



City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission

INFORMATION TO ACCESS MEETING

<https://bristolct-gov.zoom.us/j/83837598503?pwd=7mmPQw4bSobMwVv0x40Niq9zNhCcgm.1>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Meeting Room 1-3 in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Attendance

Members Present:

Chair Walter Lewandowski
Vice Chair Andrea Adams
Commissioner Julie Carensa-Crist
Commissioner Juliet Norton
Commissioner Nigel Wynter
Commissioner E.Brad Yancy
City Council Liaison Greg Hahn
Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault

Absent:

Commissioner Maria Salice

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes - April 01, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Wynter to approve the April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Vice Chair Adams; all in favor; motion approved.

3. Public Participation

Victoria Biondi, Treasurer for the New England Carousel Museum's Museum Board, stated the Museum Board was interested in collaborating with the City Arts and Culture Commission and the New England Carousel Museum for future upcoming events. Ms. Biondi extended the invitation for members of the City Arts and Culture Commission to attend a Museum Board meeting and if any members were interest in attending the ACE Awards. Discussion followed.

4. Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Therriault provided the commission with updates on current ticket sales, and upcoming shows for Downtown Live at the Rockwell Theater. Discussion followed.

b. Project Spreadsheet

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Project Spreadsheet. Nothing new to report.

c. Year to Date Financials

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Year to Date Financials. Supervisory Therriault updated the commission on the previously approved expenditures. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to Move the City Council Liaison Report up on the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Carensa-Crist; all in favor; motion carried.

a. City Council Liaison Report

City Council Liaison Greg Hahn presented the City Council Liaison Report. City Council Liaison Hahn presented updates on the city-wide Jazz Band Concert's success, and the frames for the City Hall Student Artwork. Discussion followed.

5. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

6. Old Business

a. Approve Exact Location for the Sculpture on Federal Hill

Chair Walter Lewandoski presented the location options for the Heart Sculpture on Federal Hill. Chair Lewandoski presented three (3) options to the board for discussion. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Wynter to Approve Option One (1) for the placement of the Heart Sculpture on Federal Hill.

Seconded by Commissioner Yancy; all in favor; motion carried.

b. City Hall Student Art Update

Chair Lewandoski presented the City Hall Student Art Update. Chair Lewandoski offered to purchase the frames for the project and submit the receipt to the Comptroller's Office. Discussion followed.

c. Cultural District Map Printing Update

Chair Lewandoski presented the Cultural District Map Printing Update. The commission discussed printing some copies of the map before reaching out to local businesses to see if they would be interested in having their business advertised on the map. Chair Lewandoski stated the cost of printing two hundred and fifty (250) copies by Garrett Printing & Graphics LLC in Bristol, would cost \$178.00. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to approve to have two hundred and fifty (250) copies of the Cultural District Map by Garrett Printing & Graphics LLC in the amount of \$250.00.

Seconded by Commissioner Norton; all in favor; motion carried.

d. Update on Norwalk Film Festival Partnership by Commissioner Yancy

Commissioner Yancy presented the update on the Norwalk Film Festival Partnership. Commissioner Yancy is scheduled to meet with them later in the month and will update the commission at the next meeting.

e. Update on the Laff in the Dark Transportation from Commissioner Norton

Commissioner Norton presented the update on the Laff in the Dark Transportation. Commissioner Norton stated that Charles Burnham should arrive about a week before July 2nd to set up the exhibit at the New England Carousel Museum. Discussion followed.

f. Confirm Commissioner Attendance for Federal Hill Green 250th Event, Saturday June 14, 2026

City Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault inquired about which commissioners would be in attendance for the Federal Hill Green 250th Event on Saturday, June 14, 2026. Discussion followed.

g. By Commissioners

Nothing to report.

7. New Business

a. Carousel Horse Restoration Project - Horse #2 update

City Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Carousel Horst Restoration Project — Horse #2 update. There was nothing new to report.

b. Cultural District Manchester Walk Through, May 12, 2026

City Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Cultural District Manchester Walk Through, May 12, 2026. The Manchester Walk Through will be from 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. and if anyone is interested in attending, they should reach out to Supervisor Therriault. Discussion followed.

c. Cultural District Air Collaborative Consultation

City Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Cultural District Air Collaboration Consultation. Supervisor Therriault stated that Bristol was selected by the Connecticut Office of the Arts to participate in this pilot program. A representative will come to Bristol to assist with topics such as policy, management, and build and sustaining a Cultural District. The tour will be on May 28, 2026. Discussion followed.

d. Proposal for Art Showcase, August 8, 2026

Chair Lewandoski presented the proposal for an Art Showcase on August 8, 2026. The Creative Bristol Group and the West End Association were interested in hosting the Art Showcase at the Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School with vendors and food trucks. Chair Lewandoski inquired about support from the City Arts and Culture Commission. Discussion followed.

e. Arts and Culture Camps/Programs

City Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault stated that if any commissioners had any Arts and Culture Camps or Programs, they would like to contact Arianna.

f. New Project/Event Proposals

Nothing to report.

g. By Commissioners

Vice Chair Adams inquired about the sculpture by David Skora. Commissioner Adams questioned why the commission did not go with Charles Hudson. Discussion followed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Wynter to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner Yancy; all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amaris Estrada
Recording Secretary
City Arts and Culture Commission

DRAFT