



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - November 6, 2019, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 11/1/19 at 5:48 AM)

1. Approval of the September 4, 2019 Minutes

Affordable Commercial Space

2. **207068: Discuss** (Davis, Hirsch) – That the Administration advise this Board on the possibility of creating facilities similar to Bow Market, as start-up or temporary commercial space for small, local businesses displaced as the development of older buildings occurs.
3. **209140: Discuss** (Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD develop with the Ward 6 Councilor language in the zoning ordinance to require that developers provide affordable commercial spaces.

Minority-owned Business Support

4. **208809: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Hirsch, Clingan, Ballantyne, Scott, Niedergang, White Jr., Davis, Rossetti) – That the Administration initiate a Disparity Study to formally evaluate whether Somerville has a basis for implementing race- and gender-conscious contracting policies, and to serve as a baseline for future equity-based policies.
5. **208881: Discuss** Black Economic Council of MA supporting a Resolution calling for a Disparity Study.
6. **208882: Discuss** Welcome Project supporting a Resolution calling for a Disparity Study.
7. **207749: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Purchasing report to the Committee on Housing and Community Development the percentage of state-certified minority, women, veteran, and/or disadvantaged business enterprises that have contracts with the City.

8. **206941: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of Purchasing provide this Board with data on the number of procurement contracts awarded to people of color and women for the past 10 years.

Universal Wait List Update

9. **204990: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Affordable Housing Universal Wait List plan and consolidating the process of applying for affordable housing into a single, universal, persistent application, lottery, and wait list.
10. **208576: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of SPCD provide a quarterly update regarding implementation of a universal waiting list for affordable housing opportunities.
11. **206266: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Housing Stability, or the City Solicitor explain under what circumstances a current resident could be given preference for a deed-restricted unit.
12. **206233: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD develop an affordable housing program targeted especially at city employees whose income is below a certain threshold level.
13. **205824: Discuss** (Hirsch, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration implement the 2015 Sustainable Neighborhood Working Group recommendation to include as a preference for inclusionary housing “Families with children in Somerville Public Schools classified as homeless and in temporary out-of-district placements.”
14. **207728: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD discuss an “Urban Renewal Displacee” preference in affordable housing lotteries.

Nunziato

15. **208811: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD consider less dust-producing surfaces for the Nunziato Dog Park, and present alternatives, in writing, to the Ward 3 City Councilor.
16. **208987: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Commissioner of Public Works commence regular sidewalk cleaning outside the Nunziato Dog Park, and provide the Ward 3 City Councilor with a written policy for scheduled sidewalk cleaning.

HUD Public Charge Rule Change

17. **208266: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council, within 30 days,

the impact on our residents if President Trump's public charge and HUD's new proposed rule change on public housing is adopted.

18. **208637: Discuss** Director of Housing Stability responding to #208266 re: proposed changes to federal housing policy and public charge rules.

To Close

19. **204377: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Connolly, and the Entire Board) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor appear at this Board's November 9, 2017 meeting to discuss why developers have gotten building permits without meeting pre-conditions specified in zoning decisions, how the City can more effectively monitor projects for compliance with zoning conditions and other requirements, and what fines and penalties can be levied to deter future violations.
20. **204405: Discuss** Superintendent of Inspectional Services responding to #204168 re: stop work orders issued over the last 2 years.
21. **204443: Discuss** Director of SPCD requesting to brief this Board on the Clarendon Hills redevelopment proposal.
22. **204671: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD discuss with the Ward 7 Alderman the traffic strategy and mitigation options for the new projects around Teele Square.
23. **204995: Discuss** (Hirsch, Scott) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Arts Council Director determine the feasibility of creating a mural (or another graffiti deterrent) on the back side of the Argenziano School.
24. **205100: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration appear before this Board to discuss a possible Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group.
25. **199126: Discuss** (Niedergang, Rossetti, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Board on the increase in homeless families and unaccompanied homeless minors, the work of the Homelessness Task Force, and the possible need for city resources to serve them.