

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of March 5, 2026

Members Present:

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary

Ann Hughes

Randy Bock

Byron Ashbridge, Council Liaison

Pat Triplett, Co-Chair

Don Campbell - Absent

John Kiwaha

Kelly Priest

Pat Edgecomb, Alternate

Ann made a motion to open the meeting and Randy 2nd the motion. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Rick Jackson.

No changes were requested to be made to the January minutes or the agenda for this meeting; Pat T. motioned to approve and Randy 2nd the motion.

Guest(s) present in person: Jennifer

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach: Ann Hughes – Ann asked if there was a way we could bring the program back to the main page of the Town’s website so it can be more visible. Ann also asked the committee if we had any other ideas to bring awareness to it. Pat T. said she usually asks the people who did it if they want to do it again. Ann said she has been doing that and mentioned that in the past, when the program wasn’t “hidden” on the website, we did get more interest. Byron suggested that Ann talk with Nikki about getting it added back to the front page of the town website.

Beach Booster Sponsorship: Rick – Rick is going to ask Don to assist with this program and mentioned that the south end of the beach needs more help. Byron asked what we’ve done to get the word out about the program and Kelly responded that they’ve gone to all the local businesses, i.e., restaurants and stores and only one person signed up.

Ocean life & Toyboxes: Pat T. – Rick mentioned that the top “lip” of the toybox is 5 ½” so the new “No Trash” sign can be placed on that top lip and/or on the front of the toybox. Rick and Pat are going to wait a bit and add the sign when they add the netting to the bottom of the boxes that will keep the smaller toys from falling through. Pat and Rick will install the sign plates and netting. Ed will put the toyboxes back on the beach once the renourishment is complete.

Council Update: Byron mentioned that the dredge for the renourishment is in place and they will start mid-week next week.

Back in 2022 there was a discussion around the boardwalk – 4 years later, nothing has been done. Byron has picked this project up. There is no real change in design. They will address the drainage issue on Atlantic Avenue and address the ongoing maintenance expense - \$74,000 was spent last

year. There was discussion around preparing for this season and a long-term plan that is more sustainable and requires less maintenance. The citizen feedback 4 years ago was loud and clear, and it will be addressed.

New Business:

Sign Survey – Rick and Byron did a review of the beach access ramps and signage. Byron mentioned that there are probably one or two accesses that have ideal sign placement and over time we would like to be consistent in the sign placement at all the accesses.

Ramp Survey - John, Liz and Pat T. volunteered to evaluate the beach access locations 1004 to 99 and note the condition of the ramps. Byron said that we will find one access that is condemned.

Toy Box Locations – The location for the toyboxes was discussed and it was decided by the committee that they will be placed at the following beach accesses this year: F, I, 322 and Kure Village (630).

Brochures: Pat E. asked if there was a definition given of an e-bike. Byron responded that there isn't one set by the state yet.

Kure Beach Festival – Kelly will talk to some local businesses to see if they will be willing to donate some merchandise for prize giveaways. Randy and Kelly will be out of town at the time of the festival and unfortunately will not be able to attend this year.

Pat T. motioned to adjourn, Ann 2nd the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Next meeting to be held 4/7/26.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.