

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

_Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2025

Windswept

Attendees: Sage Block, Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe, Griffin Pollak (by Zoom), Emily Wicks.

Minutes. July 6th meeting minutes sent out for review. July 20th meeting minutes still need to be sent.

Action: DL to forward July 20th minutes. All to review July 6th minutes.

Newsletter. Goal of 24 hours to finish review of articles. Discussed some wordsmithing of DL articles on drinking water and beach water quality.

Action: All to finish review of articles. EW to send out newsletter on August 5th.

LWRP. No change.

Beach Management. No change.

Natural Resource Inventory. GIS map hasn't changed.

Action: SB to send to NRI survey flyers and signup form for review. VOBEC members to review flyers again and NRI participation survey sign-up form.

Community Composting. SB ordered and received IKEA tabletop composting pails. BJ ordered locks for the CC bins through the VOB. GP sent out for review draft labels for CC countertop bins. CG confirmed with Patty Brahe that there should be no drop off from 8am-4pm during weekdays while OBYG is in session. Drop-off allowed anytime from Sept-June.

Action: GP to develop laminate signs with instructions for participants. CG to ask Patty Brahe about OBYG's preferred bin location.

Instagram Account. Discussed minor changes to Community Composting flyer which will be posted on Instagram. Flyer should contain a link to Google Form for OB residents interested in participating in CC activities. Participants must pay by check made out to Village of Ocean Beach. The VOB does not accept Venmo.

Action: EW to make edits to flyer and send around for review. When approved, EW to post on IG.

Oyster Shell Recovery. Oyster Shell recovery program running into some problems with participants. Only two of seven restaurants actively recovering and delivering oyster shells for "Half Shells for Habitat". Discussed promoting oyster shell recovery by proposing oyster shell collection contest for OBYG wherein oyster shells found on beach would be recovered and delivered to HSFH.

Action: BJ to reach out to Lauren Chenault about FI School involvement with oyster education. Continue discussion with OBYG on oyster shell program. CG to develop a job aid for the counselors to help with the identification of oyster shells and the purpose of the programs.

OBA purchase of VOBEC branded merchandise. Briefly discussed opportunity for VOBEC merch utilizing OBA funding. This could include T-shirts and hats.

Action: GP and SB will work on developing a logo and present options at the next meeting.
Enforcement of Tree Legislation. Renewed focus at OBA on code enforcement.

Dune Day. Still undecided as to whether it will be necessary this year.

Action: DL to do a visual condition assessment of beach grass conditions, particularly along the crest of foredune areas in VOB.

Beach Clean-up. Additional materials ordered from Ocean Conservancy. Ocean Conservancy has posted a new report on state of plastic in oceans.

Action: EW to provide a link on Instagram to OC Plastic Report. DL needs to contact last year's coordinators to confirm involvement and participation. Need to post on Instagram date/time of Beach Clean-Up.

NexTrex Community Recycling Challenge. No change.

New business. No change.

Next meeting: August 12th at 7 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted by David Lipsky and Lisa Lowe