



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - April 14, 2015, 6:30 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of the March 3, 2015 Minutes**
- 2. 198503: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD submit a progress report on SomerVision by March 26, 2015.
- 3. 196221: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD provide SomerVision updates twice a year, broken down by ward, showing progress made in residential, affordable units, jobs, public space, trips via transit, bike and walking, and development in transformative areas.
- 4. 196368: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD submit a plan on the use of city owned properties as it relates to projected growth identified in the SomerVision Plan.
- 5. 196369: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD submit a SomerVision implementation and accountability plan as described within.
- 6. 196188: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Administration work with this Board to revise the SomerVision Plan to provide more detailed goals with regard to affordable housing and the creation of a mix of housing units, especially those with more than 2 bedrooms, for long-term residents of all ages.
- 7. 197983: Discuss** (McWatters, Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD determine if Central Hill Playground is on a renovation list for the coming fiscal year

and inform the Ward 3 Alderman of future plans for the park.

8. **198576: Discuss** (McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 Alderman on any plans to renovate Central Hill Park.
9. **198096: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD inquire of the developer of the complex on McGrath Highway, between Otis and Bonair Streets, why they aren't abiding by their promises for resident parking, lighting, and repairs to the McGrath Highway overpass.
10. **198584: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD plan a walkway between East Somerville and Assembly Square in conjunction with Federal Realty and Criterion Development.
11. **197475: Discuss** (White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration discuss with DCR, an agreement by which the City takes joint control of the DCR park area from Shore Drive to the riverbank so the City can maintain that area for the benefit and protection of its residents.
12. **198508: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) schedule with the Ward 5 Alderman a follow-up community meeting for March or April to report on safety improvements planned for the Lowell Street bridge area, since the Community Path Extension will open onto the Lowell Street bridge in the spring.
13. **198107: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the construction plans and timeline for the curb cut at the elbow on Warwick Street to enable bicycle access to the concrete path that leads to the Community Path extension.
14. **197975: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board the possibility of providing administrative support and funding for a business and community association such as a Main Streets initiative for both the Magoun Square and Winter Hill business districts.
15. **198445: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) report to this Board on why the Tree Advisory Committee, created under the Tree Preservation Ordinance, appears to be completely inactive, and present a plan for activating it by March 26, 2015.
16. **198542: Discuss** (Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD apply an economic modeling construct to the proposed zoning ordinance to demonstrate the likely

economic impacts on commercial development, jobs, housing, and other factors.

17. **198558: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD hire an independent consultant to conduct and provide to this Board an expedited economic analysis of the impacts of a range of potential inclusionary zoning affordable housing percentages from 12 1/2% to 25% on affordable and market-rate housing.
18. **197847: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking advise when the signs limiting entrance and exit from the 118 Holland Street driveway will be installed.
19. **197861: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) update this Board on the court filing for 75-77 Gordon Street (as requested in July), pertaining to operating a business and storing construction materials at the site.
20. **197862: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD (Planning) update this Board on the construction start date at 77-83 North Street.
21. **198212: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 7 Alderman on asphalt removal at 125 West Adams Street.
22. **198088: Discuss** (Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate and report back on installing solar powered kiosks in our parks and playgrounds to communicate youth and family activities in our city.
23. **198421: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 11/25/14.
24. **198193: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Sullivan, Heuston, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications revise the Planning and Zoning Depts.' web pages to make them more accessible and transparent.