

MINUTES



TOWN OF KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

117 Settlers Lane ■ Kure Beach, NC 28449

Mac Montgomery, Mayor
Jim Dugan, Mayor Pro Tem
Dean Lambeth, Commissioner
Barry Nelder, Commissioner
Jim Vattr, Commissioner

Michelle James, Town Administrator ■ Kaysie Pralle, Town Clerk

WORKSHOP

MARCH 2, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

The purpose of the meeting is to have a Charrette (intense period of design activity) with design firm Withers & Ravenel, the Council and the Ocean Front Park Utilization Committee.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor	Mac Montgomery
Mayor Pro Tem	Jim Dugan
Commissioner	Dean Lambeth
Commissioner	Barry Nelder
Commissioner	Jim Vattr

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Town Administrator	Michelle James
Fire Department	Harold Heglar
Police Department	Dennis Cooper
Public Works	Sonny Beeker
Town Clerk	Kaysie Pralle

Town Attorney A. A. Canoutas was in attendance. There was a quorum of the Town Council present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Montgomery called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Representing Withers & Ravenel:

- ✓ Bob Harned, Withers & Ravenel
Landscape Architect (Project Manager)
- ✓ Eric Lindstrom, AIA SFL+A
Architect
- ✓ Cindee Wolf, RLA Withers & Ravenel
Principal in Charge

The Agenda for tonight's meeting is as follows:

- 6:00-6:10 Introductions of Project Team and Participants
- 6:10-6:25 Brief overview of meeting itinerary/Goals and expectations
- 6:25-6:45 Project status and requirements
- 6:45-7:15 Review of Park Programming and previous concept plans
- 7:15-7:30 Intermission
- 7:30-7:45 Design Approach and concept planning
- 7:45-8:45 Charrette with Stakeholders
- 8:45-9:00 Closing

The Goal of tonight's meeting is to have a firm direction in regards to the overall design and concept for the Park.

Administrator James presented the financial and grant portion of tonight's discussion.

- ✓ The Town has applied for 2.4 million in grants.
 - 1.3 million has been granted and went toward the loan for the park.
 - 1.1 million has been approved, but we have not received as of yet.
- ✓ The Town recently received \$95,000 from the Federal Government. The Town applied for \$500,000.
- ✓ The Town has applied for over 1.2 million for Park development funds.

Bob Harned presented some of the Proposed Park Elements

- Open space feel for overall park design
- Pavilion
- Public restrooms
- Stormwater infiltration system
- Games area
- Playground area (to age 6)
- Fort Fisher Battle Monument
- Multi use area
- Porch type swings
- Bike racks/Site furnishings/signage
- Permeable Pavers
- Recycled Products in furnishings
- Turtle friendly lighting
- Cistern for water conservation
- Indigenous plants
- Shade trees and shade structures
- Flagpole (Yardarm)

- Place for stage/bleachers
- Movie screen (Indoor/Outdoor?)

Charrette (Design) portion of the meeting

The room was divided into three groups. Eric Lindstrom asked that during this time the groups pick the top three things they would like to see in the Park.

After the group discussion session ended, Bob Harned started a voting session to determine the items that were majority favored for the Park.

VOTE 1

One structure, stage, enclosed restrooms, and potential of a two-story structure
Two structures (Pavilion and restrooms)

Majority vote of a single structure

VOTE 2

Center the building within the Park
To move the building to the SW portion of the Park

Majority vote of moving the building to the SW portion of the Park

AGREEMENT

Overall majority agreed to have the structure facing the park and ocean as much as possible. This would allow for greater viewing access to the stage.

- ✓ Eric Lindstrom stated having a two-story building would double the budget for the Park.
- ✓ There was a discussion of having a private restroom for the stage area. Bob pointed out that this is a public park making the restrooms public as well.

RE-VOTE of VOTE 1

Single structure, with restrooms, storage, stage (9 votes)
Two structures (Pavilion and restrooms) (9 votes)

Tied vote for single vs. two structures

- ✓ Sonny Beeker pointed out that the Public Works department's biggest issue is public restroom maintenance.

RE-VOTE of VOTE 1

Single structure (11 votes)

Two structures (11 votes)

Tied vote for single vs. two structures

VOTE 3

Single-story structure Pavilion (8 votes)

Two-story structure (majority)

Majority vote for a two-story structure

VOTE 4

Atlantic Avenue continue as a full access road (9 votes)

Limiting access onto Atlantic Avenue (6 votes)

Majority vote to keep Atlantic Avenue operating as a full access road.

VOTE 5

Majority vote to utilize a chicane to slow traffic on Atlantic Avenue.

VOTE 6

Majority voted to have no parking in front of the main structure (16 votes)

VOTE 7

No parking at all in front of the entire park (5 votes)

VOTE 8

Majority vote to add ONLY handicap parking within Park perimeter lines

VOTE 9

Majority vote to have nautical theme in the Tot Lot

VOTE 10

Rubber mulch for Tot Lot (loose vs. poured in place)

No vote completed, but concerns were voiced regarding the rubber getting too hot. Withers & Ravenel will provide additional information on options for safety surfacing at the tot lot.

VOTE 11

Majority vote to have structural shade vs. natural shade over the Tot Lot.

VOTE 12

Shade structure at Tot Lot ONLY

No vote completed, but concerns were voiced stating shade should be an option for parents as well.

VOTE 13

Majority vote to have permeable pavers throughout the Park

VOTE 14

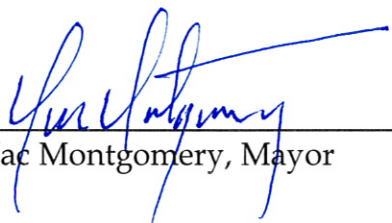
Majority vote to locate the Tot Lot in the NW corner of the Park

VOTE 15

Majority vote in favor of property screening (landscaping vs. fencing) on the back side of the Park.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION - Commissioner Nelder MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm. Commissioner Vatrt seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.



Mac Montgomery, Mayor



Kaysie Pralle, Town Clerk



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