MINUTES TIDE COMMITTEE February 3, 2021

Present via Zoom: Pat Kostell, Chairperson, Marie Bost, Betsy Daise, Ron Scroggy and Charles Yeomans. Also present were Special Projects Coordinator Kelly Moore, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus and Building Official Patrick Brown. Absent: Cameron Andrews and Peter Beck (prior notice given).

Call to Order: Chairperson Kostell called the meeting to order and welcomed new member Ron Scroggy to the Committee.

Approval of Minutes: Charles Yeomans moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting, seconded by Ron Scroggy, and approved by common consent.

Comments from Town Administrator/Department Heads: Special Projects Coordinator Kelly Moore told the Committee of her ongoing plans for Keep Edisto Beautiful (KEB). She plans to hold the Great American Clean Up in March with a smaller event geared towards the side roads of Edisto Beach in February. The social media presence of KEB will be increased in the coming months. Kelly asked for input from the Committee on where litter is an issue. Chairperson Kostell told Kelly the side streets that lead to beach accesses seemed to have more trash than other streets. Betsy Daise said streets that were accessed by golf carts seemed to have a litter issue. Marie Bost suggested that Kelly reach out to area schools that require service hours for help. Charles Yeomans suggested area churches as a resource for volunteers. Ron Scroggy said that through his work with the Turtle Patrol he was noticing an increase in litter around the Pavilion and in the first four blocks on the beach. Mr. Scroggy suggested having more than two garbage receptacles there. He also suggested a clean up effort during the summer when visitors could take part. Kelly said she had done a summer clean up that had little participation. She was working with the realty companies to have magnets in all rental homes with more litter information. Mr. Scroggy said that as a member of the Edisto Beach Property Owners Association, he would be happy to help distribute information.

Starfish Award: Chairperson Kostell informed the Committee that Archie Livingston was presented with a Starfish Award at the January Council meeting for his service to the TIDE Committee.

Goals for 2021: Chairperson Kostell thanked Town Administrator Hill for keeping the bike paths sidewalks and causeway trimmed and well-maintained. Chairperson Kostell moved to maintain the causeway but not add any plantings. Betsy Daise seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0 after Mr. Scroggy left the meeting.

DNR Alligator Signs: The Committee was shown a photograph of the signs provided by DNR and a conversation ensued about placement, necessity, and sign pollution. The Committee and Assistant Town Administrator Aakhus decided to have the Police Department install a few signs.

Election of Vice Chairperson. Chairperson Kostell explained that with the resignation of Archie Livingston, the Vice Chair position was vacant. The Vice Chairperson serves

for one year and then becomes the Chairperson at the first meeting of the calendar year. Marie Bost nominated Peter Beck seconded by Betsy Daise. There being no further nominations, Chairperson Kostell called for the vote and Mr. Beck was elected 4 – 0 to serve as the Vice Chairperson of the TIDE Committee.

Adjournment: Pat Kostell moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marie Bost, and approved 4 – 0.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE

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