

Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee

Meeting Minutes: 02/12/2025

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

Guests/Citizens: Barbara Erwin; Roy Erwin; Jennifer Ames; Rodney Kidd, Chair, Carolina Beach Bike/Ped Committee

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

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

Call to Order 10:00 AM by ML

Roll Call See above

Approval of Agenda Motion to approve changes—add Bike to the Beach—by EC, seconded by GG. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve AK, seconded by GG. Motion carried unanimously.

Mission Statement Read by EC

Public Comment Jennifer Ames shared that the Town Council agreed the boardwalk is pedestrian only, and noted bikes, especially e-bikes are a problem. She would like to see signs stating that the boardwalk is for pedestrians only.

Budget Report Expenditures—AK reported \$3,211.24 expenditures to date.

Presentation NA

New Business **East Coast Greenway Feasibility Study:** Town Council discussed the plan at their retreat and will vote on it at their Feb. 17th meeting.

GG motioned the committee communicate its support the feasibility study, seconded by EC. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Budget Request for 2025-2026: Due Mar.

Kure Beach Community Fest, Saturday, April 26th: Purpose of the event is to provide a Family friendly, interactive or educational event—application due March 14th. ML will submit the application.

Friends of Kure Beach GlowRide: EC asked for the KB Bike/Ped Committee to support this event on April 25th.

Old Business

Response to Jennifer Ames request for “Pedestrian Traffic Only” sign(s) on Boardwalk: ML responded to Jennifer Ames inquiry about “Pedestrian Only” signs on the boardwalk. She was told by Town Council that this should go before the Shoreline Access and Beach Protection (SLABP) committee then approved by Council.

GG motioned the Committee allocate \$2000 to support “Pedestrian Traffic Only” signs on the boardwalk, seconded by AK. GG amended motion to “allocate \$500” for signs, seconded by AK. Motion carried unanimously.

GG will contact Commissioner Dennis, P SLAB Committee liaison, and Rick Jackson, chair of SLABP Committee.

Response to Barbara Erwin regarding alleged break-ins to a house on the Island Greenway: ML contacted the Carolina Beach Police Department—the only break-ins reported were in 2015. Report of a break-in on the Island Greenway was a misprint in the Pleasure Island News.

2025-26 Strategic Plan—Plan was discussed and additions were made. CAF will send the plan to committee members for additional edits.

Traffic Garden at Carolina Beach Elementary School: Set-up—Thursday, April 10, 4-6 PM; Event—Friday, April 11th, 9AM-2PM.

Tour de Island: Event is scheduled for Oct. 18th. EC requested Carolina Beach Bike/Ped Committee provide her with possible members and dates for a sub-committee meeting.

Announcements

- KB Town Council Meeting, Feb. 17th
- TOKB Volunteer Appreciation Dinner—Mar.12th
- Lo Tide Run—March 15th
- Traffic Garden—April 10th & 11th

- River to Sea Bike Ride—May 3rd
- Commissioner John Ellen's 80th Birthday-80-Mile-Bike-Ride—May 30th
- Tour de Blueberry—June 21st
- BikeWalk NC Summit, Hickory, NC, Sept. 7th-9th
- Tour de Island—Oct. 18th
- Brunswick Cultural Heritage Gullah Geechee Ride—TBA
- Kure Beach Farewell to Summer Jazz Funeral—Oct. 2025
- Mountains to the Coast, NC Ride—Oct. 2025
- Bike-to-the-Beach—Nov. 2026

Next Meeting: Mar. 17, 2025, 10 AM

Adjournment: 11:34 AM