

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Present: Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz (by phone), Emily Wicks, Sage Block, Joseph DiFrancisco.

Absent: David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe.

- 1. Minutes.** Going forward, we will formally approve the previous meeting minutes. Minutes from our last meeting were approved and will be forwarded to the Village.
- 2. Membership.** CG reached out to Tiff Arment to follow up on the question of her membership. We will wait to hear from her before pursuing other options.

Action: CG to follow up with TA for final decision.

- 3. Newsletter.** Alternate energy was proposed for our next newsletter topic. Goal is to publish in mid-July to provide a platform for advertising the EAD event. We will focus on wind energy and solar energy.

In order to improve the process for creating the newsletter, we need to streamline how articles are reviewed and approved. CG suggested we discuss and decide at the next meeting.

Action: CG to follow-up with Janna Herndon from NYSERDA to obtain information that can be used for the wind portion.

BJ will research the solar portion.

- 4. Tree Planting Program.** The general consensus was that it was a success and will be an annual event. Ian reported he gave out 32 discount cards to people (one per household). Future enhancements: post flyers on the telephone poles as so many people reported not being on Facebook; setting up tables in the ballfield to make it look more like an event.
- 5. EAD Topic.** We have gotten confirmation from NYSERDA that they will participate on Sunday, 28 July. Logistics are still being worked out, but the goal is to have a guest speaker, and 2-3 tables set up like a poster session whereby supplementary information can be shared. Location was discussed at length. Windswept was favored over Community House, but now there are thoughts of having it in the Boathouse. JD said work is being done to improve the AV capabilities of that space. It was decided to postpone decisions on exact location for now and focus on other logistics.

Action: CG will follow-up with NYSERDA to obtain bios and information for advertising. CG will cancel reservation for the Community House.

- 6. Beach Management.** Nothing new to report, DJL wants to schedule a meeting with JD.

Action: DJL will prepare a list of question for JD to ask KS and GH.

- 7. Recycling Bins.** There has been some discussion with CoC, but no movement.

Action: SB will continue to work with the CoC for resolution.

- 8. OBYG.** No progress.

Action: EW to continue to work with OBYG.

9. LWRP. No update.

Action. LL to draft letter to Trustees clarifying VOBEC's role.

10. Natural Resource Inventory. SB will get assistance to set up a map of Ocean Beach. That will allow data gatherers to use their phones to pinpoint the location of the tree/shrub.

Action: DJL to reach out to SBU to inquire about a summer intern who might work on this project. SB continue setting up the map of OB.

11. Recycling Coordinator. No update. It was pointed out that this particular grant will pay 50% of the salary of the staff member who is appointed.

Action: JD to provide the information on the previous grant, to be used as a foundation for the current grant this year.

12. Climate Smart Community. Discussion of draft Board Resolution.

Action: JD to forward draft Resolution to the Mayor/Board with the intention of getting it passed.

13. Garbage Rule and Regulations. JD will raise possibility of VOBEC involvement with Board.

14. Website Maintenance. BJ and EW reported that all issues regarding the security of the VOBEC website have been resolved. They have determined the issue that caused problems, and will avoid it going forward.

15. OBA/Community Fund Homeowners Brunch. It was reported that the Homeowners' brunch will be postponed to September.

16. Meeting. The next meeting shall be June 25, 2024 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano