

**MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
October 8, 2014**

Present: Cathy Price, Tommy Sandel, Cameron Andrews, Archie Livingston, Nancie Green, Mickey Van Metre (Member Emeritus), and Iris Hill (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Mary Edna Keller and Polly LaRosa

The minutes of the April 30, 2014, meeting were approved as read.

Cathy Price asked for help identifying a beach access that may be one the committee can recommend improving. Cameron Andrews stated that 11, 15, 18, 33 and 34 are not improved. Iris Hill explained that we would lose credit with the State if we take away car parking and replace it with golf cart parking and that if we do designate the parking we take responsibility of any resulting liability. Mrs. Hill said the Town puts additional cans at some of the accesses during peak holidays such as 4th of July to compensate for the additional amount of trash brought from the beach, and even doing this it is hard to keep up with the amount of trash at times. The doors have been taken off the cart enclosures, because they were not functional. It was brought to the committee's attention that there is a tremendous amount of cigarette butts left on the beach and the committee was encouraged to think of ways this trash problem could be remedied.

Patrick Brown stated the restrooms have been completed at Bay Creek Park and the electrical is being installed and the town is looking at some type of ventilation for the restrooms and also at building a stage and observation platform.

Iris Hill stated that at the present time there is no place to put sand fencing and plantings and won't be addressed again until after beach renourishment.

Norman Fox is doing an article for the Edisto Gardener to be published in the Edisto News.

Causeway Improvements: Iris Hill stated that a survey has been done and permanent markers are in place and it looks like we don't have much room to improve the causeway. Mrs. Hill stated she is going to OCRM to see what we can do without having to mitigate.

Mrs. Hill stated that Council wants the respective committees to look at any changes that would affect Town Ordinances, and mentioned the TIDE Committee may be asked to look at any change pertaining to them.

Sidewalks and Paving – Mrs. Hill stated the sidewalks on the landward side are in the process to be bid. Also, the contract is being let to pave Myrtle Street Extension and the other side state streets, and hopefully the drainage and Myrtle Street Extension will be part of those bids..

Mrs. Hill said one of the council members asked if the committee would consider doing residential yard awards. After discussion it was decided the committee is not in favor of awarding beautification awards to residents, but will continue with the commercial establishment awards. They will be looking at awarding a certificate for the holidays.

Upon recommendation and unanimous approval of the TIDE Committee, it was decided that the Christmas Parade this year end at Bay Creek Park, and the Town Christmas tree and lighting ceremony will also be at the park rather than the Horizon. There is also talk of having a Christmas/holiday home tour this year.

Tommy Sandel and Polly LaRosa's terms are expired and Council has approved to advertise for these two positions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.