

Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee

April 6, 2026
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Members Present: Candy Ashton-Forrester (CAF), John Pride (JP), Greg Germain (GG), Steve Corcoran (SC), Ryland Fox (RF), Eileen Clute

Guests/Citizens:

Staff/Council: Commissioner Mark Dirks, Council Liaison; Sean Geer, KB Parks and Recreation

Absent: Will Reynolds (WR) Mo Linquist (ML), Trent Taylor (TT),

Call to Order 10:00 AM by EC

Roll Call See above

Approval of Agenda Motion by GG to approve agenda, seconded by JP. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Motion by JP to approve 03/09/2026 minutes, seconded by JP. Motion carried unanimously.

Mission Statement Read by JP

Public Comment

Presentation Mayor Allen Oliver gave an update on three issues: (a) there is no municipal, state, for East Coast Greenway money (approx. \$385,000) for the environmental assessment of the MOTSU property for the greenway extension—the town is still looking for funding; (b) Ft. Fisher and K Ave. crossing has a property right-of-way issue with Big Daddy's because they will be losing outdoor seating—negotiations will continue; (c) crosswalks at Settlers Lane and K Ave, E Ave. and I Ave at Ft. Fisher are about \$280,000 over budget because of NCDOT requirements—town is asking Rep. Miller for state funds (but state still does not have a budget)—Congressman Rouser has been contacted for Federal funds to complete this project.

Budget Report

SC reported to date committee account has approximately \$4500—report is located GoogleSheets on the GoogleDrive.

Old Business

Strategic Planning and Accountability

Funding

NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative—WR reported he has not heard back from NCDOT regarding the helmet grant. He

Grant Writing—RF will reapply for the Cape Fear Garden Club grant.

Communication

Pleasure Island News (PIN)--JP reported PIN ad for April has been published. JP will send PIN PSAs to Sean without the QR code for the KB Recreation & Events Facebook.

ML sent Sean a PSA video to post on the KB Recreation & Events Facebook page. She can send Sean all the videos so he can use them as needed.

Education

Traffic Garden: Scheduled for Friday, April 24 (rain date May1) at Carolina Beach Elementary School—7:30 am start time. Set-up date is Thursday, April 23, 4-6 PM. SC will work with ML to order supplies.

SC ordered 250 bike safety sticker books, 300 boxes of crayons, 12 rolls of safety tape (approx. \$700) for Traffic Garden. Currently we have about 120 backpacks—more will be needed for the summer.

Thursday, 4/23, set-up, 4-6 PM: RF, GG, JP, EC, GG, SC, ML WR & TT ?)

Friday, 4.24, 7:30 AM: GG, ML, EC, SC, (RF, JP, WR, TT ?). EC will recruit volunteers.

Community Events

Kure Community Fest: Saturday, April 25, 11 AM-3 PM;

- 10:30-12:30—WR, GG
- 12:30-3:00—WR, ML, TT (?)

SC will work with ML to order giveaways (e.g., shirts for raffle, etc. GG will develop three short quizzes for the Community Fest.

Come Walk with Us—Friends of Kure Beach—Friday, April 24, 7:00 AM registration. GG requested Bike/Ped provide Friends of KB donate a \$100 gift card to the event. Commissioner Dirk

checked with the town's financial manager and a better option would be to donate Be Safe Be Seen shirts.

Tour-de-Island—Oct. 17, 2026. Carolina Beach Bike/Ped will no longer be involved via CB Town Council mandate. Meetings will now be special meetings of the Bike/Ped committee so more members will be able to assist with planning. EC will notify Beth so meetings can be advertised. Next meeting is scheduled for April 21, tentatively 1 PM at Town Hall.

GG suggested the committee purchase a 2-speaker PA system that can be used at events and shared with other town committees/departments. GG will research this and bring it back to the committee in May.

Infrastructure

Beautification plan/Spot Lane Connector Maintenance: GG will work with Public Works regarding the watering issue. EC suggested rain barrels be put on the Lift Station. GG suggested a water service could be used. Commissioner Dirk suggested we request the town for assistance with this. The committee has approximately \$900 left from the Garden Club grant. GG moved and JP seconded, that the money remaining from the grant and committee budget up to \$1000 be used for hiring a short-term watering service for the Spot Lane Connector. RF will look into this. GG will contact Public Works that the committee has a short term solution to the watering issue.

Green Bicycle Lane Striping—no update from ML

New Business:

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Chair & Member Updates:

- National Bike Month Proclamation—May—EC will contact town police for data for proclamation.
- WMPO Trail Etiquette Guide
- CBBP—WR attended, no update
- Coffee with the mayor—JP attended, no update

Announcements:

- BikeWalk NC E-Bike Webinar Regualtions—April 9, 2026, 7-8 PM
- CB Bike Bus, April 1, May 6, June 3
- Traffic Garden—work day, Thursday April 23, Traffic Garden, Friday, April 24
- Kure Community Fest—April 25, 11 AM- 3 PM

- River to the Sea Ride—May 2 (WMPO Go Coast)
- BikeWalk NC, Sept. 17-19, Marriott of CB

Next Meeting: May 4, 2026, 10 AM

Adjournment: 12:00 PM