

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Notes

September 13, 2023, Noon – 1pm

Meeting held in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 5401 S. Croatan Highway

Present: Ginny Flowers, Sam Brown, Kerry Oaksmith-Sanders, Jeremy Russell, Molly Vaughan, Paige Griffin, Event Coordinator, Kelly Wyatt, Planning Director, Bettye White, community member

Agenda:

1. General Discussion:

- Several committee members stated they had all received positive feedback about the skate park.
- Discussion about the expense of the Dowdy Park Farmers Market t-shirts. The price seems too high. If we want to sell them consider reducing, lower to \$20 for Holiday Markets.

2. Yoga Season Update (Paige Griffin):

- Good season with an average of 23 people attending yoga sessions.
- Paige purchased mats and towels to accommodate walk-ins.
- Need to start conversation for Friday fitness partners for the next season.
- Coastal Carolina Vacations expressed interest in yoga collaboration for the next year.
- Possibility of collaboration with Tortugas and Outer Banks Sports Club, or anyone in the health-related field.

3. Movie Equipment and Screen Projection (Paige Griffin):

- Movie equipment has been selected, confirming that it fits the budget. Hoping to find a wind-friendly and easy-to-set-up screen for the time being.
- Paige will be testing the town's sound system to check projection range and clarity at Barnes Street Town Park and Dowdy Park.
- Looking into the licensure requirements for showing movies and pricing.
- Anticipated start date for movie showings in mid-October through November.

4. Market Flyer:

- Paige provided copies of Holiday Market Flyer, application opens October 12th .

5. NC Festivals and Events Membership (Paige Griffin):

- Paige joined NC Festivals and Events, which allows us to highlight two events for free and offers paid advertising options thereafter. Lends itself to community collaboration as well.

6. Phase II Art Mast and Potential Artists:

- Marcia Cline's current workload is heavy, however working on art panel as she can, will discuss with Holly Nettles.
- Explore younger artists to work on masts perhaps. Possibility of engaging Barry Lee for murals.
- Determined that the \$500 stipend we are currently providing is adequate, especially given the reduced size of the panel from 2 x 8 to 1 x 4. Stipend is for supplies predominately.

7. Skate Park Enhancement Ideas:

- Discussion of Chris Wheeler's ideas for the skate park, committee generally likes the design, but concerns about graffiti.
- Suggestion to use a protective coating that would mitigate any graffiti and have an expression wall for use by those wanting to add content.
- Incorporating security lights and motion lights for security could be considered.
- Staff will return with budgetary implications and next steps.
- Encouragement to engage the community in skate park beautification efforts.

8. Town Hall Art Wall Discussion:

- Discussion of art wall as part of the renovation of the lobby. Redo art wall tags with plexiglass or velcro attachments.
- Make sure lighting highlights art wall.
- Can use google drive or similar to send inventory of current artwork.

9. Street Crosswalk Discussion:

- Good idea to aim for street crosswalk/public art initiative during Spring Break.
- Deadline for gathering ideas by November 1st (Molly).

10. Future Projects for 2024:

- Open discussion about potential projects for 2024, including improvements to the town parks.
- Suggestions for sculptures, a giant nature loom, and an archway to the trailhead.
- Consideration of hosting movies at Barnes Street Park.

11. Whalebone Update:

- Update on the Whalebone project, Town Manager Andy Garman pursuing surveying and septic options for restroom, and we intend to provide shade structure.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.