

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2024, 10 a.m.

Via Zoom

Present: Sage Block, Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe and Emily Wicks.

1. **Minutes.** October 6, 2024 minutes reviewed and approved.
2. **Membership.** Dylan Fried approved for membership. CG announces her intention to resign from VOBEC at year end, will send a transition document for all to review.
3. **Beach Cleanup.** DL provided a break down by community. Notably, Ocean Conservancy is having a beach cleanup on November 21 in conjunction with FINS.

Action: CG will forward pictures to EW for newsletter.
DL to write up results
4. **Website Transition.** All need to review website, then EW and SB need to sign up for Wix to be able to make changes and Peter Green will transfer website to us.

Action: CG to set up a meeting between Peter Green, SB and EW.
5. **Newsletter.** EW will circulate draft shortly. BJ raises possibility of seasonal Newsletter, all to consider.
6. **LWRP.** No response from the Village.
7. **Beach Management.** Nothing new to report.
8. **Natural Resource Inventory.** SB began process of identifying trees and questions have arisen. How detailed do we want to get, should beach grass, bamboo and phragmites be included. All agree yes. All need a tree identified app. To plot. Many trees etc. can be seen from the street.

Action: SW to send bill to CG for reimbursement.
9. **Climate Smart Community.** CG will follow up with JD and possibly BJ will raise at meeting.
10. **Garbage Rules and Regulations.** CG reports that JD said the rules will be revised when the contract comes up next year, nothing is happening now.

11. Community Composting. CG and SB had a meeting with Saltaire. Saltaire has many good ideas to incorporate going forward. For example, residents need to sign-up and receive a code to enter area and contribute to compost. We currently have a PowerPoint presentation they developed on composting that we have permission to post on our website if we wish. Discussion involved potential future collaborations.

Action: CG will follow up with Saltaire.

12. Recycling Containers. SB reports on meeting, CG reports that she has spoken to JD who states Brownie empties cans in the Village twice a week. All agree need additional research on whether recycling materials are actually being recycled.

13. Instagram Account for VOBEC. Tabled until January.

14. Banners. Tabled until January.

15. Meeting. Next meeting December 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m. EST via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano