

## **Staff Report to the Board:** *June 8, 2022*

### **Administration**

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, July 13th. Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, includes an extension until July 15, 2022, of the remote meeting provisions of the Governor's March 12, 2020, Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. What provisions will be made for after July 15<sup>th</sup> are not known at this time.

Staff will be participating in the Kendall Square Challenge, an event orchestrated by the Kendall Square Association (KSA) to heighten connectivity among Kendall Square companies as teams spend an afternoon competing in physical, intellectual, and community-based missions across Kendall Square. The funds raised are donated to selected nonprofits.

The search process for the Director of Projects and Planning is underway. The CRA is also re-evaluating the Property Manager position to potentially convert this to an Asset Manager position. An additional planning or project management position is also under consideration given recent discussions of scope expansion through our strategic planning process.

The CRA office is closed on June 20th, the Juneteenth holiday.

The auditors, Roselli, Clark and Associates are planning to do their field work for the 2021 Audit starting June 20th. They will be in the office for several days that week.

### **Forward Calendar**

- Foundry Commercial Lease for Third Floor
- Walden Square Easement Consideration
- Foundry Operating Budget
- Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House Development Agreement
- Information Technology RFP
- Broad Discovery Center Signage

## Property Management



### Bus Shelter Repair

The new 500 Main Street bus shelter installed as part of the KSTEP program, has undergone damage, likely caused by a passing bus. The bus shelter manufacturer has proposed a shorter canopy. Staff are exploring local installation options. The shelter is insured for loss and damage, however, there is a \$2,500 deductible. The replacement cost of the canopy and installation likely exceed the deductible.

### Sixth Street Resurfacing

The Sixth Street Bike Path, also known as the Kitty Knox Bike Path, is being resurfaced. Over the past few years, the original flexi-pave surface, made from recycled tires, has not held up to the path's use. As part of the Broadway work being undertaken by Boston Properties, their construction team is resurfacing the entire path with porous asphalt. The new surface will use the existing sub-base, so it will not require additional digging that may impact the health of the oak tree roots. Work is expected to be complete by July.



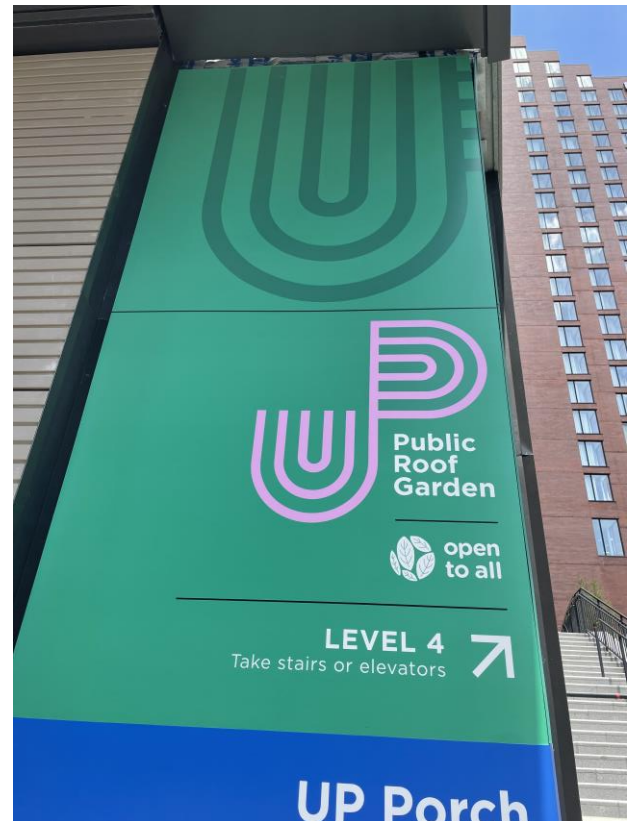
## Programs and Projects

### Kendall Wayfinding - Green Garage Mural

As part of the Wayfinding and Art Master Plan, approved by the CRA Board in November of 2020, Boston Properties is installing a new mural in place of the existing environmental graphics on the Green Garage. This mural, designed by *Best Dressed Signs*, seeks to be bold, eye-catching, and engaging, to invite people up to the public Roof Garden.



As part of the Certificate of Completion process, CRA staff and Board members toured the public spaces nearing completion at 325-355 Main Street, including the UP Public Roof Garden, the stairs and porch leading to and from Main Street, and Pioneer Way. The project team has installed both permanent and temporary wayfinding materials at the critical entry points into the public space that include the CRA created Open To All branding.





## 135 Broadway

Staff have received and are reviewing the DD set for the 135 Broadway residential building. Two items for ongoing design review are the water feature on the front plaza and the children's play area, planned for the East/West connector.

## Broadway Park Plant Give Away

On Sunday, June 5, the CRA hosted a plant giveaway at Broadway Park (sometimes called South Park) to the south of the Blue Garage on Broadway. The event was well attended; approximately 30 people collectively rehomed approximately two thirds of the plants at the site. Members of the community expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to rehome the plants, and were excited to learn about the substation, plaza, and buildings that will replace the site's current uses.

