

On Mar 23, 2022, at 11:51 AM, Mike Herriott <Mikeherriott@outlook.com> wrote:

Alan and Association Board Members,

I understand that the Board is considering a request from the Village to lift the single-family residential restriction on the lot on which they propose to construct a new ADA Beach Access. As a member of the ARC B Committee, I am familiar with the background to this issue. Also, as a homeowner on BHI and with experience of using the handicap beach wheelchairs that are available from Public Safety, I would like to offer my comments on this proposal for your consideration.

Due to nerve damage following scoliosis surgery my wife can only walk with the aid of two canes and so on several occasions we have used the handicap beach wheelchairs to take her to beach events. From that experience I have learned that the wheelchairs are not easy to push under any conditions and can often require two able bodied people. Their use can constitute a good workout!

I strongly support the construction of an ADA beach access but as discussed at the ARC meetings, I do not believe the proposed location is a wise choice. It will require construction of a large structure with long access ramps to cross the 14 ft high dunes at that location. That will not only be costly and unsightly, but it will present caregivers with an unnecessarily difficult access approach. This will defeat the purpose of the access if, as I anticipate, after using the ramp access once or twice, people will choose to use an alternative access point with essentially flat approaches such as access 42. I also believe that the large parking lot proposed is unnecessary and inappropriate at that location.

As was also discussed at the ARC meetings, the ADA access could be constructed at several other locations less obtrusively, more cost effectively and with very much more user-friendly approaches. I feel confident that with appropriate design, a safe and functional ADA access could be constructed even at an existing 919 access such as Peppervine. An alternative solution would also preserve a section of undisturbed dune which I believe is an important consideration.

I hope this will be helpful.

Mike Herriott

From: Betsi Stephen <BETSISTEPHEN@gmail.com>
Date: April 16, 2022 at 20:23:20 EDT
To: Carol Collins <carolc@baldheadassociation.com>
Cc: Chris McCall <cmccall@villagebhi.org>
Subject: Oppose the current plans for ADA Access

Dear Ms. Collins and the BHA Board of Directors,

I am a full-time resident of Bald Head Island, having owned a home on the island for just over 26 years.

I am opposed to the Village's proposed ADA access site and parking spaces for a number of reasons including the fact that the ramp would be at one of the highest dune sites on the island and it would be impossible to push a beach wheelchair up the ramp and would likely result in accidents on the way down given the proposed grade for the ramp and the weight of a person in a beach wheelchair.

I understand that there are other options available and I urge that the BHA Board of Directors vote no to the current proposal and then work with the Village to find a more level spot for the ADA Access site.

I am hopeful that this discussion will result in two issues that are of critical concern to the island. First, we must have an ADA accessible site as we do not currently have one; and second, we must address the parking issues on this island. We are not Oak Island nor Kure Beach such that we can charge for beach parking. But with the current build-up of more homes, more contractors, and a tremendous increase in the number of day visitors, we must have a coherent and logical plan for cart parking at the beach accesses and throughout the entire Village of Bald Head Island.

Thank you for your attention to your matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Pat Miller <pattigail@bellsouth.net>

Date: April 6, 2022 at 12:24:45 PM EDT

To: Alan Briggs <alanbriggs1@icloud.com>, John Kinney <kinney.aj@gmail.com>, Robert Drumheller <rdrumheller@gmail.com>, Tiffany Williams <tiffany@tiffanysrentals.com>, Joe & Judy Brawner <brawnerplano@msn.com>, Jennifer Lucas <demondeacs@me.com>

Subject: 327 South Bald Head Wynd

Alan, John, Robert, Tiffany, Joe and Jennifer. I am requesting consideration for not pursuing changing the residential status of 327 SBHW to a handicap/parking area. Here are my reasons:

1. I have watched this Dune since 1995. The Dune is fragile as it has been breached, but it is in good shape right now.
2. If changed to a Handicap/20 cart Parking lot, it should be noted that there is flooding and over-wash during storms and hurricanes. Removing the vegetation would only cause more destruction and debris on SBHW.
3. The dune is high and it would be less expensive to build the ramp with switchbacks on a lot that does not cross an already compromised lovely dune.

4. Considerations of SBHW being a primary Wynd with lots of traffic, this lot intersects with another road across the street. In the busy season, this could create an unsafe traffic area.

5. Riding down SBHW - one of the most traveled roads on the Island, should it be part of our goal to line up with our stated Original Vision of "Living in Harmony with Nature". This is a beautiful area of the Island and it is past my understanding how a 20 cart parking area with a switchback ramp at this location could be considered "Living in Harmony with Nature" as it destroys nature.

6. I am aware that there are other areas being considered that are more consistent with the goal of accommodating parking and providing needed access for handicap entrance to our wonderful beach. It is not like this is the only option.

I would appreciate consideration of the points I have made. I love this Island and desire a welcoming atmosphere that focuses on the reasons most of us call this home - Nature and Humans enjoying Paradise.

Thank you,
Pat Miller

PS: I could not resist! <https://youtu.be/0LoenypUcmI>
Thank you for all the hard work you do for our Island Paradise!