



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Wednesday - May 19, 2021, 6:30 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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- 1. Approval of the April 14, 2021 Minutes**
- 2. 210380: Discuss** (Strezo) – That the Directors of SPCD, Housing Stability, and Inspectional Services discuss with the Housing and Community Development Committee the anticipated impact and possible responses when the MA Eviction Moratorium expires on August 18.
- 3. 211346: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, Strezo) – That the Committee on Housing and Community Development convene housing advocates and staff to address racial disparities in home mortgages, including programs like Boston's One+ program to increase assistance for first-time and low-income home buyers.
- 4. 205286: Discuss** (Hirsch, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD share what role the city has, or could have with additional staff, in assisting residents with condo association dilemmas, tenant organizing, or ensuring that inclusionary unit owners or

tenants have equal voice in building decisions.

5. **209361: Discuss** (Ballantyne, McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD discuss the impact on small businesses city-wide since the expansion and growth of Assembly Square and the opening of the Encore Casino.
6. **211897: Discuss** (Strezo) – That the City Solicitor advise in writing and appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss how extensively the Encore Casino has been in compliance with its Surrounding Community Agreement.
7. **204174: Discuss** (Niedergang, Rossetti, Davis, and the Entire Board) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Director of SPCD, and the City Solicitor meet with a committee of this Board to discuss how to prevent developers from repeatedly violating city ordinances and regulations.
8. **204462: Discuss** (Davis, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration advise this Board on enforcing city ordinances, and develop a better response to repeat violations, including whether eyewitness reports or submitted evidence can be the basis for a citation.
9. **205183: Discuss** (Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ballantyne) – That the Administration reassess the city's agreement with Globe Direct regarding stopping deliveries upon request.