

Rose Kennedy Greenway Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, December 10, 2015 – 5:30 pm
185 Kneeland Street, 1st Floor, Boston

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present In Person: Georgia Murray, Mark Boyle, Kathryn Burton, James Chan, Janelle Chan, Helen Chin Schlichte, Bob Gore, Jim Kalustian, Beedee Ladd, Martin Lynn, Chris Manfredi, Tim Morningstar, Young Park, John Pregmon, Robyn Reed, Daniel Sieger

Board Members Absent: Chris Betke, Jane Pappalardo, Colleen Richards Powell, Jerome Smith, Daniel Toscano

New Board Members Present In Person: Bud Ris

RFKGC Staff: Jesse Brackenbury, Steve Anderson, Lucas Cowan, Laura Jasinski, Michael Nichols, C. Bart Thompson, Jodi Wolin, Renee Wood

Open Session

Greenway Board Chair Georgia Murray called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present, in person, at 5:30pm.

1. Chair Murray called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors. **On a motion by Chris Manfredi, and seconded by Bob Gore, the minutes were unanimously approved.**
2. Chair Murray called for a motion to confirm Bud Ris, appointee of the Greenway Conservancy, to the Greenway Board of Directors to fill an open seat with a term to begin on January 1, 2016. **On a motion by Bob Gore, and seconded by Helen Chin Schlichte, the nomination was unanimously approved.**
3. Chair Murray called for a motion to confirm the re-nomination of James Chan, appointee of Chinatown Neighborhood Council, Christopher Betke, appointee of the Leather District Neighborhood Association, Jane Pappalardo, appointee of the Wharf District Council, and John Pregmon, appointee of the North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council, for a second 3-year term on the Greenway Board of Directors. **On a motion by Jim Kalustian, and seconded by Helen Chin Schlichte, all four nominations were unanimously approved.**

4. Chair Murray called for a motion to confirm the membership of the Finance, Audit and Risk Management (FARMC) Committee, consisting of Directors Chris Manfredi (Chair), Janelle Chan, Jim Kalustian, Martin Lynn, Robyn Reed, Colleen Richards Powell, and Bud Ris. **On a motion by Bob Gore, and seconded by Kathryn Burton, all seven nominations were unanimously approved.**
5. Chair Murray called for a motion to confirm the 2016 officers for the Greenway Board of Directors, consisting of Jim Kalustian (Chair), Kathryn Burton (Vice Chair), and Chris Manfredi (Treasurer and Clerk.) **On a motion by Bob Gore, and seconded by Helen Chin Schlichte, the 2016 officers were unanimously approved.**
6. Executive Director Jesse Brackenbury and Director of Finance and Administration Renee Wood presented the FY16 Budget and the Conservancy's 2015 Statement of Results and 2016 Statement of Goals. Ms. Wood reiterated the process employed in the conversion of The Greenway fiscal year from one beginning annually on July 1 to one beginning annually on January 1. This change led to one 18-month fiscal year, from July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. Ms. Wood also highlighted changes in the budget reflecting new programmatic initiatives and new care responsibilities for 13 parcels of land added to the Conservancy's most recent lease with MassDOT. Ms. Wood and Mr. Brackenbury spoke to anticipated capital expenditures, provided an update of on-going conversations about enhanced abutter support for The Greenway, and the status of the Conservancy's capital reserves. Mr. Brackenbury spoke to changes in the WORK Inc. contract related to contractual cost-of-living adjustments and the addition of 1.3 acres of new land under the July 1, 2015 change to the Conservancy's lease with MassDOT. Mr. Brackenbury spoke to a new internal 2016 goal-setting process to assure alignment across departments.

Board members asked questions related to the Conservancy's planning for a capital reserve fund apart from the Carousel's capital reserve, the need for enhanced abutter participation in securing the long-term financial position of The Greenway, and progress towards the state completing construction of a maintenance facility.

Chair Murray called for a motion to approve the FY16 budget. **On a motion by Chris Manfredi, and seconded by Kathryn Burton, the FY16 budget was unanimously approved.**

7. Director of Park Operations Steve Anderson presented to the Board an update on the status of the construction of a maintenance facility for Greenway operational use. Mr. Anderson spoke to the facility as a long-running priority and legal obligation of MassDOT dating to the 2008 completion of the park and 2009 commencement of management responsibility by the Conservancy. The maintenance facility has been referenced in each lease between the Conservancy and MassDOT and has at times had funds and plans reserved by MassDOT for both temporary and permanent facilities. Mr. Anderson noted as recently as FY14, MassDOT had reserved \$2 million in the agency's annual capital budget for construction of the Greenway maintenance facility. At present, the facility had not been constructed and funds were no longer reflected in the agency's annual capital budget. Mr. Anderson presented to the Conservancy's current operations, which make use of limited indoor storage space, limited satellite storage space, and temporary shipping containers which possess neither HVAC or electrical necessities for year-round use. Mr. Anderson outlined the elements needed for an adequate operations facility and proposed sites and layouts for such a facility.

(Mr. Morningstar departed the meeting. Mr. Park joined the meeting.)

8. Mr. Brackenbury and Lucas Cowan, Public Art Curator, presented for Board discussion proposed considerations for a next major project on The Greenway with staff recommendations on timetable, the type of project, the theme, and the process.

Mr. Cowan presented examples of the types of public art projects and themes that could be pursued. Mr. Brackenbury and Mr. Cowan noted that the initial staff recommendation is for a temporary, contemporary public art project, but that other ideas being considered include a permanent addition (e.g., greenhouse or other structure) that could include art elements.

Board members spent time discussing the timetable, type of project, theme and process and provided consensus that priority shall be given to how the selected project prioritizes benefits to The Greenway.

9. Mr. Brackenbury provided updates on Greenway activities, including the installation of signage clarifying park hours at the request of the Boston Police Department. The requested signs have been installed and should aid in enforcement measures when necessary. Mr. Brackenbury provided updates on the development of Greenway-abutting parcel 1B and the related impact it may

have on the enhancement of Greenway parcel 2. Mr. Brackenbury also updated the Board on a public art installation by Matthew Hoffman being installed on parcel 12 that would be on The Greenway for roughly ten months.

Jodi Wolin, Director of Development, updated the Board on the importance of end-of-year giving and provided information on opportunities to support the Conservancy. Ms. Wolin also shared with the Board news that the Conservancy had been named a grantee of the Barr Foundation for the first time, which would support the public art program. Ms. Wolin also provided a status update on the Conservancy's June 16, 2016 gala, including confirmation of a date and honorees.

10. Mr. Brackenbury made a brief presentation to commemorate the end of three Board Member terms – Chair Georgia Murray, Vice Chair Young Park, and Treasurer Bob Gore. Mr. Brackenbury introduced a video slideshow commemorating the park's improvement over the six years each member spent on the Board and ended by thanking Ms. Murray, Mr. Park and Mr. Gore for their service to the Conservancy and The Greenway.
11. Chair Murray announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.
12. No members of the public present sought to be heard.

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board Meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Young Park and seconded by Bob Gore, and a unanimous vote in favor was held at 7:23pm.