

## **Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee**

Minutes of July 2, 2024

### **Members Present:**

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary

Ann Hughes

Randy Bock - Absent

Pat Edgecomb, Alternate - Absent

Pat Triplett, Co-Chair

Don Campbell - Absent

John Kiwaha

Kelly Graves - Absent

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 June minutes, no changes mentioned, motion to approve made by Pat T. and seconded by Ann. Rick asked the same regarding the agenda, no changes requested. Pat T. made a motion to approve, seconded again by Ann.

One guest was present in the room, Jennifer.

### **Old Business:**

**Adopt-a-Beach Update:** Ann Hughes – No update.

**Beach Sponsorship Update:** Kelly – absent.

**Ocean Life Project:** Pat T. – Planning in progress, nothing notable to share just yet.

**Council Update:** Dennis – No drownings on Pleasure Island; estimated 56 rescues to date.

**Beach nourishment** – All funding is in place, approved, not allocated, will be sent out for bid in September for Jan/Feb to be done before turtle season. The borrow site was Intracoastal Waterway, however they can no longer use this, so they're using ours which is almost depleted. They are having a tough time pumping it down there from Ft. Fisher. They're trying to get Congress to pass using the Intracoastal Waterway again for CB. WB was allowed to use the ICW this year. Its good to keep our waterway open and it helps to keep the nesting sites with more sand which equals more nesting sites.

If anyone is interested in the Wilmington Harbor dredging there will be a hearing coming up. Our concern in town is the aquafer. We support it but would like a mitigation strategy put in place to control the depth and impact to CB.

## **New Business:**

- **Toy Box Update** – Rick - They are up, Ed did a great job. They are close to the lifeguard stations, but not attached. People are putting toys in and some trash.

Dennis stated that information about it was posted on the town website today.

Rick - The price for toy boxes was \$250 for two boxes. We'll see how it goes and then decide if we want to add a few more.

- **Turtle Friendly Street lights** – Denis contacted Sam and she will have a specialist call us to discuss. It's still unclear as to whether they will assume the cost of replacement or not.
- **Signage** – Toy box signs are up. CAMA signs (4) are needed, we ordered 5 to keep one on hand. All other signs needed have been acquired.
- **Handrails on 1004 ½ Access** – Part of it is installed, 80-85% completed. They had to purchase a piece that was missing. We saved the town a lot of money by recovering most of the missing rails.

Dennis asked if there are any other observations on the beach. Ann said on CB she found a large hole of approx. 5' down and cylinder-like shaped which would have caused a leg break if someone fell in it. So, hole digging is still an issue.

Rick stated that the doons are looking good near the piers.

Dennis – Parking revenue continues to be up over last year; Ft. Fisher is going to be open before Labor Day and the aquarium is scheduled to be renovated in January.

Pat T. motioned to dismiss. Ann seconded. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Next meeting to be held August 6, 2024.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.