



*City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission*

INFORMATION TO ACCESS MEETING

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:30 PM in Meeting Room 1-2 in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- b. Attendance
 - i. Members Present: Walter Lewandowski, Chair
Andrea Adams, Commissioner
April Dews, Commissioner
Tiffany Howe, Commissioner
Juliet Norton, Commissioner
Maria Salice, Commissioner
Nigel Wynter, Commissioner
Cheryl Thibeault, City Council Liaison
Arianna Therriault, Arts & Culture Supervisor
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent: None

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - i. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to Approve the January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.
- b. Welcome New Committee Member

- i. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to Move Item 4a. Welcome New Committee Member to Item 2b. Seconded by Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.
- ii. Commissioner Maria Salice introduced herself to the Commission; discussion followed.

3. Public Participation

- a. Brie Fletcher, 27 Hemlock St - Reflected on her volunteer experience as a greeter at the Downtown Live performances and gave suggestions to increase and change signage to increase visibility for the public; discussion followed.

4. Arts & Culture Supervisor's Report

- a. Welcome New Committee Member
- b. Financials
 - i. Arts & Culture Supervisor Therriault presented the Financials; discussion followed.
- c. Project Updates
 - i. Arts & Culture Supervisor Therriault asked Chair Lewandoski to present the Project Updates during the Chairman's Report.
- d. Downtown Live Updates
 - i. Arts & Culture Supervisor Therriault presented Downtown Live Updates; discussion followed.

5. Chairman's Report

- a. Chair Lewandoski presented Project Updates on the proposed Heart Sculpture at Stocks Playground; discussion followed.

6. Old Business

- a. Cultural District Festival

Arts & Culture Supervisor Therriault presented updates for the Cultural District Festival tentatively scheduled for June 29, 2024; discussion followed.
- b. By Commissioners

- i. Commissioner Norton requested more information regarding the Survey Findings from the January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting; Arts & Culture Supervisor Therriault will follow up after meeting.
- ii. Commissioner Norton inquired about an update on Alcohol at Downtown Live. The ordinance was changed at the last City Council Meeting and is set to appear before the BOE Policy Committee Meeting on February 28, 2024; discussion followed.

7. New Business

- a. Downtown Live Art
 - i. Arts & Culture Supervisor Therriault presented ideas for Downtown Live portable art; discussion followed.
- b. Review Grant Application in the amount of \$1,500 from the Bristol Arts and Culture Fund for the installation of a picture in the lobby of the Rockwell Theater
 - i. Arts & Culture Supervisor Therriault reviewed a Grant Application in the amount of \$1,500 from the Bristol Arts and Culture Fund for the installation of a picture in the lobby of the Rockwell Theater; discussion followed.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Dews to Defer Grant Application to Next Month with a Condition of BOE Approval. Seconded by Chair Lewandoski, all in favor; motion carried.
- c. By Commissioners
 - i. City Council Liaison Thibeault presented information on the Infinity Theater; discussion followed.
 - ii. Commissioner Dews inquired about the Arts & Culture Social Media Pages and requested more posts to highlight current events in the community; discussion followed.
 - iii. Commissioner Dews presented a Soup Quest BINGO card and suggested Downtown Live considers a similar project; discussion followed.
 - iv. City Council Liaison Thibeault requested Commissioners attend the March 18, 2024 Board of Finance Meeting at 5:30 PM to express support in expanding the Arts & Culture Supervisor's position to Full Time; discussion followed.
 - v. City Council Liaison Thibeault presented information on the Farmer's Market as a potential non-profit. City Council Liaison Thibeault shared the Farmer's Market is currently looking for space to be held and volunteers; discussion followed.

8. Adjournment

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Lewandoski to Adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON
Walter Lewandoski

Respectfully submitted,
Madison Fostervold
Recording Secretary
City Arts & Culture Commission