CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

October 30, 2014

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mark Niedergang	Chair	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Vice Chair	Absent	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

Others present Michael Glavin, George Proakis, Hayes Morrison

Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2014

RESULT:	**APPROVED**

197656 - That the Director of SPCD develop a plan for a substantial increase in low and moderate income affordable housing, given the affordable housing crisis and the need to increase the SomerVision target of 1,200 units over the next 20 years, and present the plan, in writing, to this Board before the end of 2014.:

RESULT:	**WORK COMPLETED**

196287 - That the Director of SPCD, the Planning Director, and the Housing Director appear before this Board for an update on raising the inclusionary housing ordinance to promote development of more affordable housing.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196188 - That the Administration work with this Board to revise the Somervision Plan to provide more detailed goals with regard to affordable housing and the creation of a mix of housing units, especially those with more than 2 bedrooms, for long-term residents of all ages.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196366 - That the Director of SPCD submit a plan to create “Middle Class” housing.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196875 - That the City Solicitor report in September, 2014, to this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development on whether the Somerville District Court has responded to the city's concerns with respect to enforcing code violations by absentee landlords.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197695 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) explain the process for building permit approvals that require both ISD and Planning Department sign offs, and create a process that expedites simple applications and provides improved customer service.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197155 - That the Director of SPCD and the Superintendent of ISD report to this Board with a plan to ensure prompt and coordinated responses to Board Orders, 311 call entries, emails and phone calls from Aldermen about constituent issues.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196285 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with an update on improvements and developments in the Inspectional Services Division, including data on new hires over the past six months.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197798 - That the Director of SPCD explain the reason for the delay in completing the North Street Veterans Playground.:

RESULT:	**WORK COMPLETED**

197847 - That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking advise when the signs limiting entrance and exit from the 118 Holland Street driveway will be installed.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197861 - That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) update this Board on the court filing for 75-77 Gordon Street (as requested in July), pertaining to operating a business and storing construction materials at the site.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197862 - That the Director of SPCD (Planning) update this Board on the construction start date at 77-83 North Street.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197878 - That the Director of SPCD (Planning) confirm with the Ward 7 Alderman a date for the next meeting to discuss an RFP for the reuse of the Powderhouse Community School.:

RESULT:	**WORK COMPLETED**

197887 - That the Administration update this Board on the status of the Jobs Linkage Fee Home Rule Petition at the statehouse, and the implementation of a Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund, and share their strategy for moving it forward.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197921 - That the Administration include as part of the Union Square traffic and infrastructure redesign, the stretch of Washington Street from Union Square to Beacon Street and the stretch of Somerville Avenue from Prospect Street to the McGrath Highway.:

RESULT:	**WORK COMPLETED**

197787 - That the Director of SPCD apprise this Board of the Memorandum of Understanding being negotiated with the MA DOT for the city-owned parcels of land in Gilman Square.:

RESULT:	**WORK COMPLETED**

197885 - That the Administration report to this Board on the Green Line extension project, particularly regarding the recently announced delay in completion dates and the funding for the project.:

RESULT:	**WORK COMPLETED**