



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

Others present: Meredith Gamble - Deputy Director and Language Justice Coordinator, Maria Nagel – Director of SomerViva, Nick Antanavica – Superintendent of Inspectional Services, Susan Yerkes – Director of Parks and Recreation, Sarah Lewis – Director of Planning and Zoning, Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison, Neha Singh – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair Gomez Mouakad and adjourned at 7:49 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Strezo, Pineda Neufeld and Gomez Mouakad), none against and none absent.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Beatriz Gomez Mouakad , Vice Chair Judy Pineda Neufeld and Kristen Strezo

1. Approval of the Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee Minutes of November 29, 2022. [22-2072](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Gomez Mouakad, Vice Chair Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Strezo

Equity

2. That the Director of Parks and Recreation eliminate equity barriers for residents signing up for recreation programs. [22-1884](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs provide an update on the proposed 5-year language plan and how this plan will be implemented in the next five years. [22-1717](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad
Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Health and Human services discuss the potential effects of the recent Supreme Court ruling on Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health on Somerville women, pregnant women, pregnant people and reproductive health. [22-1298](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Kept in committee

5. That the ADA Coordinator deliver a list of ADA complaints received from members of the public in FY 2021 and FY 2022. [22-1272](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
Kept in committee

6. That the ADA Coordinator provide a status on requests for Braille transcription of materials. [22-1277](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
Kept in committee

7. That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice, the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development document compliance with Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 521, Sections 3.3 and 3.5. [22-2120](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Kelly
Kept in committee

8. That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator, the Director of Inspectional Services, and the Director of Planning, Preservation & Zoning explain to this Council how the City provides oversight for compliance with Fair Housing Act Design Guidelines, the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board CMR 521 and the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, from plan review through building and occupancy permits. [23-0082](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson
Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services update this Council on the status of the citywide disparity study. [23-0080](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Kept in committee

Families and Vulnerable Populations

- 10.** That the Administration and School Department prioritize fully meeting Somerville Public Schools families' demand for after school and vacation programming in the 2023-24 school year, including expanding the offerings of after-school enrichment clubs. [23-0073](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Scott

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- Equity - 2023-02-28 IAM Response (with 22-2120)
- Equity - 2023-02-2802 ADA Coordinator Memo (with 22-1272, 22-1277)