

MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
August 31, 2016

Present: Janet Oakley, Peter Beck, Charlie Boozer, Marie Bost, Cameron Andrews, Archie Livingston and Mickey VanMetre.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Comments from Department Heads: Bob Doub reported on the condition of the parks. He stated there was gravel to be spread after the Labor Day holiday. Mr. Boozer commended Mr. Doub on keeping all the parks looking good. The signs for Jungle Road Park have been delivered, and Mr. Doub has met with Councilman Kizer to determine where to place the signs and hopes to have them up in the next week. Mr. Boozer asked about the post at the Burley L. Lyons Memorial Park. Mr. Doub said the post was the same height as the fence at one time, but the posts went missing several times, so that was why the longer ones were installed. Marie Bost asked if the sign would be up before the Labor Day weekend. Mr. Doub replied that it would not. Ms. Bost asked if replacement signs could be ordered for the informational signs that had holes drilled in them. Mr. Doub said, "That will have to come from (Town Administrator) Ms. Iris (Hill)".

Bay Creek Park: Cheryl VanMetre gave a presentation to the Committee on the stage at Bay Creek Park. Ms. VanMetre said the stage was built "exactly the way we designed it." Ms. VanMetre said she had talked with Building Code Official Patrick Brown about the lighting for the stage. Ms. VanMetre asked the TIDE Committee to come to her with suggestions about possible events. Ms. VanMetre has done some research into grants, some of which are up to \$10,000, some are matching and some are not. She said, "The Edisto Art Guild is a nonprofit organization chartered by the state, therefore we can get kinds of funds in that just local clubs can't do." Ms. VanMetre said she would keep the TIDE Committee informed on the progress of the grants. Cameron Andrews told Ms. VanMetre that the brass group he is a member of has talked about doing a Christmas sing-along with the tree lighting. Mr. Boozer asked if there should be a barrier between the parking lot and the stage. Ms. VanMetre said there wasn't a need for one, but had met with Mr. Brown and there could be a breakaway wall there eventually. "One of our dreams is having a movie screen back there so we can have movies Friday evening, family movies, all during the season," said Ms. VanMetre. Mickey Van Metre said, "By Easter we should have a schedule of events so that Marie's publications, and other people's publications coming out, that when you come to Edisto Beach, don't look for water slides and things like that, but we have in our new park, entertainments of family quality that you can bring your family and your chairs and come down and enjoy free family productions."

Sidewalk Video: The Committee watched the Municipal Association of South Carolina video on the sidewalk renovation project.

Crosswalks: Marie Bost asked, "What happened there on that? All of a sudden nobody knew we were even going to do it. It was shut down or something, about the accesses, because they had to go to DOT or something?" Janet Oakley replied, "Because it is DOT, I guess it has to be approval of where those crosswalks are and I'm assuming that Iris will work with SCDOT in saying, 'Ok, this is where we want them.' I can't imagine that they're going to have a problem with pedestrian crosswalks." Ms. Bost said, "Maybe we need to find out who is doing this and who is contacting

who and what's the time line. I'm big on things get stuck in the mud here. We get, all of a sudden we have a crosswalks and we all got excited, then all of a sudden 'well, we're not sure about DOT', so I don't if we need to have....I just need to know start to finish, this is what I do, how do I do it and when are we going to have it done....That way they are proceeding along." Peter Beck stated, "It's going to come down to dollars too. DOT probably only budgeted so much for the crosswalk, and it's probably just zip across and that's it. Ms. Bost replied, "Also, there is money. This Town does have money, and it's just a matter of where we pull it....You simply have to ask Council and then they figure out where to pull this money from to do this type thing." The discussion moved on to the number and placement of crosswalks. Janet Oakley stated, "You need to have a safety expert to figure out where the (crosswalks would go)." Mr. VanMetre said, "Tourists don't have an idea of where they should walk across. Not that it's a stop for traffic. But if there were crosswalks there, I think a lot of people would go to the crosswalk and walk across. Now it's just like harem-scarem." Janet Oakley asked, "What's the next step on this business with the crosswalks?" Archie Livingston stated, "Just talk to Iris (Hill, Town Administrator)." Marie Bost said, "Maybe you can?" Ms. Oakley replied, "I'd be happy to talk to her." The Committee then discussed car and golf cart parking at beach accesses and crosswalks. Mr. VanMetre stated, "I've thought about this some, and where we have some that are I guess, for want of a better term, our "scenic" looking beach accesses, primarily down on the lower end (on the point)....what do you think about having at the beginning of that, near the road, an area that golf carts could pull in? There's not many beach accesses, and I bet people would like to use their golf carts quite a bit down there. Because the walk would be so far, to pull them in, but keep the natural look as you go to the beach....Those are a lot longer beach accesses." Archie Livingston said, "That would have to be discussed with Iris because there is some ruling about spaces for cars and spaces for golf carts that the Town gets credit for." Mr. Livingston suggested to Mr. VanMetre, "Why don't you pick two (beach accesses) and bring them to the next meeting and let's get started on that. I'll be happy to ride with you and we can pick two and we can propose what we want to do with them and go to Iris." Ms. Bost stated, "We have to say exactly what we want, when we want it and how we want it, because we are an advisory Committee, and we can find that out and request that Council look at it, vote on it and all."

Mr. Livingston said he would like to talk about the back of the Bi-Lo before the end of the meeting.

Marie Bost asked, "We had talked about outsourcing. Where are we with that – outsourcing the parks, the sidewalks...Bob Doub is so overworked, I could tell when I said something about the sign for the park, he was 'Well if we ain't had one for 20 years...' but see, that's not how I do business. We got a sign, I know it's here. It just needs to be put up. So if we don't have time to do it, then why don't we find somebody that can do it. We've got a bunch of guys in here, with posthole diggers, you know what I'm saying? I feel so sorry for him, we need to help him. But sometimes it's hard to get it away from him. The sign is here and we a function, I'd like to see it up by Friday. That's just me...But at the end of the day, it will be up by this function this weekend." Mr. Beck asked where the sign would be placed. Ms. Bost said, "It will be right there at the entrance. Jerome has worked himself to death over at that park." Mr. Boozer stated, "This is Jungle Road Park, not Bay Creek Park." Ms. Bost, "No, Bay Creek has already got signs. It's Jungle Road Park. I don't even know who designed the sign. That was my next question. Who's doing the signs? This sign turned out.....interesting." Mr. VanMetre said, "Everything visual should come through this Committee." Ms. Bost said, "Well, and I truly believe that, because the sign does say Jungle Road Park, but it might not have been the vision that we would've had for it. But there is a sign. It's a sand blasted sign, but it's only on one side, so apparently it will stand this way not this way, but, it's somewhere around here and I'd be more than happy, Jerome would be happy to." Ms. Oakley, "Why is it only one side?" Ms. Bost, "I don't know, because we weren't involved in it. I don't know who

did the sign. And it's ok, everybody's doing their best job. The TIDE Committee, we've got a lot of talent on here....There should be a consistency, in my opinion, in design of all the signs that indicate anything for a park. McDonald's don't change its colors. Edisto Real Estate Company is the color that we are, and we will always be and everything that goes out from me is that color. Invariably they want to change me, I go 'No. There are my colors. This is my background.' So the sign is here and there's nothing at this point that we can do with it, except for put it up. And it's ok, it's a sign so, whatever, I'd like to see that get up, how do we get that? Is Iris here or did she go with Council?" Cheryl VanMetre said, "I don't know but I'll ask."

Ms. Bost added, "Another thing is, I don't know if ya'll have gone and seen the boards that Jerome had designed and did to put in, the information boards are so pretty all along. Well there's two of them that, the idea was not to screw screws through the boards so they won't leak and get up in there. And he caught them after they had put two in, so they're going to take those boards down and we have to re order them. It's like prisoners that make them. They're very inexpensive. So Jerome got all boards, told them exactly how his vision was...so he was putting them in there well there's two that were missing. And he just told me that they.... have to re-order the boards. So I'd just like to see where those are. When are they going to be ordered and what's the timeline."

Ms. VanMetre re-joined the meeting and said, "No one's here and Bob has a doctor's appointment. He knows that it's here and if you want to get it up as a 'gift' to him, and then let him know that it's up, I think that would be.... I don't even know where the sign is." Ms. Bost, "I tell you what we can do, I know that Jerome knows exactly where the sign goes, because he met, and he knows exactly how high the post is, it's a ten-foot post so it was going to be kinda high, but Jerome decided we might want it to be slightly lower than that, so he knows all about it so maybe if we can, I'll talk to him or somebody will see what he says, because he'll know where the sign goes." Mrs. VanMetre, "I think you've got Bob's cell phone, you could give him a call and tell him you're going to do this as a gift to him." Ms. Bost, "Yeah! Ya'll talk to Bob, I think he's mad at me. He's not mad at me, he's....." Ms. VanMetre, "No, he's stressed, and he's gone to the doctor."

Ms. Oakley said, "It seems like two things that at some point and time, to bring up, are the outsourcing and the consistency in design of signs." Mr. VanMetre stated, "Something that kind of caught my ear today, it seems like an awful lot of stuff has to go to Iris. And I worked in the Knoxville City Schools for years, and it was like working in a bank. Talk about procedures! And you learned those procedures when you first started working or you didn't work. Then the Chamber of Commerce shut down the Knoxville City Schools and the County took it over. I'll just have to say, they didn't know sh*t from Shinola about operating an urban school. And they did not have procedures. We need to really watch about encroaching of people....In the past, I think if someone came down to Town Hall, whoever was down at the Town Hall at that time had said I've got a sign from WYZ Ladies Club and we want to put it out on the causeway. Or we want to put it here or we want to put it there. 'Go ahead!' Or they just did it. I guarantee through this Committee that one time there were 37 aging signs leaning everywhere but erect." Ms. Bost, "Well I think you're right, I think what we need to know is, because I'm not really clear on our procedure...We are an advisory Committee, however, what comes out of here is our advisory and what we decide, I would like to know who really does it go to? Is it Iris? Do we ask that Iris present it to the Town Council, because there is no....Does she have to approve it before it goes to the Town Council? So, I'm just trying to keep everybody's job easy. Iris has plenty to do without us going through her, but I want to know the correct channels because I don't want to by-pass you and go to you and you go 'Well Marie just went right over my head' that's not my goal. I just don't know exactly the procedures." Mr. VanMetre, "That is important." Ms. Bost, "And I would like to have something by the next meeting

if possible, that says exactly what are the procedures for whatever it is we recommend. I'm big on recommending what I, what we all thought, how do we accomplish that, what is the cost going to be for that and then presenting it to somebody who says 'It's your job to find the money.' And/or take it to Council, let them review it and then it's voted upon."

Mr. Boozer replied, "Outsourcing the sidewalks is going to come from the budget." Ms. Bost, "Well there is a budget, and that needs to be presented to the Town. But the question I've got is, and I'm not big on taking forever and a day to do stuff either, I'm going to chop chop chop, is...we talked about it at the last meeting, has anyone already talked to two landscapers and gotten an idea of what it's going to cost? And who does that? Is it, should I approach, should we make a list of what, we have to have a list of what we would like to outsource. What are we outsourcing? We have to say, 'cutting, edging, the parks' and on a timeline, and a timeframe, we need a timeline, how often, does it change and all that, and then we can get an estimate of that, based on fact, in writing, and we can actually even separate, I usually separate it out, the parks are going to be this, because I don't like this big lump sum stuff, so I go 'ok, this park is this, this park is this, this park is this, to mow is this, to edge is this, and whatever.'" Mr. Livingston: "We should get Bob to tell us all those details." Ms. Bost: "Right, we can request that from him and then once we have all that, I will be happy to approach, or you or anybody in here, to approach him and tell him we need an estimate, an itemized, a line item estimate on what they would do, and look at a one year contractual basis. And then present it to the Council. Peter Beck replied, "According to the organizational chart that they have, the advisory boards, which we're one of those, report to Town Council." Ms. Bost: "Yeah. I knew that." Mr. Livingston: "I think this Committee is sloughed over more than most of the rest of the Committees and I think we need to assert ourselves as to what we are for the Town." Ms. Bost: "I think in the past there's been a little confusion about (unintelligible) that somebody that maybe doesn't have any, she's got enough stuff to do, or whoever it is, we need to go ahead ourselves if we can get that from Bob then I will be more than happy maybe Joe(?) will help me to go and get two, get bids, line item bids on a line item sheet, then we give it to Council. It's not my concern about where to get the money from. They've got ways to get money. They've got all kind of ways." Mr. VanMetre: "Edisto Beach has money dripping out of trees." Ms. Bost: "We have money. It's just a matter of where they can pull it from." Mrs. VanMetre: "They already have Marion Whaley doing things for them." Ms. Bost: "Not that I'm aware of." Mr. Boozer: "That was a good idea that Marie (Bost) had, I mean the sidewalks are there now. They look great. But the whole right of way, the sidewalk to the road, is different on each lot. Some are kept, some are not." Ms. Bost: "Just get a little list, get them to give us something." Mr. VanMetre: "What do you think about involving the Mayor in this at the very beginning?" Ms. Bost: "Who?" Mr. VanMetre: "The MAYOR. Jane." Ms. Bost: "No. I wouldn't involve my husband in it." Mrs. VanMetre: "You know, the TIDE Committee used to have a member of the Town Council that met every time that you all met." Mr. Boozer, "Yes, a liason." Ms. Bost "Jerome is over public spaces." Mr. VanMetre: "Well then he's the one that ought to be here." Ms. Bost: "So, well, no remember, he would very much enjoy being here..." Mr. Livingston, "Tommy did away with all that when he was on Council." Ms. Bost: "Yeah, because he has a fabulous vibe for this type stuff. So we can ask if he can join us. Maybe have Iris and you know, everybody else back here, but we should have maybe somebody, and he would ask to be over (unintelligible) he spent half his life in that Jungle Road Park. I kept saying 'Would you call somebody and get them to come help you.' He goes 'nope, nope, ain't gonna happen.' And it wasn't a rude thing, it was like the same thing, he comes to my office and he does that for me, and I go 'man, I'm looking kinda shabby, you've been down the road at the park.' I said, 'that's ok, you'll come back to me.'" Peter Beck: "He's done a lot of work down there." Janet Oakley, "Let me ask a question, there are kind of two issues here and as long as we're getting bids, what if we separate them, one is the whole sidewalk maintenance issue. The maintenance part of the strip beside the

sidewalk. The other issue though, and that was about the stuff that's left in the street. And the third issue on an outsourcing, relates to the access maintenance. And do we want to just tackle one and see how it goes? And then come back, or do we want to talk about the whole.... Ms. Bost: "The whole thing." Mr. VanMetre: "Yes." Ms. Bost: "And itemize if we're maintaining the accesses, you see what I'm saying here? The parks, the accesses and the sidewalks is my suggestion. It's easier to go here and get here than... Shoot for the stars." Mr. Boozer: "I think we ought to start with the sidewalks because Bob's crew does a pretty good job with the accesses, and the sidewalks are basically just there. I thought that was a great idea you had of them being uniform the whole way. I really think they do a good job with the accesses." Ms. Bost: "Well I don't think it's a question of doing a good job or not, it's just a matter of if you're going to outsource to someone, Bob's got three guys, two of which are getting very close to retirement, it might be cheaper and easier to, you can get a bid and have it separated out, they don't have to do it, but it would be cheaper, and then Bob's guys for, I mean, poor Bob, he's robbing from Peter to pay Paul. It's not that they're not doing a good job, but if we could get a bid and maybe it's all lumped up and cheaper, if you do it all." Mr. Livingston: "It probably would be."

Ms. Oakley: "Cheryl mentioned that rather than feeling, I mean, this is supposed to be, I think that the intention of this Committee isn't one of confrontation, but one of 'how can we help' and so do we need to talk to whomever, Bob or whomever, so their feelings aren't..." Mr. VanMetre: "That's kinda what I was talking about, including the Mayor." Ms. Bost: "When we talked about it, Iris was here and seemed to be in agreement in getting bids to outsource. When we were here, I thought." Mr. Boozer: "...a landscaper may be willing to take it on. There might not be any." Ms. Bost: "You know, there's a lot of landscapers. If Bob has a list of things he's been doing..." Mr. Boozer: "Just see what the job description is. I'll talk to Bob." Ms. Bost: "If he has, he should have some kind of something in writing that specifically says exactly what is in Town. If not, he can hammer one out, or jot one down, so we know exactly what to ask."

Mr. VanMetre: "What do the other members of this committee think about getting one of us talking to Jerome about assuming, what was he over?" Ms. Bost: "Public spaces." Mr. VanMetre: "He would be our liason and we would be reestablishing what had been here before, and I know Jane Darby will remember, because she was one." Mr. Boozer: "So will Susan." Ms. Bost: "You want to handle that? Obviously I'm staying out of that." Mr. Boozer: "I'm going to move that we adjourn." Mr. Livingston: "I want to bring up one subject. I want to talk about behind the Bi-Lo. My friend Leland Vaughan lectured me twenty-five times about the eyesore that's behind the Bi-Lo. I don't know whether this is a Town issue or a Bob Readfern issue, or a Bi-Lo issue, but I'd like to pursue that and see if we can do something about it. I know we got roads involved and I'd like to come back and talk about it, and get started by talking to Iris about it and see if we can do something." Mr. Boozer: "Did you talk to Bob (Readfern) about it?" Mr. Livingston: "Yes, I did talk to Bob about it, he thinks he owns the fence. Yeah, I went and talked to Bob, and you know, Bob is willing to help us do some stuff, but I don't know what we can do." Ms. Oakley: "Rather than figure out starting with what we **can** do, can we figure out what we'd **like** to do?" Mr. Livingston: "The best thing that happens out here, and I'll give you this as an example, if you can use greenery, that is the best solution to any of these eyesore problems." Mr. Boozer: "It would be hard to plant something along there unless it's kudzu, and just let it grow.... Bob Doub said it was 37.5 feet from the middle of the road." Ms. Bost: "You mean for the right-of-way?" Mr. Boozer: "Yes, to see where the fence lays." Mr. Livingston: "This might be one the state's property." Mr. Beck, "It doesn't look like 37 feet to me." Ms. Oakley: "Regardless, we still ought to figure out, we talked about kudzu but there are things we can plant, some sort of ivy." Mr. Livingston: "Confederate Jasmine is a good thing." Ms. Bost: "I've got that at my office, it runs up, it's fabulously beautiful."

Ms. Oakley: "So there might be some things, maybe that's a good thing. Let's figure out what we want to do and then we'll figure out how we can." Mr. VanMetre: "That's a good call." Mr. Livingston: "We need to figure out, I guess I need to talk to Iris to figure out whether we can legally do anything." Ms. Oakley: "Let's start with maybe coming back with some ideas about what can be done, then we'll worry about getting around the..." Ms. Bost: "...the legality of it." Mrs. VanMetre: "It would be great if it were on Town property, you could do what you want to do." Ms. Bost: "And if it's on Bi-Lo's property, it might be even greater, because he don't care what we do, as long as it don't cost him anything. It might be better if it was on his property. I've known Bob since I was knee-high too. But I like your idea, maybe everybody look at it and say, 'ok, what, everybody has different ideas.'" Mr. VanMetre: "What do you think, we ought to take a road trip?" Ms. Bost: "Well, we could. We could all have our personal opinion and meet next time." Mr. Livingston: "That's what I'd like to do." Ms. Bost: "Let's everybody do that first, and then we can take a road trip." Mrs. VanMetre: "If everyone wants to take one of these (handouts), it's free and open to the public."

Mr. Livingston moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Oakley and approved unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE

October 5, 2016