

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019, 10:30 am

Nags Head Town Hall, Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Peggy Saporito, Lauren Evans, Leslie Erickson, Samantha Brown, Ginny Flowers, Planning Director Michael Zehner, Deputy Planning Director Kelly Wyatt and Event Coordinator Paige Griffin.

Public Present: No members of the public present.

Minutes from the January 23rd, February 18th and March 18th, 2019 meetings were adopted by consensus.

Planning Staff and Event Coordinator, Paige Griffin opened the meeting and discussed the vendor selection process for the upcoming Farmers Market Season. It was noted that a handful of vendors from the 2018 Season would not be able to participate for various reasons this year, those include the Kombucha vendor, Nags Head Apothecary, Amy's Candles, Wild Sage & Moon Tide and Hatteras Saltworks. Staff noted that addition of several new farmers to the 2019 Market who had already been accepted into the market and would not be part of the selection process. Paige noted that she felt she could properly manage up to 50 vendors in total. Given the number of new applications the committee could consider accepting every applicant unless there was a concern with the quality of the product of itself. The committee discussed a few of the artists and Paige noted that anywhere there were duplicate vendors in a specific category (ie: textiles, microgreens) she had reached out to the 2018 vendor to ensure they were comfortable with the additional vendor. The committee agreed that the greatest compliments from the 2018 season were that that market was a great atmosphere, all the vendors were supporting and complimentary of others and we should strive to maintain that. The committee agreed that they did not want to accept any vendors who would bring negativity or difficulty to the market. Event Coordinator, Paige Griffin noted that she felt confident she could manage those who had applied and if any concerns arose she would address it quickly and properly. The committee voted to accept all of the applications for the 2019 market and requested Paige work proactively with some of the vendors and manage the "drop-in's" consistently. In total, this would bring the Dowdy Park 2019 Farmers Market to 48 vendors.

Paige updated the committee on social media efforts including participating in Outer Banks This Week (OBTW) and focusing on Facebook, Instagram and other free social media avenues such as radio PSA's and articles from local papers: Outer Banks Voice, Sentinel, etc.

The committee finalized information on fitness programs being offered with Yoga on Tuesdays and Tai Chi on Wednesdays, both beginning at 7:30am for consistency. The committee discussed having live music at Dowdy Park throughout July and August on each Wednesday, Paige noted that she had been in contact with several bands and was working on a line up. The committee decided that movies may be best August, September due to the timing of dusk.

The committee discussed the upcoming Artrageous event at Dowdy Park and the activity that the Town and Art and Culture Committee would be providing, Potato Stamping. Kerry Sanders noted that she had plenty of acrylic paint from the previous Artrageous event and would provide that for the potato stamping. Paige noted that she would be gathering cookie cutters to create the stamps in advance. Staff ask that the committee members consider volunteering their time on this day as Paige would be unable to attend. Peggy Saporito committed to attending and helping as needed.

Staff provided an update on the Art Mast Project and requesting approval from the committee to see if James Melvin would be interested in painting a panel in honor of Glenn Eure. The committee felt that would be a great way to honor him. Peggy Saporito inquired about asking Rob Snyder to participate and Lauren Evans noted that Taylor Williams had also expressed interest.

The next Art and Culture Committee meeting was set for May 20, 2019.

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