



City Arts & Culture Commission
Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT
Special Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

- a. Chair Walter Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- b. Attendance:

Present: Walter Lewandoski, Chair
 Andrea Adams, Commissioner
 April Dews, Commissioner
 Tiffany Howe, 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 July 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation: None

4. Arts & Culture Supervisor's Report

- a. Supervisor Imholte announced Commissioner Buonafede's Resignation.
- b. Supervisor Imholte and Chair Lewandoski performed an overview of Commission Meeting Rules. Discussion followed.
- c. Supervisor Imholte provided updates on programming. Discussion followed.
- d. Supervisor Imholte reviewed the financials.
- e. Supervisor Imholte provided Project Database updates. Discussion followed.
- f. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Lewandoski to move up Old Business Item 5e.
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams, all in favor; motion carried.
- e. Sculpture
 - i. Prefab Hearts: Discussion on sculpture pieces, prefab hearts, financials, and potential artists took place.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dews to table business item for September meeting.
Seconded by: Chair Lewandoski, all in favor; motion carried.

5. Old Business

- a. Supervisor Imholte provided update on Marketing Materials/Commission Marketing. Discussion followed.
- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Dews to approve the \$2,500 budget to have artist Corey Payne repair the Wildflowers Mural.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.
- c. Discussion to place on the Art Box removal on the corner of Bracket Park.
- d. Supervisor Imholte provided updates on logistics regarding Hispanic Heritage Month including musical entertainment Orquesta La Yunqueña. Discussion followed.

- f. By Commissioners: None

6. New Business

- a. By Commissioners
 - i. Commissioner Dews reported the Sugar Fox Mural has been damaged and is in need of repair, the Art Box on Stafford Avenue needs brush removal, and also provided update on potential Art Lock Boxes.
 - ii. Chair Lewandoski expressed interest in former cigarette art dispensers.
 - iii. Commissioner Norton reported the Interactive Mural has been damaged, a few businesses in town are open to housing future murals, inquired about a potential MUM Festival Mural, and future possibilities for the former Chic Miller location.
 - iv. City Council Member Thibeault inquired about a potential youth theater group and an art festival on Memorial Boulevard.
 - v. Commissioner Howe expressed interest in potential poetry readings, and pumpkin/holiday festivals.

7. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: None
- b. Cultural District Advisory Subcommittee updates
 - i. Supervisor Imholte announced the Cultural District Application was approved.
- c. Duck Race Transition Task Force updates
 - i. Supervisor Imholte provided updates on the Duck Race and that Partners have committed to 1,000 ticket sales (\$3k for Commission). Commissioners expressed interest in selling books as well.

8. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Lewandoski to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
City Arts & Culture Commission