

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024, 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

Present: Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe, Judy Steinman, Emily Wicks, Sage Block, Joe DiFrancisco, Kathy Roberts (by phone).

- 1. Membership.** CG introduced Sage Block to the group. SB discussed her background and it was felt by all that she would be a great addition to VOBEC.

Action: CG will continue to pursue her membership with the Mayor and Board.
CG will meet with David Lieber to discuss the transition of his duties.

- 2. Newsletter.** EW will circulate.

- 3. Beach Management.** All need to review the draft document that DL forwarded to the group. It was determined that a subgroup would be created to move this forward.

Action: CG and DL will determine a date to meet.
CG will forward a Zoom call invite to everyone.

- 4. Tree Planting Program.** Trees have been paid for. Event will take place 10 AM – 12 PM on May 19th, at the ball field. Event will be held at Windswept in the event of rain. We will give out raffle tickets to all who participate, which will make them eligible to receive free tree. At the event, we will distribute copies of the tree legislation and permit applications.

Action: BJ to reach out to Vinnie Fazio and Ian Levine to see if they want to participate in the event.

Post-meeting note: Kathy suggested reaching out to Deb and Paul (formerly of the General Store) who currently run the garden shop in Seaview.

EW will prepare promotional materials for Facebook, Notes from the Beach, and Windswept Go.

CG to reserve ball field, with Windswept as a back-up in case of rain.

CG will get copies of the documents from the Village.

- 5. Recycling Bins.** EW been getting lots of yeses but nothing has been happening. EW will follow up with CoC.
- 6. EAD Topic.** EW reached out to Surfrider Foundation to identify a speaker but has gotten no response. She will continue to try.

- 7. OBYG.** EW has reached out to Sophie Pollack but no response. Has proposed we do one day rather than a weekly event.

Action. EW will follow up.

- 8. Natural Resource Inventory.** It was pointed out that SB would be able to help out on this project; she noted that there are apps that can expedite the whole process.
- 9. Recycling Coordinator.** No update. Due in September. We will discuss next meeting.

Action: JD will determine lead time necessary to submit grant for this year.

- 10. Climate Smart Community.** BJ reports that in order to be registered as a Climate Smart Community (CSC), the Village needs to pass a resolution. Once the resolution is passed, we can take steps toward being certified as a CSC and funding is available to help us accomplish that goal.

Action: BJ to draft and circulate resolution.

- 11. OBA/Community Fund Homeowners' Brunch.** LL will speak on behalf of VOBEC.

- 12. LWRP** – CG spoke to DH who informed CG that the LWRP was being discussed and worked on. She stated she would keep VOBEC updated on the process. There was discussion regarding VOBEC's role in the process.

Action: LL will draft a letter to the Mayor and Board on behalf of VOBEC, to clarify VOBEC's role. She will circulate for review and feedback.

- 13. Giveaways.** There was further discussion about purchasing the battery holders as giveaways. It was decided for a number of reasons (giving away a hard plastic item, as well as the storage space required for these bulky items) to forgo purchasing them.

Action: CG will notify our vendor and OBCF of our decision.

- 14. Meeting.** The next meeting shall be April 29, 2024 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano

