

Kure Beach Parks and Recreation Committee
March 11, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:40 by Chair Bob Fitzsimons

Those in attendance were: Bob Fitzsimons, Nancy Bingham, Richard Himmelstein, Cliff Carroll, Michelle James and Dean Lambath. Gabby Kraus was attending a family matter and Jane Fiery had requested resignation from the committee.

Sandman Vision Meeting

Bob, Richard and Nancy reported on the Sandman Vision Meeting to the rest of the committee. The discussion that ensued included a recapitulation of the highlights plus a commitment to meet in a joint session with the Beautification Committee to hammer out the final “look” of the Sandman Property. Bob said he would take the lead in contacting Herb and Ken of the Beautification Committee to set up the joint meeting. It was agreed that a mid-morning meeting was ideal for the group. Nancy, Cliff and Bob will be the representatives from the P & R Committee. Nancy also mentioned that her husband, a landscaper, had come up with a drawing that incorporated some of the Beautification ideas as well as the open field area that P & R would like. She would bring it to our joint meeting with Beautification. Richard would like to see at least a 90’ X 180’ open field area.

Ocean Property Meeting

Both Nancy and Dean reported that the Ocean Property meeting was a good one. Nancy thought the homogeneous nature of the group would lead to cooperation. Dean had an issue with the “publishing” of the picture of how the park structure would look according to one draft. He was hoping that we would have a blank canvas on which to paint the details void of any pre-conceived notions. Nancy was looking forward to helping design the property.

Budget Items

Items that were brought up included the need for 1) marketing of both the new classes/programs and of the new Ocean Property; 2) direct mailing costs for the new classes; 3) funding the costs of a Summer Fishing Tournament for youth; 4) helping to fund a Summer Day Camp program; 5) printing costs for comprehensive recreation summer programs. It was pointed out that our Committee has in excess of \$19,000 which still can be used for the above mentioned items. Dean was adamant that our P & R money Will Not be spent for on-going maintenance items such as the refinishing of the tennis courts at Joe Eakes Park.

Recreation Classes

Bob reported on the confirmed classes as determined by intern Robert Wells and Bob. They included Kayaking, Tennis, Digital Photography, Beginning Guitar, CPR Certification and Beginning Birding. The program will be finalized by the end of March, be publicized in the Town Newsletter, Snow’s Cut Monthly and Island Gazette. There was interest in both the kayaking and guitar classes by some of the members of the P & R committee.

Other Items

Bob reported that Jane Fiery has asked to resign from the committee due to a busy schedule. He will follow up with her and determine if she would like to be an alternate. If she is not interested then Bob will follow up with Town Council to accept her formal resignation

Nancy asked that we follow up on the Kure Beach Street Faire on April 26 by staffing a table throughout the day by our Committee to present our ideas to the festival public. Bob said he would send out an email to the committee with specific hours of commitment for the members to staff the table.

The length of time that each committee member wants to stay on the committee was discussed and it was determined that Richard, Cliff, Nancy and Bob wanted to be on the committee for the 3 year terms. We will follow up with the rest of the committee at our April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50. The next meeting will be April 8th at 6:30 pm.