

**MINUTES**  
**TIDE COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 5, 2022**

**Present Committee Members:** Chairman Peter Beck, Vice Chairwoman Betsy Daise, Marie Bost, Camille Lemon, Virginia Stephenson, Ron Scroggy. Charles Yeomans was present via phone call.

**Present Ex Officio:** Town Administrator Iris Hill and Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Peter Beck called the meeting to order.

Mr. Peter Beck asked the members of the Committee to introduce themselves to the new members, Ms. Camille Lemon and Ms. Virginia Stephenson.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Ron Scroggy moved to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2021, TIDE Committee meeting. Ms. Betsy Daise seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Comments from the Town Administrator:**

Town Administrator Iris Hill informed the Committee that Lyons Contracting started on the ground maintenance of beach accesses. Ms. Hill updated the Committee on causeway mowing and the new Town welcome sign. Ms. Hill informed the Committee that Dominion Energy would be taking down the Christmas decorations.

Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus proposed the addition of a Christmas tree that would be temporarily place on the beach as a photo opportunity for residents and guest during the Christmas season.

Mr. Ron Scroggy and Town Administrator Hill discussed environmentally friendly decorations.

Town Administrator Hill mentioned to the new members of the TIDE Committee that all correspondence through email should be directed toward Municipal Clerk, Angela K. Davis and not to other members of the Committee. Any information regarding the TIDE Committee, Ms. Davis will distribute.

**Old Business:**

- A. **2022 TIDE Committee Goals** – Chairman Peter Beck asked that the date of TIDE goals be updated on the Town website.
1. Meet with the Town to provide input for Parks and Recreation Plan as well as it implementation.
  2. Assist Keep Edisto Beautiful with control of litter on beach, beach accesses and roadways.
    - i. Ms. Virginia Stephenson and the Committee discussed the different job scopes of Lyons Contracting, the grounds keeping service, and beach access adoption by a resident. Ms. Stephenson and Mr. Peter Beck discussed communication and outreach for the program.
    - ii. Ms. Marie Bost and the Committee discussed a master beach access plan/proposal that was created in the past that showed a layout of each beach access. Ms. Bost recommended that these plans be given to all Committee members for review.
    - iii. Ms. Camille Lemon and the Committee discussed participation results from previous years regarding beach accesses adoption.
    - iv. Vice Chairwoman Ms. Betsy Daise recommended that Ms. Kelly Moore attend the next TIDE Committee meeting to give updates on Keep Edisto Beautiful and to provide
    - v. information to the new members of the Committee. Mr. Ron Scroggy recommended that Ms. Kelly Moore meet with the TIDE Committee quarterly.

3. Increase Beach Access Mobi Mats
    - i. Ms. Marie Bost recommended increasing the number of Mobi Mats at beach accesses. Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus gave an update on Mobi Mats that the Town had already purchased.
  4. Install Natural Fencing around Parks
    - i. Ms. Marie Bost recommended natural fencing, such as indigenous plants and natural foliage at Jungle Road Park. Ms. Bost also mentioned upgrading playground equipment, adding workout stations, and adding benches to parks. Mr. Ron Scroggy stated that he agreed with installing natural fencing. Administrator Hill stated that natural fencing could potentially be difficult to maintain due to early-stage destruction caused by pedestrian foot traffic, wildlife, and flooding.
- B. Beach Access Adoption Update** – there were no new update from Ms. Kelly Moore.

**New Business**

- A. Beach Toy Take and Leave Crates – Ms. Marie Bost and Town Administrator Iris Hill discussed the toy crates and Ms. Hill informed the Committee that the Edisto Beach Turtle Patrol placed the crates on the beach. Ms. Marie Bost voiced concerns about sanitation of the beach toys. Mr. Ron Scroggy mentioned toy crates only being available during the summer. The Committee recommended reaching out to the Turtle Patrol and asking them to provide a plan for the execution and management of the toy crates. Mr. Ron Scroggy stated that he would reach out to the Turtle Patrol.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Peter Beck moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairwoman Betsey Daise seconded the motion which was unanimously approved

**APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE**



Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk