

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of May 7, 2024

Members Present:

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 pm by Rick Jackson.

Rick asked if there were any changes to the April minutes, no changes mentioned, motion to approve made by Don and seconded by Randy. Rick asked the same regarding the agenda, no changes requested. Ann motioned to approve, seconded by Don.

One guest was present in the room, Jennifer.

Rick asked Jennifer if she had something she would like to bring up before we jumped into the agenda and she said it's regarding the sea oat planting, but it can wait.

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach Update: Ann Hughes – Ann mentioned that they had some activity at the festival, a few people scanned the QRC. Don didn't have a lot of interest during his time slot. Rick asked if we should participate in the festival again next year. Don and Ann made a recommendation to maybe have items to draw people in like t-shirts or the Bebot. Rick and Pat T. were able to draw people in with shells, etc. Ann and Rick suggested maybe more signage would help, like Pat T.'s beach toys "sign". The consensus was to do it again but with improvements.

Beach Sponsorship Update: Kelly said there are only 5 or 6 that are sponsored, so she may drop more info off to try to get additional interest.

Ocean Life Project: Pat T. is absent – Ann said Pat T. is about to retire and will have more time to work with Ann on brainstorming ideas and working on pulling together the ocean life talks.

Council Update: Dennis shared that the budget is to be approved. Taxes haven't been raised in a while thanks to parking, but there will be a \$2.42 increase to come. Increase in garbage, vendor fees, increase in water & sewer rates (10%) which is mainly due to vendor increases. One new position in the police department. Parking is on target again, so no increase to the parking this year. They look at parking rate changes every year. We are the only ones who didn't have a change.

New crosswalks are going in. Still moving forward with K Ave which should be done in the next couple of months.

The town attorney is working on an ordinance to prevent the feeding of seagulls.

Kelly asked if she could suggest an ordinance. She said the boy scouts came to clean up the beach and were finishing up when a couple decided to do a gender reveal near Fort Fisher on the Riggins side of the rocks. They blew up something that spewed a bunch of colored tissue paper confetti and they did not even attempt to clean it up. The boy scouts were discouraged.

Ann said balloons are a problem too; the boaters scoop up balloons a lot as well.

Dennis responded that there is already an ordinance for leaving trash. We can call 911 if we see this type of litter. There isn't a dispatcher in our police department manning the non-emergency line 24/7, but it's okay to call the regular 911 line.

New Business:

- **Toy Box Progress** –Rick said we got town council approval. We may need to involve Lifepoint church if they're still looking for projects. Rick was only concerned about the weight of the boxes. They don't need to be heavy because they will be attached to the lifeguard stands.
- **Turtle Friendly Street lights** – A suggestion was made to include all poles on Atlantic Avenue. Ann will get a list to provide to Dennis and he will provide it to his contact. Ann will make a note of the location and any identifying info on the poles.
- **Feeding Birds** – An ordinance will be passed and will be complaint driven.
- **Handrails on 1004 ½ Access** – Still not re-installed, Rick will check with Jimmy.
- **Signage** – Don and Dennis will do an inventory of any signage needing replacement.
- **Bebot** – Dennis shared that at the last council meeting, liability was brought up and after a couple of conversations, the Bebot Company said they will handle the transportation, set-up, filtering, and pack up at the end of the day. It will be a couple weeks to get the CAMA permit, the cost of the permit is \$9 per beach front house for the coverage area.
- **Sea Oats - Guest Jennifer** – Jennifer said the path is now 3x bigger than it used to be. Rick said he needs to look at the area to be sure it's packed down enough before they put in the new sea oats. They like to make sure it's packed down before they start planting.
- **Volleyball Posts** – With the beach renourishment, permanent posts would be a problem. Dennis didn't think Nikki was in favor of it either.

Pat E. stated that she has a new neighbor with a handicapped child. She asked if there were any mats for the wheelchair ramps. Kure Beach does not have mats; however, Alabama access is

handicap accessible. Dennis said the fire dept will deliver handicap wheelchairs and the town has some also.

Motion to adjourn was made by Liz, Don seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Next meeting to be held June 4th, 2024.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.