



City Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 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
 April Dews, Vice Chair
 Andrea Adams, Commissioner
 Tiffany Howe, Commissioner
 Julie Norton, Commissioner
 Nigel Wynter, Commissioner
 Cheryl Thibeault, City Council Liaison

Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

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

3. Public participation

- i. Resident, Joyce Ptak, proposed naming the Urban Garden and the addition of a mural on the retaining wall of the garden. Ptak also proposed collaborating with local organizations and clubs to assist in the beautification of the Urban Garden. Discussion followed.
- ii. John Gianoni and Christine Levesque of the Forestville Village Association proposed co-managing the Duck Race with the Commission, discussion followed.
- iii. Morgan Urgo, Director of the New England Carousel Museum, offered community partnership in preparation of the Cultural District celebration and future support.

4. Superintendent's Report

- a. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the Financials.
- b. Superintendent Medeiros provided personnel and theater updates; discussion followed.
- c. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed Project Updates.

5. Chairman's Report

- a. KindCare Assisted Living Center expressed interest in being a location for an indoor mural produced by students in the community, discussion followed.
- b. Commissioner Wynter provided update on communication with Charles Hudson in regards to the Heart Sculpture, discussion followed.

6. Old Business

- a. Review proposals on site locations for the Heart Sculpture tabled for February meeting.
- b. City Green Site Map reference tabled for February meeting.
- c. Cultural District Day logistics were discussed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Adams to hold the Cultural District Weekend Celebration tentatively the weekend of June 10th and 11th, 2023.

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

- d. By Commissioners
 - i. Vice Chair Dews provided social media updates; discussion followed.
 - ii. Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Wynters provided feedback on the BAIMS Art Gallery event they attended.

7. New Business

- a. By Commissioners: None.

8. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: City Council Liaison Thibeault discussed budget planning for FY24 as well as the success of the Community Tree Lighting event.

9. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.
Seconded by: Vice Chair Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
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