

**TIDE Committee**  
**August 3, 2022**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Edisto Beach Town Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Peter Beck, Committee Members Marie Bost, Camille Lemon, Ron Scroggy, Virginia Stephenson. *Quorum of Committee Present.*

**Absent:** Betsy Daise (excused), Charles Yeomans

**Staff Present:** Patrick Brown (Building Code Administrator), Patrick Zemp (Utilities Director), Phyllis McElveen (Special Projects Coordinator), Dee Stalvey (Municipal Clerk)

**Call to Order**

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Lemon moved to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2022, TIDE Committee meeting. Ms. Bost seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

**Litter Issues/Adopt-a-Block**

Ms. Kristi Outland, Director of Keep Edisto Beautiful, was present to discuss the Keep Edisto Beautiful program and also to listen to Committee members' ideas and issues regarding litter and trash on the beach.

Regarding various litter/trash issues, Ms. Stephenson noted a beach town she lived in previously had no trash cans on the beach, just a sign posted for visitors to take trash with them when they departed the beach. Ms. Stephenson also shared a photo she took of Beach Access 34 with overflowing trash. She noted the Town has two trash pickups weekly and the beach accesses still have lots of trash. Ron says his wife picks up one trash bag full of trash from BA 34-37. Ms. Outland noted she believes some people are taking their personal trash to these trash cans, and the trash is not necessarily from people coming off the beach. Kristi will do research on the benefits of no trash cans.

Mr. Zemp noted there are two trash cans at each beach access and renters sometimes take the cans or move them elsewhere. He noted we have a trash generation problem; it is not that trash isn't being picked up.

Ms. Outland shared with the Committee the importance of educating people about litter/trash and reducing plastics.

Mr. Scroggy asked how much in recycle bins actually gets recycled. Ms. Outland noted she believes 5-9% of the recycled trash is recycled. We need to educate visitors and our bigger businesses can help as with this as well. Mr. Scroggy shared we need to share many of this in the local paper in an effort to educate residents and visitors.

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Regarding aluminum cans that seem to make up a majority of trash, Ms. Stephenson presented the idea about large bins with “cans only” signage, and perhaps do this as an experiment? Ms. Bost suggested we can also advertise to recycle the cans and help burn victims, which is the reason for the can trailer near the Fire Department. Perhaps rental companies can assist us with this effort by noting the can collection on a refrigerator magnet, or the various boards associated with the Town can join in this effort. We need to utilize the Town’s website and the local newspaper to educate people. The Committee agreed both residents and visitors must be educated.

Chairman Beck asked Committee members to bring their ideas and suggestions for litter reduction to the September meeting, and these suggestions will be discussed and, hopefully, the TIDE Committee will be able to present some recommendations to Town Council. Chairman Beck also noted we need to emphasize the Beach Access Adoption program.

Ms. Lemon inquired as to the reason why there are no recycling cans for residents’ homes here on Edisto Beach. Mr. Zemp noted doing so is costly and the recycle companies will not make the drive to Edisto.

**New Business**

**Brick Campaign**

Ms. Phyllis McElveen, Special Projects Coordinator, discussed the Brick Campaign with the Committee members. These bricks will be placed at Jungle Road Park. Ms. McElveen requested the Committee’s input on brick color and font. The brick campaign is a fundraising effort, and the proceeds will go back into the park.

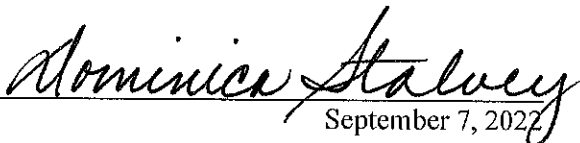
Following review of the brick styles and discussion, Ms. Bost made a motion to approve the light brick color with Times New Roman font for the brick campaign. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Bost moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lemon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

*Next Scheduled Meeting: September 7, 2022, 3:00 p.m.*

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE

  
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