

## Staff Report to the Board

May 15, 2016

### Contracting, Personnel, and General Administration

The CRA offered the new Project Manager position to Carlos Peralta who has accepted the position. Carlos was previously employed as a Project Manager at the Boston Redevelopment Authority. His employment will begin on May 23, 2016. Additionally we have hired a summer intern, Liz Pongratz, from Tufts University's Urban and Environmental Policy & Planning program.

On May 2, 2016, with a recommendation from the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee, the Cambridge City Council confirmed the City Manager's reappointment of Conrad Crawford to the CRA Board for another five-year term.

The CRA has posted an RFP for a landscape maintenance contractor to undertake enhanced maintenance of the Grand Junction Park and future improvements to Parcel Six. Proposals are due on May 26, 2016. Upcoming procurement processes that staff expect to initiate over the next few months include engineering services for Kendall Square transportation analysis and street designs, cost estimator services, and records management assistance.

### Draft Forward Calendar

June 2016	July 2016
Infill Development Circulation Plans	Personnel Policy Revisions
Kendall Square Implementation Plan	Open Space Planning and Design
Transit Enhancement Program (KSTEP)	Infill Development Design Guidelines
Ames Street Development Agreement	Foundry Development Entity Selection

### Projects and Initiatives

#### ***88 Ames Street Residences***

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the 88 Ames Street Residences took place on April 14, 2016 with the full CRA Board in attendance. Construction of the Ames Street housing project is currently focused on site preparation, street infrastructure, and other enabling work.

#### ***Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan***

The CRA received approval of the KSURP Amendment from the Department of Housing and Community Development. The CRA received confirmation signatures from all future redevelopers in the MXD District. In addition, to coordinating with Boston Properties, CRA staff has begun discussions with the Broad Institute about their project at 75 Ames. CRA staff has also briefed the Volpe Center on the KSURP Amendment.

### ***Grand Junction Park***

Mattuchio Contracting has completed nearly all the planting over the past few weeks. The play surface has been installed along with the spin tops. Seeding for the grassy areas was delayed slightly by weather. Veolia has had to tear up the northern sidewalk to conduct emergency repairs to their steam condensate return line across Broadway. A grand opening for the park and path has been scheduled for June 9, 2016 at 4:00.

### ***Foundry***

The CRA received one submission to the Foundry RFP on May 11, 2016 from CIC / Graffito / Hacin + Associates. The submission has been deemed complete and the technical review process RFP submission has begun. The non-financial portion of the submission has been posted for public review on the CRA website.

### ***Kendall Square EcoDistrict***

The EcoDistrict selected 'Flycycle' as the high-density bike parking design competition winner. The Forward Fund is providing funds for the construction of the bike rack prototypes which will be installed at two commercial parking locations in Kendall by both Boston Properties and Alexandria Real Estate. The EcoDistrict Energy Study is ongoing as well as the discussions regarding long-term EcoDistrict governance.

### ***Point Park***

The CRA has facilitated multiple meetings between the City, Boston Properties (BP), their respective design teams, and the artist of the Galaxy Fountain. Stoss Design, the landscape architect selected by the City, will suggest conceptual designs for immediate implementation and potential later phases of the park's development. BP and staff will take those ideas under consideration and bring a park improvement plan to the Board. If a design is approved, BP would put the project out to bid in late spring.