

TIDE COMMITTEE
June 4, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Gary Cantrell, Chair; Edye Graves, Vice-Chair; Ron Johnson, Camille Lemon, and Lisa White, Members

Absent: Lynne Grout

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cantrell at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Lisa White moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2025, TIDE Committee meeting. Edye Graves seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Town Administrator Updates

Mr. Aakhus reported on the following items:

- New beach access signage has been installed; access 5 and access 7 were surveyed
- New signage also has been installed at Jungle Road Park.
- Installation of marine ropes and posts at the beach accesses is in progress.
- Beach mats have been installed; additional mats are to be ordered.
- A second trash can (seasonal) has been delivered to beach accesses.
- 130+ metal street signs have been ordered.
- The blue reflectors have been ordered and will be installed soon.
- Council approved redecking of Beach Access 32, which will begin soon.
- Shred Day poundage total was 5,270.

New Business/General Discussion

A. Burley L. Lyons Park Project

- Mr. Cantrell has visited with homeowners who live near the park. Also, he has communicated with many residents, stating that one of the homeowners has a 12'x16' (192 square feet) dock on the lagoon while the Town's dock is designed with similar dimensions of 10'x20' (200 square feet).
- Mr. Cantrell noted that an appeal has been made to SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) regarding the Burley L. Lyons Park Project. The committee will await the outcome of that appeal.
- Resident Kim Moredock (711 Jungle Shores Drive) expressed her concerns about the project's effect on protected coastal wetlands and indicated the appeal

was based on the community not having “due process.” She asked about the project’s ADA compliance, the required handrails, and whether the town had the resources to remove trash from the park daily.

- Resident Stuart Tyler (708 Jungle Road) stressed the importance of having input from homeowners in the planning of the park project and noted his concerns about the scale and configuration of the project. He noted the proposal is too aggressive, and he offered some alternatives to better serve the needs of all. Mr. Tyler also suggested some wildlife enhancements for the park. Mr. Tyler noted his concerns in an e-mail dated June 3, 2025, sent to several members of the TIDE Committee.
- Resident Larry Lindke (728 Sandpiper Ridge) indicated he, and many others, chose Edisto for the environment, and that the natural habitat should stay natural. He questioned the dimensions of the walkway and platform.
- Dr. Pat Kostell, resident and former member of the TIDE Committee (2017-2023) noted the Burley L. Lyons Park was part of Edisto Beach’s Recreational Master Plan Project, dating back to 2020. Toole Design Services helped the town create this unified plan. Dr. Kostell noted her appreciation of the TIDE Committee for their service.
- Mr. Aakhus noted the SCDES appeal, submitted by a Town resident, is based on the opinion that the public notice was published improperly.

B. KEB Beach Access Adoption Update

- Mr. Cantrell asked about the Beach Access Adoption list. Dee Stalvey indicated she contacted Kristi Outland, KEB Director, but has not yet received a reply. She will reach out to Kristi again.
- Mr. Cantrell mentioned he may attend the next KEB Meeting.

C. Grass Cutting/Blocked Traffic View & Traffic Signs

- Mr. Cantrell noted there are some concerns with overgrown vegetation. Mr. Aakhus asked the committee to let him know of any issues, so that he can submit work orders for those areas. If there are bigger issues, DOT can be contacted.

D. Bike Path Paving Status

- Mr. Aakhus indicated the Jungle Shores Bike Paving bid is on the agenda for the June 12, 2025, Regular Town Council Meeting. Upon approval, the project will begin this fall.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Edye Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa White seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY TIDE COMMITTEE

Donna Rizer

Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk

July 2, 2025