

KURE BEACH
SHORELINE ACCESS, BEACH PROTECTION
AND PARKING COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

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

Tony Gonsalves, Chair

Andy Barnard, Co-Chair

Priscilla Smith, Secretary

Susan Walters

Mike Bledsoe

Linda Cheshire

Kerry Garrigan

Sara Smith

Ann Hughes

By motion made, seconded and carried the minutes from the August meeting were approved with the following change: From "left by, until 7:00PM" to be deleted.

By motion made, seconded and carried the agenda for the September meeting were approved.

Council person Swearingen was in attendance as was Ms. Leyva from Port City Daily.

Ms. Swearingen supplied the committee with the code of ordinances and Beach Weddings in Kure Beach.

Nancy Avery advised Tony that M.L. Smith has submitted his resignation from the committee effective immediately.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. UNCW Beach Sweep. Susan reported the beach sweep was excellent. The turnout of about 150 volunteers was great and everyone seem to enjoy the experience. This sweep is done by the Honors group and the freshmen from the college.*
- 2. Adopt a Beach. This program was introduce at the August Meeting by Ms. Swearingen, council member and Ms. Tillison, interested resident. Ann Hughes and Susan Walters worked along with Kerry Garrigan, Linda Cheshire and Sara Smith. They drew up a proposal to outline the purpose of this group and to delineate the method of operation. Tony will present this proposal to Council for approval. Nancy Hewitt will, if approved by council, assist is creating a link on the Towns web site to the group to use for sign-up, etc.*
- 3. TDA Project. As M.L. Smith headed needs a new leader. Kerry has volunteered to look over the requirements, etc. and report back to the Committee she feels she will be able to handle the project.*
- 4. J-E Beace Access parking. Jim Smith. This project is on hold.*
- 5. Re-define parking spaces on Ft. Fisher Blvd. Four of the missing spaces have been marked and Tony is working on getting rest of the taken care of.*
- 6. Turtle Nests. Ann Hughes. Ann reported there are 11 nests in Kure Beach and they are already hatching.*
- 7. H Ave Beach Access. The request for a grant for redoing this access to one that is handicap friendly is moving along. We have been asked for a final proposal which is being prepared and will be sent out. The Committee will need to have the access engineered and Tony has requested that the \$2500.00 needed to engineer the access come from the committee's funding. The Council has agreed to this expenditure.*
- 8. The Corral parking sign has be installed.*
- 9. Lighting for the Corral Parking Lot is being handled by Sonny Beeker.*
- 10. Xmas Trees. Andy spoke with John Batson regarding putting xmas trees by the dunes to assist their growth. John reported there is no reason not to. The Trees will not harm the beach or the*

sea oats. Ann reported that Spenser Rogers would be willing to assist the town by checking the dunes and pointing out where the trees would do the most good. As the beach is scheduled to be renourished after the end of hurricane season, the committee voted to put this on hold until after renourishment is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Palm Air will have someone at the October meeting to discuss sea oats planting.*

Note: Linda reported she saw water rats by the beach. This was discussed and as water rats are often found in areas where there is a lake, river, or an ocean, there is not anything we can do to get rid of them.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on October 6th at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Smith