

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of September 3, 2024

Members Present:

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary

Ann Hughes

Randy Bock

Pat Edgecomb, Alternate - Remote

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 August minutes, Ann mentioned that she didn't motion to approve as noted in the previous minutes because she was absent. Other than that, no changes. Motion to accept the agenda was made by Pat T and Don 2nd.

One guest was present in the room, Jennifer.

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach Update: Ann Hughes – Beach is clean, prior to Labor Day that is.

Don asked to bring up an item and talked mentioned the shaving cream fight that happens each year. He said the participants go in the ocean to rinse off and this is not good for the ocean. He isn't trying to be a killjoy, but if we're trying to protect our ocean life then we shouldn't allow this to go on. The chemicals in the shaving cream can have a damaging effect on our ecosystem.

Dennis said he will talk with Nikki. Many people call and ask what they can do with celebrations. He thinks that we can let people know at the Town Hall what is going on and they can make people aware. Also, the next time we update our brochure we can add it in there.

Kelly offered to talk with Nikki regarding the confetti and the shaving cream.

Beach Sponsorship Update: Kelly – Rick nor Kelly have heard anything from the flyers distributed.

Ocean Life Project: Pat T. – She is still trying to plan so this is being postponed until 2025. She is still not retired.

Council Update: Dennis – Two to Three weeks ago there was a dead turtle found and Pleasure Island Turtle hauled it down to KB and buried it in the frontal dune. No one knew anything about it.

Regarding the QR code that we talked about, keeping it to a concise list of the town ordinances would be good. The Beach rules can be found at Town Ordinance Recreation 13.14.020.

The town attorney is working on an ordinance regarding “no e-bikes on the beach”.

Rick offered to create the list of ordinances for the QRC. He will bring it to the next meeting. Once created, we will figure out where to put it on our website. Rick said the link to the sea turtle brochure information is not working. Ann said she will look into it and will get back to Rick.

New Business:

- **Toy Box Update** – Rick – the new toy boxes will be put in next year in the spring.

Dennis asked if the toy boxes were attracting garbage. Rick said no, not much. Dennis suggested that Ed put screens in the bottom because smaller toys are falling through.

Kelly asked if we thought local businesses would sponsor the toy boxes. Maybe a toy company would do it.

- **Turtle Friendly Street lights** – Rick – They’re still talking about the turtle lights and discussing the cost. Dennis said there is some discrepancy regarding what the light usage is costing us vs. what we were being charged. Arlan’s assessment is the annual cost. When Dennis talked with the contractor, he said the lights cost less than the current lights. The LEDs should cost less. Rick noted that we are moving forward with the lights, it’s just taking longer than anticipated.
- **Beach Signage** – Some signs are not up; we are shorthanded on our operations which is why they’re not back up. The were taken down in preparation for Tropical Storm Debbie. We will do another sign survey after hurricane season to determine how many may need to be replaced.
- **Fort Fisher Beach Cleanup** – The Fort Fisher Aquarium sponsored beach cleanup was successful. Thanks to all who came out to help.
- **Meeting dates** – we need to move the November meeting because of voting. The November meeting is moved to Wednesday instead of the usual Tuesday to accommodate voting.

Rick asked if we have anything pressing that needs to happen before the next meeting. If not, he motioned to cancel the October meeting. No one had anything pressing so Don motioned to cancel and Pat T. 2nd.

Ann motioned to adjourn. Don seconded. All in favor.

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

Next meeting to be held November 6, 2024.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.