

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

At Beach Cleanup

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

1. **Membership.** Possible membership of Bob Stack discussed. Following the meeting, Bob Stack advised CG that it is not a good time for him to become a member of VOBEC, but he will help out on an ad hoc basis. Discussed possible membership of Dylan Fried.

Action: CG will reach out to confirm Dylan will attend the next meeting, at which point he will be interviewed.

2. **Website Transition.** CG reports that Peter Green has been working on website transition.

Action: CG to forward invoice to Village.

3. **Oyster Shell Collection.** CG reported that this summer the program did not run smoothly. Need more participation and better communication from the restaurants. Discussed hosting a kick-off event with restaurant owners early next spring to get plan in place sooner. To be discussed further next meeting

4. **Beach Cleanup.** Ongoing, low turnout.

5. **Community Composting.** CG And SB visited the Point O'Woods composting facility and reported the success in that community. We will need further discussions, including with Vinnie Fazio and KS, to determine feasibility of doing this in OB. Saltaire has not responded to inquiries about their composting operation.

Action: CG will continue to reach out to Saltaire to discuss their community composting set-up.

SB will continue the conversation with VF to address logistical questions.

6. **Recycling Containers.** Discussion of frustration with CoC's lack of decision regarding recycling cans. Discussion of possibility of appealing directly to the Village regarding cans.

Action: SB to reach out one more time to Chamber of Commerce to restart discussions.

7. **Newsletter.** DL and CG have completed articles.

Action: BJ to draft her article.

All to review CG & DL's articles.

8. LWRP. No response from Village.

9. Beach Management. Nothing new to report.

10. Natural Resource Inventory. SB working with free program for now, will purchase program shortly. There was discussion regarding methods to gather information for inventory. SB proposed that she work with program to figure out best practices before others gather info.

11. Recycling Coordinator. No update.

12. Climate Smart Community. No update.

Action: BJ will reach out to Trustee Levine and forward Climate Smart proposal.

13. Banners. Feedback was provided to EW.

Action: EW will revise and recirculate.

14. Meeting. Discussion of next meeting, will need to work on schedule to allow EW and DF to participate – EW in Paris and DF in Seattle.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano