

**Dowdy Park Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Nags Head Town Hall

**Committee Members Present:** Susie Walters, Kelly Wyatt, Ben Cahoon, Kerry Sanders, Dave Elder, Cliff Ogburn

**Guest attending:** Phillip Ruckles

**Update on the RFP Process:** Kelly Wyatt informed the committee that the RFP went out on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The RFP included the request for previous parks designed, coastal area recreation experience, LID, and green products. The Deadline for submission is Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at which time proposals will be reviewed and a firm selected for design assistance.

**Geocaching:** Phillip Ruckles explained geocaching. Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. It is a family-friendly game with points and credits. Credits are received for attending an event. He has already placed some geocaches in Nags Head. He would like to do the same for Dowdy Park while also soliciting some assistance with clean-up and perhaps painting the side of the building. Cliff and Phillip will coordinate a date and time for the geocache event. AUG 9

**Community Day – Clean-up Day:** A great discussion was had reviewing info from Teresa Kerber who was not able to attend the meeting. The decision was made to hold a combined event on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

9:00 a.m. 'til noon – clean-up site

1:00 p.m. 'til 3:00 p.m. – Cookout and community event

This is designed to solicit community input on the site with the hope of having the consulting firm on site to receive input via a questions table and perhaps a booth if the Nags Head Fall Festival occurs on the same date. We are hoping to incorporate childrens' activities via art work for park on cedar shakes. Keri Sanders will talk with Marcia Cline about painting on the side of the building. Additional details will be forthcoming at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45. The next meeting of the Dowdy Park Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Nags Head Town Hall.