

NAMING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE KURE BEACH FIRE DEPT.

Dear Council;

Your Naming Committee has followed the process under Article 4 Facilities, Section 4.03 Naming Public Facilities adopted 06/16/2009 to consider naming the new Fire Dept. Structure in the Town Complex. It is not the intent of this committee to name all buildings but this new structure is a unique opportunity to honor people whose voluntary service is extraordinary in both tenure and selflessness.

This committee did pursue input from other Town Committees for naming this facility and there were no other recommendations. Therefore the Naming Committee submits the name of HEGLAR STATION for due consideration for the new Kure Beach Fire Dept. Building.

There have been many volunteers for our Fire Dept. over the years and the service of our town fathers is duly noted in the name of our Town. Beyond these respected families are many contributors but none have contributed at the levels of the last three generations of the Heglar family.

Fire Dept. Service

Harold Heglar, 45 years service, 42 as Chief. Official leader of the Fire Dept. growth till last year.

Jerry Heglar, 45 years of volunteer service as fire fighter, one of these years as Chief.

David Heglar, 22 years of volunteer service as fire fighter, 13 years voluntary service as Emergency Manager.

These three men provided 125 years of service to the fire dept. More than a century of volunteer work with only 13 of these years at a reasonable salary for Fire Chief. These courageous men walked into buildings on fire, took small boats into the fog to rescue errant boaters and distressed swimmers. They accepted the mental burden of managing hurricane recoveries, leaving home,

family and any activities at any time of day or night when others need help. I have no idea how to measure that.

This tally is not complete as it does not cover the service on Town Council for David or his Grandfather Dub Heglar. It does not include Dub's tenure as Police Chief for the 5 times he stood in to serve when the town had no officer or his 25 years of service as the Superintendent of Public Works. It does not include Michael's service as Lifeguard or Public Works employee. It doesn't include Diane and Harold Heglars' founding of the Kure Beach Fantasy Christmas Show we have enjoyed for the past 19 years. It does not cover the support of the Heglar Wives, Sons and Daughters to their men and the town during hurricane recoveries and other emergencies. Therefore the Naming Committee submits the name Heglar Station in recognition of the incredible service of this family to this town. Life Guards, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Emergency Manager, Councilmen, Firefighters, Public Works Superintendent, this family is part of the lasting fabric of this town.

Our next step is to put this information out for 30 days for public comment if Council agrees.

Respectfully

Craig Bloszinsky

Mayor Kure Beach

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