



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing and Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, February 2, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Strezo at 6:01 pm and adjourned at 7:56 pm by a roll call vote of all in favor (Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Chair Strezo), none opposed, none absent.

Others present: Hannah Carrillo – Mayor’s Office, Ellen Shachter – OHS, Kelly Donato – OSPCD, Lisa Davidson – OSPCD, Michael Feloney – Housing, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld and Jesse Clingan

1. Approval of the Housing and Community Development Committee Minutes of October 19, 2022. [22-1783](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

2. That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability appear before the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the current status of Somerville residents facing displacement and the number of households seeking rental assistance. [22-0085](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

3. That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability discuss the potential impact of the anticipated January 2023 Social Security cost of living increase on affordable housing. [22-1793](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

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4. That the Director of Housing discuss how anticipated increases in utility, heating and water bills will affect affordable housing tenants. [22-1683](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson
- Recommended to be marked work completed
5. 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
- Kept in committee
6. That the Director of Housing provide the data requested within for inclusionary homes built after 2016, to better understand how the program is addressing housing needs. [22-0273](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Kelly
- Recommended to be marked work completed
7. That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the recruitment and retention of Teen Snow Shoveling Program participants. [22-0290](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo
- Recommended to be marked work completed
8. 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
- Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

Housing - 2023-2-2 Utility Allowance Memo (with 22-1683)

Housing - 2023-2-2 Inclusionary Housing - selected data 2016-March 2022 (with 22-0273)