

*KURE BEACH
BEAUTIFICATION MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2007*

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Barry Nelder, Chair

Tony Gonsalves

Candace Clark

John Gordon

Also attending the meeting:

Sandra Hall

Priscilla Smith, Secretary

Ken Withrow

Mike Blasko

Anne Lyons

Gary Potts

The first item of business was the Atlantic Avenue Project. Ken Withrow reported that they are still taking care of the requirements. He stated that it would take about two (2) months before construction begins. The possible start date is early December. Candace reported that there would be a meeting with the committee and town that will be open to the public. This is a requirement.

Hearn Property/Sandman: The Grant for this property was rejected. The committee had hoped to receive the grant and purchase trees, etc. but as the Town has received grants the past two (2) years we were not eligible this year. Beach Walk is still hoping to join with the Town as their property abuts this lot, and they have a problem with water runoff. As the town does not own that property, we cannot currently consider what to do with it. The Committee continued to work to create a "Wet Land Type of Park"

Town Hall Beautification: The landscaping that was done in the front of the Town Hall needs to be maintained. At present several palms and other plants are showing the signs of lack of water. The weeds are increasing and the whole project will fail unless the situation changes.

For the last two (2) years there has been discussion regarding the Town hiring an additional person to work part time on the landscaping that the Beautification Committee creates and the rest of the time with the public works department. As, to date, nothing has occurred the following motion was made and seconded "To hire someone to maintain the plantings around the Town Hall." This motion carried unanimously.

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Much discussion ensued regarding exactly what this person's duties would be, how much he would be paid, etc. These items will be addressed once we have located and hired someone.

New Business: The Town expects a grant from the Cape Fear Gardens Club for \$2240.00. They have advised us this will become available in October. The grant will for landscaping the entrance to Kure Beach sign, the signs by the Fire Department and the Town Hall.

Signage: There is a new committee regarding the signage around the Town. The Beautification Committee has been working on signage and would be interested in assisting this new committee. Mike Blasko has been nominated to act a liaison with them. He will contact Chuck Keener regarding this.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be September 10, 2007 at 4:30 PM in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Priscilla Smith