



*City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission*

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The regular City Arts and Culture Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 6:00 PM. in City Hall Meeting Room 1-3 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes: October 1, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Public Participation
4. Supervisor's Report
 - a. Supervisor's Report
 - b. Project Spreadsheet
 - c. Year to Date Financials
5. Chairman's Report
6. Old Business
 - a. Traffic Box Updates
 - b. Heart Sculpture Plaque
 - c. Pocket Park at Center Square Update

- d. By Commissioners
- 7. New Business
 - a. By Commissioners
- 8. Reports and Committee Reports
 - a. City Council Liaison Report
- 9. Adjournment

Per Order of the Chairperson
Walter Lewandoski



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, October 1, 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 6:02 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 Nigel Wynter
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 - September 3, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to approve the September 3, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
Seconded by Commissioner Wynter, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public Participation

Edwardo Garces, owner of Café Real in Bristol, shared a video, created by Revilla Films, of his story and how he has come to be the man and artist he is today. Edwardo is now the largest green coffee distributor in the United States. He would like to connect with other families and businesses around the state to share their origin stories as well.

Christine Liveech, of the Forestville Village Association, requested an update on the traffic box project; discussion followed.

Justin Malley, of the Economic and Community Development Department, requested a letter of support from the commission for a grant that supports the Pocket Park Project; discussion followed.

4. Arts and Culture Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the supervisor's report; 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. Supervisor Therriault stated that Downtown Live was up in sales by \$30,000. Upon release of the membership program, there have already been 16 memberships sold, and about 30 tickets have been sold for the spring shows; discussion followed.

5. Chairman's Report

Chair Walter Lewandoski presented the chairman's report. Chair Lewandoski presented updates about the restoration horse at the Carousel Museum. It is still being restored as it wasn't on the display floor. Chair Lewandoski spoke with David Krezel about the funding for the wood carving being pushed back to fiscal year 2027 depending on funding. The heart sculpture for the Locks at Stocks Project is currently being powder coated, but the cement has been poured and cured.

6. Old Business

a. Coffin Race Arrival and Prizes

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Coffin Race arrival and prizes. The commissioners would gather gift cards from local businesses as prizes. They discussed arrival for commissioners would be at 1:00 p.m. and the race would begin at 3:00 p.m.; discussion followed.

b. Traffic Box Updates

Vice Chair Andrea Adams presented the traffic box updates. Vice Chair Adams spoke with the Public Works Department, who suggested the commission have the traffic boxes wrapped instead of being hand painted for longevity and durability. The commission will present updates on cost at the next meeting; discussion followed.

c. By Commissioners

None.

7. New Business

a. Pocket Park Center Square Grant Submission — Letter of Support

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Pocket Park Center Square Grant Submission letter of support. Supervisor Therriault also suggested the commission start to look for additional art ideas and artists for the sculpture; discussion followed.

8. Reports and Committee Reports

a. City Council Liaison Report

City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibeault presented the City Council Liaison Report. In her report, City Council Liaison Thibeault updated the commission about Luna's Banquet Hall, hoping to open in November, the work with Carrier Construction is on track and the city was looking to get a Safe Streets for All Grant. Discussion followed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Wynter to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner Carensa-Crist, all in favor; motion carried.

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



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City of Bristol
111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010
Arts and Culture Commission Supervisor Report

A. Financials:

- See attached financials

B. Project/General Updates

C. Downtown Live:

- **On track to make a significant profit this year**

Event numbers as of 10/30/2025:

Event	Status	Issued	Remaining	Revenue	
UMX: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Nov 1, 2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	600	0	27,456.13	⋮
The Evolution of Joni Mitchell: Starring Lauren Fox Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Nov 8, 2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	67	549	2,931.65	⋮
The Police Experience Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Nov 15, 2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	70	546	3,386.51	⋮
The Nashville KING Starring John Beardsley Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Dec 13, 2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	255	361	12,580.23	⋮
MATINEE - The Nashville KING Starring John Beardsley Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sun Dec 14, 2025 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Published	215	401	10,588.34	⋮
The Soul Session 2025 Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Jan 17, 2026 5:00 PM - 10:30 PM	Published	2	614	72.33	⋮
Harvest & Rust - A Neil Young Experience Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Fri Feb 6, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	36	580	1,508.25	⋮

HUSH - K Pop Dance Crew Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Mar 7, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	9 607	349.77	
Fleetwood Mackd: The Ultimate Tribute to Fleetwood Mac Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Mar 14, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	75 541	3,772.83	
M•PACT Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat Apr 25, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	19 597	972.99	
Taylorville Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat May 2, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	13 603	674.54	
Hey Nineteen Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat May 9, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	26 590	1,219.45	
EagleMania Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater Sat May 30, 2026 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Published	43 573	2,534.51	

Active Projects	Description	Anticipated Cost	Type of Project	Funding Source	Location	Artist(s)	Completion Date Goal	Maintenance Dates	Notes	Fiscal Year	Status
Pocket Park Sculptor	Choose an artist and design for the planned pocket park on North Main Street	Unsure	Sculpture	City of Bristol Grant	Corner of Riverside Ave. and North Main St.	Undecided	2027			2026	R&D of artist and design
Cultural District Acorn Stickers	Stickers for new businesses within cultural district	\$163.17		A&C	N/A	Rep Email: sethg@decals.com Direct Number: 320-391-5309 Main Number: 320-391-5250	n/a	n/a		2025	Waiting on remainder of budget
Cultural District Map	Drawn map of Cultural District	\$1,500	District Map	A&C & Fundraising from Advertising	N/A	Sarah May	By Spet. 2025	Yearly Print Outs/Updates	Funding to be provided from A&C commission and also from advertising on the map with different businesses	2025	In process
Projects Completed July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025	Description	Anticipated Cost	Type of Project	Funding Source	Location	Artist(s)	Completion Date Goal	Maintenance Dates	Notes	Fiscal Year	Status
Heart Lock Sculpture	Heart Sculpture with grids for locks and carabiners to attach	In kind for sculpture, \$4,500 for cement pad	Sculpture	In kind farmington metal, cement paid paid through A&C Commission	Stocks Entrance from Lake Ave	Farmington Metal	2025			2024	completed - awaiting plaque
Throwback Thursday Film Sponsorship	Film Sponsorship to Downtown Live	\$ 2,000.00	Donation	ACC Fund	DTL	N/A	2024-2025	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
Hidden Figures Throwback Thursday Film	Melina Floyd asked for a sponsorship for the Women's History Month film	\$ 350.00	Donation	ACC Fund	DTL	N/A	Mar. 27, 2025	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
2024 Halloween Spooktacular	Halloween Event held at BAIMS Field	\$ 3,164.00	Sponsorship	ACC Fund	BAIMS Field	N/A	Oct. 26, 2024	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
The Soul Session	Maxine Bowden requested and received a sponsorship for a talent showcase at DTL with independent artists, including painters, photogs, musicians, & poet laureates	\$ 5,000.00	Grant	ACC Fund	DTL	25 independent artists from CT	Jan. 18, 2024	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
Cultural District Walk Through Lunch	\$400.00 for Cultural District Walk through Lunch allotted	\$ 400.00	Donation	ACC	Cultural District	N/A	13-May-25	N/A	N/A	2024-2025	PAID
Future Project Considerations	Description	Anticipated Cost	Type of Project	Funding Source	Location	Artist(s)	Completion Date Goal	Maintenance Dates	Notes	Fiscal Year	Status
Canvus Benches	Benches made from wind turbines	\$4-\$7K	Bench installation	ACC fund	TBD	TBD	TBD			TBD	non-priority
Welcome to Bristol Signs	Signs to welcome the public to Bristol	TBD	Signs	ACC Fund	TBD	TBD	TBD			TBD	In discussion
Heart Sculpture	Public Art Sculpture(s) outside of the	\$15,000.00	Sculpture	ACC Fund/Fundraising	exact location requires Park	Robert Hudson (TBD)	TBD			FY24	PENDING
Interactive Mural 1	Pride/Rainbow Mural	\$500.00	Mural	ACC Fund/Other	Carousel Museum?	Brandi Pichette	TBD		Partnership w/ CT Mura	TBD	PENDING
PAN Am Mellen St Bridge	Mural	TBD	Mural	TBD	Mellen St Bridge	TBD	TBD	Resident requested Hannah Hintz. Bridge is not p		TBD	PENDING
Interactive Mural 2	"Mama Bristol" Mural	\$500.00	Mural	ACC Fund/Other	None identified	Brian Triccolo	TBD		Partnership w/ CT Murals	TBD	PENDING
Heart sculpture like lobster landing	Waiting for New idea Check List										
Heart Sculpture	Waiting for New idea Check List										
Cultural District Street Sign											

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 13

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	REVISED					AVAILABLE	PCT
001 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES		BUDGET	USED
0017021 PARKS ADMINISTRATION								
0017021 583120 ARTS & CULTURE COMM	5,000	5,000	4,050.00	.00	.00		950.00	81.0%
TOTAL PARKS ADMINISTRATION	5,000	5,000	4,050.00	.00	.00		950.00	81.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	5,000	5,000	4,050.00	.00	.00		950.00	81.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,000	5,000	4,050.00	.00	.00		950.00	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	5,000	5,000	4,050.00	.00	.00	950.00	81.0%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 13

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	REVISED				AVAILABLE	PCT
175 ARTS & CULTURE FUND	APPROP	BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USE/COL
1757033 ARTS & CULTURE							
1757033 422004 FEES	-216,540	-216,540	-95,166.29	.00	.00	-121,373.71	43.9%
1757033 470000 CONTRIBUTIONS	-32,000	-32,000	-1,400.00	.00	.00	-30,600.00	4.4%
1757033 514000 REGULAR WAGES & SAL	70,795	70,795	23,208.43	.00	.00	47,586.57	32.8%
1757033 515200 PARTTIME WAGES & SA	4,800	4,800	.00	.00	.00	4,800.00	.0%
1757033 520700 F.I.C.A.	4,390	4,390	1,359.81	.00	.00	3,030.19	31.0%
1757033 520750 MEDICARE INSURANCE	1,030	1,030	318.02	.00	.00	711.98	30.9%
1757033 531000 PROFESSIONAL FEES &	121,400	121,400	61,139.62	.00	40,607.31	19,653.07	83.8%
1757033 557700 ADVERTISING	12,600	12,600	6,709.17	.00	.00	5,890.83	53.2%
1757033 591500 TRANSFER OUT INTERN	33,525	33,525	.00	.00	.00	33,525.00	.0%
TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE	0	0	-3,831.24	.00	40,607.31	-36,776.07	100.0%
TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE FUND	0	0	-3,831.24	.00	40,607.31	-36,776.07	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-248,540	-248,540	-96,566.29	.00	.00	-151,973.71	
TOTAL EXPENSES	248,540	248,540	92,735.05	.00	40,607.31	115,197.64	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	-3,831.24	.00	40,607.31	-36,776.07	100.0%

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