



## **Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 5:30 pm

185 Kneeland St, 2nd Floor, Boston

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present In Person:** Jim Kalustian, Alli Achtmeyer, Brad Snyder, Bud Ris, Deniz Johnson, Doug Husid, John Shea, Karen Johnson, Mark Boyle, Rebecca Lee, Robertstone Goodridge, Rosalind Gorin, Tom O'Brien

**Board Members Absent:** Bryant McBride, Carmine Guarino, David Wilkinson, Kathryn Burton, Kim Sherman Stamler, Susanne Lavoie, Robyn Reed

**RFKGC Staff Present:** Jesse Brackenbury, Alex Rogers Pittman, Tracey Cooke, Robert Stigberg, Rebecca McKevez, Rachel Lake, David Dalena, Lucas Cowan, Ezra Juskewitch, Katie Wright, Connor Foley

### **Open Session**

Greenway Board Chair Jim Kalustian called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present at 5:37pm.

1. Chair Jim Kalustian called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors. **Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee, and seconded by Doug Husid, the minutes were unanimously approved.**
2. Mr. Kalustian introduced Linda See as the nominee for the position on the board representing the Chinatown Residents Association. Susanne Lavoie, Kimberly Sherman Stamler, Karen Johnson, and Thomas O'Brien are all up for a second three-year term for their positions on the board. **Upon a motion made by Brad Snyder, and seconded by Bud Ris, the motions to nominate Linda See to the Board and to renew the terms of Ms. Lavoie, Ms. Sherman Stamler, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. O'Brien were unanimously approved.**
3. Executive Director Jesse Brackenbury discussed the nomination of Doug Husid as Board Chair, with Mr. Kalustian vacating that position for his final year on the board. Likewise, Mr. Brackenbury discussed the nominations of John Shea as Vice Chair, Karen Johnson as Treasurer, and Susanne Lavoie as Clerk. Mr. Brackenbury and Mr. Husid will work to fill newly open board positions as of January 1, 2020.

**Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee, and seconded by Brad Snyder, the nominations of Mr. Husid, Mr. Shea, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Lavoie were unanimously approved.**

**Robertstone Goodridge joined the meeting at 5:52pm.**

4. Curator of Public Art Lucas Cowan expressed appreciation for departing board member Robyn Reed. Mr. Brackenbury expressed appreciation for the service of Mr. Kalustian and Ms. Burton as Chair and Vice Chair, and welcomed those filling those roles.
5. Mr. Brackenbury presented Greenway Conservancy 2019 results, highlighting in particular the success of City Winery on Dewey Square, the many 10-year anniversary events, and the relaunch of the upgraded Rings Fountain. Mr. Brackenbury presented the 2019 Results and the 2020 Conservancy goals. Final 2020 Goals will be distributed to the Board at the end of January 2020.
6. Tracey Cooke, Director of Finance and Administration, presented the 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budgets. The balanced operating budget, at \$6.3 million, is the highest proposed budget in the Conservancy's history. Board members discussed BID funding and allocations, and the future of funding sources. **Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee, and seconded by Doug Husid, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2020 budgets.**
7. Mr. Brackenbury presented a proposed updated Procurement Policy. Board members suggested a change to the language to reflect that the Conservancy is proactive in procuring the services women/minority-owned businesses. Mr. Brackenbury presented an updated Adjacent Development Review Guidelines developed with a small working group of the Board. Board members debated the merits of specific neighborhood representation when reviewing development. **Upon a motion made by Doug Husid, and seconded by John Shea, the Board voted unanimously for the Procurement Policy, as amended, and for the Adjacent Development Review Guidelines, as proposed.**
8. Rebecca McKevez, Capital Projects Manager, presented the State of Good Repair and Climate Change Asset Management Procurement Proposals. Ms. McKevez described the RFP process. In the event both are awarded to one firm, the amount of the contract would require Board approval. **Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee, and seconded by Rosalind Gorin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the State of Good Repair and Climate Change Asset Management procurements.**
9. Alex Pittman, Director of Fundraising, presented an update. In 2019, the Conservancy exceeded budget targets for operations and capital fundraising. The Department has undergone some changes in staffing and is developing events by

which the Conservancy can directly engage with donors and create relationships between them. Planning has begun for the 2020 Gala.

10. Mr. Brackenbury provided updates on the legal work on WORK Inc's MCAD complaint and related public records requests. He reported that Director of Horticulture Stuart Shillaber had left The Greenway.
11. No members of the public present sought to be heard.

**The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board Meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Chair Kalustian and seconded by Mark Boyle, and a unanimous vote in favor was held at 7:19pm.**