



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday - November 3, 2014, 7:00 PM

Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

Approval of the Minutes of September 24, 2014

Approval of the Minutes of October 02, 2014

- **192737: Discuss** That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety arrange for representatives of Riverside Community Care aka Somerville Mental Health Association, to appear before the Committee to explain where the programs are and how the City can assist them.
- **193094: Discuss** That the Director of Public Health provide the Committee on Public Health and Safety with the CAFÉ study information once it's completed.
- **194408: Discuss** That this Board requests that representatives of the Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health study and SPCD's Housing Division appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the recent \$675,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation to address health risks to residents from I-93.
- **194939: Discuss** That this Board requests that the Cambridge Health Alliance cease, or shelve, its proposed consolidation plan until they convene stakeholders to discuss how best to meet the challenges of an ever changing health care landscape, while meeting the needs of our community.
- **195082: Discuss** That the City's Disability Coordinator appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to update the Committee on pending claims on accessibility issues and the status of plans to improve access to City buildings and sidewalks, including the East and West Branch Libraries.
- **195321: Discuss** That the Director of Traffic and Parking install an audio tone device for the pedestrian walk signal at Highland and College Avenues for the benefit of visually impaired individuals utilizing that crosswalk.

- **195502: Discuss** That the Environmental Programs Manager report to the Ward 6 Alderman and the Committee on Public Health and Safety, the impact of bamboo and whether it is a plant that should be limited due to its invasive nature.
- **195509: Discuss** That the Administration provide an update on air traffic noise over Somerville and continuing efforts to reduce this noise.
- **195671: Discuss** That the Director of the Women's Commission appear at a future Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to update this Board on the city's domestic violence prevention efforts.
- **196353: Discuss** That the Administration take steps to address the snow related concerns affecting public safety, especially of school aged children and elderly residents, expressed in the attached letter.
- **196432: Discuss** That the Middlesex County District Attorney update the City on the investigation into the murder of Deanna Cremin, on this, the 19th anniversary of her death.
- **196766: Discuss** That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Public Health explain the policy for food and food donations at charity or nonprofit events.
- **196787: Discuss** That the Director of Public Health and Commissioner of Public Works install a sign on the island at Bow Street and Somerville Avenue prohibiting feeding the birds, and that the Director of Public Health distribute a flyer around the neighborhood explaining why birds may not be fed, and that the Police, Animal Control, ISD, and DPW enforce Ordinance 3-3 at this island.
- **196891: Discuss** That the Director of the SPCD (ISD) and the City Solicitor appear before this Board to discuss the city's schedule of fines and how and/or why they have or have not been used fully.
- **197367: Discuss** That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide updates on the problems reported at 38 Illinois Avenue and 39-41 Michigan Avenue, detailing a plan of how these properties will be dealt with.
- **197713: Discuss** That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the property at the corner of Broadway and McGrath Highway (formerly a gas station), and issue fines where appropriate.
- **197718: Discuss** That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board any legal action with respect to the broken solar trash barrels in Davis Square and elsewhere.
- **197780: Discuss** That the City Solicitor review the attached 311 data as it relates to airplane noise pollution and report to this Board on a recommended course of action.

- **197886: Discuss** That the Chief of Police and representatives of the Administration report to this Board on the safety of neighbors of the Vinfen group home at 155 Central Street, and on discussions with Vinfen, DMH, and Somerville's state legislative delegation.
- **197916: Discuss** US Representative Capuano submitting comments re: #197474, a resolution to limit airplane noise over Somerville.
- **197915: Discuss** FAA Regional Director Corbett submitting comments re: #197474, a resolution to limit airplane noise over Somerville.
- **197755: Discuss** Chief Fire Engineer responding to #197483 re: 29 Dickinson St.
- **197858: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/23/14.