

## **Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Nominating Committee Meeting** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – 4:00-5:30pm

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, Robertstone Goodridge, Rebecca Lee, Alli Achtmeyer

Board Members Absent: John Shea

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 4:15pm.

- Mr. Snyder welcomed all to the meeting and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2020 meeting of the Nominating Committee. Upon a motion made by Doug Husid, and seconded by Alli Achtmeyer, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- 2. Mr. Snyder welcomed Board member Alli Achtmeyer, who joined the Committee meeting to discuss the Governor's appointed seat, currently held by Jim Kalustian, whose second and final term expires 12/31/2020.
- 3. Mr. Snyder provided a review of current and forthcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors, noting that Conor Finley's nomination was approved by the Board during May's Board meeting. He furthermore stated that the Committee should be focused on diversity in potential candidates. The Committee engaged in a brief discussion of what diversity means to the Board and to the Conservancy, with Executive Director Jesse Brackenbury emphasizing the need for an approach to filling Board vacancies that casts a wide net.
- 4. The Committee focused on the Governor-appointed seat, whose term is set to expire at the end of the year. Ms. Achtmeyer noted that if the Governor's office had a candidate in

mind, it is likely that they would have already informed the Board. Brackenbury added that the Governor's office is open to suggestions.

- 5. The Committee decided not to hold a vote to enter into Executive Session, instead remaining in Open Session. The Committee engaged in a review of potential candidates and discussed strategies for outreach. Mr. Snyder expressed the need for the Committee to brainstorm and share ideas with Conservancy staff, growing the list of potential candidates and diates and thinking in terms of diversity and attainability. Rebecca Lee inquired about the current levels of diversity on the Board across multiple areas, and Director of Development Alex Rogers Pittman noted that Conservancy staff will compile an informal grid of Board diversity, including industry representation in addition to demographics.
- 6. Mr. Brackenbury discussed the schedule of the year's remaining Committee meetings, Board meetings, and possible dates to have finalized nominees, noting the need to keep the dates of full Board meetings in mind during the selection and nomination process. The Committee agreed to move the next scheduled Nominating Committee meeting from 2:00pm to 12:30pm on August 25, 2020.
- 7. 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 5:19pm.