



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - February 6, 2017, 4:30 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 2/1/17 at 4:45 pm)

- 1. Approval of the December 5, 2016 Minutes**
- 2. 202764: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of SPCD meet with the Administration, Cambridge transportation planners, and the MBTA business group to discuss Inman Square’s intersection redesign, and further, that the Director assign planning staff to attend and address Somerville's concerns at Cambridge planning meetings, and further, that said staff brief this Board and organize with the Ward 2 Alderman a neighborhood meeting to share findings and feedback.
- 3. 200517: Discuss** (Connolly, Davis, Heuston, Sullivan, Rossetti, McWatters, Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the Mayor or his designee report at this Board's January 14, 2016 meeting on the status of the Green Line Extension into Union Square and beyond.
- 4. 202620: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD, Director of Engineering, Commissioner of Public Works, ADA Coordinator, and Mayor’s Office work with the Ward 5 Alderman to convene a community meeting in February to discuss improvements in the streetscape on Murdock Street.
- 5. 202516: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Chief Assessor report to this Board about past and planned outreach to make seniors, veterans and other qualified homeowners aware of exemptions and deferrals that could ease their property tax burden, along with numerical goals, for FY17 to FY20.
- 6. 202497: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Superintendent of Schools share plans with the Ward 7 Alderman to mitigate the negative student enrollment at the West Somerville Neighborhood School caused by the proposed Clarendon/North Street Public Housing

project.

7. **202308: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director SPCD request a redesign and upgrade to the asphalt playground, tot lot and “cave” courtyard at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
8. **202181: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the development of a strategic plan for the city’s role in workforce development and job training, and the city's intention on implementing the recommendations in the 2013 Somerville Jobs Advisory Committee Report.
9. **196437: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin, Heuston, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Connolly) – That the Director of SPCD (Economic Development) report on the development of and funding for the local hiring and workforce development First Source program, and report on the outcome of FRIT's recent job fairs for Assembly Square, including Somervillians getting jobs.
10. **200135: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Administration report to this Board about communicating with Federal Realty Investment Trust regarding #199601, a request that FRIT provide the wages, hours and residency of everyone employed at the parcel 6 site, pursuant to the attached letter from Rand Wilson.
11. **201791: Discuss** (Niedergang, Heuston, Sullivan, Ballantyne, Davis, McLaughlin, McWatters, Lafuente) – That the City Clerk notify Greentown Labs to appear before this Board to describe its selection of contractors and plans for local hiring in its upcoming construction project.
12. **202715: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD share with this Board a marketing plan for commercial development, highlighting the transformative districts.
13. **202149: Discuss** (Ballantyne, McLaughlin) – That the Administration discuss requiring adding the word "Somerville" to buildings in the Assembly Square area, to enhance office and commercial marketing efforts.