

Kure Beach, Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee  
June 7, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was all to order by Dennis Panicali Chair. Members present were Mike Bledsoe, Pat Triplett and David Garceau. Pat Edgecomb called into the meeting. Members not present Randy Bock. Also attending town council member Joseph Whitley and Mike Bowden, Kure Beach Police Chief.

New candidates for board positions present were Ed White and Bill Moore. Visitors attending were Jeff and Lisa Leppo, Kure Beach residence.

Dennis Panicali asked for approval of the May minutes.

Dennis Panicali began the meeting with a question answer session with Police Chief Bowden addressing the following beach ordinances:

- Dog on the beach
  - Equipment left on beach
  - Trash left on beach
  - Holes left on beach
  - Alcohol on beach
  - People walking and camping on dunes
1. Chief Bowden discussed dogs on beach and service dogs on beach. Service dogs are allowed on beach. No way to tell if dogs are truly registered service dogs.
  2. David Garceau asked how individuals should respond to individuals asking about ordinances or individuals seen breaking ordinances.
  3. Chief Bowden stated, "Best not to approach individuals if they are breaking ordinances." Chief suggested to "Call 911 or Kure Beach Police Dept. Monday-Friday 9-5.
  4. Jeff and Lisa Leppo shared an incident involving a dog owner. Stated several life guards and fireman also saw dog on beach, but nothing was said to owner. Asked the question, "Whose responsibility is it to tell someone no dogs on beach?" Again, Chief Bowden suggested calling 911 or the town police department.
  5. Chief Bowden stated that there is an overall disregard for the rules.
  6. Mike Bledsoe asked Chief Bowden, "Will the police fine individuals that break the town ordinances?" Chief Bowden discussed that policemen have to see the ordinance being broken before a ticket is written. Also discussed that people lie about who they are because people visiting beach do not always have identification, and tickets may never be paid. Committee discussed issuing tickets anyway to get a message out to community and visitors that the town enforces ordinances.

7. Individuals and equipment left in dunes was discussed. Committee discussed updating signage.
8. Lisa Leppo, guest asked if someone could be hired or deputized to monitor beach. Joseph Whitely stated another police officer would cost the town approximately \$60,000.00. Chief Bowden commented that the question would be something to ask the town attorney. If someone got hurt the town maybe liable.
9. The lack of trash cans on the south end of Kure (Davis to Ocean Dunes) was also discussed. Dennis Panicali volunteered to contact Sonny Beeker at public works.
10. Pat Triplett showed a power point presentation on beach violations.

Pat Triplett reported on the Adopt a Beach sign-ups. Triplett reported that all beach map sections had been adopted. Also questioned if the map site should indicate that all sections are adopted. Discussion ensued that more than one individual, persons or families should be able to adopt a section of beach and the red indicator that beach has been adopted may deter individuals or families from signing up. A suggestion was made to change the icons.

Triplett also reported that all volunteers have been notified that appreciation certificates will be given at the town meeting on June 20.

Mike Bledsoe reported that sea oats will not be provided by the town this year. Bledsoe reported that Ocean Dunes HOA was purchasing and planting sea oats.

A discussion and update on signage was given by Dennis Panicali. Dennis suggested we evaluate the dune signs. The following individuals volunteered to walk sections of beach and report on signs.

- David Garceau- Davis to G
- Ed White-Davis to Ocean Dunes
- Bill Moore-Ocean Dunes to Riggins
- Dennis Panicali-Pier to G
- Pat Triplett-Carolina Beach to pier

Committee decided to report within a week findings. Panicali added that after assessment, the committee would put a proposal together with hopes to present to council the complete signage suggestions and needs.

There was no other new business.

The July meeting has been scheduled for July 11. The meeting was adjourned.