

Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee

Meeting Minutes: 09/18/2025

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Members Present: Candy Ashton-Forrester (CAF), John Pride (JP), Ryland Fox (RF), Greg Germain (GG), Mo Linquist (ML), Eileen Clute (EC)

Guests/Citizens: Jennifer Ames

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

Absent: Steve Shumate (SS); Will Reynolds (WR)

Call to Order 10:00 AM by ML

Roll Call See above

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

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve with corrections by JP, seconded by GG. Motion carried unanimously.

Mission Statement Read by JP

Public Comment None

Budget Report ML reported to date committee account has \$7038.32.

Presentation None

Old Business **Strategic Planning and Committee:** Annual Report was reviewed and edits made.

Communication: JP reported the website is up-to-date and includes information regarding Tour-de-Island. Suggestions for additions were made.

Pleasure Island News update—JP reported Walktober ad is ready to go, ML will send JP Tour-de-Island ad.

Parks and Rec website—SG reported Tour-de-Island is on that website.

Give-aways—ML requested the purchase of cow bells to be used the day of Mountains to the Coast. JP motioned to spend up to \$150 for cow bells, seconded by RF. Motion carried.

Funding—Grant from Cape Fear Garden Club for beautification of Spot Land Connector—RF completed and submitted. Expect response in October.

Grant submitted to NC Department of Health by ML for bike racks at I & E avenues was not awarded.

Education—Committee members shared what they learned from attending the BikeWalkNC Summit. New maps have been delivered.

Infrastructure

Bike rack thank you signs - WR to work with public works to install at the 3 bike rack locations.

Tour de Island, Oct. 18th—EC reported over 70 individuals have registered—registration open until 5PM on Oct. 16th. Route begins at Mike Chappel Park and ends at Ocean Front Park. Numerous non-profits and local businesses are supporting the event with t-shirts, food, and drinks. Motion made by GG to purchase up to 30 Tour-de-Island shirts from Friends of Kure Beach that aren't sold at the event at \$15 each, seconded by EC. Motion carried.

Walktober—all marketing materials will be ready to publish by Sept. 19th.

Mountains to the Coast, NC—Oct 5th-11th ends at the Fort Fisher Monument. The following committee members will volunteer at River Road Park:

JP—9:30-12:30

CAF and Dan Forrester –9:30-12:30

ML—9:30-12:30

The banner welcoming riders to Kure Beach has been delivered,. Commissioner Ellen is making a frame for it to be hung over K Ave. by the fire department.

Infrastructure—WL will work with Public Works to get Terry Benjey signs installed on bike racks and to have the Kure Beach sign installed at the Spot Lane Connector. WL and RF will work

with Public Works to get final Walk Left Bike Right signs installed.
Repair of boardwalk is ongoing.

New Business

WMPO Get There Greener (<https://www.gocoastnc.org/get-there-greener/>)

WMPO—Bike to Work Day, Oct. 17, 2025

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Announcements

- Tour de Island subcommittee meeting—weekly
- Brunswick Cultural Heritage Gullah Geechee Ride—Sept. 27, 2025
- Mountains to the Coast, NC—Oct. 11, 2025, riders arrive at Fort Fisher Monument from Burgaw.
- Kure Beach Farewell to Summer Jazz Funeral—Oct. 3, 2025
- Heglar Open—Oct. 4, 2005

Next Meetings:

Rescheduled for Oct. 13, 2025, and Nov. 10, 2025

Adjournment:

11:57 AM