

Kure Beach Community Center

Committee Minutes

September 14, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by John Shalanski. Additional members present: Deborah Hutchings, Gerald Stavlas and Linda Collora. Also, in attendance were Nikki Keely and Sean Geer. Mayor Craig Bloszinsky attended for the last 20 minutes.

Approval of Minutes: Prior Minutes were not approved due to lack of member quorum.

Town New Business: Nikki shared facilities events update and kitchen renovation completion which included postponement of Silver Sneakers and Knitting due to Covid 19 and mask requirement. Additionally, 36 units of blood were collected at recent Blood drive with the next event scheduled for November 5. Discussed 75th Kure Beach celebration with a brief brainstorm of structure and ideas that the full committee needs to focus on in future session for a quorum and diversity of ideas. Community center ideas were discussed with a focus around incorporating a BINGO event. Additional work needs to be completed to assess legal and other constraints. Mayor will write to Carolina Beach recreation director for information and contact to explore this option for Kure Beach. Reviewed the Land Use survey question around activities and agreed we will need a follow up survey with the community to explore deeper assessment of interest within the community. Committee members should begin to think about the type of questions to include with this new survey. John Shalanski introduced a dialogue around community center parking to be included for those who rent the center. Discussion around the 20 parking spaces ensued and it was agreed that the parking committee should address this issue after more discussion and approval from the full Community Center Committee.

Parking Update: Mayor shared parking update with Premium Parking with revenue collected through July 2021 of \$686k. 700 Kure Beach residents engaged in the plate registration. He also shared additional details of the breakdown of revenue collected along with the Premium Parking monthly fees. Overall, the paid parking is supporting positive behavior within the Kure Beach area. Craig also thanked the committee for their volunteer service and encouraged the committee to come up with our own agenda of activities we want to focus on.

Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 9:30 am. The full committee is encouraged to attend so that we may begin to formulate an agenda for the holiday season, planning ideas for the Kure Beach 75th Anniversary celebration and survey questionnaire for desired activities for the committee to sponsor and lead. We will also need a committee consensus for additional new members to increase committee size and to finalize new and retiring members.

Submitted by Linda Collora