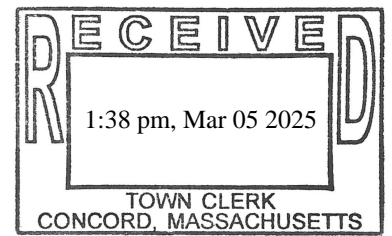


**Concord Center Cultural District Taskforce Minutes**  
June 6, 2024 at 2 pm at Umbrella Arts Center



Members in attendance: Tanya Barteveyan, Richard Fahlander, Kate James, Carole Wayland, Jerry Wedge

Staff Liaison: Mimi Graney. Guest: Tooley Rogers

Minutes:

- Draft minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. With corrections the minutes were unanimously approved.

Recommendation to Assign the Charge:

Richard reported from his meeting with Select Board Chair Mary Hartman. Mary noted that the taskforce charge is to recommend an appropriate body to take on the responsibilities of administering the cultural district. A recommendation to continue as a stand alone committee would be unresponsive to the charge. Mary was in support of the idea Richard outlined to make the district part of the work of the Concord Local Cultural Council.

Tooley Rogers, incoming Chair of the LCC spoke about the advantage of placing the district with the LCC to more effectively leverage available grant funds and coordinate local arts initiatives.

The group had a general conversation about the relative aspects of the LCC and cultural districts in terms of mission (arts in general versus arts to support economic vitality goals, town-wide versus site specific, tight controls by the state for the LCC versus looser funding requirements for the districts, and the task foremost as a granting agency for the LCC while the district can choose to execute programs directly, staff support limited for LCC and more robust for districts.)

Discussion on the recommendation as drafted by Richard. Motions for amending the language failed. Draft as submitted was approved unanimously. Richard will submit to the Select Board.

Grant Support

Mimi is administering the grants for the art work and activation projects as decided by the committee. Details for the activation projects need to be worked out and contracts with the city executed. Specifics such as scheduling of the activities have yet to be worked out. Richard said he'd be interested in assisting with logistics even as the work of the Taskforce wraps up.

New Business

The Select Board recently voted to delay consideration of the request of the DEI Commission to fly the Pride Flag as part of this month's Pride celebration. The Taskforce unanimously voted to recommend the Select Board, when reconsidering the DEI Commission's request at their June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, to approve the flying of the flag. The group tasked Richard with submitting this request in a letter to the Select Board on the group's behalf without further review.

Next Meeting:

The Select Board may concur with the Taskforce that their work is completed. No additional meetings are scheduled.