Walter (alt), Denise Allen, Liz Guho-Johnson. **Absent:** Anita Forde (alt). **Quorum established.**
- 2) **Approve October 12, 2015 Minutes. Motion to Approve:** Danoff/Second/Unanimous Approval.
- 3) **Chair's Comments:** Thanks to all who attended the Board of Supervisors meeting to request approval of the Avila Beach Area Plan Update. The Avila Point Scoping Meeting was also well attended.
- 4) **Public Comments:**
 - a) **Casey Nielson:** Newly appointed Chief Harbor Patrol Officer Introduced himself. Contact him at 595-5435.
 - b) **Steve Rebuck:** County Local Coastal Plan: Measure A prohibits major offshore development. Voters must approve off-shore oil drilling. There are 28 marine protected areas from Monterey to Point Conception.
 - c) **Mike Hayashi:** Trash cans needed at Pirates Cove. For \$97/month two cans/empty twice a week. Trash continues to increase with visitor uses. Volunteers monitor the site but cans will help. Coastal Commission denied County park improvements last year.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Kirk Collins: \$1,021.72.
- 6) **County Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff's Department:** Commander Jim Taylor: **i)** 68 calls for service including 12 traffic stops, 3 pedestrian contacts, 8 foot patrols in Pirates Cove area. **ii)** 1 theft of wallet; 1 burglary; 1 auto vandalism. **iii)** Pirates Cove and Bob Jones trailhead are patrolled as staffing allows. **iv)** Phone scams from IRS are hitting Avila Valley residents. **v)** Staffing: 1 Commander; 22 Sergeants, 22 Deputies on patrol; 1 School resource deputy; 1 Rural Crimes deputy.
 - b) **Highway Patrol:** Capt. Michael Bueno: 4 traffic collisions in October—no DUI's. They are having staffing increases.
 - c) **CAL Fire – Batt. Chief Paul Lee:** **i)** 42 Calls for service/25 medical related. We are getting fire breaks with rain. They are keeping peak staffing through December. **ii)** With time change, replace batteries in your Fire Alarms. **iii)** Rain storms present own hazards. Get on-line education to know how serious storms will be and get prepared. Generators are fire safety hazards. Plug generator directly into appliance. Stay home when storms are bad. Have emergency kit in car. Provide 1 gallon water per person/per day. Have 3 days of non-perishable food supply. Have a good first aid kit. Have a tool bag to turn off utilities. Have an adequate supply of medication.

- d) **Planning:** Ryan Hostetter: **i)** Thanks for attending Avila Point Scoping meeting. Comments due Nov. 9. **ii)** Two projects: Vacation Rentals, for Top of the Hill project (corner of San Luis St. and 2nd) – tentative hearing at Planning Department hearing of Dec. 18th. Caruso is Planner. **iii)** Maegert & Sons LLC which is Hole in the Clouds project (condos on San Miguel next to Post Office); no hearing date. Cody Scheel is Planner. **iv)** Project next to Avila Grocery: This was the Portwood project and it is a new commercial building on Front St. It was approved at the Subdivision Review Board hearing on Nov. 2nd. Megan Martin is the Planner. **v)** Creekside: This is Lot 1 of the Colony and it is an appeal filed by S. Danoff of a new single family residence. Megan Martin is the Planner. **vi)** Avila In-Fill: This is HDFT Investments on San Antonia and 1st St. This is on hold but going through the AVAC Land Use Committee. Megan Martin is Planner. **vii)** Ocean Grill expansion of seating with no amplified music. Two appeals have been filed; likely to the Board in January. **viii)** King project on Ontario Rd. is on information hold, waiting for King to submit revised plans. **ix)** Creekside Lofts Project, Colony Lane Lot 1, appeal will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on December 15.
- e) **Public Works:** Jeremy Ghent: **i)** Introduction of Steve DiGrazia, Cal Trans District. **ii)** Circulation Study to be reviewed by Land Use Committee Nov. 11, 10:00, Taylor's home.
- f) **County Parks:** Nick Franco: Providing trash cans at Pirates Cove is complicated. Animals, fire and vandals toppling cans make management difficult. County needs a stand-alone Coastal permit for trash cans. This may require one year. There needs to be an overall area management. **iii)** Bob Jones trail repairs by Woodstone Market will begin November 30, weather permitting. **Motion** by Bittner to ask County to apply for permit for cans and implement interim measures to assist with trash issues. Second/Danoff. County must negotiate with Coastal Commission to know what is acceptable. Nothing can be done short-term. Motion approved. One vote dissenting.
- g) **County Supervisor Adam Hill:** **i)** Avila Beach Area Plan Update was approved by the Board of Supervisors, thanks to all community participants. **ii)** Interim Water Conservation Plan for Paso Robles has been approved. CA State could take over if local management does not work. State wants everyone to manage their own groundwater basins. **iii)** Funding for garbage cans for Pirates Cove is available. The Coastal Conservancy may provide funding.
- 7) **Old Business:** None
- 8) **New Business:**
- a) **Cal Trans:** Steve DiGrazia gave presentation of 101/Avila Beach Interchange and Pismo improvements. Southbound off-ramps are poor and traffic flow is deficient. January 2015 the County initiated this project. The \$1M EIR will be done July 2016 and by 2018, environmental approvals will be complete. Construction will take one year. Cost is \$4.6M for Southbound improvements and \$3M for Northbound. There will be room for a Park n Ride lot on Southwest side of 101. Roundabouts will be implemented on both sides of 101. **ii)** Pismo SB 101 will have operational improvements with no widening but simpler measures to address congestion. Project will incorporate Managed Shoulders.

Google “Hard shoulder running” for more information. SB 45 gave authority from Cal Trans to regional agencies to fund projects. Our region is facing severe funding shortages.

- b) **Nomination Committee for 2016 Officers:** Mary Matakovich and Julia Hartzell are committee appointees. Jim Hartig has been mentoring Ken San Filippo for several months and is a good candidate for Chair.

9) Community Liaisons:

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Lisa Newton: **i)** Doggie Parade on Promenade Nov. 28th at 11:30. **ii)** Christmas Potluck Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m. Santa arrives on Fire Truck!
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation:** Rick Cohen: No Report as final decisions are made on Foundation grants.
- c) **Port San Luis:** Andrea Lueker, Interim Port Manager, began Oct. 28th. **i)** Hartford Pier is requesting RFP’s on Ice House. **ii)** Merseas is opening the beginning of January. **iii)** Port is preparing for storms. **iv)** Welcome to Casey Nielson, Chief Harbor Patrol Officer. **v)** New Facilities Supervisor to be appointed. **vi)** Harbor Terrace Project has a new project manager, Rick Ringle. **vii)** Avila Pier: Closed with no action at this time. Pier is undergoing full assessment with geo-tech information. \$12M may be needed for repairs. Community will be kept well informed and involved as needs identified. **viii)** Next Harbor Commission meeting is Nov 17th. Smoking Ordinance will be finalized at that time. See www.portsanluis.com for information on the Avila Pier.
- d) **PG&E:** John Shoals: Unit 2 is operating at 100%. Unit 1 at 50%. **ii)** License Renewal is being evaluated. The company has not yet decided to pursue License Renewal. Discussions are being held in San Francisco. Energy planning takes 10 years, so 2024-25 is close. Dealing with the Coastal Commission and State Lands Commission is time consuming. We should know something in the 1st quarter of 2016. **iii)** There are two accesses to the Plant; one from Avila Beach Drive and exit north via Montana de Oro. The north exit is being improved for emergency access.

10) AVAC Committees

- i) **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff: Focused on Update for Circulation Study. Met Oct. 16 and submitted comments to Public Works for revised update. Another meeting scheduled for Nov. 11. Public Works is hoping to take Update to the Board of Supervisors on December 8th. MOTION that AVAC approve draft comments via e-mail; second by Matakovich. Unanimous approval. **ii)** Resource Capacity meeting with Sup. Hill. Planning and Public Works are learning about the Resource Management System. MOTION (Hartig) to create an ad-hoc committee to work with County on this system. Second by San Filippo. Unanimous approval. Jim Hartig will chair. appointed.
- ii) **Diablo:** Ken Thompson: Deferred to John Shoals report.
- iii) **Port:** Mary Matakovich: No report.
- iv) **Avila Beach:** Ken San Filippo: Reviewed two projects with applicants. Avila Bungalows proposing art statue to be reviewed by committee. 1st & San Antonio presents several concerns, including parking. Applicants will return with additional information.

- v) **San Luis Bay Estates:** Jim Hartig: San Miguelito Water Company is not issuing Will Serve letters. Nov. 18, 9:00 a.m. SM will present findings of report on water availability.
- vi) **Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell: King Project still open on information hold.
- vii) **See Canyon:** Denise Allen: No Report
- viii) **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins: No Report
- ix) **Ad Hoc Committee report** – Kirt Collins: Marine Sanctuary Ad Hoc Committee proposed draft letter to be sent to NOAA and Bd. of Supervisors. Comments neither support or reject concept of Chumash Marine Sanctuary proposal. MOTION to approve draft by Kirt Collins: Second/7 in favor/5 opposed. Motion passes. Committee disbands.

11) Next Meeting December 14.

12) Adjournment at 9:06 p.m.

Approved