



City Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday, May 4, 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 6:34 p.m.
- b. Attendance

Present: Mark Walerysiak, Chair
Kim Villanti, Vice Chair
Andrea Adams, Commissioner
Sam Buonafede, Commissioner
April Dews, Commissioner
Walter Lewandoski, Commissioner
Julie Norton, Commissioner
Cheryl Thibeault, City Council Liaison

Lauren Imholte, Arts & Culture Supervisor

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to accept the April 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.
- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to accept the April 6, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation: None.

4. Arts & Culture Supervisor's Report

- a. Supervisor Imholte provided updates on programming. Discussion followed.
- b. Supervisor Imholte reviewed the Financials. Discussion followed.
- c. Supervisor Imholte provided Project Database updates. Discussion followed.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to approve five plaques for five existing City Arts & Culture art pieces.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to source the cost of QR code stickers in connectivity to the five art plaques as well as the City Arts & Culture website.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.

5. Old Business

- a. Discussion was had on how to allocate FY23 Sponsorship Funds.
- b. By Commissioners:
 - i. Vice Chair Villanti and Commissioner Lewandowski discussed their sculpture ideas having been absent at the April meeting. Discussion followed.

6. New Business

- a. Artist, Brian Troccoli, proposed his mural idea to the commission. Discussion followed.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to table the mural idea for consideration in FY 22-23.

Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

b. By Commissioners:

- i. Commissioner Lewandoski provided updates on the JRB art project set to be completed in June. He also inquired on the whereabouts of the sculptures at the former Webster Bank now known as the current City Hall – East. Lastly, he requested access to the City Arts & Culture logo for apparel purposes.

7. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: City Council Member Thibeault provided update on pending FY 22-23 budget approval.
- b. Cultural District Advisory Subcommittee updates: Supervisor Imholte provided update that the Cultural District walk-thru will be held on June 6, 2022.
- c. Duck Race Transition Task Force updates: Commissioner Adams provided updates that the Duck Race will take place on October 2, 2022 and will launch at 2 p.m. The Chamber supplied all of their resources to make the transition smooth. A volunteer duck organization day will be set for some time in June. The Commission and the Task Force will aid in ticket sales, gaining sponsorships and prizes, and manning the event.

8. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Buonafede, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
City Arts & Culture Commission