



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Housing and Community Development Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:00 PM City Council Committee Room and Remote  
Participation

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This meeting was held in the City Council Committee Room and via Zoom for remote participation, was called to order by Chair Strezo at 6:06 pm and adjourned at 7:58 pm. A recess was taken from 7:30 pm to 7:44 pm.

Others present: Hannah Carrillo – Mayor’s Office, Nancy Bacci – HHS, Rachel Nadkarni – OSPCD, Ben Demers – OSPCD, Christine Carlino – Gilman Square Neighborhood Council, Tom Galligani – OSPCD, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Chairperson Kristen Strezo, Vice Chair Judy Pineda Neufeld and Jesse Clingan

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of September 20, 2023. [23-1416](#)

Accepted

2. That the Director of Economic Development appear before this Council to discuss the current status of the implementation of the Gilman Square Neighborhood Plan. [23-1358](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. Fair Housing Commission conveying the Fiscal Year 2022 Fair Housing Commission Annual Report. [23-1396](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on the legality of landlords including non-disclosure agreements in leases. [22-1295](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

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5. That the Director of Health and Human Services create and distribute an outgoing participation survey for participants of the Teen Snow Shoveling program. [23-0274](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo
- Recommended to be marked work completed
6. That the Director of Public Works and the Director of the Office Sustainability and Environment discuss the possibility of installing Cigarette Bin Voting Boxes throughout the community. [22-0172](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo
- Recommended to be marked work completed
7. That the Director of Housing update this Council on maintenance issues of the 100 Homes Program. [22-1570](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo
- Recommended to be marked work completed
8. That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development work with the owner of 125 Highland Ave and local non-profit housing developers to convert that structure into permanently affordable housing. [22-0055](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Burnley Jr.
- Recommended to be marked work completed
9. That the Housing and Community Development Committee discuss the Democracy Collaborative's report on Advancing Community Wealth Building in the City of Somerville. [22-1408](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen
- Recommended to be marked work completed
10. That the Administration collaborate with the Bicycle Committee, the School Department, the Somerville Bike Kitchen and other local organizations to develop a program to help Somerville youth and other residents learn to repair bicycles donated by the City of Somerville. [22-0051](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Kelly
- Recommended to be marked work completed
11. That the Director of Housing provide a comprehensive list of bedroom [22-0178](#)
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counts and number of accessible units for construction projects permitted over the past three years and continue to track this data

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Housing & Community Development - 2023-11-15 Gilman CC pres \_ no transitions (with 23-1358)