

**Public Meeting of Greenway Leadership Council and
Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board**

July 20, 2010

185 Kneeland Street, 1st Floor Conference Room

Board Members Present: Peter Meade, Georgia Murray, Bob Gore, Susanne Lavoie, Maggie Hunt. On the phone (Ann Thornburg, Maryann Suydam)

GLC Members Present: Mike Cantalupa, Donna Freni, Francine Gannon, Brian Murphy

Conservancy Staff: Nancy Brennan, Kate Miller, Jesse Brackenbury, Steve Anderson, Linda Jonash

Minutes

The meeting convened at 9:00 am with a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 23 meeting, being seconded, the minutes were adopted.

Governance

The committee reported that it hopes to have a full Board by October and called for the Greenway Leadership Council to assist in that process. Ann Thornburg stated that half of the GLC has a one year term and they are always willing and happy to talk to folks about participating. Nancy Brennan stated that there is likely to be two vacancies next year.

Parks Report

Nancy Brennan introduced Steve Anderson and Kate Miller for an update for the Board and GLC on operations and programming. A power point presentation was provided and is attached for documentation.

Francine Gannon commenting on Kate's presentation suggested that brochures be placed at the Nazaro Center in the N.End.

Ann Thornburg suggested at all building lobbies along the Greenway get the brochures.

There was a brief discussion initiated by Peter Meade to keep the rings fountain on until 11:30 Pm for live shots on the evening news.

Finance Committee

Georgia Murray briefed the GLC on the FY11 budget stating that it was a difficult budget and we are working with MassDOT on protocols for in-kind support. The Conservancy knew it was going to be a difficult year but will still be able to deliver on promised levels of service. Georgia then introduced Nancy Brennan.

Nancy continued the conversation by stating that RKG goals remain strong. With one full year of park operations complete we are still moving forward to complete a world class park. Making changes as needed, working with neighbors, and both the City and State the Greenway will work to increase funding. The Conservancy will work to measure goals each year as well.

FY10-FY11 Budget Overview

Jesse Brackenbury presented to the board and GLC on the Conservancy's budget, noting that these numbers were still being audited and will look different once the books are closed.

Overall numbers are down, but revenue is still exceeding expenditures. We have had good financial planning to date but will need to step up fundraising to counter the cuts in state funding and loss of grants (Mass Development). The Conservancy continues to do more in the parks with a decreasing maintenance budget due to a committed staff. A power point presentation was provided and is attached for documentation.

A motion was made to move the budget, seconded, and the budget was adopted.

MassDOT letter

Nancy Brennan initiated the public discussion of the MassDOT contribution letter and highlighted the in-kind services issues as a concern but is being worked on in discussions with MassDOT.

Brian Murphy noted that there have been many meetings with the RKG and the State is committed to an ongoing partnership with the Conservancy.

Nancy thanked Brian and stated that these are tough financial times especially for the City and State. The Conservancy wanted to bring the letter to the GLC for approval to trigger the financial support from MassDOT. Nancy also noted that the State wants to protect the physical asset and will limit support to maintenance and horticulture.

Ann Thornburg noted that a reporting schedule and in-kind agreement still needs to be finalized.

Brian Murphy noted that this fits with MassDOT goals as well and will be open and transparent with the Conservancy, and the public.

Peter Meade called for a motion to vote on support of the MassDOT letter, the motion was seconded and the letter of support was approved.

Ann Thornburg provided a GLC update from the June 23rd meeting where the GLC adopted the Park Use Guidelines with edits. Ann also thanked all the GLC members that for their work on the comment letter to the BRA for Greenway District Planning Study. It was a good illustration of the GLC working together.

The meeting was opened up to public comment and received questions from four members of the general public.

Peter Mead made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.