



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - February 17, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

**AGENDA**

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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**1. Approval of the November 9, 2020 Minutes**

**Ban Utensil Ordinance**

- 1. 207884: Recommend** (Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to ban the use of plastic flatware.

**Native Species Ordinance**

- 2. 203365: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
- 3. 206495: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Scott, Davis) – That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.

4. **205683: Discuss** Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting ordinance.
5. **207999: Discuss** 3 residents submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
6. **208567: Discuss** Elizabeth Lundgren submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.

### Sustainability

7. **207373: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment develop an electric vehicle charging infrastructure program.
8. **208042: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment inform this Council about New York City's "Climate Mobilization Act," which includes dramatic emission reductions for tall buildings, and explain which aspects could be adapted here.
9. **209614: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change discuss its 2020 plan with this Council's Committee on Open Space, Energy and Environment.
10. **24130** : That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment provide this Council with updates to the Somerville Climate Forward Plan. (This item is expected to be referred to the committee by the City Council on Feb, 11, 2021)

### OSPCD

11. **210135: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD and a representative from the MBTA discuss with the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, the plan to recapture the trees and green space lost after the decimation of the GLX forested corridor.
12. **204968: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a list of all city owned parcels, indicating any brownfields, and any plans to remediate those sites and use them for housing.
13. **209655: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council how they plan to monitor and enforce green roof, tree planting and other green zoning requirements that require watering and maintenance, beyond issuing certificates of occupancy.

### Creating Fields - Inner Belt

14. **205709: Discuss** (Scott, McLaughlin, Ballantyne) – That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public fields and recreation area in the Inner Belt District pursuant to the Fields Master Plan.
15. **210916: Discuss** Director of SPCD responding to #205709 re: public fields in the Inner Belt District.

### Housekeeping

16. **207167: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD share biannual CIP progress reports for all new open space and parks projects.
17. **208232: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works explore starting a monthly volunteer trash pickup day for the Dilboy DCR and Alewife Brook areas.
18. **209444: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Scott) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Finance advise this Council, in writing, why, with an appropriation of \$9.3 million, the grass field at Lincoln Park was incorrectly installed the first time.
19. **209612: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation work with the Superintendent of Schools to develop a policy for "utilizing artificial turf in the heat" similar to the policy used by Burlington, MA.
20. **209613: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment, the Director of SPCD, The Director of Communications, and the Commissioner of Public Works develop a plan for a "Resiliency Hub" when extreme weather events occur.
21. **209775: Discuss** Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry responding to #207167 re: updated Capital Investment Plan progress reports for parks and open space projects.
22. **209781: Discuss** Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to #s 209656, 209641, 209546, 209348 & 209174 re: flooding in various locations.
23. **209840: Discuss** Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry responding to #209444 re: the field at Lincoln Park.