

TIDE COMMITTEE
September 2, 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, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey

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 August 5, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. White and approved unanimously.

Public Comment Period

Chair Cantrell opened the public comment period, and the following individual provided comments:

- Kim Moredock provided public comment regarding the proposed project at Burley L. Lyons Park.
(Ms. Moredock's comments are attached to these minutes at her request.)

Town Administrator Update

Mr. Aakhus shared the following updates with the committee:

- Sea Turtle signage has been placed at four beach accesses.
- E-bike signs have been received and will be installed.
- Awaiting final word on when the SCDOT street paving/painting will be completed.
- Awaiting schedule from SCDOT on the schedule for the bike path repaving; right now, only at 10% design phase.
- Placed work order for edging and mowing of Palmetto Boulevard sidewalks and edging on the bike paths.
- Mosquito spraying is ongoing.
- Awaiting sign design from contractor for the Jungle Road Park.
- The Town is still working on real estate matters related to the beach nourishment project.

New Business/Open Discussion

Light Ordinance

Discussion centered on the Town's current light ordinance and the requirements that window shades must be used in order to comply with the ordinance. Mr. Brown reported that various individuals will call the Police Department with homes that are not in compliance with ordinance; the Police Department will then inform the Building Department, and an email is forwarded to the homeowner. Mr. Brown noted that the Town's light ordinance is designed for turtles not to see lights. He noted some improvements can be made, including window tint, solar screens, etc.

The Committee also asked about issuing summons to those who do not comply with the ordinance, and Mr. Brown noted that summons have not been issued because people comply once notified, but perhaps they do not do so long term. Enforcement is the difficult part of this situation, as is compliance.

Ms. Lemmon asked about intrusive light from across the boulevard, and Mr. Brown responded that the Town's ordinance covers this, but only pertaining to lights visible to the turtles.

Mr. Aakhus noted that light pollution or light trespass – from a Town-wide standpoint -- should be separate from the turtle light ordinance.

Following discussion, Ms. Graves made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to place this item on next month's agenda for further discussion and research, and to also review and highlight the suggestions made by Mr. Jay Watts as it concerns this item. The motion passed unanimously.

Edisto Sign at 174 & Jungle Road

Discussion was held on sprucing up the area around the Town of Edisto Beach sign on the corner of 174 and Jungle Road. Committee members asked if flowers, etc. could be placed in this area.

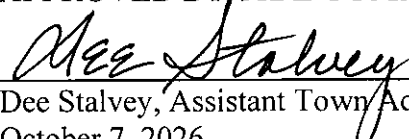
Ms. Graves made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, for the Town to consider the placement of flowers, etc. in this area. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Aakhus noted he will follow up and recommend appropriate floral for this area.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

APPROVED BY TIDE COMMITTEE


Dee Stalvey, Assistant Town Administrator
October 7, 2026

The Town overstates the work of the TIDE Committee on this project. When objections became apparent in May, 2025, Town Council voted to "send it back" to the TIDE committee giving the appearance of being responsive to residents who had expressed strong opposition.

The minutes of the TIDE committee from 2021 (when the MRP was finalized) until May, 2025, do not reflect substantive discussion about this project.

Minutes from only two meetings in 2021 (March 3 and March 31 attached) contain the topic. The first meeting demonstrates the lack of input from residents for the Master Recreation project. The second meeting relates an issue with trash at the park.

The topic of the Burley Lyons Park was not mentioned in any of TIDE meetings in 2022.

The only reference to the project in 2023 was in May when the committee learned from the Town Administrator the receipt of the PARD grant (5-23 tide meeting) The Town has given the impression in its news releases that the funding is from a grant but the Town is the primary source for the funds. Did you know that?

The minutes show only one a TIDE meeting in 2024 where the Town Administrator simply noted that bids had been received. (9-24 meeting)

It is evident from committee minutes that there was no substantive discussion about the pier. The bid was awarded to Destination Dock in Sept of 2024. Minutes of TC meeting in Dec, 2024 relate the drawing were not ready. (minutes attached). Nothing in the minutes of the TIDE committee show you reviewed the actual drawings.

Monday afternoon, August 3, the TIDE agenda went out for a meeting on August 5. Several interested parties attended. We were told we had two minutes to speak and that would be the only time we would be allowed to talk. We expressed much displeasure with the project. Offers of compromise were suggested. There was no open discussion.

A few minutes after our comments a motion was made and seconded to recommend to council that the plan move ahead as originally intended. You did not huddle up to discuss our thoughts or ask for more information. The decision was made ahead of the meeting. The minutes had not been approved from that meeting yet Council voted to accept your recommendation. I could not hear the exact motion and asked to see the motion right after the meeting. I was told I would have to wait until the minutes were approved and on line. You just approved those.

This Committee has been used as a tool of Council to install a fishing pier. In the Council work session meeting you were thanked for your hard work on this project. There is simply nothing in the minutes of TIDE Meetings from 2021 to 2024 to support that. Your work on this project BEGAN when project was appealed by residents. Your job was to defend the project. The makeup of this committee has changed from year to year. As Dee Moseley revealed, there is

nothing in the MRP survey to support that people wanted to fish at Burley Lyons Park. The only thing we know is that TC wants it and the current TIDE committee wants it.

Please enter this in your committee minutes. Town records are important.

Kim Moredock

TIDE COMMITTEE
September 4, 2024
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Gary Cantrell, Chair, and Camille Lemon, Betsy Daise, and Lynne Grout

Absent: Clark McCrary, Edye Graves, and Lisa White

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gary Cantrell, Chair, at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Daise made a motion to approve the minutes of July 3, 2024. Ms. Grout seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business

Litter

Mr. Cantrell reported he is seeing more litter on the beach and side roads and recommended the TIDE Committee work together with KEB to enlist volunteers to help with the pick-up by expanding the Adopt-a-Beach Access to include roads or blocks. He also noted the construction dumpsters are overflowing. Mr. Aakhus advised the Committee to notify Town Hall of any such overflowing dumpsters, and the Town will reach out to the homeowner or the contractor.

Ms. Stalvey noted KEB's website has changed from Keepedistobeautiful.org to Keepedistobeautiful.net.

Mr. Aakhus stated improvement should be noticeable on the Causeway due to the litter now being picked up daily by the Town's contractor. As well, due to the contract with Charleston County for litter pick-up along the length of Highway 174, he will monitor this as best as possible to ensure litter is collected as per the contract. He has been in contact with the contractor, Yellowstone, regarding their schedule and work.

Town Administrator Updates

Mr. Aakhus reported on the following items:

- Councilman Jerome Kizer and Mr. Aakhus are working on redesigning the beach access signage to reflect the same color scheme as the Town's welcome sign.
- The Jungle Road Park bathroom project is nearing completion, with the boardwalk extension and kiosk being finalized.

- Bids have been received for Burley Lyons Park, and we continue to review overall pricing of the project.
- Stickers are being designed for trash cans with instructions on the rules and regulations on the proper way to dispose of trash and yard debris.
- SC DOT TAP grant has been submitted for various bike paths in Town, and the Colleton County Transportation Committee has approved funding for this project if we are successful in obtaining the grant.

Open Discussion

- Ms. Daise recommended the new beach access signs be installed across the street as well as at the beach accesses.
- Ms. Grout noted the "Stay off the Rocks" signs are not effective due to the location of them being too far from the groins. She made a recommendation to have them moved but acknowledged tide and storms could be an issue.
- Mr. Cantrell stated speeding is a problem primarily on Palmetto Blvd. even though it is patrolled by the police. Since Palmetto is a DOT road, any changes would need to be made by that agency.
- Mr. Cantrell asked about the recycling can bins at the beach accesses. Mr. Aakhus stated this is a project being monitored and managed by a group of volunteers.
- Mr. Cantrell asked about the beach access ropes and poles that had become discolored and damaged recently. Mr. Aakhus stated the ropes have been removed and cleaned and the poles have been repaired and reset. There has been a slight delay getting them re-installed due to the weather.
- Ms. Daise stated she will reach out to KEB to see if the TIDE Committee can be of assistance to either help promote or volunteer for the September 21st Beach Sweep.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE


 Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
 January 8, 2025

<u>Utilities</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pumped MG Water	11.7	113.1	189.01
Treated MG Wastewater	3.1	3.21	21.3
Waterline Repairs	7	3	15
Work Order Repairs	27	31	133

- Christmas decoration installations are complete.

<u>Fund Information</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Spent</u>
General Fund	41.32%	41.51%
Water Fund	53.38%	50.52%
Wastewater Fund	36.30%	31.29%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

<u>November 2023</u>	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
6	8	34

Administrative

Town Administrator Aakhus presented updates to Council on the following items:

- Wastewater Improvement Project
 - Forcemain project was approved at the Special Council meeting and is currently undergoing Rural Infrastructure Authority approval. Bid was under budget and the project must be completed by mid-March per agreement with Plantation Course.
- SCDOT TAP Grant Project.
 - Colleton Transportation Committee approved \$175,000 in matching funds. SCDOT approved \$600,000 in design/engineering (Phase 1) and has committed to funding the construction portion.
- Beach Renourishment Project.
 - Surveys, appraisals and title work have been completed. The easement language has been approved; we are waiting for USACE approval to move forward in preparing easement agreements.
- Jungle Road Park Boardwalk
 - Boardwalk is substantially complete. Contractor to install handrails.
 - Lines on the ADA space will be painted once the concrete is fully cured.
- Jungle Shores Bike Path
 - The agreement with the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism has been signed, and we are finalizing the bid documents.
- Jungle Road Park
 - Bathrooms are scheduled to be open December 13, 2024.
- Burley L. Lyons Park Boardwalk.
 - Waiting on permitting and construction drawings.
- FEMA
 - Two open FEMA applications seeking reimbursements from Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricane Helene.
 - Submitted two pre-applications for Hazard Mitigation Grants through

TIDE Committee
May 3, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Betsy Daise, Chair, and Camille Lemon, Virginia Stephenson, Lisa White, Gary Cantrell, and Clark McCrary

Absent: Edye Graves

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus and Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Chair Daise.

Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2023

Ms. White made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2023. Ms. Stephenson seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Introduction of New Committee Members

Chair Daise welcomed the newest Committee Members, Gary Cantrell and Clark McCrary.

Town Administrator Update

Grant Projects

- The Vine Street Bike Path has been completed. The bathroom on Jungle Road has been fully surveyed, and we are working on the RFP. A kiosk will be placed across the street from Jungle Road Park.
- We received the PARD grant for the Burley Lyons Park boardwalk in the amount of \$40,000. This is an 80/20 split between the Town and the State.

Project Updates

- The salt cedars at the causeway were trimmed by a contractor.
- The mowing contract for Town parks and the Civic Center is out for bid, which will then need to be approved by Council.
- Dominion is continuing the tree cutting, and they are cutting approximately 23 trees per day. We have ensured Dominion is removing debris in a timely manner. There will be a total of approximately 950 trees cut by Dominion.
- Signage for Bay Creek Park will be removed, cleaned up, and repainted to match the new look of the signage.

Old Business

Keep Edisto Beautiful

- Kristi Outland, KEP Director, was not in attendance at this meeting. Mr. Aakhus noted we will try to schedule Kristi for a future meeting. Committee members reminded all that beach adoption guidelines are handled by KEB.

and Zoom meetings for those who are traveling or uncomfortable coming to Town Hall for meetings. Peter Beck mentioned the Chamber room had a good sound system that would be able to host in-person and Zoom meetings at the same time. Mark Aakhus informed Chairperson Kostell that he would work on setting this up for the Committee.

Toole Design: Chairperson Kostell chose slides 3, 5, 6, 17, 20, 21, 22, & 23 from the Toole Design Recreation Presentation to share with the Committee and discuss.

Slide #3: Chairperson Kostell suggested the Committee members read these. Ron Scroggy suggested adding a new principal regarding respectfulness or mindfulness to nature. Chairperson Kostell agreed and mentioned that later slides show examples of promoting mindfulness to nature and asked if Mark Aakhus agreed. Mark Aakhus agreed and mentioned we could add more information regarding respectful, mindfulness, and education moving forward. Chairperson Kostell commented that this should be a constant reminder.

Slide #5: Peter Beck questioned "amenities", Chairperson Kostell informed Peter Beck that these questions would be addressed in future slides. Chairperson Kostell voiced that she was disappointed in the low number of residents who took the community outreach survey. The Committee members agreed that the projection is accurately represented with residents being 1/3rd of the responses. Chairperson Kostell asked to move on.

Slide #6: Chairperson Kostell started with the first chart, "Which park do you visit the most?". Chairperson Kostell mentioned that 48% utilized Bay Creek Park and that it could be skewed because most people do not think of the beach as a park. She believes the beach would have higher numbers compared to Bay Creek Park. Peter Beck mentioned picture number three and asked for clarification on the beach accesses that were least mentioned. Peter Beck suggested this may be because these beach accesses are walking accesses only and do not have any parking available. Mark Aakhus commented that beach accesses 9, 10, and 38 have parking. Pat Kostell mentioned have parking across the street from accesses. Mark Aakhus informed the Committee that the Town will be placing signage in these parking areas to notify the public that it is not available for overnight parking which will allow for more visitor parking. Chairperson Kostell mentioned accesses 21 and 22 being popular because these accesses are close to the Wyndham Resort, as well as access to bathrooms, facilities, chairs, etc. Chairperson Kostell mentioned to Peter Beck that Toole Design thought it would be beneficial to see the least mentioned beach access points to try and foster them. Chairperson Kostell moved on to the second picture of the slide. Chairperson Kostell asked Mark Aakhus to comment on the bicycle parking facilities. Mark Aakhus stated we had parking facilities on most beach access points but a few are missing. Aakhus mentioned that new bike parking has been installed at Bay Creek Park and a few more access points. Mark Aakhus also spoke about the concept of adding crosswalks to the two laned road on Palmetto Blvd., not the four-lane section of Palmetto Blvd. because

Chairperson Kostell thanked the Town for the additional trimming done on the Causeway near Smuggler's Attic.

Marie Bost asked that the vegetation near the footbridge between the gated end of Myrtle and McConkey Square needed trimming. It is difficult to see someone coming toward you when exiting the footbridge.

Members of the Committee agreed that beach accesses are looking good.

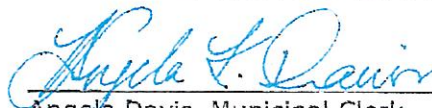
Peter Beck asked about a house in the 500 block of Jungle that has damage to the structure. Building Code Official Patrick Brown will be notified to assess the issue since it may be a Code Violation.

Marie Bost said that the parking lot for Jungle Road Park needs attention. There are holes from the rain and a mound of sand that needs to be moved. Ms. Bost suggest a sign to direct visitors to the parking lot, as many do not know such a lot exists. Mr. Aakhus said that he would ask Public Works to see what could be done about the mound of sand and potholes. *Administrator Hill has said the sand needs to stay to be used to fill sandbags in case of hurricanes. There is a sign that says, "Jungle Road Park Parking," but it is dirty and hard to see. Mr. Aakhus will see about getting it cleaned. Utilities Director Patrick Zemp has recently graded the parking lot. *

Ron Scroggy asked if a sign to deter littering could be placed at Burley Lyons Park. He has seen an unacceptable amount of refuse left outside the container. A discussion of signs vs. stickers on the garbage can followed.

Peter Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Betsy Daise, and approved 5 – 0.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



Angela Davis, Municipal Clerk

March 31, 2021