



*City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission*

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, July 1, 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 Walter Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Absent:

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Approve the June 3, 2026 Regular City Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to approve the June 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

3. Public Participation

Charles Bonczek from the Bristol Magazine presented the community-based magazine that has since featured articles regarding the City of Bristol's Arts and Culture programs and events. Mr.

Bonczek would like to continue working with the commission and Arts and Culture Supervisor Therriault. The Commission expressed interest in adding the Cultural District map into a future publication of the Bristol Magazine. Discussion followed.

Cassandra Sims, of 257 Bristol Street in Southington, CT, has been in contact with Commissioner Norton regarding the Traffic Box project. Ms. Sims is an artist interested in painting the traffic box located on the corner of Washington Street and Stafford Avenue. Ms. Sims suggested it be painted with one of the many animals you can find in the area. Discussion followed.

4. Arts & Culture Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Therriault's update included information about the Summer Concert Series and Downtown Live. Discussion followed.

b. Project Updates

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Project Updates. Discussion followed.

5. Chairman's Report

Chair Walter Lewandoski presented the Chairman's Report. Chair Lewandoski presented an update on the Student Art Gallery that took place in City Hall, the America 250 Event on June 14, 2026, and reintroduced the Urban Garden Wall Mural project to the commission. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by the Vice Chair to approve \$180.00 for the costs associated with the Student Art Gallery.

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

6. Old Business

Commissioner Norton presented an update on the Laff in the Dark Exhibit being held at the New England Carousel Museum. Opening night will be July 3, 2026. Victoria Biondi from the New England Carousel Museum invited the commission to attend a private reception on July 2, 2026, for the Laff in the Dark Exhibit. Discussion followed.

7. New Business

a. Endorse Part-Time Arts & Culture Coordinator Position

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Part-Time Arts and Culture Coordinator Position. Supervisor Therriault described some the roles and responsibilities associated with the position and requested endorsement from the commission. Discussion

followed.

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to endorse the Part-Time Arts and Culture Coordinator Position.

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

b. Mum Festival Arts & Culture Tent

Vice Chair Adams presented the idea of having the City Arts and Culture Commission have a booth at this year's Mum Festival on September 26, 2026. Vice Chair Adams suggested alternative locations and times to accommodate the commissioners' availability. The commissioners were asked to return to the next meeting with their availability and any table ideas. Discussion followed.

c. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations. Supervisor Therriault updated a previous budget proposal to help better manage the allocated funds towards projects, sponsorships, etc. The commission was asked to deliberate and return to the next meeting for possible endorsement. Discussion followed.

8. Reports and Committee Reports

a. City Council Liaison Report

City Council Liaison Greg Hahn presented the City Council Liaison Report. City Council Liaison Hahn spoke about the success of the Student Art Gallery in City Hall and the distribution of the Cultural District Map amongst the City Council Members. Discussion followed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Wynter to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

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

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