



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

1. Call to order

- a. Chair Mark Walerysiak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Attendance:

Present: Mark Walerysiak, Chair
Andrea Adams, Commissioner
April Dews, Commissioner
Julie Norton, Commissioner

Lauren Imholte, Arts & Culture Supervisor
Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent: Kim Villanti, Vice Chair
Sam Buonafede, Commissioner
Walter Lewandoski, Commissioner
Andrew Howe, City Council Liaison

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to accept the March 2nd, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation

- a. Jesse Jablon, Vice President of the West End Association, looking to apply for City Arts & Culture Commission Grant for FY 22-23 to apply funding towards the Rockwell Park Summer Festival which is set to take place on August 20, 2022 with a rain date of August 21, 2022. Jablon is also requesting the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Dept. run the birdhouse painting booth at the festival and provide the supplies. Discussion followed.
- b. Council Member Cheryl Thibeault present to participate and provide note to New Business Item B.

4. CT Murals Update

- a. MLK Mural
 - i. Supervisor Imholte provided updates on the MLK Mural. MLK will now be featured in the mural. A draft of the mural is anticipated for April 12, 2022. Discussion followed.
 - ii. Supervisor Imholte announced that the Nonkingian Training will be held on May 17, 2022 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with location still to be decided.

5. Arts & Culture Supervisor's Report

- a. Supervisor Imholte provided updates on programming. Discussion followed.
- b. Supervisor Imholte reviewed the Financials. The Commission discussed how to allocate the remaining FY 21-22 budget.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to allocate remaining FY 21-22 City Arts & Culture budget towards marketing materials.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

- c. Supervisor Imholte introduced new Project Worksheet. Discussion followed.

6. Arts & Culture Happenings

- a. Form results: None.

7. Old Business

- a. Supervisor Imholte presented Interactive Mural updates:
 - i. Bristol Loves Love Mural with location to be decided.
- b. Supervisor Imholte retrieved the City Arts & Culture Banner from former Chair Lindsay Vigue. Discussion followed.
- c. Commissioners review future goals as discussed in the March meeting. Discussion followed.
- d. By Commissioners: None.

8. New Business

- a. Supervisor Imholte reviewed FY23 Project Priorities. Based on Commissioner feedback, a sculpture is the main priority. Discussion took place on fiber glass versus metal sculptures.
- b. The City Arts & Culture Commission was approached by the Chamber of Commerce with the opportunity to take over the annual Duck Race event, managing all event planning and proceeds. Discussion followed.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dews for the City Arts & Culture Commission to take on the Duck Race event for one year with the addition of a Duck Race Subcommittee.
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams, all in favor; motion carried.
- c. By Commissioners: None.

9. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: None.
- b. Cultural District Advisory Subcommittee updates: Members from the Cultural District Advisory Subcommittee attended the Cultural District Public Hearing. No members from the general public attended.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to accept and refer the Cultural District Application to City Council for approval.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

10. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
City Arts & Culture Commission