

Staff Report to the Board *January 17, 2018*

Administration and Contracting

The CRA staff spent a significant amount of time around the New Year preparing for and executing a move from the 4th floor of 255 Main Street to the 8th floor.

Connections for internet and phones were relocated last week and on Friday staff relocated their workstations.

Forward Calendar Items

1. Annual Meeting – Election of Officers
2. Broad Institute – DNatrium
3. 88 Ames Street Retail Signage
4. Binney Street Park Design
5. Investment Portfolio(s) Review

The area was previously occupied by Microsoft and BP allowed the CRA to reuse furniture left behind by Microsoft rather than move its dated wood furniture. The CRA held onto many pieces of furniture, especially cabinets for storage. This has highlighted the need to engage an archivist to assist with streamlining historic records.



Projects and Initiatives

Grand Junction Park

Veolia's construction work to replace the condensate return-line under the Grand Junction Park is complete. A new fence is being installed in phases due to weather conditions. Restoration landscaping work will be undertaken in the spring.

88 Ames Street

Boston Properties is working toward opening a temporary residential leasing office in the lobby of 90 Broadway in the first quarter of 2018. CRA staff is working with Boston Properties staff to finalize the fine details of the 88 Ames residential and bicycle signage according to the CRA Board's earlier 2017 approval for that signage. Street reconstruction is anticipated for summer 2018.



145 Broadway

Vertical construction for the new Akamai building is making progress despite the winter season. Foundation work and excavation are underway, and two cranes are being assembled on site. CRA and City staff are reviewing alternative materials for the lowest soffit overhang to be coordinated with the building entrance and office lobby area.

