

## Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection and Parking Committee

April 5, 2016 – Minutes

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

Andy Barnard, as Acting Chair  
Ann Hughes  
Sara Smith  
Mike Bledsoe

Susan Walters  
Kerry Garrigan  
Patricia Edgecomb  
Dennis Panicali, Alternate

By motion made, seconded and carried the minutes from the March meeting, as amended, was approved. Corrections include: 1) Under New Business, item B 2017 Budget: Sara Smith had requested that amounts for each budget area be reflected; 2) item C: Sara Smith didn't request to know what we do for this lot, she asked what were the owners plans for the lot this coming summer and the future.

By motion made, seconded and carried the agenda for the April meeting was approved with the addition of New Business items: Paid Parking Discussion, Change of June meeting date, & Town Brochures.

There were several people present to address the committee: David & Elizabeth Fineman, and another residence that didn't stay as she would address her concerns with the Planning and Zoning commission. The Finemans are 10 year residents at The Dunes and are concerned with the increased parking along Hwy 421. They expressed concerns that as Carolina Beach paid parking increases that an increase in the grass parking along Hwy 421 will increase and place pedestrian safety at risk. They would like to see Kure Beach have paid parking and would suggest the revenue go towards ongoing re-nourishment projects. The committee let them know that the feasibility for paid parking as it relates to our current town ordinances is being reviewed by the planning and zoning commission, and we suggested they bring their concerns to them as well as attend the upcoming Town Visionary Meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Active:**

1. **Adopt-a-Beach:** Ann Hughes, the current administrator, updated the committee that 11 of the public access sites have been adopted to date. There have been several that were adopted by multiple parties. It was also discussed that the subcommittee would like to have the SLABP&P consider some form of acknowledgment for participants, especially for those that have committed to a yearlong commitment. Possibly an annual social, Town T-shirt/sweatshirt, names posted in the Gazette, or something else. At the very least, a letter from the Town, signed by the Mayor, acknowledging and thanking them for their service. We may want to consider a small amount be

added to our budget to accomplish this. The sub-committee would like the SLABP&P to think about this and discuss further.

2. **TDA Project:** no changes at this time.
3. **Parking spaces along Ft Fisher Blvd:** Tony has been looking in to this, no updates at this time.
4. **Ave H Beach Access Project:** As per the town email, the project has begun and materials are being delivered as we speak.
5. **I & E Beach Access Grant:** Tony working on new grant application, no update at this time.

**Permanent:**

1. **Beach Sweeps:** Susan Walters reported that there are no sweeps currently set for the spring. The fall sweep will be updated as we get closer to the time. The hope is that Adopt-a-Beach participation will provide the necessary clean up activity.
2. **Turtle Nests:** Patricia Edgecomb reported the volunteer meeting for Pleasure Island Sea Turtle Project is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm at Ashley High School – Minnie Evans Art Center. She also noted that Topsail Island has already had one reported false crawl, which is early. It was noted that we'll see what affect the re-nourishment project will have on our nests this year.
3. **Sea Oats:** Mike Bledsoe will "reserve" 3000 Sea Oats this month, and during the May meeting will discuss when & where the plantings should be. He will assess the primary dunes for greatest needs prior to our May meeting.
4. **Christmas trees/Dune building:** Susan Walters will invite Ethan with the Surfrider Foundation to come speak at one of our upcoming meetings to help educate us on the process and successes that using Christmas trees to rebuild dunes have had on past projects in our area.
5. **Grant Cycle:** No updates at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Paid Parking discussion:** In addition to the discussion with the town residents that spoke at the beginning of the meeting, the committee continued the discussion about paid parking in the town. As part of the discussion, it was reminded that the majority of the committee voted in March to work on a paid parking plan if so directed by the council. It was also noted that Planning and Zoning has been charged with reviewing the current zoning in the town and would need to be completed. With that support a motion was made, seconded, and carried that **at the direction of town council**, the SLABP&P will support and/or develop a proposal to accomplish the towns' objectives.
2. **Change of June SLABP&P meeting date:** Due to elections in June we need to change our next committee meeting. It was decided, and confirmed with Nancy Avery, that we will meet Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00.
3. **Town Brochures:** Kerry Garrigan informed the committee that the brochures will need to be re-printed soon and she would like the committee to do the following items BEFORE the next meeting: Read & Review both the Bike Safety and the

Welcome to Kure Beach brochures and note any changes that should be made. Kerry will look into current pricing for printing and report to the committee next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be on **Tuesday May 3rd**, at 4:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Hughes