

Kure Beach
Beach Protection Committee
March 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm at the Town Hall with the following in attendance: Andrew Barnard Co-Chair, Chuck Keener Council Liaison, Sandra Sink, Tony Gonsalves and Kerry Garrigan

By motion made, seconded and carried, the agenda for the March 6th meeting was adopted as written and amended to add Fiscal Year Budget.

By motion made, seconded and carried the minutes of the February 7th meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Sea Oats**-Andy reported a cost for purchasing 5000 sea oats and a bag of fertilizer at \$1050 . The amount was provided by Mike after speaking with Carolina Beach . Andy will have this item put on the agenda for the March council meeting. Andy also stated there had been no “beach ride” yet and John Batson was not present at the meeting to report if he had done a ride. This will be followed up.
2. **The brochures** for the rental agents were discussed, including updating them before the next reprinting to cover fireworks, confetti, fines, etc. Monies for this effort will be included in the “Waste Reduction & Recycling Grants”, of which all Committee members received a copy. If grant money is received, the brochures can be updated for this year. If not, 1000 copies will be printed internally at Town Hall.
3. **Kure Beach HOA** -support letter. Kerry reported that the letter which was approved by the Town Council had been sent to all the identified Kure Beach HOAs. Follow-up would occur over the next few weeks. A number of the HOAs had already responded positively.
4. **Adopt A Beach Program**-Sandra gave a detailed report on the logistics involved with this initiative, a copy of which had been e-mailed to Committee members. Based on conversations with Wrightsville Beach Program Supervisor there were a number of challenges identified:
 - a. **Sustainability is a problem**
 - b. **Money is required for supplies and reward/recognition programs**
 - c. **There is significant paperwork and someone is needed to be a program co-coordinator**There was a concern expressed regarding the small number of businesses in KB to support this as compared to WB. Discussion ensued around assistance from the Parks & Recreation Committee. Andy & Chuck will bring this up to Parks & Recreation at the Joint Committee Chairs meeting. It is still an open initiative that will be followed up.
5. **Beach Sweep**-the Committee decided to table this agenda item until the next meeting when Phyllis would be present. No one was sure of the correct dates for the University and Kure Beach sweeps. It was also noted that Emilie Swearingen needs the data from the last beach sweeps to include with the grant. Andy will follow-up with Phyllis and be sure Emilie gets that data.
6. **Dog Waste Stations**- It was mentioned that the Town would take dog waste bags away when dogs are not allowed on the beach. There was a lot of discussion regarding inadequacy of signs, some of which do not include dates for when dogs are allowed and the issues of

resistance from Beach Beatification regarding more signs. A sign that flips and has the dates was discussed. Andy will bring this up at the next Joint Chairman meeting. Tony advised he has all the costs for the bio-degradable bags . Andy & Tony both felt the money for signage and bags might be part of the grant Emilie is submitting or the grant which Tony noted was coming up for **public access. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.** Tony and Chuck noted that the town should start putting money in the budget to match grants, such as the Public Beach & Coastal Waterfront Access Grant Program, which was done in the past.,

7. **Sports Fest Participation-** Chuck advised Parks and Rec has everything they need for the event and require no assistance from us.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Grant Submittal-** Most of the grant discussion occurred under old business. All Committee members were sent a copy of the grant. Both purchase of Sea Oats (\$1050) and updating and reprinting brochures will be added to the grant.
2. **Fiscal Year Budget-** It was decided the committee will request an amount of \$500 which will include money for beach sweep, sea oats and brochures for 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd, 2012 at 3:30pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Garrigan