

## Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of March 7, 2023

### Members Present:

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair  
Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary  
Ann Hughes  
Randy Bock - Absent  
Pat Edgecomb, Alternate

Pat Triplett, Co-Chair – Absent  
Don Campbell  
John Kiwaha - Absent  
Kelly Graves  
Dennis Panicali, Council Liaison

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Rick Jackson.

Rick asked if there were any changes to the January minutes or agenda. No changes mentioned, Don motioned to approve, seconded by Ann.

There were no guests in attendance online.

### Old Business:

**Adopt-a-Beach Update:** Ann reported that we received a participant request to adopt a beach.

**Beach Sponsorship Update:** Rick reported that he received an application and Liz also brought in a paper application from a neighbor. The application from Liz is specifically for a memorial at access 1004 ½. The message requested to be placed on the sign by the applicant was reviewed and approved by the committee.

**Kure Beach Ocean Life Project:** Pat T. was not in attendance; no update.

**Council Update:** Dennis reminded the committee of the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Thursday, 3/9 and asked that we make every effort to attend.

Dennis shared that he, the mayor, and The Town went to Raleigh and met with the Senator briefly. Overall, the state is in good shape, there are some infrastructure projects slated and we may get additional funding from the state for these, e.g., storm water support. Charlie Miller, our rep is very willing to help.

There is still controversy over the greenway, Joe Weeks Park, and Atlantic Avenue Boardwalk that is being worked through.

The grant for the handicap access was submitted. Although there are a few accesses in need of repair, we can only do one at a time.

**Beach Pamphlet Update:** Pat E. – The new pamphlets are printed and were provided to the committee members to distribute.

**Sign Replacements:** In Randy's absence, Rick shared drafts of the signs on paper which were reviewed by the committee. Ann suggested we change the language in one section that reads "No Dogs" at the top because it is misleading. The information below it does list the hours and dates that dogs are permitted to be on the beach, but it was decided that it would be best to remove "No Dogs" and replace it with a picture of a dog on a leash.

**Smoke Receptacles:** Kelly – Prior to our meeting Rick sent out the spreadsheet of the review he, Liz, John, and Dennis did of the smoking receptacles regarding placement and signage. The receptacles are at the accesses, but most of them are too high on the post to accommodate a sign above them. Discussion was had regarding just using a decal and it was decided that the decal doesn't really stand out, but a sign in addition to a decal on the receptacle will stand out. There are other issues with the posts and placement of them; Rick will drive around with Jimmy and review the changes needed. Rick thanked Kelly for getting this done and John, Liz, and Dennis for their assistance in reviewing the current state of the receptacles.

Pat E. stated that Kure by the Sea would like to buy a receptacle if it's under \$250. Rick said the cost is approximately \$250.

**New Business:**

- Rick shared that we received approval for all our projects including signs, cigarette receptacles, decals and brochures. We were able to remain in budget.
- Our 2023-2024 budget was submitted, our new budget is approximately \$1000 over last year's budget.
- Beach Cigarette Receptacles – discussed above.
- Beach Toy Boxes – Rick shared pictures of potential box designs. The committee agreed on a model and placement of them was discussed. It was decided that they will be secured near the end of the pier. Securing them to the lifeguard stand was also an option discussed, but we would need to get permission from Ocean Life, and they would need to be removed and stored when the lifeguard stands are not on the beach. It was decided that we will start with two of the toy boxes, one at "N Ave" and the other at The Kure Beach Pier and we'll see how it goes.
- Liz brought up the two magnet signs created for beach etiquette and beach safety which she brought from home. The two magnets are made out of two different materials and the heavier magnet is peeling in the corners and has left rust marks on her stainless-steel refrigerator. Don mentioned that his copy is also peeling and is in worse shape than the one Liz brought in. Don doesn't know if his refrigerator is rusting, he hasn't moved the magnet sign. The sign Liz brought in shows rust on the back of the magnet. Liz suggested we find out if we can make the heavier signs out of the same materials as the lighter weight magnet which isn't peeling or rusting stainless steel. Rick said he will take this up with Southern Signs and will get back to the committee.

Don made a motion to adjourn and Liz second it. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm, our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.