

**Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee
Meeting Minutes: 1/17/2023
Recorded by CAF**

Present Members: Candy Ashton-Forrester (CAF), Jerry Clark (JC), Eileen Clute (EC), Mo Linquist (ML), Cindy Maier (CM), Steve Shumate (SS), Will Reynolds (WR)

Guests/Citizens: Michael Craig, Al Krum, Greg Germain, Roy Erwin, Barb Erwin, Ed Strauss, Patty Strauss, Chuck Goff, Lia Goff, Michelle Hespeler, Karl Hespeler, Scott Garwicki, Silvia Garwicki, Barbara Gutmann, Jim Gutmann, Jerome Herrins, Jeff Leppo, Lisa Leppo, Judy Larrick, Mike Clute, Jennifer Ames, Ed Wilkinson, Tim Markley, Laura McBrayer, Jennifer Ames

Commissioner: Allen Oliver (AO), MPT

Staff: Sean Greer

Absent:

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to order	3:04 pm	ML
Roll Call	See above	
Approval of Agenda	Additions & Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add KB Bike/Ped Committee Emails • Table discussion of committee candidates until Feb. • Add 2023 Year of the Trail to new business Motion to approve changes made by EC, seconded by SS	Motion approved
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Dec. 5, 2022, minutes by EC, seconded by CM	Motion approved
Public Comment	Public asked if the committee's agenda is posted. AO responded that the public may request the agenda ahead of the meeting. Send the request to the committee's email: kbbikepedcommittee@gmail.com	
Presentation/Committee Applicants	Interviews with applicants for vacant committee member seat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura McBrayer 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Germain <p>Discussion tabled for Feb. meeting</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website – CM—updated with Year of the Trail information with links to Year of Trail website • East Coast Greenway (ECG) – EC—Bike/Ped committee attended a stakeholders meeting—NCDOT, ALTA, ECGA, NC State Parks, NC Civil War Museum, NC ferry, NC aquarium, Ft Fisher Recreation Center, Carolina Beach. • CB Bike Ped Committee – SS—CB will be installing a sidewalk on Ocean Blvd after confirmation there are no drainage issues; and CB requested KB’s collaboration with a traffic garden. • KB Bike/Ped Committee Emails—read by ML • Spot Lane Connector Beautification Update: CAF and CM reported that discussion with a few residents around the property will occur in Feb. Signage has been installed. Public comment made regarding safety of Settler’s Lane access point—allegedly cars cannot see people coming off the trail due to the curve. • NCDOT Paved Trails: Feasibility of Paved Greenways, Multiuse Paths, and Sidewalks-- AO reported grant had been submitted. ECG Alliance is the grant applicant with Town of KB support. Other support include WMPO, NCDOT, ALTA, ECGA, NC State Parks, NC Civil War Museum, NC ferry, NC aquarium, Ft Fisher Recreation Center, Carolina Beach. Notification of grant funding should be received by the ECG in April. • Street Cleaning—JC reported he spoke with Adrienne Cox with NCDOT and due to the construction of the museum the roads will not be cleaned for a while. • Budget Request--\$10,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Garden--\$2000 • Kids Club—WR will discuss with Shore Break Bikes 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Seminars (e.g., Safe Driver for local police) (e.g., refreshments, speakers, materials)--\$750 • Tactile Urbanism with AARP (crosswalks)--\$1000 • Marketing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 large boards with Master Plan--\$120 (\$60 each) • Maps of bike routes—ML will work with Mike Hoffer with the CB Bike/Ped Committee--\$1000 • Giveaways for Markets--\$2000 • Distracted Driving Booklets—ML will check into costs and sharing with CB Bike/Ped Committee—\$1000 • BikeWalk NC--\$2000 	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Public Comments:</p> <p>ML read a letter from Tracey Mitchell on behalf of the Beach Walk HOA (see attached).</p> <p>Roy Erwin read a letter on behalf of some residents who own homes on Settlers Lane.</p> <p>A resident shared the history of citizens’ concerns regarding a greenway directly behind the homes on Settlers Lane.</p> <p>Numerous citizens spoke of the concerns with the extension of the Island Greenway directly behind homes on Settlers Lane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety—concerns about possible increased crime facilitated by a greenway, and alleged “fire lane” will not be available for emergency vehicles (there are actually fire buffers on the east side of the MOTSU property adjacent to home owner’s property—only MOTSU firefighting equipment can access the buffer, not KB fire engines, police cars, or ambulances due to the rough terrain). • Property values—concerns that property values may decrease due to a greenway. Comments also reflected that greenways may or may not affect property values. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment—concerns about disturbing wildlife habitats and flooding. • Privacy—concerns that homes and property will be in direct view of the public. <p>Multiple residents of Settlers Lane invited committee members to visit their homes to better understand their concerns.</p> <p>Alternative suggestions for the placement of a potential greenway were made—along Dow Rd. or in the area not directly behind the homes on Settlers Lane.</p> <p>MPT AO reminded the audience and the committee that no greenway anywhere in KB is planned at this time. If the ECG receives the grant for the feasibility study the Town Council will take under consideration the recommendations of the study. Such considering is most likely a year away if the feasibility study grant is awarded to the ECG.</p> <p>Other public comments focused on the committee not having a member who represented differing views regarding the expansion of the Island Greenway. ML shared that the committee had appointed such a member and she resigned after being on the committee for two months.</p> <p>2023 Year of the Trail: Discussion tabled till Feb. meeting</p>	
Updates and Announcements		
Next meeting	Tuesday, Feb. 7, 3 PM, Town Hall	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 5:28 PM made by SS, seconded by JC	