

*KURE BEACH
SHORELINE ACCESS, BEACH PROTECTION
AND PARKING COMMITTEE
MAY 8, 2014*

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

*Tony Gonsalves, Chair
Andy Barnard, Co-Chair
Jim Smith
Mike Bledsoe*

*Priscilla Smith, Secretary
Susan Walters
Patricia Edgecomb*

Richard Graham, Kerry Garrigan, Linda Cheshirwere, Beth Yaccararino, Clifton Beasley and Commissioner Steve Pagley were on an approved absence.

Persons to Address the Committee:

Daniel Russell, the representative for the life guards addressed the committee. He conveyed the responsibilities of the life guards, how they handled enforcement of the ordinances relating to the beach area such as filling in holes dug by visitors, the various items people leave on the beach each evening. He noted that the foremost responsibility of the life guards is to keep the public safe. He said that June was the most difficult month as the regular schedule of the life guards started on July 1st. The life guards are on the beach, during the season, from 10 AM to 5 PM. They patrol the beach at 7 PM picking up the items left and insuring the dug holes are filled in. On busy weekends he said that there were life guards who traversed the beaches from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. He also related that adding one additional station was being considered. We thanked Mr. Russell for his input.

*By motion made, seconded and carried the minutes from the April meeting were approved.
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OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. TDA Project, Richard completed updating the information of the parking plan. This information is available on the Town's web site, it shows the location of the parking spaces, the lifeguard stations, bike racks, handicap spaces, plus descriptive information regarding each location. As previously stated, this project remains ongoing as upgrades are made when possible.*
- 2. K Ave sidewalk. Jim reported the sidewalk is moving along and should be completed by Memorial Day.*
- 3. Coral Parking. Tony reported that this project is on hold until the sidewalk is complete.*
- 4. J-E Beach Access parking. This will be covered in new business.*
- 5. Installation of remaining signs. There are still 18 signs on the road side that have not been installed and 13 No Dogs Allowed that are waiting to be installed. *see item 14.*

6. *Re-define parking spaces on Ft. Fisher Blvd. Jim reported that DOT has plans to resurface the road in the near future. The spaces will be defined after the paving is complete.*
7. *Cigarette Butt Sign & Holders. Tony reported they are completed and need to be installed. He has drawn up a description on where and how the holders are to be installed. By Motion made, seconded and carried the Committee instructed Tony to advise council of how the holders are to be installed.*
8. *Sea Oats. Mike reported the planting of the sea oats was successful and that the new plants have taken nicely and are doing well. Thanks to Susan, Andy and Mike for a job well done.*
9. *Keep America Beautiful. Susan reported that she was advised that Keep America Beautiful would not be participating in the Big Sweep this year. She will contact Jennifer and find out who is handling the project and report back to the committee.*
10. *Turtle Nests. Patricia reported that at present there are no nests in Kure Beach. The beach erosion creating a drop from the dunes to the beach are creating a problem. The Turtle People are monitoring the beach.*
11. *Brochure update. Kerry e-mailed that the brochures should be printed by Southern signs. In 2012 Southern Signs printed 6500 brochures for \$1000.00. The new set should reflect the change in the fine for littering from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Mike will contact Southern Signs for the price of printing 6,000 brochures with the change.*
12. *Trash pick-up on the beach. This is on hold.*
13. *Budget: The town has allocated a total of \$7500.00 for all committee's this year.*
14. *K Ave Cross Roads Signage: The town plans to erect a permanent sign at the intersection of K Ave and Ft. Fisher Blvd. This sign will host a permanent sign. "Welcome to the town of Kure Beach, " with a blue background and white printing with the town logo in the center. This will be on the main entrance. The pole will have slide rails on it and the sign will read Ocean Front Park Pavilion done the same as the main sign. This sign will be shown on three sides. There will also be signs that can be removed to advertise what is occurring such as "Boogie in the Park, Turtle Talks, Market, Story Time, Variety, Holiday Market and New Year's Eve Celebration. The actual panel size is 7in X 23 in. By Motion Made, Seconded and Carried the committee instructed Tony to advise Council of how the remaining 18 signs and this new sign shall be installed..*
15. *Chairpersons committee meeting. As neither Kerry or Cliff could attend this meeting, this is on hold.*
16. *Goals for 2014 and 2015 remain unchanged.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. *Availability for a grant for beach access. Tony has worked with the Town person on applying for a grant to upgrade beach access. He feels there is a good chance for the Town to receive this grant. If the grant comes through we will be able to upgrade the access at I Ave. The other accesses are on hold until funding can be arranged.*
- b. *Beach Sand. Due to erosion, many of our beaches have a very considerable drop from the dunes to the beach. Kure By the Sea is planning to upgrade their access and will check with John Batson how to correct the drop problem.*

- c. *Andy noted that Carolina Beach is planning a beach renourishment program. Their 50 year contract is about to run out and they have received permission to obtain funding for this project. Kure Beach has not received any permission at this time.*
- d. *The committee instructed the secretary to send a thank you to Mr. Russell for his input, to Mike Bledsoe for his help and the use of his equipment in creating the Butt Containers, and Michelle Brooks from Ocean Dunes for the use of their shop area.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on June 3rd at 4:00PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Smith

By