

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

5:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting at Town of Edisto Beach Town Hall

In-Person

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM, BUT DO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE PROCEEDINGS.

Members attending: George Kostell, Alex Cone, Sue Johnson, Janet Oakley, Bob Sandifer

Members absent: Stephanie Renner and Everette Smith—both with prior notice.

Staff attending: Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown, Zoning Inspector Morgan Viars,
Town Administrator Iris Hill

Chair George Kostell called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Chair Kostell called the roll. Quorum was noted.

Review of Minutes: January 26, 2021

Bob Sandifer made a motion to accept the minutes from January 26, 2021 as presented. Janet Oakley seconded the motion, which **passed unanimously**.

Old Business: Sign Ordinance Update

Chairman George Kostell requested Member Janet Oakley give a brief summary of how to balance the risk of a sign ordinance and content. Chairman Kostell asked for comments from other Commission members, Bob Sandifer expressed his preference of having no sign ordinance based on liability to the Town. Alex Cone recognized the same feelings as Bob Sandifer and understands the benefit of the risk to keep and update a Sign Ordinance. Sue Johnson stated for the benefit of the Town an ordinance is needed. Chairman Kostell and the Commission walked through the proposed changes with most being editorial or for clarification purposes. More in-depth discussion was held concerning Sec 86-214 (7) with the time limit to be revised to 15 prior to the function with a motion made by Janet Oakley and seconded by Alex Cone, which **passed unanimously**. Sec 86-214 (9) was discussed and revised to read “earlier than 180 days...removed within 15 days...” in a motion made by Janet Oakley with a second from Alex Cone, which **passed with three yes votes, Chairman Kostell and Bob Sandifer voting nay**. Alex Cone made a motion to strike “shall not exceed the height of ___” from the same Ordinance section with Janet Oakley seconding, with **passed with four yes votes, Chairman Kostell voting nay**. After the discussion as noted Alex Cone made a motion to approve the Sign Ordinance amendment with Janet Oakley seconding, which **passed with three yes votes, Chairman Kostell and Bob Sandifer voting nay**.

New Business: Recreational Vehicle Ordinance Update

Chairman Kostell asked Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown about the need to update the “RV Ordinance”. Patrick Brown stated it is in need of clarification and outlining. A motion to update the

definition of Recreational Vehicle to include “or equivalent international standard” was made by Chairman Kostell with Janet Oakley seconding, which **passed unanimously**. Discussion took place about Sec 86-183 (b) concerning residential utility hookups with Janet Oakley telling of a recent personal encounter as to why it is important to have the RV hooked up. Bob Sandifer expressed concern about residents’ need to plug in the RV to preserve perishable food items. Alex Cone made a motion to add the language “except as necessary for maintenance purposes” with Chairman Kostell seconding, which **passed with four yes votes, Bob Sandifer voting nay**. Proposed 86-183 (e) was discussed as to why it would be added to the proposed amended Ordinance as nothing relevant is in the current Ordinance. Patrick Brown stated Town staff did not ask for it to be added and Town Attorney Duffie probably added it while researching for this update. Chairman Kostell made a motion to strike 86-183 (e) with Sue Johnson seconding, which passed **with three yes votes, Bob Sandifer and Janet Oakley voting nay**. A motion was made to approve the Draft with updates per the meeting and send to Council for their considerations, which **passed with four yes votes, Bob Sandifer voted nay**.

Public Comment

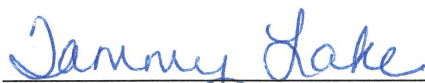
Steve Mueller signed in for Public Comment with subject matter of Renourishment and Beachfront Permitting. Chairman Kostell advised him the Planning Commission is not the appropriate board.

Adjourn

Being no more business to discuss, Bob Sandifer made a motion to adjourn. Alex Cone seconded the motion, which **passed unanimously**.

The Freedom of Information Act, § 30-4-80(3) was complied with.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION



Submitted by Tammy Lake, Planning Commission Secretary