

KURE BEACH PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2014  
KURE BEACH TOWN HALL

ATTENDEES: Michael Jones - Chair, Terri Chabot , Tony Gonsalves , Liz Houston, Sara Smith, Joan & Richard Van Ham, Ken & Paula Withrow, Dean Lambert – Mayor, Nancy Avery-Town Clerk, Bob Fitzsimons & Nikki Keely – Recreation Coordinators

ABSENT: Beth Yaccarino

Meeting called to order by Michael at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made to approve last month's Minutes. The motion was seconded and the May Minutes were approved. It was confirmed that new agenda items are to be sent to Michael by the Thursday prior to the next meeting, and it was requested that Michael have an agenda prepared beforehand as well.

Paula mentioned how good the bands have been this month. Sara also commented on the quality of the bands and affirmed the talent involved in the band selections. Many board members commented on how pleased they were with all of Joan and Terri's efforts and variety of music styles they selected.

Tony suggested evaluating the bands monthly at our meetings to streamline next year's selection process later on. Richard initiated discussion about scouting for new talent, and some questions were asked about the budget issues involved for next year. Sara suggested archiving pictures from each event to help in the process, and is sending some each week to Nikki.

Michael named each band that played this month, and asked everyone's opinions. It was unanimous that the board enjoyed each band, with the following exceptions, or at least further consideration about, selecting another Reggae band, possibly Treehouse, and another magician, possibly No Sleeves Magic.

Bob initiated a discussion on Field Day, and handed out flyers. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 1:00, and is open to both adults and children.

Joan and Michael suggested refreshment ideas for Bob to consider. Ken suggested another event be used as a tiebreaker for horseshoes. Liz asked about Bocce Ball, which was added to the activities. Joan asked about corn hole, but Bob thought we had enough events for now. Richard asked about volunteers and the board members were asked to help oversee each activity. Liz volunteered to oversee Bocce, Joan & Richard volunteered for croquet, Mike for disc golf, Bob for tennis, and Terri will discuss horseshoes with her husband, which Michael said he may be able to find a volunteer for, if needed.

Sara distributed a report she prepared (attached) and initiated discussion about a children's author event proposed for August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Ocean Front Park (OFP). There was a motion made, seconded, and the event was approved.

There was further discussion about the Thanksgiving covered dish event. Joan has contacted A & G about catering the meal with baked chicken, cornbread stuffing & gravy, the Town will pay for this, and has discussed the idea with the Community Center Committee. Advance sign-ups will be done, with the dish items noted and tickets provided. The dates will probably be Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and/or Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, if interest exceeded the 100 seat capacity.

Paula initiated further discussion about the fall trip to Good Hops. Nancy confirmed that the Town has the liability if alcohol is served at a Town sponsored event. We must provide transportation to and from Town Hall. Paula will talk further with the owners of Good Hops and also discuss transportation issues with Andy.

Michael shared highlights from last Saturday's Disc Golf Chainstorm Tournament. There were 42 participants, in 6 divisions, including 4 in the women's division and a new youth division, which had 3 participants, each receiving trophies that were very well received. Michael thanked the Town for all their help, including setting up the tents. He also mentioned the financial collection taken by club members to support a member's son who was beaten and in a coma.

Richard inquired about the status of the OFP event announcement sign. Tony showed the board some of the event signs, commented that he had given Nancy the measurements for the wooden posts needed, and hoped the Town would have it ready to install within a week or so. The sign is 10 feet tall and will be

erected in the median green space at the corner of K Ave. & Ft. Fisher Blvd. by the transformer.

Michael asked about pedestrian safety and the possibility of adding crosswalks. Dean mentioned it was up to DOT.

Ken shared highlights of last Saturday's Art in the Park event. It was a small crowd, but one lady travelled from Raleigh to participate again this year. Several people suggested he offer more than one event a year. He is willing to do another event later in the year, as his travel schedule permits. Paula shared that Ken won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a regional art competition with over 150 entries, and his work is currently on display, along with that of 3 of his students, at the Franklin Square Gallery in Southport.

Nancy made a statement on behalf of Town staff and the police chief. There is a no alcohol policy at OFP. They have been getting complaints about non-enforcement at park events. Please spread the word and follow the rules as well. Sara suggested mentioning that the policy "will be enforced" during the opening announcements at OFP events.

Dean mentioned that 2 Boogie in the Park t-shirts were given away to UNC TV Weekend during the last concert's interview.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Houston  
Secretary

Report to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, June 10, 2014

Summary of meeting with Children's Author, Brigid Cotton (writes under Brigid O'Connor), Nikki Keeley, Bob Fitzsimons, and Sara Smith on May 23, 2014

1. Sara gave an overview of the proposed event: a children's story time with the author reading and engaging the children in *Patch Puffin and the Hatchlings*.
2. Brigid reviewed the two books that she had written: *The Adventures of Patch the Puffin* and *Patch Puffin and the Hatchlings* (to be published in the summer of 2014).
3. As part of the story time, activities could include an art project such as making a book mark associated with the story, a trip to a turtle nest in close proximity to OFP, and a photo op with a volunteer dressed up as a turtle. The PISTP will lend the costume to us for this event.
4. Date selected is Friday, August 8 at 10 a.m. OFP is available and no other events are scheduled for that date and time.
5. Brigid will do this at no cost to the town. She will not sell her books at the event, however she will mention where her books are available for purchase.
6. Nikki and Bob will help with marketing once Brigid has designed the poster/flyer. Brigid will get this to Nikki.
7. Marketing will include:
  - Posted on the Kure Beach website
  - New releases and/or PSA's to local media sources currently used by the town
  - Flyers and posters based on Brigid's design
  - Possibly the use of postcards
  - Promote the event at the KB table at events such as Boogie in the Park
  - Post flyers or posters at OFP and Joe Eakes Park
8. Other ideas?