



**City Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 6:30 pm
Executive Meeting Room, City Hall, 111 North Main St., Bristol, CT**

ATTENDEES: Lindsay Vigue, Samantha Cloutier, Juliet Norton, Bill Stortz,
Andrea Adams
ABSENT: Kim Villanti, Mark Walerysiak
COUNCIL LIAISON: Greg Hahn
GUESTS: Karen Stevens
Morgan Urgo, New England Carousel Museum

- I. The City Arts & Culture Commission was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Lindsay Vigue.
- II. Public Participation

Karen Stevens, former secretary of the Federal Hill Association, reported that they would like to sponsor a concert on the Federal Hill Green but since they no longer have liability insurance since this group was disbanded, she went to the Park Board with her request and was told to come to this committee to see if this could be a city event so that the City insurance would cover them. Greg Hahn said he does not think it would but we may be able to co-sponsor in name only (no funding) but we would have to check with the Mayor and Corporation Counsel about the insurance question. We could pass a motion that we will co-sponsor but do not yet know if the City's insurance would cover them. The proposed concert is for September 8th.

Andrea Adams made a motion to co-sponsor the 9/8/19 concert at Federal Hill Green and accept the liability insurance up to \$150. Samantha Cloutier seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Lindsay will follow-up with Corporation Counsel. Greg said that someone will need to be at the concert to set up the banner.

- III. Approval of Minutes

Bill Stortz made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2019, and the Special Meeting of July 29, 2019, seconded by Andrea Adams. All present voted in favor and the minutes were accepted.

- IV. Skatepark project

Lindsay updated everyone on this project. Lindsay and Greg Hahn met with Park Department staff and some skaters on this subject and asked them how they feel about it. It could be slippery as well as other issues. There was some negative feedback from some of the regular skaters. It became a question of safety. Another idea that came forward was to use one wall of the pavilion. Greg said that this project would be cancelled or tabled until we receive another proposal from Parks. Lindsay said another idea popular with the skaters is to have painted curbs.

V. Downtown Mural

Lindsay reported that even though nothing was painted for the Park project, she thought Corey Pane was very good to work with. We have \$10,000 for this project from a grant from the Roberts Foundation. Discussion. Lindsay said that we can feed Corey a few ideas and ask for his input and designs.

Bill suggested that our logo also be included in these finished pieces showing our sponsorship. Discussion about two artists being approached.

Samantha Cloutier made a motion to reach out to two artists for ideas and to schedule a special meeting to discuss those ideas. Andrea Adams seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion was passed.

VI. Forestville Center mural

Lindsay said that the Forestville mural piece was meant to be movable but work would be needed to repair the area. Should it be left there or moved to another location in Forestville? It's a small mural on a big wall. Lindsay thinks that this should be tabled for now.

VII. Traffic Box update

Lindsay reported that we are waiting for Bristol Signart. They took all the measurements and just got back to Kim yesterday. It all has to be proofed.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Morgan Urgo spoke about a glass blowing project they may be working on. She will put together a proposal.

Bill Stortz asked could the City's marketing committee promote the arts commission's logo.

X. Adjournment

Samantha Cloutier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Bill Stortz. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper,
Recording Secretary