

**MINUTES  
TIDE COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 4, 2021**

**Present:** Chairperson Pat Kostell, Peter Beck, Ron Scroggy, Marie Bost, Town Administrator Iris Hill, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Municipal Clerk Angela K. Davis, Town Councilman Jerome Kizer, Special Events Coordinator Kelly Moore

**Absent:** Charles Yeomans (no notice given), Cameron Andrews (no notice given) and Betsy Daise (prior notice given)

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Kostell called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Marie Bost moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Peter Beck, and approved unanimously.

**Comments from Assistant Town Administrator:**

Assistant Town Administrator Aakhus discussed a grant opportunity through the Municipal Association of South Carolina regarding the Master Recreation Plan for Burley Lyons Park for board walk construction to the lagoon and potentially building a dog park. Mr. Aakhus also discussed the Land /Water Conservation Fund grant with the committee. He mentioned that the Land/Water Conservation Fund grant was a 50/50 match and could potentially be used for the Vine Street bike path. Mr. Aakhus also discussed a Recreation Trails RTP Grant from the State of South Carolina and how this grant could be used for bike paths on track M.

Chairperson Kostell asked for clarification on Town Council's approval of the Master Recreation Plan. Town Administrator Hill informed Ms. Kostell that the Master Recreation Plan was approved by Council in concept. The development of each component of the plan will have to be approved by Council before it is funded.

Town Councilman Jerome Kizer also asked the committee to keep in mind that the Master Recreation Plan has a timeline and different phases for development.

Marie Bost added that she would like to see bathrooms added to the Jungle Park in the near future. Ms. Bost was concerned that changes in flood plain maps could impact construction cost. Councilman Kizer added that the additional bathrooms were in a phase in the Master Recreation Plan. Ms. Bost recommended moving this to phase 1 of the plan. Town Administrator Hill discussed getting a cost for the bathrooms and taking the request to Council. Ms. Hill also stated that this was not budgeted, and a public hearing would need to be held in order to amend the budget. Funding could potentially come from ATAX funds.

Chairperson Kostell brought the discussion back to Burley Lyons Park and voiced concerns about developing a dog park at that site. Councilman Kizer and Mark Aakhus stated there would only be a section of the park dedicated to dogs. Mr.

Scroggy stated he did not like the idea of a dog park in that area and suggested a kayak ramp. Ms. Hill informed the committee that homeowners had previously complained about kayakers in the lagoon. Ms. Bost stated noise may be an issue with a dog park in a residential neighborhood. Mr. Scroggy also mentioned waste runoff into the lagoon could be problematic.

Mr. Aakhus discussed new ideas for consistency and new signage designs. The committee discussed beach access signs, directional signs, mile markers and welcome signs.

### **Old Business:**

Chairperson Kostell asked Councilman Kizer for updates on the Chamber and Town website collaboration. Councilman Kizer mentioned that the goal of this collaboration was to make sure the Town website was connecting with people to direct them toward events and activities advertised by the Edisto Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Kizer pulled up different websites on the projector to show and demonstrate the new features to the committee. New updates included a "Local Events" button that links directly to the Chamber website, a "Monthly Update" button to inform the visitors/residents of upcoming events or current projects, and a new "Beach Rules" button was added to the Town website for visitors/residents to reference. Councilman Kizer also mentioned the Edisto Beach Police Department adding short videos regarding beach safety and rules, coming soon. During discussion Councilman Kizer and the committee mentioned that they would like to see a "Keep Edisto Beautiful" button on the Town's website and how it would be beneficial to visitors/residents. After the presentation, Councilman Kizer and the committee discussed additions, deletions and changes they'd like to see on the Town website. Kelly Moore mentioned that most visitors/residents use social media platforms verses the Town websites. Marie Bost mentioned adding recreational areas to visitor maps.

Kelly Moore informed the committee that Keep Edisto Beach had an adopt a beach access program and showed the committee how visitors/tourist can find this information on the website. Ms. Moore mentioned that Keep Edisto Beach also had adoption programs from blocks, roads, and streets. Ms. Moore informed the committee that she would be advertising and advocating for the adoption programs in the near future.

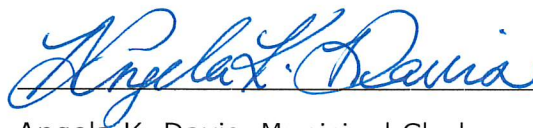
### **New Business:**

After discussion and updates on beach adoption from Ms. Moore, the committee reviewed the adopt a beach access form and suggested changes, additions, and deletions. Ron Scroggy mentioned the addition of a wildlife protection awareness where volunteers could inform the Town of any fishing hooks, fishing line, or other endangerments to wildlife on the beach. Kelly Moore mentioned changing the form on the Keep Edisto Beach website to reflect the new Municipal Clerk, Angela K. Davis. Ms. Moore also mentioned website branding changes. The Committee also

discussed adding detailed information on who to contact for the adopt a beach access information, suggesting the addition of name, title, phone number and extension. Peter Beck and Ron Scroggy asked that this information be shared with the homeowners and community and to advertise the need for volunteers on websites and in newspaper.

**Adjournment:** Marie Bost moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Beck, and approved unanimously.

Approved by the TIDE Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Angela K. Davis", is written over a horizontal line.

Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk

