

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of February 7, 2023

Members Present:

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary

Ann Hughes

Randy Bock - Absent

Pat Edgecomb, alternate - Absent

Pat Triplett, Co-Chair – Remote

Don Campbell

John Kiwaha

Kelly Graves - Absent

Dennis Panicali, Council Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm by Rick Jackson.

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

There were no guests in attendance online.

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach Update: Ann reported that there is no update.

Beach Sponsorship Update: Rick reported that we have one person who applied to sponsor a beach access, specifically “J” [Avenue] access.

Kure Beach Ocean Life Project: Pat T. – Nothing to report. When spring starts up there will be some lectures in the state park and Ft. Fisher. Ann mentioned that school field trips will start in March.

Council Update: Dennis stated that the budget spreadsheet will come from Arlyne next week and it will need to be turned around by the next meeting.

The Town submitted a request for grants for the beach accesses. The lifeguard shack and three other handicap accesses need to be updated. They’ll be basing the updates off what they did to the 1004 ½ access. At some point we want to make all the accesses that can be made handicap accessible, handicap accessible. Dennis asked that we make a note of any that we see that need repair.

The Town also talked about initiatives of The Town. There is a request for 8 additional pickleball courts, tennis courts, Atlantic Ave boardwalk work, etc. These will all go into consideration for 2023-24 budget. Joe Weeks Park – can we utilize the space more efficiently? It isn’t being utilized. Sandman Lot – the Town has contracted someone to survey the area. The vast majority wanted a cleared lot, no pickleball, no lighting, etc.

Water and sewer issues came up, there is a concern of saltwater incursion into our aquifer. CB's usage is high. They requested to have 2 more wells dug. This could impact our aquifer if they do.

Beach Pamphlet Update: Pat T report on behalf of Pat E who is absent. Pat T. brought a draft of the new pamphlet with the changes applied and asked for feedback. It was recommended that we fill the empty white space. Don suggested we add the dog hours/dates again in that space as well. Pat T. stated that she can print the pamphlets at her house once approved. Dennis said he can get council approval next week to get it turned around. The amount needed was discussed and it was determined that we will start with 2,000 copies so we can put 50 in each rental agency and keep some at the Town Hall and the property management companies in CB.

Next Steps: Pat E. will update to fill in the white section and will get it to Dennis to get approval. Once approved he will get it to Pat T. for printing by the end of next week.

Sign Replacements: Rick talked with Randy prior to the meeting to provide an update on his behalf. A bid was received by Southern Signs and Alpha Graphics. Alpha Graphics came in significantly less. Rick has a call into them and is determining the thickness. If there is a difference in thickness, it may affect the way they look. Alpha Graphics' bid is \$7,635. The current panels are 1/8 – 3/16" thick. The budget request needs to be in by next town council meeting. Rick will send the proposal re printing costs from Southern Signs to Dennis as well, he didn't have that figure with him.

Smoke Receptacles: Kelly is absent – Rick received the update and spoke on her behalf. Two separate quotes were received, Alpha Graphics was a little cheaper. Rick will submit the budget request for this as well. Once we get the decals, we'll have public works put the decals on or we can take sections of the beach and replace them ourselves.

New Business:

- Accomplishments of last year acknowledged.
- Prioritized beach signage, brochure and smoking receptacle projects based on need and cost.
- The beach access grant was discussed with the council update.
- What should we do now? Shore protection? Ann mentioned Spencer Rogers, he's done work in this area for 60 years and he thinks ours are in great shape and the ocean side is growing.

The next Town Council meeting is the 20th of the month. Rick will get the budget request to Dennis prior to that meeting.

Liz made a motion to adjourn, John second it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm, our next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.