



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

March 24, 2014

REPORT OF THE YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mary Jo Rossetti	Chair	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

Others present: James Halloran, Nancy Bacci, Chris Mancini, Derrell Desir, Omar Boukili, Ed Bean

Approval of the Minutes of February 20, 2014

RESULT:

TABLED

Update - Somerville Youth Program Coordinator:

Ms. Bacci spoke about the summer jobs program and said that the Youth Center, at 165 Broadway, would be open on April 7th.

194465 - That the Superintendent of Recreation communicate with the Committee on Youth Services regarding the scheduling of fields and the reasoning for establishing the American Youth Football League.:

Mr. Halloran, Mr. Bean and Mr. Boukili spoke on this item. There was a discussion regarding the \$75,000 donation awarded to the city to fund the American Youth Football League (AYFL) and questions were raised as to whether the funds were actually received yet and if they were applied to the AYFL, as intended. The Recreation Department will assist the AYFL until it can stand on its own. Beverly Schwartz, of Pop Warner Football, expressed concerns about preferential treatment given to the AYFL and noted that Pop Warner has a Patriot League with no weight limits. Mr. Halloran also reported that Babe Ruth Baseball is back in the city and that the Youth Softball Program was taken over by the city due to decreased participation.

Alderman McLaughlin's motion that this item be referred to the Finance Committee with respect to the use and allocation of donated funds, was approved.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194832 - That the Recreation Commission consider establishing an advisory committee of representatives of all City youth sport organizations to provide feedback and coordination on the condition of fields and scheduling.:

Mr. Boukili spoke about a report regarding the city's fields and plans to assemble a task force.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194920 - DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196224 - That the Director of Teen Empowerment update this Board on its annual accomplishments and goals in place.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196225 - That the Director of Groundwork Somerville update this Board on its annual accomplishments and goals in place.:

The committee received updates on the Green Team youth employment program, the South Street farm, camping trips, cleaning events and program funding.

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196226 - That the Director of the Boys and Girls Club update this Board of its involvement with the students of the Healey School.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE