

## Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of January 6, 2026

### **Members Present:**

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| Rick Jackson, Co-Chair           | Pat Triplett, Co-Chair |
| Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary      | Don Campbell           |
| Ann Hughes                       | John Kiwaha - Absent   |
| Randy Bock                       | Kelly Priest           |
| Pat Edgecomb, Alternate          | Dennis Panicali        |
| Byron Ashbridge, Council Liaison |                        |

Ann made a motion to open the meeting and Don 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Rick Jackson.

No changes were requested to be made to the December minutes or the agenda for this meeting; Pat T. motioned to approve and Pat E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Guests present in person: Jennifer & Howard

### **Old Business:**

**Adopt-a-Beach:** Ann Hughes -No update

**Beach Booster Sponsorship:** Rick - No update

**Ocean life & Toyboxes:** Pat T. – The toyboxes are off the beach currently and will go back out after the renourishment is completed. A discussion was held regarding adding signs to the toyboxes to hopefully keep them from being used as trash receptacles. For example, “Please No Trash”.

**Council Update:** Dennis turned the committee over to Byron Ashbridge, our new council liaison. Byron shared that he has big shoes to fill. Byron asked that we, the committee members, be vocal with him.

Byron provided an update regarding the renourishment project. There was a meeting with the Core of Engineers that the mayor was called into. It is unusual for the mayor to be brought into an update meeting. They were informed by the Core of Engineers that 100% of the sand projected as needed to meet expectations will be provided, however we will have a small amount of beach that isn't going to get any sand which amounts to about 4 blocks. The reason for the shortage is the survey that was done to make the determination as to how much was needed was 4 years old and there has been more degradation than anticipated.

CB & KB projects are independent of each other. Our sand is coming offshore. CBs costs are higher even though its less than what CB is getting from the inlet.

The renourishment project is looking to be completed by April 2026. The reason for the pause or break in the project is they finished the first phase earlier than expected. To begin the second phase, they need to bring in the dredges. Once they arrive, the project will resume.

Second update: There is a plan to change the outflow pipes to 30" pipes. The pipes are currently 18". M&L Avenues are completed. This was planned to get ahead of the renourishment. A fallout of the change in pipes is that the dunes have been compromised, so the vegetation will need to be re-added.

Rick asked if the contractor was going to replant the dunes. Byron stated that it is unclear as to whether the contractor is going to do it.

Dennis said he doesn't believe it was included in the original bid. This will be contracted out, it's too big a project for volunteers. As a reminder, Sea Oats are planted in the spring and Sea Grass is planted in the fall.

Kelly asked if the pipes down at Fort Fisher would be replaced and Dennis said, yes. The new pipes will work better.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Review of this year's projects:**

- a. Signage, post renourishment survey – we want to get started on the signage earlier. Randy and Rick will get together to get an inventory to get it on the current budget.
  - b. Toy Boxes – we need a "Please NO TRASH" sign on the boxes.
  - c. Dunes & Maintenance – Vitex and new outfalls. We need to keep an eye on the new outfalls. The vitex is still trying to spread.
  - d. Kure Beach brochures distribution – These will be distributed to the real estate and rental offices.
  - e. Magnets – These will be left at Town Hall for locals and visitors to pick up.
  - f. Giveaways for various functions such as the KB festival and others – we currently have branded ChapStick and glasses cleaning clothes as give aways.
  - g. Kure Beach Festival Co-leaders – Kelly and Liz agreed to co-lead the May festival.
2. **Community Center Open House** – Reminder that the CC Open House will be held on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.
  3. **Change March Meeting** due to elections from Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was in favor of the change.

Rick noted that we have quite a few committee members who are unable to attend a meeting in February and suggested we cancel the meeting. Don 2<sup>nd</sup> the suggestion and all were in favor.

Kelly asked if our committee would be helping with the planting of the Sea Oats/Grass and Byron said they will likely contract the job out.

Our guest, Jennifer, said there is an outfall at M Avenue and people are going under the walkway to literally poop. She mentioned that there is fencing at H Ave which seems to be working to block entry and asked if one can be installed at M Ave also. Rick said he will check into it.

Our guest, Howard, said when they did the outfall at M Avenue, they put the dune back, but it's a big frontal dune that just drops off, the back of the dune was not replaced. He asked if they will fill in the back section of the dune.

Dennis mentioned that they did a nice job replacing the dune at H Avenue, but they did have to have them come back to do it. Dennis told Rick and Byron that they would need to reach out to Jimmy and Bethany.

Ann motioned to adjourn, Pat T. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Next meeting to be held 3/5/26.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.