

TIDE COMMITTEE
November 1, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Betsy Daise, Chair, and Edye Graves, Virginia Stephenson. Lisa White, Camile Lemon, and Clark McCrary

Absent: Gary Cantrell

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Council Member Jerome Kizer, Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Daise, Chair, at 3:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Daise made a motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2023. Ms. White seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Town Administrator Updates

- Grant application with the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Jungle Shores Bike Path will be submitted by December 15, 2023.
- Jungle Road bathroom project is progressing.
- Mr. Aakhus has reached out to Dominion to discuss what options are available regarding lighting throughout the town, similar to the dimmable lights along the beachfront.
- Mr. Aakhus and Mr. Brown clarified Ocean Ridge is under the jurisdiction of the Town.

Old Business

Light Pollution

- Ms. Daise thanked the committee for their feedback on similar coastal towns and communities lighting ordinances. She shared some of the concerns on safety, color of lighting, and shields.
- Mr. Kizer noted that it may be beneficial to have the Lighting Coordinator for Dominion Energy discuss with the Committee options on lighting color, height, etc., prior to recommending any changes to Council.
- Mr. Aakhus stated that it may be challenging for the Town to require homeowners or the MPOA to change out or redesign existing light fixtures.
- Ms. Stephenson noted it is not about removing the lights but replacing them with “healthier” lighting.

- Ms. Stephenson distributed some additional information from DarkSky International for the committee to review.
- Mr. Aakhus will report back to the committee once he hears back from Dominion.
- Mr. Kizer suggested the TIDE Committee get involved with the lighting at Jungle Road Park Bathroom.

Christmas Tree

- The Christmas Tree photo opportunity is progressing and will be announced soon.

Recycling.

- Ms. Stephenson noted the excellent recycling section in the Edisto Newspaper, and she requests the signs at the Convenience Station reflect the same information.
- Mr. Aakhus noted that the signage may be changed to be more specific, and we will work on doing so.

New Business/General Discussion

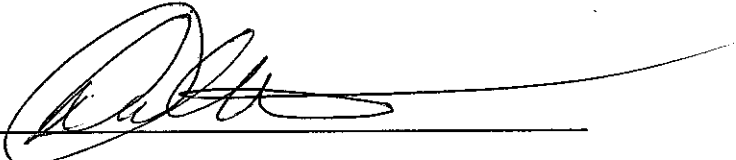
- Ms. Stephenson opened discussion reporting \$1,250 was generated for the Burned Childrens Fund from the aluminum can collection sites. Committee members agreed that people will use these if they are available, but the cans need to be collected daily during the high traffic season.
- Mr. Kizer mentioned that both Burley Lyons Park and McConkey Square have been cleaned up. All overgrown brush has been removed and litter picked up.
- Ms. Stephenson stated the deadline to apply for grant money to replace trees is December 15, 2023. She shared this information with the Mayor.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
December 6, 2023