

# **Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee**

*Minutes of May 4, 2021*

## **Members Present**

Dennis Panicali- Chair  
Randy Bock  
Joseph Whitley  
Pat Edgecomb  
Ann Hughes  
Pat Triplett

## **Zoom**

John Kiwaha  
Liz Kiwaha

## **Members Absent**

Mike Bledsoe  
Ed White

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Panicali at 5:05PM via in person and teleconference.

Minutes from April Meeting were approved unanimously.

## **Public Input**

none

## **Old Business**

### Adopt a Beach:

The Committee discussed how best to acknowledge Adopt a Beach participants. Several options were discussed including setting up a Facebook page, putting an article in the Island Gazette, listing participants on the Towns Adopt a Beach web page and holding an end of summer recognition event awarding certificates of appreciation and perhaps a gift pack. Ann will explore options with Nikki.

### Emergency Location Signs:

The Committee approved the design of the beach marker signs and locating them every 0.1 mile along the beach strand. Dennis will go ahead and have the signs made. Public Works will install the signs on the same posts as the "Protected Dunes" signs

### Beach Access Sign Inventory:

Randy will continue to update the beach sign inventory spreadsheet to be used as a tracking tool. Signs will be inventoried 2- 3 times a year going forward  
Dennis will confirm that all signs have been ordered and work with Public Works to have them installed

### Ocean Life Project:

Pat T. will look into scheduling some training/educational meetings for new volunteers. John and Liz Kiwaha will join the Project. Their appointment will be presented to the Town Council at the next meeting.

### Beach Sponsorship:

Liz has agreed to putting together a spreadsheet to track the sign application process and renewals.

The first sponsor is Bledsoe Enterprises and signs at 1255 and 1347 S. Ft. Fisher Blvd. should be up by Memorial Day. To date 4 other applications have been received.

***New Business***

The Committee discussed the serious safety risk along our beach strand due to rip currents. While current signs at each access point warn of rip current risk and how to escape from a rip current it is clear that visitors often don't pay close attention to the signs. Several suggestions were made on how to capture the attention of beach goers and reinforce awareness. Suggestions included additional signage, point of access video kiosks, additional beach safety talks and posting rip current safety videos on the Town web site. Ed sent in a photo of an emergency rescue ring mounted on a post for use when there are no life guards on duty.

Dennis said he would discuss the matter with the Fire Chief.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM

Next Meeting – 06/01/2021

Respectfully submitted  
Dennis Panicali, Chairman