



**City Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 6:30 pm
Executive Meeting Room, City Hall, 111 North Main St., Bristol, CT**

ATTENDEES: Lindsay Vigue, Kim Villanti, Juliet Norton, Sam Cloutier, Bill Stortz,
Andrea Adams, Mark Walerysiak
COUNCIL LIAISON: Greg Hahn
GUESTS: April Dews

I. The City Arts & Culture Commission was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair Lindsay Vigue.

II. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Andrea Adams made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2019, seconded by Bill Stortz. All voted in favor and the minutes were accepted.

IV. Parks and Public Works Birdhouse Project

The request received for this project was \$300. Discussion.

Kim Villanti made a motion to approve the request for \$300 for the birdhouse project, Samantha Cloutier seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion was passed.

Lindsay will email Jodi McGrane and she will make arrangements to transfer funds to the Public Works department.

Andy recommended taking photos of all the projects they are either involved in or in support of to document the activities of the Commission. Lindsay is also considering a Facebook page. Will be discussed further under New Business.

V. Farmers' Market Music

April Dews reported that the Farmers' Market is mostly booked. The mid-week pop-ups were difficult to do. She has 3 still open and some groups are getting back to her. She has prepared a binder with a calendar and all the relevant information that the commission will need. She reported that she received requests for a merchandise table for their albums (CDs). This request will be brought to the BDA.

One group (November 23) is asking for a stage, sound, and \$500. This group will bring a lot of people to Downtown Bristol. April thinks that they are worth the amount. Greg commented that this may be okay but the sound person might be costly. They will have to find out the cost of setting up the stage and breaking it down. Lindsay said the flatbed truck idea may be an option. Greg said let's run it by Josh first. Also, he knows a sound person and he will check with him. April will call them and let them know she will have an

answer next month. Greg said we should get all the costs together and they could approve this on the condition that the BDA approves the money for it. Discussion. **Samantha Cloutier made a motion to include the cost of the stage and sound and extra dollar amount for the band for the November 23 Farmer's Market music on the condition that the BDA approves the budget. Andrea Adams seconded the motion.** Discussion. **All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

April reported that there was only one artist who needed a P.A. (sound system) but she is performing three times (6-29, 8-14, and 8-24 from 10-12 on Saturdays). She will send an email to all the bands that from here on out the point person will be Lindsay Vigue. She said she did not know the times for the music for the mid-week pop-ups. They will be from 2-6 as Dawn Nielsen said during the busiest times. Greg can make arrangements for the sound system to be there. April will check to see if she needs a microphone as Greg would be able to supply it if needed.

Samantha asked what was the expectation of commission members participating in the Farmers' Markets? Greg said that he would be at most of them – there just needs to be a point person for the bands. It would be good if anyone is available to attend if they can. The only thing to be aware of is to ensure the music does not interfere with the activity of the market, i.e., if they are too loud and also just to be sure that the musical act is set up. April asked about the carpet which was discussed – will that be set up? Also, one band asked for a sun cover. She will be able to attend some of the Saturday markets.

Greg Hahn excused himself at 7:04 p.m.

VI. Senior Center Summer Concerts

Patricia Tomascak asked for funding for these concerts. Discussion. Lindsay reviewed the budget. We are currently under budget. Their request was \$500 – 2000. Lindsay read the request. There are two concerts.

Kim Villanti made a motion that we allot \$2000 total for the Senior Center Summer concerts. Andrea Adams seconded the motion. Discussion. **All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Bill Stortz excused himself at 7:23 p.m.

VII. Mike Reiss Event

Scott Stanton said that a lot of people have signed up so far. Lindsay will send a picture of the Simpson's cutout to Taylor at the Observer. The cutout is currently making the rounds. Someone is needed to do food logistics for that evening. This will mostly be at Pint & Plate. Sam will get information from Harvest Bakery. The Library will do all the set-up. Refreshments should be lite or they will not want to eat at Pint & Plate. Juley will look into the coffee. Sam cannot attend but will work it out with Harvest.

Juley had a question about the mural for the Senior Center. Lindsay will follow up with Patty for more information.

VIII. Duck Race Festival Live Mural

The Commission is providing a music and art aspect to this event.

Lindsay is in touch with an artist who did Black Bear Auto who is now doing murals – his name is Nick. We want to do something interactive. Lindsay showed a sketch. It will be 8' x 8'. It will be on an 8x8 panel so it can be put on a wall later. It will be created in Forestville – where will it be after? Discussion. It is a movable piece. Lindsay gave location suggestions. It should have a semi-permanent location. Discussion.

IX. Update of Crosswalk Art Project

Lindsay had a meeting with the Police Commission. They were supportive of the idea, however, they need to find out if it is legal via the Traffic Division through the State of Connecticut. The reason is that this has not been done in Connecticut at all. They need to find out the reason it has not been done. Is it because no one has asked before or was the request turned down. Lindsay is waiting for an answer from the police chief on whether this is viable. One suggestion was that if it turns out that this is not possible it may be that the crosswalks in the parks could be done because these are not main roads. Another suggestion was they may be able to do some other type of street art which would not be on crosswalks. She is waiting on an answer and this subject will be revisited.

X. Traffic Box Images

Images were distributed. The top votes were for #1, #6, #19, #26, #32, #53. These were for the main images. Discussion.

Review of the smaller images: Locations and amount of detail were considered as well as redundancy and variety. Other considerations were hand drawn images versus pictures and the content of the text. Decisions were made on the smaller images and which boxes they would go on.

Rockwell box: Rockwell Park, Mr. Rockwell, Baseball team

Firetruck box: Numbers 55, 56, 57

Industry box (outside old Bristol Press): Freight yard #41, Ingraham Clock Shop #45, New Departure #54, Mrs. Barnes

Downtown box (Riverside & Main): Primary was #6 (Main St.), others: Bristol Trust #11, Trolley

Life & Leisure box: Main Image was chosen, Trolley, Showboat, Band

Bristol Pride box (Outside City Hall):

A few additional pictures are needed – subjects discussed: Another Leatherman, Minor's Farm, Big Band, Firetruck, Trolley, Mums, Parade.

XI. Old Business

Lindsay reported that they received approval from Webster Bank to do a Main Street mural. Will be on next month's agenda. Kim and Andy will work on criteria for the artists.

XII. New Business

Request form is still needed from the Parks Department.

Corner of Riverside Ave. – can work with Dawn Leger for a possible grant, this will be discussed at a later date.

Kim revised the request forms and will email copy to everyone.

Facebook: Lindsay would like to pursue once the projects are underway to keep the public up to date on what they are doing.

Andy inquired about the database of artists and when the commission members are expected to volunteer and can the artists be recruited for events. Discussion.

Andy said that the Bristol Hospital is looking for painting and photography and doing a call to artists for their new building. Andy will forward the information.

XIII. Adjournment

Andrea Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Samantha Cloutier. All present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper,
Recording Secretary