



Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano
Minutes for September 9, 2025

Roll Call and Procedural Actions

- Roll call – Attendance: Karen White, April Paz, Cuco Herrera, Kim Rose, Alyssa Sparling.
- Absences: Linda Austin, Marios Pouyioukkas, Gina McMahn
- Agenda approved as presented.
- House rules reiterated – courtesy, three-minute speaking guideline, bathroom locations, cell phones off.

Law Enforcement Reports

SLO County Sheriff's Office -Sergeant Sam Lewis

- - August calls for service: 346 (down from 404 last year).
- - Incidents: 6 assault/battery (one domestic violence-related felony reduced to misdemeanor); ~31 disturbances; 0 burglaries (residential/vehicular); 2 thefts (both grand theft); 2 vandalisms; 0 mail thefts; ~40 assists to other agencies; 3 suspicious-circumstance calls (two with suspicious vehicles, one suspicious subject).
- - Deputies conducted 43 enforcement stops resulting in 22 arrests (including warrants and citations).

California Highway Patrol – Lieutenant Ferguson

- - Recent crashes in Oceano: minor injury on SR 1 north of Tierra Nueva; property damage collisions at 1500 block of 7th St, Beach at 24th St, and Wilmar West at 21st St.
- - Primary collision factors: unsafe turning movements and unsafe speed for conditions (e.g., rear-end scenarios).
- - Labor Day weekend statistics: 349 enforcement contacts; Public encouraged to call 911 to report suspected impaired drivers.
- - Vehicle abatement near Highway 1 and First Street: after warnings to a business storing multiple cars, four vehicles towed due to long-unpaid registrations on a public street (per vehicle code). Ongoing enforcement will continue.
- - Working on vehicles at curb: generally permissible if it does not encroach into the travel lane or create a hazard. CHP is also exploring Bureau of Automotive Repair licensing compliance for any businesses operating in that area.

Pier Avenue Corridor Study (Public Works)

- Presenters: Tyler English (Project Manager, Transportation Division) and Jet Li (Transportation Division Manager).
- Next steps: seeking VACO input/support; presenting to the Board of Supervisors in October (target October 7).

Public Comment (Not on Agenda)

- Request to extend public comment to three minutes and to allow citizen questions for Sheriff and CHP.
- Clarification regarding opposition to the “Grundfor” project: concerns centered on it becoming another warehouse on Highway 1, contrary to long-term community input; inquiry into reports that Caltrans may not require curbs/gutters/sidewalks or flood control along 400 feet of frontage.
- Invitation: Oceano Elementary School Track and Field grand opening and ribbon cutting, Thursday the 25th at 4 p.m.

Project and Program Updates

- New nonprofit “Their Place” at the corner: mentoring programs (mechanics, carpentry, and more). Representatives may present next month; seeking volunteers and donations for the project.
- *Welcome to Oceano* sign: grant received; lot graded; installation on Highway 1 expected within a week pending utility locates.
- La Tapatia mural: in final draft with owner; target completion by October 31 (in time for Trunk-or-Treat).

Upcoming Events and Notices

- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (Oceano Depot): Saturday the 13th; dinner starts at 4 p.m.; proceeds support museum repairs.
- - Community contributions noted: Burgers & More (noodles/lettuce), Rock & Roll Diner (marinara), Old Juan’s Cantina (meatballs), Grocery Outlet (dinner rolls), volunteers coordinating supplies and setup.
- Girls in Aviation Day (Oceano Airport): Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; free; features role models, helicopters, airplanes, food trucks, and scholarship opportunities. Details will be posted online.
- Transportation community workshops (tax measure): information and schedules will be posted on the VACO website.
- Housing Authority: opening a waiting list for Ironwood Apartments in San Luis Obispo County; details to be posted.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.