



*City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission*

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 6:30 PM in Meeting Room 1-3 in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lewandowski called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

a. Attendance

Members Present:

Chair Walter Lewandowski
Commissioner Andrea Adams
Commissioner Juliet Norton
Commissioner Maria Salice
Commissioner Nigel Wynter
City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault
City Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault

Absent:

Commissioner Julie Carensa Crist
Superintendent Joshua Medeiros
Deputy Superintendent Sarah Larson

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes: August 7, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to Approve the August 7, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

3. Public Participation

Janessa Marti of 103 Burton St. in Bristol, mother of Miss Connecticut Teen Camryn Patton, expressed interest in volunteering opportunities within the Bristol Arts and Culture Department. Camryn is going to be holding a few dance workshops around Bristol in October. She is also going to visit other studios in and around Bristol to speak about mental health. Camryn was interested in possibly being involved in the Halloween Spooktacular as well as some volunteering opportunities at Downtown Live at the Rockwell Theater; discussion followed.

Lauren Cavanaugh of 336 Main St. in Bristol, is a musical theater performer and screen play writer. She was interested in opportunities to get involved with Bristol Arts and Culture. Lauren was looking for spaces to do readings as well. Arts and Culture Supervisor Therriault suggested having a booth at the City Arts and Culture's Cultural District Festival or other events; discussion followed.

4. Arts and Culture Supervisor's Report

a. Financials

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Year to Date Financials. Supervisor Therriault stated that the finances were right on track; discussion followed.

b. Project Updates

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Project Updates. Supervisor Therriault stated she has been continuing to obtain more sponsors for Downtown Live. Supervisor Therriault also introduced the new fliers to have on display at local businesses. There is currently no feedback to present on the Bid for Concessions at the Downtown Live Theater; discussion followed.

i. Jared Welcome South Street Carving Updates

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented an Update on the South Street Carving by Jared Welcome. Supervisor Therriault stated that the project is complete. Mr. Welcome will reach out in the spring if the project requires restoration or touch ups; discussion followed.

c. Downtown Live Updates

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Updates on the Downtown Live Theater. Supervisor Therriault updated the commission on her ongoing efforts to reach out to local businesses in hopes of gaining more sponsorship; discussion followed.

i. Downtown Live Brochure

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented a copy of the Downtown Live Brochures to the commission for feedback. Supervisor Therriault would like to place the brochures in either registers, front desks, and windows at local businesses. Commissioner suggested putting the brochures in the libraries in the surrounding towns, such as

Southington, Plainville, and Farmington; discussion followed.

ii. Bid Update

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the update of the Bid for Concessions at the Downtown Live Theater. Supervisor Therriault stated that there has not been any updated communication from the vendor since the interview process. She stated that she will follow up with the Purchasing Department for an update; discussion followed.

5. Chairman's Report

Chair Walter Lewandowski presented the Chairman's Report. Chair Lewandowski updated the commission on the status of the Heart Sculpture. He reached out to the artist in regard to creating a mock sculpture that was true to size. Chair Lewandowski will contact the artist again to discuss the possibility of a walk through of the proposed space where the sculpture will be placed; discussion followed.

6. Old Business

a. Budget Adoption

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Arts and Culture Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Commission Adams to Adopt the Arts and Culture Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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

b. Kendall Soliwoda Little League Mural

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented an Update on Kendall Soliwoda's proposal of the Little League Mural. Supervisor Therriault stated she has reached out to Kendall on the status of his application but has not received a response yet. She would follow up with Kendall again before the next Arts and Culture Commission Meeting; discussion followed.

c. David Krezel Wood Carving

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented an update on David Krezel's Wooden Bench Carving Proposal. Supervisor Therriault stated that David is going to present his proposal to the Board of Park Commissioners at their September 18, 2024 meeting. He will also attend the Board of Public Works Meeting for guidance and any necessary approvals; discussion followed.

d. By Commissioners

None.

7. New Business

a. Cultural District Event Timeline

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Event Timeline for the Cultural District. Supervisor Therriault stated that she is starting to think about the holidays and planning events around that time. She stated she was open to suggestions for any holiday event ideas. Supervisor Therriault asked the commissioners if they would like to move the Cultural District to another date and asked if they can bring their suggestions to the next Arts and Culture Commission Meeting; discussion followed.

b. By Commissioners

None.

8. Reports and Committee Reports

a. City Council Liaison Report

City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault had no new updates to report.

b. By Commissioners

None.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.
Seconded by Commission Salice, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amaris Estrada
City Arts and Culture Commission