



City Arts & Culture Commission  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT  
Regular Meeting Minutes

**1. Call to order**

- a. Chair Walter Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- b. Attendance

Present:           Walter Lewandoski, Chair  
                      April Dews, Vice Chair  
                      Andrea Adams, Commissioner  
                      Tiffany Howe, Commissioner  
                      Nigel Wynter, Commissioner  
                      Cheryl Thibeault, City Council Liaison

Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent:            Julie Norton, Commissioner

**2. Acceptance of meeting minutes**

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Adams to accept the January 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by: Vice Chair Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

**3. Public participation**

- a. John Gianoni of the Forestville Village Association provided updates on management of the Duck Race, requested acquisition of Duck Race supplies, and established ticket partnership with the Commission.

**4. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the Financials.
- b. Superintendent Medeiros provided personnel and theater updates; the Arts & Culture Supervisor position is still accepting applications; discussion followed.
- c. Project Updates: None.

**5. Chairman's Report:** Discussed in Old Business Items 6a and 6c.

**6. Old Business**

- a. The Commission reviewed proposals on site locations for the Heart Sculpture; discussion followed. **MOTION:** Made Commissioner Adams to conceptually approve Federal Hill Green as the Heart Sculpture site location and refer to Board of Park Commissioners for approval once sculpture logistics are finalized. Seconded by: Vice Chair Dews, all in favor; motion carried.
- b. The City Green Site Map was reviewed in Old Business Item 6a.
- c. Discussion continued on logistics surrounding the Cultural District Celebration.
- d. By Commissioners:
  - i. Vice Chair Dews provided social media updates, and relayed opportunity to make fufu with owner of Adom International Market.

**7. New Business**

- a. Vice Chair Dew proposed a City Poet Laureate position; discussion followed.
- b. By Commissioners: None.

**8. Committee Reports**

- a. City Council Liaison updates: Council Member Thibeault agrees with Commission's FY24 budget proposal.

**9. Adjourn**

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Wynter to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jazya Coakley  
Recording Secretary  
City Arts & Culture Commission