

Kure Beach
Citizens Beach Protection Committee
February 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM at the Tow Hall with the following in attendance:

Tom Barber, Chair
Sandy Cox
Tony Gonsalves
Dick Graham

Chris Blish/Bell
Sandy Putnam
Mike Bledsoe

Also present: Chuck Keener and Phyllis Mojzis

By motion made, seconded, and carried the agenda was adopted as presented. At the suggestion from Sandy Putnam the chair discussed the most important agenda items first.

The minutes from the previous month were approved.

Chair Barber brought the committee up to date with the beach renourishment project. The company is placing the pipes on the beach. Depending upon the weather, the company should start pumping sand by this weekend. With good weather, the project should be done in about 15 good weather days working around the clock. Chair Barber said he would put out a news release in the next couple of days to the Star News and Island Gazette. The town's web site will also be updated.

Phyllis Mojzis, a member of the Town's 60th anniversary committee, came to the committee to find out whether the committee will help with the Sandcastle Building contest scheduled for April 21st. The event will be conducted from 12:30 to 4:30 PM and will be part of the Family Weekend. It is envisioned to be a really nice event somewhat like what Wrightsville Beach has done in the past. Phyllis really wants someone (or the committee as a whole) to run the entire event. Sandy Putnam mentioned that she had spoken to a Linda Cheshire (local realtor) who said she may be willing to chair the event. Phyllis said that she will contact Linda to confirm her intentions. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the committee will help whoever runs the event and will agree to be the judges for the contestants.

Chair Barber mentioned that he has received 3 quotes for fertilizing the dunes this spring. Don Carpenter from Carolina Sea Coast Beach Plants made a bid of \$4,425. He would use individuals to hand sow the fertilizer. The second bid came from Steve Mercer of Head Acres Farm. His bid is for \$5,000 to put down UFLEX fertilizer, or a bid of \$5,500 for UMAX fertilizer, which will last about 90 days longer than the UFLEX. For either fertilizer he would use a combination of machine and hand sowing to distribute the fertilizer. The third bid came from Dove's Lawn Service for \$9,345. Steve Mercer also

provided a bid to install snow fencing on the new dune to reduce the likelihood of loosing sand soon after it is put there. The bids were \$1,000 for 300 feet of fence on top of the dune and \$1,500 for installing 10 foot sections of fence in front of the dune. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to recommend to council that the town go with Steve Mercer for \$2,500 for installing the snow fencing. Another motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to also hire Steve Mercer to fertilize the dunes at a cost not to exceed \$5, 500 depending upon with type of fertilizer Dave Nash (NC Extension Service) recommends. Mercer was selected primarily because of the method to spread the fertilizer, in addition to a reasonable price. We will ask that the fertilizer be put down during late April/early May.

The proposal from Southern Signs for the beach etiquette magnet was discussed. The committee made some recommendations for wording changes to the proposal which all agreed with. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hire Southern Signs to make 3000 magnets using the turtle design at a total price of \$1,444.50. Dick Graham said that he would take the changes to the company and get the process started for making them.

Nothing was discussed on the upcoming “Dunes Day”. It was tabled till next month.

Chair Barber mentioned that there will be a work session soon on the proposed ordinance for allowing ADA vehicles on the strand and encouraged our members to attend the session to express their concerns then. The committee will not take any further action.

Chair Barber has talked to the Building Inspector regarding the Cross-Over Dunes Construction Permits and will take the lead to begin coming up with some rules.

Carolina Beach has not called upon us to help with planting sea oats in their facility.

Regarding letters to residents to encourage them to write their congressmen to support beach renourishment in the future, it was generally agreed that the best thing we can do is provide the residents with complete letters that they simply have to sign and send on. It was also felt that the letter to the homeowners be jointly signed by the Mayor and Tom.

Chair Barber mentioned the Beach Vitex resolution had been passed by the town council.

Sandy Putnam showed the group a sticker for our beach front trash cans that says “Litter Can Kill”. A turtle is in the picture. A citizen is willing to donate them. A motion was made, seconded and passed to get them. Tom will tell the council about it and work with Sandy to get them by summer.

By motion made, seconded, and carried the meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM. Because of a conflict in the Chair’s schedule next month, the committee agreed to meet on **Monday, March 5th at 3:30PM**. Chair Barber will ensure this gets publicized.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Graham