

*KURE BEACH*

*BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE*

*OCTOBER 4, 2011*

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

*Phyllis Mojzis, Co- Chair*

*Priscilla Smith, Secretary*

*Andy Barnard, Co-Chair*

*Tony Gonsalves*

*Mike Bledsoe*

*Kerry Garrigan*

*Sandra Sink*

*Also present: Chuck Keener, Counsel Liaison*

*John Batson*

*By motion made seconded and carried the agenda for the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted.*

*By motion made seconded and carried the minutes for the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted.*

*OLD BUSINESS:*

- 1. Beach Communities Meeting. This meeting was attended by Andy Barnard, John Batson and Chuck Keener. Andy reported that it was a good meeting that was attended by Kure Beach, Carolina Beach and Wrightsville Beach. The primary discussion was the loss of funding from earmarks. This is where the funds for re nourishment of the beach's come from. It appears that this will have to be a line item in the federal budget. North Carolina is looking for alternate sources of funding. Beach re-nourishment is presently a federal project funded by the federal budget. There is a \$35 million fund from the room tax that grows yearly but cannot be used to re-nourish the beaches. John Batson reported that FEMA turned down our application for funding for the storm damage from Irene.*
- 2. Beach Sweep. Phyllis reported that the UNCW Honors Group did an excellent job of cleaning the beach on the 10<sup>th</sup>. They used the new "butt scoopers" and reported that if you tried to pick up too much there was a problem. But otherwise they were helpful. On the 24<sup>th</sup> the Keep America Clean committee held their yearly beach clean-up along with the Island Women group. They also did an excellent job and reported that the main trash seems to be cigarette butts. Discussion ensued on whether to try to coordinate the two clean-ups into one. This has been discussed in the past. Normally the UNCW Honors group does their clean-up about one month prior to the Keep America Clean date. As both groups collected considerable trash the Committee will consider continuing with both efforts.*
- 3. RFP for sea oats. There was much discussion regarding when to apply for a RFP for sea oats as we are not sure how much will be required, what the cost, if any, will be. This will be discussed further at the November meeting. The Committee will survey the beach*

*and dunes November 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> to ascertain how many sea oat plants will be needed to repair the damage.*

*NEW BUSINESS:*

- A. The Committee welcomed Sandra Sink as our newest member.*
- B. Sea Oats from arboretum. The arboretum does not have any sea oats for sale. In the past we have been obtaining our sea oats from Carolina Beach. Carolina Beach hasn't charged for them in the past, but due to the financial strain on all of us, they may have to charge or at least ask for a donation. The committee will check out what the situation is.*
- C. Harold Heglar was invited to this meeting but was unable to attend. He noted that this past summer went very smoothly with minimal problems.*
- D. Quarterly Town Hall meeting. Phyllis attended this meeting with the other committee is the Town. Each Committee related their goals, and what projects they were involved with. The purpose for this meeting is to coordinate projects that have more than one objective and for committees to be aware of ongoing projects that may enhance a project they are involved with.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM. The next scheduled meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30PM at the Town Hall.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Priscilla Smith*