

Minutes of Beautification Committee meeting of 9 January 2007

Present: Nelder (presiding), Blasko, Clark, Gonsalves, Lyons, Wiebe, Withrow, Ufferman

Absent: Gordon

Nelder called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

1. South 6<sup>th</sup> Street median plantings. Three of the palm trees were removed from the median and relocated to a resident's yard. Ufferman stated that at least one more palm that is too close to the live oaks will be moved.
2. Town Hall landscaping. Landscape architect Russ Marini will present drawings and lists of deer-resistant plants at the February 12 meeting. Ufferman stated that the committee has a budget of \$6500 for landscaping projects, including town hall. Several committee members suggested hiring contractor for maintenance until new landscaper position is approved.
3. Atlantic Avenue. Sawyer Architects are still working on their plan. They have set no date for their presentation to Town Council.
4. Sandman & Anchor discussion.

–Beachwalk HOA is waiting to learn of the plans for the Kure Dunes (KD) lot at Sandman & Anchor before deciding whether or not to include their adjacent empty lot in the project.

–Mayor Fuller notified Nelder that surveys should be conducted to determine opinions of residents of Kure Dunes and Beachwalk within a 2-block area around the empty lots.

–Ufferman urged soliciting residents' input soon to avoid delays in planning.

–Nancy Avery searched the minutes of Town Council meetings and found that Council had placed no restrictions on use of the KD lot.

–As per Hearn's request, the KD lot will be named after Hearn; his daughter will donate a plaque or sign.

–The Committee's role in moving the project forward is advisory.

–Discussion centered on two principles for the project:  
(1) don't disturb the neighborhoods, and

(2) encourage using lots for green space and/or reforestation.

–Nelder reported that the personnel at Bald Head Island are anxious to host the committee and also to present information about native plants and reforestation at a session in Kure Beach (which may be open to the public).

–Wiebe will coordinate a committee trip to Bald Head during the first week of February. Clark will send email addresses to facilitate planning.

–Wiebe and Gonsalves will review definitions of “green space” and “maritime forest” on the internet. They will also try to find possible sources of funding for creating green spaces.

5. Park bond. Ufferman reported that new playground equipment was purchased and installed in Joe Eakes Park. Future projects are still in the planning stage.

6. No new business.

7. The next meeting was set for February 12 at 4:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Candace Clark