



## **Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Nominating Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – 3:00-4:00pm

This meeting occurred via Zoom Video Conference due to suspension of the provision of the Open Meeting Law requiring an in-person quorum by an order signed by Governor Charles Baker on March 12, 2020 due to COVID-19

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Doug Husid, Brad Snyder, John Shea, Rebecca Lee

**Board Members Absent:** Robertstone Goodridge

**Conservancy Staff Present:** Jesse Brackenbury, Alex Rogers Pittman, Connor Foley

**Invited Guests Present:** N/A

#### **Open Session**

Nominating Committee Chair Brad Snyder called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present via Zoom at 3:02pm.

1. Committee Chair Snyder welcomed all to the meeting and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2020 meeting of the Nominating Committee. **Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee, and seconded by John Shea, the minutes were unanimously approved.**
2. Snyder called for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss candidates as part of a preliminary screening, as an open meeting would have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified candidates. The names of the candidates are to be kept confidential during the preliminary screening, and the Committee is to reconvene in Open Session once the Executive Session has concluded. **Upon a motion made by Doug Husid, and seconded by Rebecca Lee, the Committee unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session.**

#### **Executive Session**

3. The Committee engaged in a preliminary screening of candidates and provided an overview of current and forthcoming vacancies on the Board.
  - a. Mr. Snyder reported that he spoke to State Representative Michlewitz and discussed the nominee for his seat on the Board. The full Board of Directors will vote on his nomination in May.

- b. Executive Director Jesse Brackenbury went through the list of candidates and provided brief assessments on their qualifications and likelihood to join the Board. The Committee identified those candidates more suited to long term cultivation and possible suggestions to the Governor. For the candidates whose likelihood to join the board is uncertain, Mr. Brackenbury is to reach out and inform them of the Nominating Committee and its interest in them as candidates, and expects to get a clear sense of interest in the coming months.
4. The Committee discussed the format of Donor Profiles provided to the Committee by Greenway staff and agreed that a shorter summary would be more appropriate for their purposes.

*John Shea left the meeting at 4:01pm.*

5. Snyder called for a motion to return to Open Session. **Upon a motion by Doug Husid, and seconded by Rebecca Lee, the Committee unanimously voted to end Executive Session and return to Open Session.**

#### Open Session

6. The Committee discussed the candidate finalists. At the request of the committee, Executive Director Jesse Brackenbury agreed to reach out to them and ascertain their level of interest in joining the Conservancy Board and report back for discussion at the next Committee meeting.
7. Mr. Brackenbury introduced the updates to the Board Roles and Responsibilities document, noting that the changes are more about tightening the structure than changing the content. Committee Chair Snyder noted that this document would be useful to the elected officials that nominate members to the Conservancy Board.
8. Mr. Brackenbury introduced the Board orientation materials, a new resource for both potential and new Board members that provides an overview of the Conservancy with links to relevant information and documents that are available on-line. Nominating Committee members will review the document carefully and share any suggestions with the staff.
9. The Committee agreed that a regular schedule of meetings would be beneficial, and that another meeting should be scheduled before the supplementary June Board of Directors meeting.
10. No members of the public were present for comments.

**The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Nomination Committee meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee and seconded by Doug Husid at 4:17pm.**