



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - February 3, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

**AGENDA**

**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.**

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- 1. Approval of the December 16, 2020 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. 210636: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on Housing and Community Development with an opinion on whether the Tenant Notification Act could lead to a fine, indefinitely, following a first offense.
- 4. 210987: Discuss** (Strezo, McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD update this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development on the Encore Casino's efforts to support Somerville small businesses per their Community Agreement.
- 5. 209140: Discuss** (Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD develop with the Ward 6 Councilor language in the zoning ordinance to require that developers provide

affordable commercial spaces.

6. **209649: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with a prioritized list of the various neighborhood plans that the Administration has committed to or has proposed, with a timeline and work plan.
7. **209566: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne) – That the SomerVision 2040 Steering Committee consider adding two additional indicators to be explicitly measured as part of Commercial Development, Business & Arts: income equality, and number of worker-owned co-ops.
8. **209289: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Inspectional Services provide preliminary feedback on how the zoning overhaul, if passed, will affect ISD staffing needs, practices, and systems.
9. **208820: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss the reasoning for and methods of enforcing the ordinance requiring landlords to post their contact information.
10. **209288: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ewen-Campen) – That the City Solicitor provide guidance on whether the City can take property by eminent domain to create affordable housing.
11. **208985: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Mbah, Scott, Hirsch, Rossetti, Davis, Niedergang, Ballantyne, White Jr.) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and others in the Administration work with this Council to convene a task force to provide recommendations to eliminate the use of natural gas and other fossil fuels in new buildings.
12. **208828: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – That the Administration discuss the feasibility of including information about tax deferral programs in mailings about initiatives like lead paint abatement.
13. **209360: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Council, in conjunction with its FY21 budget review, a list of upcoming commercial development, including the square footage and linkage payment projections with corresponding payment dates.
14. **211130: Discuss** (Strezo, Scott) – That the team leader of the Somerville Trotter Collaborative Report discuss with this Council the findings of the report and how the study could be best used to benefit the community as a whole.