



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - February 14, 2018, 6:30 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 2/10/18 at 1:40 PM)

- 1. Approval of the November 29, 2017 Minutes**
- 2. 203981: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD develop a Memorial Bench Program for public parks, the Community Path and other public property, and report back to this Board by October 12, 2017.
- 3. 205127: Discuss** Director of SPCD responding to #203981 re: a memorial bench donation program.
- 4. 204321: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Administration create a Pedestrian Safety Committee. (2nd request)
- 5. 205100: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration appear before this Board to discuss a possible Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group.
- 6. 205128: Discuss** Director of SPCD conveying an overview and summary of the 5-Year HUD Plan process.
- 7. 204851: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne) – That the Administration update this Board on its efforts to form an Office of Housing Stability, as recommended by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group and mentioned in the Mayor’s recent inaugural address.
- 8. 204854: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Chief Assessor report to this Board, the number of properties (residential and commercial) that have been bought and sold within a 1-year period, and the extent of improvements that were made during that period, for the

past five years.

9. **204862: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to discuss the timeline for repaving Broadway, between Central Street and the McGrath Highway.
10. **204868: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD provide an update on the progress made on all recommendations included in the December 2015 Sustainable Neighborhood Working Group report.
11. **200700: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the plan and timeline for implementing the recommendations in the recent report of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group.
12. **204863: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Administration update this Board on the former Winter Hill Star Market and the associated lawsuit, as requested in #201772.
13. **204884: Discuss** (Scott, and the Entire Board) – That this Board explore establishing a community-based independent Community Land Trust that can purchase property in conjunction with non-profit organizations and private citizens, and make housing permanently affordable.
14. **204885: Discuss** (Scott) – That the City Clerk and the Director of SPCD expand abutter notices for Zoning Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission hearings to include tenants of abutting properties in addition to property owners.
15. **203563: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD provide bi-annual progress reports on Assembly Square, Gilman Square, Lowell Street, Winter Hill, and future planned neighborhoods as they are completed.
16. **196221: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD provide SomerVision updates twice a year, broken down by ward, showing progress made in residential, affordable units, jobs, public space, trips via transit, bike and walking, and development in transformative areas.
17. **202308: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director SPCD request a redesign and upgrade to the asphalt playground, tot lot and “cave” courtyard at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
18. **203479: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration update the Ward 6 Alderman on plans to improve way-finding for the Community Path through Davis Square.
19. **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.

20. **204848: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Superintendent of Schools provide this Board with information regarding homelessness among the student population, including the demographics of those affected and what steps are being taken to prevent those at risk from becoming homeless.
21. **204969: Discuss** (Mbah, McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD explain why the process of applying for affordable housing hasn't been consolidated into a single, universal, persistent application, lottery, and wait list.
22. **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.