



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT
MARTIN J. WALSH, MAYOR

January 15, 2020

Katherine P. Craven, Chair
Lawrence D. Mammoli, Commissioner
Dion S. Irish, Commissioner

Location:
Winter Chambers
26 Court Street, 1st Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Meeting time: 9:35 a.m.

Dear Commissioners:

I recommend that the following votes, attached hereto and referred to as the Department of Neighborhood Development agenda, be approved by the Commission at its January 15, 2020 meeting:

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VOTE 1: Joseph Backer, Housing Development Officer, Neighborhood Housing Development Division

To Accept and Expend a Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: To help fund the construction of the Jackson Square Greenway (“the Greenway”), a pedestrian pathway connecting Amory Street to Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Grant Amount: \$250,000

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development (“DHCD”) has awarded a grant to the City of Boston’s Department of Neighborhood Development, acting by and through the Public Facilities Commission, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to help fund the Jackson Square Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the duration of this grant will be through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Public Facilities Commission, by virtue of the authority contained in Section (3)(f)(i) of Chapter 642 of the Acts of 1966 has the power and authority to accept grants, gifts and other aid from the Federal Government or any agency thereof, the Commonwealth or any agency or authority thereof, or any charitable foundation, private corporation or individual, and to expend the same without appropriation; and



WHEREAS, the Public Facilities Commission, by virtue of the requirements contained in Section (3)(f)(ii) of Chapter 642 of the Acts of 1966 has the authority to delegate any of its powers or functions to any other department or officer of the City of Boston and such officer or department is authorized and directed to accept such delegation and exercise the power and perform the function so delegated; and

WHEREAS, the Public Facilities Commission, by virtue of the requirements contained in Section (3)(f)(v) of Chapter 642, of the Acts of 1966, has the power and authority to make and execute all contracts and instruments necessary or convenient for the exercise and fulfillment of the Commission's powers, duties and responsibilities pursuant to this act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED: That the Director of the Department of Neighborhood Development be, and hereby is, authorized to accept the above referenced grant and expend such funds, without further appropriation for the aforementioned purposes.

VOTE 2: Joseph Backer, Housing Development Officer, Neighborhood Housing Development Division

Tentative Developer Designation and Intent to Sell to Urban Edge Housing Corporation:
Vacant land located at an unnumbered parcel on Amory Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Purchase Price: \$100

Ward: 11
Parcel Number: 01174000
Square Feet: 3,138
Future Use: Landscaped space
Estimated Total Development Cost: \$1,207,223
Assessed Value Fiscal Year 2020: \$13,500
Appraised Value April 28, 2019: \$63,000
DND Program: Neighborhood Housing
RFP Issuance Date: July 29, 2019

That, having duly advertised a Request for Proposals to develop said property, Urban Edge Housing Corporation, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, with an address of 1542 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119, be tentatively designated as developer of the vacant land located at an unnumbered parcel on Amory Street (Ward: 11, Parcel: 01174000) in the Roxbury District of the City of Boston containing approximately 3,318 square feet of land, for the period of 24 months from the date of the vote subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Director deems appropriate for proper development of this property; and

FURTHER VOTED: Subject to the approval of the Mayor under St. 1909, c.486, § 31B (as appearing in St. 1966, c.642, § 12) that it is the intent of this Commission to sell the aforementioned property to Urban Edge Housing Corporation;

AND, FURTHER, VOTED: That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise the intent of this Commission to sell the above described property in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 642 of the Acts of 1966 and the applicable statutory terms of M.G.L. c.30B, section 16.

VOTE 3: Shani Fletcher, Development Officer, Real Estate Management & Sales Division

Tentative Developer Designation and Intent to Sell to Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.:
Vacant land located at an unnumbered parcel on Savin Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Purchase Price: \$100

Ward: 13
Parcel Number: 02555000
Square Feet: 21,638
Future Use: Garden
Estimated Total Development Cost: \$129,209
Assessed Value Fiscal Year 2020: \$315,700
Appraised Value October 20, 2019: \$108,000
DND Program: GrassRoots
RFP Issuance Date: September 16, 2019

That, having duly advertised a Request for Proposals to develop said property, Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc., a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, with an address of 23 Egleston Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, be tentatively designated as developer of the vacant land located at an unnumbered parcel on Savin Hill Avenue (Ward: 13, Parcel: 02555000) in the Dorchester District of the City of Boston containing approximately 21,638 square feet of land, for the period of 12 months from the date of the vote subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Director deems appropriate for proper development of this property; and

FURTHER VOTED: Subject to the approval of the Mayor under St. 1909, c.486, § 31B (as appearing in St. 1966, c.642, § 12) that it is the intent of this Commission to sell the aforementioned property to Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.;

AND, FURTHER, VOTED: That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise the intent of this Commission to sell the above described property in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 642 of the Acts of 1966 and the applicable statutory terms of M.G.L. c.30B, section 16.

Sincerely,

Sheila A. Dillon
Chief and Director