



**City Arts & Culture Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6:30 pm**  
**Executive Meeting Room, City Hall, 111 North Main St., Bristol, CT**

**ATTENDEES:** Kim Villanti, Juliet Norton, Mark Walerysiak,  
Andrea Adams, Bill Stortz, Samantha Cloutier  
**ABSENT:** Lindsay Vigue  
**COUNCIL LIAISON:** - - -  
**GUESTS:** Morgan Urgo, The New England Carousel Museum  
Jennifer Fomenko, Bristol Central High School

I. The City Arts & Culture Commission was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Vice-Chair Kim Villanti

II. Public Participation

1. Requests for financial support and sponsorship were received from The New England Carousel Museum. Morgan reviewed her requests and answered questions.
  - Dance Series (Program Support)
    - The desire to keep the program going is there. They usually break even or lose money. They were trying to find ways of keeping the cost down. This request is for about half of their cost. They have no funds for advertising. Some more ads would increase or double the attendance.
  - Mardi Gras (Sponsorship)
    - Morgan would like to have more artists performing. They would also like to have an arts activity. This event would pull people from outside the State and is also a crossover from tourism to an arts-based event.

Morgan answered questions about their costs and prices for events and possible alternative fundraising opportunities.

2. Jennifer Fomenko (student from Bristol Central), member of Interact Club, spoke about having a Bristol Pride Night. They are looking for assistance with promotion. Kim explained the ways that the commission provides assistance.

Kim will provide the Chair Lindsay Vigue with Jennifer's email and Lindsay will forward the relevant forms to fill out. Kim explained what type of information is needed. Sam advised that the teacher liaison for the Interact Club could assist with the form and request. Kim explained in what ways the commission could help and what it does not do and also advised Jennifer to contact Dawn Nielsen for promotion assistance.

Discussion of Public Participation Requests:

- What impact would our assistance bring?
- Do we support a non-profit in their fundraising effort?
- We could focus on the activities during the Mardi Gras – are they considering Bristol artists/entertainers?
- This subject should be tabled until Lindsay Vigue can attend the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

**Andrea Adams made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2019, seconded by Samantha Cloutier. All present voted in favor and the minutes were accepted.**

IV. Budget Review

There is \$22,000 in the Budget until July if the mural will still be covered (by the grant). There was brief discussion of the mural. Kim Villanti expressed some thoughts on the concept. Currently, the City approval and grantor approval is needed.

Bill Stortz excused himself at 7:10 p.m.

V. Project for the Year – Sculpture Art?

This can be researched during the coming year. Kim mentioned doing multiple small sculptures instead of one large sculpture. Other things to consider: possible vandalism.

VI. Old Business – There was no old business

VII. New Business

Julie mentioned that Central High School needs "art judges" for February 29<sup>th</sup> at the "Academic Bowl" and asked if anyone was interested.

VIII. Adjournment

Kim Villanti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Samantha Cloutier. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Cooper,  
Recording Secretary