

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of October 3, 2023

Members Present:

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary

Ann Hughes

Randy Bock - Absent

Pat Edgecomb, Alternate – Absent

Pat Triplett, Co-Chair

Don Campbell

John Kiwaha

Kelly Graves

Dennis Panicali, Council Liaison

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

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

No guests were in attendance.

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach Update: Ann - No update. Kelly mentioned that Beach Break created a new magazine that they want to feature certain initiatives and things going on in town. This may be a way to get some exposure to this program. Kelly said her neighbors own the Beach Bungalows and they are interested in the Beach Boosters and would like to be a sponsor for Adopt a Beach, they want to be recognized.

We discussed other ways we can get exposure and we discussed possibly marketing with stickers or koozies. Nikki is a good resource to find out what vendor we use for these items.

Beach Sponsorship Update: Kelly spoke with the owner at Ocean View Diner, Island Kwik Mart, Veggie Wagon, and Malama Café and a few of them are interested in sponsorship. Rick commented that business outreach is a great way to get more visibility to the program.

Ocean Life Project: Pat T. – No update.

Council Update: Dennis informed us of the upcoming town meeting regarding Joe Eakes Park where the council will ask what people want. The meeting will be held 10/18.

Reminder, the election is 11/7 and early voting opens on 10/19.

Dennis has been working on the topic of e-bikes and their use in town and on the beach. There isn't a lot we can do regarding their use in town; e-bike users must follow regular bike rules regarding helmets, speed laws, etc. E-bikes can go up to 60 mph. Dennis and Lt. Bailey are going to draft something for the beach. According to current state law, they are considered bikes and not

motorized vehicles. Any change to the ordinance to prohibit them on the beach will not affect motorized wheelchairs, they will be excluded from the ordinance.

Dennis said “Kite” bikes are another thing people are using on the beaches, however we haven’t seen these here yet.

The street light issue affecting turtle migration discussed at our last meeting was brought up with Mandy and she said she will bring it up with Duke Electric. Mandy said she’ll post a request to have the light changed. Dennis said his HOA is responsible for putting up the lights in their community and they had a program where they paid a monthly fee to get the new poles. They don’t pay for replacement bulbs.

New Business:

- **Toy Box Progress** – Ann spoke with Deb and they are redesigning the box and the new design will be shared with us. It is being maintained through Island Men. Kelly asked if Island Women do things like that, and Ann said yes. Dennis said the Island Women wanted to help with the wheelchair mats at one point.

- **Any New Projects and/or suggestions we should pursue during the off season?** – No new ideas mentioned.

Ann motioned to adjourn, and John seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm. Rick mentioned that our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, however that is election night so we may need to select an alternate date or meet in December as the Town Hall will be used for the Election. Rick will send a note out as it gets closer for us to decide on our next meeting date.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.