

MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2020
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
10:30 A.M.

Town of Edisto Beach
Edisto Beach Civic Center
42 Station Court
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Crawford Moore, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Jerome Kizer, Council Members.
Absent, Patti Smyer, Council Member; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Also in attendance were Police Chief George Brothers, Fire Chief Denney Conley, Assistant Fire Chief Chris Nash, Town Administrator Iris Hill, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus and Municipal Clerk Deborah Hargis. From Toole Design: Chris Lambka and from Land Plan South: Charles Howell and Rick McMackin.

The meeting began with introductions and Mr. Lambka explained the exercise displays. Pictures of the exercise are attached to these minutes.

Toole Design/Land Plan South team members asked for input and feedback from Council. Golf carts/bikes/pedestrian traffic on Jungle Road was discussed. One suggestion from Toole was to move the center line of Jungle Road to the seaward side and put a wider multi-use path on the marsh side of Jungle Road. Safety is always the main priority for our residents and visitors. Lowering the speed limit on Jungle from 30 to 25 mph was also discussed.

First Responders stated it is hard to see which beach access you are at from the ocean or the sandy beach. Mr. Lambka suggested signage that would be visible from both the ocean and the nearest street.

The team told Council and those in attendance that the majority of respondents to the online survey requested some type of hard surface for the Vine Street bike path. Boardwalks were suggested for the places in the bike path that are prone to flooding.

Suggestions for Jungle Road park included a clear delineation of the entry way and post and rope separation between the park and the street. The boardwalk needs to be improved and more view points added. Restrooms were discussed for Jungle Road Park and/or the end of Yacht Club Road.

Improvements on the bike path across the causeway were discussed. An crosswalk between the current bike path and the bike entrance to the State Park along with a lighted, solar-powered flashing light were discussed. A boardwalk parallel to the causeway was also discussed.

Toole Design suggested outsourcing park maintenance or hiring additional personnel dedicated to parks.

Beach access improvements were discussed next. Most feedback on the online survey indicated a desire for some type of wash station or shower. Parking improvements were also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned by common consent.

The media/public was informed of the location, date and time of the meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL


Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
November 12, 2020



EDISTO BEACH 2020 // RECREATION MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITY SHEET

The Town of Edisto Beach is performing its first recreation master plan. The master plan will recommend improvements to parks, beach access points, sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, trails, and connectivity to recreation facilities. By completing this form, you will help us understand what you like, don't like, and what can be improved about Edisto Beach's recreational facilities. Even if you don't use our parks and bicycle facilities, your feedback is valuable! Please help us by performing each activity around the room and placing your pen and activity sheet in the basket once complete.

Thank you for your input!

If you would like to receive updates, please write your email address here: _____

ACTIVITY #1 - CHARACTER IMAGES

Please check all images that you feel fit the character of Edisto Beach, it's residents, and it's visitors.

ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Activities

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F

Playgrounds

- A
- B
- C
- D

PARK AMENITIES

Shelters/Gazebos

- A
- B
- C
- D

Restroom Buildings

- A
- B
- C
- D

BEACH ACCESS FEATURES

Beach Access Signs

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F

Wash Stations

- A
- B
- C
- D

Bicycle Racks

- A
- B
- C

TRAILS/GREENWAYS

Materials

- A
- B
- C
- D

Outdoor exercise stations

- A
- B
- C
- D

ACTIVITY #2 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Preferences

Please check all images that you feel fit the character of Edisto Beach, it's residents, and it's visitors.

Bicycle Facilities

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F

Pedestrian Facilities

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F

ACTIVITY #3 - One Word Exercise

Please provide a simple one word or short phrase for each question below.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT EDISTO'S BEACH ACCESS POINTS, BICYCLE NETWORK, AND PARKS?

WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO CHANGE ABOUT EDISTO'S BEACH ACCESS POINTS, BICYCLE NETWORK, AND PARKS

ACTIVITY #4 - Mapping Exercise

Please review the aerial map of the Town of Edisto Beach Park and Recreation study area and provide comments regarding park and recreation opportunities and needs.

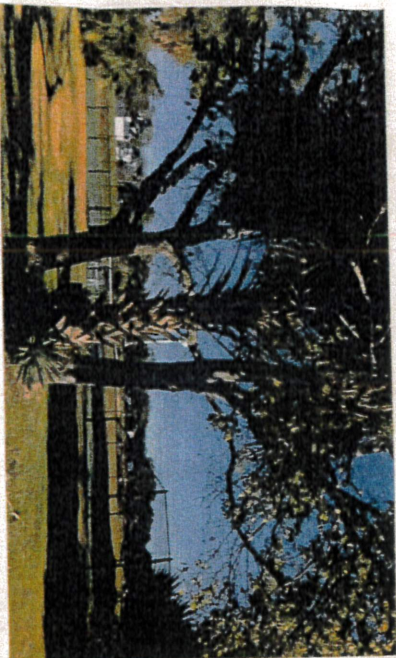
ACTIVITY #5 - Comments

Please provide any additional comments below regarding the Town of Edisto's parks, beach access points, sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, trails, and connectivity to recreation facilities below.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

EDISTO BEACH RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Thank you for stopping by to learn about this project and provide input that will help shape the plan. Your interest in the project is appreciated and your feedback is greatly valued. The following information provides an overview of the project.



The Town of Edisto Beach is embarking on a journey to develop a comprehensive recreation master plan and has hired Toole Design to lead this effort. The Town currently has three parks, a bike path system, a tennis / pickleball court, and 38 beach access points with over 200 related off-street parking spaces. Although the Town has a variety of planning documents related to these parks and beach access points, there is not a unified strategy for addressing how these recreational components work together as a system. The project team will use existing planning documents, collect and analyze field data, gather public input, and apply national standards and best practices to establish the comprehensive recreation master plan. The objective of the plan is to update, prioritize and align the Town's strategy for addressing park and recreational land planning and activity in the Town.

AREAS OF FOCUS

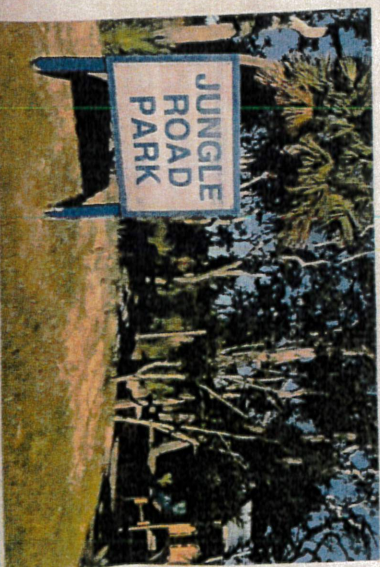
Benchmarking: The project team will compare current recreation offerings in Edisto Beach to the National Recreation and Park Association Benchmark standards. Benchmarking is based on current and seasonal population and will provide our team a basic starting point for recommendations that must be placed into context for Edisto Beach.

Park Concepts: The project team will develop concept level master plans of each of the three (3) park sites and Tract M. Park concepts will consider ways that the current park sites could be made more inviting to residents and visitors.

Beach Access Points: Edisto is known for its pristine beaches. Residents and visitors desire easy access to those beaches. Our team will look to create new standards for inclusive design, accessibility, drainage, parking, and refuse collection. Understanding Edisto Beach is experimenting with accessible beach access mats, our team will look at national best practice standards and local examples.

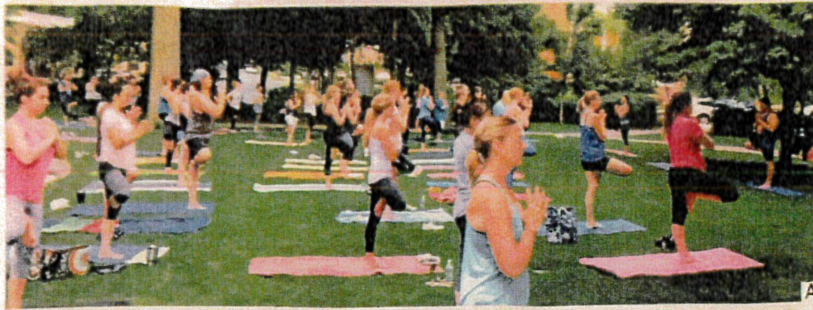
Bike Trail System: Edisto Beach has the framework of a true bicycle friendly community. Understanding that the low speed street network serves multiple functions, our team will work on an updated bicycle network and connectivity plan that embraces culture. Typical street cross sections, bike facility types, and identification of routes will increase ridership and safety throughout the island.

Wayfinding and Signage: It is essential that a park system has a unified and identifiable brand. Color, symbology, furnishings, logos, all play a key role in establishing a sense of arrival to a park facility. Our team will work with Town staff to develop a brand and signage strategy.



Character Images- ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Activities

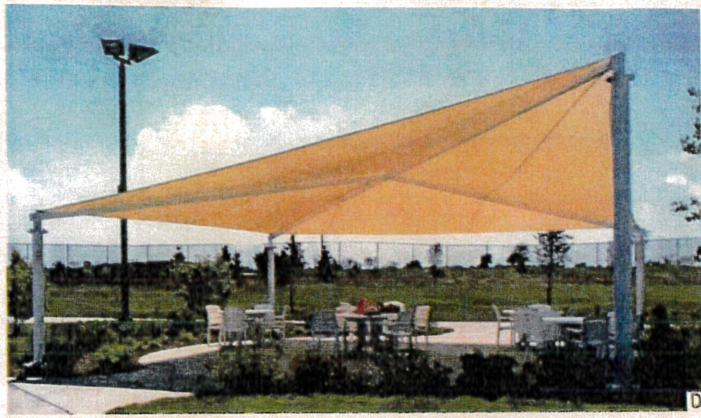


Playgrounds

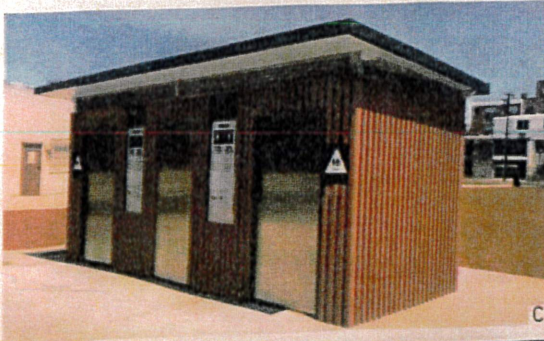
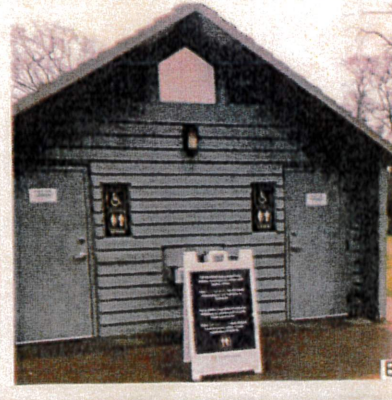


Character Images- PARK AMENITIES

Shelters/ Gazebos

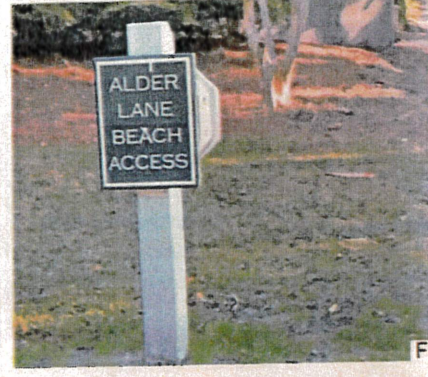


Restroom Buildings

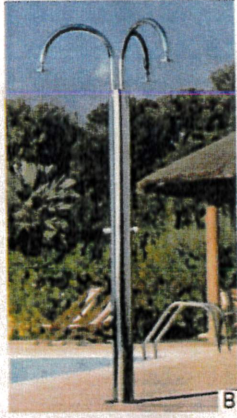


Character Images- ACCESS FEATURES

Beach Access Signs



Wash Stations



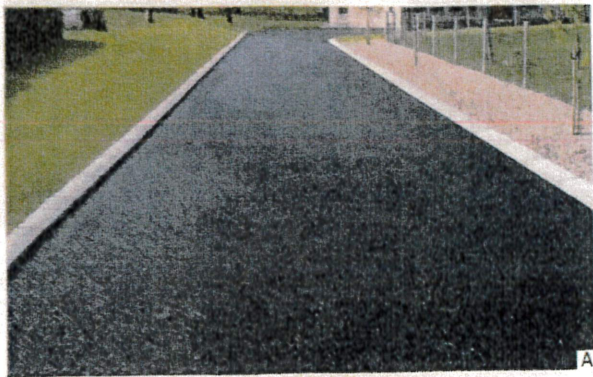
Bicycle Racks



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Character Images- TRAILS/ GREENWAYS

Materials



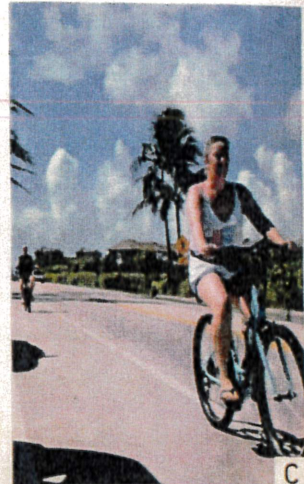
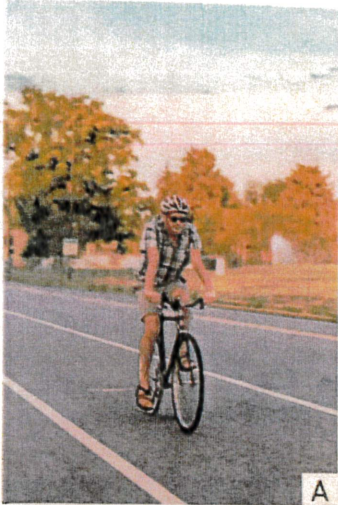
Outdoor Exercise Stations



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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN NETWORK - Preferences

Bicycle Facilities



Pedestrian Facilities

