



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday - December 19, 2013, 6:00 PM

Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

### AGENDA

- **194277: Discuss in Committee** 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.
- **194410: Discuss in Committee** 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.
- **194658: Discuss in Committee** Michele Biscoe submitting comments re: #194410, considering designated off-leash times for dogs in certain parks.
- **195074: Discuss in Committee** 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.
- **195089: Discuss in Committee** 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.
- **195347: Discuss in Committee** That the Administration consider implementing a pilot Parklet in the Brickbottom area of Ward 2.
- **195360: Discuss in Committee** 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.
- **195597: Discuss in Committee** That the Administration provide an update on the Winter Hill Star Market site since the resolution of the court case, and the next steps for this site.

- **195598: Discuss in Committee** That the Chief Assessor develop a list of all absentee landlord property locations in Ward 4.
- **195599: Discuss in Committee** That the City Solicitor inform this Board of the fee structure of fines on absentee landlord property violations and how they can be increased.
- **195604: Discuss in Committee** That the Community Liaison for the East Broadway Streetscape Project notify all residents and businesses prior to sidewalk replacement, and have the contractor provide proper access to all driveways.
- **195663: Discuss in Committee** That the Administration begin steps to acquire the parcel of land at the intersection of Austin Street and Maine Terrace in hopes that it will become a green space.
- **195679: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD meet with this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss #195571, a proposed \$500,000 bond to fund a major plan change to the existing Assembly Square Urban Renewal Plan.