## ATTACHMENT F STIPULATED EXHIBITS 31, 32, 35, 36

- 31. Letter of Support from Ollin Manning, owner 106, 307 and 309 in Cabana de Mar
- 32. Letter of Support from Bill Kelley, owner of 306 in Cabana de Mar

### (Exhibits 33-34 are at Attachment G)

- 35. Letters of Support from area residents, businesses and organizations
  - A- James Helms, Park Superintendent at Carolina Beach State Park
    - B- Chad Porter, Porter Financial Group
    - C-Justin Donaton, Coastwalk Real Estate
    - D- Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce
    - E- Lenita Griffin
    - F- Christine Dees
    - G- Miles Bielec
    - H- Dennis Hagestorm
    - I- Bruce Shell
    - J- Kim Hufham of the Wilmington and Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau
- 36. Letters of Support from non-profit organizations supporting disabled citizens
  A- Tiffany Lesley, Coordinator for Special Olympics North Carolina
  B. Tam Buzgall, Star Lin Fan Saldians
  - B- Tom Russell, Step Up For Soldiers
  - C-Kevin Murphy, President of Ocean Cure
  - D- David Morrison, Chair of Cape Fear Disability Commission

Mr. Braxton Davis Director Division of Coastal Management 400 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, NC 28577

Dear Mr. Davis,

I am the owner of Units 307, 309, and 106 in Cabana De Mar Condominiums, Phase 1. The purpose of this letter is to indicate that I support the Northern Extension of the Boardwalk proposed by the Town of Carolina Beach in front of the common area of Cabana De Mar.

Thank you,

h' May Ollin Manning

Units 307, 309, and 106 Cabana De Mar

Mr. Braxton Davis Director Division of Coastal Management 400 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, NC 28577

Dear Mr. Davis,

I am the owner of Unit 306 in Cabana De Mar in Condominium, Phase 1. The purpose of this letter is to indicate that I support the Northern Extension of the Boardwalk proposed by the Town of Carolina Beach to include the area in front of the common area of Cabana De Mar.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, I may be contacted at *wfkelle@aol.com* or 703-45-8480.

Thank you,

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Bill Kelley O Unit 306, Cabana De Mar



### Carolina Beach State Park Carolina Beach, North Carolina

30 September 2015

Mr. Braxton Davis, Director **Division of Coastal Management** 400 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, NC 28577

#### Mr. Davis,

As superintendent of Carolina Beach State Park, I'm in the recreational and natural resources business. Each season I see folks from across our state and across the United States come to enjoy our trails and shoreline, have a look at our rare Venus flytraps and take in all that Pleasure Island has to offer. Just last year we've reached an annual visitation of nearly 600,000 visitors. In many areas, the state park is seen as the destination, but in our area, there is so much to do that folks look at the many offerings as a draw. These offerings include the Fort Fisher State Historic Site, NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher and of course, the famous Carolina Beach Boardwalk located just a short walk or bike ride from our park gate. With increasing regularity I talk to park visitors who are overwhelmed with the local attractions and overall amenities of the boardwalk area. The improvements that have been made are noted by annual visitors who have seen "the before & after". The promise of what can be done in that area with expansion and development can only serve to spurn more visitors to the area and by extension to our state park. Our own upcoming project to improve and upgrade many of our campsites for RV utility hook-ups will bring more visitors to boardwalk area for the town's beach music festival, Tuesday night family activities or the fantastic bands and fireworks that are held each Thursday night. It's also been great to see the tremendous community support of the boardwalk through local volunteers that give of their time to work the various events. Lengthening the boardwalk and possibly adding water features in the area is just what the Town of Carolina Beach needs, in my opinion, to continue to develop, compete and promote itself as a first-rate family destination. I have a young family myself and we often remark how fortunate we are to have a world-class recreational access area such as the Carolina Beach Boardwalk here where we reside.

Best Regards,

James C. Helms, Park Superintendent Carolina Beach State Park PO Box 475 Carolina Beach, North Carolina 28428 j.chris.helms@ncparks.gov

This letter is not intended to imply any endorsement from the NC Division of Parks and Recreation, nor the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



5000 Randall Parkway, Ste E Wilmington NC 28403

Mr. Braxton Davis Director Division of Coastal Management 400 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, NC 28577

Dear Mr. Davis,

Thanks for your time and consideration in reading this letter of concern and hopefulness. I am writing you today to help push forward the continued expansion of the one of a kind Carolina Beach Boardwalk. As a Board Member of the Miracle League of Wilmington and an advocate for the inclusivity of people of all abilities, I want you to push forward to extend our downtown oceanfront boardwalk 875 feet to the north. The current 750 foot boardwalk was permitted by the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) because there was an existing structure/boardwalk in place and now we need to expand. There has not been a more proactive statement that has been made in New Hanover County than the fight that Carolina Beach made to build this amazing board walk and partially for the increased ease of access to all the wonderful amenities, that you and I are privileged to enjoy, to all people of all abilities. Accessible access to the beaches has been an overlooked necessity in most beach communities but not in Carolina Beach where they aim to be welcoming to all people. What an amazing concept! I am so proud of Carolina Beach for having the heart and concern to help make a zero obstacle access boardwalk that the disabled community can enjoy. I have witnessed the pride of this community grow as it's leaders listen to it's community and have begun to be the most proactive beach front community that I have ever seen, with a focus on all people. By continuing to expand this structure it will only help gain access to more and more possibilities to make accommodations for more people to enjoy this staple of a community. Help Carolina Beach continue their vision of being the best beach community they can be and not only help them complete expansion but feel and know that you were a significant part in helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves take part in something we take for granted, God's beautiful creation in our beaches and oceans. Since building the boardwalk I have taken several people with physical limitations to the beach, who are in their 20s and 30s, who have never seen the ocean and have never put their toes in the sand. What a gift Carolina Beach has given communities all around us. Please help us continue to make this place special for all.

Best wishes and thanks for your consideration,

Chad M. Porter

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Mr. Braxton Davis Director, Division of Coastal Management 400 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, NC 28577

Dear Mr. Davis,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the Carolina Beach Boardwalk extension. Please approve the permit variance as applied for by Carolina Beach.

The existing boardwalk is a much needed resource to increase access for those with disabilities, however many challenges still remain.

Those challenges will be overcome and a host of opportunities for usage will open up for different segments of our population if the additional width/length and access points along the beach are created.

If you approve this plan it will be possible to loop the entire downtown from the oceanfront boardwalk to the Carolina Beach Lake with ADA accessible walkways!

This project would not only have a positive economic benefit for the Town and local businesses, but will also create a special place where anyone can come to a North Carolina beach and enjoy ocean views and vistas.

I own property in Carolina Beach's "Central Business District". I am also a real estate agent on the island. The town has an amazing opportunity to truly distinct itself as one of the most handicap-friendly locations on the East Coast.

I would encourage you to contact with Ms. Lorraine Woodard (lorraine@woodwardcommunications.com). Ms. Woodard recently purchased a home near the Lake (Atlanta Ave) in Carolina Beach. Ms. Woodard has Multiple Sclerosis and is confined to a wheel chair. Imagine what this Boardwalk extension would do for her quality of life! This is just one of many examples.

Please let the Coastal Resources Commission our support for this invaluable state resource.

Sincerely,

Justin Donaton



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Carolina Beach, Kure Beach and Historic Fort Fisher

Mr. Braxton Davis Director of Division of Coastal Management 400 Commercial Avenue Morehead City, NC 28577

Mr. Davis:

I am writing this correspondence on behalf of the Staff and the Board of Directors of the Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce. We are a 78 year old Chamber representing in excess of 450 businesses and individuals doing business on Pleasure Island (Carolina Beach – Kure Breach – Fort Fisher). When the subject of an extended Boardwalk was brought before our Board over a year ago, we unanimously endorsed the project as welll as recommended an extension to the south connecting the Carolina Beach Lake Park to the Central Business District and finally to the Municipal Marina.

We are in the tourism business – plain and simple. The outstanding response we have received from visitors, locals and business owners has been overwhelmingly positive. If we are to compete with beach towns to the north (Virginia Beach, Ocean City) and to the South (Myrtle Beach, Charleston) we have to give then something special and unique besides Britts Donuts! This extended Boardwalk is just the ticket!

This Boardwalk is much more than that...it is a model community development that addresses the needs that the Americans with Disabilities Act attempted to achieve back in 1990. It has been a huge success with citizens with disabilities requiring accessible features. It has given everyone an attractive and well thought out design to provide access and viewability of our cherished coastline. The extension would allow a person to travel in a wheelchair from a Town parking lot to a Head boat or charter boat to waterside dining to a stroll along the coastline and to the Central Business District without ever having to move their car.

This entire plan is in keeping with the Master Plan adopted by the Town and endorsed by the community as a whole. The Town of Carolina Beach deserves this extension and we firmly believe it is in the best interest of the Town and its citizens as well as our thousands of visitors.

If you have any additional questions and concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office and speak with our President, Gail McCloskey or myself.

Sincerely.

GK.

Greg R. Reynolds Executive Director

GRR/grr

Cc: Gail McCloskey

Lenita Griffin 406 Wilson Ave Carolina Beach, NC 28428 July 21, 2014

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Coastal Resource Commission

400 Commerce Ave.

Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Mr. Gorham and members of the Commission:

I am writing in effort to obtain your support of the extension of the Carolina Beach Boardwalk. Please approve the permit variance that has been applied for by Carolina Beach. I am a twelve year resident of Carolina Beach and have seen our town go through many changes over those Twelve years. Our boardwalk is one of our greatest assets and has been greatly improved. The work that the boardwalk renovation project has done, enabled us to be named as one of the top ten boardwalks in this country. I feel the extension of the boardwalk would bring vital economic stability to our town and local businesses while also allowing greater public access to the beach strand. Our town has done an extensive amount of hard work to obtain grants from NCDENR and New Hanover County to help pay for this project and I am kindly asking for your vote in favor of the variance to allow expansion of the Carolina Beach Boardwalk.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter

Sincerely,

Lenita Griffin

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Coastal Resource Commission 400 Commerce Ave. Morehead City, NC 28557

Mr. Frank Gorham, Chairman Mr. Neal Andrew Mr. Larry Baldwin Ms. Renee Cahoon Ms Suzanne Dorsey Mr. Bob Emory Mr. Bob Emory Mr. Marc Hairston Mr. Greg Lewis Mr. Bill Naumann Mr. Ben Simmons Mr. Harry Simmons Mr. John Snipes Mr. Lee Wynns

Chairman Gorham and members of the North Carolina Coastal Resource Commission,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the Carolina Beach Boardwalk extension. Please approve the permit variance as applied for by Carolina Beach.

I am a resident of Carolina Beach and a local business owner. The extension would be a tremendous benefit to our community. This project would not only have a positive economic benefit for the Town and local businesses, but will also increase public access to the beach strand. Given our obvious geographic constraints, it isn't often that a public project can expand beach access – it is a rare and important gift that can be given to the community.

The town has worked hard to obtain grants from NCDENR and New Hanover County to help pay for the project. The existing boardwalk has earned national recognition as one of the top 10 boardwalks in the country and continues to improve every year. Please let us work to continue to improve our community and our boardwalk.

I encourage you to vote in favor of the variance to allow our community to expand our public boardwalk.

Sincerely,

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Christina Dees Carolina Beach Resident & Small Business Owner

July 17, 2014

Miles Bielec 633 Spencer Farlow #12 Carolina Beach, NC 28428

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Coastal Resource Commission 400 Commerce Ave. Morehead City, NC 28557

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Dear Mr. Gorham and Members of the North Carolina Coastal Resource Commission,

I am writing to voice my strong support for Carolina Beach Boardwalk extension and requesting that the Commission please approve the permit variance as applied for by Town of Carolina Beach.

I am a resident of Carolina Beach and a business operator benefitting from the Town's tourism industry. I feel the extension would be a tremendous benefit to our community as the project will not only be an economic benefit to the Town and local businesses, but will also at the same time increase public access to the beach strand, including for those with mobility handicaps.

The Town has actively worked to gather input from residents about the overall design and Town leaders have worked hard to obtain grants from NCDENR and New Hanover County to help pay for this project. They have done an outstanding job and I encourage you to vote in favor of the variance to allow our community to expand our public boardwalk.

The existing boardwalk has earned national recognition as one of the top 10 boardwalks in the country, please let us work to continue to improve our community and our historic boardwalk.

Sincerely,

Miles Bielec

via Email

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Coastal Resource Commission 400 Commerce Ave. Morehead City, NC 28557

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The town has worked hard to obtain grants from NCDENR and New Hanover County to help pay for the project. The existing boardwalk has earned national recognition as one of the top 10 boardwalks in the country and continues to improve every year. Please let us work to continue to improve our community and our boardwalk.

Carolina Beach staff has held public meetings to gather input from residents about the design and a majority of participants in the process look upon this project favorably. As you would expect, the few opponents have concerns with the project happening "in their backyard." While these objections are understandable, I would hate to see us sacrifice the "greater good" of beach access and economic improvement by disallowing this project to proceed. Staff has done a great job in offering a very open process and I encourage you to vote in favor of the variance to allow our community to expand our public boardwalk.

Sincerely,

Dennis "Duke" Hagestrom Carolina Beach Resident & Small Business Owner ------ Forwarded message ------From: **Bruce Shell** <<u>bruce.shell@nhcs.net</u>> Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2015 at 10:12 PM Subject: Carolina Beach To: <u>Braxton.davis@ncdenr.gov</u>

Dr. Davis:

My name is Bruce Shell. I served New Hanover County as its manager, retiring in 2012. Afterwards, I served Carolina Beach as an Interim Manager and assisted them in adopting their budget for fiscal year 2013-14. I am currently a member of New Hanover County's Board of Education. I have worked with coastal issues for many years including beach renourishment and economic development projects in New Hanover County.

I want to express my support for Carolina Beach's effort to complete a very positive boardwalk project. Public discussions and diligence to maximize use by all remain a priority. The benefits to the handicapped, general public, and visitors is significant. The ability to loop the downtown beach with the ocean front and marina area provides safety, commerce, and positive use for all. Carolina Beach has made it a priority to have enhanced public access of the beaches. Commerce from this project benefits state and local government from the creation of additional jobs and sales tax distribution.

The Town has utilized matching grants with its own funds and New Hanover County to bring this special project to reality. I ask for your support. If you would desire to talk with me further my number is <u>910 619-7188</u>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bruce Shell



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October 27, 2015

Mr. Braxton Davis Director Division of Coastal Management 400 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, North Carolina 28577

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Wilmington and Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau supports the Town of Carolina Beach's extension of the Carolina Beach Boardwalk. The Carolina Beach Boardwalk is a vital part of the town's economy and the extension of the Boardwalk for two new ADA accessible public beach accesses will be a much needed amenity. The region and State will greatly benefit from the proposed extension and will allow both physical and visual beach access to those with handicaps.

Ocean access and oceanfront recreational opportunities are dwindling along the coast of North Carolina. The goal of securing ADA public beach access is extremely important in order to continue to attract visitors and permanent residents to the North Carolina Coast. In closing, the Wilmington and Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau supports the Town of Carolina Beach and the extension of the Carolina Beach Boardwalk.

Sincerely,

Kim Hufham President/CEO



September 29, 2015

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the proposed expansion of the Carolina Beach oceanfront boardwalk. I believe that the expansion of the boardwalk, 875 feet to the north, would greatly impact Carolina Beach in a positive way. The boardwalk draws thousands of visitors each year and any expansion would only increase the tourism numbers.

Special Olympics New Hanover County Polar Plunge is held at the Carolina Beach boardwalk each year. I believe that the expansion would only benefit our program. In conclusion, I fully support the hard work the Town of Carolina Beach has put into this proposal. Any addition will help make Carolina Beach better and more attractive to our locals and tourist. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Lesley

Tiffany Lesley Coordinator Special Olympics North Carolina New Hanover County

# Step Up For Soldiers

Tom Russell P O Box 652 Carolina Beach NC 28428 910-297-498

Mr Braxton Davis Director of Division of Coastal Management 400 Commercial Avenue Morehead City, NC 28577

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Sept. 28, 2015

As a non-profit we do events and fundraisers in Carolina Beach, and feel that an extension of the boardwalk would be an asset not only to the people of Carolina Beach, but to the many visitors that come year round. It would also benefit the business that operates year round offering a year round attraction. We are pleased in the direction of Carolina Beach improvements for the entire community.

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Sincerely Thomas Russell Braxton Davis Director, NC Division of Coastal Management North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources 400 Commerce Ave. Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Mr. Braxton Davis,

I am the founder and director of the Non- Profit Ocean Cure. Our mission is to serve the community through ocean related activities. The majority of our participants have a variety of disabilities that affect their mobility. The newly redone boardwalk has greatly increased the amount of participants we were able to service this year.

I am writing to voice my strong support and ask for your help in approving the Carolina Beach Boardwalk extension at your upcoming Coastal Resources Commission meeting. Please approve the permit variance as applied for by Carolina Beach.

We have been following the state, county, and town's efforts closely in great anticipation and excitement for this unique development opportunity. We understand that all three public entities have dedicated grant funds for this project. In addition, Carolina Beach continues to hold public meetings and opportunities to contribute ideas for making this project design better for users and adjacent property owners. Their diligence and public outreach to mitigate concerns and ensure the best product has been developed has resulted in a great design that we wholeheartedly support.

The existing boardwalk is a much needed resource to increase access for those with disabilities, however many challenges still remain.

Those challenges will be overcome and a host of opportunities for usage will open up for different segments of our population if the additional width/length and access points along the beach are created.

If you approve this plan it will be possible to loop the entire downtown from the oceanfront boardwalk to the Carolina Beach Lake with ADA accessible walkways!

We are excited to see the additional accessible beach/park access. The current boardwalk under construction looks fantastic.

This project would not only have a positive economic benefit for the Town and local businesses, but will also create a special place where anyone can come to a North Carolina beach and enjoy ocean views and vistas.

Please let the Coastal Resources Commission our support for this invaluable state resource.

Sinceret Zen Kevin Murphy

President of Ocean Cure 607 N. Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach, NC 28428 E.I.N. Federal Tax ID: 26-4509035

# Cape Fear Disability Commission (CFDC)

EST. August 2012

Wilmington, North Carolina 28403 Officers: David F. Morrison, Chair John D. Edge, Co-Chair

Mr. Braxton Davis, Director Division of Coastal Management 400 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, North Carolina 28577 September 21, 2015

Mr. Davis:

On behalf of the members of the Cape Fear Disability Commission (CFDC) we would like to join the Town of Carolina Beach and other local entities in support of a permit to extend the existing boardwalk.

CFDC has thirty (30) regular members who either have disabilities or provide services to this underserved population. With the close proximity of Carolina Beach to the Wilmington area, many of our regular members would like to be able to fully enjoy beach access. While the current boardwalk allows users to get near the water, it is our understanding that town officials wish to extend access out to (or as near as possible) to the shoreline. We can certainly see the benefits of being able to safely navigate a beach wheelchair, or other assistive devices, to create a smooth transition into the ocean.

We would therefore, support approval of the Carolina Beach Boardwalk Extension variance request and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

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David F. Morrison, Chair

Disclaimer: The Cape Fear Disability Commission (CFDC) is an advisory board made up of citizens and agency representatives concerned with networking in an effort to remove barriers to accessibility in the Cape Fear Region.