

**TIDE COMMITTEE**  
**August 6, 2025**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Edisto Beach Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Gary Cantrell, Chair, Lynne Grout, Ron Johnson, Camille Lemon, Lisa White, Members

**Absent:** Edye Graves (excused)

**Staff Present:** Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Municipal Clerk Donna Rizer

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. White moved to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2025, TIDE Committee meeting as amended. Ms. Grout seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Town Administrator Updates**

Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey reported on the following items:

- Jungle Shores Bike Path Project is set to begin. Flyers were placed in mailboxes of those who may be affected by the construction. Preliminary work will begin August 11, 2025, with actual construction to begin the week after. The project will take approximately three weeks to complete.
  - Committee members suggested additional signage may be needed to direct pedestrians and bicyclists from Jungle Road to the Jungle Shores Bike Path.
- The Town's Transportation Alternatives Program Bike Path Improvement Project is moving forward. Phase 1 consists of the preliminary engineering and design needed for the widening of the existing bike paths along Dock Site Road, Yacht Club Road, Edisto Street, and Lee Street, and a scoping session with DOT was held on July 31.
- The installation of rip current signs is complete. Some rip current signs are positioned at the beach access points, others near the beach groins.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding speed limits on Town-owned roads. Mr. Aakhus has spoken to Mayor Moore about this matter and discussion will continue. The importance of maintaining consistency was emphasized.
  - Ms. Grout mentioned she has contacted Colleton County and SCDOT regarding the speed limit on Jungle Road. Mr. Johnson noted the radar display on the electronic speed sign is not working.

## **Old Business**

### **Butterfly Garden.**

The committee researched the feasibility of creating a butterfly garden at Jungle Road Park and noted flowers that attract butterflies can be planted in either spring or fall. While Jungle Road Park does have water, there are vibrant plants that can thrive in full sun and do not require a watering system. Committee members asked if there were grants available for this type of project and mentioned there are contractors who will create a butterfly garden.

### **Osprey Nest Platform.**

The committee researched the feasibility of building an osprey nest platform at Burley L. Lyons Park. It was noted that the pole should be 3-5 feet taller than the trees around it, with a platform that measures 3-6 feet. The platform should have fencing support for a nest. Mr. Cantrell noted that Berkeley Electric Cooperative and Santee Cooper have helped to install osprey nests in nearby communities. It was suggested the committee reach out to Dominion Energy to see if they might assist the Town with the osprey project. Research showed there may be waste from the birds near the base of the pole, so it was suggested that lantana or similar low-maintenance shrubs be planted to offset the waste or smell. This planting may also attract butterflies.

The committee indicated the butterfly garden and the osprey nest platform are ideas that align well with the TIDE Committee's objectives. After discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion to recommend to Town Council the creation of a butterfly garden at Jungle Road Park and the building of an osprey nest platform at Burley L. Lyons Park. Ms. Lemon seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **Additional Old Business - Park Swings.**

In other old business, the committee revisited the idea of a swing for older children. The committee had previously noted the cost and liability of adding swings to a park. Since there are no swings for older children at any of the Town's parks, it was suggested the committee obtain some quotes and place the topic on the agenda for next month. Ms. Stalvey will explore the potential impact of the swings on the Town's insurance and risk management.

## **Open Discussion**

### **Scooter/Bike/Golf Cart Safety.**

The committee discussed the growing popularity of electric scooters, electric bikes, and golf carts, and the effects of this popularity on our community. Members mentioned a recent e-scooter accident and expressed concern that many e-scooter and e-bike riders were observed not wearing protective equipment. Committee members emphasized the importance of ensuring that e-scooter and e-bike regulations are prioritized by Town officials for the safety of residents and visitors. Ms. Stalvey indicated that Mr. Aakhus, Mayor Moore, and Police Chief Seyle have discussed measures to address the issue. The possibility of additional mowing to increase visibility at intersections and cross streets was discussed.

The committee discussed golf cart safety and the new South Carolina golf cart laws effective May 2025. Though the new provision in the law requires seat belts for passengers under the age of 12, it was noted the Town is currently educating residents and visitors in the new laws.

**Additional Items.**

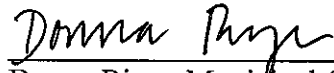
- The committee expressed concerns about the condition of a home on Jungle Road, noting safety and health hazards. Administration will share this concern with the Building Department.
- TIDE Committee Members who adopted beach accesses and streets through Keep Edisto Beautiful reported on their progress.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**APPROVED BY TIDE COMMITTEE**



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Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk

September 3, 2025