



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

October 6, 2015

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M. Connolly	Chair	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Alderman John Connolly and adjourned at 7:45 PM

Others present: Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, Alderman William White, Frank Wright - Law, Brad Rosen - OSPCD, Skye Stewart - SomerStat, Deputy Police Chief Stephen Carabino, , Omar Boukili - Mayor's Office, Wig Zamore, Committee Clerk Charles Sillari

Document List:

- Air Traffic - Departures 2004 - 2015
- Air Traffic - Councilor Kelley
- Air Traffic - Comments – Combined

**1. Approval of the September 22, 2015 Minutes**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
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**199100: That this Board supports the efforts of the Logan Community Advisory Committee and requests that the FAA re-examine its Runway 33L policies to reduce noise complaints.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**199099: Relaying the final report of the BU study regarding the impact of Logan air traffic on our community.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
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**198956: That the Administration develop with this Board a strategy to analyze the increasing use of Runway 33L at Logan Airport and document the adverse noise impacts.**

Mr. Wright spoke about the city's involvement in deterring runway construction and reported that the city spent \$170,000 in that unsuccessful effort. Mr. Boukili discussed how the Administration can try to control air traffic noise and said that people should be told the truth, i.e., that it is difficult to change the air traffic pattern. Ms. Stewart discussed usage on runway 33L and noted that the city does not have access to all of the data, but is working with Mr. Zamore to obtain it.

Mr. Zamore discussed the cause of the shift in runway traffic, the volume of departures, federal regulations, decibel levels and other cited dealing with similar challenges. He stated that planes will continue to fly over Somerville under the current flight patterns and said that a regional effort is necessary that stresses health issues. He also noted that air traffic is not regulated by the EPA.

Alderman Rossetti's motion that the Administration update the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, during the first week of every month, on the progress of gathering data as it relates to Logan Airport Runway 33L and that the city engage Mr. Wig Zamore and communicate with officials from the City of Cambridge and other communities, was approved.

The committee discussed noise monitors, specifically, how to get and operate them. Alderman Rossetti submitted six statements from constituents, (See attachment "Air Traffic Comments - Combined"). Betsy Boward and Michael Wisner gave testimony on the issue.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**199850: That the Administration consider the attached Policy Order recently adopted by Cambridge for air traffic noise pollution, and report back to this Board at its next meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
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**199522: That the Administration examine safety services at Assembly Row, in light of the previously unanticipated development of Partner's Health Care and Hotel, and report back to this Board by September, 2015.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
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**199723: That the Director of SPCD work with the Police Department to develop a bicycle safety campaign.**

The committee heard from Deputy Chief Carabino and Brad Rosen regarding educational campaigns, funding and data collection. Alderman Rossetti requested that a listing of all current ordinances regarding bicycles be provided.

Chairman Connolly's motion that the City Solicitor provide this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with a listing of all current ordinances and traffic regulations regarding bicycles. was approved.

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**198097: That the Director of SPCD update this Board on its public education campaign concerning appropriate bicycling in central business districts.**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**