



City Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday, October 5, 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 6:32 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

Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to accept the September 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Lewandoski to move up New Business Item 7a.
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams, all in favor; motion carried.
 - 7a. Artist, Robert Hudson, presented heart sculpture proposal. Discussion followed. Commission requested an itemization of fees for \$15k cost.
- b. Frank Tavera, Chief Executive Office of the Palace Theater, came to introduce himself to the Commission.

4. Superintendent's Report

- a. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the Financials , discussion followed.
- b. Superintendent Medeiros informed the Commission Vice Chair Villanti has resigned. Superintendent Medeiros also informed the Commission that there is an Art Instructor vacancy and to refer any qualified candidates. Discussion followed.
- c. Superintendent Medeiros provided updates on the theater. Discussion followed.
- d. **MOTION:** Made by: Commissioner Dews to accept and place the Superintendent's Report on file.
Seconded by: Chair Lewandoski, all in favor; motion carried.

5. Chairman's Report

- a. Chair Lewandoski informed the Commission he is researching grants through the newly awarded Cultural District. Discussion followed.

6. Old Business

- a. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the Duck Race results. Discussion followed.
- b. By Commissioners:
 - i. Council Liaison Thibeault suggested advertising the Hispanic Heritage event on more platforms next year.

- ii. Commissioner Dews inquired about the Commission's social media presence, who's been managing it since former Arts & Culture Supervisor Imholte's departure, and ways we can bolster our presence. Discussion followed.

7. New Business

- b. The Commission discussed opportunities to leverage from the Cultural District Designation.
- c. By Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Adams inquired about the including the Project Updates Report for November's meeting.
 - ii. Commissioner Norton inquired if the interactive mural was salvageable, Superintendent Medeiros reported it was not.

8. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: None.

9. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Lewandoski to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

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