



AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

PREPARED BY: Kim Ward, Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT: Clerk

MEETING: Town Council Workshop 3/26/2024

SUBJECT: Volleyball Court on Cape Fear Boulevard

BACKGROUND:

Pleasure Island Volleyball is a group of locals who have historically played volleyball at the Lazy Pirate. The owners at Lazy Pirate have reworked their business plan and no longer provide volleyball. In search of a new beach volleyball venue, the Pleasure Island Volleyball group has been to multiple Town Council meeting requesting the Town build a volleyball court. They have also expressed interest in helping finance the venture.

After discussions with Town Council, Parks and Recreation Staff, and review by TRC it has been determined that the 300 block of Cape Fear Blvd would be a viable location for a beach volleyball court. After review, the following has been determined.

PARKING: Based on zoning the court without designated viewing areas would require 4 parking spaces and 1 designated handicap space. If viewing areas/bleachers are proposed then additional parking will be required. There are 3 parking spaces and 1 handicap space on-site. One additional parking space could potentially be used from the adjacent parking lot that supports the community building and help center.

BATHROOMS: NC Building Code would require the addition of this use to have bathroom facilities. To meet this requirement, it has been recommended that the Community Building be unlocked during the hours when the volleyball court is open.

LIGHTING: The Pleasure Island Volleyball group are interested in having lights for nighttime play. It is recommended that these lights be shielded and oriented to limit any impacts on the surrounding residential uses.

HOURS OF OPERATION: The finalized hours of operation are still under discussion. 8am to 9pm was one consideration.

FENCING: The Town recommends contracting the installation of a fence designed to mitigate: 1. Loss of sand due to wind; and 2. Adequate height to prevent balls leaving the court (possible netting on top of fencing similar to the ball fields at Mike Chappel Park.

SITE PLAN: The Pleasure Island Volleyball group have developed an initial site plan. The Town recommends working with a contractor to develop a final design of the court location that maximizes the setback from Cape Fear Blvd.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If Town Council would like to move forward staff recommends the following actions:

1. Contract to have a site plan completed.
2. Schedule a community meeting at the site to get input from adjacent property owners and Carolina Beach residents.
3. Make any changes based on comments received and finalize site plans.
4. Get final quotes and allocate a budget from the general fund. Receive any donations from Pleasure Island Volleyball and/or others interested in donating.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. Recommend staff move forward with the requested actions with no changes.
2. Recommend staff move forward with the requested actions with the following additions.
3. Recommend tabling this item for further discussion.
4. No action.