

Committee for Art and Culture

January 10, 2024 Notes

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

Not present: Sam Brown, Ginny Flowers

Update on Events

- **Winter Markets:** Paige reported that the upcoming Winter Market on Saturday will feature six vendors. The largest turnout is expected in April. The January vendors were listed, and there is no conflict with Wanchese markets as they operate on different Saturdays. Paige encouraged pre-orders and mentioned that documents for EBT usage have been submitted, awaiting feedback. All attending vendors are familiar with and willing to participate in the EBT program.
- **NC Festivals:** Paige will attend a two-day workshop in Charlotte at the end of January, along with representatives from the Town of Duck.
- **Art Installations:** The horse and bird sculptures are now displayed in the lobby. Kate Lawrence is working on the Art Mast project, focusing on bird or beach scenes, and has received a \$500 stipend.
- **Winter Food Markets:** Molly suggested that an email newsletter could be beneficial to update on attending vendors and available products. The possibility of using an email blast for promoting Roberta and encouraging sign-ups for the Market E-Mail List was discussed.

Discussion Items

- **Summertime Family Fun Night:** Ideas for family fun night were discussed, including potential activities and themes – previous year themes were SPCA, Master Gardeners, and Kids Day! Ideas such as story-telling, surf swap, nonprofit nights, and recycling initiatives. The frequency of family fun nights and the possibility of having vendors during music events were also discussed.
- **Farmers Market:** The committee deliberated on whether the upcoming farmers market should operate on an application or invitation basis, noting that returning vendors are maximizing our spaces.
- **Movie Equipment:** Jeremy reported that he has assembled the equipment and is working on the screen, which will enable movie showings in the spring.
- **Crosswalk Street Art Project:** Molly provided an update, mentioning collaboration with an art teacher from NHES. The project involves designing art for a crosswalk with the help of a more experienced artist and fifth graders. Rob Snyder was suggested as a potential artist mentor.
- **Barnes Street Weaving Project:** The project was briefly mentioned but no details were provided.

Budgetary Asks for 2024-2025

The committee discussed budgetary requests for the upcoming fiscal year, including improvements to the skate park, Whalebone Park, restrooms, and picnic areas. The importance of finalizing the Parks and Recreation Plan before moving forward was emphasized, along with parking considerations at French Door.

Quarterly Meetings with Monthly Updates

It was agreed that the committee would hold quarterly meetings, more frequently when needed, with monthly updates.

Gallery Row

Ideas for memorializing the area were discussed, including planting wildflowers, establishing a little seed garden, and creating an art incubator of sorts.

Artrageous

Ideas for the May 11th Artrageous event were briefly mentioned.

Sponsorship

The committee is awaiting responses to sponsorship letters that were sent out.

Next Meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for March 13th and April 10th.

The Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.