



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

February 3, 2011

REPORT OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
William A. White Jr.	Chair	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Vice Chair	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Monica Lamboy	Exec. Director, OSPCD	Present	
George Proakis	Planning Director	Present	
Dave Shapiro	Assistant City Solicitor	Present	
Kevin Prior	Chair, Planning Board	Present	
Herbert Foster	Chair, Zoning Board	Present	
Thomas Bent		Present	
Adam Dash		Present	
Dick Bauer	Chair, Historic Preservation Commission	Present	

188847 - Requesting Approval to Amend in the Zoning Ordinances the Allowable Uses, Requirements for Special Permits, and Purpose Statements in IA and IP Zones.:

This item was previously withdrawn.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

190156 - Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the definition of Home Occupation and Historic Outbuilding, and amend Article 7 Permitted Uses to create and allow a Historic Carriage House Occupation with identified development standards in certain zoning districts.:

Chairman White recused himself from all discussion and votes on this matter.

Mr. Proakis spoke about the proposed amendment and its merits and outlined the requirements necessary for a structure to be designated as an historic carriage house. The city's Historic Preservation Commission is in favor of the proposal.

RESULT: APPROVED

190157 - Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and revising the review process for Special Permits, Special Permits with Site Plan Review, and Variances.:

Ms. Lamboy explained that the intent of this proposal is to streamline the process by changing the responsibilities of the Planning Board. The Planning Board will be responsible for special permits at Assembly Square (ASMD, PUD A), Union Square, Broadway and East Somerville (TOD's and CCD's). The Zoning Board of Appeals will retain authority for special permits and all other zoning districts and has sole authority for issues of variance. The Zoning Board and Planning Board are in favor of the proposal.

RESULT: APPROVED

190644 - Requesting approval of two Grants of Easement for the Fire Dept. at 266 Broadway.:

Attorney Barry Scheer, representing the owners of the parcel in question, explained the reason for the grant of easement.

RESULT: APPROVED