



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing and Community Development Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Committee Room and
Remote Participation

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1416) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of September 20, 2023.
2. Order (ID # [23-1358](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Economic Development appear before this Council to discuss the current status of the implementation of the Gilman Square Neighborhood Plan.
3. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1396](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Fair Housing Commission conveying the Fiscal Year 2022 Fair Housing Commission Annual Report.

4. Order
(ID # [22-1295](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott
That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on the legality of landlords including non-disclosure agreements in leases.
5. Order
(ID # [23-0274](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services create and distribute an outgoing participation survey for participants of the Teen Snow Shoveling program.
6. Order
(ID # [22-0172](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
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.
7. Order
(ID # [22-1570](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Housing update this Council on maintenance issues of the 100 Homes Program.
8. Order
(ID # [22-0055](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Burnley Jr.
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.
9. Order
(ID # [22-1408](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Housing and Community Development Committee discuss the Democracy Collaborative's report on Advancing Community Wealth Building in the City of Somerville.
10. Order
(ID # [22-0051](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Kelly
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.

11. Order
(ID # [22-0178](#))
- Sent for Discussion:** By 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.
That the Director of Housing provide a comprehensive list of bedroom counts and number of accessible units for construction projects permitted over the past three years and continue to track this data