

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2018, 10:30am

Nags Head Town Hall, Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Peggy Saporito, Ginny Flowers, Lauren Evans, Leslie Erickson, Kerry Oaksmith, Ben Cahoon, Deputy Town Manager Andy Garman and Deputy Planning Director Kelly Wyatt.

Public Present: Chris Sawin on behalf of the Dare County Arts Council.

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

Planning staff informed the committee that the Board of Commissioners would like an update from committee members at their upcoming March 7, 2018 meeting. Projects and initiatives such as the Art Mast Project, the proposed Farmers Market and the selection of the gateway/entry feature could be presented. Lauren Evans stated that she would not be in Town and unfortunately would be unable to attend. It was decided among the committee members that they would work with staff on a presentation.

Chris Sawin was in attendance to propose that the Town and the Art and Culture Committee partner with and collaborate with the Dare County Arts Council for the Artrageous Event, Saturday May 12, 2018. Requesting grant funding from the Dare County Tourism Bureau to help purchase items such as tents, tables and chairs was discussed. These items could be used during Artrageous and held by the Town for use at other events, ideally the Farmers Market. The limitations of the grant request were explained to the committee, noting that it was available for off-season events only. Chris asked the committee to consider the long-term envisioned for the peek-a-boo wall: to keep as it is, have Carolina Coto paint something different, or allow opportunities for different artists to paint it? The committee consensus was to allow different artists to paint the wall intermittently, not letting the artistic display become stale. It was recommended that the Dare County Arts Council provide 3 potential artists for the committee to consider, preferably Nags Head artists. Chris agreed to do so.

Deputy Town Manager Andy Garman updated the committee on the Dowdy Park Phase II and III improvements which would likely be starting in July, 2018. He also noted that funding would be found within the current budget to allow Mark Kasten to begin constructing the gateway/entry structure. The committee noted that dedication of this piece would be an opportunity to hold a community event at the park.

Staff discussed with the committee potential dates for the Farmers Market in relation to having the most number days fall within the off-season requirements for the grant approval. It was the consensus of the committee to hold the market on the second Thursday of each month, June thru October and that

we would have a tent at Artrageous in May highlighting the upcoming Farmers Market. The time of the Market was decided to be from 9am to 2pm. Lauren informed that committee that she had spoken with several interested vendors, including those at the Sea-Spoon Shop Local event last November. The committee expressed a need to begin crafting the market rules/guidelines for participation, staff noted that they would begin doing so.

Leslie Erickson brought to the committee's attention that Children at Play was no longer offering movies on the sound and that she thought their equipment was for sale. The committee discussed possibly pursuing acquiring the equipment and offering movies at Dowdy Park.

The committee briefly discussed other opportunities for the season at Dowdy Park including music, movies, yoga and fitness classes. Kerry Oaksmith stated that she would be happy organize the yoga classes again this season if so desired.

Lauren Evans inquired about the number and location of lifeguard stands within the Town noting that she had an idea about painting them in an artistic way to help beachgoers see the stands and equate them with a place to seek information or help if needed. The committee was interested in pursuing this, it would certainly make the Town of Nags Head stand out more than other Towns and offer a new artistic opportunity within the Town.

With no additional items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.