

Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee

Meeting Minutes: 06/02/2025

Recorded by CAF

Members Present: Candy Ashton-Forrester (CAF), John Pride (JP), Ryland Fox (RF), Steve Shumate (SS), Greg Germain (GG), Mo Linquist (ML), Will Reynolds (WR), Eileen Clute (EC), Al Krum (AK)

Guests/Citizens: Jennifer Ames, Rodney Kidd & Yvonne Bailey, CB Bike/Ped Committee; Caroline Caggia & Greer Templer, WMPO

Staff/Council: Sean Gear, Staff; John Ellen (JE), Commissioner and Committee Liaison

Absent:

Call to Order 10:01 AM by ML

Roll Call See above

Approval of Agenda Added infrastructure discussion, events, moved Tour de Blueberry—motion to approve by GG, seconded by SS. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve by SS, seconded by JP. Motion carried unanimously.

Mission Statement Read by ML

Public Comment Yvonne Bailey asked about updates to KB boardwalk and the areas that are still unsafe. She sent photos to ML. JE will send information and pictures to Public Works.

Budget Report AK reported balance of \$3635.03 in committee's budget. CAF will order backpacks.

Presentation Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) staff presented (see attached slides) an overview of the WMPO and Go Coast NC which promotes the use of and activities that support alternative transportation (e.g., carpooling, walking, biking, using public transportation) and safety.

CB is applying to the League of Bicyclists to be a Bike Friendly City. <https://bikeleague.org/bfa/community/>

Old Business

Communication—JP reported the information for the website has been updated. CAF will create a PSA for Island Gazette for July—"Welcome to our bike and pedestrian friendly island—heads up phones down."

Committee hasn't utilized the Recreation Department Facebook. ML and JP will work on this.

Bike map distribution—WR will work with Janet Hoffer to order more maps and be responsible for distributing the maps.

Funding—Grant from Cape Fear Garden Club for beautification of Spot Land Connector—RF will work on submitting the proposal by June 15th and needs to go to Town Council by noon on June 14th for approval.

Education—

Traffic Garden was rained out, but set-up was very successful. Students received bike safety information and backpacks

Neighborhood Nights—6-8 PM—first event is June 5th
GG, ML and WR have been working on activities for the committee's dates:

- June 26—CAF & WR & EC
- July 31—JP & SS & ML
- Aug. 7—JP & RF & GG

Infrastructure

Pedestrian Signage for Boardwalk—ML reported Council approved.

Tour de Island, Oct. 18th—EC thanked to committee for their hard work so far and shared plans to date. Goal is 150 riders from KB and CB. End of the 10-mile ride may be at the Island Men's BBQ at Lake Park.

BikeWalkNC Summit, Hickory, NC, Sept. 7th-9th —GG, RF, CAF, ML, EC & JP will attend. <https://www.bikewalknc.org/nc-bikewalk-summit/>

Council of Government training for town committee members—Thursday, June 12th, 3-4 PM—EC, SS, ML, WR, RF will attend.

Infrastructure:

Updates from Mayor Oliver—Ft. Fisher and K Ave. plans have been approved by NCDOT, construction should begin Sept. Mid-block crossings at I Ave., E Ave. & Settlers Lane is ready to send out for bid. Regarding greenway extension—town is waiting to hear from MOTSU to get details on Environmental Assessment.

Beautification—Lift stations

Signs on Boardwalk

Bike Racks—RF will take bike rack signs donated by Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation (TBBF) to Public Works to install. ML will ask TBBF to put bike racks at Ft. Fisher Museum.

Rocks on Atlantic Ave.—GG to look into

Intersection Marking Lanes for Bikes (i.e., Comprehensive Bike/Ped Plan)—WR will contact NCDOT and look into this.

Announcements

- Tour de Island subcommittee meeting—TBA
- Tour de Blueberry—June 21st
- BikeWalkNC Summit, Hickory, NC, Sept. 7th-9th
- Brunswick Cultural Heritage Gullah Geechee Ride—Sept. 27th
- Mountains to the Coast, NC—Oct 5th-11th ends at Blakeslee.
ML will contact Tony Clark, event manager, to determine what committee can do to welcome riders.
- Kure Beach Farewell to Summer Jazz Funeral—Oct. 2025
- Bike-to-the-Beach—Nov. 2026

Next Meeting: Aug. 4, 2025

Adjournment: 11:55 AM