

**Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee
Meeting Minutes: 03/11/2024
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Present Members: Mo Linquist (ML), Cindy Maier (CM), Candy Ashton-Forrester (CAF), Eileen Clute (EC), Will Reynolds (WR), Al Krum (AK), Steve Shumate (SS), Jerry Clark (JC), Greg Germain (GG)

Guests/Citizens: Jennifer Ames, Roy Erwin, Barbara Erwin, Jonathan Perrotto,

Staff/Council: John Ellen, Commissioner and Committee Liaison

Absent: Sean Gear

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| Call to order | 10:01 AM by ML | |
| Roll Call | See above | |
| Approval of Agenda | Motion to approve by CM, seconded by SS. | Motion approved |
| Approval of Minutes | Motion to approve as amended Feb. 3, 2024, minutes as amended by AK, seconded by SS. | Motion approved |
| Public Comment | <p>Barbara Erwin asked if the bike committee is actively pursuing e-bike regulations for Kure Beach. She stated that this is out of control, especially the children on e-bikes. Roy Erwin stated the MOTSU fire lane behind the houses on Settlers Lane has become a dirt path for e-bikes.</p> <p>SS reported that the committee is working with Carolina Beach to establish regulations regarding e-bikes for the island. There is a meeting on March 18th in CB about this issue. WR will see if a representative for KB police department can attend.</p> <p>Jennifer Ames asked about the flashing signs at various sections intersections on Ft. Fisher Blvd. going up in May. ML stated the signs have been ordered.</p> | |

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| Presentation | | |
| Old Business | <p>2024 Strategic Planning Update</p> <p>Strategic Planning & Accountability Budget: AK reported \$6,862.30 in the committee’s budget.</p> <p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget request 2024/2025 (see attached) • NCDOT Helmet Grant – WR—submitted grant for 25 helmets. <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website – CM added information regarding WMPO to the website and will check if there is link to the Bike/Ped website to the Bike/Ped email. • Social Media – EC spoke with Mandy regarding the legality of the committee having a Facebook page as long as there cannot be comments allowed. She will put together a sample Facebook page. She will work with CM and ML to present this to Council. • Pleasure Island News – WR & ML working on this. • KBBP Committee emails – ML reported no email received during last month. <p>Education – GG, EC, WR, ML</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GG reported on the education plan submitted by the subcommittee. The pedestrian safety initiative will be addressed first with a campaign that focuses on Be Safe Be Seen, Heads Up Phone Down. Asked for ideas for posters to use at Kure-ouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brightly colored clothes • Crossing double yellow lines • Correct side to walk and ride on • Jonathon—suggested a fun ride to promote this initiative. ML asked if he would be interested in assisting with this—he agreed. • JE reported on bicycle safety issues he has encountered. He suggests there be more | |

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| | <p>education regarding how active this island is—CM suggested we blast safety information as much as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Erwin suggested we add information to the current KB Bike brochure. • Education committee to create elevator speech for events at April meeting • Giveaways for events—CM reported on various reflective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike bells—\$0.66 each • Bike spoke reflectors—\$1.85 each • Small lights—may be able to reorder through Nikki • Reflective bracelets—WR will order the bracelets • EC motioned to allow CM to order up to \$1000 in giveaways, seconded by SS. • Traffic Garden – ML reported the event is tentatively scheduled for Friday May 17 (Bike to School Day), at Carolina Beach Elementary School during physical education classes. The committee will need to set-up the traffic garden on April 16th and needs volunteers on the 17th. This will also serve as a pilot program to get “Let’s Go NC” into the school. <p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Coast Greenway Alliance – ML reported there will be a public meeting on the draft feasibility study on March 20, 6:00-8:00 at Kure Beach Town Hall. • Clean Streets— JC reported Kure Beach has been doing a great job, the state and Dept of Natural Resources are still figuring out who will do trim the bushes on the side to state roads. EC asked if anyone has approached Big Daddy’s • Sidewalks—JE reported he looked at the sidewalks and found there were issues with bushes needing to be trimmed. Town has the right to trim bushes hanging over the sidewalks or streets. He suggested the committee draft a letter to the property owners asking them to trim their trees or plants that are hanging over the sidewalks. CM will talk with Mayor Oliver | <p>Motion approved</p> |
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to find out how the trees were trimmed two years ago.

- SS suggested volunteers could assist with trimming bushes.
- Bike Racks--\$500 each – AK will submit a Grant to Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation – Ocean View, E, I, (MWR Blakely Air Force Recreation)
 - Roy Erwin asked the bike racks should not be placed on a solid service to avoid the sandspurs which cause flat tires
- UPDATE – Mid-block Crosswalks, Ft Fisher/K interchange improvements – JE reported (attached)FFT & K plans have been submitted to NCDOT

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- Spot Lane Connector – ML requested a split-rail fence replace the current fence--CAF, CM, JC will look into this.

CB Bike Ped Committee – WR and SS reported on the March 18 CB Bike/Ped Committee meeting and WR will meet that committee and the CB Police and a member of the KB police dept. on 3/XXX regarding e-bikes on the beach.

NCDOT will be putting in a sidewalk on west side of Lake Park Blvd to Uncle Vinnies.

Other Old Business

Kure-ous Community Festival: Saturday April 27
11am-3pm

The Town asks that all participant booths have a family-friendly, interactive activity or educational opportunity at your booth, along with information about your organization.

- Booth set-up
 - 10 AM-12 Noon—AK & GG
 - 12 Noon-2 PM—CAF & CM
 - 2 PM-4 PM—SS & WR
- Information items for the booth

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour de Blueberry • Traffic Garden • Island Maps • Campaigns – Be Safe, Be Seen - Heads Up, Phones Down • Elevator speech/Game by education committee • Giveaways • Kure Krusiers <p>Call to action to council: ML will ask Council to ask legislators to restore funding opportunities taken away in 2013 (attached)</p> <p>Annual Report: JC motioned to accept the report and send to Council, GG seconded .</p> | <p>Motion approved</p> |
| New Business | | |
| Announcements | <p>Tour de Blueberry—June 15th, Kure Kruisers information needs to be at Kure-ous Festival and on the town/committee website</p> <p>Next meeting: Friday, April 5, 2024, 10 AM</p> | |
| Adjournment | 11:45 AM | |