



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA**

February 12, 2020
8:30am – 10:30am

Minutes of December 11, 2019 Board meeting	Leslie 8:30 – 8:33
Governance Report VOTE Board Slate	Kate 8:33 – 8:43
Treasurer's Report	Bill 8:43 – 8:45
50 th Anniversary Art Installation, Boston Common	Now + There, Janet Zweig 8:45 – 9:15
Projects, Events, Funding, PR	Leslie, Liz 9:15 – 9:35
Questions/Comments on Reports Three Parks, Director's, Development, Communications & Outreach	Leslie 9:35 – 10:20
Other Business	Leslie 10:20 – 10:30

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Board of Directors Meetings

April 14, 2020 8:30am
June 3, 2020 4:00pm
October 14, 2020 8:30am
December 9, 2020 8:30am

Events

Annual Meeting April 2, 2020 at 5:30pm
Board & Council Dinner June 3, 2020 at 5:30pm
50th Anniversary Birthday party August 22, 2020

FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

February 12, 2020

CONFIDENTIAL

The Governance Committee met on January 10, 2020. Members of the committee include Kate Enroth, Committee Chair, Patti Quinn, Committee Vice Chair, Leslie Adam, Board Chair, William Clendaniel, Katherine O'Keeffe, Margaret Pokorny, Brent Shay, and Liz Vizza, ex-officio.

The Governance Committee recommends these four candidates for potential nomination to the Board of Directors. New members of the board can be voted on by the members of the Friends at the April 2, 2020 annual meeting of the Friends.

Nominations for the Board of Directors 2020:

Anne Mostue, resident of Somerville, currently an active member of the Friends Council and Young Friends Co-chair, with a professional background in communications through her work as a reporter at Bloomberg Radio and Television focused on biotech and technology matters and previously at WGBH.

Jeffrey Mullan, resident of Milton, is a law partner at Foley Hoag, where First Vice Chair Colin Zick also is a law partner, whose practice focuses on matters relating to real estate, transportation, redevelopment, and construction. He helped the Friends significantly with the Winthrop Square negotiations.

Bryon Rushing, resident of the South End, active in civil rights movement, State Representative for Massachusetts from 1983-2019, longtime parks supporter, and member of the Shaw 54th Committee. He holds an honorary doctorate from the Episcopal Divinity School where he also serves as an adjunct professor.

Janie Walsh, resident of Beacon Hill, active in local garden club and other organizations, member of the Public Garden Committee.

Board Assessment and Self-Assessment Surveys:

Board members will have the option of filling their Assessments out online or in a paper format. Please select your preference from the checklist that is being passed around. The Surveys will be distributed in the next month. These surveys are similar to the two surveys used in 2016. All responses will be confidential and reviewed only by the board chair and governance chair and vice chair. A summary will be prepared for the Executive Committee and matters of concern will be addressed individually as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Enroth, Governance Committee Chair

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 12, 2020

Prepared by Liz Vizza

50th Anniversary

We kicked off the year of programs and celebrations on January 14, with 100 people in attendance at Suffolk University. Free Skate Night at the Frog Pond occurred this past Sunday and was a terrific success, with over 1200 people coming to enjoy the day. Steve reported there were many appreciative words for the Friends from the happy crowd.

Denterlein has laid out a timeline and targets for the first quarter of the year, including pitches to various media outlets relative to the various stories we want to promote.

The Public Garden and Mall projects are progressing well through the design and approvals process.

Boston Common Master Plan

The second Open House for the master plan on January 15 was well attended. We began exploring Opportunities within six areas of the Common, in light of the Guiding Principles and Goals and Objectives of the Plan. There was time for presentation, Q&A, and discussion in breakout groups. Given the large volume of issues in the park, we held some issues (i.e. safety, biking) to a next public meeting. We are targeting completion of the Plan by Fall of 2020.

Shaw 54th Memorial

Reconstruction is targeted to begin in April. We will not have an event at that time, but will promote the construction through traditional and social media. We are installing a video camera that will record the deconstruction and reconstruction process. We will have a major event at the conclusion of reconstruction in the fall, and hope to have the Mayor as well as Governor in attendance.

The three partners have contributed the following funds to the project:

NPS	\$2 million
City	\$1.2 million
Friends	\$1 million (including \$200,000 in programming)

King Memorial

We are awaiting word on a gathering at Lee Pelton's house of the Friends, King Boston and perhaps a few other African American civic leaders. Sean Curran told me that Lee is enthusiastically happy to be working with us on this, and that King Boston was "softening." What that means we will find out in time. They now have an MOU with the City, which lays out basic responsibilities between The Boston Foundation, King Boston, and the City. King Boston is responsible for funding the maintenance and the City for conducting it, but no dollar figure for an endowment is included. If the memorial is built as designed, we estimate a need for \$2 million to support estimated \$100,000 in annual costs. Bob and I

are meeting with King Boston and Mass Design Group on February 24 to follow up on our proposal for a shift in the Memorial's location.

Safety in the Parks

Winter has been quieter in the parks in terms of safety, but it continues to be an important and ongoing issue to address. Through the Master Plan process, we are working with the police and rangers on interventions that can increase safety on the Common, but will also be meeting with Dept. of Mental Health to discuss how they can work with us to deal with the challenges park visitors face with individuals dealing with mental health issues.

Sunshine Modeling and Downtown Plan

Our consultants have created an impressive and, we think, groundbreaking set of data that shows at the granular, city block level, the heights that development can occur without taking any existing sunshine from the Common or Garden. We are working on a meeting with consultants NBBJ, and then a joint meeting with them and the BPDA, to present and discuss the adoption of this information as a tool for the city and developers. At our last meeting of the External Affairs Task Force with the consultant, there was discussion about the importance of engaging groups such as the Chamber to become familiar and supportive of this approach.

MOA - Parks/Friends Partnership Plan

We now have a signed MOA! A moment of silence for this big achievement.

Then, we get to work living it in real time.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Vizza