



Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, May 13, 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

Roll Call:

Present – Kim Rose, Karen White, Marios Pouyioukkas, Gina McMahn, April Paz

Absent – Linda Austin, Cuco Herrera

Flag Salute: Led by Kim Rose

Announcement of House Rules: Mario Pouvioukkas

Agenda Review

Amendments: Added referrals – Dane and Michael under item A; John O'Brien under item B

Agenda approved as amended



Guest Reports

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff – Sgt. Shipman

- 376 Calls for Service in April
- 2 Domestic Violence, 20 Juvenile Disturbances
- 0 Burglaries, 2 Vandalisms
- 21 AOA's, 7 Suspicious Circumstances
- 45 Enforcement Stops, 15 Arrests
- No fireworks calls reported: The change in Safe and Sane Fireworks for July 4, 2025, planning underway.

California Highway Patrol – Commander Mike Brown

- 5 Property Collisions, 1 Hit-and-Run (suspect apprehended)
- Staffing increasing, new specialty patrol car introduced
- Canines deployed for apprehension, narcotics, and bomb detection

Planning Department Update

- Dane Mueller introduced Michael Zepeda as new liaison
- Dane thanked the council
- Michael shared Town Hall for Affordable Housing: May 29 at Oceano City Center (6–7:30 p.m.) Information to be placed on website and all social media accounts.
- Topics discussed: vacation rentals, zoning, density bonuses, visitor-serving overlay zones

New Introductions

Welcome- John O'Brien from State Parks introduced, may join future meetings

Minutes & Treasurer's Report

- April minutes approved
- Treasurer's Report: \$6,984.32 as of May 2025



Public Comment on items not on Agenda

- Charles Varni: \$82,000 raised for Oceano Elementary track/field
- Construction to begin soon; also had concerns about State Parks land offer and right-of-way issues.

Project Updates

- **Pier Avenue: Alyssa Sparling:** South County Chamber of Commerce Pier Avenue Corridor plan attended

- In Cross Section 2, they are looking at making the area a designated staging area for airing up tires or any other needed maintenance vehicles need when exiting the beach. This would be in the area in front of the Lagoon, instead of the current area that people use in front of business and residential area of Strand.
- Currently looking at designing a 2nd option lane option that will be modelled like the Grover/ Grand Ave entrance. 2 lanes into the beach entrance, one lane exiting with a center turning lane.
- State Parks will remain in charge/control of any signage for lane changes and/or cones that will indicate lane changes if/when needed.
- The Roundabout is only a “potential” option for Pier Avenue. It was factored into the plan after it was said there was “overwhelming” amounts of public comments that wanted one.
- If Board of Supervisors votes “Yes” on this plan and the short-term plan is implemented, that does not mean the Mid or Long term plan will not include further public comments/input when the time comes.
- They will be potentially extending the public comment period online due to creating a design change or a 2nd option to look at.
- The Bicycle Advisory Committee was said to not seem interested in the project when it was presented since this road is not a pathway that bikes travel on a lot.

- **Pavement Management:** Oceano paving set for 2025–2028; delays to align with water line work. Will be placed on website.

- **Bank Account Signers:** Confirmed Linda Austin will be listed as an existing signer; Kim Rose and April Paz will both be added as additional signer; Jennifer Rokes will be removed as a signer.



Community Initiatives

- **Five Cities Homeless Coalition:** Successful Training and kitchen project has been completed; The Five Cities Homeless Coalition are expected to have an approximate \$100,000 annual savings due to this project.
- **Board Member Change:** Barney Foster resigned; applications open if you would like to apply, please contact us at council@vaco805.org, for an application.
- **Community Cleanup:** Successful event; full dumpster along with two dump trucks full of debris and trash; Thankful for the help from OCSD Utility Systems team without their teamwork and those of the volunteers we could not have done it! During the cleanup it was noted that retention basins need cleanup and the locations will be reported to the appropriate agencies.
- **Future Cleanup Suggestions:** Rotate dumpsters by division also for electronics and bulky item collection. Tony Marraccino the OCDS Utility Systems Manager will follow-up with Church with more collections in the future.

Sign and Mural Projects

- **Depot Sign: In production:** Grant received
- **Welcome to Oceano Sign:** Awaiting State Parks approval
- **La Tapatia Mural:** Design in progress; native plant theme proposed; pending property owner approval

Events

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** First of hopefully many more, was well-attended, strong community/school/business support fun had by all.
- **Book Signing:** Norm Hammond's new book on the Dunites featured at the depot with lecture Saturday May 17th and 18th. Information on back table as well as website and all social media accounts.
- **Flea Market Fundraiser:** Scheduled for August 16–17 at the depot; open to community sellers follow up for more updates.



Community Engagement

In addition to our core focus of referrals from the county as a team, our emphasis on outreach, history, and fostering relationships will continue throughout the year. Discussions included revival of the Celery Festival and Oceano's agricultural history

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Oceano Community Services District