

## **Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee**

Minutes of July 1, 2025

### **Members Present:**

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary

Ann Hughes

Randy Bock

Pat Edgecomb, Alternate - Remote

Pat Triplett, Co-Chair - Absent

Don Campbell

John Kiwaha - Absent

Kelly Graves

Dennis Panicali, Council Liaison

Don made a motion to open the meeting and Randy seconded the motion. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Rick Jackson.

No changes were requested to be made to the minutes or agenda. Ann motioned to approve both, and Kelly seconded the motion.

One guest was present in person: Jennifer

### **Old Business:**

**Adopt-a-Beach:** Ann – no update

**Beach Sponsorship:** Rick has all the signs for Mike Bledsoe; he has a total of 9 signs now.

**Toy Boxes & Ocean Life Project:** Pat T. – Absent; no update.

**Council Update:** Dennis – The Town meeting was brief, they said goodbye to the old Police Chief and swore in the new Chief of Police, Brandon Bailey. It was a busy weekend with the shooting on Hanby.

Rick asked how it was going with parking. Dennis responded that we're ahead of last year's revenue. The numbers are similar in terms of the number of guests coming in. Don said, many people bought passes off the island. Dennis stated that even though the rate was raised this year, so far, we are on target.

The renourishment is still scheduled to start in November, and it looks like they will be able to take sand from the CB inlet. The Army Core of Engineers is going to assist in these efforts. The committee discussed how badly it is needed on the south end in front of the Riggings. The Coquina rocks are exposed and dangerous. Signage may be needed, maybe just two, one at each access point to warn visitors to be cautious. Kelly mentioned that the dunes are non-existent down there and the rocks are exposed. People are getting hurt. There is not enough sand to support the lifeguard stand. Kids are fishing off their decks. The committee discussed the verbiage for the signs and agreed upon, "CAUTION: Beware of coquina rocks" on a 12x12 yellow sign. Dennis gave his approval to the committee to move forward with having the signs made.

## **New Business:**

- **Beach Cleanup – July 5<sup>th</sup>** – Dennis said there will be extra police patrol on Thursday and Friday to monitor the use of fireworks. Anyone using fireworks will be ticketed and told to leave the beach after 10 pm.
- **Beach Brochure** – These were picked up from Southern Signs and Rick will be delivering them to the short-term realtor offices and hotel/motels.
- **New Access Point Decals** – Rick sent the new beach rules decal for the access point signs for our approval. Ann motioned to approve, and John seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- **Beach Magnet** – These were updated with the new verbiage, Don made a motion to approve, and Randy seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- **Neighbor Night:** Rick asked for a head count of who will be attending on the two dates our committee is supporting this event, July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>. John and Liz are available on the 10<sup>th</sup> but will be out of town on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Back to School Aquarium Cleanup** – This is held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. We participated in this event last year; do we have anyone available or who wants to attend this year? John and Liz are out of town on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **August Meeting** – Rick asked if we should cancel the August meeting? A good majority of the members will be out of town, so a decision was made by the committee to cancel the August meeting.
- Jennifer asked if anything was being done about filling in the areas at access 322 where the hamlet washed away the sand and created a hole that invites people to enter the area where they should not be entering. She asked if we could put some “sand fencing” up to deter people from accessing that area like the fencing or tape put up to deter people from going under the pier. Dennis said, “The Town is checking with CAMA to see what we can do.”

Next meeting to be held 9/2/25.

Don motioned to adjourn, and Ann seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.