

Golf Cart Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes (Approved)

Jan. 21, 2020

The Golf Cart Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Jan.21, 2020. The meeting was held in the town hall meeting room.

- I. Chairman Taney Browder called the meeting to order.
- II. Chairman Taney Browder took roll. Present were committee members Taney Browder, Paul Buchanan, Michael Taylor, Chris Blythe and new appointees Travis Speight, Jim Blanton & Jay Thomas, Town Representatives present were Police Chief Tony Reese and Town Manager Matt Zapp.
- III. Zapp led the prayer.
- IV. Browder led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. The minutes from Nov.2019 meeting were approved.
- VI. The agenda for the Jan.2020 meeting was adopted.
- VII. New Members Speight, Blanton & Thomas were welcomed to committee.
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Overview for new members was had for investigations into Golf Cart Paths along 58 and Coast Guard Roads in addition to approach for updated beach accesses & the new development for Islander drive, accommodating Golf Cart Parking, and removing from ROW's to address nuisance illegal parking. Also gone over was how funds from Cart permitting process was distributed, essentially excess of \$50k went to the Committees account for projects.
 - b. Matt Zapp provided "no go" responses from NCDOT on suggested cross walk addition across 58 at Lee St. due to heavy use. Also, their response to request to extend 35mph speed limit 800 ft down 58 was to increase the 45mph limit distance etc., in total contradiction to safety needs expressed.
 - c. Matt Zapp also indicated that Lee Street access work would probably be held up to see how the BETA project at James St. fared when season picked up.
 - d. Pat Lister (resident attendee) indicated that on one rental property/ BlueWater Realty had a golf cart included & they already included regulations in that rental packet.
 - e. Chief Reese & Buchanan responded to questions on need for maps showing where Golf Carts can legally access, already available at & by Coastline Golf Carts and the Police Station, free to pick up & Buchanan coordinated w/ Department when replenishment was needed.
- IX. New Business
 - a. Blanton inquired as to additional signs for sidewalks indicating no golf carts allowed, it was pointed out that hwy 58 has excess of 100 signs, and over 636 No parking signs, and that in general the town prefers to keep signage to a minimum.
 - b. The meeting was adjourned , and next meeting will be third Tuesday in Feb. 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in Council meeting room adjacent to Police Station.
 - c. Jay Thomas shared his recent gold cart & vehicle collision experience and recommended flashing bike light either be mandatory or recommended during permitting process to make carts more visible to vehicular traffic. Taylor and Thomas would do some sub committee work and discuss at next meeting.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Feb. 18, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.