



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - November 26, 2018, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 11/19/18 at 3:20PM)

1. Approval of the September 19, 2018 Minutes

UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

- 1. 205325: Discuss** Tufts University submitting its Spring 2018 University Accountability report.
- 2. 205403: Discuss** Harvard University submitting its Spring 2018 University Accountability report.
- 3. 206890: Discuss** Tufts University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.
- 4. 206914: Discuss** Harvard University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.

HEALEY SCHOOL

- 5. 206820: Discuss** (Clingan, Hirsch, Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Healy schoolyard redesign and consider making it a top priority.
- 6. 205664: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Healey-Mystic Master Plan, especially the redevelopment of the Healey schoolyard pavement to create green space, an outdoor performance space and a soccer field.

HOUSING

7. **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.

8. **206773: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration establish a widely-advertised Fair Housing enforcement program that proactively tests for illegal housing discrimination.

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING

9. **204794: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration revise the Snow Emergency policy to prohibit parking in school lots, so the School Department can make independent decisions regarding school closings and delays.

10. **205428: Discuss** (Davis, Hirsch) – That the Administration update this Board on any plans to revise the Snow Emergency policy to prohibit parking in school lots, so the School Department can make independent decisions regarding school closings and delays.

11. **205429: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration advise this Board on what information sources are available and what sources are used to assess weather conditions in making both snow emergency and school cancellation decisions, in light of the attached email citing the forecasts of MEMA.

12. **205679: Discuss** Tim Sackton submitting comments re: the city's snow policy.

DE-PAVING

13. **206765: Discuss** (Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of Engineering, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on possible actions to incentivize residents to de-pave their properties, such as waiving dumpster fees and lending de-paving tools.

PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACE MAINTENANCE

14. **206819: Recommend** (Clingan) – That the appropriate department adjust the hours of the dog parks from 8:00 am to 7:00 am.

15. **206063: Discuss** (Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch, Mbah) – That the appropriate city department assist Teen Empowerment with their previously requested removal of old furniture and repairs to the roof.

16. **206269: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration work with the Ward 6 Alderman and the community to devise an accelerated plan to replace the brick sidewalks in Davis Square with something that ensures pedestrian safety while maintaining a connection to the familiar character of the bricks.
17. **206061: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the water feature at the Walnut Street playground so it doesn't spray onto the slide, and replace the deteriorating rubber mat beneath the play structure.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

18. **206199: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD share how decisions are made regarding the placement of bike racks.
19. **206200: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Commissioner of Public Works share the policy for removing items that are blocking sidewalks.
20. **206201: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SomerStat share an update on implementing a work order system for asset management, CRM requests, preventive maintenance, and related functions, for departments like Public Works, Engineering, and Urban Forestry.
21. **206304: Discuss** (Hirsch, Clingan) – That the Community Preservation Act Manager share information about how public access agreements get arranged with CPA fund recipients.
22. **206456: Discuss** Community Preservation Manager responding to #206304 re: current practices on public access agreements for CPA funded sites.
23. **206369: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD immediately explore both short- and long-term strategies to increase pedestrian accessibility to the Central Library, particularly for seniors and others with mobility concerns.
24. **205183: Discuss** (Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ballantyne) – That the Administration reassess the city's agreement with Globe Direct regarding stopping deliveries upon request.
25. **203190: Discuss** Publishers Circulation Fulfillment responding to #203057 re: Globe Direct distribution.