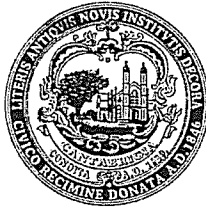


City of Cambridge

Richard C. Rossi • City Manager



Executive Department

Lisa C. Peterson • Deputy City Manager

May 4, 2016

Conrad Crawford
119 Spring Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

Dear Conrad:

I am pleased to inform you that I have reappointed you as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority Board effective May 4, 2016 for a term of five years to expire on May 3, 2021.

Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 617-349-4260 at your earliest convenience to make arrangements to be sworn-in as a reappointed member of this Board.

Again, I would like to thank you for your willingness to service the City in this capacity.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard C. Rossi".

Richard C. Rossi
City Manager

RCR/mec

Cc: Thomas L. Evans, CRA Executive Director
Donna Lopez, City Clerk



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 2, 2016

*GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, RULES &
CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEMBERS*

Councillor David P. Maher, Chair

Councillor Leland Cheung

Councillor Nadeem A. Mazon

Vice Mayor McGovern

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee held a public hearing on Friday, April 29, 2016 beginning at 10:32 AM in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the hearing was to discuss the recommendation of the City Manager regarding the reappointment of Conrad Crawford to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Maher, Chair of the Committee, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Devereux, Richard Rossi, City Manager, Tom Evans, Executive Director, CRA, Kathy Born, Chair of CRA, Margaret Drury Vice-Chair of CRA, Conrad Crawford and City Clerk Donna P. Lopez.

Also present were John Hawkinson, 84 Mass. Avenue

Councillor Maher convened the hearing and explained the purpose. He stated that the meeting was being privately recorded. This is one of two appointments that the City Manager makes and requires City Council confirmation. This matter appeared on the City Manager's Agenda on April 11, 2016

(ATTACHMENT A). In the City Council Rules a new process was created where the appointments to the CHA and the CRA would be referred to a committee for a hearing.

City Manager Rossi stated that CHA and CRA appointments require City Council confirmation and this is the process that was developed a year ago. He stated that CRA Board has done excellent work and has fostered great relationships with residents, businesses and the City Staff. He spoke about the continuing nature for the CRA Board. He did not seek other applicants because he was going to reappoint Mr.

Crawford to continue the continuity of the CRA Board. He stated that Mr. Crawford has been a member of the CRA Board since 2012. He works hard for transparency and has a master's degree from Tufts.

Mr. Rossi commented that Mr. Crawford has developed good working relationships and he is pleased to announce Mr. Crawford reappointment to the CRA Board.

Councillor Toomey stated that he enthusiastically endorses the reappointment of Mr. Crawford. He stated Mr. Crawford lives close to Grand Junction path. He has contributed much to the City and is an asset to both the CRA and City. He will vote for the reappointment of Mr. Crawford to the CRA.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated that he will vote to reappoint Mr. Crawford. He spoke about the process.

Mr. Rossi stated that he would bring any appointment before the City Council that requires confirmation.

He noted that there is one member to the CRA Board who is a state appointment that the City Council does not need to confirm. He stated that he has no concerns about the reappointment of Mr. Crawford.

He supported Mr. Crawford. Mr. Rossi stated that this process is a good process. He stated when

appointments need to be confirmed he lets the applicant know this. He stated that there was a concern about the contact between the CRA board members and the communities groups.

Councillor Devereux stated that it was nice to meet Mr. Crawford. She wanted to keep the continuity for the CRA.

Councillor Maher stated that today's hearing allows us to pause and look at the CRA today and where it was previously. He stated that gratitude is owed by the City Council to the CRA board members and Mr. Evans. They are committed to transparency and including community input. Today there is public confidence in the CRA. He stated his belief that there is an expanded role for the CRA where they can provide assistance to the City Council and residents going forward. Mr. Rossi agreed. The City views the CRA as city partners. Councillor Maher stated that the CRA is independent and this gives the CRA credibility. He hopes that thru the Envision Cambridge process confidence is built.

Councillor Toomey stated that the CRA members are participants in the East Cambridge Planning Team meetings.

At this time Councillor Toomey moved that the appointment of Mr. Crawford be approved and forwarded to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation for confirmation. The motion carried.

Councillor Maher thanked all present for their attendance.

The hearing was adjourned at 10:47 AM on motion of Councillor Toomey.

For the Committee,
Councillor David P. Maher, Chair,
Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee