

**MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
November 4, 2020**

Present via Zoom: Pat Kostell, Chairperson, Cameron Andrews, Peter Beck, Marie Bost and Betsy Daise. Also present was Town Administrator Iris Hill
Absent: Archie Livingston, Charles Yeomans

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

Approval of Minutes: Peter Beck moved to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2020 TIDE Committee meeting, seconded by Betsy Daise and approved 4 - 0 prior to the arrival of Mr. Andrews.

Comments from the Town Administrator and/or Department Heads: Town Administrator Iris Hill informed the Committee that the Christmas lights and banners were going up in the next week.

Old Business

A. Summaries from individual committee members who were able to meet with Toole Design: Peter Beck commented that he had attended the Open House and thought Toole was getting good feedback from community members. Those who were unable to attend the Open House asked that the pictures to which Mr. Beck referred be sent to the Committee.

Pat Kostell met with Toole Design on behalf of both the TIDE Committee and the Edisto Beach Property Owners' Association. Mrs. Kostell talked to Toole about Jungle Road Park and proposed improvements, and Bay Creek Park addition of amenities such as Charleston-type benches and picnic tables. Bike path improvements such as exercise stations and mileage markings on the path were discussed. Wider paths were encouraged to accommodate the myriad of users. Water fountains for humans and pets were discussed. Traffic on the causeway is a concern and Chairperson Kostell discussed several possible solutions with the Toole Design team. Bikers, walkers and runners use the existing bike path, and there is a concern for the safety of those users. One suggestion from Toole was to have all bike path use be on the same side of the causeway (on the left leaving Edisto Beach). TIDE Committee members expressed concern that bike riders would have to go against traffic laws. Chairperson Kostell explained that the bike/pedestrian use area would be delineated and/or removed from the roadway so there would be less of an issue. Benches at certain beach accesses on the ocean side near Palmetto Boulevard were discussed.

B. Gateway Improvements: The Committee discussed adding Muhly grass to the area by the palm trees on either side of the gateway and down the causeway. Marie Bost and Chairperson Kostell will draw up a plan to present to the TIDE Committee prior to the submission of the encroachment permit necessary. Administrator Hill told Ms. Bost and Chairperson Kostell that she would supply information on the width of the causeway where the plants were being proposed.

New Business

A. 2021 Goals: Deborah Hargis told the Committee she would send out the goals submitted previously for the Committee to review so they could compose a list of five goals to send Chairperson Kostell prior to the December meeting. The Committee will discuss the goals at the December meeting.

Adjournment: Marie Bost moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Beck and approved 5 – 0.

The media/public was notified of the meeting on Friday, October 30, 2020/

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
December 2, 2020