

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of October 4, 2022

Members Present:

Ann Hughes, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary

Randy Bock

Kelly Graves

Dennis Panicali, Council Liaison

Pat Triplett, Co-Chair

John Kiwaha

Don Campbell

Pat Edgecomb, alternate – remote

Members Absent:

Rick Jackson

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Pat Triplett.

Pat T. asked for an approval for September 6, 2022, minutes. Don Campbell made a motion to approve, seconded by Randy Bock, and approved by all as presented.

There were no guests in attendance online.

There were no additions/changes to the agenda presented.

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach Update: Ann reported that one new person signed up.

Beach Sponsorship Update: Rick reported that there is no update.

Kure Beach Ocean Life: Pat T reported that there may be riptide training on 11/1, it's not confirmed, this training is for ambassadors. She will keep us posted.

Beach Pamphlet Update: Pat Edgecomb brought up the “holes on the beach” issue and the Town’s liability. Dennis responded that the Town is aware and there will be some changes from Town Council. A discussion was had regarding recommended changes/updates to the ordinances and pamphlet. The recommended changes/updates recommended are as follows:

- Remove the “No Dogs” symbol on the pamphlet and update the language to: “Dogs allowed on Kure Beach Strand Apr. 1st to Sept. 30th from 5 pm to 9 am.
- Beach equipment - change language to read, “...is not allowed to be left **unattended** on the beach strand between the hours of 7 pm and 7 am. (changes in bold)
- Digging ANY size hole on the beach is dangerous. Do not leave holes unattended; any **holes dug must be filled** in prior to leaving the beach.
- **Motorized** Vehicles on the beach are prohibited.
- Add a bullet for “**Glass**” – **Glass containers are prohibited on the beach at all times.**

In terms of enforcement, Dennis mentioned that patrolling the beach is something that is being discussed by The Town. In CB patrolling is part-time, 20-30 hours, 3 people rotating shifts. Randy asked what authority they would have. Dennis said they can write citations. It's non-confrontational. If there is any conflict, they immediately call the police. This system works well for CB. It can be fairly expensive. The patrollers are called "Beach Rangers"

Regarding holes on the beach, Dennis is going to make a recommendation to the town that the beach ordinance regarding the digging of holes be very specific in terms of a defined size of the hole. As an example, "knee deep is too vague".

Kelly asked about bikes on the beach if they were allowed. Dennis responded that they are allowed, it's just motorized vehicles that are prohibited. It was recommended to add "motorized" to the current policy that states "vehicles on the beach are prohibited."

Ann mentioned that changes to the pamphlet will need to be approved by the Town. Dennis will bring the changes up in the next Town meeting.

Pat E. is going to email David to see who published the pamphlet.

Pat T. asked Kelly if she reached out to Surf Riders regarding the smoking receptacles. Kelly responded that she did exchange some emails, but they didn't commit to anything.

Ann H. mentioned that beach weddings is not on our pamphlet, but it is in our ordinances. Dennis responded that we have a website regarding this topic.

Sign Replacements: Randy posed a suggestion for a beach cart. Now that we're going to have to change our signs and there are some down on the south end, one is needed. Dennis said we're going to wait until after hurricane season to do an inventory again.

Dennis mentioned that the storm water "out" pipes are going to be replaced as well.

New Business:

Pat T. asked when we need to have the budget in. Dennis responded, January, i.e., they need to be presented in January. Dennis will send the budget from last year to start working on it. The fiscal year starts 6/1.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19, our next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.