

**MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
March 3, 2021**

Present via Zoom: Pat Kostell, Chairperson, Peter Beck, Marie Bost, Betsy Daise and Ron Scroggy. Also present was Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus.

Absent: Cameron Andrews and Charles Yeomans (notice given).

Call to Order: Chairperson Kostell called the meeting to order. She notified the Committee that long-time beloved member Archie Livingston had passed away since the last meeting. She expressed appreciation on behalf of the TIDE Committee for Mr. Livingston's many years of service.

Approval of Minutes: Ron Scroggy moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Peter Beck, and approved 5 – 0.

Comments from Assistant Town Administrator: Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus told the Committee that on March 9th Toole Design would be presenting the Recreation Master Plan to Council in a meeting at 10:00 a.m. This special Council meeting will be open to the public on a limited-seating basis; first come/first served. Mr. Aakhus told the Committee that if anyone were interested in attending the Council meeting, they should let him know so that seats could be reserved for TIDE Committee members.

Mr. Aakhus told the Committee that the spot renourishment done on the first three blocks and the 2800 block of Palmetto Boulevard has been completed. The ADA compliant mats have been put out at Beach Accesses 1 and 28. Parking areas have been smoothed out by the contractor as renourishment was completed. Mr. Scroggy asked about the difference in the sand brought in for the spot renourishment and existing sand as far as turtle nesting was concerned. Mr. Aakhus said that the sand was different due to not being dredged but had been certified safe by DHEC/OCRM and Coastal Science and Engineering, the company that managed the project.

Chairperson Kostell thanked Peter Beck for accepting the nomination of Vice Chairperson. She reminded him that he would become Chairperson of the Committee at the first meeting of the year in 2022.

Old Business

Chairperson Kostell told the Committee of an update she received from Special Projects Coordinator Kelly Moore for a Keep Edisto Beautiful event for Edisto Island. The event will occur on March 20, 2021 and Deborah will send out a flyer to the Committee after the meeting today. The cleanup will take place on the island, not within Town limits. Specific streets to be assessed are listed on the flyer.

The bike paths have been cleared on Docksite and Lybrand and the Public Works Department has been working on Jungle Shores. The South Carolina Department of Transportation has started working on edging the sidewalks on Palmetto Boulevard. DOT will also spot repair some of the sidewalks and are scheduled to pave the remaining section of Palmetto now that the renourishment is complete.

Chairperson Kostell thanked the Town for the additional trimming done on the Causeway near Smuggler's Attic.

Marie Bost asked that the vegetation near the footbridge between the gated end of Myrtle and McConkey Square needed trimming. It is difficult to see someone coming toward you when exiting the footbridge.

Members of the Committee agreed that beach accesses are looking good.

Peter Beck asked about a house in the 500 block of Jungle that has damage to the structure. Building Code Official Patrick Brown will be notified to assess the issue since it may be a Code Violation.

Marie Bost said that the parking lot for Jungle Road Park needs attention. There are holes from the rain and a mound of sand that needs to be moved. Ms. Bost suggest a sign to direct visitors to the parking lot, as many do not know such a lot exists. Mr. Aakhus said that he would ask Public Works to see what could be done about the mound of sand and potholes. *Administrator Hill has said the sand needs to stay to be used to fill sandbags in case of hurricanes. There is a sign that says, "Jungle Road Park Parking," but it is dirty and hard to see. Mr. Aakhus will see about getting it cleaned. Utilities Director Patrick Zemp has recently graded the parking lot. *

Ron Scroggy asked if a sign to deter littering could be placed at Burley Lyons Park. He has seen an unacceptable amount of refuse left outside the container. A discussion of signs vs. stickers on the garbage can followed.

Peter Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Betsy Daise, and approved 5 - 0.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



Angela Davis, Municipal Clerk
March 31, 2021