

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

Minutes

Present: Gary Cantrell, Chair; Edye Graves, Vice-Chair; Lynne Grout, Ron Johnson, Lisa White, Members

Absent: Camille Lemon (excused)

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, 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 TIDE Committee meeting minutes of August 6, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved unanimously.

Town Administrator Updates

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus reported on the following items:

- 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 improvements of the existing bike paths along Dock Site Road, Yacht Club Road, Edisto Street, and Lee Street, and a scoping session with SCDOT was held July 31. Phase 2 will be the construction phase.
- The installation of rip current signs is complete. Mr. Cantrell noted he has received many positive public comments about the signs.
- Jungle Shores Bike Path Project is ongoing. Committee members asked about additional signage; Mr. Aakhus indicated there are plans for additional signs directing pedestrians and bicyclists from Jungle Road to the Jungle Shores Bike Path.
 - Noting there are no motorized vehicles permitted on the Vine Street Bike Path, committee members asked if that may be something to consider for the Jungle Shores Bike Path.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding speed limits on Town-owned roads. The importance of maintaining consistency was emphasized.
 - Following the discussion about speed limits on Town-owned roads, specifically on unpaved roads and side streets, Ms. Graves made a motion to propose to Town Council the speed limit be lowered to twenty (20) miles per hour on Jungle Shores Drive, on all other unpaved roads, and on all side streets in the Town, excluding the more primary streets such as Dock Site Road, Jungle Road, Lybrand Street, Myrtle Street, Palmetto Boulevard, and Yacht Club Road. Mr. Aakhus noted SCDOT

would require a traffic study with regard to lowering the speed on any SCDOT roads. Ms. Grout seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Osprey Nest Platform

Mr. Aakhus noted the TIDE Committee's recommendation to Town Council regarding the creation of a butterfly garden at Jungle Road Park and the building of an osprey nest platform at Burley L. Lyons Park is on the agenda for the September 11, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Pending Council approval, Mr. Aakhus has contacted a company who is willing to donate the pole and installation to the Town.

The committee discussed possible plantings to beautify the ground around the proposed platform.

New Business

KEB Update

Mr. Cantrell noted the Keep Edisto Beautiful (KEB) Beach and River Sweep will be held Saturday, September 20, 2025. Volunteers are encouraged to participate. The River Sweep will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Edisto Watersports and the Beach Sweep will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Beach Access 1. Lunch will be provided.

Open Discussion

- Ms. Graves inquired about mosquito spraying. Mr. Aakhus indicated crews have completed one spraying, with a second spraying to be completed this week.
- Committee members discussed maintenance of the Jungle Shores Bike Path. It was noted that routine maintenance of the Vine Street Path is performed as needed, and the Jungle Shores Path will be maintained likewise.
- The committee discussed the regulations regarding electric scooters and electric bikes being proposed in similar communities. Ms. Grout researched regulations that included age requirements, the use of helmets, and penalties that may be applied. Mr. Aakhus reported Town officials are working together on this issue.
- Mr. Cantrell requested an update on the yellow pavement markings along Palmetto Boulevard. Mr. Aakhus indicated the construction company will be providing a quote for repainting the curbs near beach accesses.
- Mr. Cantrell noted the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department has repainted 53 fire hydrants in the Town.
- Mr. Johnson raised the possibility of a kayak launch in the Town. Having visited a friend in a coastal community with such a feature, he suggested a launch may help promote watersports in our community.

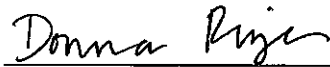
- It was reported there is a dead cedar tree on Dock Site Road. Mr. Aakhus will contact The Plantation Course, as the tree is not on Town property.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY TIDE COMMITTEE



Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk

October 1, 2025