

**TIDE COMMITTEE**  
**September 4, 2024**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Edisto Beach Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Gary Cantrell, Chair, and Camille Lemon, Betsy Daise, and Lynne Grout

**Absent:** Clark McCrary, Edye Graves, and Lisa White

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Gary Cantrell, Chair, at 3:03 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Daise made a motion to approve the minutes of July 3, 2024. Ms. Grout seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**New Business**

**Litter**

Mr. Cantrell reported he is seeing more litter on the beach and side roads and recommended the TIDE Committee work together with KEB to enlist volunteers to help with the pick-up by expanding the Adopt-a-Beach Access to include roads or blocks. He also noted the construction dumpsters are overflowing. Mr. Aakhus advised the Committee to notify Town Hall of any such overflowing dumpsters, and the Town will reach out to the homeowner or the contractor.

Ms. Stalvey noted KEB's website has changed from Keepedistobeautiful.org to Keepedistobeautiful.net.

Mr. Aakhus stated improvement should be noticeable on the Causeway due to the litter now being picked up daily by the Town's contractor. As well, due to the contract with Charleston County for litter pick-up along the length of Highway 174, he will monitor this as best as possible to ensure litter is collected as per the contract. He has been in contact with the contractor, Yellowstone, regarding their schedule and work.

**Town Administrator Updates**

Mr. Aakhus reported on the following items:

- Councilman Jerome Kizer and Mr. Aakhus are working on redesigning the beach access signage to reflect the same color scheme as the Town's welcome sign.
- The Jungle Road Park bathroom project is nearing completion, with the boardwalk extension and kiosk being finalized.

- Bids have been received for Burley Lyons Park, and we continue to review overall pricing of the project.
- Stickers are being designed for trash cans with instructions on the rules and regulations on the proper way to dispose of trash and yard debris.
- SC DOT TAP grant has been submitted for various bike paths in Town, and the Colleton County Transportation Committee has approved funding for this project if we are successful in obtaining the grant.

### **Open Discussion**

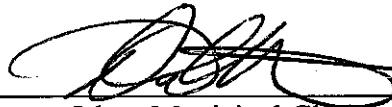
- Ms. Daise recommended the new beach access signs be installed across the street as well as at the beach accesses.
- Ms. Grout noted the “Stay off the Rocks” signs are not effective due to the location of them being too far from the groins. She made a recommendation to have them moved but acknowledged tide and storms could be an issue.
- Mr. Cantrell stated speeding is a problem primarily on Palmetto Blvd. even though it is patrolled by the police. Since Palmetto is a DOT road, any changes would need to be made by that agency.
- Mr. Cantrell asked about the recycling can bins at the beach accesses. Mr. Aakhus stated this is a project being monitored and managed by a group of volunteers.
- Mr. Cantrell asked about the beach access ropes and poles that had become discolored and damaged recently. Mr. Aakhus stated the ropes have been removed and cleaned and the poles have been repaired and reset. There has been a slight delay getting them re-installed due to the weather.
- Ms. Daise stated she will reach out to KEB to see if the TIDE Committee can be of assistance to either help promote or volunteer for the September 21<sup>st</sup> Beach Sweep.

### **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE**

  
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Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk  
January 8, 2025