

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2019, 10:30 am

Nags Head Town Hall, Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Peggy Saporito, Lauren Evans, Leslie Erickson, Deputy Town Manager Andy Garman and Event Coordinator Paige Griffin

Public Present: Chris Sawin, Dare County Arts Council

Event Coordinator, Paige Griffin opened the meeting, thanked everyone in attendance and began the discussion by recapping and clarifying the decisions regarding the Farmers Market made at the January committee meeting. All of the committee members concurred that there would be ten markets total: the 2nd and 4th Thursday in June, July, August and September, one market on May 23rd and a Fall Festival on October 10th, 2019.

Understanding that the activities and events proposed will require Nags Head Board of Commissioner approval and funding it was the desire of the committee to have the following throughout the season:

Tuesday mornings – exercise class, Village yoga

Wednesday morning – exercise class (dynamic flow, tai chi, etc.)

Wednesday evening – music or movie

Thursday – Farmers Market

Event Coordinator, Paige Griffin inquired about placing this information on social media, it was decided to wait until after the Art and Culture Committee updated the Nags Head Board of Commissioners at their March 6, 2019 meeting. The committee felt that any vendors from the previous season could be made aware of the pending dates, but we would not yet begin soliciting new vendors.

Deputy Town Manager, Andy Garman asked the committee to consider volunteering their time to attend the March 6, 2019 Commissioners meeting to update them on the actions of the committee and the desire for the upcoming season.

Mr. Garman inquired about the art mast project and how the committee would like to proceed. Discussions had previously been halted when the ongoing maintenance of the masts were brought into question, specifically the role of the Town of removing these masts during inclement weather events. The committee discussed only displaying the masts during the summer season and having them removed prior to hurricane season. Staff noted that they would determine how much money is left in the budget for this project and continue the discussion from there.

Chris Sawin with Dare County Arts Council was in attendance and wanted to discuss two items with the committee.

The first, upcoming Artrageous Event to be held at Dowdy Park on May 11th. Chris noted that this is the 30th year of Artrageous and the theme is Multi-cultural, Diversity, etc. Chris noted that if the Town's Art and Culture Committee wished to have a booth at the event they would need to offer an activity. He noted that the "peek-a-boo wall" at Dowdy Park will be re-painted this year with volunteers manning the station so that the participants follow the guidelines.

The second item Chris introduced was an organization within the Children and Youth Partnership called Sea Change. Sea Change has applied and made the first cut for the Zee Reynolds Grant. The grant is a project related to social justice and Sea Change is wanting to create a mural called "Island Called Home". The organization is looking for places for the mural should they be awarded the grant and was considering Dowdy Park as one of the potential sites for the mural.

The committee thanked Chris for his attendance and noted that the committee would like to have a presence at Artrageous and provide an activity.

With no additional items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.