



Concord 250 Event Planning Committee

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 5:30pm -7:00PM In Person

Concord Main Library, Trustees Room

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Introductions and Welcome New Members

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Joe Palumbo. We welcomed guests Lisa Krassner, Jarad Fouss. Jim Hollister, and Student Reps Lincoln Green and Grady Flinn

2. Chairs Report /Review Event Planning **FOCUS**

We reviewed the Event Planning Focus as noted here:

Concord 250 Event Planning

- Develop a comprehensive plan of events for celebrating and promoting the 250th anniversary and other historical events which includes reference to new historical research and the contributions of Indigenous and Black Concordians as well as all those who have come before but whose voices were not always heard, honored, or remembered.*
- Create events around the progress we have made and continue to make to preserve, protect and expand the foundational principles of self-determination, equality, and liberty for all people*
- Identify opportunities for individuals or organizations to participate in celebrations and events*
- Ensure that activities represent a commitment to diversity and inclusiveness, and create opportunity at all levels and activities for citizen participation;*

3. Review **Concord250** Event Planner 2023-2026

We discussed the Executive Committees requested to us to create a “Program of Events and Activities for Concord 250” and we looked at an early DRAFT. Jarad and Jim shared with us early concepts around NPS Thematic Framework for the 250th and we decided to look at it more fully at our next meeting once it has been released for distribution.

4. Discuss Ideas, Next Steps and Assign Tasks as Needed

We discussed the concepts of FreedomFest '25 and began to brainstorm what that type of all age music festival and light show could look like . All were tasked with thinking about it further, look for ideas and input to discuss at next meeting

NEXT MEETING Set for October 24 5:30pm in the Trustees Room

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm