

Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of May 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
John Kiwaha
Kelly Priest
Pat Edgecomb, Alternate

Pat T. made a motion to open the meeting and Ann 2nd the motion. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Rick Jackson.

No changes were requested to be made to the April minutes; Pat T. motioned to approve and John 2nd the motion. No changes were requested to be made to the agenda; Ann motioned to approve and Pat T. 2nd the motion.

Guest(s) present in person: Jennifer

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach: Ann Hughes informed the committee that we have a new member who signed up, “Thank you, Liz”. Clarification was given for the length of the term and area adopted. Liz provided feedback on the sign-up process and noted that the process to sign up was easy.

Beach Booster Sponsorship: Rick – No update.

Ocean life & Toyboxes: Pat T. – Ed mentioned putting them in prior to Memorial weekend.

Council Update: Byron thanked the committee for our work at the KB festival.

Byron asked the committee to come up with an example of what we would like each of the signs to look like so we can have consistency in all the signage content and placement of the signs at each access point. We currently have a lot of signs and lots of information. Ann said that we either have more signs or more policing. Don agreed. Rick asked us all to look at what we can eliminate and what we should keep. The mile markers and other safety signs need to stay.

Byron mentioned that there is a broader initiative to add a “Welcome to KB” sign for picture taking, etc. and to potentially add a QR code that will bring people to additional information. The Island Arts Council may design the sign for KB. Marketing may expand their work to help us with the cost.

From a budget standpoint, Byron shared that garbage, water, sewer, and property taxes are all going up. Our water infrastructure is 60 years old. Our sewer system will require \$3 mil. fix to bring the infrastructure up to where it needs to be. We were revenue neutral on county last year.

Byron encouraged everyone to come to the Public Hearing.

Rick asked about the garbage being privatized. Byron mentioned that they haven't received any proposals yet.

K Ave crosswalk – Big Daddy's restaurant asked why we must impede into their property. We can waive the easement because it affects drainage, etc. so the cost is extensive. As far as mayor Oliver is concerned, this is still a winter project.

The mayor met with Motsu to discuss the parks and did get a proposal on the environmental study. The cost for the study is \$375,000.

Ann asked if the outflow pipes were going to remain elevated and the answer is, yes, to keep them from being impeded by the ocean/sand. They need to keep these at a gravitational flow. The sand will shift, so these do go down some over time.

New Business:

Kure Beach Festival – Rick asked what we thought went well and what could be improved. Based on the large turnout of people we had come to our tent and the number of people who played Plunko, it was a success. For next year, it is recommended that we change a couple of our trivia questions that were not clear to people. The prizes/giveaways were a hit.

Signage – The signs and new decals have been delivered to Public Works to install. There is a sign that came down at access 1004 ½ that has not been replaced yet. Rick will talk to Ed about it.

Brochures: Rick will create a list of short-term rental realtors, hotels and motels to deliver them to. He will assign teams on our committee to distribute the "welcome brochures".

Ann brought up the trash can "baskets" that were being considered for KB. She doesn't think this is a good idea and some members think they will end up going home with the beach goers.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Next meeting to be held 6/2/26.

Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.