

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes, Monday April 12, 2010

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn Walter at 7:00 p.m. Attending were: Lisa Newton, John Salisbury, Jan Taylor, Boyd Horne, Julie Hartzell, Sherri Danoff, Jayne Morton, Bob Pusanik, Ken Thompson, Lynn Walter, Ted Ivarie, Terry Eberhardt, Bill Tickell, Steve Johnson, Karin Argano..

Minutes were approved as e-mailed without changes.

Public Comment - Terry Eberhardt introduced and welcomed the AB Civic Association's first Executive Director Dee Sanfilippo. She will be at the Center two or three days a week.

Treasurer's Report - Jan Taylor reported no activity this month. The balance is still \$607.88

### 1.0 County Reports

1.1 Sheriff's Department: Cmdr. Hall - No report

1.2 Planning: Ryan Hostetter - There will be a Community Advisory Council training April 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am-12:15 pm at the Library in SLO. Let Lynn Walter know if you want to go. She will make the reservations.

The Long-range Planning Dept. is currently working on the Land Use Circulation Update. They are combining the 15 rural areas with boundaries regarding watershed planning in larger areas – North County, South County, and probably Coastal. The basic schedule is Technical Background – now; Public Outreach – summer; Public Draft – December. It probably won't affect Avila as it is outside the urban area. Contact Mike Wulkin, Supervisor of planning if you have any questions.

Ryan attended a Land Use meeting regarding the new minor use permit for the Union Oil Tank Farm clean up that involves drilling two new test wells to make sure there isn't any water pollution that might go into the ocean. There is also an environmental study to be made due to possible damage to the terrain and what the best way to get the drilling equipment to the drilling location which is near the cliff. A motion was made to go ahead with the project then withdrawn due to lack of a report from the committee and their recommendation. A written report will be presented at the May meeting.

She said there had been a question about getting information about projects in See Canyon. There have not gotten any new projects for quite sometime. There are old projects on hold awaiting information from the applicant. When they get all the information notices will be sent out and Bryan Pedrotti of the Dept. is the person to contact if someone wants to get on the mailing list for notification. They do not get notices on building permits.

1.3 Public Works: Ryan Chapman - no report

1.4 County Supervisor: Adam Hill – Activities: Sat. April 17 Yacht Club Opening; April 22 Ribbon Cutting for the Avila Sea Center; May 6 Town Hall Meeting at the Avila Civic Center; July 18 Festival Mosaic at the See Canyon Fruit Ranch.

The Coastal Commission will be here in August instead of July.

He said the Supervisors are looking at the way they have been doing things. They are looking at the effect of what they are planning today on how it impacts the County in 10-20 years. This is the first time they are looking at long-range ideas because it often takes a long time for plans to come to fruition. He said that the shortfall has gone from 19 million to 17 million. He will let AVAC know of any budget matters that might affect Avila.

## 2.0 Old Business

- 2.1 April 5<sup>th</sup> EIR scoping meeting for Bob Jones Trail: John Salisbury – Several members attended the meeting all with concerns as to how the BJ Trail should cross the freeway – over or under. The EIR suggests that a pedestrian bridge be built over the freeway in front of the historic Avila Valley Schoolhouse. It would disrupt the scenic corridor of Hwy 101 between Avila Beach Dr. and San Luis Bay Dr. and the view of the Schoolhouse for the freeway travelers and those living on the other side of the freeway let alone the high cost of building it. Karla Bittner submitted a very well written paper ‘Comments to Council on Bob Jones Bike Trail EIR Scoping’ to the council with a recommendation. There was a lengthy discussion about the various alternatives and why the bridge is not acceptable even tho Cal Trans favors the bridge. They wish Cal Trans would work for us. It was pointed out that the EIR is not to make a decision it is to point out the alternatives and the pros and cons for each one. There are four alternatives that need to be addressed. Until then the EIR is not complete. A motion was made stating that AVAC strongly opposes the proposed bridge or any bridge crossing over HWY 101/Bob Jones trail instead that the crossing go under not over the Hwy. Motion was passed – 13 for, 1 abstention, 1 opposed. There was further discussion about incorporating the recommendation regarding the consideration of the Conservation Element Goals in the letter to be sent to the various depts. A motion was made to incorporate the recommendation in the letter to be sent the Parks & Rec, Cal Trans, and the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Hill will be glad to pass on AVAC’s sentiments about the issue. He said Parks and Recs. are still accepting comments and recommendations.
- 2.2 County Parks Exclusive Use Permit – The current use permits issued for the Avila Beach promenade has already been completed. AVAC will not be able to have any further input until next year.

## 3.0 Community Liaisons:

- 3.1 ABA – Karin Argano- She reminded the Board that they now are having quarterly meetings instead of monthly. They are getting request from people interested in new businesses. There are 6 wineries in the Valley and they are developing an Avila wine trail that will help promote the interest of travelers.
- 3.2 ABCA – Terry Eberhardt announced that all the classes starting are all full and that there will be a Pancake breakfast July 3 for all to enjoy.
- 3.3 ABCF – Ted Ivarie -It was announced that they are pleased with the foundation’s impact on the community and have been very supportive of all that is happening.
- 3.4 Port San Luis – Dredging is going on. CMC has cut back on the clean-up crew to 8 inmates instead of 23 and every other week instead of each week. Salmon season is open for the first time in three years. The Pier canopy is being repaired and they are using the old timbers in the reconstruction. It is budget time and it will be on the website for anyone who is interested.

3.5 Diablo – Patricia Wilmore – the firing range has soil contaminants from all the shooting and they are replacing the soil. The licensing process is on going but the time for public comments is concluded. The Cal Poly Economic Impact Study requested is done. They have paid their taxes of 24 million dollars this year.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Reminder not to forget the Town Hall meeting on May 6.

5.0 AVAC Committees

5.1 Land Use Committee: no report

5.2 Diablo Committee: no report

5.3 Port: no report

5.4 Avila Beach: Request was made that AVAC approve of changing the of the time from 30 min to 12 min for the two parking places in front of the Market and for one handicap space at 1<sup>st</sup> and San Juan St the closest spot to the Sea Center. A motion was made and passed unanimously. A letter will be written.

5.5 SLBE: no report

5.6 Avila Valley: no report

5.7 See Canyon: no report

5.8 Squire Canyon: Weed abatement is in progress

The next meeting is Monday May 10, 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jayne Morton for Anne Brown, Secretary