

Rose Kennedy Greenway Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 5:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

This meeting was available by Zoom conferencing 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.

Board Members Present: Alli Achtmeyer, Hilina Ajakaiye, Matt Conti, Conor Finley, Rosalind Gorin, Carmine Guarino, Kirsten Hoffman, Doug Husid, Deniz Johnson, Karen Johnson, Susanne Lavoie, Rebecca Lee, Jenny Morse, Linda See, John Shea, Brad Snyder

Board Members Not Present: Yvonne García, Robertstone Goodridge, Thomas O'Brien, Kim Sherman Stamler

Conservancy Staff Present: Keelin Caldwell, Chris Cook, Tracey Cooke, David Dalena, Lanie Kropp, Rachel Lake, Audrey Lopez, Eileen Ong, Abigale Parker, Alex Rogers Pittman, Robert Stigberg

Invited Guests Present:

Members of the Public Present: N/A

Open Session

Greenway Board Chair Doug Husid called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present via Zoom at 5:37pm.

- Husid called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22nd, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors. Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee and seconded by Bradley Snyder, the minutes were unanimously approved with the correction of the date listed at the top.
- 2. Chris Cook informed Doug Husid that Linda See has recused herself from discussion of investment manager for the Conservancy.

- 3. Husid called for a motion to go into executive session. Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee and seconded by Rosalind Gorin, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session. Abigale Parker, Alex Rogers Pittman, Audrey Lopez, David Dalena, Eileen Ong, Robert Stigberg and Keelin Caldwell left the meeting.
- 4. Board is in Executive Session.
- 5. Upon a motion made by Karen Johnson and seconded by Matt Conti, the Board voted unanimously to return to public session. Abigale Parker, Alex Rogers Pittman, Audrey Lopez, David Dalena, Eileen Ong, Robert Stigberg and Keelin Caldwell returned to the meeting.
- 6. At 6:19, Linda See joined the meeting.
- 7. Alex Rogers Pittman gave a fundraising update for 2022, highlighting the success of Gala fundraising so far and outlining the opportunities for Board members to be involved in Gala outreach. She also shared the intention to develop a formalized corporate sponsorship program for the Conservancy in 2022.
- 8. Abigale Parker presented on Horticulture updates, highlighting goals such as leading in the practice of ecological horticulture, earning accreditation as an Arboretum through the American Public Gardens Association, and to continue to increase connection between individuals and corporate groups and nature in the park through volunteer opportunities.
- 9. Chris Cook provided updates about the Greenway Business Improvement District (BID), explaining that the BID improvement Plan needs to be renewed and emphasizing the importance of the relationship between the Conservancy and the BID. He shared the scope of BID funding support and potential projects they are interested in for the future.
- 10. There were no members of the public present for questions.

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board Meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Brad Snyder and seconded by Kate Fichter, and a unanimous vote in favor was held at 7:31pm.