

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2018, 10:30am

Nags Head Town Hall, Conference Room

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

Public Present: None.

Deputy Planning Director Kelly Wyatt opened the meeting, thanked everyone in attendance and introduced the recently hired Event Coordinator, Paige Griffin. Paige thanked the committee and expressed how excited she was to work with the committee on upcoming events.

Staff explained to the committee how they anticipated approaching the selection process for the 2018 Farmers Market. A flip chart was brought in and every vendor who had applied was written down. Each committee member was provided a marker and they were asked to place a check mark beside their top 25 vendors that they would like to participate in the market. With five voting members present, staff noted that any vendor who received five or four check marks would automatically become a vendor. Likewise, any vendor who received no check-marks would be taken out of consideration. At that point, all of the other vendors would be discussed and a selection would then be made.

Prior to each committee member making their selections there were a handful of vendors that little to no information was readily available for. Event Coordinator Paige Griffin had contacted them and received some photos and information to share. After hearing from Paige, the committee made their selections of their top 25 vendors. When completed, twenty vendors had received 5 check marks and three vendors had received 4 check marks. Several vendors had received 2 and 3 check marks so the committee discussed each vendor in depth keeping in mind the requirement in the market rules that priority would be given to those vendors creating items that were handmade/homemade. Having difficulty in making the final selections, Paige Griffin noted that she would be comfortable with increasing the number of vendors selected from 25 to 30. With that, the committee made their final selections and noted that if any additional applications came in after the deadline that were for produce or other consumables routinely found at Farmers Markets that they would be inclined to accept them so long as the Event Coordinator felt comfortable managing the increased number of vendors. The following vendors were selected for the 2018 Dowdy Park Farmers Market: Austin Fish Company, The Vegetable Bin, Slim Pickins Produce, Babin Apiary, Hatteras Saltworks, The Flower Field, Sweater Box Confections, Cape Hatteras Coffee, Carolina Coto Art & Designs, Swell Ceramics, Opus Stone, Borders Beach Shop, Henderson Handwoven, Making Waves Studio, This Little Cottage Crafters, WANA World Market, OBX Floor Cloths, Chilli Peppers, Raggamuffin OBX, Amy's Candles, Hollow Daze Surf Shop, Nags

Head Apothecary, Ramblin Root Kombucha, Wild Sage & Moon Tide, Denise Turner Jewelry, DV Designs, Erin Nicole Jewelry, Jewelry by Cammie Hall, Maritoka Jewelry and Rose Rast Studio. (Note: since this meeting several of the selected vendors have been unable to participate and the committee has replaced them as necessary).

Following the vendor selection, Paige Griffin updated the committee on a few items that had been under consideration and requested their input and guidance. Paige updated the committee on the status of the Town potentially purchasing the outdoor movie equipment for sale by Children at Play. Paige discussed some pros and cons of purchasing this equipment: no warranty, lack of availability of local service (Richmond, VA the closest for repair), unsure on life of bulbs and expense of bulbs, etc. Paige noted that she would obtain information on the equipment being offered versus renting the equipment on an as needed basis. It was the consensus of the committee to pursue offering movies at Dowdy Park and to consider reaching out to the community for sponsorships or to possibly seek a grant from Trillium given that this would be the only fully handicap accessible outdoor movie venue in Dare County. Leslie Erickson noted that she would provide Paige with the information from Robin at Children at Play to continue the conversation and determine next steps.

Paige Griffin briefly updated on the committee on a few other items she was seeking direction on such as offering Family Yoga at Dowdy Park, having a Dynamic Flow fitness classes as well as some other music opportunities. The committee noted that they would like to pursue these opportunities so long as they remained within the existing budget. Staff noted that this conversation would be ongoing and the availability of funds was evolving due to the dynamics of the Farmers Market currently.

With no additional items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.