



**City Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:30 pm
Executive Meeting Room, City Hall, 111 North Main St., Bristol, CT**

ATTENDEES: Kim Villanti, Samantha Cloutier, Juliet Norton, Bill Stortz,
Andrea Adams, Mark Walerysiak

ABSENT: Lindsay Vigue

COUNCIL LIAISON: Greg Hahn

GUEST: Terry Marcelle

I. The City Arts & Culture Commission was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Vice-Chair Kim Villanti.

II. Public Participation

Terry Marcelle, a retired teacher, distributed a summary of a proposed photographic project and spoke about his idea – called "Then and Now". His idea is to take old prints of a Bristol location and take a new picture of the same location and have them displayed side by side in a public place. He is seeking funding for this project and would like to speak to the Bristol Historical Society and other organizations to obtain the old photographs.

He has worked with a company which produces large acrylic prints and his idea would be to borrow old photos, send them to these printers and have a large acrylic print produced. He would then photograph the same scene and have an acrylic print made as well of the new photo. The photos would be of well-known Bristol buildings with the intent that the finished acrylic prints could be displayed in them. If the owners of the buildings wish to own these photos, they may purchase them, otherwise they would remain the property of the City of Bristol. No public funds are being requested but he would be seeking to fund the project through either grants or sponsorships, as the cost of these prints is quite large.

Mr. Marcelle is looking for suggestions for the locations of the photos and/or possibly having an exhibition. There was general discussion and the committee asked questions. Greg Hahn proposed that some guidance would be needed on how he may proceed with this project and advised him to have a specific goal.

Kim Villanti also advised him to make a proposal such as "an exhibition" with the following considerations: the intent, get some costs together, would the prints be available for sale and for what prices. He could then approach companies who could hang them in their lobby and the City Arts and Culture Commission could assist in promotion and to source locations. He needs to consider if he wishes to have an exhibition. If so, the commission could assist in the organization of this, promotion and obtaining sponsors. First they would need a formal proposal. Kim also provided Mr. Marcelle with the paperwork he needs to submit his proposal.

III. Approval of Minutes

Bill Stortz made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2019, seconded by Juliet Norton. All present voted in favor and the minutes were accepted.

Samantha Cloutier made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting of June 5, 2019, seconded by Andrea Adams. All present voted in favor and the minutes were accepted.

- IV. Discussion of photo contest for interactive mural art piece in Forestville center. Discuss length of time to post images and prize.

Kim reviewed the idea for this contest. Discussion.

The contest would be based on creativity and the photos would be posted online. Some type of online contest could be done. They would need to decide who would vote – the commission or the public. They must first decide if this is a good idea.

Andrea Adams made a motion to form a small committee to see if this idea is feasible. The motion was seconded by Samantha Cloutier. Discussion. Mark Walerysiak suggested getting the local Forestville businesses involved. **Motion passed.** Kim will have Lindsay Vigue follow-up.

- V. CACC presence at First Downtown Farmers' Market with banner with the music June 22nd

The committee discussed who could attend this event and represent the committee. Greg wanted to know if he needs to bring a sound system. Also discussed was whether a rug was needed. Kim will ask Lindsay. The pull-up banner could be brought by Justin or Dawn Nielsen – Greg will handle.

- VI. CACC presence at the Bristol Hospital Public Opening event at 1 pm June 22nd

Kim will be at this event. Greg may attend around 1:00 p.m. Juliet said she is also planning to be there.

- VII. CACC presence at Senior Center Concert Series June 23rd 4-6 pm with banner

Greg will be there and will introduce the band. He will take the banner (pull-up) at the end of the Farmers' Market. Kim and Juliet may come.

- VIII. CACC presence at Rockwell Concert Series kickoff June 25th with banner 7-8:30 pm

Andrea and Kim will attend. Greg suggested using the horizontal banner at this event.

- IX. Mum Festival – CACC has been asked by the festival to be involved in organizing artists for 9/19-9/20. Do we want to be involved?

Andrea reported that on Thursday and Friday of this festival there will be an art exhibit and people can show their art. Discussion. There was a consensus that it is not the role of this committee to organize this. The committee can provide support by providing names of artists. If there are other requests or proposals, the committee will consider them.

Andrea asked if the committee could man a table at the exhibit as they did last year or somewhere at the festival? This was good for P.R. purposes. She said that since the committee was part of the city there would not be a fee. The table could just be manned in the evening and that would be up to the committee. This subject could be discussed at a later time – what does the Mum Festival want them to do? They will evaluate requests when asked.

- X. Discussion of RFP for downtown mural.

Greg Hahn provided an update. Zoning does not allow anyone to put up murals in the city. He has spoken to Bob Flanagan about rewriting the regulation but it would have to be preapproved. If someone plans to have a mural, they would have to come to this committee, have the committee's recommendation for approval, and there would have to be guidelines. It would be the committee's responsibility for the aesthetics. Greg will follow-up with Zoning on getting it on the agenda. The guidelines can be set afterward.

Andrea Adams made a motion to have the regulation say that the City Arts and Culture Committee will accept the first review and then make the recommendation to accept the proposal for the mural. Motion was seconded by Mark Walerysiak. All present voted in favor and motion was passed.

Kim said that they want to move forward to create the RFP. Discussion. Lindsay and Kim are working on the RFP.

XI. Old Business

Mark has sent an update to Lindsay with a couple of new postcards and copy to be approved. Kim reported that she is still waiting for some info.

XII. New Business

Kim mentioned a letter to the Editor which was printed in the Observer. She has responded. She read the letter at the meeting. She advised that she has replied as an individual but identified herself as a member of the commission and said what is being done now.

Kim attended the Pride flag raising which was well attended. She has created a logo for the commission to use for future pride events and showed the design to the committee.

Greg advised they should also consider other observances such as "Black History Month" for example.

Greg also mentioned at some point to think about an Arts and Culture Commission float in the Mum parade.

XIII. Adjournment

Samantha Cloutier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Juliet Norton. All present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper,
Recording Secretary