

**MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
March 4, 2020**

Present: Pat Kostell, Chairperson, Peter Beck, Betsy Daise, Marie Bost and Cameron Andrews. Also present were Town Administrator Iris Hill, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus; Councilmembers Jerome Kizer and Patti Smyer.
Absent: Mickey Van Metre (prior notice) and Archie Livingston (prior notice).

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

Approval of Minutes: Marie Bost moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2020 meeting, seconded by Pat Kostell and approved 5 – 0.

Old Business

A. Gateway Improvements – Cameron Andrews has reached out to professional landscapers for suggestions on solar lighting. He showed two examples, both in the \$100/\$200 range. He will continue to explore lighting options and will find out if a shield is available for either of the options shown.

B. Recreational Master Plan Update – Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus updated the Committee. Recreation Master Plan consultants, Toole, will be available at Town Hall March 31, 2020 – April 2, 2020. There will be focus groups throughout the week and a public forum will be Tuesday, March 31st. Peter Beck moved to have the TIDE Committee meeting of Wednesday April 1, 2020 serve as a focus group with Toole. Chairperson Kostell asked TIDE Committee members to look over their 5- 10- and 15-year plans and send items for Toole to address at the April meeting to Deborah so that they can be given to Toole prior to the meeting. Deborah will send an email to Committee members to let them know the deadline for submission.

C. Turtle Signage – Patti Smyer addressed the Committee on behalf of the Edisto Island Loggerhead Turtle Project. She told the Committee that the Turtle Patrol had received input from Council after the Retreat and had two different signs for the Committee to consider. Mock-ups of those two signs were given to the Committee in the packets for the March meeting. Administrator Hill asked if the signs could go at each nest. Cameron Andrews moved that the Turtle Patrol put a version of the proposed sign be placed on at/near each nesting site. Marie Bost seconded the motion, which was approved 5 – 0. Mrs. Smyer stated sign placement would have to be cleared by DNR prior to the signs going up.

New Business

A. Five-, Ten- and Fifteen- Year Plans – Peter Beck stated that most if not all of the items on the vision plans of the TIDE Committee were incorporated in the Recreational Master Plan.

Marie Bost asked about turtle lighting. Administrator Hill told her that Dominion had addressed Council at the retreat and was going to install a sample of several different types of "turtle friendly" lighting. Samples include shepherd's hook and dimmable lighting. Council would take each into consideration and make a decision on how to proceed. Ms. Bost then brought up the subject of light pollution. Peter Beck moved that the TIDE Committee support reducing light pollution and the community effort to

minimize light pollution. Marie Bost seconded the motion which was approved 5 – 0. Marie Bost and Betsy Daise volunteered to speak to Wyndham officials concerning what could be done at the recreation facility to lessen light pollution at that location.

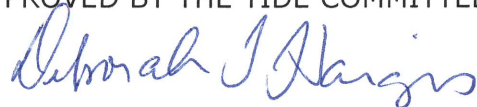
B. Christmas Decoration – Administrator Hill asked the TIDE Committee for input concerning the color of lights on the starfish, sea turtle and blue crab pole ornaments that are scheduled to be purchased for the Town. The general consensus was the starfish would be the color of the example in the packets (orange/red), the sea turtle would be the one with yellow underneath and the crab would be blue and green.

Patti Smyer asked the Committee if they had submitted a budget. Administrator Hill explained that the budget for the Christmas lights was in the Public Works part of the budget and it would be \$5,000 for the coming year. A budget for plantings at the park was discussed, and it was decided that would be discussed at the April meeting/focus group meeting with Toole.

Adjournment

Peter Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marie Bost and approved 4 – 0 after the departure of Cameron Andrews.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
June 3, 2020