

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021, 12noon - 1pm

Meeting held Remotely using ZOOM Meeting Platform

Committee Members Present: Peggy Saporito, Ginny Flowers, Samantha Brown, Kerry Oaksmith-Sanders, Bettye White, Deputy Planning Director Kelly Wyatt and Event Coordinator Paige Griffin.

Public Present: None present.

Staff opened the meeting and thanked everyone for being willing to participate remotely in this meeting. New committee member Bettye White introduced herself to the other members, all are thankful that she has joined and excited about what she will bring to the conversation.

Event Coordinator, Paige Griffin kicked off the meeting updating the committee on feedback she had received regarding the Holiday Markets. She noted that she had received an overwhelming number of positive comments from vendors and guests alike, all were appreciative of the opportunity and said that the lighting of the park and atmosphere of the markets really helped boost holiday spirits. It seems that everyone who attended was hopeful that it would be continued into future years, especially at least one night market.

Committee members discussed the lighting of the park, staff noted that we would like to continue to build on the display each year as the budget allows, and requested members begin to think about what they would like to see in terms of new decorations. Peggy Saporito asked if the committee could receive an update on the budget and the financials for the committee thus far and moving forward.

Staff briefly updated that committee that we are still trying to identify potential locations for the original dibond art panels to be displayed.

Event Coordinator, Paige Griffin and the committee had a short discussion on the upcoming Farmers Market Season, noting that ideally the market would occur weekly this year, May through September/October and the need for increased market fees.

Staff informed the committee that Village Realty, specifically Bob Oakes, had graciously asked if the Committee for Art and Culture would be interested in accepting a donation of a Don Bryan self-portrait to be displayed within Town Hall. The committee was incredibly excited and grateful for this opportunity and discussed the many roles of Don Bryan and how he shaped the Outer Banks and the Town of Nags Head. The committee noted that Mr. Bob Muller runs the Don and Katherine Bryan Cultural Series and that perhaps we could consider doing something jointly, a ceremony when we display it. The committee was in full agreement that it was a special gesture and honor to have this painting.

Staff asked the committee to consider nominating a Chair and Vice Chair for the purpose of representing the committee in numerous ways. The committee unanimously nominated and voted for Peggy Saporito to serve as Chair of the Committee for Art and Culture. It was determined that nominations for Vice Chair could occur in a later meeting.

In closing, the committee requested that staff be prepared to discuss the financials for the committee at the next meeting on February 10, 2021.

With no additional items for discussion the meeting adjourned at 1:00pm