KURE BEACH SHORELINE ACCESS. BEACH PROTECTION AND PARKING COMMITTEE MARCH 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Tony Gonsalves, Chair Priscilla Smith, Secretary

Andy Barnard, Co-Chair

Jim Smith

Patricia Edgecomb

Clifton Beasley

Susan Walters

Mike Bledsoe

Linda Cheshire

Richard Graham II

Steve Pagley, Council Liaison was unable to attend.

By motion made, seconded and carried the Minutes from the February meeting were adopted. By motion made, seconded and carried the Agenda for the March meeting were adopted. Persons to address the committee:

Chief Dennis Cooper

Pat Triplett

Chief Cooper discussed the procedure followed in regard to items left on the beach, dogs on the beach, holes dug and left unfilled, etc. He noted that the life guards patrol the beach regularly and there are officers who drive the beach. If the officers come upon someone in violation they will advise the person of the ordinance. The life guards do a final run on the beach around 7PM and any items left on the beach are collected and turned over to the fire dept. The Beach Goers can contact the Police and collect their items, in a timely manner. Citations can be issued if the situation cannot be resolved. Chief Cooper also noted that anyone who comes across someone violating an ordinance, such as having a dog on the beach, beer, deep holes, etc. should call the non-emergency number which can be found on all brochures.

Pat Triplett made her presentation of items found on the beach. She has traversed the beach and photographed many items left on the beach, discarded, holes dug, etc. She showed how these different items can impact the turtles, fish, water and the beach as a whole. Her presentation was excellent and well received. We thank Pat for hard work.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. TDA Project. Dick Graham. Dick asked Tony for the amount of parking spaces at Joe Eakes Park. He is updating the amount of parking in the town to ensure the information on the Town's web site is accurate.
- 2. K Ave Sidewalk. This project has been awarded to Jymco Development and is scheduled to start around March 10^{th} with a finish date of May 22^{nd} .
- 3. Coral Parking. This is on hold until the sidewalk is finished.

- 4. J-E Access Parking. The access next to the Lutheran Church needs to be worked on. The new house that abuts this access has been surveyed. Jim and Tony will meet with John Batson to obtain the information needed.
- 5. Installation of remaining signs. The committee unanimously voted to request the Town Council to give the committee a date in writing as to when these signs will be installed.
- 6. Re-define parking spaces on Ft. Fisher Blvd. Mayor Lambert advised that DOT intends to repave 421 around February 2015.
- 7. Cigarette Butt Sign & Holders. These have been approved by Council and the supplies will be obtained, the holders put together and installed.
- 8. Sea Oats. Mike reported that there are 2800 sea oat plants available. Tony and Andy will ride the beach to ascertain how many sea oats are needed and where they should be planted. A tentative planting date is April 5th. Susan and Kerry will try to get volunteers for this planting.
- 9. Keep America Beautiful. Susan had nothing to report at this meeting.
- 10. Turtle Nests. Patricia Edgecomb. Pat advised she will be attending a meeting with the Turtle Nest Committee. She is trying to smooth relations with the Turtle Members and the public.
- 11. Brochure update. Kerry reported that she will be working on an updated brochure and will appreciate all suggestions.
- 12. Mission Statement. This has been approved by council and is now a completed project.
- 13. Goals for 2014 and 2015. The committee voted to spend more time and effort in education the public about the importance of the beach.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Budget requests. The Council has requested our committee to draw up a list of the items we wish to work on. They should include the approximate costs involved. They should be submitted to Tony and Andy who need to get this information to the Finance department by the next Town Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on April 1st at 4:00PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Smith