

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

San Luis Obispo County, California
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Minutes AVAC February 13, 2012

Call to order 7:02 p.m. by Chair Anne Brown

Present: Anne Brown, Sherri Danoff, Julia Hartzell, Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, John Salisbury (alt), Boyd Horne, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Saul Goldberg, Bill Tickell, Bill Ziegler (alt), Karin Argano

January minutes approved unanimously

Chair Comments: Jim Hartig is a new member from San Luis Bay Estates. 2012 Calendar conflicts: Oct.8 , Nov. 12 are public holidays. This will be resolved later.

Public Comments. Carlos Torres of the Land Conservancy made a request for the people of See Canyon to help with the removal of the invasive species, "arondo". Please contact him at 805 544 9096 or visit their office at 544 Marsh St, SLO. This removal can be done for free if completed by June 30, 2012.

Treasurer's report- Julia Hartzell. Month end (Jan) \$819.04

County Reports. Due to the holiday there were no reports from Sheriff, Planning, Cal Fire. Ryan Chapman of Public Works reported on work being done to make the signal of Avila Beach Drive and First St. safer. The department is exploring the possibility of making one way streets of San Juan St., Front St. and San Francisco St. to ease the flow of traffic and make the signal less complicated. Also, the department would like to stripe a crosswalk at the corner of First St. and San Francisco for safer pedestrian crossing. Motion was made and seconded to support Ryan's continued investigation of the one-way streets. Approved unanimously. By consensus, members supported the crosswalk.

Supervisor Adam Hill reported on issues before the board. Vacation Rental Ordinance continued until April 20,2012. On Feb. 14, 2012 there will be a discussion by the board on the county's water master Plan. Supervisor Bruce Gibson is the county representative for the PGE seismic study. Adam will keep us posted.

Old Business. Julia Hartzell introduced a presentation made by the ad hoc committee regarding the proposed continuation of Bob Jones Bike trail either over or under highway 101. They recommended the extension be under the freeway rather than over. This video presentation will be posted on you tube. The county Parks Dept is expected to present an EIR sometime

this summer. Cal Trans wants the bridge over the freeway. Response time to the EIR is usually 45 days, but Sup. Adam Hill will make sure we have 90 days to make our position clear. Also, Anne will write a letter to Parks (the lead agency making our position clear, with copies to legislators).

Two letters were presented regarding the Avila Golf course. The first, from the SLBE Committee, was to Jason Giffen, Director of Department of Planning and Building asking compliance with the San Luis Bay Estates Master Development Plan and Open Space Easement on the Golf Course. After discussion it was moved and seconded to send the letter. Nine member voted for, three against. The second letter, presented by the Land Use Committee, was addressed to Adam Hill, Third District Supervisor, requesting an agenda item to reconsider suspension of permit requirement for events at the golf course in Avila. After discussion it was moved and seconded to send the letter. 9 yes, 4 no. Letter will be sent.

Community Liaisons.

Avila Business Ass. Karin Argano reported trash in Avila is still an issue, but being worked on.

Avila Beach Civic Ass. Anne Brown reported spaghetti/bingo night was a success.

Avila Beach Foundation. Rick Cohen reported the Speakers Forum on Feb. 24 is sold out. On April 26 Avila Beach will have a history day event. More to come.

Port San Luis. Steve McGrath reported Mary Matakovich has been appointed to the Harbor Commission to fill a vacancy due to the death of Jack Scarborough.

PG&E. John Shoals reported that the seismic track has been reduced. There will be an outage 22 April through May 31; 400 to 800 more workers.

Karin Argano recommended that the Community Liaisons be moved up on the agenda so the liaisons don't have to sit through our whole agenda.

AVA Committees. No one had anything to report.

Next meeting March 12

Moved and seconded to adjourn (unanimously approved) at 9:20p.m.