



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - May 13, 2019, 6:00 PM
Sub Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

1. Approval of the March 25, 2019 Minutes

GLX Station Accessibility

- 2. 207714: Discuss** (White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD apprise this Council on the redesign of the various GLX stations with respect to the removal of elevators and the accommodations that had been made to provide reasonable access for all users.
- 3. 207735: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – Calling for improved accessibility at the forthcoming Union Square Green Line Station.
- 4. 207736: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – Calling for accessibility and safety improvements at the 7 forthcoming Green Line Stations.
- 5. 207890: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Niedergang, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Administration work with MassDOT and the GLX team to address the 3 primary safety issues with the Community Path Extension between Washington Street and Lechmere that have been identified by the Friends of the Community Path.
- 6. 207906: Discuss** Friends of the Community Path submitting comments re: #x, a Resolution to address 3 primary safety issues on the Community Path Extension between Washington St and Lechmere Station.

Gilman Square Planning

7. **207278: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD meet with the Committee on Housing and Community Development and Gilman Square residents to discuss possible changes to the Neighborhood Plan.

High School Parking

8. **207905: Discuss** (Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Clingan) – That the Administration work with the High School Building Committee to explore any options to sever construction (or take similar actions) of the playing field as part of the High School project, with the intention to incorporate it into a future capital project to include a parking garage beneath the playing surface.

Municipal Update

9. **206391: Discuss** (Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration submit an update to this Board on efforts to create a Municipal ID, including a plan for dealing with the encryption of information that appears to be holding back progress.

Meeting Notification Radius

10. **204885: Discuss** (Scott) – That the City Clerk and the Director of SPCD expand abutter notices for Zoning Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission hearings to include tenants of abutting properties in addition to property owners.

City Management and Efficiency

11. **207599: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Mbah) – That the Administration consider re-establishing a Technology Task Force to make recommendations about municipal and district information technology, including increasing data integration across divisions.
12. **206201: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SomerStat share an update on implementing a work order system for asset management, CRM requests, preventive maintenance, and related functions, for departments like Public Works, Engineering, and Urban Forestry.

Housekeeping Items

13. **207771: Discuss** Affordable Housing Trust submitting quarterly activity reports for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2018.
14. **205412: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD suggest strategies to mitigate ground floor commercial retail space vacancies.

15. **205386: Discuss** Conveying information about the Tufts Partnership Agreement process.
16. **205320: Discuss** Director of Constituent Services responding to #204377 with the city's policy for following up on Inspectional Services issues when ISD is closed.
17. **205191: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration inform this Board on the annual number of eviction cases heard in Somerville District Court, the proportion for which the tenant has no legal representation, and the estimated cost of ensuring that all Somerville tenants have such representation.
18. **207277: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Commissioner of Public Works remove graffiti from the back of the Argenziano School and consider ways to reduce future graffiti, such as bushes or a mural.
19. **207864: Discuss** Harvard University submitting its Spring 2019 University Accountability report.