

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of June 1, 2021

Members Present

Dennis Panicali- Chair
Ed White
Joseph Whitley
Randy Bock
Ann Hughes

Zoom

John Kiwaha

Members Absent

Liz Kiwaha
Pat Triplett
Pat Edgecomb
Mike Bledsoe

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Panicali at 5:07PM via in person and teleconference.

Minutes from May Meeting were approved unanimously.

Public Input

none

Old Business

Ocean Life

-Waiting on feedback for training – how and when it will take place

Adopt-A-Beach

-No new participants

Emergency Location Signs

-All have been ordered and some have been installed. The committee is over budget and more money has been requested from Town.

Beach Signs

-No dogs and address signs will be replaced as needed

Beach Booster Program

-The first few have been installed

-4 requests have been received, but 1 has changed their mind

-Lis is working on a spreadsheet tracking this program

New Business

Rip Current Safety

-Citing the recent drownings/rescues a need to heighten awareness around this danger.

-Councilman Whitley referenced two data firms that gather information about tides, surges, etc. and it was mentioned we should consider becoming members to benefit from their data. He will send the information about these firms to SLABP members to review and provide input.

-Some ways to provide more info to the public were discussed

- More Signage

- Rescue Rings on Towers and elsewhere. However, there is a potential liability issue that would need to be addressed

- PR videos on TOKB website showing footage of actual rip tides

- Ocean Safety talks were provided but not highly attended, it was discussed to add a safety component to the Turtle Talks since those have a higher attendance

-This will continue to be on committee agenda

July meeting

-given the holiday, it was agreed to skip the July meeting, as is customary

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Next Meeting – 08/03/2021

Respectfully submitted

Ed White, Secretary