

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2020, 2:45pm

Nags Head Town Hall, Conference Room

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

Public Present: No members of the public present.

Planning staff provided the committee with a brief recap of the 2019 Season and asked that each member review their schedules in that the committee will need to provide a presentation to the Board of Commissioners at their March 2020 meeting. Staff will create a power point presentation with some statistics from the 2019 Season and ideas to move forward during the 2020 Season.

Committee members discussed generally some ideas for the upcoming 2020 Season. Staff noted that creating an event calendar as early as possible would be helpful. The committee discussed several ideas including partnering with the Town to have additional activities for the Easter Egg Hunt, to have a St. Patrick's Day event and to possibly do a "trunk or treat" for Halloween at Dowdy Park. The committee holding a Fall Festival and having a Holiday Event as well. The committee discussed ideas such as holiday lights throughout the park, a walking tour of decorations and the possibility of providing an ice-skating rink during the holiday season. The committee members and Event Coordinator Paige Griffin would need to do more research on this and would anticipate providing more information in future months.

Lauren Evans and Leslie Erickson expressed a desire to continue working towards some type of music and/or movie festival. Lauren Evans noted that middle schools usually have a digital class/TV production class and that these students are looking for opportunities to show their films. It was noted that something like this would be best held in the off-season and possibly there would be grant money available for the purchase of movie equipment. Leslie Erickson said that she has an interest in creating a community orchestra for people of all ages throughout the community and having an outlet to play would a wonderful opportunity. The committee noted that having showings of paintings, photography, etc. would be a great way to bring community together and share each other's talents.

Leslie Erickson noted that the improvements to Barnes Street looked wonderful and that it was a great area. The committee discussed the need to brainstorm potential art and culture opportunities for the Barnes Street Park as well.

Staff noted that Event Coordinator Paige Griffin had been pulling some ideas together about a "Bark in the Park" event at the Dog Park off of Satterfield Landing Road and other opportunities to engage the community in this park as well as other ideas for Whalebone Park.

Staff gave a brief update on the upcoming Farmers Market Season noting that Paige Griffin has received many new inquiries about vending so, the selection process for vendors was going to be quite cumbersome.

Kelly Wyatt informed that committee that the Outer Banks Women's Club had approached the Town to see if they could install and oversee a "Little Free Library" at Dowdy Park in the near future. The committee was in full agreement that this would be a wonderful addition to the park and fully supported the Women's Club vision.

With no additional items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.