

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of September 5, 2023

Members Present:

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary

Ann Hughes

Randy Bock - Absent

Pat Edgecomb, Alternate – Remote

Pat Triplett, Co-Chair

Don Campbell

John Kiwaha - Absent

Kelly Graves

Dennis Panicali, Council Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Rick Jackson. The delay was due to technical difficulties with getting into Zoom.

Rick asked if there were any changes to the August minutes or the proposed agenda. No changes noted for minutes; Pat T. motioned to approve, seconded by Ann. No changes noted for agenda, Pat T. motioned to approved, seconded by Randy.

No guests were in attendance.

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach Update: Ann - No update.

Beach Sponsorship Update: Rick – Kelly said Beach House Burgers is very interested in sponsorship and Rick said Real Estate Agent Joyce is also interested. It's uncertain whether our local small businesses are seeing the opportunity for sponsorship. Kelly asked if we should create a flyer to hand out; she will create a sample flyer for the committee to review.

Rick mentioned that Don and Kelly will be handling this program going forward. We have 4 sponsors up for renewal next year. The two families who recently participated are happy with it.

Ocean Life Project: Pat T. – Nothing new to report, however she feels the toy box discussion will fall under this program.

Council Update: Dennis reported the Greenway meeting is tomorrow, 9/6. There are strong opinions on both sides. There is concern that non-KB residents will be expressing their opinions at the meeting, so he believes there may be a way to determine who is a resident and who isn't. The Bike Ped Committee had their assessment of the way it will work, keeping in mind the concerns of the residents of Settlers Ln. Because of drainage issues the town has been working with Motzu and one of the ways to address the drainage issue is with a fence. They are opposed to the fence. There are many factors to be considered. We're just doing a feasibility study at this point so that an informed decision can be made. The wetlands and environmental issues also need to be considered.

Beach Pamphlet Update: Pat T. mentioned that Pat E. will be returning soon. There may be some ordinance updates next year regarding electric bikes. Ann said she has seen some beaches allow it during certain hours.

Sign Replacements: Randy – He is unaware of any missing signs from Idalia. Rick is also unaware of any missing signs. They will wait until after hurricane season to do another review for any missing signs.

New Business:

- **Toy Boxes** – Rick talked with Ed Kennedy & John Batson. Ed thinks they are a great idea. If we attach them to the lifeguard stands, they will need to go on Memorial Day and come off Labor Day.

Kelly said she's concerned people will throw toys at the lifeguard stands and this will become an issue for the lifeguards.

Ann believes it's going to be the beach walkers who will pick up the toys. She reached out to Deb L. to see if they are happy with theirs and she hasn't heard back from her yet. Rick suggested that Ann follow up to see what kinds of issues they have had, if any.

We need to find out what is the cost and who maintains the boxes, these are the main questions. We will need to look at other options as well.

Kelly said she wonders if Surf Riders will be willing to sponsor one. Rick said we should get more info first before we talk to any potential sponsors.

We will look at cost and design estimates. Rick thinks materials and labor was donated for the CB boxes.

- **Streetlight** – Ann brought up a streetlight that is like a flood light on the beach which is affecting the turtles. She said the turtles followed this light and went the wrong direction and the turtles were lost. Ann happened to be there to see it. She is aware of another option for a light called a "Narrow Band LED".

Dennis said he will check to see if the DOT can change these lights. We will check the other access points to see if there is a streetlight across from them that may cause the same issue.

Rick said he will investigate the lights with The Town and DOT to see how these requests are handled with Duke Energy.

Kelly motioned to adjourn, and Liz seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm, our next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.