

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of February 4, 2025

Members Present:

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

Ann made a motion to open the meeting and Liz 2nd the motion. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Rick Jackson.

The December meeting minutes were sent out by Liz in December, however they were under the subject line of November 2024, so they were overlooked. The meeting minutes were unable to be approved since no one had seen them yet.

One guest was present in person: Jennifer

Old Business:

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

Beach Sponsorship: Kelly and Rick, No update.

Ocean Life Project: Pat T. – Pat stated that she has a plan for the Life Project and will be sharing that plan with the committee soon. She would also like to include the toyboxes in her plan to ensure they have toys in them and monitor them for trash as well.

Council Update: Dennis – yesterday they had their planning meeting and discussed the proposed annual budget. Dennis mentioned to Rick that he should be getting it in an email soon. Most of the budget looks good, no major changes expected. The next Town Council meeting is in March. The budgets are due to Arlan by Friday, April 4th.

Big decisions need to be made on the Greenway plan. The Sandman Park design has been approved, but there is no funding for it. Joe Eakes Park also has no funding. Motsu has been difficult to deal with. We would need 50-60k to get a plan, but we can't get a term lease for any more than 5 years. That's a lot of money for only a 5-year period.

Atlantic Avenue boardwalk – we're still working on getting a plan in for a walking path, it will not be a multiuse path. There was a lot of opposition for multi-purpose so it will only be a pedestrian path. e-Bikes are not allowed on it.

The streetlights on Atlantic Ave were put in. Jennifer shared that they were put in on 10/31 and they are an orange glow, so it appeared decorated for Halloween.

Parking season passes are being offered for \$50. If we want a KB parking pass, we need to do it this week. We can park anywhere without restrictions. In CB the passes are \$30, but you do have some restrictions.

New Business:

- **Toy Box Update** – Rick – Rick talked to Ed, he’s going to build 2 more toy boxes and will add some screen to the bottom to keep smaller toys from falling through the bottom. Dennis will seek approval at the next meeting.
- **Dunes** – Dennis – Dennis is going tomorrow with the mayor to look for areas where we need to plant sea oats that were destroyed. The sea oats will not be available to plant until May. They are to be planted about 18’ apart and once planted they will need to be watered and fertilized. Liz was asked to bring this up with Lifepoint church as they have helped with volunteer projects in the past. Liz agreed to do so.

Pat E. asked if Mike does sea oats. Dennis said Mike is very involved since the recent flooding. There are some constraints with some outfalls due to their size. It won’t stop flooding in extreme weather, but it may mitigate some.

- **New Handicap Access** – is going in on “L” Ave.
- **Beach Signage** – Randy – Rick will be doing a survey prior to our next meeting to determine how many signs need repair or replacement so we can get these ordered and ready for the summer season. Randy will be gone a week in March but can help with the survey outside of that week.
- **E-Bikes** – Dennis stated that no e-bikes will be allowed on the beach strand, i.e., electronic motors with pedals. The beach strand is soft sand. Ann stated that there are other motor powered apparatus’ like unicycles. Dennis said that the only thing that he’s aware of that works on the beach is the e-bikes. Once the language for the ordinance comes back from the attorney’s we need to update the signs.
 - o **No bird feeding** also needs to be added to our signs.
 - o The QRC that will be added to the sign will bring people to a condensed version of the ordinance.
 - o Rick mentioned that we have two pictures regarding the “dog” ordinance, we can use that space to add the new ordinance.
 - o Dennis mentioned that replacing the signage will take time as we are still short staffed in Public Works.

- **Kure Beach Festival** – April 26th from 11 am – 3 pm.
 - We will need two people for each 2-hour shift.
 - Kelly and Liz will brainstorm some ideas to draw interest to our table/tent and will bring ideas to our next meeting.

Pat T. motioned to adjourn. Don & John seconded simultaneously. All in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Next meeting to be held March 4th, 2024.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.