



**City Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 6:30 pm
Rockwell Park Gazebo, Dutton Ave., Bristol, CT**

ATTENDEES: Lindsay Vigue, Kim Villanti, Juliet Norton,
Andrea Adams, Samantha Cloutier, Bill Stortz
ABSENT: Mark Walerysiak
COUNCIL LIAISON: Greg Hahn
GUESTS: Peter Kelley

I. The City Arts & Culture Commission was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Chair Lindsay Vigue.

II. Public Participation

Peter Kelley, 43 Southbound Drive, Bristol.

Since the mural design has been approved, Mr. Kelley had a request. Since his late wife Sheila was Webster's bank manager who Lindsay originally reached out to for the mural, Mr. Kelley asked that Sheila be represented in the mural and possibly be mentioned on a plaque. Mr. Kelley excused himself at 6:56 p.m. This item will be discussed under item IV.

III. Approval of Minutes

Andrea Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2020, seconded by Juliet Norton. All present voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Discussion of Plaque for the Mural

Both the mural and the plaque were discussed. The Mayor sees the plaque as the story of how this mural came about. **Samantha Cloutier made a motion to have a dedication to Sheila Kelley in the plaque seconded by Bill Storz. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Kim Villanti excused herself from the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

There was discussion of writing the wording for the plaque. Lindsay has begun a draft of a press release and some of this may be incorporated. Lindsay will talk to Corey about a title and this would also be on the plaque. The wording should be available by the next meeting and a dedication could be done in August or when the plaque is done. Lindsay said that the Commission has received the \$10,000 from the Roberts Foundation to use on the mural. Estimates for the plaque will be obtained once the wording has been approved.

Samantha Cloutier made a motion to approve \$4,000 to the artist as down payment to pay before the end of the month. Andrea Adams seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Corey is planning to begin the mural on July 5th and it is expected to take about a week.

V. Discussion of Art Event in conjunction with Farmers Market

Greg reported that the Carousel Museum approached him with this idea. The suggestion was that Hope Street could be blocked off and to create a festive atmosphere with a band, ice cream, museum/carousel horses, actors, gift bags, and to get other organizations involved. He has spoken to the Mayor. It would be in the second to last Saturday in August with a rain date the following week. Cost estimate would be \$900-\$1500. It would be run by volunteers. Discussion.

Andrea Adams made a motion to approve and set aside up to \$2,000 to go to the Carousel Museum for the purpose of the chalk event for the month of August 2020. Samantha Cloutier seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

VI. Videographer filming Mural Painting

Lindsay reported that a \$500 deposit has been made out of the \$2,000 budget for the same videographer who did the traffic boxes.

Samantha Cloutier made a motion to pay the remaining \$1,500 to the videographer before the end of the month. Andrea Adams seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

VII. Update on Trolley Car

There was no updates.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Letter from Bristol Police Department re: Traffic Box Artwork request

Discussion. Questions:

- Which box would be used if it was done?
- Are there other ways to honor first responders?
- Should they be invited to come to a meeting and discuss their ideas?

Lindsay will reach out to them to come to the commission and speak more about this idea.

B. Fund-raising for Mum Fest

Julie reported that the Mum Festival Committee is considering various options for fund-raising and have an idea of selling art locally. Sam asked would it be okay to share the committee's Excel contact list of artists. Lindsay reported the list has been shared before and this is what it is for.

X. Adjournment

Andrea Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Samantha Cloutier. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper, Recording Secretary