



**City of Somerville,
Massachusetts**
**Housing and Community Development
Committee**
Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

7:00 PM Committee Room and Remote Participation

This meeting was held via virtually via Zoom and in person in the second floor Committee Room and was called to order by Chair Strezo at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 9:13 pm on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Ewen-Campen, Pineda Neufeld, and Strezo), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

Others present: Shannon Lawler - Fair Housing Specialist and Inclusionary Support, Lisa Davidson - Interim Director of Housing, Rachel Nadkarni - Director of Economic Development, Thomas Galligani - Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Dana Whiteside - Deputy Director of Economic Development, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen and Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of November 21, 2024. [24-1681](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

2. Fair Housing Commission conveying the FY 2023 Annual Report pursuant to Section 17-7 of the Code of Ordinances. [24-1446](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss how inclusive playground accessibility is being considered in future playground plans and redesign projects. [24-0070](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

4. That the Director of Economic Development report on the economic [25-0247](#)

impact to small businesses in Somerville as a result of recent federal immigration policy changes.

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of Economic Development begin the process for developing a Teele Square commercial area plan. [25-0232](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development consider increasing permanent supportive housing across the city. [25-0354](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- HCD - 2025-03-04 Inclusive Playground Memo (with 24-0070)
- HCD 2025-03-04 FY23 FHC Annual Report Presentation (with 24-1446)