

Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee
Meeting Minutes 2/7/22
Recorded by Garner Von Cannon

Present Members: Mo Linqvist (ML), Steve Shumate (SS), Garner Von Cannon (GV), Jerry Clark (JC), Cindy Maier (CM)

Commissioner: Allen Oliver (AO)

Absent: Candy Ashton-Forrester (CAF), Eileen Clute (EC)

Staff: Nikki Keely, Sean Geer

Topic: Call to Order at 3:03 PM by ML

Roll Call: Listed Above

Approval of Agenda: Per ML remove Discussion with Police Chief due to Chief being out of town and move Website update into that space on agenda. SS made motion to approve Agenda and JC seconded and motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by SS to approve the minutes from 1/3/22 and JC Seconded And motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Presentation: None

Old Business:

Website Update by CM: Cindy met with Mandy Sanders and Beth from KB Town on 1/13/22 to discuss website. Mandy and Beth recommended that only one member of the KB Bike/Ped committee work directly with them to update website and CM said she would be that person from the committee. CM took the Greenway Letter off and asked committee on guidance for how often items can remain on website. CM will keep a spreadsheet indicating added and removed items, will always keep minutes posted and update general information based on committee's guidance. AO and ML both felt Sean Geer's email of 2/7/22 to committee regarding dates for Alta MP Next Steps should be added to website when Master Plan is ready to put out. Discussion with Police Chief removed: AO read an email from Chief Bowden received on 2/4/22, regarding EBikes allowed on beach and AO indicated that he is meeting with Carolina Beach to learn what their ordinance will be regarding EBikes on the beach in order follow some consistency between towns. Chief Bowden provided guidance and felt that enforcement would be the concern and that is why AO thought it best to meet with Carolina Beach first. EC spoke with the town of Wrightsville Beach regarding their policy, and they allow bicycles (excluding those equipped with a throttle) on the beach strand at any time between October 1 and April 1. Between April 1 and October 1, bicycles are prohibited on the beach strand between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm. WB Chief Squires suggested partnering with rental companies and local bike shops to help educate the public, so all rules and regulations are understood, and information provided to the public. ML spoke with Diane Hodapp from Shore Break Bikes in Carolina Beach, and she feels it will harm the EBIke if used on the sand.

Flashing Crosswalks recommended for Ave M and I and AO said there is money in KB Bike/Ped committee to use towards purchase but would like Bike Ped committee to get approval from council to speak with NCDOT about general placement of crosswalks. GV volunteered to attend 2/21/22 council meeting to make the request to meet with NCDOT.

12 Bench Placement: Donald Boman's family requested the option of providing a bench in his memory to the town of Kure Beach. KB Bike/Ped committee discussed locations and felt that locations could include but are not limited to: Town Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, Dog Park, Playground area (all at Joe Eakes Park), Spot Lane Connector, I Ave Well House, E Ave parking lots and town hall would all be good options.

Alta Update by Sean Geer: SG reviewed email that was sent to the committee regarding the seven tentative dates for the Alta Master Plan progression. SG mentioned that the survey generated almost 500 responses and since next KB Bike Ped committee meeting is scheduled for 3/7 any information that must be approved prior to meeting for progression with next step dates will be emailed for review and approval and SG will put final comments in proper format.

Bike Ped Committee emails: MO went over two emails that were received for the committee. One from Tracy Mitchell from Beachwalk as the Homeowners President with their own survey of residents and their feelings regarding Bike paths on and off road and felt her residents are opposed and are not being heard by the committee. AO responded that the town in its entirety has had an opportunity to give feedback and all responses are being collected and the KB Bike Ped committee has many tasks and really is a committee to focus on safety that includes many facets for all residents. MO read another email from LJ Hepp that applauds the Bike Ped committees hard work and requests that our committee keep the crosswalk at Sealane and Fort Fisher Blvd.

Traffic Garden April 9th: SS met with Diane Hodapp from Shoreline Bikes on April 9th and asked that she attend our Traffic Garden. Inquired about helmets and Diane did not want to provide helmets that would be shared for health reasons. ML said the Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation was donating helmets to give away to all participants. EC spoke with Island Women, and they are willing to donate \$500 and ML spoke with Island Men, and they are willing to donate \$500 to offset costs to hold event and give out with costs of giveaways. Even though Shore Break Bikes will participate ML feels we may need additional vendors for the April 9th event. AO suggested the two bike rental companies on the island. ML looked up idea of Bells as handouts due to ordinance in KB that all bikes need a bell, and she is looking into an option for a bell that will not pose a choking hazard for children. EC provided information on LED lights for pedestrians and lights for Bikes as handouts. NK said town has \$800 allocated with \$300 for supplies and \$500 for giveaways and the \$1000 from Island Women and Men could be used for giveaways. NK asked for actual time of traffic garden, to promote and committee decided on 12-4 which allows for set up in the morning and clean up after.

WMPO Funding Update: AO No update currently

New Business: 2022 Budget Request

March 28th is the first Budget meeting, and all requests must be returned to the town by March 10th for budget that runs 7/1/22 to 6/30/23. MO said we will decide on March 7th meeting.

Updates and Announcements:

May Bike Month; June Tour De Blueberry (still a virtual option for 2022); Lo Tide Run March 12th; Bicycle Friendly Driver program (MO spoke with Jasmine McKee regarding this program who would like Island Gazette to promote); Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics in KB 2/19/22.

Next Meeting March 7, 2022

SS made motion to adjourn and JC 2nded motion and motion carried.

Adjourned at 4:24 PM