



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

## CLERK OF COMMITTEES

October 10, 2012

### REPORT OF THE YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Vice Chair	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Nancy Bacci	Youth Services	Present	
James Halloran	Supt, of Recreation	Present	
Corey Mashburn	Office of Prevention	Present	
Jaime Lederer	Teen Empowerment	Present	

- Update on Youth activities and issues

Ms. Bacci updated the committee on the city's summer jobs program and said that there has been a reduction in the number of youths being employed by local business, however, 120 of the city's youth were employed to work 20 hours per week and that 2 of the individuals were kept on a company's payroll after the program ended. Alderman Desmond, Ms. Bacci and Mr. Halloran spoke about the upcoming Golden Gloves Tournament and said that fundraising will take place to offset the cost of next year's planned trip by members of the boxing club to England and Ireland.

Mr. Mashburn spoke about the ballot question regarding marijuana and said that drug use among youth has increased since its use has been decriminalized and that young people are now using marijuana for medical use in schools. Mr. Mashburn said that if the ballot question is passed, marijuana use among youth would increase and up to 35 marijuana shops would be allowed to operate in Massachusetts during the first year of implementation, with increases expected in future years. In certain circumstances, growing marijuana in one's home would be permitted. Ms. Mashburn would like the city to pass an ordinance in anticipation of the question being passed by the voters.

Alderman Desmond's motion **that the City Solicitor and the Chief of Police, begin research regarding a proposed ordinance dealing with medical marijuana dispensaries**, was approved.

Mr. Halloran updated the committee on upcoming fall programs and Ms. Lederer provided information on Teen Empowerment activities.