

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

*Minutes of June 7, 2022 - Amended*

## **Members Present**

Ann Hughes – Co-Chair  
Pat Triplett – Co-Chair  
John Kiwaha  
Randy Bock  
Liz Kiwaha - Secretary  
Rick Jackson  
Don Campbell  
Pat Edgecomb (alternate) – dialed in  
Dennis Panicali

## **Members Absent: n/a**

Pat Edgecomb dialed into the meeting and we had one guest (Gene) present on the phone as well.

Meeting was called to order at 5:04PM by Ann Hughes who was in person.

Minutes from May – Ann commented that she felt the minutes for the Ocean Life projects' San Sculpting competition sounded like it was already approved, and they were just suggestions that were made. It was recommended that the minutes for that be adjusted to reflect that they were suggestions, it still needs to get approved/voted on. Otherwise, the meeting notes were approved unanimously.

Recognition of Guest – Gene stated that they came down on Sunday and noticed the RIP current flags in some areas, but not down by the Rec center area, etc. No caution flags beyond 6-700 bldgs at Ocean Dunes. It was suggested that a flag be put at the quad and at the end of beach access. People were coming off the beach and mentioned how rough the water was. He was informed that the lifeguard stands is where we normally put the flags, not anywhere else. There is a description of the flags on the large signs at the access points. At Ocean Dunes it's a long distance between two access points. Dennis said he will bring this up. Ann said we will look into it and may have a response at our next meeting.

Agenda was approved unanimously.

## **Old Business**

New Member Selection – The town will hold the applications for 12 months. All four of the candidates have been reviewed. A vote was taken, and Kelly Graves was voted in – the vote was unanimous. Her application will go to council to approve.

## Adopt-A-Beach:

-Recognition of past participants went out in email. No new memberships or renewals.

### Beach Booster Program:

- Rick talked to Dennis last week and he is going to take over. It's going to go out in 1<sup>st</sup> spot of email blast. Mike Bledsoe has 2 signs – he needs an invoice and Rick is going to take care of that. He asked if any Real Estate Agents would like to sponsor to get their names out there. I said it's likely some will.
- Mentioned that some of the access points the grass has grown up and is covering the sides of the signs, so they'll need to solve for that.
- Rick is waiting for the invoice for the Sea Oats. Dennis said Mike Bledsoe's crew is going to plant it, the holdup is that his provider isn't giving it to him.

### Ocean Life Project:

- Pat mentioned that we had a training on 5/26 – Rick, Don and Dennis were absent. It was an interesting presentation from Linda Guffeston with NC Shells Club Assoc. We shared with the group that we were given books and shells to keep. Pat mentioned that there is going to be an international event in Wilmington coming up if anyone wants to attend.
- Ann asked if we need to limit ambassadors to the committee members. Dennis said no, it could be opened up to Kure Beach residents. There is no limit to the number of people who can be ambassadors. The reason it is limited to KB is there is a document that needs to be signed indicating we will not disparage the town.
- They talked about the sand sculpture idea and decided it would be a good idea for next years festival.
- Fort Fisher on Monday night at the CB State Park is having a lecture on Poisonous plants and animals on the island. It's at 7 pm on 6/13<sup>th</sup> facilitated by the State Park Ranger and another individual who will talk about the animals.
- Ann mentioned that Carolina Ocean Studies has various courses and Ann asked them if they would be interested in speaking to us and they said yes if anyone is interested.
- Dennis mentioned that Spencer Rogers who spoke in the past, he may be willing to come speak again as well.
- The town requires 4 hours of training, and we need to sign some docs. After our required 4-hour training, we can continue to learn at our own pace.
- Regarding volunteer vests, it was mentioned that we need to order a couple extra for the new members and we may order a few extra to have on hand for new volunteers.

### Beach Manners:

- Pat Edgecomb – Someone contacted her about the beach manners. The person has watched someone walk across the dunes in the lot across 810 N. Ft Fisher Blvd. She asked if Randy could check for a sign at 800 Fort Fisher Blvd. Pat mentioned that you can't see the sign from that side, the signs are facing the ocean. If she should see this again, she should call the police.
- Magnets – Since they have KB on them, Mandy said she recommends they stay in KB.
- Liz will take a stack of the pamphlets to the realty offices.
- Pat asked if we want to do anything with the pamphlets. Where it says, "most littered item – it was recommended that we update it to read "*these* butts off the beach" instead of "*your*..."
- Dennis informed us that the matter of "dogs on the beach" is up for debate again. He asked our opinion on the matter and those of people we know from what we may have heard. The proposal is that most people want to be consistent with CB.
  - Rick mentioned that this is a dog friendly town, he thinks it's time we move forward, the law is in effect since 1998.
  - Ann stated that it's confusing to visitors because of no consistency – she's in favor of it with enforcement.

- Pat and Liz also agree with being consistent.
- Dennis asked whether or not it's a danger to the turtle nests. It was noted that it's an education issue, keeping the dogs on a leash, picking up after them, etc. Enforcement is important. Enforcement has picked up.
- Pat Edgecomb mentioned that she was bitten as a child and it's a serious issue of dogs off leashes and they need to be enforced.
- Don doesn't have a dog, but he has owned a dog. If we're going to allow it, how are we going to educate? It's an educational and standard standpoint.
- Dennis mentioned that enforcement is never going to be sufficient, we don't have the personnel.
- It was mentioned that the lifeguards could support the effort by letting people know about mistakes, not fine or enforce, but educate when they pass people with dogs off leashes.
- Dennis stated that the proposal is Do we continue with the total ban or do we change it in some way? It doesn't need to be consistent with CB.
- Pat stated that she likes no dogs on the beach.
- Dennis stated that we're always going to have a problem with dogs on the beach with visitors/renters.
- John, Rick and Ann agree with standardizing with CB.
- Ann stated that she has seen the police enforcing it early in the mornings.

Dennis said he will bring it up with the town. For now, it's still a rule and it will likely not change until next year.

#### Sign Replacement:

- No update on signs. Randy asked if Dennis could ride around with him after the nourishment pipes are removed, they need a beach vehicle.
- Dennis said they ordered all the replacements for any that were missing. They'll do an inventory every quarter. Randy feels it will be better to have one person do it rather than parcel out the task.
- Ann asked Randy to think about the condition of the signs as well.

#### Beach Sweep:

- Seeking volunteers – Pat will bring her family, Dennis said he can help. John and Liz are out of town.

#### Crosswalks:

- The pedestrian committee is working on crosswalk plans.

#### ***New Business***

- Recycling bins with beach toys – we will discuss at next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM

Next Meeting – 07/05/2022

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Kiwaha, Secretary