

Committee for Art and Culture
February 12, 2025 Meeting Notes

Present: Peggy Saporito, Jeremy Russell, Sam Lock, Paige Griffin, Kelly Wyatt

Staff Updates

Staff provided updates on upcoming programming, ongoing projects, and committee initiatives.

Winter Markets

Staff reported that the Winter Markets are going well and continue to be successful, despite cold and rainy weather conditions. Approximately ten vendors are participating, and public attendance remains strong.

Staff noted that Paige Griffin will be out of the country for approximately three weeks and is expected to return at the end of March. Staff coverage will be arranged during her absence, specifically for the March Winter Market.

Art Mast Project

Staff noted ongoing conversations involving Amy Lynn McCabe and the Raven & Sebi Memorial Wall. Additional artists, including Noah Snyder and Coastal Art by Brent, may be interested in participating. Carolyn Hennessey, a second homeowner in Nags Head, has also expressed possible interest.

Barnes Street Nature Loom Project

Staff reported that Public Services is currently working on the Barnes Street Nature Loom project. The committee discussed planning a community engagement day involving children during Spring Break, tentatively scheduled between April 21 and April 28, to promote the project.

Summer Markets

Staff discussed planning for the upcoming Summer Markets, including outreach to vendors who participated in the previous season. Approximately three vendors are not expected to return. In total, 57 vendors participated last season.

The committee discussed whether to set aside rotating vendor spaces for new participants. It was noted that some farmers are unable to commit to the full season due to crop availability, and flexibility for such vendors align with market goals.

Family Programming

The committee discussed Tuesday Family Fun Nights and the potential to shift programming to Tuesday mornings. Ideas included yoga followed by children's activities such as storytelling, educational programming, and other kid-oriented activities beginning at 10:00 a.m. Sam Lock noted the Junior Leadership Program during this timeframe as well.

Summer Concert Series and Movies

Staff reported that the Summer Concert Series is continuing to take shape, with three remaining performance slots to be filled. The committee discussed seeking a mix of local and non-local performers. Peggy Saporito suggested reviewing artists participating in Dare County Arts First Friday events for potential leads.

Staff also noted plans to host three outdoor movies during the summer months (June, July, and August), with additional movie programming planned for the fall.

Holiday Events

The committee discussed potential ways to revamp the annual Tree Lighting event to increase energy and participation.

Additional Ideas

The committee discussed potential programming opportunities at Whalebone Park and the Dog Park, including a possible "Yappy Hour" style event.

Staff noted there is currently an open board seat on the Committee for Art and Culture.

Next Meeting

The next Committee for Art and Culture meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.