



*City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission*

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM in Meeting Room 1-3 in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

1. Call to Order

Walter Lewandoski, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

a. Attendance

Members Present:

Walter Lewandoski, Chair
Andrea Adams, Vice Chair
Juliet Norton, Commissioner
Maria Salice, Commissioner
Nigel Wynter, Commissioner
E. Brad Yancy, Commissioner
Arianna Therriault, Arts and Culture
Supervisor

Absent:

Julie Crist, Commissioner
Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes - March 5, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

3. Public Participation

Sharon Arsego, of 21 Seymour Ave, Bristol, presented an update to the commissioners about the excerpt that will be in the Bristol Edition and information on the upcoming first publication of the Bristol Magazine and the upcoming Arts and Culture publication; discussion followed.

4. Arts and Culture Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, presented the Supervisor's Report. She presented updates on the Cultural District walk on May 7th, Open Mic night, and Make Music Day; discussion followed.

b. Project Spreadsheet

Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, presented the Project Spreadsheet; discussion followed.

c. Year to Date Financials

Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, presented the year-to-date financials; discussion followed.

5. Chairman's Report

Chair Lewandoski presented the Chairman's Report. He presented some positive feedback about the Downtown Live Theater after attending the Red Hot Chili Pipers show as a patron. Chair Lewandoski spoke to Sarah May about the possibility of creating a map of Bristol. The estimated cost would be around \$1500.00; discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to continue the discussion about the Map of Bristol and reserve \$1500.00 for the project.

Seconded by Commissioner Salice; all in favor; motion carried.

6. Old Business

a. Make Music Day

Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, presented the update on Make Music Day. The commission was unaware of how much work was required, at short notice, to advertise the event; discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to Request a Refund from Make Music Day.

Seconded by E Brad Yancy; all in favor; motion carried.

b. Arts and Culture Commission Funding

Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, presented updates on funding for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026. She stated that with the recent budget cuts the City Arts and Culture Fund is proposed to be cut from \$1500.00 to \$5000; discussion followed.

c. By Commissioners

Chair Lewandoski inquired about the concrete work for the Locks at Stocks Project; discussion followed.

7. New Business

a. By Commissioners

City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault asked if there had ever been tickets for the Downtown Live Theater donated to organizations to have more widespread notoriety; discussion followed.

8. Reports and Committee Reports

a. City Council Liaison's Report

City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault presented the City Council Liaison Report. The update included the results of the Young Professionals Survey from the Economic Community Development Department, concerns regarding the Federal Grants, the status of the open space grants and new dining openings; discussion followed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.
Seconded by Chair Lewandoski; all in favor; motion carried.

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