

TIDE COMMITTEE
July 3, 2024
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Gary Cantrell, Chair, and Betsy Daise, Edye Graves, Clark McCrary, and Lisa White

Absent: Lynne Grout (*excused*) and Camille Lemon

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus and Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cantrell at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Graves made a motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2024. Ms. White seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Town Administrator Update

Mr. Aakhus presented the following update to the Committee:

- DOT TAP Grant Project
 - The Letter of Intent was submitted to SC DOT for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the resurfacing and redevelopment of the Edisto Street, Lee Street, Yacht Club Road, and Docksite Road bike paths. The Town has been approved to move forward on the application process.
- Jungle Road Bathroom Project
 - Work on the sidewalk needs to be completed so it is ADA compliant. Once the sewer moratorium is lifted, the facility can be opened for use.
- RFP for Jungle Road Bathroom/Boardwalk
 - Working on an RFP for the boardwalk extension as part of the Jungle Road Bathroom Project.
- New "Business District" Sign
 - A new sign has been ordered for Lybrand Street and will be installed next week.
- Beach Etiquette Posted
 - As per the article shared by Ms. Graves, we included some of the beach etiquette items on our webpage for visitors.
- Dominion Lighting
 - Meeting held with Dominion regarding the current lighting and the possibility of installing shields over the lights. A shield was placed on the Town light near the Lions Club, but Council did not think it solved the problem. Dominion is now researching a bulkier shield.

New Business/General Discussion

Ms. Kristi Outland, Director of Keep Edisto Beautiful (KEB), presented the following items:

- Election of Officers
 - Election of Officers held at the June KEB meeting and the following individuals were elected: Krystal Parsons, President; Mindy Friddle, Vice President; Claire Ducet, Secretary.
- Adoption of Beach Accesses
 - 17 beach accesses have been adopted, and an effort is being made to obtain volunteers for the remaining accesses. Once the website is up, volunteers will be able to sign up through the website.
- Website
 - A new website, keepedistobeautiful.org, has been established, and work is being completed to have the website up and running very soon.
- Beach Sweep & River Sweep
 - This event will be held on September 21. No time has been established yet since this is based on the tide schedule.
- Adopt-a-Highway
 - Adopt-a-Highway date will follow sometime following the sweep.
- New Board Members
 - Six to eight new board members will be added to the KEB Board. Applications will be taken for these appointments. Town Council must approve all recommended appointments.
- Golf Cart Parade
 - KEB will participate in the July 4th Hackett Family Golf Cart Parade and will pick-up litter as part of their participation.
- Litter Indexing with Palmetto Pride
 - The litter indexing will start back up again.
- Can Collection for the Children's Burn Unit
 - Chair Cantrell and Ms. Daise will conduct an inventory of the can collection containers and will report back to at the next meeting.

Additional Concerns:

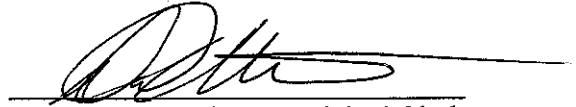
- Ms. Graves noted signage at beach accesses are needed for bike rack parking, and benches at beach accesses need repaired. Mr. Aakhus noted some of these items will need to be dealt with after the renourishment is completed.
- Ms. White noted beachside accesses do not have numbers posted. From a safety point of view, the numbers should be visible on the beach. Also, the boxes for dog waste bags aren't great.
- Mr. McClary noted:
 - Beach Access 35 has room for two golf carts; if the bike rack, which is barely used, is removed, there would be room for two more golf carts. Mr. Aakhus noted some of these types of items need to wait until after the renourishment project is completed.
 - Music too loud on the beach at times; more of an issue last year than this year but needs to be addressed.

- Cell service is terrible. Mr. Aakhus explained about the osprey nest situation on the tower.
- Surf-fishing may need to be addressed at some point. Some anger between those fishing and beachgoers. Is it possible to limit surf-fishing during certain times of the day? Mr. Aakhus noted the TIDE Committee may render an opinion on this matter and forward to him for further discussion with department heads and Town Council.
- Ms. Daise asked about noise on the water from boaters, etc. Mr. Aakhus noted DNR has oversight on this.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Graves, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting concluded at 3:59 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
September 4, 2024