

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Present: Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, Lisa Lowe, Judy Steinman, Emily Wicks, Joe DiFrancisco.

Absent: David Lieber

1. **Website.** Need to update tree legislation. We will be populating the website with our minutes going forward. Decision was made to post the minutes from this last year.

Action: CG will gather minutes.

BJ will finalize tree legislation information.

2. **Newsletter.** No new articles.

Action: BJ will do an article on rain barrels.

EW will circulate prior newsletter on green infrastructure.

BJ will summarize ways to conserve water.

3. **Beach Management.** Nothing new. JD reports Army Corp is working to shore up beach for coming storm.

4. **EAD Banner.** No action yet, waiting for DLL to measure existing banners.

5. **Tree Planting Program.** DLL absent, no report.

6. **Budget.** Since there were no major changes from last year, CG will use previous budget as the basis for this upcoming budget. The goal is to have it reviewed and approved by VOBEC so that it can be submitted to the Village by 31 January.

Action: CG to circulate budget.

7. **Dune Day.** Beach grass planting supposed to be done by Army Corp at the completion of the dune replenishment project. VOBEC still planning to go forward with dune grass planting in the fall. Irrigation to be considered.

8. **Tree Legislation.** Approved at the meeting on December 16. JD reports it has been submitted to the secretary of state.

9. **Natural Resources Inventory Map.** CG proposed that VOBEC consider conducting a Natural Resources Inventory Map, as is mandated by the Village Code. Prior to this

meeting, CG sent around a PDF on how to conduct one. We need to investigate the feasibility of it, necessity of it, as well as the cost.

Action. JS will research.

10. Annual Report. An annual report is mandated by the Village Code. VOBEC has prepared them, but not in the recent past. CG will draft one for 2023, with the intention of delivering it to the Village by 31, January.

Action: CG to draft Annual Report.

11. EAD Topic. Windfarm discussion tabled since several of our local projects are on hold.

Action: ALL to consider topics for 2024.

12. Recycling Bins. Need to resume work with Chamber of Commerce on obtaining recycling bins for the business district. EW has volunteered to work on this.

Action. CG will notify the Chamber of Commerce that EW will represent VOBEC.
EW will research bins and make bin recommendations to the C of C.

13. Recycling Coordinator. CG proposed that we should begin working on the grant to obtain a Recycling Coordinator for the Village. There was discussion about whether this grant would pay for work previously done or if it was only going forward.

Action: JS and DJL will begin researching it.

14. Meeting. The next meeting shall be February 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano