MINUTES TIDE COMMITTEE June 2, 2021

Present: Pat Kostell, Chairperson, Peter Beck, Cameron Andrews, Ron Scroggy, Marie Bost and Municipal Clerk Angela Davis. Patrick Brown, Building Codes Official was briefly present.

Absent: Charles Yeomans, and Betsy Daise (prior notice given for both)

Call to Order: Chairperson Kostell called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Peter Beck moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ron Scroggy, and approved unanimously.

Betsy Daise mentioned that the minutes from March 31, 2021, recorded that she did not give notice of her absence for the previous meeting and asked Angela Davis to check her email and correct any discrepancies in the minutes.

Marie Bost also mentioned that she thought she had given notice and asked Ms. Davis to investigate emails sent to her as well.

After investigation, Ms. Davis only found one email from Betsy Daise.

Comments from Assistant Town Administrator:

Old Business:

Chairperson Kostell mentioned her email to Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus regarding bike path plans and progress. Angela Davis read the response from Mark Aakhus in his absence. After discussion, Marie Bost moved to request Council utilize a porous and stable, natural, indigenous sand on the bike baths. Ms. Bost also recommended a ditch on the sides on the bike path, seconded by Peter Beck, and approved unanimously.

Marie Bost mentioned hanging limbs and bushes on Jungle Road, Jungle Shores, and around McConkey Square.

Chairperson Kostell mentioned that the TIDE Committee was guaranteed the bike paths and causeway would be maintained and voiced concerns about that guarantee not being upheld. Ms. Bost stated the Public Works department was short staffed. Patrick Brown informed the Committee that the causeway had been mowed the day before.

New Business:

Peter Beck discussed beach access adoption. He mentioned a higher volume in litter. Mr. Beck provided a beach access form from previous years from the Town of Edisto Beach. Mr. Beck asked that Angela Davis update the form for the committee. Chairperson Kostell mentioned making beach access adoption public on the website.

Angela Davis informed that Committee that DHEC already had an Adopt a Beach program that Edisto could participate in. Peter Beck also mentioned updating goals and objectives in TIDE Committee bylaws. Patrick Brown discussed Kelly Moore getting involved with the beach access adoption because of the Keep Edisto Beautiful program and Peter Beck mentioned asking Ms. Moore to join the next TIDE Committee meeting. After further discussion, the Committee agreed to meet on June 30, 2021.

Chairperson Kostell mentioned the second item of new business, Fishing and Crabbing Areas. Ms. Kostell voiced concerns about the Town website not having enough information regarding tourist and new homeowner attractions. Marie Bost mentioned updating the Chamber of Commerce website as well. Cameron Andrews mentioned that the Assistant Town Administrator should work on promoting recreational activities to tourists and homeowners through the Town website. Marie Bost mentioned the Town getting an APP that people could use for quick information. After discussion, Cameron Andrews moved to investigate providing communication and information on recreation through an APP for Edisto Beach and the current website. Ron Scroggy mentioned the Town website and the Chamber website collaborating and making communication easier for the public. Betsy Daise seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

Ron Scroggy discussed beach renourishment and turtle population. After discussion, Peter Beck moved to request a meeting between Costal Science Engineering, DEHEC, and a member from Turtle Patrol, seconded by Cameron Andrews, and approved unanimously.

Adjournment: Peter Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cameron Andrews, and approved unanimously.

Approved by the TIDE Committee

Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk