

Rose Kennedy Greenway Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 -5:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Jenny Morse, John Shea, Doug Husid, Rosalind Gorin, Linda See, Sayed Saleh, Ali Achtmeyer, Hilina Ajakaiye, Rebecca Lee, Kirsten Hoffman, Jessica Hughes

Board Members Not Present: N/A

Conservancy Staff Present: Alex Rogers Pittman, Chris Cook, Karlecia Berganza, David Dalena, Tracey Cooke, Muiy Okundaye, Audrey Lopez, Bob Stigberg, Brian Gibbons, Mike Dockray, Eileen Ong

Board Members meeting virtually: Conor Finley, Deniz Johnson, Carmine Guarino, Bradley Snyder, Micheal Bonetti, Matt Conti, Jennifer Fang

Invited Guests Present: N/A

Members of the Public Present: N/A

Open session

1. Doug Husid called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/19/22 meeting of the Board of Directors. **Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee and seconded by Jessica Hughes, the minutes were unanimously approved.**
2. Husid provided an update on the selection process for the next chair of the board. He expressed gratitude to everyone for their contributions to The Greenway. Husid reflected on his tenure, highlighting the important role of The Greenway to Boston, the recent struggle and recovery from the pandemic and leadership transitions. Bradley Snyder thanked both Ali Achtmeyer for her service to the board and Doug Husid for his service as chair. Husid then provided context and communicated that there is consensus from the board on the new chair. **Upon a motion made by Snyder and seconded by Jennifer Fang, Hilina Ajakaiye was appointed as the chair of the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy board with John Shea continuing to serve as vice chair. The motion was unanimously approved.** Ajakaiye expressed gratitude for the nomination and excitement for her new position. Shea also expressed excitement about the renewal of his position and the new opportunities
3. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, **Ajakaiye made the motion that Kirsten Hoffman, an appointee of the North End/ Waterfront Residents Association, be appointed for a second three year term to commence on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2026. Shea seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Ajakaiye made the motion for Rebecca Lee to be appointed as Clerk and for Deniz Johnson to be reappointed as Treasurer for the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy**

board. Matt Conti seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Lee recused herself from the vote.

5. Bob Stigberg, the Director of Maintenance and Capital, provided an update on a Request for Proposals for a 2.5 year masonry contract that would go into effect in January of 2024. The RFP was publicly posted to the Conservancy website. In addition, and at board direction, M/WBE (Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprise) masonry contractors identified as capable to perform the masonry work we have on The Greenway found on both the Boston Housing Authority's Verified M/WBE Directory and State's Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance Certified Sub-Bidder Contractors were identified and the RFP was sent directly to them. The RFP was also sent to two contractors, one of which is a woman-owned business, that has worked successfully on The Greenway in the past. In total 9 masonry contractors were contacted directly, 8 of whom are M/WBE certified. He expressed his gratitude to the board and Rex Tzen for their hard work on the RFP process. **Ali Achtmeyer made a motion to approve a \$250,000 contract for masonry work to JWG Restoration, LLC to occur between January 1, 2024 and June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Rosalind Gorin and passed unanimously.**
6. Audrey Lopez, the director of Public Art, gave an update on the public art procurement to fund mural projection and expressed excitement about the possibility of the lighting and film projections. **Ajakaiye made a motion for a \$135,000 procurement to EPSON for the purchase of projectors and related software and technology equipment to enable the next 5 years of projection, animation, and video artwork on the Dewey Square Mural. The motion was seconded by Fang and passed unanimously.**
7. Lopez provided background for art fabrication for the 2024 artwork by LaRissa Rogers. **Husid made a motion for a \$125,000 procurement to BRM Production Company (and/or their associated fabrication and installation vendors) for the design, fabrication, and production of the steel house element of LaRissa Rogers' 2024 artwork, entitled Going to Ground. The motion was seconded by Jenny Morse and passed unanimously.**
8. Alex Rogers Pittman, the Director of Development, provided an update on fundraising. The team has raised \$2.6M, exceeding our goal of \$2.1M for the operating budget. With year-end giving, we anticipate setting a new fundraising record for the organization. Rogers Pittman announced that Jerome Smith and Jessica Hughes have agreed to co-chair the Gala, and Jenny Morse will again co-chair Glow in the Park.

9. Cook and Tracey Cooke, Director of Finance and Administration, presented the proposed budget for 2024. **Upon a motion made by Husid and seconded by Morse, the board unanimously approved the 2024 budget.**
10. Cook and Stigberg introduced Michael Dockray as the new maintenance lead. Dockray expressed his excitement for working with the Greenway. Brian Gibbons, Director of Horticulture, also introduced himself to the board. Cook then introduced Eileen Ong in her new role of Director of Programs and Outreach.
11. There were no members of the public present for questions.
12. **The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board Meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Husid and seconded by Morse at 7:05pm.**