

**MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
May 1, 2019**

Present: Janet Oakley, Pat Kostell, Archie Livingston, Peter Beck, Mickey Van Metre, Cameron Andrews and Marie Bost.

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

Approval of Minutes: Pat Kostell moved to approve the minutes of the March 2019 meeting as amended. Cameron Andrews seconded the motion, which was approved 5 – 0 prior to Ms. Bost’s arrival.

Comments from Department Heads:

Natalie Kantz told the Committee that Delana Rast, owner of Smuggler’s Attic, had given her permission to have the manger scene placed on her property at the corner of Jungle Road and Highway 174.

Jerome Kizer, Councilmember, announced that beach accesses 11, 15 and 36 had been pruned and cleaned.

Old Business:

Status of Budget Recommendations to Town Council: Administrator Hill told the Committee that the budget recommendations they had made have been included in the budget for consideration. Council has prioritized items and some of the TIDE requests may not be funded in the 2019-202 fiscal year. The most critical areas will be addressed first. Grants are being pursued. Mark Aakhus told the Committee he was looking into a grant with the PRT for updating the bike paths. Pat Kostell asked Mr. Aakhus to keep the TIDE Committee informed on the progress.

Status of Town Annexation of State Park: Administrator Hill told the Committee that annexation is a slow process, but that it is moving forward. There are rules and regulations that have to be followed.

Mr. Aakhus told the Committee that a Master Plan for the bike path system would cost approximately \$85,000, which included some things that may not apply to Edisto. The Committee then discussed whether a grant could be used for the Master Plan. Chairperson Oakley suggested the Committee support Mr. Aakhus in any way possible. Ms. Bost stated that she would help by going on the DOT encroachment permit website and putting together all the information the Committee may need to put in palmetto trees, a welcome sign and lighting on the causeway entrance. The Committee will revisit the annexation/welcome sign/palmetto trees/lighting at the November meeting.

Cameron Andrews suggested the Committee do what they can to “use what’s already there and maximize the appearance” of the existing vegetation on the causeway. Mr. Andrews provided a picture of the causeway to illustrate his point, which is attached to these minutes. Cameron Andrews moved that Council to explore the possibility of putting in appropriate solar lighting, to trim/shape the oak trees and to use the existing

vegetation and what the process and cost of those things would be. Marie Bost seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chairman Oakley stated that in the June meeting of the TIDE Committee, some information on some of the costs, research into grants, and possible improvement to the gateway can be discussed. Chairman Oakley commended the Public Works department for the hard work done on Palmetto Boulevard.

Archie Livingston stated he would like to see signage on the bike path to mark distances. That information could even be painted on the pavement. Archie Livingston moved to recommend that Council pursue marking distances on the bike path, starting at Jungle Road Park. Mickey Van Metre seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Peter Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marie Bost and unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE

June 5, 2019