

Request for Actions

House Bill 1803 – An Act Relative to the Rose Kennedy Greenway

March 12, 2012



Monday, March 12, 2012 1:00
pm

State House , Room A-1

The Greenway Gardens

I am Diane Valle, Past Chair of The Greenway Gardens, with Joe Kunkel.

With the generous support of 300 volunteers, professional landscapers and national growers, we planted six acres of beautiful gardens, at no cost to The City, The State or The Conservancy.



Serious Concerns: Governance



Secretary and CEO Richard A Davey of
The Department of Transportation has in
The Conservancy to be transparent,
have open meetings, comply with requests for
information, and to wean off State funds.

Attorney General Overseeing Non Profits, Mary
Beckman:

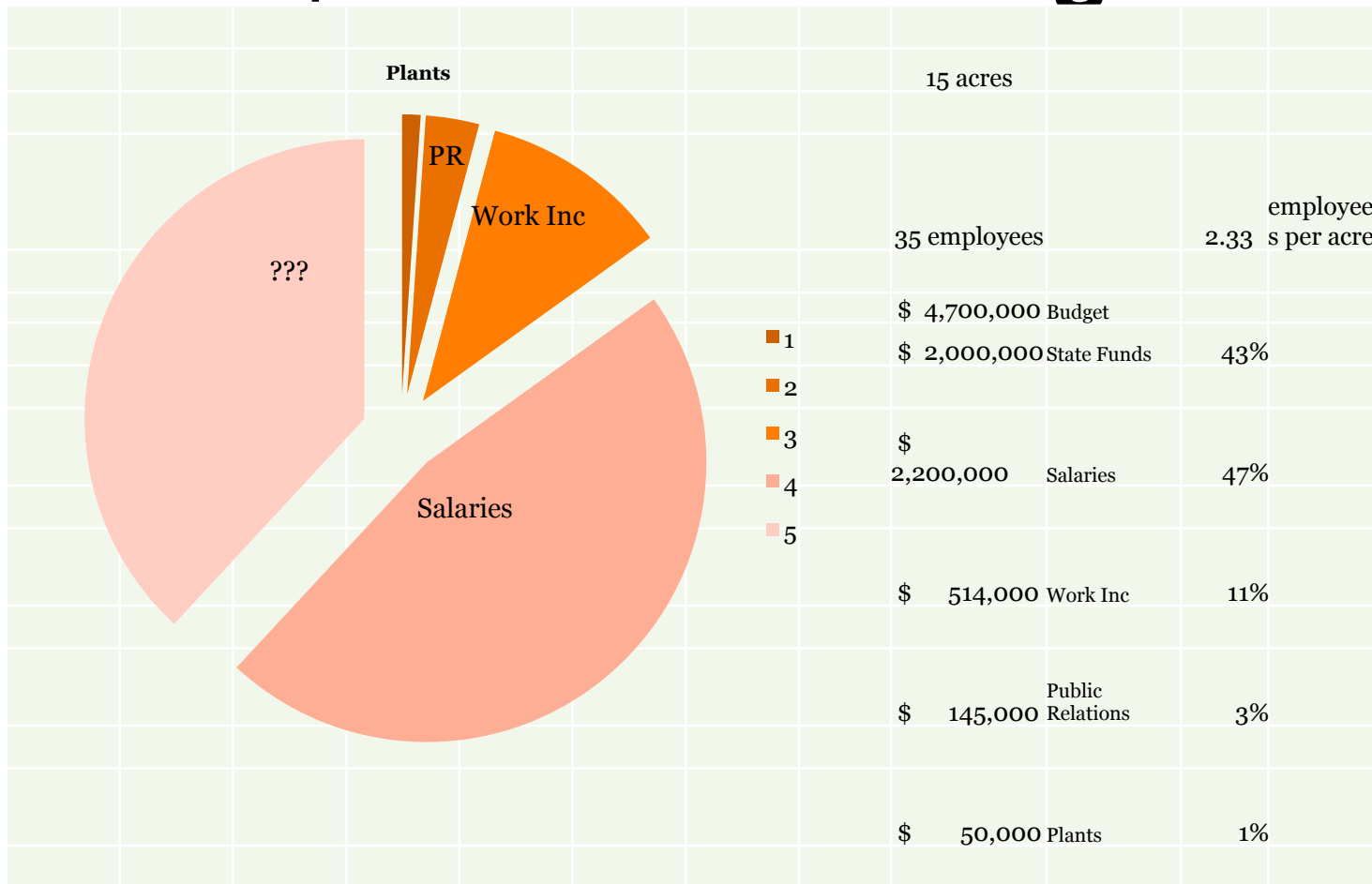
The Conservancy has an “obligation to be
transparent about its finances and management,
including decisions about and levels of
compensation paid to staff.”

Fiscal Responsibility

The Conservancy

- has received **\$16 Million** in State funds.
- 1% of the \$4.7M budget was the expense for plants...
 - a mere 7 cents / square foot
- **47% went to salaries**
 - \$3.36 / square foot

\$4.7 Million Budget



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**The time has come to stop this waste of funds,
time and energy.**

It is time to terminate the lease.

**It is time for “The Friends of The
Greenway”**

Terminate the Lease with The Conservancy add “The Friends of The Greenway”

o Utilize DCR Management:

DCR manages 450,000 acres
with urban parks and greenspace:

DCR collaborates with urban greenspace
Friends:

The Friends of City Square

Charles River Conservancy

Emerald Necklace

Conservancy

Southwest Corridor

Conservancy

Island Alliance



<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/friends.htm>

Another Option that Works:

- Retain Work, Inc
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- Request for Bids for Maintenance
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Change the way The Greenway is managed...

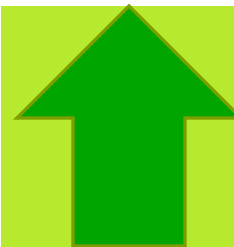
NOW: Tax Drain



**Cost \$1.07M
per acre**

**No “green” on
The Greenway**

NEXT: Revenue generator



**Beautiful
Greenway**

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Public visits**

