



City Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Youth & Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

- a. Chair Lindsay Vigue called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- b. Attendance

Present: Lindsay Vigue, Chair
Kim Villanti, Vice Chair
Andrea Adams, Commissioner
Samantha Buonafede, Commissioner
April Dews, Commissioner
Julie Norton, Commissioner
Mark Walerysiak, Commissioner

Lauren Imholte, Arts & Culture Supervisor
Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent: Andrew Howe, City Council Liaison

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Buonafede to accept the January 5th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction of changing the year from 2021 to 2022.
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation

- a. Doreen Stickney, Jennifer Johnston, and Karen Pac from the Imagination Museum put in request for financial support from the commission to hold a community art festival August 4th, 2022. Discussion followed.
- b. Ken Lundquist Jr. provided update on the progression of the Wulflynx Studios Co-Op Creative Center. Discussion followed.

4. CT Murals Update

- a. Commissioner Dews provided updates on the MLK Mural and its fundraising status to the commission. Just shy of the fundraising goal, Commissioner Urgo will be donating \$1k to the mural-half as a personal donation and the other half from the New England Carousel Museum.
- b. Chair Vigue inquired on the placement of the mural on the Primo Press building. To be decided by the artist.

5. Arts & Culture Supervisor's Report

- a. Supervisor Imholte provided program updates and notified the commissioner that program costs were able to be lowered considerably.
- b. Supervisor Imholte reviewed the Financials and informed the commissioner that former Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu donated \$500 from her campaign to the Arts & Culture Commission.

6. Arts & Culture Happenings

- a. None

7. Old Business

- a. By Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Buonafede inquired on the date and location of the Arts & Culture Commission Board of Finance budget hearing for FY 22-23, which is February 28th at 6 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.
 - ii. Commissioner Adams inquired if the commission will be reaching out to artist, Sugar Fox, for an Earth Day demonstration as done in the previous year. Discussion followed.

8. New Business

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to add New Business item to the agenda. Seconded by: Commissioner Buonafede, all in favor; motion carried. Supervisor Imholte presented the commission the Artist Selection Criteria document. Discussion followed.
- b. The commission expresses their formal goodbyes as Chair Lindsay Vigue departs from City Arts & Culture Commission at her final meeting.
- c. Supervisor Imholte informs the commission that Mayor Caggiano will be appointing a new commissioner the City Arts & Culture Commission at next City Council meeting.
- d. Supervisor Imholte informs the commission that voting for a new Chair of City Arts & Culture Commission will take place at the March meeting. Discussion followed.
- e. By Commissioners: None.

9. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: None.
- b. Cultural District Advisory Subcommittee updates: Commissioner Walerysiak provided update that a proposed cultural district assets map and inventory was created and approved by the subcommittee to submit with the Cultural District Application. Discussion followed.

10. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by: Vice Chair Villanti, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
City Arts & Culture Commission