



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing and Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

6:00 PM Committee Room and Remote Participation

This meeting was held in the Committee Room and virtually via Zoom, was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair Strezo, and adjourned at 7:59 pm with a roll call vote of all in favor (Councilor Clingan, Councilor Mbah and Chair Strezo), none opposed, and none against.

Others present: Hannah Carrillo – Mayor’s Office, Ellen Shachter – OHS, Rachel Nadkarni – OSPCD, Ted Fields – OSPCD, Tom Galligani – OSPCD, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of November 15, 2023. [23-1709](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Mbah and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

2. That the Director of Office of Housing Stability appear before the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the current status of residents facing displacement and the number of households seeking rental assistance. [24-0075](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

3. That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss how inclusive playground accessibility is being considered in future playground plans and redesign projects. [24-0070](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

4. That the Administration honor the Commonwealth's Fourth Annual Crossing Guard Appreciation between March 1-20, 2024 by planning [24-0044](#)

appreciation events and opportunities to thank our crossing guards.

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Health and Human Services provide an update on the communication efforts and rollout of the Warming Center, including the plan to inform Armory tenants, and the plan for security and client assistance. [24-0072](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development discuss the maintenance plan for the Armory building. [24-0076](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- HCD - 2024-02-28 SOMERVILLE ARMORY Presentation (with 24-0076)