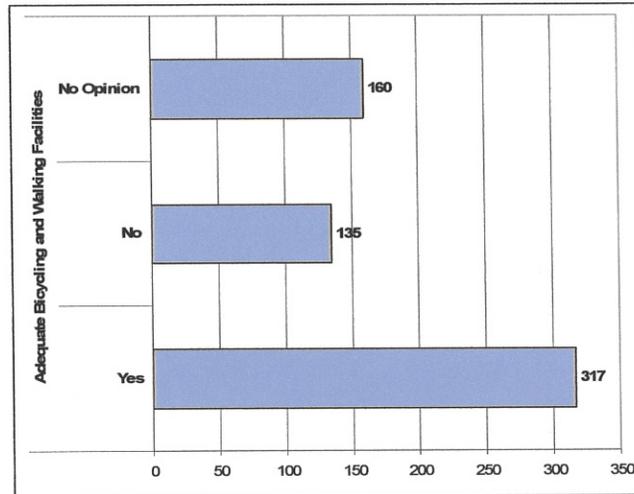


When asked to select or write-in their top three specific problems with Beach and Waterway Access, lack of parking, lack of restrooms, and the need for crosswalk striping were the top three indentified issues. The following chart provides a ranking of responses to the problems with Beach and Water Way Access points at Holden Beach.

Problem	Response	Rank
Not enough Parking	140	1
Not enough Restrooms	132	2
Crosswalk striping is needed	116	3
Not enough Trash Cans	113	4
Not enough Shower Facilities	60	5
Not enough Bike Racks	59	6
Boardwalks need improvements	59	7
Too much Parking	12	8

Bicycle and Walking Facilities

Approximately 74% of the survey respondents answered this question. Of the responses received, 317 noted that the Bicycle and Walking facilities at Holden beach are adequate, while 135 responded that the facilities were not adequate. 160 respondents provided no input on this question.



The survey asked respondents to select or write-in their top three specific problems with Bicycling and Pedestrian facilities. Of the responses received, conflicts between bicyclist/pedestrians and vehicles topped the list. Conflicts between Bicyclists and Pedestrian, and not enough designated bike routes were the second and third most common responses. The following chart provides a ranking of responses to the problems with Bicycle and Walking facilities at Holden Beach.

Problem	Response	Rank
Conflicts between Bike/ Ped and Vehicles	205	1
Conflicts between Bicyclists and Pedestrians	150	2
Not enough designated Bike routes	109	3
Not enough Benches	90	4
Crosswalk improvements	81	5
Not enough Bike Racks	69	6
Not enough Sidewalks	50	7
Poor Signage	35	8

Chapter 3

Plan Recommendations

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The Town of Holden Beach, Board of Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, by directing the development of this plan, desire to improve recreational opportunities for its citizens and maintain interest from tourists to continue to choose Holden Beach for their vacation destination. As such, the Plan provides recommendations that strive to satisfy varying population needs while being financially reasonable and practical.

Currently, the Town of Holden Beach Parks and Recreation Department's role is to provide recreational programs for all age groups and interest levels in support of the 'Family Beach' reputation that the Town strives to maintain. Through analysis of community input and evaluation of the Town's current facilities, direction for future recreational offerings have been identified to enhance the Town's recreation system over the next five (5) years and beyond.

The recommendations noted are identified as short term (within 5 years), long term (beyond 5 years), or ongoing referring to their time frame for implementation.

3.1 Recommendations for Existing Facilities

Beach Access

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2017)

- It is recommended that the Town install numbered signs to the beach access location for emergency reference and to assist tourists with way-finding.

Ongoing Recommendations

- It is recommended that the Town continue to seek opportunities to add public beach access locations in an effort to equalize and distribute the impacts caused by beach goers. In particular the Town should be alert to opportunities to add public access points along the western end of the island where distribution of the current access locations is scattered and widely separated while the majority of the Town's housing and rental units are located along in this area. Due to high land values for property fronting the beach and the rarity of purchasing opportunities or easement agreements on these properties, it should be the focus of the Town to consider adding local beach access points, with minimal facilities and serving users within walking distance. It is impractical to set a goal for the number of access points that are necessary or to set a time frame to accomplishing this recommendation as many factors influence the opportunity to implement the creation of public beach access points.

- It is recommended that as boardwalk structures are repaired over time, planning and design should focus on replacing stairs with ramps to provide handicap accessibility and to make it easier for beach goers to wheel carts over the structures.

Waterway Access (non-motorized)

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2017)

- It is recommended that the Town seek opportunities to develop canoe and kayak launch sites providing access to the Intracoastal Waterway. In particular, the opportunity for new launch sites occurs at the undeveloped Town owned lands. The Launches should be considered as destination points along a paddling route providing historical, natural and scenic opportunities for users. The paddling route should also include informal launch sites already available at Sailfish Park and Sand Dollar Park. The new sites should be constructed of durable materials and provide accessibility for the disabled. Signage, mapping, parking and site furnishings should be included in the development of these sites. Refer to recommendations under Undeveloped Town Lands.
- It is recommended that the Town seek recognition for new and existing waterway access sites from the Division of Coastal Management as a method for increasing awareness of their presence and to improve opportunities obtaining grant funding.

Boating Access Location

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- Site Design Recommendation:
 - It is recommended that the Town work with the Wildlife Resource Commission and adjacent land owners to develop a site plan to improve circulation and parking at the boat ramp. The plan should consider maximizing parking efficiency, simplifying boat trailer circulation patterns, investigating functional uses for parking spaces during off-peak hours, and should strive to minimize impervious surfaces. The plan should also consider the feasibility of providing off-island overflow parking areas with docks. As part of the program for developing solutions, it is recommended that a bulkhead or retaining wall be constructed between the boat ramp and pavilion, where trailers are currently parking on the slope.

Long Term Recommendations (2017-2021)

- Site Design Implementation

'Olden' Holden Bike Tour

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- It is recommended that the Town provide bike racks and benches near key nodes along the tour route particularly in the commercial district. The addition of bike racks will supplement those recently added at beach access locations.
- It is recommended that the Town include the Olden Holden Bike Tour in its' Bike and Pedestrian Planning Study to ensure inclusion of varying user groups and skill levels.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- It is recommended that the Town utilize the training room at the EOC to provide group fitness, leisure and, social activities. Based upon community responses, these classes should include; yoga, aerobics, fitness and exercise, and arts and crafts classes. Beyond classes, the spaces should be used to provide group social activities including; dances, board and card games, cooking classes, and photography classes. Utilizing the EOC for group classes and activities should be considered a short term solution to satisfy the community's expressed desires. During the time that these activities are taking place, attendance should be monitored for participation levels and continued, demonstrated interest. Assuming successful attendance, the activities should be moved to a new multi-purpose building located within the Town's corporate limits to provide easier access for residents and tourists.

Holden Beach Town Hall

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- It is recommended that the Town utilize the second floor lobby space in the Town Hall building to establish a book exchange program. This program would require simple shelving and would be operated on an honor system requiring little monitoring.
- It is recommended that the Town better publicize the opportunity for groups, larger than 12, to utilize the Public Assembly Hall and the first floor conference room for groups of 12 members or less. The Assembly Hall includes excellent quality audio/visual equipment that could be used for family movie nights or educational presentations. Currently, Turtle Talks is held in the facility. Other historical or educational discussions could easily follow the same format.

Holden Beach Pavilion

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- It is recommended that the Town improve accessibility for the disabled by constructing a paved access from the parking area to wheelchair ramp at the pavilion and pier. In addition, the Town should provide designated accessible parking spaces with signage for the pavilion users.
- It is recommended that the Town consider holding out-door exercise classes at the pavilion or on the beach strand. This could provide a long term alternative to organizing classes in the EOC or the proposed new multi-purpose building.
- Site Design Recommendation:
 - It is recommended that the Town work with the Holden Beach Merchants Association, adjacent land owners, The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to develop an open space plan focused on improving circulation between the pavilion and the central commercial area. This plan should focus on developing a more organized multi-purpose space and visually join the pavilion with the retail shops on Jordan Boulevard through pedestrian circulation patterns and unifying site amenities. Efforts in the planning process should consider limiting curb-cut access to the merchant parking lots on Jordan Boulevard in favor of improved on-street parking and contiguous sidewalk connections. Furthermore, the plan should consider methods to mitigate odors from the adjacent waste water pump station to ensure compatibility of uses. This plan should be developed in conjunction with the plan recommended for circulation improvements at the WRC boat ramp.

Long Term Recommendations (2017-2021)

- Site Design Implementation

Sand Dollar Park

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- It is recommended that the Town provide designated parking along Sand Dollar Drive with barriers to prohibit vehicular access onto the green space at this park. Additionally, it is recommended that the Town provide paved pedestrian access and an accessible picnic table at this site. Accessible parking spaces and signage should be considered with any improvements to this park. Other site amenities should be considered including; a covered picnic shelter or picnic tables with shade trees to provide shelter for the sun, bike racks, trash receptacles, and signage.
- It is recommended that the eastern side of Sand Dollar Park be considered with any future planning efforts for the Scotch Bonnet/Greensboro spoils area site.

The parcels are contiguous and should be considered together to provide a cohesive recreational facility.

Sailfish Street Park

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- It is recommended that the Town repair the gravel parking area along Sailfish Street and extend the barrier along the property boundary to restrict vehicles from parking on the green space. Providing an accessible parking with a paved walk to an accessible picnic table is recommended. Additionally, as this site is recognized by its large Mulberry tree, it is recommended that the Town procure the services of a certified arborist to provide a maintenance program to ensure the health and safety of the tree. It is also recommended that when the parking area barrier is installed that a similar barrier be provided around the root zone of this tree to protect it from damage. Other site amenities should be considered including: a covered picnic shelter or picnic tables with shade trees to provide shelter for the sun, bike racks, trash receptacles, and signage.

Holden Beach Fit Trail

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- It is recommended that the Town implement the proposed plan and seek donations to purchase and install shade trees; either palm trees as proposed or larger canopy trees.

3.2 Recommendations for Undeveloped Town Lands

The previous section of this plan suggests recommendations that will satisfy some of the recreational needs expressed during the master planning process. It is however, unrealistic to expect all of the needs to be solved at the limited number of existing facilities. The Town is, however, in the unique position owning several undeveloped parcels of land that can be used to satisfy additional expressed needs. These parcels can also be used to expand upon some of the recommended improvements that were suggested for the existing Town facilities. As such, it is recommended that the Town consider the undeveloped town lands for recreational uses.

It is recommended that the Town prepare site master plans and feasibility studies for the undeveloped, Town owned lands to determine ideal locations for additional recreation facilities to satisfy the expressed needs. The master planning effort should include several factors to determine the best program for each site. These factors include environmental limitations and impacts to the site, compatibility with and impacts to adjacent landowners, and the ability to link the sites to the community and other recreation sites. As such, the following suggestions represent preliminary programs for the sites and require further planning studies to verify their feasibility.

Davis Street/ Water Tower Site

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- Site Design Recommendation - It is recommended that the Town develop a site master plan with the following suggested program elements:
 - Activities Center/ Multipurpose Building - This building should be designed to include flexible rooms that can be expanded to accommodate varying sizes of classes and group activities. Based upon expressed needs this facility should provide space for exercise and fitness classes, senior services to include dining and activities, and multiple activity rooms for small groups. In addition the building will require administrative offices, a kitchen and dining facilities, and maintenance and storage rooms.
 - Outdoor passive recreation spaces – bocce courts, horseshoe pits, and playgrounds
 - Canoe/kayak launch – Located at the end of the Cole Street as part of a waterway trail along the ICWW.
 - Parking – In support of both indoor and outdoor activities

Long Term Recommendations (2017-2021)

- Site Design Implementation

Scotch Bonnet / Greensboro Spoil Area Site

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- Site Design Recommendation - It is recommended that the Town develop a site master plan with the following suggested program elements:
 - Canoe and Kayak Launch- to serve as a destination point for a waterway trail along the ICWW.
 - Multi-purpose Trail – Seek opportunities to connect trails with the Olden Holden Bike Tour route and all adjacent streets to create pedestrian linkages and alternate transportation routes where possible. Seek opportunities to join the trail to Greensboro Street to the east and Sand Dollar Park to the west.
 - Boardwalks and Overlooks - These amenities should be designed to create viewing and environmental education opportunities.
 - Playground
 - Restroom Building – with equipment storage room
 - Site Furnishings - picnic shelters, signage, bike racks, benches and others as necessary
 - Parking- Provide limited parking to support the canoe launch. Encourage pedestrian access to the site.

Long Term Recommendations (2017-2021)

- Site Design Implementation

Sand Dollar Spoil Area Site

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- Site Design Recommendation - It is recommended that the Town develop a site master plan with the following suggested program elements:
 - Multi-purpose Trail – Due to environmental factors, this trail would likely be a closed loop trail around the rim of the spoils area. Seek opportunities to connect the trail with the Olden Holden Bike Tour route and all adjacent streets to create pedestrian linkages where possible. Seek opportunities to join the trail to Sand Dollar Park to the east.
 - Canoe and Kayak Launch- to serve as a destination point for a waterway trail along the ICWW.
 - Boardwalks and Overlooks - These amenities should be designed to create viewing and environmental education opportunities.
 - Site Furnishings- signage, bike racks, benches, and others as necessary.
 - Parking- Provide limited parking to support the canoe launch and trail walkers. Encourage pedestrian access to the site.

Long Term Recommendations (2017-2021)

- Site Design Implementation

Turkey Trap Borrow Pit

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- Site Design Recommendation – It is recommended that the Town develop a site master plan to create a nature park with the following suggested program elements:
 - Nature trail intended for walking.
 - Interpretive signage with environmental education content
 - Landscaping with native materials for re-naturalization of the site
 - Parking – Provide limited car parking, but include parking for school buses.

Ongoing Recommendations

- Site Design Implementation – In the event the mine is excavated, the Town should consider recreational development of the site while stabilization of the mine is underway. As it is impossible to predict when or how much of the site's materials will be needed, determining the level of executing the plan will be dependent upon many factors.

3.3 Recommendations for Recreation Programs, Special Events and Festivals

Recreation Programs

Through their input, the community indicated a need for developing recreation programs that the Parks and Recreation could provide. It is recommended that the Town provide a variety of programs in an attempt to gauge user interest and commitment to participation. A listing of recommended recreation programs was developed from the community and Advisory Board input gathered during the master planning process. It is expected that new interest will arise of the next five years requiring new programs be developed while some may be removed.

It is recommended that the Town consider the timing of each program proposed. Some programs may be best attended by tourists while others are year-round offerings.

It is recommended that program participants be surveyed on a regular basis as a means to determine satisfaction and provide justification for continuance or modification of the programs.

It is also recommended that the Town research other municipalities and state agency data to determine user participation fees. Refer to potential funding sources for additional comments on this subject.

It is recommended that the following list of recreational programs be provided by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department:

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- Fitness and Exercise Classes- yoga, aerobics, dancing, Pilates, tai-chi
- Historical Walking Tour
- Nature and Ecological Tour
- Facilitate Social group activities- arts and crafts, family bingo, bridge and card games, etc.

Long Term Recommendations (2017-2021)

- Senior Services

Special Events and Festivals

The community indicated overwhelming support and satisfaction for the existing events and festivals. As such it is recommended that the Town continue to partner with the Holden Beach Merchants Association to facilitate the festivals that are in place.

Should the Town wish to consider adding additional events or festivals, the following were the most commonly requested by the community:

- Music Festival
- Fourth of July Celebration
- Seafood Tasting Festival

Should the Town wish to consider expanding the activities offered at the festivals or special events, the following were the most commonly requested by the community:

- Arts and Crafts
- Food cook-offs
- 5K run
- Car shows
- Parades

3.4 Additional Recommendations

Short Term Recommendations (2012-2016)

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Study
 - It is recommended that the Town develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Study to address issues and propose solutions that will alleviate conflicts between pedestrian, bicyclist and motor vehicles. The planning study should also consider options to alleviate traffic congestion and provide recommendations to improve safety at street crossing near the beach access locations along Ocean Boulevard West. It is also recommended that the planning study consider alternate routes, those away from the road side, to further improve transportation conflicts and congestion. As noted previously in this plan, multi-purpose paths connecting across the undeveloped Town lands would help to provide solutions to the transportation problem in isolated areas. It is therefore recommended that the system wide planning study be developed.
- Standardized Signage Manual
 - It is recommended that the Town develop standardized signage to better identify parks and recreation facilities. Many comments from the public indicate that there is a lack of knowledge regarding the existence of parks and recreation facilities. Establishing signs of similar appearance and notations referencing the Parks and Recreation Department would assist in solving this problem. Developing a manual that illustrates specific

construction and installation detail will ensure that signs can be manufactured on an as need basis and will be consistent in appearance as the recreation department expands over time. The signage should be designed in scale with the park facility. Park facilities intended to serve larger populations should receive larger signs while smaller pocket parks should have smaller designations. The signage designs should be consistent in material selections and should carry the design through to every level of sign type. Sign types might include: park name, directional signs, facility rules and hours of operation, instructional signage, and numbering signs for picnic shelters and multiple facilities, trail markings, etc. The signage design should also consider signs for beach and water access point locations.

3.5 Potential Funding Sources

Securing funding for capital improvements, maintenance, and staffing for Holden Beach recreation offerings will be a challenge over the next five years, and more so than in the past due to the current downswing of the national economy. The following listing of potential funding sources should be considered when proceeding with any of the recommendations provided.

Room Occupancy Tax

Occupancy taxes are levied by the Town of Holden Beach on lodging facilities providing short term rental agreements (less than 30 days). Net proceeds from the occupancy taxes are used to fund tourism and tourism related expenditures. The Town currently exercises its right to levy the maximum amount (6%) as authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly. 5% of the tax revenues are reserved for the Town's Beach Preservation/ Access & Recreation/ Tourism Fund (BPART) for the purposes of tourism, beach nourishment, parks and recreation, and shoreline access expenditures in the Town. The remaining 1% is given to Brunswick County Tourism Development Authority.

User Participation Fees

As recreation facilities and programs are created or expanded, the Town should consider charging user participation fees to offset the cost of staff resources and facility operations and maintenance. The fees will vary according to the type of program offered, the duration of the program, and the facility housing the activity. When determining user fees, the Town should reference other municipality user fee rates and analyze operational cost of the Town's facilities.

Parking Fees

With the expectation that demand for access to the beach will only increase and that maintenance and repair of parking facilities will continue to be a burden on the Town's budget, the Town may wish to consider charging fees for parking at some or all of the

beach access locations. In determining if, where, and how much to charge for parking, the Town should consider impacts to local businesses, popularity, maintenance burden of each of the parking areas, appropriate fees for hourly and day long parking, enforcement schedules, methods for payment (meters, or pay stations), and staffing needs for enforcement and collection of fees.

Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program

As demand increases for access to public beaches and waterways, the Town should continue participating in the Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program. This program is funded by the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund and is administered by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) Division of Coastal Management (DCM). Funds issued through this program are provided to local governments in the form of matching grants and can be used for land acquisition, dune crossovers and piers, parking areas, restrooms, picnic shelters, and other site amenities. These grants apply to projects sited on the ocean front as well as estuarine shorelines, coastal rivers, and urban waterfronts. Grants obtained through this program can be used for new construction as well as replacement of aging facilities. As, operation, long term maintenance, and coordination for construction of the facilities falls under the responsibility of the entity receiving grant funding, the Town should consider these factors when applying for grants under this program.

Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)

PARTF is one of three conservation trust funds established by the state to protect natural resources and increase access to the state's beaches. PARTF utilizes state taxes levied upon real estate transfers to provide local governments dollar-for-dollar grants to fund recreation projects. Grant funds may be used to acquire land and to develop or renovate parks and recreation facilities. The maximum grant request for each application to PARTF is \$500,000. Applications for PARTF are made available in August of each year and are due in January of the following year. For additional information on PARTF grants visit N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation website: www.ncparks.gov.

Recreation Trail Program (RTP)

RTP is a state grant program established to distribute Federal Highway Trust Fund monies to governmental agencies and non-profit organizations for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related facilities. The maximum grant request available for RTP funds is \$75,000 and the minimum is \$25,000. Pre-applications for RTP are due in December of each year for projects expected to begin the following year. For additional information on RTP grants visit N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation website: www.ncparks.gov

Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF)

CWMTF a State fund providing grants to local governments, state agencies and conservation non-profits to help projects that address or prevent water pollution problems. Among the projects that CWMTF funds are acquisition of riparian buffers and

greenway corridors that provide environmental, educational, and recreational benefits. Additionally, a “Mini-grant” program has been established to assist in planning for large projects. Project funding varies from project to project. For additional information of CWMTF grants visit the funds website at: <http://www.cwmtf.net/#home.html>

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

LWCF is a federal assistance program established by the National Park Service (NPS) to assist in acquisition of land for the preservation and development of outdoor recreation resources. The program provides matching grants to States, and through, the State to local governments. The NPS website indicates funds for 2012 will target projects that develop blueways and public access to water resources, conservation of large landscape, and enhancement of urban parks and community green spaces. For additional information on LWCF grants visit the National Parks Service website: <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/grants.html>

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)

BIG is a federal program administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service which provides grants to States for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels twenty-six (26) feet in length or greater. State agencies partner with local governments, private marinas, and other organizations to provide grant funds. The BIG program provides matching grant funds in a two tiered system. Tier-One projects are non-competitive and provide funds up to \$100,000. Tier-Two projects are nationally competitive and funds are provided based upon project merit. For more information on BIG grants visit the US Fish & Wildlife Service website: <http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/BIG/BIG.htm>

NCDOT Transportation Enhancement (TE)

TE funds are federal funds administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Enhancement Program. TE funds can be used for construction or modification of bicycle and pedestrian facilities including sidewalks, separate walking and bike paths, adding or modifying bike lanes and modifying road shoulders to accommodate bicyclists. TE Funds are also available for other types of projects including acquisition of scenic easements, landscaping and beautification, and environmental mitigation. For more information on TE funds, visit NCDOT website: www.ncdot.org/programs/enhancement/

NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative

The NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation and the Transportation Planning Branch provide matching grants to assist municipalities with development of comprehensive bicycle plans and pedestrian plans. Funding under this grant varies based upon population with municipalities with smaller populations receiving more funding than larger populations. For more information on this grant, visit the NCDOT website: <http://www.ncdot.org/bikeped/planning/>

Appendices

Appendix 1:

Excerpts from: Town of Holden Beach 2009 CAMA Land Use Plan

The 2009 Town of Holden Beach CAMA Land Use Plan includes the following policy and recommendations for Recreation and public access to beaches and public trust waters.

9.3 Public Access and Recreation

Goal 9.3: Maximize public access to the beaches and public trust waters of the Town of Holden Beach and maximize recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

Objective 9.3.A: Access for All Segments of the Community: Implement policies and recommendations that assure satisfactory access to all segments of the community including persons with disabilities and provide recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

Policy 9.3.A.1: Existing Access Facilities: The Town supports public access to the oceanfront and other waterways and will maintain and improve existing public access facilities. Where possible, the Town should seek funding from federal, state, and county sources to fund these improvements.

Recommended Action 9.3.A.1.a: The Town shall continue to identify ways to improve existing access sites and improve handicapped access.

Policy 9.3.A.2: Expand Public Access Facilities: The Town will continue to work towards expanding public access to the ocean and ICWW and seek federal, state, or county funds to develop new public access and recreation facilities.

Recommended Action 9.3.A.2.a: The following are considered to be priorities for new public access facilities:

- Identify suitable locations along the ICWW for public access facilities and pocket parks. Possibilities include the ends of Ferry Road, Sandspur Street, Sand Dollar Street, Swordfish Street, and Sailfish Street.
- Identify locations along the beachfront where landowners may be willing to let the Town assume responsibility for maintaining an access site and develop these sites for use by the public.
- Explore the feasibility of using the Island near the 800 block parking lot owned by the Town as a passive recreation facility with environmental education trails.

Policy 9.3.A.3: Signage: The Town shall improve the signage of existing public access sites located along the sound.

Policy 9.3.A.4: Public Acquisition of Hazardous Areas: The Town should consider purchasing parcels located in hazard areas or rendered unbuildable by storms or other events, for the purpose of public water access and conservation of open space if funding, including State or federal funding, is available.

Policy 9.3.A.5: Public Access Parking: The Town supports the development of additional parking for public access sites. The Town also supports the establishment of “No Parking” zones along the selected road right-of-way, and public frontal dune walkways and ramps at selected points along the beach front to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Recommended Action Item 9.3.A.5.a: The Town supports the development of a privately operated off-island parking area to reduce vehicle traffic and congestion on the island.

Policy 9.3.A.6: Pedestrian and Bicycle Access: The Town encourages pedestrian and bicycle access along the Island to help alleviate traffic problems and improve public access to the shoreline.

Recommended Action 9.3.A.6.a: The Town will pursue federal and state grant opportunities to construct sidewalks, walkways, and bike lanes at strategic locations on the Island.

Policy 9.3.A.7: Supporting Federal and State Programs to Expand Access: The Town is committed to county, state, and federal programs that maximize public access to the beaches and public trust waters of the Town of Holden Beach. The programs include but are not limited to the Coastal Area Management Act, the North Carolina Public Beach Access Program, Federal channel maintenance and inlet projects and beach nourishment projects.

Objective 9.3.B: Reduce User Conflicts: The Town will manage conflicting uses of its beaches and public trust waters.

Policy 9.3.B.1: Dune Protection: Public pedestrian access is limited to designated dune crossover areas in order to minimize damage to dunes and vegetation. Walking on dunes or acting in any manner that causes damage to dunes and vegetation is against state and local ordinances. The Town, through its CAMA minor permit program, may allow the construction of private crossovers over the dune structures for access to the beach at private access points.

Policy 9.4.B.2: Off-Road Vehicles: The Town will not allow off-road vehicles on the dunes or on the shoreline area, with the exception of public service or emergency vehicles and inherited commercial fishing right access.

Policy 9.3.B.3: Floating Homes: The Town will not approve floating home development on the Island.

Policy 9.3.B.4: Moorings: Commercial seafood vessel dockage along the ICWW is deemed acceptable. All moorings in that regard must conform to CAMA and State regulations.

Policy 9.3.B.5: Maintenance of Navigation Channels: Holden Beach supports the proper maintenance of channels, particularly the ICWW due to the impact of this channel on commercial and recreational fisheries and general boating.

Policy 9.3.B.6: Blocking or Impairing Navigational Channels: Projects that would directly or indirectly block or impair existing navigational channels shall be prohibited. This includes but is not limited to projects that deposit spoils below mean high water, extend piers beyond the established pier head line or any projects determined to be detrimental to navigation of the public trust waters.

Policy 9.3.B.7: Dredging to Support Commercial and Sport Fishing Facilities: In order to expand Holden Beach's sport and commercial fishing, the Town will permit private and public dredging activities which will positively affect those industries when all federal, State, and local permits are obtained.

Policy 9.3.B.8: Safe Boating: The Town shall seek to increase public awareness of safe boating rules.

Policy 9.3.B.9: Operation of Jet Skis and Personal Watercraft: The Town shall seek to ensure the responsible use of Jet Ski's and other similar personal watercraft in the public trust waters of Holden Beach.

Appendix 2: Excerpts from: Town of Holden Beach Code of Ordinances

The following ordinance was passed on October 13, 2010 establishing the creation of the Holden Beach Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Ordinance 10-10 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina, that Chapter 34: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board be added as follows:

Section One: Add the following:

Section

34.01 Creation, name and number of members

34.02 Powers and duties

34.03 Appointment, terms

34.04 Meetings

34.05 Attendance

34.06 Officers

34.07 Officers' Duties

§ 34.01 Creation, name and number of members.

There is hereby created a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board comprised of a maximum of seven residents of the Town of Holden Beach.

§ 34.02 Powers and duties.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall:

- (1) Serve as an advisory board for the Recreation Department and the town.
- (2) Advise the Board of Commissioners and Town Manager regarding the operations, maintenance, improvement, development and acquisition of Town public spaces.
- (3) Advise the Board of Commissioners and Town Manager on beach vegetation, fencing and other methods of protecting the beach and property.
- (4) Suggest policies and make recommendations concerning recreation programs, plans and facilities to the Board of Commissioners and the Town Manager.
- (5) Serve as a link between the Board of Commissioners, Town Manager and the community on leisure services matters.

(6) Consult with and advise the Board of Commissioners and Town Manager in matters affecting recreation policies, programs, finances and the acquisition and disposal of lands and properties related to the total community recreation program and to its long range projected program for recreation.

§ 34.03 Appointment, terms.

Each member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners for a three year term. Each member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Board during their three year appointment. Approximately one third of the terms shall expire each year.

§ 34.04 Meetings.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall meet as needed at the town hall or other suitable and available facility circumstances and convention may dictate. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall comply with provisions of the North Carolina Open Meetings Law, GS 143-318.9 et seq. A quorum shall be in attendance before action of an official nature can be taken. A quorum is at least one more than the number absent of the appointed members.

§ 34.05 Attendance.

An appointed member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board who misses three or more consecutive regular meetings or four meetings within a 12 month period loses their status as a member. Request for excused absences due to sickness, death or emergencies of like nature shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners as approved absences and shall not affect membership, except that in the event of a long illness, or other such cause for prolonged absence, the member may be replaced.

§ 34.06 Officers.

There shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. An annual election of the Chair and Vice-chair shall be held by the members and shall occur annually at the regular monthly meeting in July. The officers shall serve for one year from election with eligibility for reelection. Vacancies of the Chair and Vice-Chair created by termination or initial establishment of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall be elected from its membership at its earliest convenience. The Town Manager or his designee will serve as secretary to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

§ 34.07 Officers' Duties.

(a) The Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall preside at all meetings and shall appoint all committees.

(b) When the Chair is absent the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. When both the Chair and Vice-chair are absent, a temporary Chair shall be selected by those members who are present.

(c) The secretary shall provide to all members copies of agendas, official reports and the official minutes of all regular meetings and special meetings, prior to the next scheduled meeting.

(d) The secretary of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board shall submit a report in writing of any suggestions, plans, recommendations, etc to the Town Clerk following each meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for inclusion in the following month's Board of Commissioners' agenda packets.

Section Two: The Town Clerk is directed to forward this ordinance to American Legal Publishing for inclusion in the next published supplement to the Holden Beach Code of Ordinances.

Section Three: This ordinance shall be effective the 13th day of October, 2010.

Appendix 3: Public Input Survey Results

The following pages provide a sample of the public survey distributed to develop the needs assessment for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Results to each question are indicated in (#). Following the survey is a listing of all comments received on the public input survey.

2011 Town of Holden Beach *Parks and Recreation Survey*

In an effort to develop a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Town of Holden Beach is requesting your input to assess recreational needs within the community. The results of this survey will assist in establishing objectives and priorities for the town's future recreation offerings.

Please complete and return your survey by July 8, 2011

How to return your survey:

- Return it with your water bill payment Mail it to Town Hall Hand deliver it to Town Hall
 Fax it to (910)-842-9315 Email it to amanda@hbtownhall.com

Town of Holden Beach

Town Hall Mailing Address:
PO Box 449
Supply, NC 28462

Town Hall Physical Address
110 Rothschild Street
Holden Beach, NC

For additional information, please contact:
Amanda Rose, Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator
(910) 842-6488

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1. Is your primary residence within the town limits of Holden Beach? Yes **(154)** No **(295)**
2. Are you a property owner within the town limits of Holden Beach? Yes **(599)** No **(13)**
3. What is the zip code of you primary residence? _ _ _ _ _
4. What is the age of the person filling-out this survey? **(Average: 61.6, Median: 52.0)**
5. Including yourself, how many people from each age category live in your household?
(187) 0-12 **(92)** 13-17 **(119)** 18-30 **(123)** 31-45 **(109)** 46- 50 **(469)** 51-64 **(439)** 65 +
6. Choose five (5) recreation activities that members of your household would most like to participate in at Holden Beach? (Choose only 5)

Athletics

- (44)** Basketball
(48) Volleyball
(68) Exercise course (PAR Course)
(84) Playing at Playground
(80) Bocce
(49) Horseshoes
Walk/Run/Bike
(23) Walking for basic transportation
(366) Walking for pleasure
(79) Running/Jogging for fitness
(33) 5Ks/Marathon
(7) Triathlon

- (48)** Bicycling as basic transportation
(241) Bicycling for fitness
(8) Bike Races
Water Dependant
(43) Fishing Tournaments
(156) Boat Fishing
(81) Pier Fishing
(147) Surf Fishing
(265) Swimming (beach)
Group Fitness
(81) Aerobics/Exercise
(83) Yoga

- (6)** Kick Boxing
(63) Dancing
Nature/ Eco
(57) Horseback riding
(92) Bird Watching
(38) Picnicking
(104) Nature Hikes
(60) Ecology Tours
Leisure Activities/Classes
(77) Arts/Crafts classes
(59) Board Games/Card Games
(59) Photography classes
(114) Fitness/Exercise classes

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|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| <u>(43)</u> Water Safety courses | <u>(225)</u> Attending Outdoor Performances | <u>(4)</u> Golf |
| <u>(71)</u> Cooking classes | Other (Top 4 responses) | <u>(3)</u> Public Pool |
| <u>(36)</u> Summer Camp activities | <u>(31)</u> Tennis | |
| <u>(85)</u> Senior Services | <u>(8)</u> Non motorized watercraft | |
| <u>(85)</u> Library/WiFi spots | | |

7. What Special Events or Festivals would you like to see provided at Holden Beach?

- (107) support for existing special events and festivals
- (18) Music Festivals
- (17) Fourth of July Celebration
- (15) Seafood/ Tasting Festival
- (13) Arts and Crafts

8. Members of my household would participate more often in recreational activities at Holden Beach if:

(Check all that apply)

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| <u>(84)</u> public restrooms were provided | <u>(69)</u> more public parking was provided |
| <u>(4)</u> we felt safer at the facilities | <u>(11)</u> the facilities were barrier free/ADA accessible |
| <u>(21)</u> the facilities were less crowded | <u>(113)</u> I had more time |
| <u>(28)</u> the facilities were better maintained | <u>(72)</u> I knew where the facilities were |
| <u>(71)</u> we could walk or bike to the facility | Other: (See list of all comments) |
| <u>(75)</u> programs were offered at the facilities | |
| <u>(51)</u> Wi-Fi (wireless internet access) was provided | |

9. Holden Beach;

has enough public beach and/or waterway access points? (350) Yes (120) No
has adequate bicycling and walking facilities? (317) Yes (135) No

10. The three (3) biggest problems with beach and/or waterway access at Holden Beach are: (Check 3)

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|--|---|
| <u>(132)</u> Not enough Restrooms | <u>(113)</u> Not enough Trash Cans |
| <u>(60)</u> Not enough Shower Facilities | <u>(59)</u> Boardwalks need improvements |
| <u>(140)</u> Not enough Parking | <u>(116)</u> Crosswalk striping is needed |
| <u>(12)</u> Too much Parking | Other (See list of all comments) |
| <u>(59)</u> Not enough Bike Racks | |

11. The three (3) biggest problems with Bike and Pedestrian Facilities at Holden Beach are: (Check 3)

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|--|---|
| <u>(150)</u> conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians | <u>(35)</u> poor signage |
| <u>(205)</u> conflicts between bike/pedestrians and vehicles | <u>(69)</u> not enough bike racks |
| <u>(109)</u> not enough designated bike routes | <u>(90)</u> not enough benches |
| <u>(50)</u> not enough sidewalks | Other (See list of all comments) |
| <u>(81)</u> crosswalk improvements | |

12. Please provide any additional information/comments that will assist the Town in providing appropriate recreational programs and activities.

Thank you for participating

Please remember to return the survey by July 8, 2011.

The following is a listing of all comments received on the public input survey.

6. Choose five (5) recreation activities that members of your household would most like to participate in at Holden Beach?

- MORE BOAT RAMPS
- *I come to enjoy the surf and sand and it is more than enough*
- *Why are fitness classes always in the AM*
- *Playing tennis*
- *Tennis*
- *Live performances*
- *Tennis Courts, Family Bingo*
- *Big Swings*
- *Tennis*
- *Golf in surrounding areas*
- *We really need exercise and activities that are for or can be modified for folks with some physical limitations.*
- *Tennis Courts*
- *Swimming in pool, Tennis, and working out on Machines*
- *Tennis Courts*
- *Canoeing*
- *I am an author of "Sink on Impact" and I would like a friendly writing group for published authors*
- *Summer Band Concerts and outdoor plays*
- *A public pool*
- *Tennis*
- *Tennis*
- *Tennis*
- *Golfing groups at different courses*
- *Shuffleboard*
- *Tennis Courts*
- *Surfing, sailing, windsurfing, kayaks, and tennis*
- *Jet Skiing*
- *Public boat dock, walk/bike lane on the bridge*
- *Tennis*
- *Kayak tours*
- *Dining*
- *Tennis*
- *Tennis Courts*
- *Corn Hole*
- *Tennis courts, skateboard park*
- *Bicycling for pleasure*
- *Indoor/ outdoor weight room*
- *My children and their families have always enjoyed the beach, ocean, and assorted activities on the beach*
- *Nothing that is going to increase my taxes*
- *Part time day care for support of caregivers*
- *Water color painting*
- *Stand up Paddle Boarding*
- *Tennis, Bike path over bridge, public basketball court and playground*
- *Walk on beach*
- *Kayaking*
- *Tennis Courts*
- *Turtle Talk*
- *Enjoy the ocean, walk on the beach*
- *Walking on a wide dry beach- at high tide there is no beach in the center of the island*
- *Sun bathing*
- *Pleasure boating*
- *Community swimming pool for home owners only.*
- *Fine as is*
- *Miniature Golf, water slide*
- *Boat fishing and swimming we already have available other 3 aren't available but would be of interest*
- *Golf*
- *I don't want Holden Beach to end up like Myrtle Beach. That's why we bought here!*
- *Tennis*
- *We can't pay more due to water expenses!*
- *Reduce staff, reduce taxes*
- *Golf*
- *A nice park with recreation facilities for grand children when visiting, a place you can take them, but not spend a lot of money. Have playground equipment, picnic shelters, nature trails, etc. Be sure to have plenty of benches for us old folks!*
- *Swimming (group fitness) We like to sail off the beach but now you have to clear the beach each night. Now your guards can run their trucks up and down the beach?*
- *All kinds of music, including big band, barbershop quartet, and concert bands*
- *Tennis Courts on the island please*
- *All participants should incur the cost*
- *Boating, Golf*
- *Super playground for children*
- *Activities for children i.e. outdoor movie night*
- *Crabbing, flounder gigging*
- *I would love having activities and social outing in Holden Beach*
- *I would love a basketball court for the grandkids*
- *Kayak Facility*

- Tennis
- Golf
- Tennis
- Tennis
- Fitness equipment
- Bridge, Tennis
- We need a level place to dance at the concerts. Improve Jordan Blvd. area. Bicycle lanes- lots of bikers here in the summer
- Notice the 5 selected incur. No additional expense to the Town much less a Parks and Recreation employee for a year round population of less than 900
- Tennis
- Festivals
- Bridge
- Kayak Tours
- We live in paradise. Don't spend money for artificially created demand residents can do the majority of these items without Town-managed services.
- Tai Chi
- I can't count higher than three! I'd like to do kick boxing but my legs won't do that. Looks like too much government.
- Our home is a rental and unfortunately we are not there enough to participate
- Walking/ Biking lane across the bridge
- Soccer
- Community pool

- Tennis
- Tennis!
- Relaxing generally
- None! It's the beach
- Local History
- Tennis
- Boating classes and fishing classes
- Turtle Watch
- Sailing courses for kids, Tennis
- Tennis
- Kite flying
- Surfing
- Tennis
- Tennis
- No more spending!
- Many of these activities don't require anything from the Town such as walking, swimming, surfing
- Turtle Watch
- Pilates
- Weight Training
- Guided Kayaking tours
- Please do not plan programs that cause our taxes to be raised.
- Sailing and Kayaking. Keep taxes low- don't spend money on new programs
- Enjoy the marsh and the beach
- Golf

7. What Special Events or Festivals would you like to see provided at Holden Beach?

- FESTIVAL BY THE SEA
- Arts and Crafts
- No more Events
- I like what we have
- Support the ones we already have
- Support the ones we already have
- Days at the Docks and a Food and Wine Festival
- Day at the Docks and Festival by the Sea
- I enjoy the 2 festivals, however Mother's Day was not a very good time to plan the first one and I wish the Oct. one was closer to the first of the month. Some more family entertainment during the summers would be nice in the evenings.
- DAYS AT THE DOCKS, FESTIVAL BY THE SEA, CONCERTS
- Greek festival, Seafood-A taste of Holden Beach, Chocolate Festival
- No opinion
- Oct. By the Sea festival, we like this festival and always try to attend
- car shows, Arts and Crafts, Outdoor music, workshops on protecting your property (how-to)
- Not Sure
- Festival by the sea
- Two are good number plus summer concerts
- Keep the ones we already have
- More child related events for holidays. Easter egg hunts, July 4th parade, Spring festival, use the pavilion for late night song fests, cookouts, socials, any type of family oriented activities.
- The weekend concert is nice during the summer but would be nicer if it was on a Saturday.
- Outdoor movies, plays, music
- No change
- Some type of food festival, i.e. Oyster festival in OIB
- Seafood Festival, Beach Music Festival

- *Festival by the Sea*
- *Family Movie Night- outside viewing with PG movie at Pavilion. More Festivals for Holidays for kids. DJ night for pre-teens/teens*
- *Parade of boats down the ICW for 4th of July*
- *Music concerts continued, and food tasting festival*
- *Choose from what is offered*
- *Fall Festival*
- *Beach music festivals, craft festivals*
- *Not really interested in attracting non-home owners to the beach. The traffic is hideous already. People leave trash in my yard and on the beach.*
- *Saturday night/late afternoon Vesper Services*
- *Festival by the Sea, Day at the Docks*
- *Festival by the Sea, Day at the Docks*
- *I LIKE WHAT YOU HAVE.*
- *Triathlon*
- *Outdoor evening music concerts*
- *Public Tennis on Island and Public Pool on Island*
- *More outdoor performances*
- *A Frisbee golf course nearby*
- *Festival by the Sea*
- *Cook offs, parades, and more church activities*
- *Activities for middle/ upper age children. Ages 10 & over*
- *Make Festival by the Sea better*
- *The Same*
- *A good 5k for people to participate in.*
- *BBQ Cook off and Seafood Festival*
- *A 4th of July Festival*
- *Summer concerts, Festival by the Sea, and Day at the Docks*
- *July 4th and or Memorial Day celebration, perhaps with Day at the Docks held then!*
- *Chocolate Festival*
- *Make performances Friday or Saturday. Festival by the Sea is great.*
- *The current events are great. Half marathon and Biathlon*
- *Kids things to do. Teen Music, tennis, pavilion on the beach, miniature golf on the beach.*
- *Concerts and Festival by the Sea*
- *I am satisfied with the current festivals and events*
- *More live music, but something beyond Beach music and Dance bands*
- *Keep up fall and spring festivals*
- *Concerts under the bridge, 2 annual festivals (fall and spring)*
- *Concerts and festivals*
- *Oyster Festival, Wine Festival, Beach Shag*
- *Weekly concerts on the coast, 4th of July Fireworks/Boat Parade on ICW, 2 current festivals*
- *Festival by the Sea*
- *Live music*
- *Outdoor Shrimp/ corn boil event, 4th of July Concert and fireworks*
- *We enjoy the two festivals that are already in place. Summer concerts should be on Saturday nights*
- *Continue/ keep Festival by the Sea, Annual charity walk/run/bike event*
- *More beach music*
- *5k runs, family events, Turtle Watch/ nesting info*
- *Festival by the Sea*
- *I enjoy the current music performances on Sunday evenings and hope they continue. Public fireworks on 4th of July, tours of the island noting its history.*
- *Continue Day at the Docks and Festival by the Sea*
- *Gospel Concerts*
- *Beach Music*
- *Town tree lighting at Christmas, Festival of lights on the ICW*
- *I believe at this point in time a nice variety of activities are offered*
- *Better bands at summer programs*
- *As is*
- *Love the Fall festival in October*
- *Bands at the Dock*
- *Same as now*
- *Concerts, Day at the Docks, Festival by the Sea*
- *Enjoy Festival by the Sea and Day at the Docks, music entertainment Sunday summer concerts*
- *Festival by the Sea, Day at the Docks, and Summer Concerts*
- *More bands/ music*
- *Festivals*
- *The 2 festivals are good, concerts are good*
- *4TH OF July Parade*
- *Current events and festivals are adequate*
- *Music festivals, cooking festivals, Charleston "market" type events*
- *The current ones are ideal.*
- *Mermaid or pirate festival, Sea shell festival, Music festival, July 4th and Memorial Day activities*
- *More outdoor concerts and activities*
- *Craft festival*
- *Festival by the sea and Day at the Docks*

- *BBQ or Seafood cook-off, Restaurant tasting*
- *Armed Forces Recognition*
- *Music events, Sand castle Tournament*
- *5k running event, Music festival, art/food festival, fireworks*
- *A Chamber Music festival at the Chapel*
- *Wine tasting and Bluegrass Music*
- *Current schedule of events is adequate*
- *Would like more specialty food vendors at the festivals. Really liked the fruit cake company's offerings. Maybe roasted peanut vendor- items you could buy as Christmas gifts.*
- *Continue as they are*
- *Triathlon*
- *As currently exists. Great job!*
- *Happy with what we have.*
- *Like Festival by the Sea*
- *Running and biking events would be great if the Town would organize it and not rely on a "club" to do it. Car rallies, all the music festivals are great! I think we just have to see what works and what draws a good crowd. Then invite these folks back again.*
- *Festival by the Sea, Day at the Docks*
- *We enjoy the events. Love to see more concerts*
- *Annual Fall Festival*
- *Fundraisers to support senior activities*
- *Kid friendly things*
- *Bopple Race, Memorial Day*
- *We have two already*
- *None*
- *Concerts- Gospel and Country, Big Flea market once a year*
- *Fall and Spring festivals are always fun although Day at the Docks was pretty disappointing this year- few vendors only 1 day (which may be why there were so few vendors). Surfing tournament, Surf Camp, Farmers Market*
- *I would like to see the current festivals continue*
- *Continue Fall Festival, not Spring one*
- *Festival by the Sea*
- *4TH OF July fireworks, music festivals*
- *Old time fun- teaching families to shrimp, gig flounder, go crabbing*
- *More organized children's activities*
- *I am up for any type of social gathering.*
- *We miss out on most events because of the distance from our primary residence and the fact that we rent all summer. Can't wait to experience Holden Beach this year around!*
- *The two festivals each year- spring and fall and the Sunday music at the bridge*
- *Music festival*
- *Music mid-week, and nature program*
- *Would enjoy outdoor musical events*
- *Sand castle building festival, Home cooking contest with local ingredients*
- *We enjoy the Festival by the Sea and Day at the Docks*
- *The two festivals and summer concerts are good*
- *Continue Festival by the Sea in October*
- *Festival by the Sea and Day at the Docks*
- *Festival by the Sea, Day at the Docks, and more entertainment events (under the bridge)*
- *Like Festival by the Sea*
- *No more- Leave us some peace*
- *Keep current ones*
- *Continue Festival by the Sea and Day at the Docks. Expand to include more craftsmen if possible.*
- *Clam bake, parties on the beach*
- *Keep Festival by the Sea, Day at the Docks, and Concerts*
- *Current events are ok*
- *All of the festivals under the bridge and the concerts under the bridge*
- *I think the two main festivals we have are enough*
- *The two we have are sufficient*
- *Music Festival, Concerts*
- *4TH of July, Labor Day cookout, October Fest, Sea Food Feast*
- *Beach Music Concerts*
- *More frequent Turtle Talks*
- *Festival by the Sea, Antique shows, art shows*
- *I love the Holden Beach Festival- the crafts and the food. Weekend Turtle Talks and Book Clubs*
- *Dog walk and Cooking Contests*
- *I like what is currently provided. Day at the Docks and Festival by the Sea*
- *Like the ones we have*
- *Festival by the Sea and Day at the Docks are just fine. No more!*
- *Continue concerts*
- *Classical music, orchestra, Big Band, Jazz, and Chamber Music*
- *Beach music festival in the fall*
- *Talk about area- history, wild life, sea life, fireworks on holidays*
- *Bridge class/ club*
- *No opinion*
- *Leave us alone day- aka No government Day*
- *Some type of seafood festival, wine festival*

- *Current events and festivals held at Holden Beach are quite nice.*
- *Surf contests*
- *Current ones*
- *The fall festival at the beach. I have attended many times- please continue these. A spring program would be good, perhaps featuring classes in arts and craft activities over a whole weekend. Yoga also.*
- *Triathlons. I like the craft events.*
- *Art festivals, concerts, fairs, craft fairs*
- *Festival by the Sea*
- *Summer weekend events to encourage tourism and family participation, i.e. movie night under the bridge, "Sunday in the Park" see Greenville, NC Program, Beach music with local bands.*
- *Happy with what is offered*
- *Plays, entertainment, music- not Sunday afternoons alone*
- *Golf Cart races around town hall*
- *Running races again*
- *Current festivals are adequate*
- *Bands, Cook-off- ribs, BBQ*
- *Festival by the Sea*
- *Food and Arts Festival tied to a Holiday.*
- *We enjoy the summer concerts and the Turtle Watch Program which we financially support- great education for our children!*
- *Fourth of July Fireworks at the Beach*
- *Movie nights for family entertainment at pavilion (June- Aug)*
- *More craft fairs and running races*
- *We love all the festivals arts, crafts, food, music*
- *4th of July parade/fireworks and a New Years flotilla/fireworks*
- *LOVE Festival by the Sea. Would like music Saturday nights rather than Sundays. Weekenders can't attend Sun. nights. Maybe July 4th Firework Celebration*
- *We come to read and play on sand*
- *More beach music under bridge*
- *Like Arts Festivals*
- *Keep up the good work*
- *Oyster Roasts*
- *We enjoy the Festival by the Sea, explore ideas about an event for the 4th of July- Fireworks Display*
- *Continue Festival by the Sea, beef up Day at the Docks, holiday events- 4th of July, i.e. resident parade and fireworks.*
- *Concerts*
- *Current ones are very good (Day at the Docks, Festival by the Sea, Bluegrass, Summer Concerts, etc.)*
- *Day at the Docks should be memorial weekend, Festival by the Sea is good.*
- *The Bluegrass Festival was great. We hope this will continue to be an annual event. The Saturday concert series remains very enjoyable.*
- *More activities for seniors*
- *More special events craft fairs, music, kite flying events, during summer months for vacationers to include pie baking contests races, shell art, bicycling for children (as a group) card parties.*
- *Festival by the Sea*
- *Continue Day at the Docks and Festival by the Sea*
- *None*
- *none*
- *Annual art exhibit and sale of local artist- including painting, sculpting, and photos.*
- *Blue Crab festival, concerts*
- *None really, like the peaceful beaches*
- *Keep existing festivals*
- *Keep existing festivals. Add none*
- *What we have now*
- *Greek Festival*
- *Beach music festival, 4th of July Fireworks*
- *Kite flying event-large kites and fishing tournaments*
- *None*
- *Keep Festival by the Sea going*

8. Members of my household would participate more often in recreational activities at Holden Beach if:

- *Need More Boat Ramps*
- *Don't Know*
- *No opinion*
- *Our children would probably like the Wi-Fi*
- *Were better advertised I guess, we don't really know about them.*
- *More sand on Ocean Front at High Tide*
- *Maybe a couple more restrooms*
- *If we received an email update saying what programs were being offered when and where in advance.*
- *Facilities that are available year round and don't close for the summer*
- *An annual calendar were provided*
- *If we were residents*
- *Concerts were on Saturday Night*
- *What facility?*
- *Provide a schedule.*
- *There were tennis courts.*
- *There were parks and facilities*
- *Central Island location (by pier) for activities instead of by the bridge*
- *Easier access by water/ docking facilities*
- *If we are there when activities are offered*
- *If we could be there more often*
- *We participate when we can now.*
- *If all of our friends and neighbors would participate*
- *We were younger!*
- *We just enjoy the beach*
- *Family friendly is important so easy access, early hours, entertainment the entire family can enjoy.*
- *Collecting shells on a dry beach at high tide*
- *None of the above*
- *Where are the facilities?*
- *Not applicable, happy as it is*
- *I am not sure what "facilities" you are referring to here other than what's under the bridge. Seems adequate for public access and festivals.*
- *We knew what they were. Better communication needed*
- *None apply*
- *If we lived at Holden Beach*
- *If notice was given in advance! We get Brunswick Beacon a week late here*
- *made for younger people in their 20's*
- *We like it the way it is*
- *If you had public tennis courts on the island*
- *We do participate and all is fine now. A poorly put together question that assumes (or hopes) we are unhappy at present.*
- *Golf carts or other means were available to take handicapped individuals onto the beach.*
- *Means to get handicapped persons to beach. Such as rubber wheeled wheelchairs*
- *We attend them all*
- *Enforcement of leash laws*
- *We enjoy the facilities*
- *If they were better publicized*
- *We were here more often*
- *What? You can't play putt-putt or ride the waterslide for free anymore?*
- *If we knew about them.*
- *Shelter from sun*
- *If information was provided regularly by email.*
- *I knew what recreational activities are available*
- *Already participating*
- *We weren't so lazy. None of these selections are real issues for Holden Beach residents.*
- *Start times were not too early in the morning or too late in the evening.*
- *I will when I move there.*
- *They were well organized activities for a good cause like beach sweep, cancer walks, bark at the beach, fundraiser or educational. Increase public awareness of protection and preservation of coastal estuaries. Shoreline and habitat natural areas wildlife.*
- *We do not need any more restrooms at any beach access*

10. The three (3) biggest problems with beach and/or waterway access at Holden Beach are:

- *Not enough Boat Ramps and Need a True Bike lane on OBE & OBW*
- *Need the old beach patrol back. Police do not want to do it and they do not do a good job with the guests. You have to chase them down to get them to stop.*
- *More Pier/ Boat Ramps*
- *non-owner/Non-renting locals who pay no taxes/insurance who litter, vandalize, etc.*
- *Excessive lights on the beach*
- *Not enough access to water*
- *Bike Trails marked*
- *More bike paths and more walk paths/sidewalks*
- *Too many illegal fireworks*
- *No problems*
- *Bags and bins for dog waste*
- *A no fishing gazebo so visitors don't have to worry about getting hooked, just a place to sit and relax*
- *Lack of Town routine maintenance, little to no enforcement of Town regulations.*
- *Signs for motorists to stop for pedestrians*
- *Access with parking at the West End*
- *Signs for pedestrian right of way*
- *Need one (access) half way to inlet at East End*
- *More access points*
- *Not enough public beach accesses!*
- *I love it here*
- *Paint all access points*
- *Make ramps extended onto beach*
- *Ramps would be nice for those with wagons*
- *None*
- *There should be a painted walk at every public access*
- *More boardwalks, more waterway accesses*
- *People need to clean up after their dogs.*
- *Beach access at the end of each street*
- *People drive too fast*
- *Need access other than Jordan Blvd.*
- *Golf Carts park at bike racks- seems to be more and more each year*
- *Vitex vine eradication*
- *No problems noticed*
- *Perhaps information at each access as to where other accesses are and directions*
- *Not enough beach accesses*
- *Focus on doing something with facilities we have*
- *Orange center of road sign indicators, drivers yielding to pedestrians*
- *Golf cart parking at access points*
- *More pet friendly*
- *No problems*
- *No comment*
- *Need an updates Firehouse and Emergency response*
- *Need water faucets at beach accesses to wash sand off feet*
- *Faucets to wash sandy feet on beach accesses would be great*
- *No problems*
- *Need stripping on the roads that come onto OB so stop point is before sidewalk. Especially for bikes on the sidewalks*
- *More waterway access is needed*
- *Holden Beach has adequate facilities*
- *Don't know*
- *No complaints*
- *Drivers to stop at crosswalks for individuals to cross*
- *Fine as is*
- *All ok with us*
- *East end litter problem is terrible, Trash cans are totally inadequate at the east end. They don't extend far enough towards the inlet and one rollaway container at the end of the road is not nearly enough. Crosswalks at both public beach access points and signage to tell drivers to yield to pedestrians*
- *No wake in canals needs to be enforced*
- *More access to the beach*
- *At public beach*
- *Dogs not on leashes*
- *Too far apart*
- *Not enough boardwalks*
- *Benches on beach accesses*
- *None*
- *None of the above*
- *None*
- *Boat ramp access to waterway*
- *I don't see additional problems from a property owner's viewpoint*
- *Need ramps at all beach access (not just stairs)*
- *No problems, we like it the way it is*
- *Litter*
- *Need more public beach access points with accompanying parking*
- *All else ok, No problems*
- *Foot showers at access points*

- *Fishing Table*
- *I wish the crosswalks were more visible and traffic stopping for pedestrians would be mandatory*
- *No opinion*
- *Handicap access at the Harbor Acres public beach access. Marlin Dr. and/or Swordfish Dr.*
- *No means to take handicapped individuals onto the beach*
- *Too many outsiders especially at pier. They can be creepy*
- *People parking on the side of the road*
- *No public parking on residential streets (don't allow it- causes problems)*
- *Ramp access- some visitors are very "edgy" and impatient*
- *Need to be painted brighter, hard to see. Need crosswalk signs at crosswalks.*
- *Boat access (public)*
- *No complaints*
- *Golf carts/ motor vehicles parking illegally at every beach access creating conflicts and endangering pedestrians*
- *Cannot leave canopies on beach. Hauling canopies or tents back and forth is a hassle.*
- *Don't use public access- not good source of info.*
- *More public access for second row and beyond homes*
- *Biggest problem is -the people who use them trespass in the neighboring properties. I guess the property owner doesn't count! That is, in this survey.*
- *Important: People should be better informed about using public walkways when renting- don't use private community walkways instead because they are closer*
- *Don't have a boat, so not sure about boat launches- if there are enough or not.*
- *We love Holden Beach & know others do too.*
- *Dog rules not enforced*
- *Trash cans draw flies and we are satisfied*
- *No problems*
- *Would prefer to see beach patrol return*
- *Things are generally ok the way they are,*
- *Many tourists do not use the cans!*
- *Boat access*
- *When I was oceanfront I furnished garbage can secured to my beach access, which town emptied during regular route.*
- *n/a*
- *People too stupid to use trash cans and clean up after dogs*
- *None*
- *No problems*
- *Visitors are slobs and leave their trash/ cigarettes everywhere. Littering/dog rules are not enforced.*
- *Inadequate. 1. Trailer parking at the boat ramp under the bridge. 2. Golfcarts parking beside public beach access areas- blocking visibility of pedestrians crossing street. Parking on private property. 3. Not enough dock area to safely allow families to get on and off boats at wildlife ramp.*
- *We have enough access to the beach and waterway. No more parking is needed*

11. The three (3) biggest problems with Bike and Pedestrian Facilities at Holden Beach are:

- *Definitely need to get bikes off the road*
- *Bikers need to stay on the sidewalk & not on OBW*
- *No problems*
- *Too many construction trucks on sidewalk*
- *Boulevard is too narrow for bikes and vehicles*
- *Speed limit on OBW should be decreased to 25 MPH and ALL other roads at 15 MPH*
- *Rude bikers, too many bikers*
- *Not made clear to all that cycling should or should not be on the roads.*
- *Paint white bars on most used walkways to the beach like Boyd St.*
- *No problems*
- *Too many signs on Road*
- *None*
- *We had nice benches and shelters along Ocean Boulevard before the sewer, why were they not replaced.*
- *Adult Cyclists must not be restricted to the sidewalk*
- *Not enough public beach accesses*
- *Shower head at public beach access points would be helpful*
- *No problems noticed*
- *Bikes need to stay on sidewalks especially in Summer, too many in roads*
- *Not enough bike and pedestrian trails off the streets and sidewalks*
- *Bicyclists need to stay off the roadway*
- *Separate bike lanes*
- *No problems*
- *No complaints!*
- *Need bike lane*

- *Bikes ride in the road not the sidewalk*
- *Bike lanes would be helpful on Ocean Boulevard.*
- *We find we can not bike on the sidewalk during busy times so we try to use roads on east end- not possible for west end residents.*
- *Bicyclist on road instead of sidewalk.*
- *Since a bike path along the road isn't possible - how about a separate 2nd "sidewalk" path for bikes only along Ocean Boulevard*
- *None of the above*
- *Where is this facility?*
- *No bike lane on Highway*
- *All ok*
- *Would like bikes to share sidewalks and stay off the roads!*
- *Need bike path rather than side walk*
- *Why not a bike path beside the road and streets?*
- *Enforcement of ordinances*
- *None*
- *None*
- *Bikes in road- holds up traffic and is dangerous*
- *Perfect the way it is*
- *Too bad we can not ban bikes in the summer months on Ocean Boulevard. They are a nuisance, safety hazard and most times have no consideration for vehicle traffic flow.*
- *There are still some dangerous potholes especially where some of the streets feed into the Ocean Boulevard. Especially at Delanne Street, there is a grate that is dangerous here.*
- *Bike lanes instead of sidewalks*
- *Crosswalks need to be fully marked- painting/signage. Signage on Island needs to be consistent- speed Caution Signs*
- *Bikers need to be using sidewalks- holding up traffic during busy season.*
- *Bicycles and vehicles on the road is an accident waiting to happen, could we build a bike lane?*
- *No complaints*
- *Conflicts between golf cart owners and property owners adjacent to beach accesses*
- *Get bikes off road, they need to use sidewalk.*
- *Bike and pedestrian facilities are outstanding*
- *No tennis courts*
- *Handicap accessible boardwalks- need to be better marked*
- *There should be no conflicts between bikes and pedestrians- there's room for all courteous people!*
- *Not sure that there are that many problems*
- *Bike on roadways*
- *No problems*
- *I think there are no problems. We ride daily. A bike path would be a total waste of money.*
- *Sidewalks need to be put on the other side of the road/ bikers should not use street. Especially when towing children behind.*
- *Things now ok as they are*
- *Signage is adequate. Met pedestrians and other bicyclists while riding recently and did not have any problems, drivers were very considerate at intersections. Was not able to ride designated bike routes due to inadequate amounts of personal time.*
- *A bicyclist was complaining about the fisherman walking on the sidewalk with fishing poles.*
- *Don't see there are problems*
- *None*
- *No problems*
- *Better signage at beach access to alert drivers to families and children crossing street. Street numbers on street side and strand side at accesses could provide for a striped bike lane on street if any on beach are wide enough.*

12. Please provide any additional information/comments that will assist the Town in providing appropriate recreational programs and activities.

- *Need more Boat Ramps and a true bike lane on OBW & OBE*
- *Work with Time Warner to lower our cable rates or get us another option*
- *More activities for senior citizens. If anything is done it should be to serve the elderly residents.*
- *It would be nice to have a better selection of boat rentals. Also more fishing accesses from shore or pier on the waterway*
- *Bonfire with hotdogs and hamburgers. The people that come can bring sides.*
- *When I walk I often need a place to rest and there are very few. I sit on telephone or power boxes.*
- *The Beach is getting too crowded in the summer months. We do not need anymore public access areas.*
- *Carolina Beach's weekly summer outdoor movie night is popular. Annual festival of some sort.*

Esthetic improvement from the light to the bottom of the bridge.

- *Trash pick up is not consistent. Need to pick up and return cans with lids down and not turned over.*
- *Enforce animal leash ordinance and animal waste pick up on beach and public access areas*
- *Holden Beach is a great place.*
- *We like Holden Beach- We like it like it is. Keep up the good work!*
- *Many folks enjoy tennis (from young age to seniors) yet there are no publicly available tennis courts at Holden Beach. You have to drive to Shallotte and use the High School Courts or the Park. Consider building several courts for the public (or purchase/ lease the 2 courts on Marker 55) they are never used by the Marker 55 residents.*
- *I love the sidewalks and I think you are doing a great job!*
- *Guest come to beach for swimming and fishing. Not to swing and slide. NO PARKS!*
- *Would like to see classes in computers, scrapbooking, and some art classes.*
- *Would be good to have a program where fisherman could meet to discuss fishing reports and match up people who would like to fish together.*
- *Lighted Tennis Courts*
- *Bikes should not be on the road they should be on the sidewalks.*
- *We need more sand on the beach, especially at high tide. We lost so much sand over the last 10 years. We need to save our sandy beaches! Look at 500 block west at high tide.*
- *Create a homeowner social- use outdoor stage for a meet and greet. Outside decorating contest for holidays. Anything fun and minimally invasive of private family time.*
- *We do not need anything organized; the beach is supposed to be where you go to be relaxed and not organized. I like the slogan about Holden Beach is that "We are proud of what we do not have"*
- *Police presence to monitor crowd behavior. Town People*
- *Holden Beach needs a park with tennis courts*
- *Holden Beach is a great place! Don't change anything*
- *Bikers need to use the sidewalks on the boulevard*
- *My family has been coming to Holden Beach for over thirty years. We feel the Town does an*

excellent job and that our tax dollars are well spent.

- *Since we are not full time residents, knowing when the activities are happening would be helpful. Then we can plan our trips to the beach around them. Being on an email list or having activities on a website would be nice also.*
- *I love to bike, but the bikers at Holden Beach feel they own the road. They should use the sidewalks!*
- *Create a time for the bridge to be accessed so that people can walk or bike over the bridge.*
- *Maybe a movie theater, a bowling alley, and a skating rink.*
- *A community shelter for family/ other gatherings with restrooms*
- *Need more share the road signs to let vehicles know that bicycles are allowed on the street.*
- *Public Tennis courts and a playground*
- *Parking rules need to be enforced. If we continue to allow excess vehicles then we need public facilities and adequate trash disposal.*
- *We would like to see more handicap accessible access to the beach on Ocean Boulevard*
- *Dog park, need map to bike path and nature paths*
- *More beach access walkways, A public Tennis Court on the Island, and a public pool on the Island.*
- *We need signs that give pedestrian crossing the automatic right of way*
- *I think that a park at Holden Beach would be a good investment for the beach and visitors that come to the beach.*
- *Make golf cart parking more available*
- *You are doing a good job. Taxes are too high*
- *Nathan Swain is probably the best Parks and Rec guy I have ever been in contact with.*
- *It would be great if the Town had a recreation center with basketball courts, tennis courts, and a hall for conducting crafts, classes, and to organize a meals on wheels program at Holden Beach*
- *Letting vendors sell ice cream and hot dogs on the beach. Patrol the beach more in the summer, I have already seen people letting their dogs off the leash, and pooping and not cleaning it up. We seem to have laws but no one enforcing them.*
- *More concerts, Keep it a family beach*
- *Questions 7-11 are for visitors and no one is welcome in town hall*
- *You are doing a great job as is*

- *It would be nice to have a recreational park area that young and old could enjoy.*
- *Any recreation plans should not detract from (that is, should complement) HB's stated values of family friendly (vis-a-vis spring breakers), commercial free, people centered (vis-a-vis pets, animals). In general, I could live forever with the current level of recreational activities.*
- *Signs everywhere and no one pays attention to them. They are ugly! Get rid of them!*
- *Thanks for sending this out, hope info is helpful.*
- *Have some place for the kids to go. Offer archery, surf lessons, Wake board lessons, arts and crafts, or camps, etc.*
- *Is there a place anywhere for a volleyball court or basketball court?*
- *I would love to see two tennis courts*
- *Need a park! Need sidewalks on both sides of Ocean Boulevard*
- *Recreation facilities are great but should be way down on budget priorities in this economy. Remember Fed and State grants are our tax dollars too!*
- *Need a multi-use surface for a number of activities*
- *Stop housing on marsh and use area for recreational purposes. Expand the pier area because it is a more central location then the pavilion.*
- *Keep Holden Beach the way it is!*
- *Absolutely nothing that would increase taxes. Be more budget conscious*
- *Don't want anything that will increase taxes! Now is the time to cut costs.*
- *More access is needed to the beach and the inlets. Do not restrict the adult cyclists to only a bike path or the sidewalk.*
- *The lack of public accesses should have been addressed long ago, and we need easier access for handicapped visitors.*
- *More to do on the causeway*
- *Need a second or third public access with restrooms and showers*
- *Add curbside recycling*
- *I would like to see pedestrian and bicycle beach access at the west end. It's ok to limit car traffic but it's a shame people cannot use the west end*
- *We are not year round residents but for the short periods of time during the year that we are here we are satisfied with the recreational offerings provided*
- *More pedestrian crossings for beach access. They should be available every few blocks. A calendar of events should be posted at the stores so homeowners know when activities happen. Please have pick up of yard waste at least once a month May- September.*
- *Tennis Courts*
- *Need Tennis Courts*
- *OBW/ OBE is falling apart, road to bridge is falling apart sand trucks have destroyed it, litter is an increasing problem on island. Only one trash can at public beach near 700 block. New pier on ICW is a debacle, poorly built by Hobbs*
- *Activity schedules and map of facilities*
- *Overall doing a great job*
- *One of the nice things about recreational programs and activities is there are enough to pick and chose what you want to do.*
- *Reduce Taxes*
- *Bikes should be on sidewalks and ordinance should be made known to renters.*
- *More picnic tables at parks on ICW*
- *Rainy day activities for kids*
- *Most of the permanent HB residents are seniors. Are we the only beach in the area without a Senior Center*
- *We need a lending library, we need activities for retired individuals during the winter months- perhaps even day trips*
- *More concerts at the pavilion, better parking, allow cart vendors- tourist friendly*
- *Add a bike lane to Ocean Boulevard*
- *Provide activities in the summer for different age kids. Crafts, ball, soccer, dancing, volunteerism, music, games, kickball, books. Life guards at the beach for safety.*
- *Public access showers, plant palms down main rd.*
- *Need bike friendly roads or someone is going to get hurt*
- *Waterway access- only one boat ramp and 2 piers. Parking- cars park wherever they want. Restrooms- People are in the dunes or outdoor showers, need more. Bike- need bike lane, sidewalk, racing bikes need to be on the street. Need to enforce ordinances*
- *Public fishing spots on public land for island/off island visitors so they don't trespass on private lots, increase traffic in neighborhoods, litter, and speed*
- *Need more seating at festival time. Need large dance floor for all the music and entertainment in the summer. Would love to see umbrella and*

chair rentals on the beach. Would love to see lifeguards and their stations on the beach.

- *Good job with promotion of the beach*
- *Activities geared toward all ages of family: Sand castle tournaments, outdoor music event, Bocce tournament*
- *Our family loves to ride bikes while at Holden Beach, but we cannot get across the bridge to the fun things there. A bike lane would be nice. Or maybe during the summer traffic on the bridge could be stopped for a few minutes each hour so to allow bikes to cross*
- *I would love to have a summer camp opportunity for both my 3 year old and my 7 year old daughters*
- *Bike lanes would help the conflicts between the bikes and vehicles*
- *Par Course, Basketball Court/ Multi-use*
- *A dog park*
- *If summer concerts could begin an hour earlier, I think they would appeal to more people.*
- *I'm happy!*
- *Wonderful beach!*
- *As a waterfront owner we come for the beach and some boating and fishing*
- *We live in the greatest place! I do not need any planned activities.*
- *We live on the island so restrooms, parking, etc are not a problem. There are no restrooms on the west end of island so if you bike or walk there, there is sometimes a problem.*
- *We do not like having to take tents down on the beach when we stay at the beach on weekends or a week. Last year we saw no problems with tents on the beach overnight. If problems exist require cottage numbers on tents.*
- *Kayak boating is very popular and needs to be addressed. A picnic/launch area would be great use of some of that newly acquired land. A safe gazebo that can be used for crafts and activities- can it be moved and made right or torn down and rebuilt elsewhere on Town property where it can be utilized- maybe salvaging some of the wood?*
- *We are new to Holden Beach to have formed an opinion.*
- *Holden Beach renourishes the east end of the beach annually. At high tide there is no dry beach in the center of the island for walking, running, or recreational activities.*
- *When we come to Holden Beach we are not looking for organized rec activities. We come about 4 weeks maybe 5 a year. If there happen to*

be some activities going on when we are there, we may participate. A 4th of July fireworks show might be nice. Not everybody wants to go to Southport.

- *We really don't have many complaints*
- *Are there other facilities other than where the outdoor concerts are held? Activities for children. Has a committee been established to develop this master plan?*
- *If people would use the sidewalks for bicycling that would be great.*
- *I would not chance anything. Don't become Big Government. Do we really need a Parks and Recreation Department?*
- *Lower speed limit for vehicles, have golf cart transportation, have gospel groups on Saturday at the bridge. Need more street lights for night walking. A nice restaurant over the ocean would be great.*
- *Crosswalks are significant issue. Stripping needed and law and signage requiring motorists to yield to crossing pedestrians everywhere on Ocean Boulevard. 2. East end public access is a mess- litter, facilities are inadequate. Need more cans farther towards inlet and a more suitable trash collection container at end of street. Small dumpster with closing lid. My family cleans the east end 2-3 times per summer, we know this problem up close and personal. 3. As a property owner, I'm interested in ensuring that our tax dollars are spent to deal with problems and issues that exist with existing public access sites as opposed to spending to add more public access. 4. Also- given that property owners and tenants pay (I think) the bulk of taxes in Holden Beach (i.e. As opposed to the relatively small number of permanent residents) I think it is important that the plan has ongoing input from non-resident property owners beyond this onetime survey.*
- *As older, year round residents, it would be enjoyable to have activities (year round) to meet other full time residents*
- *Don't do any! Level Brunswick and repave it and Ocean Boulevard*
- *Find a way to keep visitors from using private beach access ways and private homes as access to the beach*
- *When I had my 3 year old great grandson here with me I was shocked that there was not a playground we could visit. Where do people take children other than the beach?*

- *Let homeowners and summer guests know what's available*
- *Would a marsh side walk way be possible? A place to go crabbing*
- *There seems to be large areas of unbuildable marshland- A walking trail, bird watching area, benches, nature trails wide enough for walking and biking would benefit us all, locals and visitors.*
- *Not enough street lights, some lights out, lights too dim*
- *Holden Beach is good as is. For its size it has all the facilities and amenities to assure it remains a family beach. Reducing taxes would help residents and retired homeowners immensely. Leaving them available funds for recreation.*
- *Provide seniors center with fitness center*
- *With 7 miles of beach strand I see little need of recreation facilities or programs*
- *I am grateful that the Town is looking for ways to improve. But, Holden Beach is the best place in the world to be and I have zero complaints! You're doing a great job!*
- *Could use doggie pick up bags, activities so folks can meet each other- cookouts and pot lucks*
- *Encourage/expand programs to bring new business to Holden Beach.*
- *Please add tennis courts or make private courts available to property owners for a fee*
- *Tennis Courts*
- *Call attention to individual responsibility, organize frequent clean ups or pick ups, continue opportunities to enhance planting, and generally like it as it is.*
- *Would like more attention to the public park areas i.e. picnic tables and parking*
- *We seem to be desperate to identify problems, even if there are none to speak of, to justify a staff position that's not needed*
- *A public area in Town Hall for gathering/ reading/ playing cards. Since more people are bringing pets to the beach, a dog park on some of the Town's recently acquired property would be popular*
- *Need more information posted on website concerning the after mat after storms hit area. We never get a report after storm hit to include land storms.*
- *Why can't we use the empty buildings for games (board), libraries, internet, cafes, bingo? Wish there was a coffee shop open on Sunday.*
- *My husband and I are cyclists but no longer ride on Holden Beach. Two reasons: It is hard to cycle on the sidewalk with pedestrians and pets. Riding on the road is scary; too many people are not paying attention. Would love to see designated bike lane.*
- *Keep the beaches clean, trash free, recycling cans AND trash cans. Bicycle lanes not sidewalks! Promote helmets! Host a bridge tournament in the Chapel fellowship Hall*
- *Why can't we get bicyclists to ride on sidewalk instead of street as instructed by Holden Beach Officials? Why can't we have signage and enforcement to have pedestrians going and coming from the beach to be yielded to by other vehicles, isn't that a state law? Shouldn't safety be our number 1 concern on Holden Beach.*
- *Bikers, walkers, and joggers have to use the same narrow concrete walkway in many sections of the boulevard.*
- *More beach walkways. Harbor Acres*
- *We live in paradise, don't screw it up.*
- *Would be wonderful to have a rec room or place for exercise classes and machines. I am sure many would be willing to pay to join.*
- *Thanks for all you do!*
- *Enforcement of leash laws on beach. Have frequently encountered dogs off leash when walking on the beach and walking and bike riding on streets.*
- *Yoga would also be a good year round activity- it is a safe exercise for those of us that are getting older (not old yet!). Beach shows with vendors are very popular. Also pottery classes would be loads of fun with watercolor, acrylic, and oil painting and sewing (quilting) shows or demonstrations. The state has information on other craft vendors at different sites in the state also.*
- *Would love to see activities- bike races, triathlons, etc. to bring guests in early summer and late fall.*
- *If you are going to encourage bicycling you need to have a bicycle lane*
- *A community pool would be number 1 desired facility- and cut down on the nuisance of pools installed on beach lots that are too small- which create a NOISE problem and ruin the beautiful view of the beach*
- *Need public boat ramp at the west end of the beach*