



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - March 31, 2021, 6:30 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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- 1. Approval of the February 3, 2021 Minutes**
- 2. 210380: Discuss** (Strezo) – That the Directors of SPCD, Housing Stability, and Inspectional Services discuss with the Housing and Community Development Committee the anticipated impact and possible responses when the MA Eviction Moratorium expires on August 18.
- 3. 210891: Discuss** (Strezo) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation appear before this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss installing playground communication boards in all parks to expand park accessibility for children who are nonverbal or have other communication challenges.
- 4. 211253: Discuss** (Clingan, Strezo) – That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry appear before this Council with an update on the delayed Healey Schoolyard master plan

and the current implementation schedule.

5. **211328: Discuss** Conveying an update on the Healey Schoolyard project.
6. **211370: Discuss** (Strezo, Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Human Rights Commission advise the Committee on Housing and Community Development how the City may address reported cases of suspected hate speech on public and private property.
7. **209479: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch, Davis, Mbah, Niedergang) – That the Committee on Housing and Community Development convene a Public Hearing on the ongoing Tufts Payment in Lieu of Taxes negotiations, and request written answers from the Administrations to the attached questions raised by the "ORS Pilot Working Group."
8. **211392: Discuss** (Strezo) – That the City's Chief Assessor provide a list of all non-profits that have Community Benefit Agreements and/or Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreements, including their property sizes.
9. **203222: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development meet with representatives of Tufts University for an update on the conversion of wood frame office-houses into residential housing in Medford and Somerville.
10. **206823: Discuss** (Ballantyne, and the Entire Board) – That Tufts University engage the Somerville community in its public Master Planning process.
11. **211341: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That Tufts update this Council on its student housing plans for the University district.
12. **211342: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That Tufts reconfirm that it is not expanding beds in any of its buildings outside of the University district.
13. **211436: Discuss** Tufts responding to #211341 and #211342 re: student housing.
14. **211345: Discuss** (Strezo) – That this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development review the findings of the Condo Conversion Annual Report.
15. **211445: Discuss** (Strezo) – That the Director of Constituent Services discuss with this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development options for residents to report hate crimes to 311 and the 311 mobile app.