



*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, August 5, 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. Approve the July 1, 2026, City Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Public Participation
4. Supervisor's Report
 - a. Supervisor's Report
 - b. Project Spreadsheet
 - c. Year to Date Financials
5. Chairman's Report
6. Old Business
 - a. Approve the City Arts and Culture 2026-2027 Budget
 - b. Approve Cassandra Sims Traffic Box Artwork at Stafford Ave. and Washington St.

- c. Approve the Joe Johnson and Chair Lewandoski's Traffic Box Artwork at Green Hills/
Pine Street
 - d. Poly Resin Heart Updated
 - e. By Commissioners
- 7. New Business
 - a. Mum Festival Application
 - b. Urban Garden Mural Proposal
 - c. Approval of the Cultural District Air Collaborative Workshop Meal Budget: \$400.00
 - d. 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, 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 Lewandowski
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



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

B. Project/General Updates

- Arts and Culture Coordinator position up for approval for Salary Committee on Wednesday August 15, 2026
- Air Collaborative Cultural District workshop is being planned
 - i. 15 participants
 - ii. Late September workshop date

C. Downtown Live:

Event	Status	Issued	Remaining	Revenue	
The E Street Shuffle Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Fri Sep 11, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	138	478	\$4,630.26	
Urgent - Tribute To Foreigner Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Oct 3, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	214	402	\$8,298.64	
An Evening of Hocus Pocus: A Spelltacular Cabaret Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Oct 10, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	Published	54	562	\$1,810.39	
Tejano Queen Forever Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Oct 17, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	34	582	\$1,595.80	
Floydian Trip Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Oct 24, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	176	440	\$7,626.14	
PURPLE PIANO - The One-Man Tribute To Prince Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Nov 7, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	Published	63	553	\$2,814.51	
Shaded Soul Band Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Nov 14, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	43	573	\$1,484.89	
Richie and the High Street Rockers Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Nov 21, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	145	471	\$6,442.73	
Magician John Westford Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Dec 5, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	Published	77	539	\$2,597.87	

Active Projects	Description	Anticipated Cost	Type of Project	Funding Source	Location	Artist(s)	Completion Date Goal	Maintenance Dates	Notes	Fiscal Year	Status
Poly Resin Heart Sculpture	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	Bob Boudreau/Broad View Fund (MSCF)	APPROVED: Federal Hill Green	Amanda Mendoza	2026	Yearly	Funds received 3-25-26 for a total of \$1,299	2026	in progress
Traffic Box Artwork	Traffic Box Paintings for Stafford Ave., Washington St., Green Hills and Pine St.	\$1,000.00	Public Paintings	Arts and Culture Commission	Stafford Ave., Washington St., Green Hills and Pine St.	Cassandra Sims, Chair Lewendowski, Joe Johnson	Fall 2026	Yearly	Awaiting Approval at August 5, 2026 Meeting	2026	Awaiting Approval
Project Completed	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
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
Canvas Benches	Benches made from wind turbines	\$4-\$7K/	Bench installation	ACC fund	TBD	TBD	TBD			TBD	non-priority
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 Mobile Number: 320-391-5350	n/a	n/a	Portal - Approve Order	2025	Waiting on remainder of budget
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
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	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 2027 13

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	REVISED					AVAILABLE	PCT
001 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED	
0017021 PARKS ADMINISTRATION								
0017021 583120 ARTS & CULTURE COMM	15,000	15,000	.00	.00	250.00	14,750.00	1.7%	
TOTAL PARKS ADMINISTRATION	15,000	15,000	.00	.00	250.00	14,750.00	1.7%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	15,000	15,000	.00	.00	250.00	14,750.00	1.7%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,000	15,000	.00	.00	250.00	14,750.00		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2027 13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	15,000	15,000	.00	.00	250.00	14,750.00	1.7%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2027 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	-278,800	-278,800	.00	.00	.00	-278,800.00	.0%	
1757033 470000 CONTRIBUTIONS	-35,000	-35,000	.00	.00	.00	-35,000.00	.0%	
1757033 514000 REGULAR WAGES & SAL	75,315	75,315	813.08	.00	.00	74,501.92	1.1%	
1757033 515200 PARTTIME WAGES & SA	5,310	5,310	40.23	.00	.00	5,269.77	.8%	
1757033 520700 F.I.C.A.	4,670	4,670	50.41	.00	.00	4,619.59	1.1%	
1757033 520750 MEDICARE INSURANCE	1,095	1,095	12.37	.00	.00	1,082.63	1.1%	
1757033 531000 PROFESSIONAL FEES &	164,185	164,185	.00	.00	17,150.00	147,035.00	10.4%	
1757033 557700 ADVERTISING	25,600	25,600	.00	.00	.00	25,600.00	.0%	
1757033 591500 TRANSFER OUT INTERN	37,625	37,625	.00	.00	.00	37,625.00	.0%	
TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE	0	0	916.09	.00	17,150.00	-18,066.09	100.0%	
TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE FUND	0	0	916.09	.00	17,150.00	-18,066.09	100.0%	
TOTAL REVENUES	-313,800	-313,800	.00	.00	.00	-313,800.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	313,800	313,800	916.09	.00	17,150.00	295,733.91		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2027 13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	916.09	.00	17,150.00	-18,066.09	100.0%

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Arts & Culture Commission FY 24-25 Budget

Purpose	Description	Supervisor Budget Proposal	Commission Adopted
Cultural District	Cultural District Programming/Events	\$2,000.00	
Arts & Culture Events	Other Events/Programs	\$2,000.00	
Special Initiatives/Art Installations	Sculptures/Approved installations	\$7,000.00	
Community Sponsorships/Grants	Grant Applications and Sponsorship for Events/Programs	\$3,000.00	
Downtown Live Sponsorship	Sponsor Downtown Live (Films/Programming, Etc.)	\$1,000.00	
		\$15,000	











Arts and Culture Commission
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Arts and Culture Commission Project Proposal Form

Your Name: Brian Troccoli

Proposed Project/Event Description:

Design and install a mural on the Memorial BLVD in the space between the pond and the school. The artwork would showcase the positive effect the United States military has had on the world. The narrative would lead viewers into reflecting on more than just the common understanding of military history over the last 250 years.

What age population(s) will benefit from this initiative?

-  0-4 (Pre-School)
-  5-9 (Elementary School)
-  10-14 (Middle School)
-  15-17 (High School)
-  18+ (Adult)

Proposed Project/Event timeline (Please explain in full how much time needed for this project, from storyboard to ribbon cutting):

I can begin prepping the surface as soon as you approve this project. After the surface is primed correctly , I would need approximately 10 working days to paint the artwork on site. After the painting has been completed a graffiti resistant clear coat will be applied.

Estimated Date of start: ASAP

Estimated Date of completion: ASAP

Proposed location of event/project: The wall facing the BLVD where the tennis courts used to be housed.

Estimated project/event cost: Able to work with an available budget

Estimated financial contribution from the commission: that would depend on what the America 250 group could add

Deposit: Y/N If yes, how much: _____

Is there a proposed cost to the public (entry fee): Y/N If yes, how much: No

Does the project/event require a contractor (artists, musicians, etc): Y/N No

If yes, what is the proposed contactor's contact information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Proposed commission responsibility in the project/event: None

Proposed city responsibility (e.g. Public Works, Parks Crew, Water & Sewer, Mayor's office etc.):

None

How will the project/event be sustained (i.e. yearly upkeep responsibility, costs, reoccurring contribution):

I can complete "reasonable" maintenance for a year after installation. This would include minor touchups and a new clear coat the following summer.

Event Details, skip if this is not an event:

If this is an event, is there a rain date? If yes, what is the date?

Are port-o-potties necessary? How many?

Will there be trashcans necessary? If yes, how many? _____

Is an event permit necessary? _____

Is there adequate parking at the chosen location? _____

Is there a plan to partner with an organization? _____

If yes, what organization? Please write who the contact is with their phone/email:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Are you receiving a grant or monetary value from this organization?

If yes, how much?

