

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2018, 10:30am

Nags Head Town Hall, Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Peggy Saporito, Leslie Erickson, Kerry Sanders, Deputy Town Manager Andy Garman and Deputy Planning Director Kelly Wyatt, Event Coordinator Paige Griffin.

Public Present: None.

Deputy Planning Director Kelly Wyatt opened the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance.

Committee members began the meeting with discussion of a “Back to School” movie night at Dowdy Park. The movie selected was “Coco” and would be shown Friday, August 31st from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Event Coordinator, Paige Griffin updated that committee on discussions with potential vendors. She noted that it was a busy time for many and that while no vendors had committed to date she felt like she would reach out to some organizations to have popcorn, water, juice, etc. available. The committee noted that it could be advertised that people in attendance were welcome to bring their own snacks, etc.

Staff updated the committee on the upcoming events scheduled: Mamas Black Sheep concert on Thursday, September 13th and children’s band, Nature Out Loud on September 28th from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Paige Griffin noted that the poster had been created and would anticipate using the same vendors for the children’s concert as the children’s movie.

The committee briefly discussed the upcoming Farmers Markets. Paige Griffin updated the committee that the Roanoke Island Aquarium would be present at the September Farmers Market with a touch tank of sea life and would have reptiles available during the October Farmers Market as an Educational opportunity. Paige informed the committee that ideally, next season the committee could create an annual calendar where events could be scheduled in advance with some consistency in days, such as having something scheduled every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday around the Farmers Market. Paige also discussed having a formalized educational opportunity available during next year’s market season such as pickling, canning, seed propagation, etc. Paige informed the committee that she had found some information on a potential 4-H grant through the Dare County Cooperative Extension. Paige also noted that due to NHES being in session that the September and October farmers markets would likely need to end at 1:00pm instead of 2:00pm in order to not congestion with school letting out and NHES buses queuing up. The committee was in agreement that this would be best.

Staff provided committee members with the draft language to be provided on the informational plaque for the Art Mast Project. The mast painted by Kerry Sanders titled “Saving Lives” would be erected at

Bonnett Street Bath house shortly. Kerry Sanders offered a few edits to the informational language and other member were encouraged to provide any feedback as soon as possible in order to have the plaque created.

Committee member, Peggy Saporito noted that she felt some permanent onsite signage would be very beneficial to advertise upcoming events at Dowdy Park. Committee members also discussed the possibility of reaching out to the Catherine and Don Bryan Cultural Series to see if they would be interested in holding any events at Dowdy Park. Leslie Erickson noted that she would attempt to reach out and gain more information on the organization and convey the committee's interest.

With no additional items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:30am.