

**Avila Valley Advisory Council**

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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**MINUTES of December 14, 2015**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Regular meeting by Chair Jim Hartig at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center.  
**Attendance: Present:** Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown (voting Alt.), Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner (voting Alt.), Denise Allen, Liz Guho-Johnson **Excused:** Ken San Filippo, Julia Hartzell, **Absent:** Jan Taylor (Alt), Lynn Walter (Alt), Anita Forde (Alt), Kirt Collins, Steve Fiant (Alt). *Quorum established.*
- 2) **Approve November 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes:** Motion to Approve with changes/Danoff, S/Brown. Unanimous approval.
- 3) **Chair's Comments:** Adjustment to Agenda: Add, under Old Business: Colony Lot 1, Item C.
- 4) **Public Comment:** None
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** None. Standing balance from November 9, 2015 is \$1,021.72.
- 6) **County Reports:**
  - a. **Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Odom:** 30 day report: 87 call for service in Avila; including 14 traffic stops, 1 shop lifting theft, 3 arrests. Pirates Cove is being patrolled actively to deter incidents of illegal conduct. Interagency meeting with Harbor District, Pismo Beach P.D., County Parks, Cal Poly Police and Cal Fire to identify problems in Shell Beach and Pirates Cove and develop strategy to mitigate.
  - b. **Highway Patrol:** No report.
  - c. **CAL Fire, Chief Lee:** 38 calls for service, 19 medical aide. January 4 is date to down-staff from peak staffing. Open Burn Season starts Dec. 14. Permits required. El Nino—have emergency kits available. Training with Diablo Canyon Fire Department. Christmas tree safety; water frequently and remove from home before too dry. Chief Lewin is retiring Dec. 18. Chief Steve Reeder will serve as Interim chief. AVAC Board extends best wishes and regards for his years of service.
  - d. **Planning: Ryan Hostetter:** i) Creekside hearing at the Board of Supervisors this week. ii) Hodge project: Top of the Hill (corner of San Luis St. & 2<sup>nd</sup>) hearing Dec. 18. Two vacation rentals within 50 ft. of each other. Caruso is the Planner. iii) King project on Ontario Rd. is on hold.
  - e. **Public Works: Dave Flynn:** i) 1<sup>st</sup> & San Miguel flooding: Water sits at the culvert—no water is draining out to the ocean. San Luis Creek water is stagnant. This will persist for a week. The real alternative would be a pumping station that would require a partnership with the CSD. ii) Glen Marshall from Public Works discussed issues for the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Giro Della Costa Centrale bike race. It created traffic management and road access issues for the community. AVAC notification of road closures for the future would be helpful. Rainy day diminished turnout. For any road issues contact PW at 781-5252.

- f. **County Parks:** Bob Jones Trail safety repairs by County Parks are complete. Safety repairs that need to be completed by Avila Village at the Woodstone Market parking lot connectors **have not**. We are still waiting to hear from the owner, Rob Rossi.
- g. **County Supervisor, Adam Hill:** i) Handout for Overview of County Budget. Goals/performance measures and actual departmental requests coming in January. Includes new infrastructure projects, overview of staffing and property taxes. ii) Marijuana discussion will wait on State Legislature for direction. iii) *There will be no housing project pursued for Wild Cherry Canyon.* Discussion of further use of property still being evaluated; i.e. hospitality use (hotel, dude ranch). We prefer to have land as a conservation project with trails, etc. iv) County staffing to be increased by 40 people. Most will go to safety personnel; deputies, probation officers and counselors.

#### 7) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Bike Rack Project San Miguel/Front Street: Dale Sutliff.** 90% of approvals and plans have been completed. Existing racks will be relocated. By late January/February funding should be in order. Bids are coming in. Encroachment Permit is in the works.
- b. **2016 Nomination Committee report:** Mary Matakovich and Julia Hartzell recommend the following officers for 2016: Chair, Ken San Filippo; Vice chair, Jim Hartig; Secretary, Karla Bittner; Treasurer, Kirt Collins.
- c. **Colony Lot 1:** Danoff: There are late changes to the application, which goes to appeal Dec. 15. There are several issues pertaining to these late changes. AVAC and Planning have not had adequate time to review the revised project. **Motion** by Danoff/Second by Thompson/Unanimous vote to send request to Supervisor Hill to delay the hearing to provide adequate review time.

#### 8) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **SLOCOG (San Luis Obispo Council of Governments)** Kendall Flint presented the Prioritization of Regional Transportation Plan. Go [www.SLOCOG.org](http://www.SLOCOG.org) for detailed information. County wide needs exceed \$4B, but only \$1.6B coming in. State highway funds are zero. Gas revenues are flat. Investigate “self-help” counties. Local tax measure will leverage matching grants from State and Feds. We are out of money and must raise additional revenues to get any projects done. Focus groups will determine what tax percentage may be acceptable to voters.
- b. **AVAC Audio** Visual Improvements for meetings: Hartig and Goldberg are exploring a stand-alone microphone system. Members have expressed concerns regarding inability to hear during meetings. There are several options, costs costs from \$400. An outreach to Adam Hill and PG&E for funding assistance will be done. Motion by Newton to move forward with research and recommendation of unit along with financing potential.

#### 9) **Community Liaisons**

- a. **AB Civic Assn,** Lisa Newton: Christmas Pot luck was fun. Community Service award for an individual was Joan Sargen and for a business was Morovino Winery. Lovely evening. Leftovers went to Prado Center.

- b. **AB Foundation:** Rick Cohen: Public Arts Initiative moving forward with six proposals for 10 sites. Feb. reception to meet artists and see proposals. Internet Safe Practices Act workshop to be held Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Visit website. Grants for 2016 totaling \$52,950 were distributed. Grant monies might be available from the Foundation to assist with purchase of audio system for AVAC.
- c. **Port San Luis:** Andrea Lueker, Interim Harbor Manager: Bd. of Commissioner meeting at 2:00 Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. i) Commissioners will refine tobacco use on beaches ordinance. ii) Avila Pier solutions both short and long term. There are 3 staff reports—see [www.portsanluis.com](http://www.portsanluis.com) for on-line agenda. iii) Harbor Terrace Project—Red Tail Acquisitions has requested Exclusive Right to Negotiate. iv) Sign placed on Avila Pier about closure. v) Engineers from Army Corp looked at the Breakwater. vi) RFP for Icehouse on pier. vii) Harbor Patrol position and administrative secretary filled. viii) Water in Avila Parking Lot working with County Public Works. ix) Newsletter will be distributed with link to agendas. Requests to [AndreaL@portsanluis.com](mailto:AndreaL@portsanluis.com) if you wish to be included in distribution.
- d. **PG&E:** John Shoals: Plant status: Unit 2 is 100% stable; Unit 1 at 97%. Storm debris got into the system. ii) The northern emergency exit is being evaluated for improvement—not for additional development access. iii) Paso Robles needs a new substation. A Florida company won the bid for the substation but the distribution system will be built by PG&E. iv) Shoals will work with AVAC to see if they can partner for a new audio system.

10) **AVAC Committees:**

- a. **Land Use**—Danoff: Circulation Committee submitted several pages of comments on the Circulation Study. We have had no response to date.
- b. **Diablo**—Ken Thompson: The Independent Safety Committee will meet at the Lighthouse Suites on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **Port San Luis**—Mary Matakovich: Defer to comment by Lueker above 9B.
- d. **Avila Beach**—Anne Brown: Report on 7 units at San Antonio & 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Architect and supervisor have made architectural changes, stepping back the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Lot is intensely developed. Poor parking plan. Will be back to committee.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates**—Hartig/Pusanik: Planning Department website has incorrect zoning of Lot 279. It is part of a residential tract map. It should be corrected by the Planning Department. It is still zoned Open Space. A General Plan amendment would be required to develop. Planning will investigate and advise as to the correct zoning classification
- f. **Avila Valley**—Hansen: Requests an inquiry to Public Works to install a street light at the intersection of Ontario Road and San Luis Bay Drive. It is a safety issue.
- g. **See Canyon**—Allen: It would be helpful if the recyclers would drive See Canyon Road one mile to pick up recyclable trash.
- h. **Squire Canyon**—no report.

11) Next meeting Monday, January 11, 2016

12) Adjournment 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Karla Bittner, Secretary

APPROVED