

## Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of March 11, 2024

### Members Present:

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair	Pat Triplett, Co-Chair - Absent
Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary	Don Campbell
Ann Hughes	John Kiwaha
Randy Bock - Absent	Kelly Graves - Absent
Pat Edgecomb, Alternate - Remote	Dennis Panicali, Council Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Rick Jackson.

Rick asked if there were any changes to the February minutes. There were no changes noted to be made. Don motioned to approved, seconded by John.

Rick asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes mentioned to be made. Ann motioned to approve, seconded by Don.

One guest, Jennifer, was in attendance in the room.

Rick asked Jennifer if there was something, she wanted to discuss and she stated that recently along Atlanta there were two new ramps built and now there is quite a bit of space where the previous ramp was ripped out and people have been walking up the side in the empty space, so the sea grass needs to be re-planted. Jennifer offered to re-plant it.

Don asked if public works would extend it and Jennifer said no. Rick said he could talk to Jimmy. Jennifer offered to meet Rick onsite to review the area she's referring to.

Dennis mentioned that on Pg. 71 in our Beach Management Plan it shows what CAMA's schedule is and mentions that Sea oats are planted in May and American Beach Grass are planted in June.

### Old Business:

**Adopt-a-Beach Update:** Ann Hughes – Ann shared that we have two new registrations!

**Beach Sponsorship Update:** Rick mentioned that he sent us the Kure Beach Baptist Church sign draft for review.

**Ocean Life Project:** Pat T. – Dennis talked with Nikki. Pat T. wanted to do the Ocean Life talks on Monday, but that's not going to work. Jennifer asked if it would be open to others because she would be interested in participating. Ann explained the talks and that Wednesday or Thursday may work instead of Monday.

**Council Update:** Dennis - The beach management plan was approved. They are looking for a replacement for John Batson, however in the interim they have contracted John Batson and Bethany is taking over in the interim; John will be training Bethany on a contracted basis.

**New Business:**

- **Toy Box Progress** –Rick found them and got permission from the police station. As previously agreed, we are going to put them up in two locations on a trial basis.
- **Turtle Friendly Street lights** – Dennis said we need pole numbers from the light poles to determine where they are needed. Dennis said there are only a few on South Forth Fisher Blvd. The new turtle friendly lights are Amber. Ann said the state wants as natural a process as possible for the turtles. John, Liz and Ann will get together to note the pole numbers where they are needed.
- **E-Bikes on the beach** – It was recommended that e-bikes not be allowed during the summer and Rick suggests no e-bikes be allowed on the beach for the whole year, not just in the summer. Dennis said whatever we do, we want to coordinate with CB to make it easier for visitors to comply with. Brendon Bailey and Dennis talked, the Bike Ped Community and SLABPC supports the current beach regulations. No e-bikes/no motorized bikes on the greenway. Rick said we need an ordinance in place to report it. Banning e-bikes on the beach is a separate matter than banning e-bikes on the street and greenway. It's up to the state. Pat wants to be able to enforce it, but Lifeguards need to pay attention to safety and the Police are only out there periodically. We are all in favor of it, so Dennis will take it to The Board.
- **Feeding of the birds** – Rick thinks we need an ordinance regarding feeding the birds as it's a safety issue with the birds because they're not getting nutrients from their intended diet. Jennifer said she is aware of a dentist who lost his eyesight from getting bird feces in his eye. Rick said it's not safe for kids or citizens in general. Dennis said we need to approach the Town Council at the Town Meeting on 3/18/24. Don proposes a motion to bring the matter up to Town Council; all were in favor. Ann said she will mention it to Martha's Kitchen as they supply old bread to feed the birds. Dennis said we can add a line to 13.14.020 beach ordinance for this.
- **Recognition for Adopt a Beach** – Ann said they decided to do a letter of recognition with certificate in an email because she doesn't have everyone's addresses.

Motion to adjourn was made by John, seconded by Don.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Next meeting to be held April 2nd, 2024.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.