



**City of Somerville,
Massachusetts
Housing and Community Development
Committee
Meeting Minutes Dispositions**

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Gomez Mouakad at 6:02 p.m. and adjourned at 8:14 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 3 in favor (Councilors Strezo, Pineda Neufeld, Clingan), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Others present: Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Dennis Fischman – Commissioner of the Somerville Fair Housing Commission; Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison, Somerville Mayor’s Office; Hanalei Steinhart – Program Specialist for Fair Housing; Ellen Shachter – Director of the Office of Housing Stability; Michael Feloney – Director of the Somerville Fair Housing Commission; Luis Fernandez – Somerville Bike Kitchen; Ben Baldwin – Executive Director of the Community Land Trust; Morena Zelaya – Staff Liaison to the Community Land Trust

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Kristen Strezo, Vice Chair Judy Pineda Neufeld and Jesse Clingan

Approval of the Housing and Community Development Committee Minutes of February 2, 2023. [23-0202](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Strezo, Vice Chair Pineda Neufeld and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability appear before the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the current status of Somerville residents facing displacement and the number of households seeking rental assistance. [22-0085](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

That this City Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development discuss the attached letter from the Somerville Fair Housing Commission regarding the current Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination backlog. [23-0064](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld,
Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability discuss proactive measures to inform tenants in inclusionary housing units of the rights and resources available to them.

[22-0174](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Administration collaborate with the Bicycle Committee, the School Department, the Somerville Bike Kitchen and other local organizations to develop a program to help Somerville youth and other residents learn to repair bicycles donated by the City of Somerville.

[22-0051](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo,
Councilor Davis and Councilor Kelly

Kept in committee

That the Director of Housing, the Director of the Office of Housing Stability, and the Director of Planning and Zoning discuss the challenges associated with and potential modifications to the Tier 3 Rental ADUs multiplier at 110% AMI for inclusionary units.

[22-0170](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development work with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to consider combining the affordable housing linkage payments for commercial development as a funding source for a development that will result in the creation of affordable units.

[22-0173](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

That representatives of the Community Land Trust update this Council's Housing and Community Development Committee on its progress and how the Council can help implement the Trust's goals.

[22-0090](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Director of Human Resources provide a written demographic breakdown, including the age, gender, and race/ethnicity of Customer

[23-0281](#)

Service Representatives in the Constituent Services Department (311).

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

Fair Housing Commission Staff Liaison conveying the Fiscal Year 2021
Fair Housing Commission Annual Report.

[23-0036](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Housing - 2023-03-01 Employment Application REV 2022 (with 23-0281)