

KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 10, 2008

***MINUTES***

The Kure Beach Town Council held a special meeting on July 10, 2008 at 5 pm for the purpose of finalizing the staff/Council work plan. Notice of the meeting was posted at Town Hall on June 20, 2008.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Administrator Michelle James  
Town Clerk Nancy Avery

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Montgomery at 5:01 pm. Mayor Montgomery stated that there were three items that he would like Council members to review:

- Possible amendment of the ordinance on unattended beach equipment to be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting. Please review my email.
- A draft press release handed out at this meeting. Please forward comments to Town Administrator James.
- A memo from me handed out at this meeting regarding staff meetings. This topic will be discussed at Tuesday's meeting.

Newspaper Article

ACTION – Mayor Pro Tem Dugan MADE THE MOTION to make it clear that the comments made by Commissioner Lambeth in an article that ran in the July 9, 2008 issue of the Island Gazette newspaper regarding bilingual/international signs is not the position of the Town Council. Commissioner Vatr seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of three to one as follows:

Mayor Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem Dugan and Commissioner Vatr in the affirmative. Commissioner Lambeth in the negative. Commissioner Nelder abstained.

ACTION- Commissioner Nelder MADE THE MOTION to amend the original motion to state comments made by individuals in the article (referenced in previous motion) were opinions of the individuals and not the official opinion of the Town or the Town Council. Commissioner Lambeth seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

Additional agenda item

ACTION – Commissioner Vatrtr MADE THE MOTION to amend the agenda to include an economic development update. Commissioner Dugan seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

Approval of the agenda

ACTION – Commissioner Lambeth MADE THE MOTION to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Nelder seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

Town Administrator James stated:

- She asked for the workshop tonight because she attends most of the meetings of the standing committees and she would like to have some guidance on how to direct the committees towards what Council wants them to do.
- Committees are overlapping in their initiatives.
- Most of the committees don't have a budget.
- What initiatives does Council want committees to work on?

ADA committee

Town Administrator James stated the ADA committee:

- Has a mission statement and initiatives, but no budget.
- Needs to know how to prioritize or what they can or can't work on.
- Is requesting that any new project go through their committee for ADA review—does Council agree with this?
- Wants to know if they come up with grant funds, will Council support doing the work?

Discussion:

- Committees are advisory only – they have no where with all to do anything other than recommend.
- Funding requests should have been presented during budget preparation, not now.
- The process during budget time was for Council to identify projects they considered worthwhile which would then be put in the budget with \$0 funding to be considered at the end of the year if funding is available.

**Consensus -**

- Will reimburse committee member for mileage for attendance in the larger community of ADA advisory meetings – will come out of Council's travel budget.
- Need initiatives prioritized by 'must do' and 'would like to do'.

- Need costs attached to ADA initiatives.
- Town Administrator James is to communicate to each committee the projects that Council is working on.

#### Beautification committee

Commissioner Nelder stated:

- The priority of the Beautification committee is the Atlantic Avenue Boardwalk construction.
- Other projects are:
  - Sandman property.
  - City entry signage – want to hire an architect to come in and evaluate signage. Want to use some of their \$5,000 budget.
  - General maintenance projects.

Town Administrator James stated:

- \$5,000 is budgeted for the Beautification committee to maintain existing landscaping.
- Other projects are:
  - Beautify the flag pole at Town Hall and Atlantic Avenue when the board walk is completed.
  - Replenish dead trees on Sixth Avenue.

Discussion:

- Signs can't be replaced all at once due to the expense.
- Shouldn't we wait on signs until the economic development is done and we have decided how we want the Town to look?

#### **Consensus:**

- Need initiatives prioritized by 'must do' and 'would like to do' by all committees.
- Committees to give cost estimates for initiatives to Council.

#### Renourishment committee

Commissioner Vartt stated every project of the Beach Renourishment committee is budgeted and initiatives have been prioritized.

#### Stormwater committee

Commissioner Nelder stated the storm water committee has identified grant funds to do stormwater projects.

Town Administrator James stated the committee:

- Is looking at Phase II regs. The committee would like more help from Public Works Director Beeker.
- Wants Council to raise stormwater fees way above current fee for subdivisions.
- Is looking for grants to replace the outfalls.
- Wants to be involved in the permeable paving on Atlantic Avenue.

### Parks and Recreation committee

Town Administrator James stated the Parks and Recreation committee:

- Has been working with the Beautification Committee to develop a recommendation for the Sandman property.
- Is developing a plan to provide summer and spring activities again this year – unbudgeted.

### Shoreline Access and Parking committee

Town Administrator James stated the Shoreline Access and Parking committee:

- Wants to put a lifeguard station at J Avenue.
- Wants to see bathrooms at each access point and Joe Eakes park.
- Wants to change parking and traffic flow at each beach access due to handicapped parking issues.
- Wants to open the corral for public parking and make an entrance way onto K Avenue.

Discussion:

- Isn't the lifeguard station not within their mission statement – aren't they overreaching?
- If we reapply for a grant to build bathrooms in Joe Eakes Park, we should also include funding in the grant to change beach access parking and traffic flow.
- We are crossing paths with committees working on the same projects.

### **Consensus:**

Any new lifeguard stations to be under jurisdiction of Fire Department not a committee.

### Community Center committee

Commissioner Dugan stated:

- The Community Center committee is codified in the ordinance. It is the only committee that is and he would like to consider removing it from the ordinance.

**Consensus** – Attorney Canoutas to give Council a recommendation as to whether to remove the Community Center from the ordinance or not.

### External funding requests

Mayor Montgomery stated:

- Council needs to know when they will be expected to make a decision on the external funding requests.
- He wants to know Council's decision about whether to fund the Christmas Show, whether this is a Town sponsored event, and if so, should this be under the Parks and Recreation Committee jurisdiction? Lots of discussion about the purpose of the show and if it was a Town project. Mayor Pro Tem Dugan asked that the Christmas Show committee be contacted.

MOTION – Committee Lambeth MADE THE MOTION to direct the Town Administrator to coordinate with the Parks and Recreation committee regarding whether they want to oversee the Christmas Show. Commissioner Nelder seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

**Consensus** –Commissioner Vatrtr and Town Administrator James are to prepare a list of funding requests, prioritized, to be presented to Council prior to the August Council meeting.

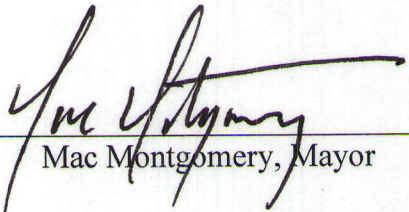
Economic Development

Commissioner Vatrtr stated:

- He spoke with Will Lambe and Jonathan Morgan from UNC School of Government and they said that since Kure Beach is so small and has little commerce, they believe there is little they can contract with the Town to do regarding economic development.
- They volunteered to give free advice as we go along.
- The first step they recommend is a survey to determine if residents want an economic development plan or not.
- The second step is to talk to the primary landowner in advance and get his buy-in.
- The NC State College of Design has offered to have students visit the Town and work on a rough two or three dimensional design concept, at their own expense, for the Town. The Town would need to pay for a van rental, and lunch for the students.
- He will work with Will Lambe on the survey.

Adjournment

ACTION - Commissioner Nelder MADE THE MOTION to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Commissioner Vatrtr seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

  
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Mac Montgomery, Mayor

  
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ATTEST: Nancy Avery, Town Clerk



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