

Kure Beach Community Center

Committee Minutes

October 12, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by John Shalanski. Additional members present: Harriet Owsley, Gerry Stavlas, David Dorgan, Linda Collora, Mayor Craig Bloszinsky, Nikki Keely and Sean Geer.

Approval of Minutes: Prior meeting minutes were approved.

Town News: Craig provided update on the following topics: Beach nourishment status is pending Army Corp of Engineers review expected in November. MOTSU drainage work is currently at senior command level for the ocean and river drainage issues. Parking fees expected to net approximately \$500K for town General Fund. The General Fund is managed by the Budget process. Community Center board may request usage of portion of funds via request process to the Budget process which will begin accepting requests during the February and March sessions. Craig also updated the members on the center coupon process based on prior discussion for Community Center parking to allow for “free” parking for paid rental. Nikki is currently addressing this open issue through council meetings. When inquired about pending Flood program changes, Craig committed to reviewing the new algorithm changes that are being made outside of current flood maps.

Rental Update: Nikki provided an update and advised that the Fall pavilion events are being cancelled due to the county’s covid mandates. Current market and holiday market will continue to operate based on vendor spacing accommodations. BINGO program was investigated by review of current NC statute. Unless the board partners with a non-profit who may be interested in leveraging the center, we agreed the center is not a viable entity based on language in the statute.

New Business: Kure Beach 75th anniversary brainstorm included a Sock Hop, movie night with 1947 feature films (Sean to share list of movies), large block letters of “Kure Beach” for tourist attraction to commemorate the milestone, female pilot feature from the town’s founding era (Harriett to inquire), and an area author to share insights of early Kure Beach. Also, as pandemic improvements are observed and acknowledged by county executives, we could then explore additional inside events (i.e. line dancing) to drive center rentals. Nikki shared update on outside Kure Beach Holiday events to include “Whoobie Whatty” Grinch theme and holiday market, already scheduled with planning in place.

Adjournment: Meeting was called to adjourn at 10:30. Next meeting is scheduled for November 9 at 9:30 am.

Submitted by Linda Collora