



City Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

- a. Chair Walter Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent: Kimberly Villanti, Vice Chair

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to accept the August 15, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to move Public Participation after Old Business.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

4. Superintendent's Report

- a. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the Financials. Chair Lewandoski requested a FY21-22 itemization for the October meeting.

5. Old Business

- a. Superintendent Medeiros provided updates on Hispanic Heritage Month event. Discussion followed.
- b. Sculpture:
 - i. Chair Lewandoski provided update on the Prefab Heart options and clarified costs. Discussion followed.
- c. By Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Howe provided professional opinion on the state of the traffic box located by the Imagination Museum, indicating that it can be primed for repainting for a small fee.
 - ii. Council Liaison Thibeault offered to share the Route 72 Extension/Brackett Park Plan PowerPoint with the Commission.
 - iii. Commissioner Dews inquired on the Sugar Fox Mural repair, Superintendent Medeiros reports it has been repaired.
 - iv. Commissioner Norton inquired about the repair or removal of the damaged Interactive Mural, Superintendent Medeiros reported it is being removed.
 - v. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Lewandoski to move Public Participation after New Business Item a.

Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

6. New Business

- a. Superintendent Medeiros and Mayor Caggiano weighed in on the Arts & Culture Supervisor transition and inquired on the needs of the Commission. Discussion followed.

3. Public Participation: Robert Hudson, Bristol artist and brother of the late Barbara Hudson, came to the Commission proposing to create the sculpture the Commission is envisioning. Discussion followed.

- b. The Commission reviewed the grant application received by Nova Dance Crew. Discussion followed. Commissioner Adams will reach out to see if they'd like to showcase their talents in the Mum Festival.
- c. Superintendent Medeiros informed the Commission the Cultural District Designation press conference will be held on September 28, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. Discussion of location at either The New England Carousel Museum or The Clock and Watch Museum was had. Confirmation of location, date, time, and the Cultural District Map will be email out to the Commission prior to the event.
- d. By Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Adams proposed the addition of Ginger Grant to the Commission in replacement of former Commissioner Buonafede. Discussion followed.

7. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: Mayor Caggiano provided updates on the Veterans Memorial Boulevard Bridge progress. Discussion followed.
- b. Cultural District Advisory Subcommittee updates: Discussed in New Business Item C.
- c. Duck Race Transition Task Force updates: Superintendent Medeiros provided updates that tickets are being sold at the Farmer's Market as well as at the Mum Festival. A Task Force meeting will be held prior to the event to conclude any final logistics. Council Liaison Thibeault inquired about eliminating the bamboo by the river as well as securing the Fish & Game Club to retrieve the ducks.

8. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Lewandoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

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