

## **Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 19, 2018, 10:30am**

**Nags Head Town Hall, Conference Room**

Committee Members Present: Peggy Saporito, Leslie Erickson, Kerry Oaksmith, Deputy Town Manager Andy Garman and Deputy Planning Director Kelly Wyatt.

Public Present: None.

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

Staff and committee members briefly talked about the March 14<sup>th</sup> presentation to the Board of Commissioners, noting how well each member did and the positive response and feedback from the Board. Deputy Town Manager Andy Garman reviewed the available budget, the proposed budget and grant request from Dare County Tourism Board with regard to the present allocation of money for committee projects.

Staff provided a draft Job Description for the Market Manager/Event Coordinator position to the committee for their review. Noting that the job description should be posted quickly, each committee member committed to reviewing it and providing comments or feedback in a timely manner. Staff noted that they would be working on preparing market rules and would hopefully have those to the committee for their review soon. Kerry offered to have Molly Vaughan with the Durham Farmers Market review the job description and market rules for insight and recommendations. The committee agreed that for the market manager position more emphasis should be placed on event management and how to successfully run an event than knowledge of art per se.

Staff briefly updated the committee on outreach to vendors noting that thus far no “producers” had confirmed participation. Peggy Saporito suggested contacting Tarheel II and Weeping Radish to see if they would be interested in participating. Placing an emphasis on and giving priority to Nags Head business was reiterated but also noted that at some point we may need to branch out if we do not receive a response.

The committee inquired about the appointment of a new member to fill the vacant seat. Staff explained that the Board would likely be making that appointment at their May 2018 meeting and if they knew of anyone who would be interested to have them complete the application and file it with the Town. Janet Mogensen, Didi Tupper and Karen Brown were mentioned as potential interested citizens. Committee members stated that they would reach out to each individually.

The committee briefly discussed the status of the Art Mast Project. Munroe Bell, Marcia Cline, Red Dawn, Rob Snyder and Glen Eure all are interested, information had been dropped off with John Silver

however he had not committed to participating. Peggy Saporito noted that Rob Snyder had experience with top coat options that he could share with the artists working on the masts.

Leslie Erickson reported out that Children at Play was no longer pursuing Movies on the Sound and that she would continue to get some information on the equipment to see if it would be something to consider at Dowdy Park. Leslie also noted that she would touch base with the Browns who were inquiring about installing a little library at Dowdy Park.

Kerry Oaksmith inquired about organizing yoga classes at Dowdy Park again this season. Andy Garman noted that Village Realty was interested in sponsoring the classes and Kerry could organize the instructors. Kerry also asked about having a fitness class (Travelling YMCA) on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>? Staff confirmed that the park was being occupied on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for an Earth Day Event but that Saturday was open.

Kelly briefly updated the committee on dates that the band "Mama's Black Sheep" could play at Dowdy Park should the committee be interested.

With no additional items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:45am.