

## Staff Report to the Board

October 18, 2017

### Forward Calendar Items

1. Foundry Lease Amendment and Operator RFQ/RFP
2. Broad Institute – DNAtrium
3. 2016 Audit Report
4. Kendall Transportation Report RFP
5. 2018 Budget

### Kendall Square Development

#### **88 Ames Street**

Boston Properties is working with CRA Staff on finalizing details of the signage package that was approved by the CRA Board earlier in the year. The City (CDD/DPW/TPT) has also requested modifications to the street design to include dedicated bus stops for the EZ Ride and CT2, and CRA has helped facilitate those conversations. Temporary construction fence signage was installed last month. A temporary leasing office will open in the lobby of 90 Broadway in 2018.

#### **145 Broadway**

Slurry wall construction is ongoing at the construction site. Akamai and Boston Properties have been working on edits to the signage package as discussed at the CRA Design Review Committee meeting. Temporary construction fence signage was put up near the Broadway sidewalk.

### Open Space

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

In late October, Boston Properties will be submitting to CRA Staff a 75% drawing for the 6th Street Walkway design that the CRA Board approved earlier in the year. CRA Staff has also been facilitating communication between the City Arborist and Boston Properties to determine the best time of year to air spade and trim around the root zone for the bike path. This work may start in November. Construction is anticipated to begin in May 2018.

#### **Veolia GJ Park Repairs**

Veolia and CRA have reached an agreement regarding the scope, schedule, process and final park conditions for their proposed condensate pipe repair in CRA's Grand Junction Park. Veolia's work is scheduled to begin the week of October 17th and continue for 6-8 weeks. Some park landscaping restoration work may be required in spring 2018.

#### **POPS Inventory**

Modeled after best practices in NYC, Toronto, and other cities, CRA Staff is putting together a comprehensive Privately Owned Public Spaces Inventory for the Urban Renewal district that will eventually be published on the CRA website when complete. The Boston Globe published an opinion article covering this topic several weeks ago suggesting the Boston metro area should do more related to POPS.

## **Transportation**

### **KSTEP**

CRA Staff has developed a proposed Governance Document for the KSTEP program, outlining in greater detail how the KSTEP program will operate. The Government Members (signatories) of the KSTEP MOU have been meeting to refine this document, and expect it will be finalized by the end of the year. This document will allow the CRA to convene the first Working Group meeting.

### ***Mobility Task Force Graphic Report***

The CRA is working collaboratively with members of the Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) to engage a graphic designer to transform the final report of the KSMTF into a compelling print and PDF summary document. This document will be used by all KSMTF members as a tool to communicate the work that needs to be done on transportation in Kendall Square and why it is critically important to the future of Kendall Square. CRA is writing the scope of work, and will be asking other members to pool finances to pay for the project.

### ***Grand Junction Transit Demand Estimate***

CRA is working with the transportation staff at CDD to utilize the services of Central Transportation Planning Staff (the Boston MPO) to develop a demand estimate for potential public transit service stopping in Kendall Square along the Grand Junction Railroad corridor. This is an early step to explore the possibilities for leveraging the railroad corridor for multiple transportation modes. This is an early deliverable of the KSMTF final report. The CRA Board approved an allocation of \$50,000 in July to pursue this project.

### ***CRA Next Generation Annual Transportation Report***

CRA Staff is working on a scope of work for a new annual transportation report. The CRA last issued the previous "traffic report" in 2014, collected data in 2015 but did not issue a report. Data was not collected due to the Main Street project and the Longfellow Bridge in 2016 and 2017. The new report will expand to a broader definition of transportation to include other modes, and utilize a more intuitive reporting format. An RFP is to be released by the end of the year.

### ***Binney-Galileo-Broadway Streetscape Redesign***

The first draft of 25% design drawings will be given to City departments to review by the end of October. The project is still on track to be completed by the end of the year.

## **Other Projects**

### ***Parcel Six***

Community Art Center (CAC) has completed and installed the "My Totem Project." The art installation is a project by students, ages 9 to 12. The artwork represents an exploration of the students' identity, family, and community through the creation of their own personal "totem poles." CAC will be hosting a celebration in honor of the project on October 24th at 4:30 on site.

North Pole X-mas Trees have been selected to be vendors for Christmas Trees and holiday accessories for the 2017 holiday season. They have been in business for over 40 years and provide trees and accessories all over New England. It is anticipated that North Pole X-mas Trees will begin vending on Saturday, November 18 through December.

***105 Windsor Street***

On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved the funding recommendation from the Community Preservation Act Committee. The CRA will receive \$255,000 for exterior renovations and historical preservation improvements building at 105 Windsor Street.