

MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
MARCH 2, 2022

Present Committee Members: Chairman Peter Beck, Betsy Daise, Ron Scroggy, Camille Lemon, Virginia Stephenson, and Charles Yeomans, Committee Members. *Quorum of Committee Present.*

Absent: Marie Bost, no notice given.

Present Ex Officio: Town Administrator Iris Hill, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Building Code Official Patrick Brown, and Special Event Coordinator Kelly Moore.

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

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Ron Scroggy moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2022, TIDE Committee meeting. Mr. Charles Yeomans seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Comments from the Town Administrator: No Comments.

Old Business:

- A. **2022 TIDE Committee Goals (Measurable)** – Chairman Beck discussed measurable goals with the TIDE committee. Mr. Ron Scroggy asked that “as needed” be placed by the objectives that are not goal oriented. Chairman Beck asked that the committee look through the given objectives and come up with four to six measurable goals. Ms. Hill clarified why it was important for the committee to have measurable goals.
- B. **Beach Access Adoption** – Ms. Kelly Moore introduced herself to the new members of the TIDE committee. Ms. Moore updated the committee on beach access adoptions. Mr. Charles Yeomans stated that he would adopt beach accesses 36 and 37. Chairman Beck also stated that the Lions Club wanted to adopt beach accesses 29 and 30. Chairman Beck stated that the Green Boat Discount Liquor store would adopt beach access 5. Ms. Moore informed the committee about the Keep Edisto Beautiful web page and the different volunteer programs that are included in Keep Edisto Beautiful. Some of the programs included beach access adoption, adopt a block, adopt a street, and adopt a road. Ms. Moore informed the committee that the Great American Clean Up will be held on April 2, 2022, starting at 9:00 AM at the Civic Center located at 42 Station Court, Edisto Beach, SC 29438.

New Business

- A. **Tree Planting Program** – Ms. Virginia Stephenson discussed the difference between planting Oak trees and Palm trees on Edisto Beach. Ms. Stephenson educated the committee on the oxygen and carbon intake of Oak trees, watershed management, and at-risk extinction of insects and birds. Ms. Stephenson suggested that the Town adopt a fund

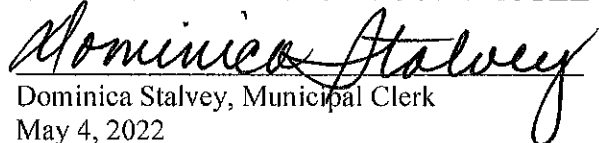
a tree donation program or adopt a tree program where residents could buy or plant a tree. Mr. Ron Scroggy and Ms. Stephenson discussed excessive building projects that have affected the tree population on Edisto Beach. Building Code Official Patrick Brown reviewed the Town of Edisto Beach tree ordinance with the committee and discussed the process that each property owner must go through in order to remove a tree. Administrator Hill voiced concerns about who would manage the program for the community. Ms. Kelly Moore and Ms. Camille Lemon discussed the program becoming part of Keep Edisto Beautiful. Ms. Stephenson and the committee discussed reaching out to community programs such as the Clemson Coastal Research Center and Agricultural Laboratory and researching grants to help fund the program.

- B. **Volunteer Outreach** – Ms. Virginia Stephenson and the committee discussed adding a volunteer button onto the Town website that would allow residents to sign up and be called upon when volunteers were needed. Ms. Kelly Moore stated that the Edisto Chamber of Commerce website had a “Get Involved” button on their website and Chairman Beck stated that he would work with the Chamber to expand volunteer outreach.
- C. **Environmental Pollution** – Ms. Virginia Stephenson discussed light pollution caused from artificial lighting around Edisto Beach. Chairman Beck discussed the safety and security that artificial lighting provides to the Edisto communities. Mr. Ron Scroggy thanked Town Administrator Iris Hill for installing the turtle friendly lights on Palmetto Boulevard. Town Administrator Hill and the committee discussed costs and installation of new streetlights. Ms. Stephenson suggested that when a light needed to be replaced that the Town consider replacing the lights with a low temperature light with shields.

Adjournment

Mr. Charles Yeomans moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Betsy Daise seconded the motion which was unanimously approved

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE


Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk
May 4, 2022