



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

To: Omar Boukili, Mayor Curtatone's Office
From: Kathleen Ziegenfuss, Senior Planner, Transportation and Infrastructure
Re: Recommendation for Appointment to Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee
Date: October 28, 2010

As the City liaison to the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee, I recommend that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen appoint Tim Talun to the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee. If appointed, Tim will fill a vacant position (previously held by Steve DaSilva).

Attached please find a letter of interest from Tim Talun as well as his resume.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please advise me of any progress on the status of this appointment.

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October 28, 2010

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone
Somerville City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Mayor Curtatone:

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a member of the Somerville Bicycle Committee. As a resident of Somerville for the last five years and an avid commuter and recreational cyclist, I have experienced the challenges and the benefits of cycling in the city. Over the past year I have been attending meetings of the SBC I have been pleased with City's commitment to the development of cycling infrastructure and have enjoyed using newly built facilities around the city. As a practicing Architectural Designer I have a particular interest in how these facilities can support cycling and contribute to the quality of life in Somerville.

I strongly believe that the further development of this infrastructure benefits each resident of the City, and as a member of the Somerville Bicycle Committee I look forward to contributing towards this goal.

Thank you,

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Timothy Talun

Education

Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Cambridge, MA

- Graduated in June 2008 with a Master in Architecture degree.
- Awarded First Place in the 2006 FHLB New England Affordable Housing Development Competition.
- Teaching Assistant in Materials, Methods and Construction class taught by Professors Toshiko Mori and Thomas Schropfer.

University at Buffalo

Buffalo, NY

- Graduated in May 2004 Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science in Architecture degree
- Selected to participate in a study abroad program in Aarhus, Denmark, at Arkitektskolen i Aarhus.

Professional Experience

Elkus Manfredi Architects

2010 - Present

Boston, MA

Designer

- Currently working as a designer on several large mixed use projects.

Koetter Kim & Associates

2008 - 2009

Boston, MA

Designer

- Designer for the New Humanities Building at Cornell University, a high-profile 90,000 s.f. modern addition to historic Goldwin Smith Hall on the Arts Quad.
- Also worked extensively on Urban Design projects including Sewoon Block 4 in Seoul, Korea and a master plan for a 5,000 resident community in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

BRT Architekten

2007

Hamburg, Germany

Intern

- Worked in the competition department, primarily on a large mixed-use competition in Dubai, UAE.
- Fluent in German.

Extracurricular

- Guest Critic at Harvard GSD, University at Buffalo and Boston Architectural Center.
- Active member of MassBike, the Massachusetts cycling advocacy coalition, and an avid cyclist, having completed several long distance rides across Europe and the United States.