



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

November 16, 2010

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas F. Taylor	Chair	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Vice Chair	Absent	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Monica Lamboy	OSPCD	Present	
Robert May	OSPCD	Present	
Kevin Allen	Historic Preservation Commission	Present	

(ID # 1446) - Ordinance Amending the Local Historic District Map to Create Five (5) New Districts (East Somerville, Hinckley-Magoun, Orchard Street, Prospect Hill, and Union Square) and Add Seventeen (17) Properties to These Districts, and to Add Five (5) Properties to Central-Atherton-Spring-Summer (CASS) District (Group C):

A Public Hearing was held to discuss the proposed amendment. Ms. Lamboy discussed the benefits of designating certain properties as historic, the process involved and of lost opportunities in declaring some properties as historic. Ms. Lamboy discussed the historical attributes of each of the 22 properties affected by the proposed amendment.

Public Hearing:

Three individuals spoke in favor of historic designations for 380 Somerville Avenue, 22 Summer Street and 24 Summer Street.

Two individuals spoke against designating 7 Central Street as historic so that development possibilities might remain open. That property is owned by the Greek Orthodox Church and is currently undergoing renovations. Other individuals spoke in opposition to designating the properties at 23 Fiske Avenue and 14 Harvard Place.

The Public Hearing was closed.

The committee discussed the methodology of designating church properties as historic, past appeals made as a result of historic designations and comments received from affected property

owners. Chairman Taylor asked that the Historic Preservation Commission reach out to property owners to inform them what the designation entails.

Chairman Taylor will leave the record open until the close of business on November 19, 2010 to receive additional public comment.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE
