

*KURE BEACH
SHORELINE ACCESS, BEACH PROTECTION
AND PARKING COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 2, 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

Priscilla Smith, Secretary

Jim Smith

Mike Bledsoe

Richard Graham II

Susan Walters

Kerry Garrigan

Linda Cheshire

By motion made, seconded and carried the Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

By motion made, seconded and carried the Agenda for the September meeting were approved.

Ann Hughes, a new applicant for membership on the committee was present. The committee asked her why she would like to join our group. She responded that she cared about the beach and wanted to be active in the protection of the beach. After much discussion the committee unanimously voted to accept her application and to advise the council of our decision.

Elizabeth Kennedy came to address the committee regarding the H Ave access. This access has several steps down to the sand and she would like it changed to a ramp for the handicap. After discussion regarding her reasons, the Committee, made the following motion:

“By motion made, seconded and carried the Committee is asking the Council to remove the steps, and replace them with a handicap ramp providing John Batson our CAMA Rep approves this motion.”

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. TDA Project, Dick Graham Dick will add the information that there is a new lifeguard station at 1004 ½ N.*
- 2. Coral Parking, Tony Gonsalves will ask the Council to have the area cleared by the end of October.*
- 3. J – E Beach Access Jim Smith. As we were unable to obtain a grant to upgrade any of these accesses the committee will try to get one on the next cycle.*
- 4. Re-define parking spaces on Ft. Fisher Blvd. Jim Smith reported we are still waiting for the road to be repaved.*
- 5. Sea Oats, Mike Bedsoe. Mike suggested we address this project at the February meeting which is well after the hurricane season, and closer to the ideal time for planting.*
- 6. Keep America Beautiful. Susan Walters. Susan reported she contacted Adrienne Moore, who is the person in charge this year. Ms. Moore gave the date of the beach sweep as Oct. 4th. This date is in conflict with the Pleasure Island Day of Hope. After much discussion it was decided to address the project at the February meeting with the prospect of doing our beach sweep after Easter.*

7. *Turtle nests. Patricia Edgecomb. Kure Beach and two nests. This was much less than previous years and was due to the lack of nesting areas.*
8. *Trash Pickup schedule, Andy Barnard. The trash pickup on the beach is on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.*
9. *Goals for 2014 and 2015 are the same and should be reviewed.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. *Ocean Dunes Public Access parking. There are several public access locations where beach users are parking on the grass and creating problems. Al Woodall had spoken with the Town Council who requested he go to Planning and Zoning and our Committee. The overall consensus was to agree with the request but Chair Gonsalves disagreed.*
- b. *Installation of sign by metal obstruction on beach. Tony passes around pictures showing the problem. He has met with John Batson and the decision is to install four (4) signs warning people of the danger.*
- c. *Life Guards in the Dunes. The Town has added a new Life Guard Station at the 1004 ½ location. Due to the fact that at high tide most of the beach is underwater the station abuts the dunes and the guards must follow the path the garbage trucks use when patrolling the beach.*
- d. *J – E Access, Dog Signs. A Town resident has requested that the no dogs on the beach signs be moved closer to the beach ramp. As the signs have been there for a while without a problem the committee voted to leave them where they are.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on October 7th at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Smith