

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of Aug. 4, 2020

Members Present

Dennis Panicali- Chair
Patricia Edgecomb
Ann Hughes
John Kiwaha
Pat Triplett

Members Absent

Joseph Whitley
Randy Boch
Ed White
Mike Bledsoe

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Panicali at 5:00PM via teleconference.

Minutes from July 7 Meeting were approved unanimously.

Public Input

none

New Member Interview

Elizabeth Kiwaha joined our meeting for an interview. Elizabeth's application was unanimously approved and our recommendation will be forwarded to the Town.

Old Business

Adopt a Beach Website

-The Town has begun advertising the program once again.

Sponsorship Signs

-No update as we wait out Covid 19

KB Ocean Life Project

-Current plan remains to try and schedule winter training sessions and begin program again next summer pending changing COVID 19 guidelines.

Access Signs

-No changes

New Business

Beach location

-There was a discussion of a lack of visible beach locations signs along the beach strand. In particular it was noted that life guard towers are not numbered. There was a report of a 911 operator asking for identifying tower location information from an individual who called to report a swimmer in distress one evening.

Dennis suggested that we determine if Ocean Rescue and the Town would consider putting large easily visible tower numbers on the towers. He noted that the committee budget could cover the signs. Dennis will speak with Ed Kennedy to see if he is in favor and if so, ask for Town approval to install the signs. It was suggested that the beach facing access location signs be upgraded to be larger or more prominent so residents could note the access address easier.

There was also a suggestion to inquire if the Town would consider upgrading the life guard towers to improve their appearance and perhaps provide for some shade for the guards.

Zoom Meetings

-There was a suggestion we try to hold future Committee meetings via Zoom. Dennis will check with Mandy regarding the Towns position and open meeting laws.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40PM

Next Meeting – 9/1/2020

Respectfully submitted
Dennis Panicali, Chairman