

**TIDE COMMITTEE**  
**September 6, 2023**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Edisto Beach Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Betsy Daise, Chair, and Edye Graves, Virginia Stephenson. Lisa White, Gary Cantrell

**Absent:** Camille Lemon, and Clark McCrary

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Councilmember Jerome Kizer, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Daise, Chair, at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2023. Ms. White seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Town Administrator Updates**

- We are working with Republic for an additional pick up for the debris from the recent storm.
- Jungle Road bathroom project is progressing, and the design will mirror that of Bay Creek Park.
- We are currently working on a grant application with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Jungle Shores Bike Path
- FEMA funds are unlikely to help with the recent storm damage since damage was minimal.

**Old Business**

**Recycling/Messaging Update**

- Ms. Stalvey stated the website has been cleaned up and the links have been updated to get a clearer message out to the public.
- We are making the recycling categories clearer on the website and signage at the Convenience Center
- Mr. Aakhus and Ms. Stalvey presented to the Committee the new signage for the Convenience Center.
- Ms. Stephenson recommended we put a separate article in the local paper about recycling showing what you can and cannot dispose of.
- Mr. Aakhus noted that he will share the recycling information with Jimmy King.

### New Business

Christmas Tree photo opportunity on the Beach.

- Discussion regarding which beach access would be ideal for the photo opp. Several suggestions for parking and accessibility were discussed.
- Advertise on website and give to local realtors for distribution.
- Basic decorations with the beach as the backdrop

### General Discussion

- Ms. Stephenson opened discussion regarding Light Pollution and how it affects both humans and animals, especially migrating birds and shore birds.
- Ms. Stephenson stated amber lights are a better option and would like to request residents and homeowners to replace their existing LED lights with these.
- Mr. Kizer noted that amber lights have been installed for the turtles.
- Ms. White recommended that we get information on what other coastal towns are doing prior to requesting Town Council to put forth an Ordinance.
- Ms. Daise put a motion on the floor asking for Town Council to consider an ordinance to replace all existing LED lights with amber lights. Ms. Stephenson seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion failed. Yea: Ms. Daise, Ms. Stevenson  
Nay: Ms. Graves, Ms. White, and Mr. Cantrell
- Ms. Graves offered to obtain information on what other municipalities are doing and how it is being enforced. The Committee agreed with this suggestion.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cantrell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE**



Donna Iskra  
October 4, 2023