



City Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday, March 1, 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 6:34 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 Commissioner Adams to accept the February 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Vice Chair Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation: None.

4. Superintendent's Report

- a. Financials: No changes to report.
- b. Superintendent Medeiros provided personnel updates on a potential candidate for the Arts & Culture Supervisor position.
- c. Project Updates: No updates to report.

5. Chairman's Report:

- a. Chair Lewandoski was appointed as a member of the Board of Governors.
- b. Chair Lewandoski reported the City of Bristol has been added to the State of Connecticut Cultural Districts website; discussion followed on building out the City's platform.

6. Old Business

- a. Chair Lewandoski asked Commissioner Wynter to assume communications with Artist, Robert Hudson, and provide updates on the Heart Sculpture for the April meeting.
- b. Discussion regarding the Cultural District Celebration continued.
MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Dews to expend up to \$250.00 on Cultural District window clings for businesses and/or organizations that fall within the City's Cultural District.
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams, all in favor, Chair Lewandoski abstained; motion carried.
- c. Vice Chair Dews provided updates on the City Poet Laureate proposal; discussion followed.
- d. By Commissioners: None.

7. New Business

- a. Superintendent Medeiros provided updates on Downtown Live and the Theater; discussion followed.

- b. Katie Bassett, Education Manager of the New England Carousel Museum, discussed the upcoming Juneteenth Event celebration and requested a City Arts & Culture Grant Application to receive funding for the event.
- c. Chair Lewandoski relayed an opportunity to table at the 2023 Shamrock Run; discussion followed.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Norton to decline the opportunity to table at the 2023 Shamrock Run, but consider tabling for 2024 Shamrock Run.
Seconded by: Vice Chair Dews, all in favor; motion carried.
- d. By Commissioners: None.

8. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: Council Liaison Thibeault provided updates on the Veterans Memorial Boulevard Bridge project, and invited the Commission to support the BPRYCS FY24 Budget Hearing on March 2, 2023.

9. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Lewandoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams, all in favor; motion carried.

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