

# AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

San Luis Obispo County, California  
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Minutes for October 08, 2012  
PG&E Center, Ontario Road

Meeting called to order by Chair Anne Brown at 7p.m.

Roll Call present: Anne Brown, Sherri Danoff, Julia Hartzell, Lynn Helenius, Lisa Newton, Boyd Horn, Jan Taylor, Jim Hartig, Bob Pusanik, Ken Thompson, Karla Bittner, Denise Allen. Excused: John Salisbury, Lynn Walter. Absent: Bill Tickell, Karin Argano. September minutes approved by voice vote.

Chair comments, none due to absence.

Correspondence:

Oct. 23, 2012, 9a.m. Bd. Of Supervisor will hear changes to the land use and economic elements of the San Luis Obispo general plan and title 22 of the land use ordinances.

Public Comments:

Steve Johnson, a See Canyon resident, complained that the concerts at the Golf Course are getting too noisy and he could not hear the Presidential debate. He requested we have some noise regulation.

Treasurers report,

Julia Hartzel. No new expenses, balance \$574.33

County Reports:

Sheriff Department: Absent due to holiday.

Cal Fire: Batt. Chief Paul Lee reported. Introduced two new members for Station 62, Christopher (fire fighter level 2), and Michelle (engineer with search and rescue). Local fire season is still going on. Controlled burns will begin this month at Point Buchon and Long Canyon. The Master Plan will be completed in 3 to 5 weeks and will be posted on the Cal Fire web page. September had 52 calls. Station 62 participated in the FEMA drill for a potential emergency at Diablo Canyon. Four new paid fire fighters will be hired soon, they are completing their education.

County Public Works: Ryan Chapman presented the Draft Avila Circulation Plan . On Nov. 20, 2012 this draft will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. It was moved (Sherri) and seconded (Lisa) to accept this Circulation draft and update. Approved .

County Supervisor Adam Hill reported that Hannah Miller is his new assistant. County has a new County Counsel, Rita Neal as well as a new CAO Dan Buckshy. Several AVAC board members asked about the noise level from the Avila Beach Golf Course Concerts. Adam will follow up on these complaints. The Board of Supervisors will have an upcoming agenda item to discuss the seismic studies. Public comment will be encouraged.

Lionel Johnson of Shell Beach asked for a few minutes to introduce himself and his group, "1 Cool Earth". Their mission is to reinvigorate public lands. They are

currently working on the Avila Parking Lot planting trees.

New Business:

Shirley Goetz of Avila Beach gave a presentation on the possibility of making Avila Beach a Cliff Swallow Haven. Andrew (Andy) Christie, Director of the Santa Lucia Sierra Club spoke in support of the project. This project would comply with the Migratory Birds Treaty Act and would designate Avila as a Bird Sanctuary. Discussion followed presentation.

Anne moved that we table this matter until the December meeting to obtain more information on the implications of the designation as a Bird Sanctuary and to poll the local residents. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

Community Liaisons:

Avila Business Association. Not present

Avila Beach Civic Association. Anne Brown reported the Albacore feed will be the upcoming Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012., 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. tickets are available at the Center Office at \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children.

Avila Beach Foundation. Rick Cohen reported that the annual grant applications process will be upcoming. The Foundation is working with Port on a telescope to be placed on the pier at the seating area across from the Yacht Club. It would be used by the public. Chevron will give a grant for the upcoming wellness symposium.

Port San Luis: Steve McGrath reported that the Harbor Terrace will go before the Coastal Conservancy at their December meeting. Parking in Avila Beach is still being studied. There will be a candidate forum of the Port Commissioners Candidates on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Avila Beach Civic Center at 6 p.m. New bathrooms are being built at the Old Port Beach after an accident that destroyed the old ones.

PG&E. John Shoals updated the Council on the progress of the proposed seismic testing off our coast. PG&E has modified their initial testing area for this year to Estero Bay and not the Port San Luis Coastal area. This will allow them to determine if the technology is appropriate and effective. The modified proposal will go before the Coastal Commission on November 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. The new Site Vice President for Diablo Canyon is Barry Allen.

Old Business.

Nomination committee met at Sherri's house and will give its report in December as per the Bylaws.. Jim Hartig will notify the Webmaster to post the most recent Bylaws. AVAC Committees.

Land use. Sherri Danoff moved that Denise Allen, Boyd Horne, Bob Pusanik, and Sherri Danoff be on the AVAC Land Use Committee. Ken Seconded, Approved.

Diablo. Ken Thompson reported that on Wed. there will be a tour of the plant facility at 8 a.m Also on Wed. there will be a meeting of the NRC at the Embassy Suites at 1:30p.m. for administrative issues and in the evening a presentation on safety and operations.

Port. Mary Matakovich reported all issues were covered by Steve's report. She did report that the Minor Use Permit for the vacation rental next to her house was approved by planning.. It is being appealed.

San Luis Bay Estates. Bob Pusanik reported that there is a proposal for development on a lot behind the fire department. Terry Waller in Planning is handling

this.

Squire Canyon. No one reported.

AVAC Ad Hoc Committees.

- i. BJ Trail over Hwy 101: Julia is waiting for the EIR on the bike path extension.
- ii .Karla reported the paramedic committee has finished its report and will go before the Board of Supervisors as soon as it is complete

Submitted by Lynn Helenius October 17, 2012