TIDE COMMITTEE June 1, 2022 3:00 p.m. Edisto Beach Town Hall

MINUTES

<u>Present</u>: Chairman Peter Beck, Committee Members Marie Bost, Betsy Daise, Camille Lemon, Ron Scroggy, Virginia Stephenson. *Quorum of Committee Present*.

Ex-Officio Present: Town Administrator Iris Hill

<u>Others Present</u>: Jerome Kizer, Council Representative to the Committee, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown, and Municipal Clerk Dee Stalvey

Absent: Charles Yeomans

Call to Order: Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Scroggy moved to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2022, TIDE Committee meeting. Ms. Stephenson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- A. Toy Crates: Chairman Beck noted the Committee decided at last month's meeting to discontinue this program, and he asked for any further comments. There being none, Chairman Beck noted this item has been dealt with by the Committee, and it will be removed from future agendas.
- A. Pedestrian Crosswalk: Chairman Beck noted the Committee received an update on the proposed pedestrian crosswalk from Mr. Aakhus at the May 4th meeting. At that meeting, Mr. Aakhus informed the Committee that the Department of Transportation is studying a plan to build a ramp configuration near the liquor store/Food Lion area, and he also shared the conceptual design for this project. Town Administrator Hill noted when the funding is available for this project, she will inform the TIDE Committee.

New Business:

- A. Town Comprehensive Plan: At the previous meeting, Chairman Beck asked the Committee members to review the 2010 Comprehensive Plan, and he did so as well. He noted the plan involves a good, solid process, and he has no recommendations. Mrs. Stephenson discussed the survey results, which included the highest percentages of individuals responding the following should be the highest priorities in the new Comprehensive Plan: beach and ocean should be enhanced and protected (87%); and focus on low-density housing and businesses (70%). Litter was also discussed as a concern. Chairman Beck and Town Administrator Hill encouraged the Committee members to attend the Comprehensive Plan Open House on June 8th from 3-6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- **B.** Tree Ordinance: Building Code Administrator Brown explained the specifics of the Tree Ordinance, and the procedure used to have trees removed and replaced, particularly historical trees. Mr. Brown noted that all lots and plans are reviewed before any clearing

begins on the lot. Mr. Scroggy noted Councilman Bob Renner discussed the tree ordinance with Mayor Moore, and the Mayor said a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the tree ordinance and any possible strengthening or revision of the ordinance. Chairman Beck noted the tree ordinance recommendations distributed by Mr. Scroggy are only suggestions from two other Edisto committees and Mr. Renner. He also noted it is not the Tide Committee's responsibility to rewrite policy or change job descriptions. Mr. Brown noted that these items are best discussed with him first because the tree ordinance falls under zoning regulations, as does lighting in the Town of Edisto Beach.

- **C. Light Ordinance:** Ms. Stephenson noted the issues with blue-white lights and light trespass into others' homes and streets. She noted raising awareness is important so information must be shared. She will present this information during public comments at the next Town Council meeting.
- **D.** Adopt-a-Block: Ms. Bost shared her idea about residents choosing a block to walk near their homes and pick-up litter as they do so. Chairman Beck noted this idea should be presented to the new Keep Edisto Beautiful Coordinator, Kristi Outland, and he asked Town Administrator Hill to invite Ms. Outland to our next meeting.

Town Administrator Hill noted two or more garbage cans are placed at the beach accesses during holidays, and we will do so again on July 4th weekend.

Items for August 3, 2022, Meeting:

• Litter Issues/Invitation to Kristi Outland to attend the meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Bost moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Daise, and unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE

Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk

August 3, 2022