



*City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission*

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 6:00 PM in Meeting Room 1-3 in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

a. Attendance

Members Present:

Walter Lewandoski, Chair
Andrea Adams, Vice Chair
Julie Crist, Commissioner
Juliet Norton, Commissioner
Maria Salice, Commissioner
Nigel Wynter, Commissioner
E. Brad Yancy, Commissioner
Arianna Therriault, Arts and Culture
Supervisor
City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault

Absent:

Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes - May 7, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to Approve the May 07, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

3. Public Participation

Mark Campbell, President of the NexGen Car Show, of 112 Gridley Street, Bristol, presented the Trunk or Treat Event for late October. Mr. Campbell stated that there will be a DJ provided and will prepare all the car submissions. He stated that this would take place on the Veteran's Memorial Boulevard and asked the commission for assistance for vendors and food trucks that would like to participate; discussion followed.

David Krezel of 5 2nd Street, Bristol, attended the meeting to discuss the status or if a decision was made on his proposal for a wood-carved bench for either Page Park or Rockwell Park. He has been away for the winter and would like to get started if approved. The project was estimated to be \$2,000.00; discussion followed.

The City Arts and Culture Commission decided to review the original proposal and make a decision at the July meeting.

City Arts and Culture Commissioner's Poet Laurette, Tom Lagasse of 2 UConn Drive, presented an update on the success of the Open Mic Nights held each month at Creative Jam Art Co. in Bristol, CT. In the first quarter there were about 40 - 50 people in attendance for each open mic night with about 15 - 20 people participating from all over Connecticut. Mr. Lagasse also wanted to acknowledge Sharon Arsego for her continued support and advocacy; discussion followed.

4. Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Supervisor's Report; discussion followed.

b. Project Updates

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Project Updates; 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 acknowledged Commissioner Nigel Wynter for being awarded an Inaugural Grant from the Main Street Community Foundation.

6. Old Business

a. Halloween Spooktacular/NexGen Car Show Trunk or Treat

Discussion during Public Participation.

b. Budget Goals for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

The City Arts and Culture Commission discussed some upcoming projects they would like to see for the upcoming fiscal year.

c. By Commissioners

Commissioner Norton suggested some of the electrical boxes be repainted; discussion followed.

7. New Business

a. Board Member Self-Assessment

The City Arts and Culture Commission participated in the Board Member Self-Assessment. This assessment is to help identify skills that each commissioner has to help strengthen the commission; discussion followed.

b. By Commissioners

None.

i. Theater Promotion

The Arts and Culture Supervisor presented new ideas on how to promote the Downtown Live Theater. Suggestions included going to businesses with updated information and flyers, a welcome packet and QR codes; discussion followed.

8. Reports and Committee Reports

a. City Council Liaison Report

City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault presented the City Council Liaison Report; discussion followed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Wynter to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.
Seconded by Vice Chair Adams; all in favor; motion carried.

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

