

## **Committee for Art and Culture**

### **October 11, 2023 Notes**

Present: Sam Brown, Kerry Oaksmith Sanders, Peggy Saporito, Molly Vaughan, Kelly Wyatt, Paige Griffin

Not Present: Jeremy Russell, Ginny Flowers

#### **Update on Upcoming Season and Holiday Market Vendor Selection**

- Coastal Carolina Vacations expressed interest in sponsoring yoga again next season.
- Discussion about potentially finding other sponsors for different types of fitness for Friday Fitness.
- Updates on the progress of the art wall at Town Hall.
- Barnes Street Park beside Peak is being considered for enhancements and possibly hosting movies in the future.
- Holiday Market applications open tomorrow at 8 am, with over 90 inquiries received about the application process. Spots are expected to fill up quickly.
- Soundside Event Site will host three markets on Sundays in December.
- Tree lighting with Santa is scheduled for the second Saturday Market on November 25th. Only one Holiday Market will be held in December – December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Winter Markets**

Winter Markets will be held on the second Saturday from 9 am to noon in January, February, March, and April. The markets will focus on food products, with around 20 vendors expected. Paige Griffin is working on enabling EBT for vendors.

#### **Lights Budget**

The budget for holiday lights is \$2,500, with over 70% being allocated to replacing non-working lights and other maintenance needs. We hope to have a new tree built on the front lawn, with Public Services managing the project. Commercial grade lights will be used.

#### **Art Mast Project**

Two art masts are currently being worked on, with plans for two more if possible.

#### **Skate Park Mural**

An update on the Skate Park Mural will be presented to the Board of Commissioner in the March 2024 update. The committee will request budget allocation for this project. Chris Wheeler is noted for his work with graffiti walls and hope to integrate a family friendly painting day/event.

#### **Movie Equipment**

The movie equipment is ready to be purchased. For the time being, the movie screen will be a painting tarp with grommets, and Public Works will help create a screen that can be easily put up and taken down. No movies are expected to be shown this year.

### **Holiday Decorating Contest**

The holiday decorating contest had limited success last year. It will open in mid-November, with judging on December 19th. The committee plans to reorder yard signs and keep the same categories.

### **Candy Cane Hunt**

The Candy Cane Hunt is scheduled for December 14th, with a large response expected. There will be two groups: younger children will go first during daylight, followed by older children with flashlights.

### **Sponsorship Needs**

The committee discussed the need to have sponsorship ideas ready prior to budget discussions. The "Bubble Guy" was mentioned as a potential attraction, costing about \$1,600 for 90 minutes.

### **Other Discussions**

- Kerry Oaksmith Sanders suggested a comedy show.
- A potential location for the crosswalk project is Bonnett & Wrightsville. The first project will be a trial to see what can be accomplished, cannot be NCDOT roadway.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 pm.