

Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee

Meeting Minutes: 12/01/2025

Recorded by CAF

Members Present: Candy Ashton-Forrester (CAF), John Pride (JP), Ryland Fox (RF), Eileen Clute (EC), Will Reynolds (WR) Greg Germain (GG) Steve Corcoran (SC), Trent Taylor (TT), Mo Linqvist (ML)

Guests/Citizens: Jennifer Ames, Barb Erwin

Staff/Council: Mayor Allen Oliver, Sean Gear, Recreation and Events Manager; John Ellen (JE), Commissioner and Committee Liaison

Absent:

Call to Order 10:00 AM by EC

Roll Call See above

Approval of Agenda Motion to approve by EC, seconded by WR. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve 11/10/2025. minutes by JP, seconded by RF. Motion carried unanimously.

Mission Statement Read by RF

Budget Report EC reported for ML--to date committee account has approximately \$6000. SC has accepted the role as bookkeeper.

Presentation Mayor Oliver reported on Ft. Fisher and K Ave. intersection—project has been approved at 100%. Construction to begin Sept. 2026. The delay is due to increased cost of construction, purchasing of right of ways, updating project agreement with NCDOT, and tourist season.

Midwalk crossings—projects have been 90% approved. Funding is still needed, but hopefully construction will begin Sept. 2026.

Island Greenway—MOTSU is requiring an environmental assessment and town needs a scope of work. East Coast Greenway has committed to paying for the study. However, scope of work from MOTSU has been delayed due to US government shutdown.

Old Business

Strategic Plan--CAF reported the 2026-2027 strategic plan will be ready for review by Jan. 2026 meeting.

Funding/Infrastructure—EC reported there will be funding available for Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) from WMPO—training will be in Feb. 2026, and grants will be due in July 2026—ML will take the lead with this.

NCDOT Helmet Initiative—WR will take the lead in this for children and adult helmets. Proposals are due in Jan.

AARP Funding—RF will look into this funding source.

ABC Funding—RF will look into this funding source.

Communication—JP reported all media communications have been submitted and updated. Pleasure Island news bills us for twice a month.

Education—committee provided education at the KB Holiday Market. Children love the spinning wheel

Events--Community Center Open House—Jan. 13, 2026, will be a chance to showcase the Bike/Ped committee. TT will put together a infograph and/or slide show for this event—ML and CAF will work with him on this.

Infrastructure—Signage—RF reported he and WR will work on putting up TBBK signs on bike racks I Ave., E Ave, and Ocean View. Fifteen Bike Right/Walk Left signs are posted, 5 more signs can be installed. RF, WR, CAF will look into this as well as signs on Stop signs. RF will be speak to Public Works about signage and that the Spot Lane connector sign needs fixing.

Banners—Ordering banners will be put on hold. GG and JP will look into permanent structures for banners.

Be Seen Be Safe Shirts—if you want to order a shirt, you're your information (size, type, color, etc.) to ML by Dec. 10. Motion made by GG, seconded by JP to allocate \$100 to order more shirts for giveaways. Motion carried unanimously.

Coffee with the Mayor—Nov was cancelled, JP will attend the Dec. coffee..

CBBP Committee report—WR reported CBBP is working on the application for League of American Bicyclists Bike Friendly Town; CBBP has a 3-year term-limit; drone show on CB boardwalk was the #1 attended event in CB in 2025; they are working on a Bike Bus to Carolina Beach Elementary School in March 2026..

New Business

New committee member training with ML at Town Hall at 10AM on Friday, Dec. 5.

Announcements

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, 6-8 PM, Open House at Community Center

Barb Erwin reported her husband sent the committee an email regarding NC Senate Bill S576 (2025-2026 Session). ML reported that bill was from May 2026 and did not pass the Senate, thus is dead at this time. Barb asked why committee wasn't taking public comment. ML answered that Public Comment is not required to be a part of our agenda, and the best way provide comment to the committee is through the committee's email. However, we always welcome public comment when time permits.

BikeWalkNC—Marriott at Carolina Beach, Sept. 17-19, 2026

Next Meeting:

Jan. 5, 2026, 10 AM

Adjournment:

12:00 PM