



Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano, VACO
MEETING Minutes – Tuesday January 14, 2025

Guiton Hall
555 Pier Avenue, Oceano
Located at the State Parks Oceano Campground next to the Visitor Center

Mission Statement:

To inspire, encourage, and support greater community involvement within Oceano and Halcyon

1. **Roll Call** - Linda Austin, Karen White, Cuco Herrera, Gina McMahon, Marios Pouyioukkas, Kim Rose
Absent- Cuco Herrera, Jennifer Rokes, Barney Foster, April Paz,
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Announcement of House Rules**-Kim Rose
4. **Agenda Review**-Changed Item f. to Donations
5. **Guest Reports:**
 - a. **SLO County Sheriff's Department** – Commander John McDaniel
 - 20 -Calls for Service in September 2024 (385 Prior Year)
 - 10-Assault and Battery (Domestic Violence)
 - 0-Disturbance Calls
 - 2-Burglaries
 - 0- Mail Theft
 - 5- Petty Theft
 - 2-Vandalism
 - 0-Assist other agencies
 - 0-Suspicious Activities
 - 73-Enforcement stops
 - 0-Norcan use
 - 20-ArrestsOther- Any questions or concerns bring them to commanders McDaniels attention.
 - b. **California Highway Patrol** - Commander Mike Brown-Absent
6. **Referrals**-None

7. **Public Comment for items not on Agenda –** 1. Resident Mark McGuire-Thank you for removing homeless from the tracks. Strand Way will be resurfacing in September and sand will be removed tomorrow.
2. Nicole Miller-Oceano Resident - Thank you for generous donations for Families in transitions from the toy drive focusing on the older kids who are homeless or couch surfing with the donations they were able to help two hundred kids. Thank You VACO!
3. Charles Varni- Requesting support for the OPARC walking track which will be located at the Oceano school. The design and engineering are ready to go they currently have raised fifty thousand and requesting donations from the public. Handed out fliers and envelopes for donations.

8. **Minutes-** Minutes Reviewed, motion to approve by Karen White, 2nd Marios Pouyioukkas. Approved

Treasure Report- Current Balance \$2782.45

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Assignment of Treasurer- Jennifer Rokes has resigned. Kim Rose made motion to assign new treasurer Gina Hunt, Karen White 2nd. Back Up will be April Paz, Kim Rose Linda Austin to remain listed as treasurer as well as Chair.

b. 5 Cities Homeless Coalition- Devon McQuade and Rachael Perry gave overview of their program. Need for assistance and support for creating meals for about fifty people a few days a month at the Oceano Kitchen located at the community center. Vaco will add to events/projects for 2025.

c. Speed Limit Change - from 35 mph to 30 mph miles an hour thirteenth street from Pike to Highway 1.

d. Elections -Posted on website and currently taking applications until Friday

e. Grant Applications for New Welcome to Oceano Sign & Depot-We submitted applications to the Tourism Board for grants to replace the 'Welcome to Oceano' sign and also a new sign for the 'Oceano Depot Museum'. Linda Austin reported the grants applied for were approved however the 'welcome' sign will need to be reviewed by CALTRANS to verify it meets specifications.

f. Donation- VACO received a laptop donated.

10. **Old Business** 1900 Cienega Parking and Safety Follow-up -the curb was repainted red at this point no further complaints have been received. We will remove from future agenda.

11. **Events/ Projects for 2025-** The following items were reviewed January 31-Elections, End of January/February-Start collaborate with 5 Cities Homeless Coalition, March 16, Pancake Breakfast to be held at the depot, April 12 Boys and Girls Club Day of the Child, April 19 or 20th Easter Egg Hunt at Oceano Park, May 3rd Cinco De Mayo at Oceano Park. September 13 Spaghetti Dinner at Depot, October 31st Trunk or Treat TBD, Mid November Oceano Clean-up, November 29th Tree Lighting. December House Lighting Contest date to be determined. Motion to Approve by Karen White, 2nd Gina Hunt. Approved.

12. Set date, time, and place for next meeting – Tuesday February 11, 2025

13. Adjourn