

## **Nags Head Committee for Art and Culture Meeting**

**June 19, 2017 Minutes**

### **Nags Head Town Hall; Conference Room**

Committee Members Present: Peggy Saporito, Ben Cahoon, Ginny Flowers, Lauren Evans, Deputy Town Manager Andy Garman and Deputy Planning Director Kelly Wyatt.

Public Present: Mike Kelly and Julian Kelly on behalf of the Kelly Family Foundation.

Deputy Town Manager Andy Garman opened the meeting and thanked those in attendance.

Mr. Mike Kelly and Julian Kelly were in attendance to discuss with the committee members a potential opportunity to apply for Public Art funding through the Kelly Family Foundation and The Don and Catharine Bryan Cultural Series. Mr. Kelly noted that there is the potential for a \$10,000 commitment between the two organizations and encouraged the Nags Head Art and Culture Committee to pursue applying for the grant money with regard to the upcoming selection of a entry feature at Dowdy Park. Mr. Kelly noted that there are few restrictions placed upon the art selection and that the foundation has only slight involvement but they would like to receive updates on the art piece selection and would have minor stipulations on the maintenance of the art piece and request for signage/acknowledgement of the foundation(s). Mr. Kelly noted that ultimate goal of the Kelly Family Foundation public art initiative is grow public art throughout the County. The Committee expressed gratitude and appreciation for Mike and Julian's attendance and a desire to move forward with applying for the grant opportunity for the Dowdy Park entrance feature. Mike and Julian thanked the committee and excused themselves from the remainder of the meeting.

The committee proceeded to discuss the four artist qualification submittals: Judd Snapp, Alison Carlucci, Mark Kasten and Michael Davis. After some discussion, including information submitted regarding previous design work, with emphasis on appropriateness of technique, style and methods for the Dowdy Park installation, the committee agreed to select two artists for further consideration – Mark Kasten and Michael Davis. The committee requested that these two artists be invited to interview at the next scheduled meeting with a decision following that meeting.

The committee discussed an opportunity for an upcoming free concert at Dowdy Park with the band, Blurky's Quirky Friends. The band is interested in recording an album at the park, staff agreed to coordinate this with Ravann Rochelle.

The committee discussed opportunities to promote the park and build interest in the community. One idea was to do an Instagram photo-op sign at Dowdy Park with the Art is the Heart Logo from the Dowdy Grand Opening. A cut-out for a person's face would be placed inside the heart and individuals could hashtag Dowdypark and/or nagshead to post pictures. Staff agreed to investigate this idea for further consideration.

Chris Sawin with the Dare County Arts Council was scheduled to attend to discuss another Artrageous festival for the Spring of 2018. Chris could not attend however several committee members passed along information regarding the proposals. The committee strongly supports this idea and requested that the Arts Council proceed with an application to the Town for a Crowd Gathering permit to conduct this activity. Future coordination with the committee is expected to plan this event.

The committee discussed an idea forwarded by the Outer Banks YMCA to paint a mural on side of the skate park. The committee generally supports this idea however they would need a more specific proposal for this to be further considered. They did offer providing the requesting party the information for Carolina Coto as she is the artist who orchestrated painting the peek-a-boo wall at Dowdy Park.

Wrapping up the meeting the committee agreed to send any questions they may have for the two selected artists to Kelly Wyatt to prepare a comprehensive list prior to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44am.