

Nags Head Committee for Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2019, 10:30 am

Nags Head Town Hall, Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Peggy Saporito, Leslie Erickson, Planning Director Michael Zehner, Deputy Planning Director Kelly Wyatt and Event Coordinator Paige Griffin, Deputy Town Manager Andy Garman.

Public Present: No members of the public present.

Minutes from the April 22nd and May 20th meeting were provided but quorum was not present for adoption. Will adopt at next scheduled meeting.

Planning staff opened the meeting and thanked Peggy Saporito and Leslie Erickson for attending. Event Coordinator Paige Griffin provided a brief update on Dowdy Park activities noting that yoga, tai chi and the Wednesday evening concerts had been well received. She stated that Tuesday morning Yoga is drawing approximately 30 people each week and that tai chi is averaging 10 people. She noted that while the band Full Spectrum had to cancel their performance, the band that took their place, Uphill, was very well received. Paige noted that thus far the weather had cooperated with the concert series but with the high temperatures the shaded areas under the pergola were at a premium but that the adults and kids alike attending the concerts and it was very community oriented. Paige provided an update on the Farmers Market noting that on average 500+ people are attending each market with visitors from PA, NY, NJ, OH, AZ and MI. The vendors are pleased and complimentary of the market and that allowing “drop-in” vendors has proven very successful. Paige noted that we are partnering with many organizations during the market such as providing A1C screenings, SPCA adoptions and educational opportunities with the Roanoke Island Aquarium and Trillium.

Kelly Wyatt updated the committee on the status of the art mast project noting that James Melvin is in receipt of the dibond panel and Taylor Williams has agreed to do a panel as well. Staff has reached out to Rob Snyder but as of the meeting had not received a response.

Michael Zehner, Planning Director provided a brief update on the recent meeting with SAGA Construction and various community organizations on the potential of converting His Dream Center into a performing arts center noting COA’s interest in a satellite space for many course offerings.

Andy Garman, Deputy Town Manager discussed with the committee the potential of an Art Fair and asked the committee give consideration to this as well as other activities or initiatives throughout the Town, not necessarily at Dowdy Park. Andy also updated the committee on the Phase III development of Dowdy Park to include construction of additional sidewalk along the west side, some low-level solar bollard lighting and an elevated deck that was originally eliminated from the Phase I improvements.

The next Art and Culture Committee meeting was set for Monday, August 19, 2019.

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