



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 7, 2010

REPORT OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sean T. O'Donovan	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Absent	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
George Proakis	OSPCD	Present	

190143 - Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to modify Article 6 Establishment of Zoning Districts, Article 7 Permitted Uses, and Article 16 Planned Unit Development, to allow Self-Storage Uses under certain conditions in the Assembly Square Mixed Use District, and establish specific development standards for self-storage and similar uses along I-93.:

The Committee was in receipt of the Planning Board's recommendations for this item.

Alderman Roche spoke in favor of the proposal and Mr. Wig Zamore discussed the issues he views as key for the community. The proposal was amended by adding the language to deal with signage and billboards.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

190155 - Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to modify the parking requirements in Article 9 for the Large Retail and Service Cluster in the Corridor Commercial Districts and Transit Oriented Districts.:

The Committee was in receipt of the Planning Board's recommendations for this item.

RESULT: APPROVED

190156 - Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the definition of Home Occupation and Historic Outbuilding, and amend Article 7 Permitted Uses to create and allow a Historic Carriage House Occupation with identified development standards in certain zoning districts.:

The Committee was in receipt of the Planning Board's recommendations for this item.

No discussion

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

190157 - Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and revising the review process for Special Permits, Special Permits with Site Plan Review, and Variances.:

The Committee was in receipt of the Planning Board's recommendations for this item.

Mr. Proakis explained the reasoning for the proposal and told the members that passage would allow the Planning Department to do other things. Alderman White had concerns that neighborhood input might be reduced and he asked that an email be sent to all Aldermen asking them to provide any input at this week's Board of Aldermen meeting, when this Committee report will be acted on. A motion to approve the item failed on a tie vote of 1 in favor (Ald. O'Donovan) to 1 against (Ald. White)

RESULT: NOT APPROVED
