

## Staff Report to the Board *June 13, 2018*

### **Contracting, Personnel, and General Administration**

The CRA has hired Alex Rogala as a summer intern. Alex is a student at Harvard Graduate School of design and will be working on economic data, retail programs, and Kendall performance indicators. The CRA is currently advertising for a project manager position to focus on assisting the Foundry team and leading the CRA's Kendall Square workforce development efforts.

The CRA has entered into contracts with King Information Systems for archivist services, VHB for the Kendall Square transportation data report project, and Roselli, Clark and Associates for auditing services. The field work for the 2017 audit will take place at the end of June.

### **Upcoming Forward Calendar Items**

- Foundry Design Concepts
- 88 Ames Street Completion and Retail Signage
- Infill Development Concept Plan Amendment – 325 Main Street
- BrammerBio Façade Modifications to 250 Binney Street

### **Projects and Initiatives**



#### ***6th Street Walkway***

The CRA has entered into an access license agreement with Turner Construction Company to begin the construction work for the 6th Street walkway and bikeway improvements on behalf of Boston Properties. Turner, the CRA, and Boston Properties are working out the final construction management plans, which include a pedestrian and bicyclist detour for the 3-to-4-month construction project. CRA staff have met with Councilor Denise Simmons regarding the dedication of the bike path in honor of Kittie Knox, a bi-racial woman and avid

cyclist, who ignited local and national debate about race and gender in the cycling world and in the wider community in the late 1800s.

### ***Binney Streetscape***

After a thorough review in close coordination with the City, the 25% package for the Alta Streetscape Design for Binney Street, Galileo Way, and Broadway is completed. Per the MXD Infill Development Concept Plan Special Permit, Boston Properties will now continue the design process to deliver 100% designs to the CRA and City before the occupancy permit for 145 Broadway can be issued. CRA staff are setting up meetings with other property owners / developers responsible for constructing portions of the design.

### ***Parcel 6***

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and Binney food vending program is off to a great start. Initial data from the food trucks show very strong customer numbers. The charter school garden program with Green City Growers is also in full swing. CRA staff visited the AutoDesk industrial fabrication center at the Boston Seaport to view the progress of the Spacesuit sculpture production. Discussions are also occurring with the Community Art Center for an installation to cover the left-side of the fence.

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

The restoration landscaping work is nearing completion on the north end of Grand Junction Park. Plants have been put in the ground and replacement irrigation is scheduled to begin this week. CRA staff are working on a program to solicit artists to paint the utility boxes on both ends of the park, as well as other potential locations in Kendall.



### ***145 Broadway***

CRA Board members and staff, along with numerous city officials, attended the 'Topping Off' ceremony for 145 Broadway on a rainy May 31. Nearly a third of the building is enclosed by the curtain wall system and the third floor of the garage underneath is being excavated simultaneously. CRA staff are reviewing site landscaping details as they are impacted by the Galileo streetscape design and other building factors.



**88 Ames Update:**

Boston Properties is anticipating having a temporary Certificate of Occupancy for floors 1-12 the week of June 11. A full Certificate of Occupancy is anticipated by August. Ames Street and the remaining landscaped areas should be completed by the beginning of August. As of May 31, 56 residential leases had been executed on market-rate units. Affordable units can begin leasing as soon as the first temporary certificate of occupancy is issued.