



*City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission*

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 6:30 PM in Meeting Room 1-3 in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

1. Call to Order

Chair Walter Lewandowski called the Meeting to Order at 6:04 p.m.

a. Attendance

Members Present:

Chair Walter Lewandoski
Vice Chair Andrea Adams
Commissioner Julie Crist
Commissioner Juliet Norton
Commissioner Nigel Wynter
Commissioner E. Brad Yancy
City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault

Absent:

Commissioner Maria Salice
Deputy Superintendent Sarah Larson
Superintendent Josh Medeiros

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes - February 05, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to Approve the February 5, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

3. Public Participation

Sharon Arsego, of 21 Seymour Ave, Bristol, wanted to thank Creative Jam Art Company for hosting the Open Mic Night. She expressed how successful that event was, and it gathered people from all over the state. Sharon presented an idea for an Arts and Culture feature to the Bristol Edition who had made a call for community journalists; discussion followed.

4. Arts and Culture Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

The Arts and Culture Supervisor presented the Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Therriault shared with the Commission that Downtown Live at the Rockwell Theater was the Best in Hartford County for the Best Small Theatrical Venue from CT Insider; discussion followed.

b. Project Spreadsheet

The Arts and Culture Supervisor presented the project updates; discussion followed.

c. Year to Date Financials

The Arts and Culture Supervisor presented the Year-to-Date Financials; discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to add Public Participation to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Carensa - Crist, all in favor; motion carried.

d. Women's History Month Movie Night Request

Melina Floyd, of Carol Street, Bristol, presented a Women's History Month Movie Night Event to the commission. Melina asked the commission if they would sponsor the movie, Hidden Figures, for the event on March 27, 2025; discussion followed.

5. Chairman's Report

a. Heart Sculpture

Chair Lewandoski presented the potential for a Heart Sculpture in Bristol; discussion followed.

b. Lobster Trap Tree

Chair Lewandoski presented the idea of having an art attraction such as the Lobster Trap located in Stonington, CT; discussion followed.

c. Girl with Maps

Chair Lewandoski presented the idea of having an artist create a map of attractions around Bristol, including the Cultural District; discussion followed.

6. Old Business

a. Locks at Stocks Contractor

Chair Lewandoski presented the update on the Locks at Stocks project; discussion followed.

b. Bristol Bazaar Market Date

Commissioner Carensa - Crist presented an update on the Bristol Bazaar Market suggested date changes; discussion followed.

c. Make Music Day

The Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, presented Make Music Day to the commission, asking if they would wish to participate on June 21, 2025; discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to approve up to \$350.00 to register for Make Music Day.

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

d. By Commissioners

Vice Chair Adams opened the discussion about Melina Floyd's event proposal; discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to award Melina Floyd with \$350.00 to sponsor the Women's History Month Movie night.

Seconded by Commissioner Carensa - Crist, all in favor; motion carried.

7. New Business

a. Arts and Culture Commission Funding

The Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, presented the Arts and Culture Commission Funding; discussion followed.

b. 2026 Grant Application for Specific Projects

The Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, presented the 2026 Mosaic Art Grant Application for Specific Art Projects; discussion followed.

c. Fox 61 - Cultural District Feature on Fridays in June

The Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, stated that Fox 61 is going to have a segment about the Cultural District on Fridays in June; discussion followed.

d. Gently Used Art Material

The Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, presented the idea of collecting gently used art materials for the community to purchase at a discount; discussion followed.

e. By Commissioners

None.

8. Reports and Committee Reports

a. City Council Liaison Report

City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault presented updates on Economic and Community Development's recent survey, the North Main Street, streetscape timeline, Ventana's restaurant, Desi Market and The Paper Store's plan to move locations; discussion followed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Chair Lewandoski to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.
Seconded by Vice Chair Adams, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amaris Estrada
Recording Secretary
City Arts and Culture Commission