

KURE BEACH  
BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MAY 5, 2009

*The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:*

*Sandy Cox, Chair*

*Priscilla Smith, Secretary*

*Nola Jackson, Phyllis Mojzis, Tony Gonsalves, Michael Bledsoe*

*Also attending: Jim Vatrt, Council Liaison and John Batson, Liaison*

*By motion made, seconded and carried the agenda for the May 5th meeting was adopted.*

*By motion made, seconded and carried the minutes for the April 7th meeting was adopted.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. John Batson advised the committee that CAMA has approved an application for the erection of a tent on the beach. The location is on private property. The concern is what damage will this present for the dunes. The tent is for a wedding that will take place on the beach. After much discussion the committee concurred that a new ordinance will be required to regulate this type of situation. The committee agreed that there must be guidelines to be followed as to obtaining the proper permits, protecting the dunes by fencing in the area of the tent and stipulating a length of time the tent can be on the beach. i.e. 3 days, Friday to erect, Saturday & Sunday, remove by Monday. John Batson will work on this ordinance.*
- 2. Additional beach signs: There are 32 additional signs that need to be assigned locations.*
- 3. Street Festival: Sandy Cox informed Council, via a letter, expressing the committee's displeasure in the location for our booth. We were placed out of the way and only six visitors. We sincerely hope next year will be more like last year.*
- 4. Rental information: The committee has available refrigerator magnets and flyers with information on protecting the beach for the Real Estate people to place in the rental units. Nola Jackson will inform the realtors she deals with to place the magnet on the refrigerator door and supply the renter with the brochure.*

5. The committee would like the Realty people to advise their renters of the fact that Kure Beach has a strict rule on NO DOGS ON THE BEACH BETWEEN APRIL 1ST AND SEPTEMBER 30TH. There is also a "pooper scooper" ordinance requiring all pet owners to scoop their pets poop and place it in a trash can. There is a fine if the pet owners fail to comply. Wrightsville Beach has recently raised their fine to \$250.00 per offense. We would like Kure Beach fine to be raised to \$250.00 per offense. The committee would like to know how many tickets have been written in the past regarding the Scoop the Poop ordinance. Jim Vatrtr will check this out and advise the committee.
6. Changes for the sign ordinance: This is still being worked on.
7. Signs for lifeguard's chairs. Sandy Cox will take care of getting the signs printed.
8. Committee name change: This change has been implemented and the word Citizens has been deleted.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sandy Cox sent a letter to council praising the public works department on the excellent job they did during the festival. We truly appreciate their very good job.
2. Deer on the beach: Deer have been observed sleeping on the beach in the dunes creating damage to the dunes. We are not sure what we can do about this problem.
3. New banner. Sandy Cox had the new banner ready for use during the festival. The banner is excellent.
4. Beach abuses: Sandy Cox sent a letter to the Council regarding the dog pooh on the beach.

There was a suggestion to hold a "party" with the realtors to update them on the concerns we have regarding beach behavior, safety, and littering. It was suggested that we contact the "money people" who would be the ones that should have the most "clout". Jim Vatrtr will ask Michelle James to draw up a list of people to contact. We will try to get Police Chief Cooper to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on June 9, 2009 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Smith