



# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 18, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The Town Attorney was present and there was a quorum of Council members present.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky  
MPT Allen Oliver  
Commissioner John Ellen  
Commissioner David Heglar (Via Conference Call)  
Commissioner Dennis Panicali

### COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

### STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief – Mike Bowden  
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy  
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely  
Building Inspector – John Batson  
Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders  
Deputy Town Clerk – Beth Chase

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Ellen gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Accept Ann Gibson's resignation from the Marketing Committee as a full member
2. Minutes:
  - June 20, 2022 Regular
  - June 20, 2022 Special
  - June 20, 2022 Closed Session

MOTION- MPT Oliver made a motion approve the consent agenda as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended

SECOND- MPT Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous



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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Peterson, resident at 213 Atlantic Avenue read a letter hereby incorporated into the minutes.

Maureen Dintino, at 317 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue N

- She is a newer resident to Kure Beach, and she bought her house about 2 years ago
- She does not see the reasoning in ripping out what is existing and how it will be cost effective or beneficial to the Town
- How much money has been put into maintaining the vegetation, bushes, and fence?
- The Town will destroy so many animals' homes and she believes the Town should keep what we currently have and maintain it

Tom Dintino, at 317 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue N

- He has been here a couple years and he appreciate all the Town employees
- He has more money in bicycles than you can imagine, and he tries to stay away from congested areas when riding
- He thinks it is not a good place to have bicycles and would restrict bicycles from being allowed on the boardwalk and only allow foot traffic
- He does not like bicycles on the beach and is not a fan of electrical bikes

Howard Ames, 313 Atlantic Avenue

- There are two main concepts the Town is trying to address regarding the boardwalk
- First is the overall condition of the boardwalk and second is the actual transportation of the boardwalk into a multiuse path for the expressed purpose to satisfy bicyclists
- In his opinion the two-block area does not meet the definition of the multiuse path per the NCDOT description
- It will also make the Atlantic Avenue area less safe for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Part of the reason the boardwalk was created was as a pedestrian path and a safe area for pedestrians
- The Bike/Ped Committee did ambilocal job creating the large plan but was misguided with faulty logic regarding the boardwalk
- Trying to combine two issues into one, and it does not work here
- One last thing to not forget is the filming industry which is greatly expanding in the area

Susan Sewell at 313 Atlantic Avenue stated:

- She just wants to say that she feels she has been threatened as a community and the Town has forced us to due diligence and we have uncovered more things than anticipated



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- She is very frustrated and upset about this and has been working with the local office of the NC Coastal Federation and has become more versed in coastal preservation and stormwater runoff
- She has spoken at length with Johnny Griffin the Director at Wilmington Regional Film Commission, and he stated they chose Kure Beach because of the uniqueness and how you can walk along the boardwalk and see the Ocean
- A lot of the shows filmed are based in New England and this is the only place on the coast of NC that has the same look that is appropriate for where the show is set
- He stated if the boardwalk is removed or changed from the wood boardwalk while it wouldn't be enough to move a \$500,000 million dollar project to another state, they would not be filming in NC anymore
- Last year in 2021 was the best film year in Wilmington
- There is a petition going around that currently has 460 signatures which in the combined votes in the last election was less than 460 votes
- She has no desire to run for office, but this will be a thought during the next election

MPT Oliver read letters submitted by residents via email to Town Clerk Sanders are hereby incorporated into the minutes.

## PRESENTATIONS

### New Hanover County, Quarter-Cent Transportation Sales Tax

The New Hanover County presentation on the Quarter-Cent Transportation Sales Tax to Expand Trails and & Modernize Transit is hereby incorporated into the minutes. The presentation was presented by New Hanover County Staff.

#### Presentation Highlights:

- Referendum for a quarter cent sales tax to be used for public transportation systems will appear as a Yes/No vote on the November 8 ballot.
- Sales tax would be 25 cents for every \$100 spent on eligible goods by visitors, commuters & residents.
- Does not apply to items like groceries, fuel, and prescriptions.
- Could bring in around \$14 million a year and provide a sustainable source of revenue for public transportation opportunities, greater connectivity with trails and sidewalks, and increased safety for bikes and pedestrians.
- Funds could also be leveraged to receive additional state and federal dollars and amplified for a significantly larger investment in public infrastructure.



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- Sales tax proceeds would be divided between three public transportation components over the first 10 years:
- 45% (approximately \$65 million) to Wave Transit
- 39% (approximately \$56 million) to bicycle and pedestrian pathway improvements in the city, county and beach towns
- 16% (approximately \$23 million) for the Rail Realignment Project

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

None.

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Finance Department
  - Fire Engine Purchase and Proposed Financing Terms

Finance Officer Copenhaver stated:

- Included in the agenda packet is a summary of the proposed purchase of a Fire Engine that was included in this year's budget
- He has received the proposal and it has been reviewed by the Fire Department
- His recommendation is to finance part of it and take into consideration a prepay discount the total cost of the fire engine is \$749,059 with a prepay discount of \$43,000, which would bring the net price to \$715,059
- The current lead time is about 2 years for the fire engine and his recommendation is to take advantage of the prepay option
- The whole expense is included in this year's budget, but also included 100% financing of the fire engine in the budget
- He is proposing instead of entire amount finance the \$425,000 of the purchase and take the rest from Town reserves
- He has solicited proposals and received from two different banks
- He is recommending approving the proposal with First Bank, financing for 8 years at 3.21%

MPT Oliver asked does the Local Government Commission have to approve this? Will they be okay with the prepay?

Finance Officer Copenhaver stated they do not have to approve this because the financing will be less than the \$500,000.

Commissioner Panicali asked is the 3.21% locked in?



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Finance Officer Copenhaver commented the rate was good for 30 days.

**MOTION-** Commissioner Ellen made a motion to approve Resolution R22-04 for the Fire Engine Purchase and Proposed Financing Terms

**SECOND-** Commissioner Heglar

**VOTE-** Unanimous

## 2. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Mesimer stated the paving has been completed for this year. He is requesting an estimate for cleaning out the lagoon, and possibly will be cleaning the ditches but waiting to receive the estimate.

MPT Oliver asked Public Works Director Mesimer could you send a list of the streets that will be paved in this year budget to Town Council?

Public Works Director Mesimer commented yes.

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Continued Discussion of Dogs on the Beach

Commissioner Panicali gave a presentation of Dogs on the Beach hereby incorporated into the minutes.

MPT Oliver commented he appreciates the presentation by Commissioner Panicali. He thought the citizens who brought this forward were very respectful and had a very passionate appeal asking Town Council to amend this ordinance. He has seen citizens bring dogs to the beach during the hot hours of the day which really bothers him. He has spoken to citizens and he is not sure which way to go as there was no clear feeling. He does not have a problem with amending the ordinance but unsure how to amend it.

Commissioner Panicali stated because of the parking restriction a lot of citizens do not come down till after 5:00 p.m. Enforcement is an issue and it is why Carolina Beach hired the beach rangers to help write the citations. He has received about a dozen emails mostly in favor of changing the ordinance from citizens.

Commissioner Ellen stated he does not think it is fair to the dog and it is the persons interest and not the dogs. The dog does not care where it walks, and he truly believes that.



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Commissioner Panicali stated he disagrees with Commissioner Ellen. His dogs love the beach and enjoy playing in the waves. If you walk your dog on the street, you will see lots of signs saying do not walk your dog in my lawn and the streets are also hot so it can be difficult. He does agree that no one would want dogs on the beach during the daytime as it is not safe.

Mayor Bloszinsky commented during the season he is not a fan of dogs on the beach. He is more worried about the downside than the benefit side.

Commissioner Heglar commented he loves dogs and he has 3 dogs. His wife would love to be able to take them down to the beach. He does not have a strong opinion either way. He thinks the Town will be fine either way. There is a mix of opinions from the citizens.

MOTION- Commissioner Panicali made a motion to authorize the Town Attorney to draft a proposed text amendment to amend the Dogs on the Beach ordinance to allow dogs on the beach from April 1st through September 30th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dogs will not be allowed on the beach between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SECOND- MPT Oliver

VOTE- (3-2 VOTE) For- Commissioner Panicali, MPT Oliver, Commissioner Heglar, Against – Mayor Bloszinsky and Commissioner Ellen

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

None.

## MAYOR UPDATES

None.

## COMMISSIONER ITEMS

None.

## CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into Closed Session for Attorney Client Privilege per N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3)

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to go into Closed Session for Attorney Client Privilege per N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3)

SECOND – MPT Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- MPT Oliver made a motion to return to open session

SECOND – Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous



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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting

SECOND- Commissioner Panicali

VOTE- Unanimous

ATTEST: Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk

Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the town's website under government>agendas&minutes

213 Atlantic Ave.  
Kure Beach, NC  
July 18, 2022

Gentlemen of the Council:

In mid June, we received the notification letter to abutters on Atlantic Ave., that the Town was applying to CAMA to replace the boardwalk with a 10' wide, ground level, concrete sidewalk, and in the process deleting the planted bed that has been a necessary and effective buffer to the roadway. We were shocked and dismayed!

The specifics in the application completely misrepresented the considered vision of the community at large, as regards the two block boardwalk, and included in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan. In that Plan is the declaration of the Boardwalk's importance to the community, and I quote,..."one of Kure Beach's most recognizable and iconic features". Also in that Plan, the maintenance concerns were well vetted with suggestions of upgrade materials etc., as a guide. You totally ignored that guidance. Rather, you chose to base your application specifics on the request of the maintenance crews, that it be a concrete sidewalk???

Your actions and feeble explanations forced our response into an adversarial mode; to do our own due diligence because you failed to do yours. That's no way to conduct town business!

Further, if the need to rush was because of a valid reason to beat some deadline, you should have involved the community by simply calling a special meeting. There was time! So easy and so appropriate! Your actions blatantly defied the tenet of transparency in Governance.

In Mayor Bloszinsky's letter to the community, he writes of clearing the air with better communication. I respect that. But several of his pronouncements as to your intended next steps give me further concern.

In his opening sentence he states your intent to 're-engineer the existing boardwalk.' What happened to your explanations that your actions were driven by the need of repairs and maintenance? The Mayor mentions twice of your intended next steps...'to develop a specific Plan;'...'an inclusive Plan', then presenting it for community input and discussion—afterwards.

I quote again:...'the Boardwalk belongs to the entire Town so that Plan will go to the community for comment using a Charette process, a collaborative planning process.' With all due respect your intent is backwards! I am a fan of the Charette process. I have been privileged to participate in that collaborative process several times in my community involvement elsewhere. FIRST you have sufficient discussions and input from all interested parties. Only then do you draw up a Plan which in turn can be used, as needed, for more future



## Beth Chase

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**From:** Mandy Sanders  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 11:09 AM  
**To:** Beth Chase  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Walkway Project - Town Meeting 7/18/22

### *Mandy Sanders*

Town Clerk  
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Kure Beach, NC 28449  
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**From:** Geri Noldin <gmoldin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 11:27 AM  
**To:** Allen Oliver <a.oliver@townofkurebeach.org>; Mandy Sanders <m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org>  
**Subject:** Regarding Walkway Project - Town Meeting 7/18/22

Please have this email read at meeting

Hello,

My husband and I are residents in Carolina Beach and moved here because of the quaintness of this beautiful area. It is very sad that the town wants to put in concrete. This path is loved by residents and visitors. This area is so historic and to do this will take away that look. This path makes you feel like you are on vacation at your own home and especially near the natural preservation of the sand dunes. Seems like many people are up in arms about this idea and it's time you all listen. Residents have a say and we are speaking loud saying NO TO CONCRETE.

Thank you.  
Geri Noldin

## Beth Chase

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**From:** Mandy Sanders  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** Beth Chase  
**Subject:** FW: Kure Beach Boardwalk  
**Attachments:** image001.png

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**From:** Ed Galanif <egalaf@gmail.com>

**Date:** Monday, July 18, 2022 at 9:04 AM

**To:** tara.macpherson@ncdenr.gov <tara.macpherson@ncdenr.gov>, bryan.l.hall@ncdenr.gov <bryan.l.hall@ncdenr.gov>, Craig Bloszinsky <c.bloszinsky@townofkurebeach.org>, Mandy Sanders <m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org>

**Subject:** Re: Kure Beach Boardwalk

To: Tara Macpherson, N Carolina Dept of Environmental Quality  
Bryan Hall, N Carolina Dept of Environmental Quality  
Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor Kure Beach  
Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk Kure Beach

Both the widening of the Kure Beach boardwalk and especially changing the surface from wood planking to concrete is an unsuitable project and diminishes the character and beauty of the beach front. The Town of Kure Beach has the funds, especially with paid parking fees, to upkeep the current boardwalk. The residents of Kure Beach need to have a forum to discuss the matter and it appears that a majority of residents are against the project. Kure Beach is unique among the beaches in Wilmington and this design will remove the beauty and uniqueness. Finally, it appears that Kure Beach leadership thinks that the concrete surface will in itself will not require upkeep and replacement, but it will crack, sink and age over time.

Please reconsider this proposal and at the very least extend the permit application deadline so more voices can be heard, and a potential for an alternative can be found.

Sincerely,

Edward and Debra Galanif  
1100 Fort Fisher Blvd S  
Kure Beach, NC 28449

## Beth Chase

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**From:** Mandy Sanders  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 9:59 AM  
**To:** Beth Chase  
**Subject:** FW: Please read into minutes of 7/18/22 town council meeting

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**From:** Cathy Shepherd <cathy.shepherd28643@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Monday, July 18, 2022 at 8:27 AM  
**To:** Mandy Sanders <m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org>  
**Subject:** Please read into minutes of 7/18/22 town council meeting

Hello, I am a full time resident of Atlantic Avenue in Kure Beach. I am concerned about the changes to the boardwalk that are in the planning stages. I appreciate your openness to alternative ideas to a ground level 10' concrete multi use bike/ped path.

I am noticing need for bike racks at each beach access, as well as refurbishing those as well. A handicap ramp and landing area at N Avenue should also be a priority. With the hundreds of people vacationing on our beach north of the pier, certainly a couple porta Johns at N Ave access are necessary, if only there temporarily May-September. I am spot lighting N Avenue as that is the only public parking on the oceanfront orthodox of L Ave.

I invite you to come sit on the " Front Porch of America " ( my family home at 241 Atlantic Ave,) to observe the vast number of beach goers, the walkers and joggers, a few cars and bikes, the lovely roses and native plants that line the lovely boardwalk along the sea. This is truly a unique walkway enjoyed by the public We would like it to keep that welcoming feeling.

Thank you. Cathy Warren Shepherd

## Beth Chase

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**From:** Mandy Sanders  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 12:29 PM  
**To:** Beth Chase  
**Subject:** Fwd: Statement for Town Council Meeting - Atlantic Ave Boardwalk

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**From:** Terry McHugh <terrymchugh24@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 11:49:49 AM  
**To:** Mandy Sanders <m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org>  
**Subject:** Statement for Town Council Meeting - Atlantic Ave Boardwalk

Ms. Sanders,

I would appreciate it greatly if you could read the following statement into the record at the Town Council Meeting this evening.

Thanks - Terry McHugh

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We appreciate the letter that the Mayor has recently posted on the Town's website regarding the Atlantic Ave boardwalk. While his letter did clarify several matters, we remain opposed to the proposed 8 foot wide concrete sidewalk along Atlantic Ave between L Ave and N Ave.

A multi-use concrete sidewalk will create a dangerous environment. Families with strollers and young children on their way to the park or pier; those carrying surfboards and boogie boards; and beachgoers laden with chairs, umbrellas, tents, coolers and kids would now have to avoid the bicycles, scooters, skateboarders and hover boarders utilizing a narrow ribbon of concrete.

The current width of the boardwalk accommodates pedestrian traffic quite well and does not require widening. The only "choke points" we have observed is where the vegetation along Atlantic Ave is allowed to extend over the boardwalk. This is a landscape maintenance issue that should be addressed by the Town

Atlantic Ave is a low speed, one-way street. Cyclists are able to negotiate safely along the road in either direction without difficulty and without creating a dangerous situation with pedestrians using the boardwalk.

Regards,

Terry and Patti McHugh  
Owners of 221 Atlantic Ave, Unit A  
Kure Beach, NC

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**From:** Mandy Sanders  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 3:28 PM  
**To:** Beth Chase  
**Subject:** Fwd: Today's council meeting RE boardwalk

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**From:** Becca and Jim Cuddy <[thecuddys1@verizon.net](mailto:thecuddys1@verizon.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 2:59:12 PM  
**To:** Mandy Sanders <[m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org](mailto:m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org)>  
**Subject:** Today's council meeting RE boardwalk

Hello. We are unable to attend today's meeting but would like to submit our opinion concerning the ongoing discussion about the repair/replacement of the boardwalk. We have been visiting Kure for over 17 years and were lucky enough to be able to retire here full time last summer. Over the years we have seen some great improvements, in particular, the ocean front park, raised wooden boardwalk and landscaping. It is a joy for us to walk and bike this familiar path most days. The thought that the wood would be replaced with concrete is just so disappointing. While it's obvious that the current wood boardwalk needs replacing, a less "citized" material would certainly help maintain the ambience and charm of our oceanfront. I hope the council will consider all of the alternatives to concrete.

Jim and Becca Cuddy

[Sent from the all new AOL app for Android](#)

## Beth Chase

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**From:** Mandy Sanders  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 5:57 PM  
**To:** Beth Chase  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please enter the email into the town's records regarding the boardwalk

Mandy Sanders  
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**From:** David Burpeau <david.burpeau1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 5:55:52 PM  
**To:** Mandy Sanders <m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org>  
**Subject:** Please enter the email into the town's records regarding the boardwalk

Mrs. Sanders,

Please enter my below email to the state 07/16/2022 into the TOKB record.

Respectfully,  
David Burpeau

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Good afternoon,

I am respectfully writing to request that DCM reject CAMA Minor Permit #22-05 from the Town of Kure Beach (TOKB) to replace the current boardwalk with a ground-level sidewalk.

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- The application submitted by John Batson, Authorized Agent of TOKB, on June 8th 2022, and modified on July 7th, 2022, specifically
- describes the description of the project as the following: To remove old rotten boardwalk and replace with 8' wide ground level sidewalk.
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This line item on the application specifically requests the applicant to - **(List all proposed construction and land disturbance).**

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: (List all proposed construction and land disturbance.) To Remove old rotten boardwalk and replace with 8' wide ground level sidewalk made of concrete or other acceptable materials. \*\*Change made on 7/7/22 by JB.

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- In the TOKB public meeting on June 20th, 2022, Mayor Bloszinsky, addresses the public in attendance:
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“Improvements to the oceanfront boardwalk, we didn’t want to talk about that tonight. Okay, now, ladies and gentleman, please listen to why we are where we are - John”.

[Mayor Bloszinsky Audio](#)

John Batson: “The other big question I kept hearing about was safety from pedestrians and cars coming down the road um, in **all of are talks so far there has been a lot of discussion about placing bollards about every 6 feet down the road** so uhh so cars being able to access that walkway would certainly be possible if they wanted to tear their car up but ultimately would be a deterrent.”

[John Batson Audio](#)

According to statements made by John Batson in the public meeting with all of town council present (one member virtually), it is apparent that discussions have occurred in regards to addressing safety concerns with the proposed “ground level” sidewalk by placing bollards every 6’. This fact was omitted from the CAMA Minor Permit Application #22-05 which requires the applicant to list ALL proposed construction and land disturbance. The application also states the following:

This application includes: general information (this form), a site drawing as described on the back of this application, the ownership statement, the AEC hazard notice where necessary, a check for \$100.00 made payable to the locality, and any information as may be provided orally by the applicant. The details of the application as described by these sources are incorporated without reference in any permit which may be issued. **Deviation from these details will constitute a violation of any permit.** Any person developing in an AEC without permit is subject to civil, criminal and administrative action.

This the 8 day of JUNE, 2022



Landowner or person authorized to act as his agent for purpose of filing a CAMA permit application.

**Example of an 8’ to 10’ ground-level sidewalk with bollards every 6’.  
(Bollards are not listed on the application. However, Mr. Batson stated this has been discussed to address “safety issues” involving vehicles and pedestrians)**



**Example of what TOKB is presenting to CAMA and the public.**



Sincerely,  
David Burpeau  
704.458.0318

Sent from my iPhone



## Beth Chase

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**From:** Mandy Sanders  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 11:16 AM  
**To:** Beth Chase  
**Subject:** FW: Boardwalk at Kure Bech

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**From:** martosull@aol.com <martosull@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 12:26 PM  
**To:** Craig Bloszinsky <c.bloszinsky@townofkurebeach.org>; Mandy Sanders <m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org>  
**Subject:** Boardwalk at Kure Bech

Dear Town Council Members,

We have recently been made aware that the Town Council of Kure Beach is considering a concrete path (with ballards) to replace the iconic and beautiful boardwalk. As a frequent visitor to Kure Beach, we want to let you know our opposition to this plan.

The current boardwalk is lovely to look at and a pleasure to walk along and view the ocean. It is enjoyed by families, groups and singles (and pets) who stroll together on their way to the pier and the pavilion. Replacing the boardwalk with concrete will be an eyesore and Kure Beach will lose much of its beach town atmosphere. The boardwalk is a big draw to Kure Beach, and it is enjoyed by everyone.

Replacing the boardwalk with a concrete path at street level may be an environmental disaster. Water from tropical storms or hurricanes could cause greater flooding, and the fragile dunes would be exposed to more erosion. At the least, an environmental impact study is needed before moving forward with a significant non-pervious surface.

A wider path to accommodate walkers and bikers is not necessary, in our opinion. Presently, walkers do not have to worry about bikers coming up behind them, hitting them, their children or leashed pets. Atlantic Avenue is a one-way street with a 15/mph speed limit, which is perfectly fine for cars, golf carts, and bicycles to share. We have stayed ocean front on Atlantic Avenue several times, and we have never seen a problem with bikes sharing the road with vehicles. Atlantic Avenue is not congested, even at the busiest times of the year. (Bicycles should not be allowed on the boardwalk, and we rarely see anyone trying that.)

We always enjoy a few strolls on the boardwalk when visiting Kure Beach. A total tear-down and replacement with a concrete path is a bad plan the town vibe and for the environment. There are other options for repair and maintenance of the boardwalk that should be considered. Save the Kure Beach Boardwalk!

Sincerely,

Dan and Marty O'Sullivan  
4701 Berini Drive  
Durham, NC 27705  
919-491-3676

## Beth Chase

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**From:** Mandy Sanders  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 4:01 PM  
**To:** Beth Chase  
**Subject:** Fwd: Boardwalk Proposal July 18th Town Board Meeting

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**From:** dianetwebster@aol.com <dianetwebster@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 4:00:44 PM  
**To:** Mandy Sanders <m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org>  
**Subject:** Boardwalk Proposal July 18th Town Board Meeting

Dear Ms.. Sanders;

Please read the letter below into the record at tonight's town council meeting. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, Diane Webster

My name is Diane Webster. I am a co-owner of 301 Atlantic Avenue in Kure Beach. This house has been in our family since 1973 and is on the Federal Point Historical Registry. I write to this Council to express my vehement opposition to the proposal of changing the wooden boardwalk into a dangerous, impervious concrete 8 or 10-foot wide bike path. It has not been made clear to me why this proposal is even being made. Although I see references being made to the cost of maintenance, (a foreseeable expense when it was built) there are also references to alleviating traffic on Ft. Fisher Blvd. and to catering to bicyclist. So, I would like an explanation as to the reasons for even considering this unnecessary, expensive, and dangerous plan.

I have spent countless days observing the use of the current boardwalk. It is primarily used by people walking, often with their children and using strollers. The idea of having bicyclist weaving around walking adults and children on this proposed bike path is beyond scary. It's a train wreck waiting to happen. I have nothing against people who want to ride bikes on Atlantic Avenue. They often do this and I have never seen any problems with bikes and cars sharing the road. However, pedestrians sharing a lane with bicyclists, while vehicles are at the same level, is clearly dangerous.

There are many, many other factors, besides safety, that dictate that this proposal should not be approved by the Town Council.

Excess water accumulation, which already occurs at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and M Avenue after a thunderstorm;

Impact on our beautiful dunes that have taken many years to form;

Bollards to separate the street from the pathway would look hideous!

People rent on Atlantic Avenue precisely because it is a tranquil, oceanfront area conducive to taking a stroll, not to watch a parade of vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians all trying to avoid each other.

The Town will lose income from summer rentals if it proceeds with this plan as it will ruin the aesthetics of the area. If growth is the reason for this proposal, what studies have been conducted on the saturation point of the town from increased visitors? Will the town need to increase its insurance for the inevitable law suits resulting from injuries at the site?

I could go on and on as to why this plan should be rejected, but I won't. Please, please, reconsider moving forward with this project that is so dangerous, that is so visually unappealing, that will cost so much money, and that is in contradiction to the Kure Beach Land Use Plan.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Webster

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We have significant concerns regarding safety, aesthetics, the environment, as well as flooding that could impact our home and our community. We support bike safety and ride our bikes along Atlantic Avenue weekly. Being a resident of the street, we often see cyclists riding up and down the street and have not seen anyone at risk that could be solved for with the proposed permit. This solution will only endanger current residents/guests using the boardwalk, negatively impact our environment within the beach and also increase unnecessary risks to our homes.

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**Subject:** Boardwalk at Kure Beach

Dear Town Council Members,

We have recently been made aware that the Town Council of Kure Beach is considering a concrete path (with ballards) to replace the iconic and beautiful boardwalk. As a frequent visitor to Kure Beach, we want to let you know our opposition to this plan.

The current boardwalk is lovely to look at and a pleasure to walk along and view the ocean. It is enjoyed by families, groups and singles (and pets) who stroll together on their way to the pier and the pavilion. Replacing the boardwalk with concrete will be an eyesore and Kure Beach will lose much of its beach town atmosphere. The boardwalk is a big draw to Kure Beach, and it is enjoyed by everyone.

Replacing the boardwalk with a concrete path at street level may be an environmental disaster. Water from tropical storms or hurricanes could cause greater flooding, and the fragile dunes would be exposed to more erosion. At the least, an environmental impact study is needed before moving forward with a significant non-pervious surface.

A wider path to accommodate walkers and bikers is not necessary, in our opinion. Presently, walkers do not have to worry about bikers coming up behind them, hitting them, their children or leashed pets. Atlantic Avenue is a one-way street with a 15/mph speed limit, which is perfectly fine for cars, golf carts, and bicycles to share. We have stayed ocean front on Atlantic Avenue several times, and we have never seen a problem with bikes sharing the road with vehicles. Atlantic Avenue is not congested, even at the busiest times of the year. (Bicycles should not be allowed on the boardwalk, and we rarely see anyone trying that.)

**MOVE FORWARD**

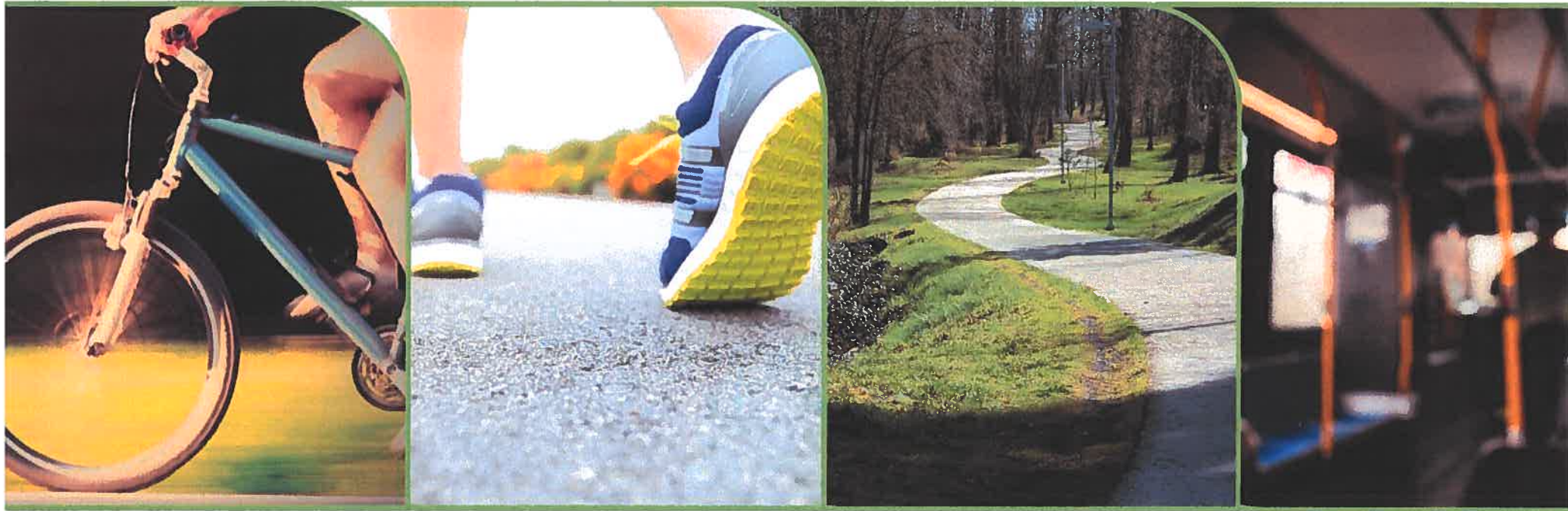
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**Enhancing trail connectivity**

**Improving pedestrian safety**

**Connecting people to jobs & education**

**Contributing to better community health**

**Reducing environmental impact**

**Ensuring greater access & mobility for all residents**

# Quarter Cent Transportation Sales Tax

A referendum for a quarter cent sales tax to be used for public transportation systems will appear as a Yes/No vote on the November 8 ballot.

The sales tax would be 25 cents for every \$100 spent on eligible goods by visitors, commuters & residents.

The tax does not apply to items like groceries, fuel, and prescriptions.

The tax would bring in around \$14 million a year and provide a sustainable source of revenue for public transportation opportunities, greater connectivity with trails and sidewalks, and increased safety for bikes and pedestrians.

Local funds could also be leveraged to receive additional state and federal dollars and amplified for a significantly larger investment in public infrastructure.

# Funding Framework

tax proceeds would be divided between public transportation components over at least 10 years:

(approximately \$65 million) to Wave Transit

(approximately \$56 million) to bicycle and pedestrian pathway improvements in the county and beach towns

(approximately \$23 million) for the Rail Alignment Project





## >>> Bike/Ped

**Having a walkable and bikeable community is important for our quality of life so residents and visitors have opportunities for recreational use, physical activity, and alternative transportation.**



**Designing, securing right-of-way and constructing trails takes significant funding and the quarter-cent transportation sales tax could provide a dedicated source of revenue to create new and safer crosswalks, add new lanes, and develop interconnected use trails and sidewalks throughout county, city, and beach communities.**



## > Kure Beach

unding could be granted to Kure Beach to help create more bike/ped projects that connect people throughout the beach and to additional transit options.

Kure Beach's recently-approved Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan outlines pedestrian access and crossing needs, bike lanes, and other improvements as priorities.

WPO's Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 plan includes bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Kure Beach.



## MULTI-USE TRAILS

- North College Road Trail
- North College Road Extension Trail
- South College Road Trail
- Masonboro Loop Road Trail
- Downtown Trail Multi-Use Path



## SIDEWALKS

- Oriole Drive
- Wilshire Boulevard
- College Acres Drive
- Medical Center Drive
- Cardinal Drive



## CROSSWALKS & SAFER INTERSECTIONS

- Market St. & 29th St.
- Princess Place Dr. & 26th St.
- College Rd. & Pine Valley Dr.
- 17th St. & Wellington Ave.
- 16th/17th St. & Hospital Plaza Dr.
- 3rd St. & Dawson St.
- 17th St. & Glen Meade Rd.
- Military Cutoff Rd. & Wrightsville Ave.
- Military Cutoff Rd. & Destiny Way/  
Fresco Dr.

# Potential Bike Investments Over the First Five Years of the City & Unincorporated County





# WAVE TRANSIT

Proposed Improvements Over First Five

- Expand hours by 16 hours weekly
- Increase frequency so over half of routes come every 30-45 minutes
- Add 17 new benches & 10 new shelters at stops
- Enhanced technology signs to show real-time bus arrival times
- Expand microtransit service area
- Free youth passes

transportation offers an affordable way for residents of all physical abilities and economic statuses to get where they need to go.

Community needs more robust and connected public transportation infrastructure to make it easier to get from one place to another, improve transit times, and create a more reliable network that leads to more usability to serve more people.



# REALIGNMENT

Over 90% of Kure Beach residents work outside of town limits and over 50% of Kure Beach employees live outside town limits (according to 2019 census data).

Local sales tax could be leveraged for additional state and federal funds to help fund specific parts of the Rail Realignment Project that would help to create better connections through the relocation of rails and implementation of sidewalks and multi-use paths to transit stops and opportunities.



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# Kure Beach Dog Ordinances

## 9.04 Dogs

- .010 - 15 ft Leash required
- .020 – Animal defecation
  - Waste must be removed immediately
- .030 – Dogs not allowed on beach strand 4/1- 9/30
- .040 – Enforcement, animal control
- .050 – Penalties 1<sup>st</sup> offense \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$100

# Reasons to Modify Ordinance

Opportunity to exercise – dogs and owners

Existing Pleasure Island rules confusing to visitors

Changing attitude to dogs

Increased dog ownership

Consistency with other beach Towns

Rules abused even with existing ordinance

Complete ban for 6 months excessive

# Objections Relating to Changing Ordinance

Dog waste

“Uncontrolled” dogs

Barking dogs

Heat (animal well being)

Enforcement

KB has always limited dogs on beach

# IC Beach Towns

## Summer Regulations for Leashed Dogs on the Beach

Town	Allowed	Time Restricted	Banned
Atlantic Beach	X		
Bald Head Island	X		
Carolina Beach		9am-5pm	
Caswell Beach	X		
Emerald Isle	X		
Holden Beach	X	9am-5pm	
Fort Fisher State Beach	X		

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Kure Beach			X
Ocean Isle		9am-6pm	
Cape Hatteras National Seashore	X		
Corolla	X		
Duck	X		
Kill Devil Hills		9am-6pm	
Manteo	X		

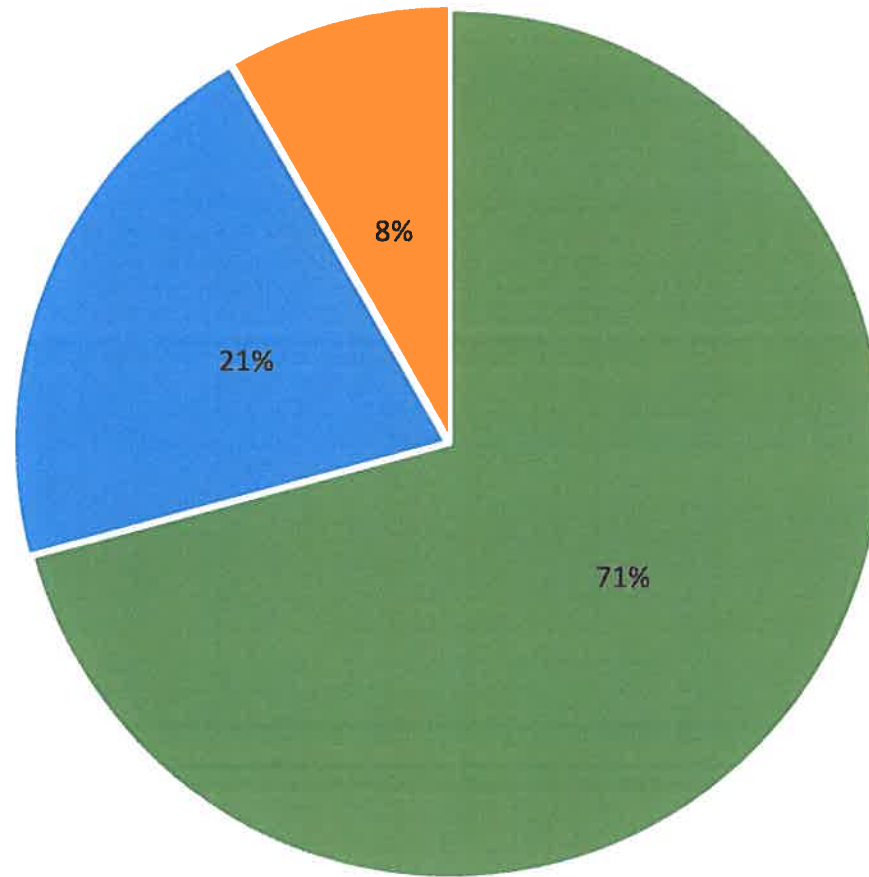


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Town	Allowed	Time Restricted	Banned
Nagshead	X		
Ocracoke	X		
Pine Knoll Shores	X		
Sunset Beach		9am-6pm	
Surf City	X		
Topsail Beach	X		
Wrightsville Beach			X
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

# Summer Ordinances



■ Allowed ■ Time restricted ■ Banned ■

# Associated Costs with Changing Ordinance

## New signage

- Signs ~\$3,000 -\$4,000

## Waste Bag Stations

- \$75-\$150/ station
- 24 access points

## Updating all Town printed materials

## Updating all on-line materials

# Ordinance Options for 2023

Keep Existing Ordinance

Shorten “No Dogs on Beach” Season

- Memorial Day – Labor Day or
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

Allow Time Restricted “Dogs on Beach”

- 5pm-9am (match CB)