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BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE

JUNE 9, 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

Phyllis Mojzis

Tony Gonsalves

Mike Bledsoe

Nola Jackson

Also attending: Jim Vartt, Council Liaison

By motion made, seconded and carried the agenda for the June 9th meeting was adopted.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Rental information: The refrigerator magnets and the brochures were given to the realtors.*
- 2. The signs for the lifeguard's chairs are completed and have been distributed. The signs are excellent. The signs were made by Southern Signs.*
- 3. T-shirts. Sandy Cox will obtain the t-shirts for the committee members that will be worn while doing committee work.*
- 4. Surf Riders. The committee needs a new contact for the Surf Riders as Sean Ablun is no longer available. Nola Jackson will handle this.*
- 5. Realtors party. The committee is still planning to have a get together with the realtors. This will probably occur after the season. The purpose is to get input from the realtors that will help in improving the beach experience for everyone.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Budget review: Sandy Cox is reviewing the projects the committee has undertaken this past year and will e-mail, to the rest of the committee, her report.*
- 2. Town ordinances: Fines for sand dune violations are \$150.00..*
- 3. July & August meetings. The committee has voted to eliminate these meetings. The next meeting will be in September.*
- 4. Beach Clean-up. Phyllis Mojzis will be the coordinator for this event. She will work with the Surf Riders, Parrot heads and Keep America Clean committees.*
- 5. Public meeting: The committee is planning to hold a public meeting to address citizens beach concerns including realtors with their concerns. The committee would like the meeting to be held in October .*

6. *Local activities: Discussion regarding the committee having an informational table at Town Events was discussed. This would give the committee an opportunity to interact with visitors to the area regarding the beach*

7. *Additional Discussions.*

Some of the concerns of the committee are how to educate our visitors to the dangers of Rip Tide conditions. This past week a family visiting us was caught in a rip tide. The father and son were alright but the mother died the next day. The life guards fly a red flag when it is dangerous to go into the water but people unaware of the meaning are at risk.

Visitors who walk their dogs on the beach in the early morning and late afternoon are a problem. There is an ordinance prohibiting this. Those who do not clean up after their pets are a problem and those who trespass on the dunes are a problem. The committee would like to see some action to correct this. Jim Vatrč will advise Dennis Cooper, our Chief of Police, about our concerns and our feeling that the solution is to hire two part-time officers to patrol the beach twice a day from the fourth of July until Labor Day. The hours we would like covered would be two hours in the AM and two hours in the PM, when most violations take place. Sandy will present this concept to the Town Council at the public budget meeting tomorrow, 6/10/09.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on September 1, 2009 at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Smith

