

Committee for Art and Culture

December 13, 2023 Meeting Notes

Present: Kerry Oaksmith Sanders, Peggy Saporito, Molly Vaughan, Jeremy Russell, Paige Griffin, Kelly Wyatt

Not Present: Sam Brown, Ginny Flowers, Shelli Gates

Market Updates

The holiday market went well overall, with one reschedule resulting in approximately ten refunds due to high winds on the day of the event.

The night market had few sales but was a great social event and therefore successful for locals. The committee discussed the desire for more night markets and the possibility of presenting a summer night market proposal to the Board of Commissioners (BOC). Dowdy Park is a potential location for Thursday night markets, but considerations for money and infrastructure are needed. Only one night market was held during the holiday season, but there is interest in having more in the summer, possibly combining them with family fun nights and featuring different vendors for each event.

Holiday Events Update

- The tree lighting ceremony went smoothly, with Santa doing a great job.
- The second year of the holiday decorating contest does not have a lot of participation unfortunately.
- The flashlight candy cane hunt was successful, with younger children participating before dark and older children searching with flashlights under bushes, trees, etc. like the previous year.

2024 Dowdy Park Farmers Market

The committee discussed whether to use an invitation or application process for the Dowdy Farmers Market and how to prioritize vendors, awaiting direction and discussion by Town Staff and Board of Commissioners.

Winter Markets

The winter markets will focus on food only, with at least ten vendors anticipated, including coffee vendors.

Town Hall Art Wall Project

The committee plans to create a sheet/brochure of all paintings on the art wall, providing information for the public to take.

Movie Equipment

The movie equipment has arrived, with plans for spring movies. A painting tarp is currently being used for the screen, but a real one is needed asap. Locations for movies include Dowdy and Barnes Street, however Barnes Street has sand spurs.

Art Mast Project

Kate Lawrence is working on an art panel now; the committee is excited to see her work.

Crosswalk Public Art

The committee discussed how to approach the crosswalk public art project, including timing and community involvement. The plan is to have students work with a professional artist and use slip-resistant adhesive to protect the artwork from fading. A specific school and teacher will be targeted for involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.