

Kure Beach
Citizens Beach Protection Committee
March 5, 2007

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

Tom Barber, Chair
Sandy Putnam
Mike Bledsoe

Chris Blish/Bell
Tony Gonsalves
Dick Graham

Also present: Chuck Keener

Chair Barber added 3 items to the agenda: Trip to Washington DC; new set back rules, and Letter from the Riggins. By motion made, seconded, and carried the revised agenda was adopted.

There was one correction to the February minutes. Doug's Lawn Service was corrected to read Dove's Lawn service. The corrected minutes were approved.

Chair Barber brought the committee up to date with the beach renourishment project. The project is about ½ done. Number 1207 Ft Fisher Boulevard southward is done. Chair Barber said that the dredging company is not going to push up the dunes as originally planned. The company doesn't want to damage/ruin the existing sea grass. Weather permitting, the project will be completed next week.

The committee discussed their involvement with the upcoming Sand Castle contest and began determining the rules of how the contest will be run. This will be coordinated with Linda Cheshire who will lead the contest. Things decided were: There will be 4 categories of participation; family of 4, age group of 2 -5, age group of 6-10, and age group of 11-18. The sand castles will be judged for Best Sandcastle and Best Sea Creature. The group discussed a number of options for awards including: tee shirts, caps, tickets to the aquarium, ribbons, and certificates. Sandy Putnam agreed to contact committee representatives to see what gifts might also be available through the town. Final decision will be next month.

Chair Barber mentioned that a contract has been awarded to Steve Mercer to fertilize the dunes with UFLEX. The work should be done by the end of April.

Chair Barber handed out the new Beach Etiquette magnet that the committee designed and purchased. The magnets are to go out with the Town Newsletter this month. In addition, Tom will work to get a list of local motels and rental agencies so that we can deliver magnets to these locations so that the magnets can be put in rental units.

Sandy Putnam reported that 200 new turtle decals have been donated (165 to us and 35 to Carolina Beach) for us to put on trash receptacles at the beach to remind folks that “trash can kill”.

The date for the next Dunes Day has not been finalized. It will be done at the next meeting. It may be during the week to avoid festivities being held on the weekends in April.

There was no new status on the work to add wording to the cross-over dune construction permits. This will be discussed next month.

Plans to help Carolina Beach plant sea oats in their greenhouse have been tabled since the work is already done.

The ordinance to allow ADA vehicles on the beach was briefly discussed and all were reminded that there will be a town workshop to discuss the ordinance on Tuesday, March 13th at 6:45PM.

Letters to homeowners asking them to write their congresspersons about beach renourishment has been elevated in priority. We will begin to work on the approach to do that at the next meeting.

Chair Barber briefly discussed his recent trip to Congress to gain support for our year beach renourishment projects. He said the trip was very successful. They got to meet several delegations and most people were supportive of our community getting future projects but all were very uncertain if there would be funding available.

Chair Barber mentioned that there are new CAMA set back rules but he was not aware of the details. He will try to get more information for the next meeting.

Chair Barber read a letter from one of the Riggins complex homeowners asking for support for a new project they want to undertake to replenish the protected coquina rocks. This letter was presented only for information and no action is required at this time by the committee.

By motion made, seconded, and carried the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Graham