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**PARTY ON THE PATIO EVENT WILL FEATURE GRAND JUNCTION PLAZA CONCEPTS**

**Westfield, IN-** Wednesday's Party on the Patio event will feature design concepts for the Grand Junction Plaza project. The monthly Downtown Westfield Association event will allow citizens to view and comment on designs from Land Collective, the lead design group for Westfield's downtown revitalization project.

David A. Rubin, Land Collective's principal, credits the success of the group's projects with empathy-driven design and a synthesis of art, technology and social sciences to create human-centered works.

"A successful space is one that's well-attended," said Rubin. "Land Collective aspires to render Grand Junction as an extraordinary venue filled with art, architecture, community and life. We have worked with the City to gather some of the most extraordinary talent across design disciplines, in the hope that the future park will continuously heighten one's experience, no matter when one engages in it - any time of day and through all seasons," Rubin said.

"We are very eager to see Land Collective's concepts for Westfield's future," Mayor Andy Cook said.

"Their work on Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis brought them to our attention, and their emphasis on collaborative, community driven design work left no doubt in our minds that this was the right group of people to take our community's vision to the next level," Cook said.

The Grand Junction Plaza project began as a citizen-driven effort to revitalize Westfield through downtown development. Ken Kingshill, chairman of the Grand Junction Task Group and executive director of the Downtown Westfield Association, sees the selection of Land Collective as the culmination of a seven-year-long process.

“The Grand Junction Task Group participants have devoted thousands of volunteer hours over the past seven years to dream up the Grand Junction concept,” Kingshill said. “We are thrilled that the city has hired David Rubin of Land Collective to prepare the final design of the Grand Junction Park and Plaza. We look forward to the day that downtown Westfield will indeed be the place where connections are made, both for our residents and for our sports visitors.”

Party on the Patio begins at 5 p.m., May 28<sup>th</sup>, and is sponsored by Westfield Parks and Recreation, Edward Jones and Body One. It will be held at the Parks and Recreation facility located at 330 E Main Street, with the entire patio available for food and refreshments. The event is free to the public.

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