

Memorandum

To: Kure Beach Town Council

From: Chuck Keener, Shoreline Access and Parking Committee Chairman

Date: 1/08/07

Re: Shoreline Access and Parking Committee Minutes

The Shoreline Access and Parking Committee met on January 2, 2007.

The following members were present: Chuck Keener, Fred Tesh, Tony Gonsalves, Peter Russo, Mario Paparozzi, Sandi Whaley, and Mac Montgomery. Bo Goodman excused.

Welcome to our new SLAP committee person, Sandi Whaley, owner of Sandi Beach Hotel and The Sand Box. A positive addition to an already great committee.

K Ave. Additional Parking Project

This meeting subject was announced in the Star-News, and with no public attendance or objection the committee voted approval on the planned K Ave. parking project, between Fourth St. and Fifth St. The committee's approval of the Round a Bout concept, adding approximately 24 additional parking spaces, is based on the approval of DOT, Dept of Public Works, and the Police Chief. A sidewalk from Seventh St. to Fifth St. on North side of K Ave. is also part of project.

No Overnight Parking at Beach Accesses

The committee approved and will forward on to Town Council a new ordinance making it unlawful to park a vehicle between the hours of 1:00AM to 5:00AM between the months of April 1 and October 1 at following beach access parking areas;

- 1342 Fort Fisher Blvd. S (Ocean Dunes)
- 643 Fort Fisher Blvd. S (E Avenue)
- 541 Fort Fisher Blvd. S (F Avenue)
- 443 Fort Fisher Blvd. S (G Avenue)
- 343 Fort Fisher Blvd. S (H Avenue)
- 227 Fort Fisher Blvd. S (I Avenue)
- 139 Fort Fisher Blvd. S (J Avenue)
- 334 Fort Fisher Blvd. S (N Avenue)

The committee recommends raising the fine from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Type of signage to be determined.

February 2006 CAMA Grants

The February 2006 CAMA Grant projects are on schedule and making progress.

- The bike racks have been ordered. They will be stored and then installed after ADA Parking ramps are in place.
- The ADA Parking Ramps are being constructed and installation will start week of Jan 15th.
- The actual design and site of the rest room is still to be decided.
- The committee approved the plans for the Community Parking Lot. A new innovative storm water runoff system and the use of pervious concrete will make this the first environmental friendly parking lot on the Island. The final design, paperwork, bids, and construction will follow. We would like to see this lot ready before April 1st. That may not be a realistic goal.

November 2006 CAMA Grants

The following grant applications were completed and forwarded to CAMA on November 15. They have been rejected for this grant cycle. We will reapply for February 28, 2007 grant cycle.

1. Solar power lighting for 8 beach accesses. This is low level, turtle friendly lighting, allowing safe approach to our beach access walkways.
2. Replacing electrical 110V lighting on Atlantic Ave boardwalk with the same solar powered, low level, turtle friendly lighting.
3. Last year we completed improving L Ave and E Ave beach access walkways into ADA compliant walkways, this allowed wheelchairs access all the way to the beach. The town also brought a new and second beach access wheelchair for our residents and visitors. We are now asking for a grant to improve I Ave walkway to the same ADA standards. Kure Beach would than have E, I, K, L, N, and Davis Rd. wheelchair accessible to the beach. We also have several wheelchair or handicapped accessible ramps going out to beach viewing stations. You will soon see new parking platforms at 7 beach accesses allowing handicap access from cars to walkways. ADA committee is responsible for the ground work on these improvements.

2007 CAMA Grants

The committee anticipates applying for new grants in February, 2007 for the following projects;

- Acquisition of land for Parking and Beach Accesses
- Replacing Walkway at K Ave and north side of Pier.
- Walkway at I Ave access to be improved to meet ADA standards.
- Walkway between M Ave. and N. Ave. on Atlantic Ave needs to be improved to meet ADA standards.
- Walkway at H Ave beach access needs to be improved to meet ADA standard.
- Solar power lighting for 8 beach accesses
- Replacing electrical 110V lighting on Atlantic Ave boardwalk with the same solar powered, low level, turtle friendly lighting.

New Business

Atlantic Ave Boardwalk ADA Problems

Department of Public Works has agreed to reposition car stops to prevent cars and truck from encroaching on the pedestrian or wheelchair right away on Atlantic Ave. Boardwalk.