

## **Staff Report to the Board** *October 17, 2018*

### ***Office Administration***

The CRA's selected archivist company, King Information Systems, has provided the CRA with an extensive set of recommendations for how to reorganize the office files and archives currently in storage. They have recommended a new filing system for active files with a goal of moving a significant number of onsite records into archives. The CRA staff have been preparing to reconfigure the office space on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor to begin sharing space with the Opportunity Space program described below. This includes purchasing new filing systems in alignment with the archivist recommendations. The staff is working to re-use a significant amount of the furniture on the floor but has engaged an office space contractor to evaluate options for furniture layout.

### ***Forward Calendar***

1. Infill Development Concept Plan Amendment
2. Foundry Letter Agreement
3. Revised Innovation Space Operations Plan
4. 2019 Budget

### ***6<sup>th</sup> Street Walkway***

The 6<sup>th</sup> Street Walkway and Bikeway Improvement Project is expected to open this week. A final punch list of detailed items for completion has been reviewed by CRA staff and the design team. A few obstacles to the bike path need to be resolved at the Broadway intersection, as the intersection improvement for the Ames Street streetscape reconstruction is wrapping up.





### **Foundry Parking Day**

On Friday, September 21st, the CRA hosted a Park(ing) Day spot to conduct outreach for The Foundry. The parking space was fit-out with a cardboard model of the building created by CambridgeSeven, print-outs of two ground floor floorplan options and flowers donated for the day by Kendall Flowers. CRA staff distributed coUrbanize cards and The Foundry Consortium's brochure. The parking space was open from 8:00am - 3:00pm, allowing us to talk to ~50 people, the majority of whom had never heard of the project. Most were excited to learn the building will provide new classroom and meeting spaces.

### **145 Broadway**

The CRA, BxP, and their design teams have been working on the final details of the ground floor landscaping and streetscape treatment around all four sides of the building. BxP hopes to install the initial phase of the Galileo and Broadway cycletracks as designed by the CRA's design consultant, Alta Planning. This would deliver this streetscape improvement as part of Phase One of the IDCP instead of Phase Two, which would allow the new building to avoid significant disruption along the public sidewalks after opening. BxP is also working to revise the landscaping along the active use frontage in order to provide enhanced flexibility for future retail tenants.

### **ULI Fall Meeting**

Nearly all of the CRA staff participated in the ULI Fall Meeting held last week in Boston. The CRA hosted two product council tours from the conference visiting Kendall Square, and functioned as the lead organizer of an all-day tour of Kendall Square: *The Most Innovative Square Mile of the Planet*. The tour covered the full history of Kendall from its industrial past, the CRA urban renewal plans Roger Block (Tech Square) and Kendall Square, private development by Alexandria, BioMed Reality, and MIT, and the future development horizons of Volpe and Cambridge Crossing.