



**City Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 6:30 pm
Federal Hill Green, Queen St., Bristol, CT**

ATTENDEES: Lindsay Vigue, Kim Villanti, Juliet Norton,
Andrea Adams, Samantha Cloutier, Bill Stortz, Mary Walerysiak
ABSENT: - - -
COUNCIL LIAISON: Greg Hahn - absent
GUESTS: Jeff Israel, Diversity Council

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

II. Public Participation

Jeff Israel spoke about a potential art project that would be applicable for various Bristol groups, with the final goal being an art showing. The organizations would keep the artwork afterwards, or there could be a sale – that part is open. Lindsay Vigue asked how the Arts Commission could assist the Diversity Council. Mr. Israel indicated that the project could be planned together. He will discuss this with the Diversity Council and see if there is a way for us to partner. Lindsay spoke about an idea she brought to Scott Rosado (Diversity Council liaison) concerning a music event.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mark Walerysiak made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2020, seconded by Andrea Adams. All present voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Discussion of Plaque for the Mural

The start date for the mural has been pushed back. Corey is currently painting in Chicago. He then is headed to Los Angeles so he will begin in Bristol at the end of the month.

Lindsay asked if the commission would still like to have a plaque for the mural. It was the consensus that the plaque would have general information - how the project came about, a thank you to the bank and the Roberts Foundation, followed by some information about the artist.

As far as what type of plaque – on the wall or free standing – it was thought to see what looks best for the space. The Parks Department will provide a list of vendors. Approval is needed from Webster Bank as far as the placement.

There may be several drafts of the wording and the content should contain:

- Comment about public art
- Information on the piece itself
- Public/private sponsorship with list of sponsors
- Info on the artist
- Arts Commission logo

Sam will prepare a draft for review at the next meeting. Lindsay will obtain information on styles. Lindsay will also send the press release to Sam.

There was a question about whether there should be lighting. This will be discussed with Corey.

V. Old Business

- Chalk Art Event: Dawn Nielsen called Lindsay to refer artisans to this project.

Bill Stortz excused himself at 7:25 p.m.

- Train Car: There is no new information.
- Turtles: Sarah is asking for artists to do the painting. An adult would partner with each child whose designs were chosen – they would like to begin this project in August. Please send suggested names to Sarah Larson in Parks.

VI. New Business

Lindsay reported that the new budget is \$23,000. There was some rollover.

Julie asked if Better Half Brewing was still interested in a mural – something interactive and the cost. The commission has no updated information on this subject.

VII. Adjournment

Kim Villanti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Andrea Adams. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper, Recording Secretary