

KURE BEACH

SPECIAL MEETING BETWEEN SLAP, MARKETING & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEES

JANUARY 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

*Tony Gonsalves, Chair SLAP, Beautification Member John Gordon, Rep. Beautification
Priscilla Smith, Secretary SLAP & Beautification Jim Smith, Co-chair SLAP
Anne Brodsky, Advisory ADA, Ocean Park, Chamber, BOA*

Also present: Herb Weibe, Beautification, Ron Eccleston, Beautification

Mayor Dean Lamberth, Chuck Keener, Council

The purpose of this meeting is to address the future of the Kure Beach business area. There have been several surveys regarding the business area, parking, and other related items. The Council has requested SLAP and Beautification Marketing Chairs to review these surveys and create a list of recommendations.

Much of the discussion was related to parking. The MPO report was excellent as well cost free. There were several recommendations included in the report that are very doable without being costly. These included realigning the parking in several locations enabling additional spaces, installing the universal parking signs to signify where to park. Another suggestion is to have a map drawn up showing the locations of all the parking areas, put the map on the Town Web site, make the map available to the Chamber of Commerce, Realtors, etc. Putting in timed parking on K Avenue to encourage short time parking.

Installing bathrooms are another area of importance. There should be one at Eakes Park, which could cover the park, the bocci court and the Disc Golf. There should also be a bathroom at the Ocean Park.

Creating a pedestrian walk way at K Avenue was also a suggestion. It was suggested that after the Spring Festival to keep the area parking free for the season allowing the existing restaurants to have outdoor seating and possibly encourage other eateries to set up a temporary facility for different cuisines such as Seafood, Chinese, Fast Food, Desserts, etc. They could be charged a fee for the area, supply their own seating, etc.

The Ocean Park could hold flea markets, Dancing under the Stars, Children's activities, etc.

The Council could request the business owners to freshen up their buildings.

Other ideas are to have a Trolley service from the parking locations to the beach accesses.

The Group decided to call themselves the Kure Kombo. Their next meeting will be on February 10th at 2:00PM in the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Priscilla Smith