

**Town of Sunset Beach
Council Community Meeting
September 18, 2014
7:00 pm**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Ron Watts, Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita, Councilwoman Carol Scott, Councilman Wilson Sherrill, and Councilman Mike Williams

Members absent: Councilman Terry Johnson

Attorney & Staff Present: Susan Parker, Town Administrator; Cindi Stephenson, Deputy Finance Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Director; Richard Childres, Assistant Fire Chief; Lisa Joyner, Police Chief; Sandy Wood, Building Inspections Department Director, and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

Mayor Watts called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Watts reviewed the history of the Bike and Pedestrian plan which began in the early 90's traveling from Old Georgetown Road at the Sea Trail North Gate and continuing through the community to Shoreline Drive West. The plan also traveled along Sunset Blvd. North to the Highway 179 and Seaside Road intersection. An alternate plan along Shoreline Drive East to Park Road was added with a paved designated bike plan. A route along Angel Trace Road to Old Georgetown Road was included to complete the plan but was abandoned because the road didn't become a Town road. The plan included both share the road and additional paving for a designated bike lane. The plan traveled to the island along the causeway (Sunset Blvd. South) to the gazebo and down Main Street East and West and returning to Sunset Blvd. South on North Shore Drive.

Mayor Watts explained the Plan was put on hold during the sewer installation project and bridge construction. NC DOT added an unofficial bike lane from the mainland, over the bridge and along the causeway to North Shore Drive. A designated lane was added from North Shore Drive to the gazebo during the Streetscape project.

Mayor Watts reviewed the plan now includes share the road designation along Main Street, North Shore Drive, Shoreline Line Drive West and East, Park Road, Sunset Blvd. North and the portion of Sea Trail from the Maples Clubhouse to Shoreline Drive West.

Mayor Watts explained that the Planning Board, during the development of the Vision Plan, included a 5' multi-use path along Sunset Blvd. North from the roundabout to Town Hall. The Planning Board is recommending the Town install a 5' – 8' sidewalk from the Roundabout to Station Trail and to designate Live Oak Drive to Seaside Road as a share the road route. This would allow the Planning Board time to explore options and research Grant funding opportunities for the Sunset Blvd. North multi-use path.

Mayor Watts advised that the current balance in the Bike and Pedestrian Plan fund is approximately \$190,000.

Mayor Watts called for public comments and the following comments were heard:

- Share the Road signs are needed in those designated areas,
- Edge of pavement needs to be scraped to eliminate grass and debris that has covered the white line and additional pavement,
- Consideration needs to be given to the communities (Cape Side, Wyndfall and Sandpiper Bay) along Old Georgetown Road to connect with the bike plan,
- Designated bike lanes are needed on Sunset Blvd. North and Old Georgetown Road due to speed limits
- Shoreline Drive East, Park Road and Clubhouse Road from the Maples Clubhouse to Shoreline Drive West should be share the road areas,
- Sidewalk should be extended along all of Main Street and parking should be limited to non-sidewalk side,
- Angel Trace Road could be utilized if holes were repaired, Town should request Brunswick County Public Utilities to add some gravel.

Adjournment

Mayor Watts adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Town of Sunset Beach

Ron Watts, Mayor

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk