



KURE BEACH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Kure Beach Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. A quorum of the Commission was present.

P&Z MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman John Ellen
Vice Chairman Alan Votta
Member Craig Galbraith
Member Bill Moore
Member Kenneth Richardson

ABSENT

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Councilman Joseph Whitley, Liaison  
Attorney James E. Eldridge

### **STAFF PRESENT**

John Batson, Building Inspector  
Josie Fitzgerald, Secretary

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ellen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Member Moore moved to approve the Agenda

**SECOND:** Member Richardson

**VOTE:** Unanimous

### **III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Closed Session**

**MOTION:** Member Moore moved to approve the closed session minutes of August 3, 2016

**SECOND:** Member Richardson

**VOTE:** Unanimous

### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Session**

**MOTION:** Member Moore moved to approve the regular session minutes of August 3, 2016

**SECOND:** Member Galbraith

**VOTE:** Unanimous

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**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**Beach Safety and Conservation Standards**

Council accepted the recommendation with the two minor revisions from P&Z, and will hold a public hearing prior to their regular meeting on September 20, 2016.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Member Galbraith brought up the correlation between the quality of planning and zoning and economic development and tourism, of end of the tourist season, does anyone know how the City did concerning tourism. The more attractive a community is, the better they do in tourism and it bears out as well in Kure Beach.

**VIII. MEMBER ITEMS:**

**A. Alternate Member**

John Cawthorne was not present to be sworn in as an alternate Member approved by Council. There was discussion regarding what the status of an alternate member is and what the Council's intentions are.

- It would be expected that the person should be fully aware of the issues if they are going to step up in a member's absence on any given month and vote.
- It was not the understanding that the alternate would jump in if a member was absent from a meeting
- In the past, an alternate member was brought in when a member resigned and is replaced
- Councilman Joe Whitley will present to Council for verification of the status of the alternate at the next Council meeting.
- This is a directive of the Council.

**MOTION: Member Richardson moved to table the status of the alternate member to get intentions from Council**

**SECOND: Chairman Ellen**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

**B. Presentation by Suraiya Motsinger from the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

- One of the major issues is funding for transportation - 1970 Fed. Highway Act
- MPO projects are 80% funded by Federal and municipalities contribute 20%
- The current Plan extends to 2040 and is looking at trends
- MPO's are formed by the Federal government according to population, considering demographics, land use and travel patterns, where jobs are and where jobs will be in the future , with heavy emphasis on community involvement
- State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) – decides which programs get funded

The various Modes analyzed

Aviation

Bicycle and pedestrian

Ferry

Freight/Rail

Mass Transportation

Roadways

- The mission is trying to make the existing systems more efficient
- MPO developed base line data from census, state information, regional jobs analysis, land use planners, school systems, and where development was going in the future and has worked with the Port of Wilmington
- There are fiscal constraint requirements

#1 Develop - comprehensive, mode-specific, project list

#2 reduce list by - applying base, scenario projected funding

#3 increase list by - adding alternate funding

Projects are prioritized according to mode specifics looking at safety, traffic impact, and a project is rated using specific criteria, funded projects vs. unfunded projects. Every mode has different criteria and is weighed differently. Three different boards review the specific modes using sample projects using their “value judgment.”

Projects that are proposed to be funded between 2015 & 2040

**Aviation**

Terminal improvement

Runway expansion

Safety improvement

**Bike/Pedestrian**

Bicycle lanes & sidewalks

Multi-use paths

Crosswalks (3)

*Greenway Plan and DOT Plan, Sunny Point, Federal property was discussed briefly by Mayor Swearingen and what the Town can and cannot do at present along Dow Road*

**Ferry**

Additional vessel

Additional mooring facilities

**Freight/Rail**

Roadway

Railway

Rail crossing

**Mass Transit**

- Amenities (shelters)
- Access (crosswalks)
- Express Service
- Additional Service
- Park & Rides

**Roadways**

- Congestion/Access Management
- Economic Enhancement
- Safety

**Alternative Funding Mechanisms (Potential Local initiatives)**

- Local Option Sales Tax
- Transportation Improvement Bonds
- Municipal License Tax
- Vehicle Registration Fees
- Vehicle Rental Tax
- Statewide Auto Parts Tax
- Project Specific Mechanisms
- Tolling

**Your role**

- Considered in development review
- Feedback to WMPO
- Participate in Cape Fear Transportation 2045

For further information - [www.transportation 2040.org](http://www.transportation2040.org)  
 Funding has been made more fair through State Transportation Investment Law (2013) utilizing Qualitative Value


**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Member Moore moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**SECOND: Member Votta**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

**The P&Z meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**

  
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 John Ellen, Chairman  
 Planning and Zoning Commission

  
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 Josie Fitzgerald, Secretary