

Kure Beach Community Center

Committee Minutes

October 14, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chairperson Ellen Owens. Committee members in attendance were Jim FitzGerald and Christine Burrows. Mayor Allen Oliver and KB Director of Recreation & Events, Nikki Keely were present. Also, John Pride, Shelley Germain, and Alice Gilliland were also in attendance. As there were new participants, each person introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: September committee minutes were approved (with a name spelling correction).

Town News: Mayor provided a general town update.

Rental Update [Recreation Department]: Nikki shared updated recreational activities and the state of community center bookings. All is going well.

Community Center Old Business:

Genealogy Interest Group: GIG continues to meet monthly. 1 person + Jim attended the October meeting. Next meeting is November 6 from 1:00-2:00PM.

Ping Pong: As regularly scheduled Ping Pong has been sparsely attended, but the Ping Pong tournament had heavier participation, it was proposed to switch Ping Pong to a quarterly tournament format. Committee agreed that November 16th from 3-5PM, January 18, 2026, and April 19, 2026 would be target dates. Nikki noted that there were some Kure Beach town items that could be used as prizes and that we had budget to buy more/other items.

Lectures: No progress on scheduling lectures was made.

Community Center New Business:

Ellen asked those present to confirm their contact information to use for communication.

Agreed a Google Docs account should be set up for committee use. Nikki agreed to facilitate getting the account administration set up. Shelley and Alice offered to help set up a form for ping pong tournament sign up with name, email, singles/doubles, and partner (if desired) as fields. There was also discussion of having the committee help with flyer creation potentially using the town's Canva license. Nikki agreed to look into that possibility.

Discussion on committee marketing was deferred although Nikki agree to research ad costs experienced by bike/ped committee. Committee noted that other potential marketing avenues included town website, HOAs and flyers posted around community. Also discussed suggesting

that a quarterly meeting of town committee chairs be revived to better keep everyone informed of all the town activities.

Community Center Open House is targeted for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 from 6-8 PM. Discussed inviting instructors of current classes and then having tables set up for them, genealogy, ping pong, and for community input on ideas for use.

Alice Gilliland application to join the committee was reviewed and OK'd and will be forwarded to the town council for approval.

Upcoming committee events include:

- November 6 – GIG (1PM)
- November 16 – Ping Pong Tournament (3-5PM)
- December 4 – GIG (1PM)
- January 13 – Community Center Open House (6-8PM)
- January 18 – Ping Pong Tournament (3-5PM)

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM and the next meeting will be held on November 18, 2025 at 12:30PM (moved due to Veteran's Day holiday at town hall). (Note exact time of next meeting was locked down after the meeting via email).