

TIDE COMMITTEE
February 1, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Betsy Daise, Chair, and Edye Graves, Camille Lemon, Virginia Stevenson, and Lisa White.

Resignation: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus noted Mr. Yeomans has resigned from the TIDE Committee due to his time constraints.

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Building Administrator Patrick Brown, Municipal Clerk Dee Stalvey, Kristi Outland, Director of Keep Edisto Beautiful

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair Daise.

Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2023

Ms. White made a motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023. Ms. Lemon seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Keep Edisto Beautiful

Discussion was held on the following items:

- Beach Access Adoption Rules and Procedures
 - Discussion held on how often the beach accesses should be checked.
 - Regarding the liability form, Ms. Outland has not updated it. Mr. Aakhus noted he will ask our Town Attorney to review the form.
 - Beach adoption volunteers cannot plant flowers, decorations, etc., and are not responsible for pulling grass, etc. Any needs must be reported to the town.
 - Ms. Outland was updated on the can collection containers Ms. Stevenson has placed at two of the beach accesses. Discussion held on how these cans can be regularly picked up, and Ms. Outland noted she will give some thought to this. Before any recommendations are brought before Town Council, we need to figure out who is going to take care of these and get the cans to the trailer.
 - Ms. Lemon noted some of this is a lot of work to ask volunteers to do, especially during peak season. Ms. Graves noted other adoptees told her they would not pickup the cans and place them in their cars.
 - Ms. Stephenson noted she will place the can collection containers at another three beach accesses.
 - Once we have our procedures in place, Ms. Outland noted she will get this information uploaded on her website, and the Town will then provide a link to this information on our website.

- Update on Beach Access Adoptions
 - Ms. Outland reported over 70 individuals signed up at the Fall Festival.

New Business

Keep American Beautiful Events

- Ms. Outland noted the KEB events planned: Beach Sweep, River Sweep, Island Sweep. Keep American Beautiful dates. She only has one board member, and she will need to put a notice in the paper and get a diverse mix of board members.
- Regarding funding of KEB. Ms. Outland noted she doesn't know much about it yet, but it is grant-funded, and the regional director is helping her with the funding aspect.

Updates

Mr. Aakhus noted the following:

- Wayfinding signs will be installed this week.
- Vine Street Bike Path paving will be scheduled soon. Lybrand section will be looked at to see if we can have this built up a bit.
- Jungle Rd Park restroom grant is obtained. It is being surveyed and designed.

Beach Access 34

- Ms. Stephenson shared a photo with the Committee of the walkway to the beach at Beach Access 34. Mr. Brown noted that if the walkway is over 30 inches it should have a guardrail. Mr. Brown also noted we have migrated away from hard structures because of the storms and damage and cost and maintenance. So that is why we are using the beach mats, which are pennies compared to the walkway.

Christmas Decorations

Lemon noted the Christmas decorations were beautiful. Mr. Aakhus noted we will purchase more sea creatures in the next couple months to add to the collection.

Adjournment

There being no more business to discuss, Ms. Lemon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. White seconded the meeting, which was approved unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



Dominica Stalvey
March 1, 2023