

**Kure Beach Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**January 12, 2015**

Board Members Attending: Paula Withrow, Ken Withrow, Mike Jones, and Sara Smith  
Others Attending: Emilie Swearingen and Nikki Keely; Christopher "Fish" Richards, guest

Chairman Withrow called the meeting to order at 3:55 pm.

1. Approval of December 8, 2015 minutes: Approved as submitted.
2. Old Business:
  - A. OFP Programs: Nikki distributed a list of all OFP programs for 2016 that had been scheduled to date. She will revise the document as additional events are scheduled. All Kure Beach events are not on the PI Chamber Calendar of Events as published on Facebook; Nikki will follow up on this as she just received a request for events from the Chamber.

Emilie would like the Kure Beach events calendar submitted to the Chamber by December 1 for the upcoming year, if possible.

3. New Business:

- A. Trips: Paula reported that she will work on a spring trip, but nothing has been planned yet. Paula said that the clientele that is drawn to her trips typically will not pay over \$45 for a trip and that includes the cost of the bus.

Emilie suggested that a trip to see a Panthers game would be good for the fall. One option would be for a travel agency to put it together; Joseph Whitley might be a good resource for this. This type of trip is likely to draw a different clientele that has previously gone on the bus trips.

- B. Classes and the Community Center:

Robin Sack is the new committee chairperson for the Community Center.

It would be good to have an open house at the Community Center. This is a good way to expose the community to the Community Center as well as showcase the student art work, the Little Free Library outside of the Center, the newly painted walls, and activities that are offered at the Center. Nikki will follow up with Robin and the Community Center Committee.

Art classes: If the art work created in the art classes is displayed and for sale, information on the piece of art should contain the name of the artist, phone number and the price. Ken will talk with the students and bring their input back to the next P&R Advisory Board Meeting.

- C. Disk Golf: Christopher "Fish" Richards is the new president for the Disk Golf Club and Mike Jones is the Vice President.

The club meets on the last Monday of each month.

The members try to maintain the course so that it does not put any additional work on the Town employees.

The club is working with three breweries as sponsors for the Disk Golf tournament. These usually draw about 40 participants but can accommodate up to the 90. There are three-four divisions, including ones for children and women. The club would like to make the next tournament a major day-long town event that is family oriented. It would include bouncy

houses for children, bands and vendors. As the club members begin to plan this, Nikki is the contact for the Town.

- D. Officers for 2016: Sandy Capece resigned from the Board as she is moving and will no longer be a resident of Kure Beach. Fish would like to be on the Board, but he is not a resident. He is still welcome to attend the meetings and to provide input. The Town will post openings for all Town committee vacancies on the website.

4. Member Comments:

- Paula: asked about the letter she received about the condition of the Town water. Emilie assured her that the Kure Beach water was safe and that situation was being addressed.
- Mike: still interested in a public volleyball court. He thinks that one could be located at the end of the Dog Park. Emilie thought that Allen Oliver submitted a proposal for one that was over \$5,000 and the Town Council rejected it. There was also discussion about the possibility of a volleyball court on the beach.
- Ken will remain as chair and Mike as co-chair of the P&R advisory Board.
- Emilie is following through on one of her campaign promises and that is gathering input for Strategic Planning for the Future of Kure Beach. She is asking each Town Committee for input:
  1. What do we want as a Town?
  2. How are we going to get there?
  3. How are we going to pay for it?

This will be a year-long process. Emilie is asking the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill for direction and advice.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sara Smith*

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