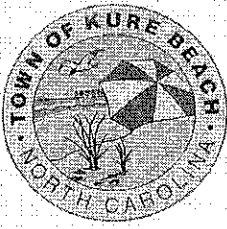


The following
Closed Session Minutes
were approved for release by
Town Council
on
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
at a Regular Council Meeting

Please contact the Town Clerk if you have
any questions.



KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION
April 15, 2008

MINUTES

The closed session of the Town Council of the Town of Kure Beach was called to order by Mayor Montgomery at 8:40 pm on April 15, 2008. Purpose of the closed session was to discuss land and grant contingencies.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Town Administrator	Michelle James
Town Clerk	Nancy Avery

Town Attorney A. A. Canoutas was in attendance. A quorum was present

1. Natural Heritage Trust Fund grant for Ocean Front Park

Council discussed contingencies placed on a \$500,000 grant from the Natural Heritage Trust Fund for the Ocean Front Park.

Contingencies are:

- Must receive grant from State Parks and Recreation Trust.
- Natural Heritage grant has never been awarded to a waterfront project – they requested Attorney General's office to review and make a ruling.
- Must close the portion of Atlantic Avenue in front of the park to be part of the park – the asphalt is not to be connected to the park.

Discussion:

- Will lose 13 parking spaces if we have to close Atlantic Avenue.
- Closing Atlantic Avenue will create a traffic nightmare.
- Is it a good thing to connect the park to the ocean?
- We could lease land for parking for the short term.
- Could remove asphalt and replace with a pervious surface.

Consensus - authorize Mayor to have engineer draft a drawing for pervious surface in area in front of the park and present to the Natural Heritage Trust Fund for approval.

2. Property next to the site of the Ocean Front Park

- The Town received a letter from the owner of the property on the north side of the park property stating an interest in selling the property to the Town.
- Tax valuation on the property is \$1 million and the owner is asking \$1.2 million.
- It may be possible to get a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. The Town can't buy the property to get the grant. The property must be privately owned, purchased via the FEMA grant, but the Town would get the right to use the land as public space. There would be no match to the grant.

3. Other property for sale

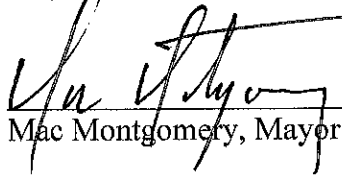
- The garage next to the Community Center is also for sale.


Consensus on items 2 and 3 - authorized showing these two properties to FEMA for a possible grant.

4. Department of Cultural Resources

A State representative will be talking with the pier owner about a preservation easement for the pier as a historical landmark. The Town and County will lose tax dollars. This will cut the tax value for the pier owner. Stipulation is that the pier owner must continue to operate it as a pier or will lose the deal with the State.

Mayor Montgomery adjourned the closed session at 9:18 pm.


Mac Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nancy Avery, Town Clerk

