

Staff Report to the Board *May 9, 2018*

Contracting, Personnel, and General Administration

The CRA issued an RFP for Real Estate consulting services and received seven responses. Those responses are under review with the expectation that the CRA may choose to enter into house doctor contracts with more than one organization. An RFQ for landscape design services is under development.

The CRA has received updated contract templates from Foley Hoag and are utilizing these for a number of new contracts under development. Staff are reviewing a number of the operational policies for updating, including the Investment Policy and the Personnel Policy.

Draft Forward Calendar

June	July
88 Ames Street Retail Signage	Innovation Space Plan
Foundry Update	Infill Development Plan Amendment
88 Ames Certificate of Completion	2018 Budget Adjustments

Projects and Initiatives

Binney Street Park

The CRA completed the transfer of the Porkchop Park to the City with a 40-year open space restriction. The CRA had already assisted the City in coordinating enabling infrastructure work for park construction to begin this spring and actual park installation beginning later in the construction season.

6th Street Walkway

The CRA has approved the final construction documents and addenda with Boston Properties on this open space corridor improvement project. Biogen is currently completing storm water system repairs along the 6th Street right-of-way this month. Then Boston Properties contractors can begin construction on the improvements to the walkway and the installation of the bike path within the next month.

Parcel 6

The 3rd and Binney vending program is in full gear with all food truck slots filled and operating. Brightview conducted a thorough spring site clean-up and installed the shade structure. CRA staff purchased new movable furniture to take advantage of the arrival of spring weather.

Parcel 3 Landscape Design

CRA staff have facilitated the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with multiple property owners and tenants on Parcel 3 to clarify the role of stakeholders in a collaborative landscape design process.



Grand Junction Park

A significant portion of the restoration landscaping work has been completed, including grading and irrigation system installation. The delayed spring has caused a delay in plant availability from nurseries. Veolia continues work on completing its steam line connection to the Whitehead Institute across Galileo Galilee Way.

Innovation Space and Workforce Development

Over the past year, CRA staff have spent a significant amount of time interviewing and visiting both co-working spaces and workforce development programs to better understand the landscape of 'innovation space'. Specifically, staff is investigating the opportunities to utilize the below market innovation space to advance the workforce development goal of providing better access to tech related careers in Kendall Square. This work is now coming together with plans from Boston Properties and CIC, which will be brought before the Board for review in the next couple of months.

88 Ames - Proto

The Board enjoyed a thorough building tour of Proto from Boston Properties. The CRA staff has begun the process of reviewing the various conditions of the Development Agreement in order that it may issue a certificate of completion in the upcoming months.



Kendall Square Transportation Report

The CRA's Annual Transportation Data Report has been awarded to VHB and contracting is under way. A staff kickoff meeting happened recently. The project will perform counts before the Longfellow Bridge is open and then after in September. The first year of project scope will take until January to complete.

Kendall Square Mobility Task Force Summary of Findings

The Mobility Task Force Report graphic design project is now underway. This project is being paid by sponsorships. CRA staff has lined up the sponsors and contracted with Ambit Creative Group who was selected in December after a solicitation-for-bids process. This project will produce a highlights brochure, website, video, handouts, posters, and more, in order to better enable all stakeholders in Kendall to discuss and advocate for the transportation recommendations found in the Mobility Task Force Report of August 2017.

Interactive Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan Development Map

CRA staff contracted with Sasaki Design to build a data visualization tool to view the growth of Kendall Square over the four decades of the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan (KSURP) since the initiation of the Cambridge Center Development Agreements. Over the past few months, staff have worked with Sasaki to refined and simplify the map's data. The Interactive KSURP Development Map is an easy to use resource that shows the growth and evolution of Kendall Square from the 1980s to the construction and permitting phase of the development process. The visualization has three map options showing land-use by building, growth by year, and the addition of open space. A bar chart in the map totals building and open space square footage by year, and additional building information can be found by selecting building polygons. Over the past few months Staff have worked with Sasaki to refined and simplify the map's data. The beta version of this interactive map will be made live this week.

