

Staff Report to the Board

November 18, 2015

Contracting, Personnel, and General Administration

We initiated a small contract with Sasaki to provide a basic GIS database platform of the Kendall Square area, and have received an initial preview of the product. We will use this to track the history of building development and build a precise KSURP open space inventory in the initial phase of the project.

The 2014 audit is still awaiting the results of the retirement system audit process. We continue to refine our bookkeeping effort as we reconcile ongoing CRA liabilities such as OPEB obligations and employee leave accruals.

Draft Forward Calendar

December 2015
Food Court Signage
Personnel Policy Revisions
Parcel 6 – Interim Use
2014 CRA Audit
2016 Budget

Projects and Initiatives

EcoDistrict

CRA staff participated in the Target Cities workshop held in Kendall Square involving leaders from eight other cities developing EcoDistricts within their community. Topics of discussion in the training included community outreach, sustainable landscape, district energy, and governance.

Foundry

The DPW interior demolition has been completed and staff will provide tours of the building for the qualified RFQ respondents during the first week of December. We will provide time for Board members and the Foundry advisory committee members to view the building's interior. The Board will be asked to provide feedback on the draft RFP evaluation criteria.

Grand Junction

Over the past month, most of the paving and concrete work has been completed. A modification to the installation of the reused granite curbing required some extensive field design and review. The close out activities of the contaminated soil are an item of discussion for the Board meeting.

Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan and MXD Zoning

The MXD zoning petition and KSURP Amendment received unanimous recommendation from the Planning Board. Both documents, as amended by the CRA Board in October, will be heard by the Ordinance Committee on Thursday November 19th at 5:30. The 30-day public comment period for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) closes on November 18th.

Volpe

The CRA has scoped its real estate consultants, HR&A Advisors, to provide a land value study of the Volpe property under the proposed PUD-KS zoning.