



*City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission*

INFORMATION TO ACCESS MEETING

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, September 3, 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 Walter Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Attendance

Members Present:

Chair Walter Lewandoski
Vice Chair Andrea Adams
Commissioner Julie Carensa-Crist
Commissioner Juliet Norton
Commissioner Maria Salice
Commissioner E. Brad Yancy
City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibault
Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault

Absent:

None.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes - August 06, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Carensa-Crist to Approve the August 06, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Vice Chair Adams, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Public Participation

Robert Boudreau, from the Broad View Fund through the Main Street Community Foundation, expressed interest in donating to the painting of the traffic boxes. An estimated \$200.00 would go to the artist painting the traffic box or a donation to go towards another art project; discussion followed.

Christine Liveech, of the Forestville Village Association, presented some ideas the association would like to see on the traffic box they donated to; discussion followed.

4. Arts and Culture Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Therriault presented updates on current ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities for Downtown Live at the Rockwell Theater; 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 Financial; discussion followed.

5. Chairman's Report

Chair Lewandoski presented the Chairman's Report. Chair Lewandoski updated the commission on the status of the Lock at Stocks Project. He stated the concrete was poured and would take about 28 days to set; discussion followed.

6. Old Business

a. Traffic Box: All Call to Artists Post Delay

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Traffic Box: All Call to Artists Post Delay. Supervisor Therriault has postponed the announcement of the All Call to Artists for the traffic box project due to the preparation of the first fall Downtown Live Show; discussion followed.

b. Coffin Race, Location Designation, Attendance, and Awards

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Coffin Race location designation, attendance, and award options. Supervisor Therriault met with Mark of NexGen Car show to review what time they should arrive and any additional details for the event; discussion followed.

c. By Commissioners

None.

7. New Business

a. GHAC Listening Tour, Scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Theater

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Greater Hartford Arts Council Listening Tour scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Theater; discussion followed.

b. By Commissioners

Vice Chair Adams presented an update on the Open Mic Nights with the City Arts and Culture Commission's Poet Laurette Tom Lagasse. Vice Chair Adams gave a shout-out to Tom Lagasse and Creative Jam for all of their hard work and generosity. The last Open Mic Night will be held in October before taking a break for the holiday and will resume in January 2026; discussion followed.

8. Reports and Committee Reports

a. City Council Liaison Report

City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault presented the City Council Liaison Report. City Council Liaison Thibeault presented updates on the Pocket Park and the Mum Festival; discussion followed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Wynter to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner Yancy, all in favor, motion carried.

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