

Rose Kennedy Greenway Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 – 5:30 pm
Allsteel, 200 State Street, Boston

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present In Person: Georgia Murray, Chris Betke, James Chan, Helen Chin Schlichte, Bob Gore, Jim Kalustian, Beedee Ladd, Chris Manfredi, Jane Pappalardo, Young Park, John Pregmon, Colleen Richards Powell, Jerome Smith, Martin Suuberg

Board Members Absent: Clinton Bench, Martin Lynn, Tim Morningstar, Robyn Reed,

RFKGC Staff: Jesse Brackenbury, Trina Alexknovitch, Steve Anderson, Kelly Frattaroli, Michael Nichols, Robert Stigberg, C. Bart Thompson, Renee Wood

Open Session

Greenway Board Chair Georgia Murray called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present, in person, at 5:32pm.

1. Chairwoman Murray then called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors. **On a motion by Bob Gore, and seconded by Helen Chin Schlichte, the minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.**
2. Ms. Murray then asked for a motion to confirm Jerome Smith, the City of Boston's Chief of Civic Engagement and an appointee of Mayor Martin J. Walsh, to the Greenway Board of Directors to fill an open seat. **On a motion by Young Park, and seconded by Bob Gore, Mr. Smith's nomination was unanimously approved by roll call vote.**
3. Ms. Murray addressed the status of on-going lease negotiation between the Conservancy and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). She briefed the Board on developments since the last Board meeting on October 27 and asked Executive Director Jesse Brackenbury to outline specific changes. Mr. Brackenbury outlined the parameters of an agreed-upon term sheet that would extend the Conservancy's lease of the Greenway from MassDOT for an additional two years; place a number of new parcels under the Conservancy's care; provide an assurance that MassDOT would pay for any future capital expenses with total costs over \$50,000; level-fund the Conservancy for Greenway operations during the term of the new lease plus add \$100K annually and \$200K one-time for care of the new parcels; and offer support to Conservancy in seeking a vehicle for enhanced philanthropic support from abutting property owners. Several Board members asked questions related to specifics about the location and quantity of new parcels.

Ms. Murray called for a vote and moved "that Jesse Brackenbury, Executive

Director, is authorized to execute a two-year lease agreement with MassDOT consistent with the term sheet presented to the Board of Directors on November 11, 2014”, which was second by Bob Gore, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

4. Board Members Chris Manfredi and Bob Gore – co-chairs of the Finance, Audit, and Risk Management Committee of the Board of Directors – provided an overview of the process leading to the Conservancy filing its IRS 990 and MA Form PC for the preceding year. Ms. Manfredi spoke to a change in the accounting firm used by the Conservancy and complimented the work done by the new firm and Conservancy staff. **On a motion made by Georgia Murray, and seconded by Chris Manfredi, the Conservancy’s IRS 990 and MA Form PC tax filings were unanimously approved by a roll call vote.**
5. Ms. Manfredi addressed the proposed changes to the FARMC Charter that was approved and submitted to the Board by the Finance, Audit, and Risk Management Committee of the Board of Directors. Ms. Manfredi spoke to the proposed Charter modifications aligning the Committee with best practices, its present charge, and an ability to accept new, non-Board members in furtherance of the Committee’s mission. **On a motion made by Georgia Murray, and seconded by Bob Gore, the FARMC Charter was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.**
6. Mr. Brackenbury introduced Bob Stigberg, Superintendent of Maintenance & Security, to speak to recent actions taken by maintenance staff, including the installation of a new hoop fence in the Chinatown Park. Mr. Stigberg also spoke to the development of a park ranger program at the Conservancy in 2014. Mr. Stigberg introduced Trina Alexknovitch, Senior Park Ranger, to speak to her background and her present role as park ranger. Ms. Alexknovitch also discussed a partnership between the Conservancy and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government which is developing a mobile phone app to assist the rangers in tracking and analyzing interactions throughout the park and in performing their reporting duties.
7. Mr. Brackenbury provided minor updates on other Greenway activities.
8. No members of the public present sought to be heard.

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board Meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Jane Pappalardo and duly seconded by Chris Betke, and a unanimous vote in favor was held at 6:26pm.