

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of October 7, 2025

Members Present:

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary

Ann Hughes

Randy Bock

Pat Edgecomb, Alternate - Absent

Pat Triplett, Co-Chair

Don Campbell

John Kiwaha

Kelly Priest - Absent

Dennis Panicali, Council Liaison

Ann made a motion to open the meeting and Don second 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. Don motioned to approve both, and Pat T. second the motion.

No guests were present in person or virtually.

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach: Ann - No update.

Beach Sponsorship: Rick – The change has been made regarding giving a discounted renewal rate for anyone who initially purchased 2 or more beach booster signs. It is now officially posted.

Toy Boxes & Ocean Life Project: Pat T. – She picked up the trash out of the toy boxes and the pickup of the boxes must have gotten delayed. Pat went again to check them and had to remove more trash. Rick said that the fire department will be picking them up, so he will check with Jimmy, something must have come up to delay that from happening.

Rick did get the mesh for the bottom of the boxes; they just need to be installed.

Pat said the box at the pier needs to be moved to a lifeguard stand at another location. This box is solely being used as a trash receptacle, no toys are in it, just trash. The boxes at F Ave and 322 are fine, some trash, but there are still toys in them. Rick said we'll discuss where we want to place the toy box for next season when they get put back out.

Council Update: Dennis – Parking was discussed, no significant changes. They are discussing changing the parking season to extend it so we're consistent with CB. We get nice weather in March and September as well, which is why it's being considered. This still needs to be voted on.

Don asked how many \$50 permits were purchased. Don said he didn't know exactly, but of the 3,274 permits purchased which was 1,200 more than last year, 90% were the \$50 permits, a few were \$100 and \$25 increments. They are checking with the core of engineers to see if this is

consistent with the region. Most of the revenue was generated from the increase and the parking passes purchased. The window for purchasing the \$50 pass is only open for one week, the 1st week of February.

Dennis also shared that Ocean Rescue B Shift and firefighters responded to a rescue event and avoided a drowning death. The EMS and police were also there. They all did a great job rescuing two people and one person, a good Samaritan, grabbed a rescue buoy and brought it to the water to try to save them before the rescue team arrived. All were safely pulled to shore. They drifted south and the rip current pulled them out south of the pier.

The renourishment is still on schedule to start staging in November, they will start in CB so they likely won't be on KB until January. They must wait until turtle nesting season is over. They will probably use snow cut sand and bring it down to CB and KB.

Rick asked what Dennis thought the impact would be on the aquarium being closed for 3 years now. Dennis doesn't think it will have a huge impact stating that the day trippers may be impacted and restaurants and business, but most of our visitors are here for more than the aquarium.

New Business:

- **Meet the Candidates** – Rick attended this on 9/30 and there was a good turnout, 25-30 people attended. Tracy Mitchell withdrew a couple days before for personal reasons.
- **Public Works** – Rick followed up with Jimmy regarding the hole at F, 1207 ramp board that needs repair, old signs at Davis and the signs and posts in the rocks near the Riggins and asked if anyone noticed if they were completed. Pat said the hole at F had not been fixed as of 9/30 when Pat T. checked the boxes and the old sign is still at Davis. Rick said he will follow up with Jimmy and will copy Dennis on the email.
- **Beach Magnet** – These will be distributed in the spring.
- **Safety** - Don shared his frustration over vehicles not stopping for people in the crosswalk. It may be helpful to add a few more speed radar signs. Ann also brought up a previous suggestion for a digital sign during peak season alerting visitors and locals of high rip current activity.
- **Beach Vitex** – Dennis asked that we focus again on Beach Vitex. He asked that we remind Jimmy that the plants need to be treated during the growing season April - November.

Next meeting to be held 11/6/25.

Don motioned to adjourn, and Pat T. second the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.