Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee

Minutes of October 6, 2026

Members Present:

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair
Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary
Ann Hughes
Randy Bock
Byron Ashbridge, Council Liaison - Absent
Pat Edgecomb
John Kiwaha - Absent
Kelly Priest

Ann made a motion to open the meeting and Randy 2nd the motion. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Rick Jackson.

One change to the September minutes was brought to our attention by Ann. No changes were noted for the agenda; Randy motioned to approve and John 2nd the motion.

Guest(s) present in person or online: Jennifer, David, and Zandra – all present in-person.

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Beach: Ann –No update

Beach Booster Sponsorship: Rick – No update.

Ocean life & Toyboxes: Rick – No update.

Council Update: Byron was not present; no update.

New Business:

Sign Standardization Project: Rick is currently working on a mock-up to present to Town Council in November.

Open Committee Position – David and Jennifer were invited to our meeting so that we, as a committee, could conduct individual interviews. Both candidates presented to the committee members expressing their desire to join the committee and fill the open seat. The committee members discussed both candidates after their presentations and decided that both would make good additions to our committee. We discussed going up in number by one to allow both candidates to join the committee. This will be discussed with Town Council and council's decision shared with the committee and both candidates.

Guest proposal – **Ocean Cure Beach Accessibility Mats in KB** – Zandra, a KB resident, spoke on behalf of herself as well as friends and neighbors who would like the town to consider utilizing Ocean Cure to provide beach accessibility mats for residents who are in a wheelchair or have

difficulty walking on the soft sand. These mats allow residents and visitors to get to the hard sand near the ocean and be able to enjoy the beach again. Kevin Murphy, founder of Ocean Cure, will provide the mats, install and remove them as needed free of charge. Additional information about his non-profit can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPMoXq-yFjo. The SLABPC members are in favor of utilizing this service to provide beach accessibility for all our residents and guests.

Meeting date change – Our November meeting will be held one week later due to elections.

Ann motioned to adjourn and John 2nd the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.
Next meeting to be held 11/10/26
Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.