

KURE BEACH
SHORELINE ACCESS, BEACH PROTECTION AND PARKING COMMITTEE

April 7, 2015 minutes

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

Susan Walters

Linda Cheshire

Patricia Edgecomb

Ann Hughes

M. L. Smith

Sara Smith

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

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. **TDA Project**, M. L. Smith: M. L. reported no updates at this time.
2. **Corral Parking**, Tony Gonsalves: Tony reported the Sonny has all the paperwork for the parking, no approval as of yet. A motion was made, seconded and carried that Chief Cooper word the signs the way he felt was most enforceable.
3. **J – E Beach Access parking**: No changes reported, looking in to potential for grant money
4. **Parking spaces on Ft. Fisher Blvd**: Count of spaces has been done. Jim Smith will be asked to compare his aerials with the DOT plans. Tony will be in touch with Sonny.
5. **Sea Oats**, Andy Barnard: Andy reported that there were 30+ Realtors that planted Sea Oats (6 bags of Sea Oats), as part of their Community Service Day on 4/7/15. We should begin our planting on 4/18/15 at 17 Bldg N. Melanie Doyle from the Aquarium was on hand to head up the planting and Andy will try and have her back for our planting day on the 18th. Town to send a Thank You to the Realtors for their help, Andy will coordinate with Nancy Hewitt to get this done. Andy asked if we could collect empty water bottles for fertilizer sprinkling for the 18th. Tony reported that no 4 wheel drive is available, he will see if Sonny Can loan his. Some discussion to consider a sign for the Sea Oat planting. Volunteers from Island Women, Surfrider Foundation, and Island men are all on notice to participate.
6. **Sea Turtle Nests**, Patricia Edgecomb: Patricia reported that the volunteer orientation had a large turnout. Patricia and Susan Walters reported that there was an update at the second orientation meeting that addressed the following: zero tolerance for any rude behavior, no lanterns, phones, red lights will be allowed. No light at all. There was some discussion at the second orientation about not sitting at nests as long each night.
7. **Ave H beach access**: Tony reported that we are still waiting for quotes and there may be the potential of funding the project with grant money.
8. **Beach Sweep**, Susan Walters: The town council voted 4-1 for the new signs, Susan had them to show the committee. They won't go up this year since the Street Festival signs are already up. It was discussed that next year we get the Beach Sweep signs posted early.
9. **Brochures for bikers**: Linda and Susan will distribute around town. There was some discussion as to whether a map of Kure Beach Public Parking should be made? It was noted the Town website already had parking noted and a separate brochure may not be necessary. There was further discussion to consider doing a "Visitor Booklet/Brochure" and parking could be included in this.
10. **Goals for 2015 and 2016**:
 - a. Possible Sea Oats Planting sign(s)
 - b. Visitor brochure/booklet (incorporating all brochures)

- c. *Keep off Dunes Signs (many were washed away). Tony to check with John Batson as he didn't feel this should come from our budget. It was suggested to include the dollar amount of the fine on the signs*
- d. *H Ave grant for Handicap Access.*

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget items discussed:

- a. *\$1,650 – Sea Oats; \$200 Beach Sweep and Sea Oat planting days supplies; \$500 parking blocks; \$1,250 for both brochure printings; \$500 signs (Sea Oat planting); \$20,000 H Ave Ramp.*

2. Crosswalks:

- a. *The request to move the crosswalk from Kure Village Way to Sealane Ave was approved by town council. Susan expressed concern that the Homeowners were not directly polled about the move of the crosswalk and that it be noted that this was a request of the HOA Boards and approved by the Town council and not by the Shoreline Access, Beach Protection, and Parking Committee.*
- b. *Town council approved the request for an additional crosswalk at the Public Access point across from the new development south of Kure Village Way.*

- 3. **Parking:** *The issues of parking ordinances, paid parking, side street parking, and parking along 421 is back with the town council for direction. Decisions of future parking plans need to be defined before it comes to Shoreline Access, Beach Protection, and Parking Committee for research.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be on May 5th at 4:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hughes