



**Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano, VACO  
MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 11, 2024  
Guiton Hall  
555 Pier Avenue, Oceano**

**Located at the State Park Oceano Campground next to the Visitor Center**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by chair Linda Austin.**

**1. Roll Call- Present:**

**Linda Austin, Barney Foster, Jennifer Rokes, Karen White, Marios Pouyioukkas,  
Kim Rose, April Paz**

**Absent: Cuco Herrera, Gina McMahon**

**2. Flag Salute was led by Chair Austin.**

**3. Announcement of the House Rules-Barney Foster said all in attendance shall remain civil and polite.**

**4. Agenda Review the following items were added under new business**

**9c. Crosswalk**

**9d. Cannabis Clean- Up Ordinance**

**5. Guest Reports**

**a. SLO Sheriff Department Commander Ian Doughty**

**Added two new members to the Community Action Team (CAT) to help with rural crime. You will see them in the community driving F-250 trucks. Also, the program that allows them to receive bikes and have inmates fix them and redistribute into the community is going well.**

**b. California Highway Patrol Commander Greg Klingberg**

**Reported 6 Collisions, 2 DUI's. The washout on Halcyon was repaired to its previous condition and completed on 01-23-2024.**

## **6. Public comment for items not on the agenda**

**Lucia C. – Expressed concern about campers on the beach during the high tides.**

**Allene Villa – We need to take pride in our main road through town and clean it up in 2024. Highway 1 is a scenic road. Maybe put up a tarp or Slats on fences around properties on highway 1 that need to be cleaned up. Board Member response from Barney Foster reported he has been collaborating with the owner of the property who has rented it out and I will continue to work with him on a resolution.**

**Fern Brisco – The traffic located on Halcyon and Brisco is too much, something needs to be done.**

**Mark McGuire-Urgent Issue on Strand Way the street needs to be replaced and the sand needs to be removed. He provided a response from the Department of Parks and Recreation along with photos of neighbors who could not get out of their homes due to sand blocking all exits and entrance to the homes.**

**Charles Varni- He is the President of the Oceano Community Services District and reported the first meeting of OCSD went well.. Wants to see clean-up of the Card Room and the Tamale Place.**

## **7. Special Guests**

- a. District 4 Supervisor Paulding- presentation on new County Advisory Council Handbook. (See VACO website for slide presentation.)**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Referral C-DRC2023 McCutchen Minor Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit to allow and existing approximately 645 SQFT residential studio to be used as a vacation rental. Board Member Barney Foster walked the property and reported to the board that his concerns were for designated parking and lighting in the area after dark. Mr. McCutchen will repaint the designated parking so that the other long-term tenants and vacation tenant parking is clear to everyone.**

**Also, he has installed motion lights in the alley to aid with lighting.  
All members agreed with moving forward with the request the**

- b. Vaco support discussion of the South SLO County Boys and Girls Club Day of the Child event.  
The event will be held April 14, 2024, from 10:00 to 1:00 April and Sonny Paz have agreed to donate Hot Dogs and Buns for about 100 people, but someone will need to cook them. Vaco will supply popcorn and chips.**
- c. Board member Jennifer Rokes reported cross walk on Highway 1 has  
been approved.**
- d. Cannabis Clean-Up Ordinance  
The county is cleaning up three parts of the Cannabis Ordinance which was reviewed and discussed. All board members agreed with the amendments which are available on the County's website. Vaco will respond to the Department of Planning and Building with our comments.**

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None**

## **10. PROJECTS**

- a. Highway 1 Downtown Clean up  
Tentative January 27, 2024, near Deltina**
- b. New Welcome to Oceano Sign  
Waiting for Cal Trans to complete highway project  
Slow Down signs on Front Street  
Although the crosswalk on highway 1 has been approved it has been reported that flashing lights and slow down signs were not warranted at this time.**
- c. VACO's Community Little Library  
Pending**

## **11. EVENTS**

**None**

- 12. TALK AROUND TOWN UPDATES**
  - a. Subscribe to the Discover Oceano Monthly e-Newsletter**
- 13. Set date, time and place for the next meeting.**

**February 13, 2024. 6 PM. Guiton Hall, 555 Pier Ave, Oceano**
- 14. Adjourn**