**West Concord Junction**  
**Cultural District Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 7**  
Harvey Wheeler Community Center Lecture Room

*Members present:* Harry Bartlett, Lisa Evans, Margot Kimball, Ann Sussman, Jen Montbach (acting chair)

*Members absent:* Carlene Hempel, Kate Yoder

*Visitors:* Marcia Rasmussen, director, Planning and Land Management, town of Concord; Terri Ackerman, liaison to the Select Board; Nikki Amodio and Jennifer Schunemann, Concord residents

*Introductions:* Jennifer Schunemann is editing and publishing a new publication called “Discover Concord,” made for the many tourists who come to Concord. She would like to include information about arts and culture for the June issue. Asked people to consider writing something up for it.

Nikki Amodio is an interior designer. She is would like to help West Concord preserve its unique character in the face of development.

*Art Week Debrief:* Margot said that overall it seemed to be a success. Many people went to the launch bluegrass concert at Three Stones Gallery with the band, the Splinters. Afterward, a good-sized group, about 35, went to ART GYM for an art-making party.

ART JAM at Nashoba Bakery was reasonably well attended.

Band Scramble and Art Scramble were especially successful, with a nice turnout for Band Scramble and about 75 people going to the “Reveal of Art Scramble” and staying for the concert afterward. It all seemed to be well received and it was a diverse crowd.

Marcia asked if the advertising of Art Week as an official series of events by the Highland Street Foundation was helpful. People thought that it probably was.

There was a discussion about where Art Scramble should go after the Harvey Wheeler building. The original 3 x 6-foot painting will go in the display window of the 5 and 10. The larger one would be best seen outside. It would have to be prepared with a resin. Maybe Bill Cosby can assist with that. What wall would it go on? Maybe the old Swing Building.

Marcia mentioned that the consultants need more surveys filled out. They’d like 20 more businesses and 20 more artists. She will contact Linda Maxwell about asking businesses. Margot
said she would encourage more artist friends. Hard to get people to fill them out if they don’t see a tangible benefit.

The consultants request that we meet on June 10th.

Porch Fest Update:

Jennifer Montbach says she has 4 bands signed up so far. Wants 25 in the end. Jen recounted the history of porch fests. Much more info is available in last month’s minutes. It will take place on the equinox, Sept. 21st with rain date of the 22nd. She requested that interested bands or people with “porches” go to the website to sign up.

Jen Schunemann said she would post this in Discover West Concord

Marcia said that the parking lot of the Harvey Wheeler building might be useful that day. Some discussion as well about the use of the square at Brookside Square.

Walkability: Ann Sussman gave an overview of the walk that took place with Jane Obbagy, director of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Town. Many town offices, committees, and West Concord businesses are involved in the discussion and deliberations of making the Village more walkable. The idea is that our committee, the WCJDC, will act as the central hub for these deliberations.

Terri pointed out that walkability is important to health, economics and the culture of the village.

Preparations for West Concord Advisory Committee Open House: Marcia with bring fliers of the survey. The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail will have a presence. Margot will have info on Art Scramble. Ann will have info on Artscape and the Wheelhouse.

Other Business:

There was a brief discussion of Bike Fest, which is coming up on the evening of the 17th and 18th.

Harry asked that we get on the agenda signs, including banners to hang on lampposts. Marcia said that we must consult with the Light Plant for that. Dave Wood is the person to start with.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, at 5 p.m. in the Harvey Wheeler Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Kimball