

Staff Report to the Board *August 9, 2018*

Workforce Development

The CRA staff have been interviewing candidates for a new Project Manager position to implement a number of new initiatives for the CRA including the below market Innovation Space under discussion at this month's Board meeting and the workforce development research effort. The CRA is prepared to issue an RFQ seeking potential partnerships with technology training and workforce development organizations to utilize the Below Market Innovation Space.

Parcel 6

There has been a food truck substitution for the second half of the vending season. Cup Cake City dropped out and Zaaki Food Truck have taken their place on Thursdays as of August 2.

Grand Junction Park

The restoration landscaping work is now fully complete within Grand Junction Park. The final component of the work was the installation of a shared bike path sign. The CRA is preparing a new RFQ for landscape maintenance services, including snow removal, for Grand Junction Park, as well as Parcel 6, for the upcoming three years.

6th Street Walkway

Turner Construction has continued the construction work for the 6th Street Walkway and bikeway improvements on behalf of Boston Properties. The original concrete sidewalk was removed last week and the flexi-pave material installation for the bike path begins this week. CRA staff have invested a significant amount of time coordinating infrastructure and building improvement projects alongside the path in order to assure that once completed, the open space improvements are not compromised by adjacent projects in the near future.

KSURP – Infill Development Concept Plan - Phase 2

The CRA and the Planning Board held a joint pre-application meeting last week which was followed by a community open house the following evening. The staff and consultants on the Boston Properties team received numerous questions and comments regarding the proposed revision to the Infill Development Concept Plan at both events. Boston Properties has established a coUrbanize website to continue to receive feedback regarding the project.

Please visit: <https://courbanize.com/projects/kendallsquared/information>

2018 Open Space Survey

From June 12 to July 10, 2018, CRA staff conducted an open space survey of the parks in the MXD District - Galaxy Park, the 6th Street Walkway, Kendall Plaza, Grand Junction, 3rd and Binney, and the Roof Garden. Staff collected 102 responses, both in person and online, to a survey about public perception of these Kendall open spaces. The survey asked how often users visited the open spaces, what they found appealing about them, and what they would like to see in the future.

Results were compiled into a summary, disseminated via the CRA website, social media, and shared with the property owners. Data from the survey will be used to update the Kendall Square Implementation Plan.