



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 7, 2011

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
William A. White Jr.	Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Vice Chair	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Absent	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Stan Koty	Commissioner, DPW	Present	
David Fallon	Captain, SPD	Present	
Eddie Nuzzo	Supt., ISD	Present	
Paulette Renault-Caragianes	Director of Health	Present	

190058 - That the Director of SPCD Provide This Board with the Latest Revision to the City's Rodent Control Policies before the Next Meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, and appear with Appropriate Designees at Said Meeting.:

Mr. Nuzzo informed the members that minimal changes were made to the action plan and that the Inspectional Services Department would be the enforcing authority under the plan and will investigate any complaints phoned in to 311. DPW personnel are also involved in issuing citations for improperly stored trash. Residents from Pleasant and Summit Streets spoke about problems in the area and Mr. Nuzzo replied that both he and the Inspection Services inspectors performed examinations of the area and found no violations. Neighbors also complained about the condition of the property and a trash dumpster located at 64 Walnut Street, stating that they have been filing complaints for the past 3 years, only to be told by the city that no violations exist.

Mr. Nuzzo also commented that there are various reasons for the rodent problem at Lincoln Park, primarily absentee landlords. The committee discussed the importance of having various departments share data and pool resources in order to effectively investigate and remedy problems with rodents. Ms. Renault-Caragianes will set up a meeting for the first week of July to have a rodent control presentation made.

Chairman White indicated that the action plan should be finalized by this September and requested that the City Solicitor be present at the next committee meeting to discuss the demolition ordinance and its relation to the rodent problem.

Alderman Heuston's motion *that the Director of Constituent Services provide the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with a list of calls made to 311, over the past 2 years, regarding the trash/dumpster problem at 64 Walnut Street,* was approved.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

191362 - That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace all damaged or missing bricks in Davis Square to eliminate the public safety hazards they create.:

Chairman White requested that a representative from OSPCD be present at the next committee meeting to discuss this item.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

191459 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Ward 2 Alderman with a status of the condemned building at 294 Beacon Street.:

Chairman White suggested that the Inspectional Services Department confer with the City Solicitor to pursue legal remedies, including obtaining a warrant to access the property.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

191460 - That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to monitor 294 Beacon Street from dusk to dawn.:

Captain Fallon reported on the directed patrols that have been in place since June 6th.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

190732 - MA Dept. of Public Health submitting a response to #190061 re: studying the health impacts of pollution from Rt. 93.:

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED