

Rose F. Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2013 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
185 Kneeland Street, 1st Floor Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

RKGC Board: Georgia Murray, Jane Pappalardo, John Pregmon, Martin W. Lynn, Cheryl Cronin, Maggie Hunt, Chris Fincham, Helen Chin Schlichte, Susanne Lavoie, Young Park, James Chan, Chris Betke, Clinton Bench, Bob Gore

RKGC Board Not Attending: Robyn Reed, Vivien Wu, Tim Morningstar, Maeve Vallely-Bartlett

RKGC Staff: Jesse Brackenbury, Linda Jonash, Amy Dwyer, Jodi Wolin, Renee Wood, Steve Anderson

Georgia Murray welcomed all to the November public board meeting and noted that Matt Conti from North End Waterfront.com would be filming the meeting for his website. The first order of business was to approve the July board meetings minutes. **With no comments or changes, a motion to approve the meeting minutes was made and duly seconded and the minutes were approved by a roll call vote of nine in the affirmative and none in the negative.**

The board then turned to the discussion of the Secretary of Environment and Energy's nomination of Maeve Vallely-Bartlett to the Greenway board of directors. **A motion was made to approve the nomination of Maeve Vallely-Bartlett and duly seconded and the nomination slate was approved by a roll call vote of eleven in the affirmative and none in the negative.**

Jesse Brackenbury briefed the board on the Greenway Conservancy's federal tax filing, the 990 and Form PC, due November 15, 2013. This document has been closely reviewed by the Conservancy's Finance, Audit, and Risk Management Committee. There were no questions. **A motion was made to approve the Form 990 and duly seconded and the 990 was approved by a roll call vote of eleven in the affirmative and none in the negative.**

The Rose Kennedy Greenway board turned to a discussion about development along the Greenway. Linda Jonash, Director of Planning and Design, gave a brief overview of development along the Greenway corridor and the Conservancy's role in the current Municipal Harbor Planning process and the impact of the study on future zoning along the Greenway.

The Harbor Garage project was presented by Don Chiofaro and Ted Oatis, along with Fred Kramer and Tamara Roy from ADD Inc Architecture and Design. As part of a reinvigorated effort to move forward, the owners are increasing their efforts of reaching out to local officials and community groups regarding their concerns about the project and what their needs and design ideas are for the project. The presentation was focused on the public realm opportunities if the garage stays in place, built on top or if the site is cleared and a new development is started from scratch. The conceptual ideas were varied and ranged from traditional park-like plazas and cafes to pools and beaches. The presentation referenced recent Municipal Harbor Plan meetings where potential waterfront features were discussed, including outside dining, interpretive signage, four-season activities, elevated public viewing areas, cultural events, a beach or even a canal that brings Boston Harbor to the Greenway.

The Town Cove project involves two small neighboring parcels: one on Broad Street and the other on India Street. Dennis Kanin and David Goldman presented the Broad St project and Mike Durand and Kevin Ahern presented the India Street project. The proposed residential buildings

would have about 70 and 50 condominium units, respectively, with ground floor commercial and restaurant use. A recent change is that the proposed height of 130 feet will be changed to 120 feet for both buildings as part of the project.

Jesse Brackenbury updated the board on a number of maintenance and horticulture projects. This included masonry work in the North End, installation of additional trash and recycling units, tree pruning, a recent irrigation audit, fall mums and bulb plantings and fill in plantings in the Wharf District and Fort Park Channel parks.

Georgia Murray updated the board on the lease negotiations and noted that MassDOT has engaged in discussions regarding the lease renewal with the Conservancy to allow staff to continue managing the parks beyond the November 30, 2013 expiration. Specifics were still being worked out but the State subsidy is expected to continue and the extension may be an ongoing renewal process until details are clarified between the Conservancy and MassDOT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.