

TIDE COMMITTEE
August 5, 2026
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present

Gary Cantrell, Chair; Edye Graves, Vice-Chair; Allen Bridwell, Ron Johnson, Camille Lemon, Lisa White, Members

Others Present

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown, Municipal Clerk Donna Rizer

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Graves made a motion to approve the TIDE Committee meeting minutes of May 6, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. White and approved unanimously.

Public Comment Period

Chair Cantrell opened the public comment period. The following individuals provided public comment regarding the proposed Burley L. Lyons Park Project:

Kim Moredock provided public comment regarding the proposed fishing pier and discussed the project description. She raised concerns about accessibility, the development of the Recreation Master Plan during the COVID-19 pandemic, and zoning considerations for a public dock in a residential area.

Dee Mosely provided public comment on the proposed project, stating that she purchased her property with the expectation that the Town's park adjacent to her backyard would remain undeveloped. She questioned the project's necessity, timing, funding and proposed size, stating that a smaller structure would be preferable.

George Kostell provided public comment regarding the proposed project and discussed the importance of parks being accessible and available for the benefit and enjoyment of all citizens. He referenced the Recreation Master Plan and Toole Design Services in discussing the project approach and expressed support for moving forward with the project.

Jim Olson provided public comment and shared concerns regarding the permitting process, the size and location of the proposed structure, and the Town's stewardship of the lagoon.

BJ Collins provided public comment and shared his personal connection to fishing in the lagoon. He discussed concerns regarding increased fishing activity, potential impacts on nearby residents and the lagoon, and whether ecological studies and mitigation measures are planned.

Pat Kostell provided public comment and shared her involvement in the planning process for the park. She referenced the open forum, the resident and visitor survey, and the professional design process associated with the Recreation Master Plan. She also discussed the park's intended purpose as a public resource.

Cathy Keown provided public comment regarding the project. She questioned the timing of the project and expressed concerns related to park maintenance, litter, restroom availability, potential wildlife concerns, and whether the pier can accommodate anticipated use.

Larry Lindke provided public comment regarding the proposed boardwalk. He raised concerns about the fishing pier's location and questioned whether it would enhance fishing opportunities. He also expressed concerns about communication and community consideration.

Marie Bost provided public comment regarding the project. She expressed support for the project. She noted the lagoon is Town-owned and intended for public recreational use.

Town Administrator Update

Mr. Aakhus shared the following updates with the committee:

The Town has introduced electronic waste (e-waste) collection at the Convenience Center. The new option has been well utilized.

New electric bike (e-bike) signage has been ordered. Signs stating, "No motorized vehicles, no e-bikes, no e-scooters, no golf carts" will be installed along the bike path.

Paving work along Jungle Road is nearing completion. Remaining work includes redressing the shoulders with soil and cutting lane delineations. Asphalt cuts will be made as part of SCDOT's work to separate the roadway and bike path.

The pollinator garden at Jungle Road Park is complete except for installation of signage.

Old Business

Sea Turtle Protection Signage

Four sea turtle-shaped educational signs have been ordered and will be placed at the four locations previously identified by the committee. Additional signs may be installed at a later date.

Burley L. Lyons Park Project

Ms. Graves made a motion that, as per Town Council's motion on May 8, 2025, to send this project back to the TIDE Committee for review, the TIDE committee approve the boardwalk design for Burley L. Lyons Park as initially approved by Town Council, with no changes, and that this committee recommends Town Council move forward with this project as initially intended. The motion was seconded by Ms. White and approved unanimously.

New Business/Open Discussion

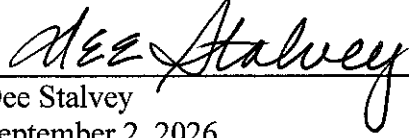
The committee received an update from Patrick Brown, Building Code Administrator, regarding proposed amendments to the Town's Tree Ordinance. The TIDE Committee's recommendations had been forwarded to the Planning Commission for review. The Planning Commission approved revising the DBH threshold for graduated replacement from the current 24 inches to 18 inches and approved adopting a graduated replacement tree scale for removed trees. The ordinance will not increase fines. The proposed ordinance amendments are currently under legal review.

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


Dee Stalvey
September 2, 2026