MINUTES TIDE COMMITTEE December 2, 2020

Present via Zoom: Pat Kostell, Chairperson, Peter Beck, Betsy Daise and Charles Yeomans. Also present were Town Administrator Iris Hill and Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus.

Absent: Cameron Andrews, Marie Bost and Archie Livingston.

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

Approval of Minutes: Peter Beck moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting, seconded by Betsy Daise and approved 4 – 0.

Comments from Administrator/Department Heads: Town Administrator Iris Hill told the Committee that the Town is considering purchasing additional Christmas banners. Examples of banners were sent to the Committee members prior to the meeting. Committee members chose four they thought would look best with the existing banners and lights. From the four, Charles Yeomans moved to approve purchasing two of the banners (see attached) for use during the Christmas season in 2021. Betsy Daise seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0. Administrator Hill stated the banners cost between \$90 and \$130 but hoped they would be on sale after the first of the year.

Administrator Hill asked the Committee to consider how they would like to have the lights and banners spaced next year. The consensus of the Committee was to have the new, coastal theme lights closer to the Pavilion and the older lights on down Palmetto Boulevard. Pat Kostell moved to accept Administrator Hill's suggestion that the banners and lights be spaced evenly down Palmetto Boulevard next Christmas season with a set plan for the people installing the banners and lights. Peter Beck seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

Old Business

2021 Goals: Chairperson Kostell asked individual Committee members to present their goals for the 2021 year.

Peter Beck:

- 1. Bike path improvements and maintenance while the Recreational Master Plan is being developed. Administrator Hill updated the Committee on the Public Works Department schedule regarding sidewalks and bike paths. Once the PW Department finishes Palmetto Boulevard sidewalks they will start on the Jungle Shores bike path (clearing, cleaning, trimming, etc.) then move to Docksite and then the Vine Street bike path.
- 2. Causeway beautification and maintenance especially at each end. This has been part of the ongoing discussions of the TIDE Committee but no definitive plan of action has been established.
- 3. Off-street parking for day trippers.
- 4. Develop fishing or observation dock at Burley L. Lyons Park.
- 5. Bridges/walkovers/mats for increased handicapped accessibility at beach accesses.

6. Walking track/exercise stations on Tract M.

Charles Yeomans:

- 1. Bike path improvements/maintenance
- 2. Burley L. Lyons Park/additions to parks for fishing accessibility. Mr. Yeomans also asked if the surf fishing issue would be addressed by Council. Administrator Hill stated it could be added to the Council Retreat agenda. Chairperson Kostell suggested putting information on the Town's website concerning fishing

Betsy Daise:

- 1. Litter increase on the beach and roadways. Mrs. Daise asked for suggestions to increase and encourage personal responsibility. Administrator Hill noted Kelly Moore, the liaison with Keep Edisto Beautiful has been working on this.
- 2. Continued bike bath improvements.
- 3. Causeway beautification and maintenance.

Pat Kostell:

- 1. Causeway/natural plantings. Chairperson Kostell and Marie Bost recently received information on the width and length of the causeway and would now be able to move forward with making suggestions as to plantings appropriate for the causeway.
- Beach Accesses designated to be handicapped accessible that have already installed wooden ramps and railings be finished according to Federal guidelines. This will enable them to be labeled as a Handicap Beach Access and used for handicapped citizens and visitors.

Chairperson Kostell asked that the 2021 Goals of the TIDE Committee be provided to Committee to be fine-tuned prior to the Council Retreat on January 26, 2021. The Committee will put together a written plan to be submitted for Council's consideration prior to January 12, 2021.

New Business

Beautification Award – Bob Redfearn, BiLo/Sea Spirits: Chairperson Kostell moved to approve presenting a Beautification Award to Bob Redfearn for the improvements made to the BiLo/Sea Spirits parking area. Charles Yeomans seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0.

Beach access #13, Thistle Street Parking: Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus told the Committee about the ongoing issues concerning parking at Beach Access #13 (see attached). The consensus of the Committee was that the proposed solution would be a good one.

Adjournment: Peter Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat Kostell and approved 4 – 0.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE

February 3, 2021









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