



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - October 2, 2019, 6:30 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 9/16/19 at 9:01 AM)

1. **Approval of the May 1, 2019 Minutes**
2. **206770: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Administration create a Task Force to develop a master plan for green and open spaces.
3. **207030: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration provide updates on the timelines for the design and construction phases for CPA-funded open space projects that have been approved since the program started.
4. **207156: Discuss** (Hirsch, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD provide an updated list of all open space projects in the queue, with anticipated cost, funding, and timeline to completion.
5. **207167: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD share biannual CIP progress reports for all new open space and parks projects.
6. **205706: Discuss** (Scott, Hirsch, Ballantyne) – That the Administration report in writing on the net change in green and open space based on all projects planned for 2018.
7. **207063: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on changes to and progress on the Fields Master Plan, including facilities controlled by DCR.
8. **205369: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD share with this Board the exact open space inventory, and clarify why there is a discrepancy between SomerVision's Open Space Plan and the State inventory of the city's open space.

9. **203387: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin) – That the Mayor update this Board on discussions with DCR about the fields at Draw 7 Park and Foss Park.
10. **206786: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration update this Board on transferring the management of Foss Park to the City, to improve conditions and access.
11. **207173: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, Ballantyne) – That the Administration provide to this Board by its January 10, 2019 meeting a response to the attached petition of Foss Park stakeholders, which requests a schematic community design process and a plan for financing and managing the facility.
12. **206824: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parks and Recreation share a 5-year master design plan and financial investment plan for any DCR parks like Draw 7, Foss, Dilboy, Blessing of the Bay, etc.
13. **206231: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the Administration develop an open space acquisition plan to achieve the city’s SomerVision goal of adding 125 acres of open space.
14. **205370: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD specify what projects increased the 17 acres of open space in the SomerVision Progress Report.
15. **206393: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That, in the interest of tree preservation, the City Solicitor draft a revision of the Tree Ordinance to include restrictions and regulations on cutting trees of at least six inches in diameter on private property, and explain how the proposed revision differs from the ones that Cambridge, Lexington and Newton that have already passed to protect trees on private property.
16. **204588: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration prioritize restorative and preventative maintenance in Seven Hills Park, including the statues and pillars, the brick Community Path, and the soil and grass.
17. **207726: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration select a pilot location to solicit interest from residents to acquire a walking path right of way, such as across Parkdale and Perry Streets for access to Lincoln Park, or across Albion and Hudson Streets for access to Albion Park.
18. **207914: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That Administration investigate hiring a landscaper to maintain the investments in our city parks' planted areas, softscape, flowerbeds etc.
19. **208148: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council the status of and staffing for the City’s community gardens program, and the plan and steps being

taken to develop new community gardens for the hundreds of residents on the waiting lists.

20. **202021: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the feasibility of demolishing the bus shelter at Broadway and Cedar Street and replacing it with a garden, small park or sitting area. (2nd request)
21. **202995: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD redesign the asphalt front playground at the Kennedy School and work with all stakeholders to make it usable by more people for a broader range of activities.
22. **207905: Discuss** (Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Clingan) – That the Administration work with the High School Building Committee to explore any options to sever construction (or take similar actions) of the playing field as part of the High School project, with the intention to incorporate it into a future capital project to include a parking garage beneath the playing surface.
23. **205708: Discuss** (Scott, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public athletic field and recreation complex atop the 36,000 square foot parking deck proposed for construction in the Union Square eminent domain parcel currently designated "D-2".