

KURE BEACH BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE

March 8, 2011

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

Sandy Cox, Chair

Tony Gonsalves , Phyllis Mojzis, Andy Barnard, Mike Bledsoe

Also present: Barry Nelder, Counsel Liaison, Melanie Doyle, Aquarium Horticulturist

By motion made, seconded and carried the minutes of the February meeting were adopted.

By motion made, seconded and carried the agenda for the March meeting was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Melanie Doyle (who handles eradication of beach vitex at the aquarium) answered our questions and gave us direction as to the handling of the plant. She informed us there isn't much on Kure Beach and explained how she treats the plant in the springtime and follows up periodically. She also told us she will speak in front of council and show us a short film identifying the plant and its dangers, at the same time bringing us updated brochures. (N.B.- checkout website www.beachvitex.org)
2. Tony brought a sample of the 'butt scooper' he made from a pole and kitty-litter scoop. The committee made a motion and agreed to purchase 25 scoops and 20 handles for use at the beach sweeps . Tony will assemble them.
3. Regarding the additional life guard chair, we are waiting for council's approval at the March meeting. It should be implemented at the beginning of the 2011 season. This approval will require our purchasing an additional A frame.
4. Sandy contacted Sonny and he will make some calls to get us sea oat plantings for free or at a cheaper rate. He also suggested trying to get someone to donate the oats. The committee agreed to ride the beach before the April meeting to determine the need for sea oats, vitex sightings, and signage replacements.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The committee decided to contact the realtors via email asking their help to educate visitors and renters this season.
2. Phyllis will handle articles promoting a safe beach and they will be placed in the newsletter, added to the website and also to PSAs.
3. Committee decided not to reorder beach magnets this year
4. Replacing signs, vitex monitoring and sea oat replacements will be discussed at the May meeting after making assessments when riding the beach.
5. The committee decided to get new signs stressing the seriousness of rip currents. Suggestion was made to be short and to the point... **Caution....RIP CURRENTS KILL**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50PM. The next scheduled meeting will be April 5, 2011 at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Mojzis

