



*City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission*

INFORMATION TO ACCESS THIS MEETING

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The regular City Arts and Culture Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 6:00 PM. in City Hall Meeting Room 1-3 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes - May 6, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Public Participation
4. Arts and Culture Supervisor's Report
 - a. Supervisor's Report
 - b. Project Spreadsheet
 - c. Year to Date Financials
5. Chairman's Report
6. Old Business
 - a. City Hall Student Art Update
 - b. Cultural District Map Printing Update
 - c. Update from Commissioner Yancy on the Norwalk Film Festival Partnership

- d. By Commissioners
- 7. New Business
 - a. New Project/Event Proposals
 - b. By Commissioners
- 8. Reports and Committee Reports
 - a. City Council Liaison Report
- 9. Adjournment

Per Order of the Chairperson
Walter Lewandoski



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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

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Arts and Culture Commission City of Bristol
111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010
Arts and Culture Commission Supervisor Report

A. Financials:

- See attached financials
- **Arts and Culture Commission** - \$950.00 (without deductions)
 - (Please keep in mind that \$350 is coming out for West Bristol School and \$250.00 for the artist for the heart sculpture and \$50-\$100 for the sculpture install)
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- **Arts and Culture Donation Account:** \$4406.00 (without deductions)
 - \$2,007.03 – unrestricted
 - \$1,100.00 – Cultural District (\$1000.00 Donation to Charles for Laff in the Dark not removed yet)
 - \$1299.00 - Boudreau Donation – Heart Sculpture (to be paid out soon)

B. Project/General Updates

- Exploration in Painting Camp is full after 1 week of being posted
- Make it with YARN! Still has some availability and begins May 19 - August 4

C. Downtown Live:

Event numbers as of 5/28/26:

Event	Issued	Remaining	Revenue
EagleMania Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat May 30, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	584	32	\$28,251.12
The E Street Shuffle Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Fri Sep 11, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	56	560	\$1,856.75
Urgent - Tribute To Foreigner Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Oct 3, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	77	539	\$2,786.30
An Evening of Hocus Pocus: A Spelltacular Cabaret Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Oct 10, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	17	599	\$693.53
Tejano Queen Forever Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Oct 17, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	7	609	\$388.19
Floydian Trip Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Oct 24, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	62	554	\$2,942.90
PURPLE PIANO - The One-Man Tribute To Prince Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Nov 7, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	48	568	\$2,411.60
Shaded Soul Band Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Nov 14, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	31	585	\$1,246.06
Richie and the High Street Rockers Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Nov 21, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	81	535	\$3,767.06
Magician John Westford Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Dec 5, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	44	572	\$1,626.61

Active Projects	Description	Anticipated Cost	Type of Project	Funding Source	Location	Artist(s)	Completion Date Goal	Maintenance Dates	Notes	Fiscal Year	Status
Heart Sculpture from Bob Boudreau/ <i>Broad View Fund</i>	Large 3D Heart Sculpture to be painted by local artist	\$1,334.22 Heart primed white \$833.75 Shipping to a residence \$456.60 + (add 3.4%)	Sculpture	Broad View Fund (MSCF)	PROPOSED: Federal Hill Green	To be determined	2026	Yearly		2026	in progress
Pocket Park Sculptor	Choose an artist and design for the planned pocket park on North Main Street	Unsure	Sculpture	City of Bristol Grant	Corner of Riverside Ave. and North Main St.	Undecided	2027			2026	R&D of artist and design
Cultural District Acorn Stickers	Stickers for new businesses within cultural district	\$163.17		A&C	N/A	Rep Email:sethg@decals.com Direct Number:320-391-5309 Main Number:320-391-5250	n/a	n/a		2025	Waiting on remainder of budget
									Portal - Approve Order		
Project Completed Before July 1, 2025 -June 30, 2026	Description	Anticipated Cost	Type of Project	Funding Source	Location	Artist(s)	Completion Date Goal	Maintenance Dates	Notes	Fiscal Year	Status
Cultural District Map	Drawn map of Cultural District	\$1,500	District Map	A&C & Fundraising from Advertising	N/A	Sarah May	By Spet. 2025	Yearly Print Outs/Updates	Funding to be provided from A&C commission and also from advertising on the map with different businesses	2025	In process
Projects Completed July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025	Description	Anticipated Cost	Type of Project	Funding Source	Location	Artist(s)	Completion Date Goal	Maintenance Dates	Notes	Fiscal Year	Status
Heart Lock Sculpture	Heart Sculpture with grids for locks and carabiners to attach	in kind for sculpture, \$4,500 for cement pad	Sculpture	In kind farmington metal, cement paid paid through A&C Commission	Stocks Entrance from Lake Ave	Farmington Metal	2025			2024	completed - awaiting plaque
Throwback Thursday Film Sponsorship	Film Sponsorship to Downtown Live	\$ 2,000.00	Donation	ACC Fund	DTL	N/A	2024-2025	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
Hidden Figures Throwback Thursday Film	Melina Floyd asked for a sponsorship for the Women's History Month film	\$ 350.00	Donation	ACC Fund	DTL	N/A	Mar. 27, 2025	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
2024 Halloween Spooktacular	Halloween Event held at BAIMS Field	\$ 3,164.00	Sponsorship	ACC Fund	BAIMS Field	N/A	Oct. 26, 2024	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
The Soul Session	Maxine Bowden requested and received a sponsorship for a talent showcase at DTL with independent artists, including painters, photogs, musicians, & poet laureates	\$ 5,000.00	Grant	ACC Fund	DTL	25 independent artists from CT	Jan. 18, 2024	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
Cultural District Walk Through Lunch	\$400.00 for Cultural District Walk through Lunch allotted	\$ 400.00	Donation	ACC	Cultural District	N/A	13-May-25	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
Future Project Considerations	Description	Anticipated Cost	Type of Project	Funding Source	Location	Artist(s)	Completion Date Goal	Maintenance Dates	Notes	Fiscal Year	Status
Canvus Benches	Benches made from wind turbines	\$4-\$7K/	Bench installation	ACC fund	TBD	TBD	TBD			TBD	non-priority
Welcome to Bristol Signs	Signs to welcome the public to Bristol	TBD	Signs	ACC Fund	TBD	TBD	TBD			TBD	In discussion
Heart Sculpture	Public Art Sculpture(s) outside of the	\$15,000.00	Sculpture	ACC Fund/Fundraising	exact location requires Park	Robert Hudson (TBD)	TBD			FY24	PENDING
Interactive Mural 1	Pride/Rainbow Mural	\$500.00	Mural	ACC Fund/Other	Carousel Museum?	Brandi Pichette	TBD		Partnership w/ CT Mura	TBD	PENDING
PAN Am Mellen ST Bridge	Mural	TBD	Mural	TBD	Mellen St Bridge	TBD	TBD	Resident requested Hannah Hintz. Bridge is not p		TBD	PENDING
Interactive Mural 2	"Mama Bristol" Mural	\$500.00	Mural	ACC Fund/Other	None identified	Brian Triccolo	TBD		Partnership w/ CT Murals	TBD	PENDING
Heart sculpture like lobster landing	Waiting for New idea Check List										
Heart Sculpture	Waiting for New idea Check List										
Cultural District Street Sign											

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 13

ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	REVISED	YTD EXPENDED		MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
001	GENERAL FUND	APPROP	BUDGET					BUDGET	USED
0017021 PARKS ADMINISTRATION									
0017021	583120 ARTS & CULTURE COMM	5,000	5,000	4,300.00		.00	.00	700.00	86.0%
	TOTAL PARKS ADMINISTRATION	5,000	5,000	4,300.00		.00	.00	700.00	86.0%
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	5,000	5,000	4,300.00		.00	.00	700.00	86.0%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	5,000	5,000	4,300.00		.00	.00	700.00	

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	5,000	5,000	4,300.00	.00	.00	700.00	86.0%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 13

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	REVISED				AVAILABLE	PCT
175 ARTS & CULTURE FUND	APPROP	BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USE/COL
1757033 ARTS & CULTURE							
1757033 422004 FEES	-216,540	-216,540	-233,218.22	.00	.00	16,678.22	107.7%
1757033 470000 CONTRIBUTIONS	-32,000	-32,000	-24,352.00	.00	.00	-7,648.00	76.1%*
1757033 514000 REGULAR WAGES & SAL	70,795	70,795	64,467.17	.00	.00	6,327.83	91.1%
1757033 515200 PARTTIME WAGES & SA	4,800	4,800	2,778.80	.00	.00	2,021.20	57.9%
1757033 520700 F.I.C.A.	4,390	4,390	3,776.58	.00	.00	613.42	86.0%
1757033 520750 MEDICARE INSURANCE	1,030	1,030	918.77	.00	.00	111.23	89.2%
1757033 531000 PROFESSIONAL FEES &	121,400	121,400	156,251.46	.00	2,106.17	-36,957.63	130.4%*
1757033 557700 ADVERTISING	12,600	12,600	15,761.21	.00	.00	-3,161.21	125.1%*
1757033 591500 TRANSFER OUT INTERN	33,525	33,525	27,494.14	.00	.00	6,030.86	82.0%
TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE	0	0	13,877.91	.00	2,106.17	-15,984.08	100.0%
TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE FUND	0	0	13,877.91	.00	2,106.17	-15,984.08	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-248,540	-248,540	-257,570.22	.00	.00	9,030.22	
TOTAL EXPENSES	248,540	248,540	271,448.13	.00	2,106.17	-25,014.30	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	13,877.91	.00	2,106.17	-15,984.08	100.0%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: 106	SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
1061034 COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS								
1061034 470022	CONTRIBUTIONS-ARTS	2,007	-2,399	-2,399.00	.00	.00	.03	100.0%
	TOTAL COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS	2,007	-2,399	-2,399.00	.00	.00	.03	100.0%
	TOTAL SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS	2,007	-2,399	-2,399.00	.00	.00	.03	100.0%
	TOTAL REVENUES	2,007	-2,399	-2,399.00	.00	.00	.03	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	2,007	-2,399	-2,399.00	.00	.00	.03	100.0%

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