



Parcel Six Update

February 14, 2018

2018 Vending Program

The CRA received a total of 17 submissions for the 2018 3rd & Binney Mobile Vending Program. The majority of the submissions have been entrée trucks with only three submissions from dedicated dessert vendors. The types of cuisines that will be made available to the visitors during the season will vary in choices from Latin America, Asian, Indian, and the Middle East. Gourmet pizzas and craft burgers have also been proposed.

The selection criteria, which staff used to determine the 2018 vendors, ranged from the types of foods offered, customer reviews, social media presence, and most importantly the days and times proposed. CRA staff has proposed a schedule that will include no more than two trucks and a food cart (or trike) on site on any given day of the week. Based on the vendors proposed times, the vending hours will be between 10:30 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, although vendors will have the option to extend operating hours to 9:00 PM.

Vendors will launch the 2018 season on Monday, April 2nd. Although the application period ended on February 9th, interested vendors are still encouraged to submit proposals these will be kept on file. Vendors will be notified if a space in the program becomes free. The 2018 program will continue throughout the summer and fall, with an end date of November 16, 2018.

Garden Program

The CRA has again partnered with the Community Charter School of Cambridge (CCSC), Boston Properties (BP), and Green City Growers (GCG) to provide a multidisciplinary gardening program on the site. GCG, a Somerville-based urban farming company, will provide the opportunity to learn gardening and entrepreneurial skills to a new team of students from CCSC, while activating the space and generating interest from the public on the importance of urban agriculture. BP will provide the funding for the garden program. The garden program signage has remained on the site throughout the year which has helped provide information about the program and program partners, allowing the public to understand the full impact of the garden.

Spring Clean Up

Weather permitting, the space is scheduled for its annual spring-cleaning during the week of March 26th. Brightview Landscaping will continue the duties of landscape maintenance for the site and all other CRA-owned parks. The work scheduled will include, but is not limited to:

- Compacting the existing stone dust
- Cleaning the flower beds of all leaves and winter debris

- Pruning broken or damaged shrubs
- Edging the mulch bed
- Trimming the ornamental grasses
- Installing the shade canopy

Biweekly maintenance of the space is scheduled to continue throughout the season or on an as needed basis.