



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday - December 14, 2011, 7:30 PM

Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

- **189727: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD Report in Writing to the Committee on Housing and Community Development on the Results of the Meeting with the Magoun Square Business Owners and the Ward Five Alderman, to Discuss Parking and Other Issues Affecting the Decline in Business in Magoun Square.
- **190096: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with information regarding the Green Line extension track layout and its impacts around the Brickbottom area, addressing such issues as: recent survey information which shows property lines closer than originally anticipated; Mass DOT's plans to use a "five foot strip" on the Union Square side; and the entire right of way on the mainline side and track alignments.
- **190097: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD update this Board on discussions for air rights uses for the Green Line extension maintenance facility, particularly regarding a stadium.
- **190214: Discuss in Committee** That this Board seeks input from stakeholders and the city on how this Board can work with the Affordable Housing Organizing Committee, the Somerville Community Corporation, the Somerville Housing Authority, and others to promote affordable housing initiatives citywide, particularly permanent housing for formerly homeless families.
- **190529: Discuss in Committee** That the Director SPCD follow-up on a commitment and meet with Union Square businesses regarding the proposed traffic patterns and report back to the Committee on Housing and Community Development and the Ward 2 and 3 Aldermen.
- **190783: Recommend** Requesting that this Board accept this report on the update to the Comprehensive Plan and provide comments on it to SPCD staff.

- **190746: Discuss in Committee** That this Board requests that the Community Action Agency of Somerville present to this Board their anti-poverty services, plans for the upcoming year, and the work they coordinate with other community organizations in the city.
- **190955: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD, in conjunction with the manager of the Union Square Post Office, update the Ward 3 and Ward 2 Aldermen on the pending sale and relocation of the Union Square Post Office.
- **191091: Discuss in Committee** Conveying the 2010 Annual Report of the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- **191090: Discuss in Committee** Conveying the Planning Division's Annual Report for 2010.
- **191454: Discuss in Committee** That the Commissioner of Public Works make various repairs at the West Branch Library including reinforcing basement walls and repairing broken windows.
- **191455: Discuss in Committee** That the Library Director create a written plan and timeline detailing how the \$15,000 donation to the Children's Room at the West Branch Library will be allocated.
- **191456: Discuss in Committee** That the Library Director create a plan within the scope of the current budget to make the West Branch Library accessible for at least part of a weekend day.
- **191633: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with plans to help homeowners comply with the Stretch Energy Code, to take advantage of rebates and tax incentives.
- **191806: Discuss in Committee** That this Board requests that the MA Secretary of Transportation, or his designee, and a representative of the Conservation Law Foundation, appear before this Board to discuss revised timelines for the construction of the Green Line Extension into Somerville.
- **191813: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD attend the Housing and Community Development Committee meeting on September 13, 2011 to discuss the economic enhancement of Magoun Square.
- **191807: Discuss in Committee** That this Board objects to any further delay in the 2014 completion date for the Green Line Extension.
- **191925: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD arrange a meeting with the Union Square business community to discuss the proposed Union Square roadway/streetscape improvement design plan.

- **191926: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an analysis of the recommendations of the MIT Peer Review Study and the Howard/Stein-Hudson Study for Union Square.
- **192055: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD, or a representative, appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to address whether the lottery provisions for affordable housing should be changed to give preference to residents who have been displaced from the area in which the affordable unit(s) are from.
- **192114: Discuss in Committee** That this Board requests that the Administration update this Board on Walmart's efforts to locate a store in Somerville.