

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018, 10:30am

Nags Head Town Hall, Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Peggy Saporito, Leslie Erickson, Kerry Sanders, Ginny Flowers, Sam Brown, 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.

Event Coordinator Paige Griffin began the meeting by thanking the committee for the support and commitment to the 2018 season of the Dowdy Park Farmers Market. The October market was unfortunately unable to be rescheduled but the sense from all of the vendors is that it was a success and everyone was interested in participating again in 2019. Paige and staff briefly discussed potential next steps to consider in terms of the Farmers Market to include the number of days, months in which it would be offered and the time it would be held. One suggestion made for consideration was to concentrate the number of markets around the primary produce production times so that farmers could attend the market with consistency on a weekly basis. The committee discussed both pro's and con's of this and several options. Paige Griffin noted that she had compiled a survey to be distributed to the vendors to seek guidance on what they thought went well, what needed improvement and what they would be most comfortable with in terms of the upcoming season. Paige noted that she was working on the survey and would have it formatted into an online survey program such as Survey Monkey for more discussion at the November meeting.

It was the consensus of the committee that it would be best to try to create a calendar of events for the 2019 season. Staff asked that members begin to think about what they would like to see, potential opportunities, etc. and that we could discuss them further at the upcoming meeting. The request for funding would depend heavily on what the committee envisioned for the 2019 season.

Staff informed the committee that Kerry Sander's art mast "Saving Lives" had been hung at the Bonnett Street Bath house, and while it was taken down due to weather, they should take a look at it when they can. With this, the committee began to discuss the logistics of the art mast program on a larger scale and how would these masts be cared for in the event of future storms. Would the Town or the property owner be responsible for removing them or ensuring they are kept safe? It was determined that more thought should be put into carrying out the Art Mast Project in terms of long term care and maintenance, especially during inclement weather.

With no additional items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:15am.