

KURE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER

MARCH 13, 2012

The March 13, 2012, meeting of the Kure Beach Community Center Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Charlotte Philemon, Jean Martin, Donna Budd, Lore Eccleston, Irene Barber, Pam Bramhall, Connie Mangum, Mararuth Capell, Harriet Owsley and Chuck Keener, Town Council Representative, attended the meeting.

Charlotte called the meeting to order with a prayer for guidance and wisdom in our discussions and blessings for all. The February 14, 2012 minutes were approved with correction.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on Upcoming Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Budget

Charlotte reviewed a list of general repairs, additions, replacement needs, etc. to include in our FY 2012-13 budget request to be submitted to the Town Council per their request to be included in the Town's FY 2012-2013 budget. The list is basically the same as the one the Committee approved and submitted to the Council in January for their annual retreat but with the addition of a request for an estimate for a folding divider wall for the back of the meeting room, if adding one is feasible.

Update on February 2012 Town Council's Actions Regarding Allowing Alcohol at Center Events

After discussion, the Town Council, at their February 21, 2012, meeting, requested that the Kure Beach Community Center Committee bring back a proposal to allow beer and wine to be served at the Center, including how the process would work, a copy of the proposed contracts and whether for catered events only or also for Town events. The proposal is being compiled, and we hope to have it ready for the Council's April meeting agenda.

Report on Town Council's Actions Regarding Term Limits

At the February 21, 2012, Town Council meeting, the Council voted to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 (Parks & Recreation), Sections 51, subsections (a) and (b) (Community Center committee), and 113 (Parks & Recreation Advisory Board) to remove term requirements."

Garden Lecture Series

Charlotte presented a report on the March 10, 2012, North Carolina Cooperative Extension's lecture on "Gardening in New Hanover County." The event was extremely successful with over 50 people in attendance, and the feedback from the participants after the lecture was very positive – many requesting information on upcoming presentations. Our request for donations amounted to \$137.00.

The Committee agreed to have two more lectures. The second presentation is on Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a. m. and is titled "Krazy

Containers.” This presentation discusses how to successfully garden in containers of any size or sort and covers container requirements, watering and fertilization.

The third presentation is on Saturday, May 5, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a. m. and is titled “Gardening with Native Plants in the Cape Fear Region.” This presentation discusses a myriad of different plants that grow well in this area of the country. Connie will submit the ads to the Gazette. Posters will need to be distributed.

The Town’s Public Works Department will set up chairs, tables, etc., but Committee members are needed to help set up refreshments, greet attendees, and clean up afterwards.

NEW BUSINESS

Changes in Community Center Rental Contract Procedures at Town Hall

Donna discussed a change in the Center’s rental contract submissions to Town Hall. In the past, Town Hall addressed and mailed out rental contracts for lessees who could not come in to sign and pay for rentals. It has been requested that committee members, who monitor the reservation book, address the envelopes to lessees who cannot come to Town Hall to sign and pay for the rental and request that contracts be mailed to them. Since we need a copy of the contract for our records, the envelope should be addressed and attached to the contract when it is taken to Town Hall to be copied. Town Hall will still mail out the contracts. Envelopes have been put in the reservation binder.

Review of Parks And Recreation’s Class Registration Process

Donna reported that we are making progress with the registration process for Parks and Recreation classes; however, we still have no registration paperwork for their Ballet/Jazz class; consequently, that class has not been scheduled to date.

Question Regarding Instructor Liability Protection

Discussion ensued regarding whether instructors teaching classes at the Center should be required to have their own liability insurance. Chuck will check with the Council to determine if the classes are covered through the Town’s liability coverage.

Question of Paid Parking in Kure Beach

The Kure Beach Town Council has under consideration the question of implementing paid parking in some areas of Kure Beach. Chuck discussed the subject, and said that the Council is asking Committee input regarding the issue. The majority of Committee members present at the meeting voted to oppose it. Two members were undecided.

Discussion regarding the \$750 donation given to the Center by the Pleasure Island Revitalization Association

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the \$750 donation given to the Center by the Pleasure Island Revitalization Association. Following discussion, it was decided that Committee members are to submit ideas for its use at our April meeting. Charlotte will send a "thank you" letter to the Association for the Committee's appreciation of their generous donation.

Community Center's Contract with TruClean Facilities Management, Inc.

Discussion ensued regarding the quality of cleaning that TruClean is doing at the Community Center, which members agreed needs to be reviewed with them. Pam has volunteered to contact the company regarding cleaning problems and questions that we discussed.

Discussion Regarding Increasing the Community Center Rental Fees

Following discussion regarding whether to increase the Center's rental fees, the committee members agreed to consider increasing the rental fees to \$100 an hour with a four hour minimum, \$40 an hour with a two hour minimum for nonprofits that submit their 501 (c) nonprofit form, and \$250 security deposit. The Committee will finalize their decision at their April meeting regarding when to send it to Council for approval.

COMMUNITY CENTER RESERVATION APPOINTMENT BOOK

Following is the schedule of members maintaining the Community Center reservation appointment book, which is transferred to the next person at the monthly Committee meeting.

Irene	March
Charlotte	April
Mararuth	May
Jeanne	June

NOTE: The above schedule is tentative and Town Hall will be notified of any changes to it.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on March 17, 2012 by:

Donna M. Budd
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012

Members should notify one of the officers when they cannot attend a meeting.

Our meetings are always OPEN and the public is welcome to attend. We like to hear suggestions, new ideas, and comments for our community from the citizens of Kure Beach.