



City Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

- a. Chair Walter Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- b. Attendance

Present: Walter Lewandoski, Chair
 Andrea Adams, Commissioner
 April Dews, Commissioner
 Tiffany Howe, Commissioner
 Julie Norton, Commissioner
 Cheryl Thibeault, City Council Liaison

Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to accept the October 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation

- a. Resident and artist, Nigel Wynter, came to introduce himself to the Commission and observe.

4. Superintendent's Report

- a. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the Financials; discussion followed.
- b. Superintendent Medeiros provided updates on both personnel and the theater; discussion followed.
- c. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed Project Updates; discussion followed.

5. Chairman's Report

- a. Chair Lewandoski attended the CT Office of the Arts Hero Nomination meeting.
- b. Chair Lewandoski is researching potential state fundraising and grant opportunities.
- c. Chair Lewandoski suggested the Commission join the Bristol Bizarre.
- d. Chair Lewandoski shared a mural recently done at South Side Elementary and expressed interest on behalf of the artist to perform future mural opportunities.

6. Old Business

- a. Chair Lewandoski discussed the Heart Sculpture Proposal from Charles Hudson and provided a draft cost analysis, discussion followed. Potential locations for the sculpture will be tabled for the December meeting.
- b. By Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Dews inquired about the Art Teacher vacancy which Superintendent Medeiros informed has been filled.
 - ii. Commissioner Norton inquired about the Commissioner vacancies.

7. New Business

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to nominate Commissioner April Dews as Vice Chair of the City Arts & Culture Commission.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to vote Commissioner April Dews as Vice Chair of the City Arts & Culture Commission.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor with the exception of Commissioner Dews who abstained from the vote; motion carried.
- b. Discussion was had on the 2023 Meeting Schedule.
- c. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to appoint Vice Chair Dews administrative roles, responsibilities, and permissions to City Arts & Culture Commission social media accounts.
Seconded by: Chair Lewandoski, all in favor; motion carried.
- d. By Commissioners: None.

8. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: City Council Liaison Thibeault informed the Commission that Public Works is contemplating ways to preserve the mural at the former dog kennel pound as possible renovations to the site are being discussed.

9. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Lewandoski to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
City Arts & Culture Commission