



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing and Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

6:30 PM Committee Room & Remote Participation

This meeting was held in-person and virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair Strezo and adjourned at 8:16 pm with a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Hardt, Ewen-Campen and Strezo), none opposed, and none absent.

Others present: Ellen Shachter - Office of Housing Stability Director, Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Luisa Oliveira - Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry, Rachel Nadkarni - Director of Economic Development, Dana Whiteside - Deputy Director of Economic Development and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen and Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of June 30, 2025. [25-1224](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt

2. That the Director of Office of Housing Stability appear before the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the current status of residents facing displacement and the number of households seeking rental assistance. [24-0075](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

3. That the Memorialization Committee dedicate a memorial to Kenneth Lonergan. [25-0140](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

4. That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss how inclusive playground accessibility is being considered in future playground plans and redesign projects. [24-0070](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Economic Development discuss with this Council ways to provide small businesses with financial and technical support when impacted by construction and other emergencies. [24-1008](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Economic Development appear before this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the immediate plans and short-term response efforts to best support and sustain small businesses, post-COVID. [24-1488](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- HCD - 2025-11-18 Memo (with 24-0075)
- HCD - 2025-11-18 Presentation (with 24-0070)
- HCD - 2025-11-18 Presentation (with 24-1008, 24-1488)