



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing and Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

6:00 PM City Council Committee Room and Remote
Participation

The meeting took place in person and virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:07 PM by Chair Strezo and adjourned at 7:46 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Clingan, Mbah and Strezo), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Sarah Lewis - Director of Planning, Lisa Davidson – Housing Grants Manager, Alanna Gaffny - Inclusionary Housing Program Manager, Hanalei Steinhart - Fair Housing and Inclusion Program Specialist, Ted Fields – Senior Planner - OSPCD, Rachel Nadkarni - Director of Economic Development, Kimberly Hutter – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of March 20, 2024. [24-0406](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Mbah and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

2. That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning discuss the potential for density bonus incentives, such as \$150,000 for homeowners to build affordable housing for rent or homeownership. [24-0071](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

3. That the Director of Housing and the Director of the Office of Housing Stability report on the feasibility of fair housing enforcement. [24-0047](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

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4. That the Director of Housing and the Director of the Office of Housing Stability discuss the parameters of qualification used by building owners and managers in selecting lottery winners for awarding lower income units. [24-0152](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the "Mitigating Commercial Displacement in Somerville" report, released in December 2023, and any action steps taken as a result of the report. [24-0043](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

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