



City Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday, December 7, 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 6:34 p.m.
- b. Attendance

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

Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to accept the November 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation: None.

4. Superintendent's Report

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

5. Chairman's Report

- a. Chair Lewandoski's discussed details pertaining to Old Business Item 6a.
- b. Chair Lewandoski discussed the National Art Education Association (NAEA) mission and resources.

6. Old Business

- a. Proposals on site locations for the Heart Sculpture tabled for the January meeting.
- b. Discussion on timeline and fundraising for Heart Sculpture Project tabled for the February meeting.
- c. By Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Norton informed the commission that the owner of Family Roots is interested in being a potential mural location for future projects. Commissioner Norton also inquired about the potential Cultural District Day. Discussion followed.
 - ii. Vice Chair Dews inquired about renovation updates on the former dog pound; discussion followed.

7. New Business

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Vice Chair Dews to approve the 2023 Meeting Calendar.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to add the Conflict-of-Interest form for Commissioners.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to relinquish the Duck Race to the Forestville Village Association with the caveat of being a ticket sales partner.
Seconded by: Vice Chair Dews, all in favor; motion carried.
- c. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to approve the FY 23-24 Budget Request of \$15k.
Seconded by: Vice Chair Dews, all in favor; motion carried.
- d. The Commission discussed the opportunity of an Urban Garden Mural as proposed by Joyce Ptak, discussion followed confirming interest.
- e. By Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Adams relayed inquiry for a potter/sculptor on behalf of BAIMS for their upcoming event. Discussion followed.
 - ii. Vice Chair Dews requested access to the City Arts & Culture Commission Instagram account. Vice Chair Dews also inquired on the damage done to the Bilingual Library in Bracket Park, discussion followed and in the interim the library will be taken down until renovations to Rt. 72 have completed.

8. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: City Council Liaison Thibeault provided updates on the Veterans Memorial Boulevard Bridge, with a tentative completion of Memorial Day.

9. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Vice Chair Dews to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Wynter, all in favor; motion carried.

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