



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

September 17, 2014

REPORT OF THE RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Vice Chair	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Goran Smiljic, Omar Boukili

Mr. Smiljic informed the members that ISD does not have a site for baiting with the product purchased from Senestech, other than Trum Field. Video cameras were installed and showed no evidence of rodents. Mr. Smiljic also reported that there has been a significant drop in rodent call sightings.

The sterilization process has not yet begun. There are some sites in Davis Square, Trum Field and on Gilman Street. There were no rodents sightings in the area of the Magoun Square CVS, possibly due to enforcement of the dumpster regulations.

Chairman Heuston requested that the rodent activity map be shared with the aldermen in a future meeting and that the city ordinance and fine structure be reviewed, as well.

**Approval of the Minutes of June 04, 2014**

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**196852 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the dumpsters and area around the Highland Creole Cuisine restaurant, 2 Highland Avenue, for signs of rodent activity, and take appropriate actions.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**196876 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the Park Avenue/Laurel Street area for rodents and communicate with residents and the Ward 2 Alderman on actions taken.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**196877 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the Bowdoin Street area, including Lincoln Park and Washington Street, for rodents and communicate to residents and the Ward 2 Alderman on actions taken.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197005 - That the Director of Health and the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the building manager at Bryant Manor to inform the residents not to throw food out their windows to feed the birds, as they are inadvertently feeding the rats as well.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197006 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait George Street and inspect the area for rodent related problems.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197007 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the corner of Cross Street East and Pennsylvania Avenue for rodents and install signage prohibiting the feeding of animals at the intersection.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197008 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Myrtle Street for rodents.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197009 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate reports of rodents on Gilman Terrace, Pickney Street, Pearl Street, Mt. Vernon Street, Indiana Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue and George Street.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197010 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate the rat burrows along the Starbucks in Assembly Square.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197011 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report on the compliance of construction workers along Broadway, and elsewhere in East Somerville, regarding required rodent baiting.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197104 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Wilton Street and inspect the area for rodent related problems.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197141 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Sunnyside Avenue for rodents.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197142 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the Alston Street area for rodents.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197143 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Pennsylvania Avenue for rodents.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197223 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 47 Webster Avenue to clear the rear lot of all overgrowth and debris and bait the property if evidence of rodent activity is found.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197232 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of the vacant lot adjacent to 12 Beacon Place to clear it of overgrowth and debris, bait it for rodents, and address rodent burrows.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197263 - That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the area along the billboard near 3 Chester Avenue, and that the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait it for rodents.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197354 - DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/26/14.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197376 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the area around 80 and 82 Morrison Avenue for rodents.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197449 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 14 Otis Street and 27 Pinckney Street for rodents and bait the area.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197459 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 20 Mt. Vernon Street for rodent activity and issue fines accordingly.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197460 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the area around 55 Bonair Street for rodents.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197461 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Otis Street, by the Edgerly School.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197462 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the area around 50 Oliver Street for signs of rodent activity and bait the area.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**197500 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) monitor the 23-25 Highland Road area for continued rodent activity.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**