



City Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 6:30 pm
Executive Meeting Room, City Hall, 111 North Main St., Bristol, CT

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

I. The City Arts & Culture Commission was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chair Lindsay Vigue.

II. Public Participation

Morgan Urgo spoke about the Museum Collaborative Commission. They like the idea of a public scavenger hunt. They were thinking of a blown glass item (ornament) with a date on it hidden around town. They would like to propose that these are blown during the winter and hidden next year in connection with an event or holiday. They can have a logo on them as well as the date. They would probably need to reach out to the Parks and Recreation Department and she has already spoken to Josh Medeiros who likes the idea. She is proposing about \$3,000. It would be publicized on the Museum Collaborative's landing page and there would be 100 ornaments. She already has an artist in mind and has spoken to him. Discussion.

Morgan explained the process for hiding the orbs. The Bristol Museum Collaborative would do the rollout of the program. Greg Hahn inquired if they have looked at other funding sources. Morgan said yes, several, although they have not yet applied for any funds outside of Bristol. Ideally, they would like to roll this out by June of 2020 in conjunction with the Museum Open House Day. She could prepare a detailed budget as well.

III. Approval of Minutes

Kim Villanti made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2019, seconded by Juliet Norton. All present voted in favor and the minutes were accepted.

IV. Traffic Box Update/Event Date

Printouts of the copy were distributed for review. Lindsay would like to do a "walk" where the card writers could sign their cards. She would like these to be out by the beginning of October. Kim reported that the printer is requesting that the background color be different than everything else. She also said that all of them are different dimensions. The front is for the postcard and the small ones on the sides. No text can be on the back because that is where the handles, etc. are so they will be plain-solid on the back.

Lindsay is looking at the second week of October (week of the 6th) for the walk. She would like to have the Press, Council, card writers, etc. Morgan said that afterward if you want they can have a "reception" at the Carousel Museum with a slide show.

Andrea Adams joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

There was discussion on the preparation of the boxes so that the vinyl would adhere. At least one box needs sanding and someone would have to be hired to do the work. **Kim Villanti made a motion to approve up to \$200 to hire someone to sand the box. Andrea Adams seconded the motion.** Discussion. **Kim Villanti amended the motion to up to \$300, and Andrea Adams seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.** The box in question is the "Brackett Park" or "St. Anthony Church" box.

Lindsay proposed a time of 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6th for the downtown walk. She will create an event page. She will contact people and the rain date will be the following Sunday. Everyone would meet at City Hall. The route was discussed.

Greg Hahn excused himself at 7: 14 p.m.

V. Downtown Mural Project

There was discussion about the process for submissions from the artists, which can then be reviewed around the second week of October. The process will be:

- October 1 deadline for submissions
- Includes a Call to Artists (Kim read this to the committee)
- What is required in the submissions from the artists
- Interview questions were reviewed, this will include how they would prep the site

- There will be a videographer to document the process of creating the mural
 - Consensus it would be time-lapse video, with some still shots, dependent upon the cost

A special meeting will be needed between October 2nd to 9th. After the artist is chosen, then the concepts will be requested. Kim will write an artist's contract. This would include things like if it is peeling, they will return to fix it.

Traffic Box: Mark pointed out one picture on the Bristol Pride box does not match the text. The Mum Parade picture is a different event. Either the copy or photo should change.

VI. Writers Workshop Update

Lindsay provided an update. There are four participants and they are meeting at the library. They are currently in their third week. It was suggested that the event take place at the Page Park Pavilion. There would be a cost of \$150 to rent the space. **Mark Walerysiak made a motion to take on the \$150 cost for the Page Park Pavilion rental for the Writer's Workshop event. Andrea Adams seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.** The event (with readings) will be on November 2nd at 3 p.m.

VII. Library Steps Art

Lindsay said that in October they can review their budget and see what projects they wish to take on. They should have about \$18,000 left after the mural project. There was general discussion about what type of projects the commission prefers to spend funds on and how best to support projects which are being presented to them for some assistance.

There was discussion on what will be the focus of the next meeting and how best to use the budget for the remainder of this year and for next year.

The library steps can also be discussed at this time.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

The commission discussed "Dorothy" – the big red shoe that BBK have and if they could do a call to artists for someone to fix it up. BBK will pay for the repair. They are requesting that the commission assist in locating an artist to do the work. Lindsay will let Sam know and she can do the call out to artists.

X. Adjournment

Andrea Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Mark Walerysiak. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper,
Recording Secretary