



**City Arts & Culture Commission  
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 6:30 pm  
Staff Lounge, Second Floor, Bristol City Hall  
111 North Main St., Bristol, CT**

**ATTENDEES:** Lindsay Vigue, Juliet Norton, Andrea Adams, Samantha Buonafede  
Kim Villanti, Mark Walerysiak (via Webex)  
**ABSENT:** Bill Stortz  
**COUNCIL LIAISON:** ---  
**GUESTS:** Erica Benoit, Parks Dept.  
Laurie Haird

I. The City Arts & Culture Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Lindsay Vigue.

III. Approval of Minutes

**Samantha Buonafede made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2020, seconded by Andrea Adams. All present voted in favor and the minutes were approved.**

II. Public Participation

Laurie Haird, a member of several craft groups in Connecticut, said that many events are cancelled. She spoke about a drive-by craft show which took place in another community – an "Art Trail." Artists would sign up ahead and sign forms with details of their artwork. She was thinking about doing something like this before the holidays, perhaps in October. She was thinking about October 17<sup>th</sup> with the 24<sup>th</sup> as a rain date. She is looking for the Commission to help spread the word.

**Andrea Adams made a motion to help promote the Art Trail event proposed by Laurie Haird. Samantha Buonafede seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Ms. Haird excused herself at 6:50 p.m.

IV. Discussion of videos

A video was done on the traffic boxes and Lindsay had discussed doing a more inclusive one with interviews. She also asked the videographer to do one of the mural with credit to the Commission and the Artist.

The September 26 Event (Car Show) is not taking place. Andrea reported that the Health Department did not give their approval. She does not know whether the chalk event was happening.

Lindsay reported that the official unveiling of the mural with the signage will be done with special invitations. Having this event at 5:00 p.m. should be OK around mid-October. The video can be completed after the sculpture is done.

V. Tree Carving

Lindsay reported that no other carvers have responded. Samantha recommended that a small sign be placed near the tree indicating that a sculpture would be done in the future at that location.

**Andrea Adams made a motion to hire Jared Welcome as the artist for the tree carving. Samantha Buonafede seconded the motion, all present voted in favor. Motion passed.**

VI. Mural signage

Kim has the copy from Greg and has made some edits. She will contact Lindsey Rivers at Public Works about the sign. Lindsay Vigue will touch base with Greg.

VII. Forestville Wrap

Bristol Sign Art will be doing the wrap. Right now it just has the Bristol logo on the back. Lindsay suggests putting the sponsor's (Broadview Manor) logo and the Commission's logo on it as well. Mark suggested touching base with Dawn Nielsen on how to use the Bristol logo to include the Arts Commission.

Placement of logos on the box was discussed. Broadview Manor and the City should be placed first with the Arts Commission last.

VIII. Unveiling for mural and new Forestville wrap

Lindsay will also speak to Broadview Manor. Something could also be done where people can meet the artist.

IX. Old Business

There was discussion on additional sculptors for a new project. The commission is looking for a metal sculptor and will invite one to the next meeting.

X. New Business – There was no new business.

XI. Adjournment

Samantha Buonafede made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m., seconded by Andrea Adams. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Cooper,  
Recording Secretary