

**MINUTES  
TIDE COMMITTEE  
June 5, 2019**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Marie Bost moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting, seconded by Pat Kostell and approved 6 - 0.

**Comments from Department Heads:**

Town Administrator Iris Hill told those in attendance that the beach access cleanup would begin again when the weather was a little cooler. Committee member Marie Bost said that the property owners she talked to said they were pleased the areas had been cleaned out.

Administrative Manager Mark Aakhus told the Committee that he had submitted a grant to the South Carolina Parks, Recreation, and Tourism in the amount of \$47,500 plus the Town match of 20%. The grant has been sent to the Colleton County Delegation, where it will be approved, signed and submitted to SCPRT. The grant is a Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan. Pat Kostell asked to see the grant in its entirety. Mr. Aakhus has also looked into a grant specifically for trail maintenance that opens in October 2019. Marie Bost told Administrator Hill that there were some blind spots along the bike path, specifically at the left turn nearest to the footbridge at the back of the marina parking lot and across from 3714 Docksite.

**Old Business**

The Committee decided to defer bike path signage until after the grant with SCPRT was completed.

A discussion followed on the Gateway. Marie Bost made a motion to move forward with getting a branded sign for the area at the intersection of Highway 174 and Jungle Road that says "Welcome to Edisto Beach" on the front and "Thanks for visiting" or something similar on the back. The motion was seconded by Pat Kostell. Mickey Van Metre voiced his objection to having "Thanks for visiting" or "Come back again" on the back of the sign. Janet Oakley suggested that Natalie Kantz come up some ideas for the back of the sign. The motion was approved 6 - 0. Further discussion of the gateway will be deferred until the State Park Annexation is resolved.

**New Business**

A memorial bench has been proposed in memory of Jean Boyne and placed on the beach access at Osceola Street. Administrator Hill suggested that benches be included in the master plan along with the beach accesses.

Ron Scroggy was present at the meeting and presented a letter to the Committee outlining concerns voiced by the Edisto Beach Property Owners Association. Mr.

Scroggy stated the Board is pleased that beach accesses are being made more handicap accessible, but the concern lies with the accessing being easier to access for golf carts. Mr. Scroggy said, "We feel like there has been way too much accommodation for golf carts at the accesses and... we are seeing a lot more trash being left on the beach that people, if they had to walk (farther) would think twice about what they had to carry to the beach." Administrator Hill told Mr. Scroggy and the Committee that when cleaning Beach Access 7 a town employee became a tad overzealous with the heavy equipment and instead of just clearing out under brush he took out growth that was intended to stay put. Chairman Oakley pointed out that the TIDE Committee had recommended to Council the Town reclaim the accesses areas after Hurricane Matthew in 2016, that had become overgrown. The safety of those driving golf carts is also a concern. If parking off-street, those in the golf carts can exit and enter more safely.

Marie Bost moved to reaffirm the goals of the TIDE Committee of the last four years that the replacing of the benches and the branding of the Town, beach accesses and public spaces continue to move forward. Pat Kostell seconded the motion which was approved 6 - 0.

Marie Bost moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mickey Van Metre and approved 6 - 0.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



October 2, 2019