

MINUTES

TOWN OF KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

117 Settlers Lane ▪ Kure Beach, NC 28449



Mac Montgomery, Mayor
Jim Dugan, Mayor Pro Tem
Dean Lambeth, Commissioner
Barry Nelder, Commissioner
Jim Vatr, Commissioner

Michelle James, Town Administrator ▪ Kaysie Pralle, Town Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 5:00 P.M.

PURPOSE

The purpose is to discuss and receive information regarding improvements to Atlantic Avenue walkway/boardwalk, such as walkway/boardwalk signs, walkway/boardwalk crossovers, repairs to old walkway/boardwalk, etc.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Mayor | Mac Montgomery |
| Mayor Pro Tem | Jim Dugan |
| Commissioner | Dean Lambeth |
| Commissioner | Barry Nelder |
| Commissioner | Jim Vatr |

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

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| Town Administrator | Michelle James |
| Police Chief | Dennis Cooper |
| Building Inspector | John Batson |
| Town Clerk | Kaysie Pralle |

Town Attorney A. A. Canoutas was in attendance. There was a quorum of the Town Council present.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Montgomery called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

He explained that Council will consult Administrator James and Building Inspector Batson after the discussion to decide where to go. There will be no actions taken in this meeting.

Beautification Chair, Ken Withrow - We need your approval of where to go with the landscaping.

Administrator James - Construction is estimated to be complete by the end of October on the Atlantic Ave sewer rehab project.

Mayor Montgomery - The Administrator has managed to get the contract extended 90 days. The first priority is to restore the property back to the original state.

Administrator James - The landscaping could take up to \$20,000.00 using foliage that is natural to the area.

Ken Withrow - Questioned what the committee is to do at this point. They have submitted a plan to Council for consideration.

Mayor Montgomery - The plans were rejected by Council at a previous meeting and were returned to RTM Landscaping.

Mayor Pro Tem Dugan - He voted to return the plans after talking with the arboretum. The scale of the project that the committee submitted to Council was not possible. The amount of plants discussed could not fit in the area.

Commissioner Lambeth - Recommends one of the Council members, along with several members of the Beautification Committee meet with representatives from the arboretum to come up with a planting plan.

Mayor Montgomery - The Beautification Committee is asking what the Council would like them to do. The boardwalk is finished for all practical purposes. Once the project has been signed off by the Town, at that point I would like begin planting.

Administrator James - The contract is deadline is October 30th with a contract extension granted for an additional 90 days.

Mayor Montgomery - If we approve this project tonight, can the committee work with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service to come up with a plan to landscape Atlantic Avenue from L Avenue to N Avenue? The primary objectives would be to restore the property back to its original state, utilize native vegetation and come in under the budget amount of \$20,000. Given those parameters, can your committee move forward with the project?

Ken Withrow - The committee can work with them, but cannot guarantee the prices.

Mayor Montgomery - Questioned Administrator James and Building Inspector Batson if Council votes and approves the committee to move forward, does this meet the criteria set forth by Mike Christenbery following your meeting with today?

Both Administrator James and Building Inspector Batson said they believed it would.

Resident - Could the Town open this up for competitively bid?

Administrator James - We could open it up, but we would have to request the contractor subcontract to a landscaper.

Administrator James - After just talking with John and Attorney Canoutas the Town could go through a subcontractor. (23:00)

Mayor Montgomery explained that the Town has an open contract with the contractor for this project. Building Inspector Batson will meet with the contractor to discuss the option of renegotiating the contract to add a subcontractor for the landscaping of the project.

Ken Withrow - He would like to suggest using the money the Town currently has for parking south of K Avenue.

Mayor Montgomery - To receive part of that funding, it has to be within the scope of the original project. Therefore, anything that happens south of L Avenue and north of N Avenue would be denied.

Administrator James - Signage will be approved. The uniform signage on Atlantic Avenue would be acceptable and within the scope of the original project.

Ken Withrow - His committee looked at the signs throughout the Town and came up with a list of recommendations, such as bicycle rack signs. Are they really necessary?

Mayor Montgomery - Some of the signage does require a change of ordinance. He also agrees that there are too many signs, but Council needs a recommendation from the committee as to what they would like in lieu of them.

Ken Withrow - How can we restrict larger trucks from going down Atlantic Avenue?

Police Chief Cooper - It could possibly require an ordinance amendment. Since I have been here, we have always looked for ways to get vendors in and out expeditiously. Once the park is done, at that point, we may not allow larger vehicles to travel down Atlantic Avenue. There are currently no weight restrictions on Atlantic Avenue. In reference to the signs, the traffic regulatory signs have to stand alone. There is a possibility that the Town could rearrange some signage and reduce some signs to help with the issue.

Mayor Montgomery - The Beautification Committee will work with Administrator James and Building Inspector Batson when getting the specifics on the size and specifications of a uniform sign for Atlantic Avenue. The committee will return to Council at the October meeting with recommendations for signage.

SLAP Chair, Tony Gonsalves - With the project on Atlantic Ave, SLAP decided to recommend changes to five beach access entrances. The committee recommends extending the N Avenue emergency ramp 20 feet. The ramps from L to N Avenues will all be uniform length, extending past the dunes, into the sand.

Mayor Pro Tem Dugan – Clarified that the ramps can be removed in the event of a storm.

Building Inspector Batson – The ramps are built in 5 foot sections.

Commissioner Nelder – Would the Town have to request approval from CAMA for this project?

Administrator James – According to Mike Christenbery, as long as it is within the scope of the project, it will be approved.

Tony Gonsalves – The estimated range of cost from Shane Snow is between \$70 – 80,000.00.

Building Inspector Batson – Clarified that the estimate was for a rebuild of the crossovers, not constructing new crossovers. He spoke Mike Christenbery's and questioned if a budget between \$20 – 25,000.00 would be acceptable and if he could work with that. He stated that he could.

Mayor Montgomery – How many crossovers between L and N Avenue are we discussing?

Tony Gonsalves – There are four crossovers, one emergency ramp and two wheelchair deck/platforms.

Mayor Montgomery – Questioned does Council agree with the concept that the SLAP committee has come up with?

By consensus Council approved the concept, but will require a budget estimate before approving the project.

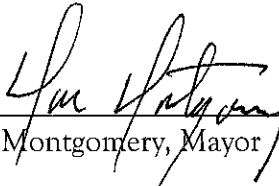
Commissioner Vatr – Council likes the project, but the SLAP committee and the Building Inspector need to work together. The budget of \$20,000 is more acceptable to Council than the \$70-80,000 estimate.

Mayor Montgomery – Council can approve the project concept later tonight, pending the outcome of pricing.

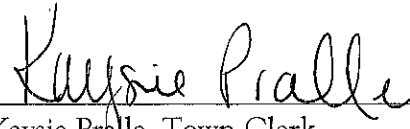
Commissioner Lambeth – Recommends using Building Inspector Batson and prison labor to build a crossover like the one next to the pier.

ADJOURNMENT

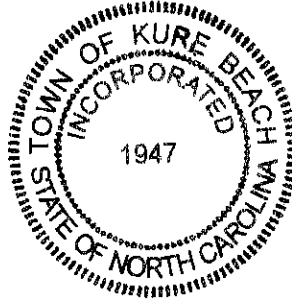
ACTION - Mayor Pro Tem Dugan MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm. Commissioner Varrt seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.



Mac Montgomery, Mayor



Kaysie Pralle, Town Clerk



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ITEMS
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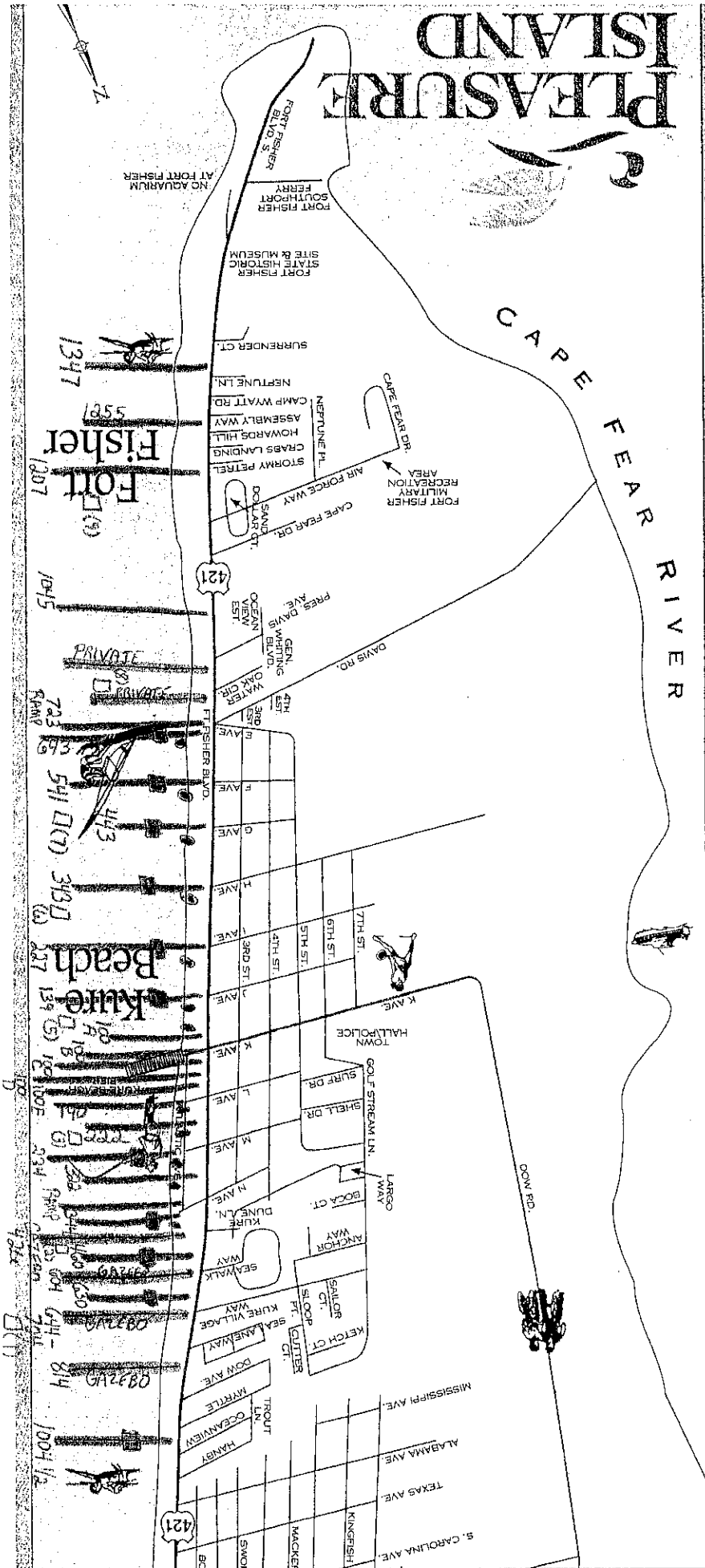
OR

SIGNED AND SEALED
ORDINANCE
RESOLUTION
PROCLAMATION
CONTRACT

Ruth Arnold Graphics & Signs (RAGS)

- use “beachy” design theme incorporating town logo
- eliminate unnecessary signs
- make design of town informational signs consistent
- use 4x4 wood posts (not metal) with wood sealer (not paint) – weathered wood color – less costly to maintain
- redesign existing metal breakaway sign posts on 421
- consolidate signs on single post, e.g., stop signs and street signs at all corners
- use marine “star board” for many signs – does not fade, cannot be painted or vandalized, resists scratching and damage from storms
- use consolidated signs at beach accesses
- remove speed bump signs and paint bumps with white triangles on Atlantic Avenue
- place bicycle parking signs on racks
- require uniform real estate signs with slot to insert realtor info, cheaper than normal realtors signs

PLEASURE ISLAND



- Parking
- Park
- Water Tower
- Lifeguard Tower
- △ Well
- Lift
- Public Access
- Private Access