



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - September 4, 2019, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 8/29/19 at 6:41 AM)

1. **Approval of the May 13, 2019 Minutes**
2. **Approval of the May 21, 2019 Minutes**

COMMUNITY PATH AND GLX ACCESSIBILITY

3. **207890: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Niedergang, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Administration work with MassDOT and the GLX team to address the 3 primary safety issues with the Community Path Extension between Washington Street and Lechmere that have been identified by the Friends of the Community Path.
4. **207906: Discuss** Friends of the Community Path submitting comments re: #x, a Resolution to address 3 primary safety issues on the Community Path Extension between Washington St and Lechmere Station.
5. **207735: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – Calling for improved accessibility at the forthcoming Union Square Green Line Station.
6. **207736: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – Calling for accessibility and safety improvements at the 7 forthcoming Green Line Stations.
7. **208226: Discuss** MBTA GLX Program Manager responding to #207736, #207737, and

#207890, 3 resolutions calling for accessibility, design, and community path enhancements.

8. **207714: Discuss** (White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD apprise this Council on the redesign of the various GLX stations with respect to the removal of elevators and the accommodations that had been made to provide reasonable access for all users.

HEALEY SCHOOL UPDATE

9. **207160: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Administration prioritize the redevelopment of the Healey Schoolyard Tot Lot as soon as the 2019 school year.
10. **207164: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD work with the Housing Authority to enable wheelchair access from the Mystic View apartments to the Healey School.
11. **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.

CANNABIS POLICY

12. **208615: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ewen-Campen) – That the Administration consider expanding the Marijuana Advisory Committee to include communities that have been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition, advocates working in this area, and members of the public with related expertise, and consider other steps to increase transparency in the selection process.
13. **208484: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD disclose where the public may find information about current applications for adult-use recreational marijuana store licenses.

MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS DIRECTORY

14. **206940: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with data on the longevity of minority-owned businesses in the city and ways in which the city is working to preserve them.
15. **204847: Discuss** (Mbah, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on what is being done to preserve minority owned businesses in the city.

SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

16. **208263: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Administration provide this Council with a list of the all the shops, both union and non-union, being used by Suffolk Construction on the construction of the new high school.

17. **208264: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Administration inform this Council of any efforts by Suffolk Construction to hire Somerville residents, both union and non-union, for the high school project.

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION TASK FORCE REPORT

18. **208618: Discuss** (Hirsch) – Reporting on the status of the Open Space Acquisition Task Force and requesting feedback on possible next steps.

ITEMS TO COMPLETE

19. **207889: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD help create a new high-quality open public space in Union Square by actively supporting the community-led “Alternative Design” for the D-2 Parcel, and urgently work to identify opportunities to help offset the added cost of locating the proposed parking garage underground.
20. **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.
21. **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.
22. **203709: Discuss** (Heuston, Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the US2 Master Developers use Area Standard Contractors for the construction of development parcels in Union Square.
23. **203876: Discuss** (Lafuente) – That the City Solicitor provide this Board with a written opinion on #203709 re: using area standard contractors, by the July 10, 2017 meeting of the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
24. **204231: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203876, requesting an opinion on #203709, which recommended the use of Area Standard Contractors.
25. **201772: Discuss** (Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan) – That the Administration provide this Board with an update on the Winter Hill Star Market site and the associated lawsuit.
26. **208489: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Inspectional Services issue fines as appropriate the owner of 33-35 Barton Street for vegetation growing into the public way along Hamilton Road.

27. **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.

28. **206226: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration staff a contracted or salaried person with experience in systems architecture and coding, to integrate and link existing and new systems so they can support wrap-around services.

29. **207369: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on possible incentives the City could offer to so-called "High Road" businesses.