



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

October 1, 2013

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Vice Chair	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan		Present	

**192479 - That this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development meet with the Director of SPCD and the Director of Housing to develop an appropriate Senior Housing Ordinance.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**192636 - That this Board requests that the Administration provide information about plans to support local grocery stores in our economic centers.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**194277 - That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking provide this Board with recommendations to address the traffic and parking concerns of business owners on Somerville Avenue, especially within the 400-700 blocks.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194361 - That the Director of SPCD prepare a written analysis for this Board comparing the 2010 federal census with the 2000 census and highlighting the important changes and potential impacts.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194362 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the Development Covenant for Assembly Square between the City, the Redevelopment Authority, and FRIT, including all revisions and amendments.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194409 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a breakdown of all tickets and other types of citations, such as criminal complaints, issued by building inspectors and health inspectors, including the types of violations, the face amounts of the fines, and the amounts collected.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194410 - That this Board requests that the Administration consider a program to allow dog owners and dogs to enjoy off-leash play and exercise time in certain city parks at designated times.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194501 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update regarding the timeline for expansion of the community path garden behind Rite-Aid, as gardening season is about to be underway.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194658 - Michele Biscoe submitting comments re: #194410, considering designated off-leash times for dogs in certain parks.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194659 - That the Director of SPCD (Parks and Open Space) provide this Board with the feasibility of creating "Friend of Parks" organizations for city parks, to promote citizen participation in the oversight of parks and to provide resources for the establishment of such groups.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**195071 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to discuss the so-called Italian/Portuguese kitchens that are commonplace throughout the city.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**195074 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD), the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before this Board to discuss the process of fining absentee landlords and/or their unruly tenants as it relates to repeat offenders.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195089 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with an analysis of the Cabot Farms building on Broadway, at the Powderhouse Rotary, and a list of strategies the city can employ to urge improvement of the property.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195173 - That the Director of SPCD consider Magoun Square or Trum Field as a location for a Hubway Bicycle System.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195248 - That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to provide an update on the status of the Union Square renewal plan and any transactions that have taken place.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195268 - That further applications for liquor licenses at Assembly Square be brought to the attention of the Committee on Housing and Community Development.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195347 - That the Administration consider implementing a pilot Parklet in the Brickbottom area of Ward 2.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195360 - That the Director of SPCD remove the bike rack at the corner of Highland Avenue and Crocker Street and either find an alternative site or replace it with a smaller rack.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195495 - That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of the jurisdiction the City has over Clear Channel billboards, including contracts the City is party to, and ways the City can reduce the negative impact of they have on residents' quality of life.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**