



Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano

MEETING MINUTES - Tuesday February 11, 2025

Oceano Community Services District

1655 Front Street, Oceano CA 93445

6:00 p.m.

Mission Statement:

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

1. Roll Call- Linda Austin, April Paz, Karen White Cuco Herrera, Marios Pouyioukkas, Kim Rose, Gina McMahn, Absent: Barney Foster, Alyssa Sparling
2. Flag Salute: Kim Rose
3. Announcement of House Rules- Kim Rose
4. Welcome Board Members- Elections were cancelled as we only received three application. Welcome to Returning Barney Foster, Cuco Herrera and New Member Alyssa Sparling
5. Agenda Review: No Changes
6. Guest Reports:
 - a. SLO County Sheriff's Department - Commander John McDaniel
 - 370 -Calls for Service in September 2024 (353 Prior Year)
 - 2-Assault and Battery (Domestic Violence)
 - 28-Disturbance Calls
 - 1-Burglaries
 - 0- Mail Theft
 - 1- Petty Theft
 - 2-Vandalism
 - N/A-Assist other agencies
 - 5-Suspicious Activities
 - N/A-Enforcement stops
 - 0 -Norcan use
 - 70-Arrests
 - Other- 76 Traffic stops for Oceano. Overdose deaths are down for the entire south county. Working on getting trash/trailer moved by owner near Maui Circle.
 - b. California Highway Patrol - Commander Mike Brown-Absent
7. Oceano Walking Track Presentation—Presentation provided by Charles Varni, Andy Stenson, Wanda Monson, and Ray Monson. Charles Varni on Track fundraising campaign being done for the Oceano Elementary School. The goal is to raise a hundred thousand, they currently have fifty thousand. Individuals wanting to donate can find the information on the Community Services District website. Envelopes and fliers were provided. OCSD supported this project in 2024 and they need more corporate sponsorship and encouragement for local businesses to support this legacy project. Miners Hardware has donated five thousand dollars to the project. Spoke about obese

children in the community. Mr. Stenson, Superintendent of Lucia Mar School District, explained that the track would be constructed of decomposed granite and have cement borders encompassing the entire track. Wanda Monson Chair of Safe Routes to School stated they are actively raising funds through Apex for the track/soccer fields. She stated “if you build it, they will come” there will be lots of opportunity for community activities. Ray Monson Member at Large for Oceano Parks and Recreation Committee stated that Teachers will be adding curriculum into their classrooms to utilize the track.

Questions asked:

Who will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep upon completion of the track/soccer field? Response: Lucia Mar School District

What is the Total cost of track? Response: Unknown at this time as they are waiting for bids. The design and engineering are complete.

Are bathrooms available: No public bathrooms are available for those that use the track after school hours.

Are there plans for lights to be installed for the track? No

8. Referrals

- a. **None**

9. Public Comment on items not on Agenda: Sonny Paz reported Scott Lakey has a new business in Pismo is willing to do artwork and paint designs on electrical boxes and business walls around Oceano for the cost of paint. Future Agenda Item.

10. Minutes & Treasures Report: \$2782.45. Current Balance, Minutes: Karen White made motion to approved, second made by Marios Pouyioukkas, Minutes approved as written.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Board Member assignment review:** Kim -Motion to nominate April Paz as Vice Chair. All in favor-Approved. Linda Austin motion to nominate Kim Rose as Secretary. All in favor-Approved. Linda Austin, April Paz, Kim Rose will have access to our bank account at Mechanics Bank. Jennifer Rokes will be removed.
- b. **P.O. Box Update:** We will no longer pay for a post office box as the cost is \$250.00 a year. If an individual needs to mail something to our board they can email us at council@vaco805.org and request a physical address for something to be mailed.
- c. **Receipt of a wonderful ‘Thank You’ card from Families in Transition** passed around. Photo to be placed on website.

- 12. Project Updates:** Our members will be meeting with the Five Cities Homeless Coalition to begin our collaboration. Updates to be presented at the next meeting. Karen White requested that we look at a Monthly beatification award and also sometime of fundraisers for High School students working with families in transition to provide socks, shoes, school supplies etc. for next school year.
- 13. Events:** Finalize dates for Oceano Clean-up TBD & House lighting Contest will be done on December 6th through the 14th.
- 13. Set date, time, and place for next meeting:** Tuesday March 11, 2025
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