

COROLLA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

One voice to preserve, protect & enhance the Currituck Outer Banks
for residents, owners, visitors & businesses

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CCA MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

24 AUGUST 2023

Call to order at 6 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Board by Barb Marzetti, President; Wayne Evans, Vice President; Tony Cerri, Secretary; Ben Watson, member; Scott Quigley, member. A quorum was established.

Introduction of Guest speakers from NC Department of Transportation

- Jason Davidson – Division Traffic Engineer
- Ronnie Sawyer – Deputy Division Engineer
- Marshall Gill – Division Maintenance Engineer
- Madison Phillips – Deputy Division Traffic Engineer

DOT addressed a list of concerns provided by citizens through the CCA.

- Lack of “No Passing on Right” signs.
 - o Signage has proven ineffective. Enforcement would solve the problem but that would require a lot of resources. Willing to look at specific problem areas.
- Lack of signage near traffic light at Harris Teeter explaining what stores are coming up.
 - o DOT can’t post signs promoting individual stores, but destinations open to the public can apply for TODS signs (blue ones like at Hampton Inn)
 - o They will add signage indicating which streets are coming up which will make following GPS easier.
- Lack of appropriate signage and road markings at Harris Teeter informing south-bound traffic about the turning lane.
 - o DOT plans to increase the size of the sign and redo the road markings after Labor Day.
- Pedestrian crossing at south beach is not sufficient.
 - o The crossing itself is in good condition. The flashing light there is provided out of private funds. The DOT provided sign is partially obscured by a tree and will be moved. DOT will restripe the crossing.
- Route 12 is not in good condition.
 - o Resurfacing from 4WD ramp to Driftwood Way will be let for contract in Feb 2024. Given summer season, it is probable that the earliest this work will commence is Fall of 24. It is possible the work may not start until Spring 25 depending on the timeliness of earlier projects.
 - o Resurfacing from Driftwood Way through to Dare County line will be let for contract in FY 25.
 - o RT 12 patching will continue with DOT local assets.

- Continue to be some spots on RT 12 with drainage issues.
 - o DOT will survey to determine if solutions are available.
- Road shoulders need to be scraped or brushed to get the sand and vegetation pushed back,
 - o Resurfacing work will fix this problem.

Discussion generated additional Q&A and suggestions to the DOT representatives. The most significant discussion centered on traffic flow through Duck, crosswalks, rainy-day traffic, lost time for workers, & potential impact of bridge. The situation will continue as is for the foreseeable future as nothing DOT can do/could do.

Mr. Bob White, Corolla's commissioner, was present at the meeting and offered to update the audience on a variety of issues.

- Finishing the playground in Whalehead Park has been held up because of concerns about the goose. Currituck Board of Commissioners has decided to accept the goose as is and informed the contractor to finish ASAP. However, personal issues amongst the contractor team will delay their ability to finish.
- County has taken action so the multipurpose path can be extended in the Ocean Sands section T area, adjacent to Spindrift.
- Looking at an option that will allow an additional beach access for the Currituck Club.
- Directed Currituck staff to plan sidewalks along Rt. 12 in the Food Lion area.
- Planning on building a raised walkway on the west side of the village road in Corolla. Will be connected to the Whalehead park.
- County took over the Center for Wildlife Education in July & it will available for public meetings although staffing TBD
- No plans for the Muskrat Study area on the North side of the lighthouse ramp at this time.
- Saga's project in Corolla Bay is moving ahead.
- Israel Golassa (Wings) is planning a building with two apartments above stores in the vicinity of the miniature golf course north of TimBuck II (former Joe To Go)
- NC is not giving Currituck the land for a road behind the sand dune in the 4WD area. This will have an impact on where the air-up station goes.
- Handicap ramp has been rebuilt.
- Addressed the smell from the Currituck Sound this summer. The discussion brought out that it is legal to remove the milfoil that is rotting and creating part of the smell.

Old Business

- CCA sent a letter to the beach set up services reminding them of expectations. Was well received by most of the companies.
- CCA will continue activities to limit bad behavior during Beach Week. The exact actions will be determined.

Minutes from the July 27th, 2023 meeting were approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:32 PM.