



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 20, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The Town Attorney was present and there was a quorum of Council members present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
MPT Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen
Commissioner David Heglar (Via Conference Call)
Commissioner Dennis Panicali

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief – Mike Bowden
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
Building Inspector – John Batson
Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders
Deputy Town Clerk – Beth Chase

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Ellen gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appoint Tracy Mitchell to the Bike/Ped Committee as a full member
2. Appoint Kelly Graves to the Shoreline Access and Beach Protection Committee as a full member
3. Accept the resignation of David Dorgan from the Community Center Committee
4. Appoint Christine Burrows and Ellen Owens to the Community Center Committee as full members
5. Approve Budget Amendment 22-12 totaling \$2,000 to reallocate funds from Committees capital outlay to Committees operating expenses for assistance with NCDOT encroachment agreements
6. Approve Budget Amendment 22-13 totaling \$3,000 for an increase in the sale of commemorative bluefish
7. Minutes:
 - May 23, 2022 Regular
 - June 6, 2022 Legislative Hearing
 - June 6, 2022 Closed Session



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MOTION- MPT Oliver made a motion approve the consent agenda as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION- Commissioner Heglar made a motion to add under Old Business the Approval of Stormwater Contracts for GPI and approve the agenda as amended

SECOND- Commissioner Panicali

VOTE- Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Burpeau read a letter submitted by Helen Peterson a resident at 213 Atlantic Avenue hereby incorporated into the minutes.

Jennifer Ames at 313 Atlantic Avenue stated:

- She is a Kure Beach full time resident and participated in the surveys and round table presentations for the Bike/Ped Plan
- The certified letter she received does not reflect what she had learned at those proposals
- Now it is a very specific proposal of a 10-foot-wide ground level, concrete walkway/sideway
- Aside from the water runoff issues and protected dunes need to consider the safety issues
- As she understands it the emphasis behind this was designating this as an official bike route which you cannot do that on a one-way street going against traffic and heard about the issue of the safety of bikes
- This does not address the bike issue of bicyclists between L Avenue, South of K
- Do the bikes continue on the boardwalk where it becomes narrower or will you be removing the memorial benches and garbage cans?
- What will be accomplished for over 2 million dollars and loss of dunes?
- It is a 2 block stretch through the residential area of Atlantic Avenue and is a nature path
- What happened to the Town plan replacing a quarter of the boardwalk over the next 4 years and then maintain it?
- Atlantic Avenue is the slowest and probably the shortest street on the island
- The street is already bike friendly and the Town is trying to solve a problem that does not exist

Howard Ames at 313 Atlantic Avenue, read a letter hereby incorporated into the minutes.

Susan Sewell at 233 Atlantic Avenue, read a letter hereby incorporated into the minutes.



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Michelle Banks at 342 Fort Fisher Boulevard stated:

- She did not receive a certified letter but has some input
- She regularly walks and bikes on Atlantic Avenue and never had an issue of courtesy of citizens passing in either directions
- She has attended Town Council meetings, Coffee with the Mayor, and Bike/Ped Committee meetings and tries to stay up to date on the project
- Her biggest concern is the safety on Atlantic Avenue
- She understands maintenance needs to be completed and she proposes the walkway being for pedestrians and creating a bike lane
- There is overgrowth on the plants so maybe the Town needs to readdress the plantings in the area

Diane Rankin at 235 N 4th Avenue stated:

- She has a few concerns regarding the drainage issues and she personally was not able to fully concrete a section of her driveway as it was too much imperious material due to stormwater drainage
- Her concern is a concrete walkway down the distance of Atlantic Avenue and she is also concerned about the dunes in that area

Town Clerk Sanders read letters submitted via email by residents hereby incorporated into the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Bike/Ped Advisory Committee

Member Eline Clute stated:

- The new member appointment of Tracy Mitchell is a resident of the Beachwalk Community and is also the president of the HOA
- The Committee will be having a booth at the Kure Beach Market to answer any questions regarding safety or the comprehensive plan
- The Pavement of the connector is being rescheduled and will be completed at a later date
- The Tour De Blueberry had a virtual team named Kure Beach cruisers and was in the top 5 in size



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2. Planning & Zoning Commission
 - Proposed text application for KBC 15.38.020 (J) Continuance of Non-Conforming Situation, Change of Roof Design

PZC Vice-Chair Dugan stated:

- PZC received the proposed text application for a continuance of a non-conforming situation
- The Commission was missing one member at the meeting and after a lengthy discussion voted on the application which ended in a tie so now it is coming before Town Council

Attorney Eldridge commented Town Council needs to schedule a Legislative Hearing for the proposed application.

MOTION- MPT Oliver made a motion to schedule the Legislative Hearing for Monday, August 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Building Inspections Department
 - Deck Encroachment request for Patrick and Maureen Eckert at 421 Settlers Lane

Building Inspector Batson commented:

- Included in the agenda packet is a letter from the Eckert's requesting permission to build a deck into the easement
- Town Council has approved these requests in the past and the applicants are here to discuss if necessary

Mayor Bloszinsky asked if the Town needs the easement will you pay to tear it down within 30 days?

Resident Patrick Eckert stated yes, he would within 30 days.

MOTION- MPT Oliver made a motion to approve the deck encroachment at 421 Settlers Lane

SECOND- Commissioner Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous



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2. Finance Department

- Budget Amendment 22-14: Potential transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Beach Protection Fund

Finance Officer Copenhaver stated:

- Budget Amendment 22-14 is for a potential transfer of funds from the General fund to the Beach Protection Fund
- Town Council had requested as part of the current budget to review throughout the fiscal year the available funds able to be transferred
- He is recommending Town Council to transfer \$50,000 to the Beach Protection Fund
- Budget Amendment 22-15 he is rescinding as the Public Works Director was informed today the truck will not be ready for purchase

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 22-14 for a transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Beach Protection Fund

SECOND- MPT Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous

3. Recreation Department

- Discussion of the Annual Christmas Show

Recreation Director Keely commented she has not heard from Tammy Ebersole since last month's Town Council meeting so advises removing the topic from the agenda till she hears from her.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the FY22-23 Proposed Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Finance Officer Copenhaver gave an updated presentation on the revisions made to the budget and is hereby incorporated into the minutes.

MOTION Commissioner Ellen made a motion to approve the FY22-23 Proposed Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule as presented

SECOND- MPT Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous



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2. Continued Discussion of the Purchase of Shirts for Committees

MPT Oliver:

- The Bike/Ped Committee will be working at the Kure Beach Market so the Committee would like to purchase their own shirts to be able to wear
- He is proposing the image included in the agenda packet identifying them with the Town logo, Committee name and Volunteer listed on the shirt

MOTION- MPT Oliver made a motion to authorize the use of the Town logo on any Committee shirts as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

3. Continued Discussion of Dogs on the Beach

Mayor Bloszinsky stated:

- He spoke with Department Heads, Recreation Directors in other Towns, the Beautification Committee and Beach Cleanup Volunteers
- The input he found was somewhat neutral but would like to list a few items that were brought to his attention regarding allowing dogs on the beach
- Citizens not cleaning up after the dogs, citizens not using dog leashes, using leashes but allowing the dogs to run around without holding onto the leashes at all times, dogs biting children, citizens claiming they didn't know the rules
- All of these issues would require preventative measures on police, fire, lifeguards, and public works

Commissioner Panicali commented:

- He spoke with the SLABP Committee and the major concern is citizens not picking up after their dogs on the beach but the counter argument to that is some responsible dog owners will pick up after any dog on the beach
- Another issue that came up during the discussion was some citizens are afraid of dogs but most of the beaches in the Carolina's allow dogs on the beach during the evening hours
- The Town currently bans dogs six months of the year so in his opinion maybe Town Council can reconsider extending the hours/months dogs are allowed on the beach
- The SLABP Committee was leaning more towards allowing more time for dogs on the beach strand



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Commissioner Ellen stated he is in favor of leaving the ordinance alone.

MPT Oliver commented he sympathizes with the dog owners and he would seriously consider adding additional time for allowing dogs on the beach.

Commissioner Heglar commented he would be open to something in the morning or late evening hours.

CONSENSUS- Town Council agreed for Commissioner Panicali to review the months/hours dogs are allowed on the beach and bring forth a recommendation to the July meeting

4. Parking at the Disc Golf Course

Mayor Bloszinsky stated the Town received a request last month from citizens to allow free parking during the first Sunday of the month for the disc golf tournament so Town Council needs to address this request.

Commissioner Panicali commented during the first year of parking the disc golf course had free parking all year. It was abused by citizens who would park there all day and go to the beach. The Town compromised and limited it to 3 hours of free parking for citizens to use it for the park, tennis, and disc golf. He does not feel that one Sunday a month without publicizing it would be a bad thing. His recommendation would be the Town just would not enforce that one Sunday a month.

Commissioner Heglar commented the Kure Beach residents have their parking passes. The citizens who do not live in Town do not pay anything for the disc golf course. He does appreciate the disc golf course community helping clean up the course, but he personally feels 3 hours is the perfect amount of time to allow free parking.

Commissioner Ellen commented he supports Commissioner Heglar's position.

MPT Oliver stated he understands both sides but feels the citizens who are not residents need to contribute something when the course is free.

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to leave the parking system at the Disc Golf Course how it currently stands

SECOND- Commissioner Heglar

VOTE- For-Mayor Bloszinsky, MPT Oliver, Commissioner Ellen, Commissioner Heglar,

Against- Commissioner Panicali



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5. Improvements to the Ocean Front Boardwalk

Building Inspector Batson commented:

- He oversaw the project of the original boardwalk in 2006 and at that time most residents wanted the walkway to be ground level and did not want it to be raised
- The first boardwalk was suppose to be 8 feet wide but CAMA wouldn't allow it at that time so that is why it is 6 feet wide
- He has heard from several property owners other the last week, and he is available to speak about it if needed
- He is unsure why citizens think putting a ground level concrete walkway will cause more flooding as the flooding is caused by the berm where the vegetation sits
- If water is gone within a few hours the Town does not have a flooding problem
- There were a few comments regarding safety for pedestrians with vehicles driving down the road but there has been a lot of discussion of placing bollards every 6 feet down the walkway
- He was instructed by Town Council to apply for the CAMA permit and one of the processes is marking the first line of stable and natural vegetation which has been completed today
- The Town can now legally submit the application which will be completed by tomorrow morning
- Residents are submitting their comments and concerns to CAMA as they are encouraged to do so

6. Discussion and Approval of GPI Contracts

Commissioner Heglar commented the Town received two contracts from GPI to deal with stormwater issues.

Attorney Eldridge commented the first contract is a Master service Agreement with an estimated cost of \$5,000. There are two resolutions included in the agenda packet for Town Council to approve. The Town is hiring engineers and since the contracts are \$30,000 or less it can be exempted from the procurement requirements by adopting the resolutions.

MOTION- MPT Oliver made a motion to accept R22-04 and R22-05 and approve the contracts with GPI

SECOND- Commissioner Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous



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DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR UPDATES

None.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bloszinsky adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mandy Sanders".

ATTEST: Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig Bloszinsky".

Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the town's website under [government>agendas&minutes](#)

Helen K. Peterson
213 Atlantic Avenue
Kure Beach, NC
June 16, 2022

Members of the Kure Beach Town Council
Mr. John Batson, Building Inspector

Gentlemen:

On June 13, 2022 I received a registered letter as an abutter on Atlantic Ave. referencing a proposed project that the town has applied for a CAMA Minor Permit #22-05, to alter and replace the boardwalk.

Given the timing of your meeting tonight, I determined it the ideal opportunity to share with you, firsthand, as to how and why my family and I object to the application as submitted.

As described and shown in the aerial view, and noting the red arrows, the widening would be encroaching to the west through the existing planted border, toward and dangerously close to the existing pavement. The plan does not address the hazard created here as to what method or structure would be used and/or installed to separate auto traffic from pedestrian traffic.

Further I question why widening is not suggested to the east where there is some space before the storm fencing.

This mass of additional impervious surface will seriously exacerbate the flooding that already occurs in the existing roadway too frequently with rain events—not even considering a hurricane event! The damage to be expected to the properties to the west can be unacceptable. Similarly, the flooding would impact to the east, seriously eroding the dunes.

Further, such a mass of impervious surface is unforgiving as it temporarily absorbs the heat, deflecting it back into the atmosphere, not an environmentally best practice.

As I carefully read and evaluated the application, I was perplexed how inconsistent the plan is with the town's Land Use Plan which contains numerous references regarding protection of the dunes, not cited here in the interest of brevity.

Also, the plan is totally inconsistent with the Master Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan just proposed in March of this year. In that document our boardwalk is referred to, "as one of Kure Beach's most recognizable and iconic features". Assuredly I and the entire community, treasure our boardwalk.

Frankly, I was taken by surprise that this project was being considered at this time. Having kept up with town happenings, I understood since March, that any implementation of the Master Plan, was to be deferred into the 'near future', perhaps 'some years.'

If the opportunity, by funding or otherwise, has presented itself sooner than later, I really welcome it. Therefore, please accept my sincere request that the Council schedule by Agenda Item for your next meeting or even sooner in a special meeting, as an opportunity for the community to discuss these concerns, and plan together for the best outcome for this exciting project.

Most sincerely,

Helen Peterson

cc: Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor
Allen Oliver, Mayor Pro Tem
David Heglar, Commissioner
Dennis Panicali, Commissioner
John Ellen, Commissioner
John Batson, Building Inspector
Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk

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To be read & added to the Official Meeting Minutes

Dear KB Town Council,

My name is Susan Sewell. I am a full time resident @ 233 Atlantic Ave. I have been unable to attend previous meetings so I am here today to share my concerns regarding the Certified letter I received for the Cama Minor Application Permit # 22-05 for the removal & replacement of our Boardwalk. I have several questions & concerns as it relates to this proposed project that I would like to share today. I would ask this letter be received as part of the official minutes of today's meeting. Also, I am officially requesting another meeting be held with the Town Council and/or Mayor to allow concerned citizens the opportunity to ask questions and speak freely without time constraints, as it seems many of our residents are not aware of the details & scope of this project.

First, I would like to say that I feel very blessed to live in such a charming beach community. I have owned my home for 10 years, and love everything about our town. You have all done an incredible job with our ocean front park, festivals, markets, parks & other events. Our town continues to thrive and offers so much to our residents & tourists alike. I also very much appreciate our police & fire departments who do an amazing job at keeping our town safe.

I spend an enormous amount of time on my front porch, visiting with neighbors & friends, and enjoying the boardwalk & beach when I'm not working, caring for my special needs stepson, or serving as Treasurer on a local Wilmington non-profit Board. My concerns are as follows:

- 1) Why does this project seem to be 'fast tracked'? I understood it to be planned for years down the road. What is the exact time line? Is this really the most prudent time to start a project like this given the state of our economy, not to mention the cost of building materials & labor?
- 2) I have a serious issue with the cost referenced on the KB website of \$2.2 - \$2.4 million dollars. How do you plan to pay for this? Especially with all the other, in my opinion, more urgent matters our town faces such as crosswalk safety, bike safety on Ft. Fisher Blvd & drainage problems. That number is hard for me to comprehend. Since David retired a few years ago, the boardwalk has not been maintained at the same level. I see that the town has hired a landscaping company, but I notice on a daily basis the vegetation is still growing over the boardwalk edges, which causes deterioration. This includes the huge palms that are not trimmed to stay clear of the boardwalk or road. As a result, it becomes harder to drive on Atlantic Ave without them scratching your car. I have noticed it takes weeks, sometimes months to make repairs. A side note: I have treated wood on my properly and I personally brush & spray a polyurethane clear coat product that not only preserves the lifespan of the wood, it is a very cost effective solution. In my opinion, our boardwalk is not "rotten" as is referenced on the Cama permit application. I understand the town is short staffed but I assume that is a result of COVID similar to the rest of our country, and not some other reason - and would hope this will change in the near future. I would like to see a dedicated employee responsible for the care and upkeep of our boardwalk instead of trying to justify spending millions to save a few thousand dollars each year.
- 3) What studies have been done as it relates to how this would impact our dunes? How will it environmentally impact the dunes & the animal life in our dunes? I personally treasure our dunes & would like to assume this feeling is also shared by everyone in this room. It is referenced online this project would be 10ft wide, but 12ft is recommended. Currently our boardwalk is 6 ft wide. Extending it to 12 ft would add at least another 6 ft into the dunes if not more, after moving and installing the dune fence. I am also concerned about the construction process and how that will effect the dunes.

4) I have concerns about water flow as it relates to a 10 - 12ft wide ground level structure. Atlantic Ave already has water flow issues when we have a heavy rain or storm, not to mention a hurricane. What will water flow issues do to a ground level concrete sidewalk and what kind of expense will the town be faced with down the road to resolve issues like this? What studies have been done regarding this?

5) Where else in NC can you find this type of boardwalk? Why wouldn't we be trying to preserve what we already have & enjoy? Locals & visitors alike enjoy our quaint & charming boardwalk every single day. I watch that happiness first hand from my front porch. I believe it to be the reason many people love coming to Kure Beach. I also believe it to be the reason our thriving film industry comes to Kure to film movies & TV shows as I have witnessed that first hand on our boardwalk. I am not trying to alienate anyone in this community, but this bike/ped proposal is not just a cosmetic change - it would be a cultural change to our community. We are not Miami where the boardwalks are large and accommodate multi uses. Even Carolina Beach doesn't allow bicycles on their boardwalk. It is inviting a new type of use of the boardwalk. One that I personally do not welcome. In my opinion, we do not have a safety issue. In the 10 years I have lived here, I have not seen any issues on this street with cars/bikes/pedestrians. Please show me documentation of incidents or safety studies that have been done. Right now, bikes do ride both directions on Atlantic Ave, on a daily basis. It's interesting to note, yesterday was the first time I have seen a police officer stop a biker driving in the wrong direction. I'm not saying it doesn't happen, but it's the first time in 10 years I have personally seen it. The boardwalk currently is enjoyed by families coming and going to the beach, people walking their dogs, folks going to dinner or an event at our ocean front park, and of course visiting our historic pier. What I do not want to happen is: bikes racing down on a 10 - 12 ft wide sidewalk, skateboards flying down, golf carts driving on it (which yes - golf carts do ride down our current boardwalk now when they can get away with it). We also have a lot of retirees and elderly people appreciating the muscle & joint friendly wooden walkway. Many dogs are spooked by bicycles, and personally I do not feel safe when a bike is racing by while I am walking my dogs. Plus I see children almost daily having fun walking or running ahead of parents on the boardwalk. The last thing we need to happen is a bicycle accidentally hitting a dog or a child. Have we done any safety studies as it relates to this? Atlantic Ave is for Kure Beach residents & tourists to enjoy the ocean view, it is for families to enjoy a walk on our boardwalk, walkers & runners to exercise, and for beach cruisers to take a leisurely ride down the street. It should not be expected to support twice as much traffic of any kind. From my view, the only time Atlantic Ave is busy is during peak season - July and August. But that seems to be really only during the day, and it's not all day every day. This 3 block street should not be treated as Ft Fisher Blvd where there are obviously larger issues for biker & pedestrian safety.

6) I don't feel that our town police should have to spend their time monitoring what is happening on 10-12 ft wide walkway. I see them ride by every day and very much appreciate their presence. If this boardwalk project takes place, my prediction is that our officers will be spending time policing the use of the sidewalk. And honestly, I don't think that is the best use of their time.

And finally, this project clearly contradicts several sections of the Kure Beach Land Use Plan. How has this been addressed? Our beach accesses are wooden, the Pier is wooden, the Carolina Beach boardwalk is wooden, the downtown Wilmington riverwalk is wooden. All of these structures are maintained appropriately. I feel strongly that we as a community can find a much easier, and cost effective solution to preserving one of Kure Beach's most famous and charming assets. I appreciate you allowing me the time to read this letter to you today. I hope you will honor my request to meet and have more candid discussions about our boardwalk. I would like our community & leaders to come together and offer some other alternatives to the Atlantic Ave boardwalk proposal.

Thank you.
Susan Sewell

Mandy Sanders

From: pweb911@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Mandy Sanders
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Boardwalk Expansion Project, Notes for June 20, 2022 Meeting

-----Original Message-----

From: pweb911@aol.com
To: dianetwebster@aol.com <dianetwebster@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jun 17, 2022 2:44 pm
Subject: Proposed Boardwalk Expansion Project

Hi Ms. Sanders. I am Arthur (Pat) Webster, co-owner of the Kure Cottage located at 301 Atlantic Avenue in Kure Beach. Please read the following note below at the upcoming town meeting on June 20, 2022, and I thank you in advance.

From: Arthur (Pat) Webster, co-owner, 301 Atlantic Avenue
To: Kure Beach Town Council and Meeting Attendees

I want to voice my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the existing Boardwalk extending along Atlantic Avenue from L to N Avenues. Specific reasons for my opposition are as follows:

- The proposed project is part of a 10 part overall proposed Pedestrian and Bike Plan drafted by the the Town that allows for greenways access, bike/walk trails, crossings and paths, and diversion of thru bike traffic away from Ft. Fisher Blvd. Why widen an effective, low profile Boardwalk, at an estimated cost of \$2..5M when these other proposed provisions are more than adequate to meet the objective? Is the Boardwalk project critical in obtaining the "Bicycle and Walk Friendly Community" designation?
- There is currently an endless stream of vehicle traffic parading down Atlantic Avenue. If the Boardwalk is expanded, the intended consequence of more foot/bike traffic will be attained, and along with this accomplishment will come MORE car traffic. loitering, noise, and crime. The Town will have created a potential "Circus" atmosphere along Atlantic Avenue. Is this what anyone wants? As it is, thru traffic should be limited or prohibited on Atlantic Ave.
- Has the Town commissioned the mandatory Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or the coastal equivalent for this project? Will the DOT be asked to conduct a traffic feasibility study? I have concerns regarding both of these potential issues.

In closing, I would like to remind you all that the most prevalent message in the Kure Beach Land Use Plan, Historic Preservation Plan, and amongst all of us citizens is to maintain Kure Beach's "small town charm and character". A proposed project like the Boardwalk expansion would only take us in the opposite direction. Atlantic Avenue is indeed a unique Town resource that requires vigilant stewardship as opposed to commercial degradation. After all, this is Atlantic Avenue, not Atlantic City.

Thanks to all for your dedication to our community.

Pat Webster

Mandy Sanders

From: Mandy Sanders
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 2:41 PM
To: DJ Peterson
Subject: Re: I would like to speak remotely at the 6pm Town Council Meeting Monday

Hello,

It is fine if you would like to speak. We ask that each person's public comment period is kept to 3 minutes. I have had several people call me today and ask this same question about participating remotely. I will share with you another option. It has been my experience that is sometimes hard for others to hear when someone that calls in is speaking due to line feedback, volume, or someone trying to speak over them accidentally. If you would like to email me your comment, I will read it out for you during the public comment period and your email will be placed with our meeting minutes in the official record. I am doing this for others and would be happy to do it for you as well. You can still listen into the meeting via the teams meeting link or call in phone number.

Thank you

Mandy Sanders
Town Clerk
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From: DJ Peterson <dj@djpeterson.net>
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 2:33:39 PM
To: Mandy Sanders <m.sanders@townofkurebeach.org>
Subject: I would like to speak remotely at the 6pm Town Council Meeting Monday

Hi Mandy,

I will be dialing in and would like to speak about the proposed ped/bike path on Atlantic Avenue. I am in California right now and can't join in person.

Please let me know if that is possible. Thank you and have a great weekend!

DJ Peterson
214 Ft Fisher Blvd North

Mandy Sanders

From: kristi mckeown <kristimckeown@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 11:48 AM
To: Bob McKeown; kristi mckeown; Mandy Sanders
Subject: Letter for Kure Beach Town Council Mtg , Monday 6/20 at 6 pm

Dear Ms. Sanders,

It has been brought to our attention that there's a proposal for an Atlantic Ave sidewalk permit. This letter is to outline that we are opposed to the request for permit and request that it be denied.

We have significant concerns regarding safety, aesthetics, the environment, as well as flooding that could impact our home and our community. We support bike safety and ride our bikes along Atlantic Avenue weekly. Being a resident of the street, we often see cyclists riding up and down the street and have not seen anyone at risk that could be solved for with the proposed permit. This solution will only endanger current residents/guests using the boardwalk, negatively impact our environment within the beach and also increase unnecessary risks to our homes.

If there is additional need for cyclist safety then I would recommend expanding the established bike path from Carolina Beach to Kure Beach, or increasing the number of stop signs along Atlantic Ave to provide impact.

As homeowners on Atlantic Avenue, we respectfully ask for the permit to be denied to preserve our home and community in Kure Beach.

Kind Regards,
Bob and Kristi McKeown

Mandy Sanders

From: Cathy Shepherd <cathy.shepherd28643@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 3:42 PM
To: Mandy Sanders
Subject: Atlantic Avenue boardwalk proposal

As a longtime permanent resident and homeowner on Atlantic Avenue for 42 years, I would like to voice my ideas on the proposed changes to the wooden boardwalk.

Our quiet residential neighborhood welcomes a parade of walkers, joggers, photographers on the boardwalk with a unique view along the oceanfront. It is as if it were an extension of the Ocean Front Park. The roses and shrubs and native plants that line the area between the one lane road are well maintained and lovely, adding to the ambiance of a park.

Yes, the boardwalk needs maintenance. It really should have been treated with a weather seal as it is built of wood, but there are materials that are much more permanent that would withstand the harsh elements.

Also, Wild Animals tend to harbor there. Rats, opossums, foxes are frequently seen. So if money is available to be spent, I would like to see a ground level walking surface built so that water can go through it or drain off toward the dunes and of a material such as plastic lumber, which is a good use for recycled plastics. Concrete would be hot to walk on as well as impervious to water.

As a frequent porch sitter, my observation of any traffic problems is minimal. Bicycles and golf carts, convertibles and family vans share the road. Baby strollers and old folks leaning on walkers, couples walking hand in hand, children running ahead of their parents wave as they pass by on the boardwalk.

As I understand the proposed changes, it is to take out the plants and replace with oyster shells. Then an impervious concrete walkway to extend into the dunes 10 feet. This doesn't seem to complement the seaside vibes of a wood-looking walkway.

Thank you for taking other ideas into consideration from the permanent residents who will be affected by changes. Photos included.

Cathy Shepherd and Janet Scroggs. (aka the Warren Girls)
241 Atlantic Avenue
Kure Beach
336 970 7922

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From: Terry McHugh <terrymchugh24@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 1:22 PM
To: Mandy Sanders
Cc: patti McHugh
Subject: Atlantic Ave - Proposed Concrete Sidewalk

Ms, Sanders:

We would greatly appreciate it if the statement below could be read into the record at the Town Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 20.

Regards -
Terry and Patti McHugh

We do not support the proposal to construct a 10 foot wide concrete sidewalk on Atlantic Avenue from L Avenue to N Avenue. Here are our thoughts on this matter:

- A concrete sidewalk is not in keeping the the overall aesthetic of the beachfront area. The historic Kure Beach Pier and the boardwalk south of L Ave will remain as wood. A concrete sidewalk is totally incompatible.
- The concept of a shared bike and pedestrian sidewalk will prove to be unsafe for pedestrians. The current boardwalk is heavily used by families with strollers and young children walking. The addition of two-way bike traffic on a concrete sidewalk will inevitably lead to children getting hit by a bicycle...many of which will be pedaled not by experienced, careful adults, but by other young children and teens, perhaps at reckless speeds. The concrete walkway will also add skateboards, hoverboards and scooters to the overall mix.
- The current boardwalk is of sufficient width to easily accommodate pedestrian traffic. The only "choke points" we have observed is where some of the vegetation along Atlantic Ave is allowed to grow 12 to 24 inches over the boardwalk. The plants with broad leaves and pointy ends are definitely ones you want to give wide berth while strolling. They should be trimmed back regularly.
- Extending the proposed new sidewalk into the existing dunes seems a terrible precedent for encroaching on what should remain a protected area.
- The need to accommodate bicycles along Atlantic Ave with a new sidewalk is a solution in search of a problem. Atlantic Ave is a low speed, one-way street. Our observations, made over the past 14 years, would suggest that cyclists have no real problem negotiating the road in either direction. Our family has often biked in this area without incident for many years. We suspect that there are few, if any, reports of bicycle accidents on this section of Atlantic Ave. The most treacherous section of Atlantic Ave for cyclists is the beach parking area between K Ave and L Ave, the one block of Atlantic Ave not included in the concrete sidewalk proposal.
- To make Atlantic Ave even safer for cyclists, installation of an additional stop sign at the beach access point halfway between M Ave and N Ave would add another "slow down"point for autos.
- We support the concept of a bikeway in Kure Beach linking with the one in Carolina Beach, which we often ride. We believe this bikeway should be located along the western edge of Kure Beach, connecting all the way to Fort Fisher.

Thanks for the opportunity to voice our thoughts.

Regards -

Terry McHugh

Patti McHugh

