

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Notes

August 9, 2023, Noon – 1pm

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

Present: Peggy Saporito, Sam Brown, Kerry Oaksmith-Sanders, Jeremy Russell, Ginny Flowers, Paige Griffin, Event Coordinator, Kelly Wyatt, Planning Director.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Review of Past Events:

- Paige Griffin provided an overview of July's events and noted challenges related to parking and how it affected vendor relationships. This is what makes Dowdy Park Market stand out, we need to address these challenges in the coming year.
- Paige expressed appreciation for the help provided by Volunteer, Mary Kelly to vendors during events.

2. Vendor Management and Volunteer Recruitment:

- Discussion about the need to consider reducing the number of vendors back down to 50-55 for better management and use of resources.
- Focus on Volunteer Recruitment is KEY is continuing events.
- Possibility of utilizing lot across from Dowdy Park, French Door, for additional parking.
- Consideration of a selective vendor admission process similar to Avon's approach.

3. Summer Concerts and Yoga Sessions:

- Positive feedback regarding recent summer concerts and a successful and very well attended performance by the 82nd Airborne.
- An average of 32 attendees for yoga sessions, many thanks to Kerry and yoga instructors.
- Discussion about the success of Fitness Fridays, possibility of sponsorship for next year.

4. Family Fun Nights and Kids Day:

- Paige provided an update on the success of Family Fun Nights and Kids Day: Fire truck, nature programs, and lawn games available.
- Need for volunteers to assist with these events as we grow. Sam Brown has young volunteer in mind.

5. Movie Night and Holiday Market:

- Discussion of a movie night in October. Looking into the necessary equipment.
- Announcement of upcoming Holiday Market dates, this market is first-come, first-serve.

6. Holiday Decorating Contest and Candy Cane Hunt:

- Recognizing the need to boost participation in the holiday decorating contest in the coming year.
- Positive feedback about the Candy Cane Hunt and plans to repeat it this year, earlier start times and more volunteers needed.
- Paige requested committee members to email her any Fall ideas.

7. Dog Park Event and Art Installations:

- Discussion of potential events at the Dog Park, inspired by the well-attended SPCA event.
- Update on Chris Wheeler's consideration of materials for art installations at the Skate Park with the focus on filling blank spaces and surfaces with art elements.

Next Meeting: September 13th, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: 1pm.