

John Long

From: Benjamin Bradlow <bhbradlow@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 1:09 PM
To: John Long
Subject: Urgent need to delay approval of permit for Union Sq Coordinated Development Plan

Dear City Clerk Long

The Somerville Planning Board is set to vote on a Special Permit for Union Square's Coordinated Development Plan in the next few weeks. However, four out of the six Planning Board members currently have expired terms. The Planning Board is tasked with balancing the city's and neighborhood's goals with the need for responsible development. They are responsible for making decisions about extremely complex urban development issues such as this Plan, which is among the most important decisions to come before the Board in the recent history of Somerville.

I join the call of many of my neighbors to affirm that a board where the majority of members have expired terms lacks the legitimacy to act on behalf of the community to review and approve this Coordinated Development Plan and call for the following:

- 1) for all Planning Board members with expired terms to be replaced or reappointed
- 2) for all open Planning Board positions to be posted and qualified applicants sought so that appointments can be made based on the qualifications, expertise and commitment to community goals of applicants.
- 3) for all candidate qualifications be posted, as is standard in surrounding cities and towns
- 4) for any vote on the Union Square Coordinated Development Plan to be delayed until after these appointments have been approved by the Board of Aldermen

Sincerely,
Benjamin Bradlow
52 Vinal Avenue

John Long

From: Rand Wilson <rand.wilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Mayor; William WhiteSPS; Robert McWatters; Dennis Sullivan; John Connolly; Katjana Ballantyne; Lance Davis; Mark Niedergang; MaryJo Rossetti; Maryann Heuston; Matthew McLaughlin; Tony Lafuente; will@willmbah.com; Ben Ewen-Campen; Jesse Clingan; Stephanie Hirsch; JT Scott; John Long
Subject: DELAY THE PROCESS, COMMUNITY NEEDS MORE INPUT ON THE USCDP

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Honorable Aldermen,

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We assert that a board where the majority of members have expired terms lacks the legitimacy to act on behalf of the community to review and approve this Coordinated Development Plan and call for the following:

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Sincerely,
Rand Wilson
3 Lester Terrace

John Long

From: Sam Engelstad <sengelstad@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Mayor; William WhiteSPS; Robert McWatters; Dennis Sullivan; John Connolly; Katjana Ballantyne; Lance Davis; Mark Niedergang; MaryJo Rossetti; Maryann Heuston; Matthew McLaughlin; Tony Lafuente; will@willmbah.com; benforward3@gmail.com; jesseforward4@gmail.com; Stephanie Hirsch; jtforward2@gmail.com; John Long
Subject: Vote on the Unions Square Coordinated Development Plan by the Planning Board -- delay requested

Dear Mayor, Aldermen, and City Clerk,

The Planning Board, which will determine if US2's Coordinated Development Plan for Union Square development goes through via special permit, has 4 of 6 members still serving under expired terms. We are therefore asking, not only that the seats be filled, either by reappointment or new appointment, before the vote on the Special Permit happens, but also that each member be qualified for this Board. A Board where the majority of members have expired terms lacks the legitimacy to act on behalf of the community to review and approve this Coordinated Development Plan. As a result, we call for the following:

- 1) that all Planning Board members with expired terms to be replaced or reappointed;
- 2) that all open Planning Board positions be posted, and qualified applicants sought, so that appointments can be made based on the qualifications, expertise and commitment to community goals of applicants;
- 3) that all candidate qualifications be posted, as is common in surrounding cities and towns;
- 4) that any vote on the Union Square Coordinated Development Plan be delayed until after these appointments have been approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Many thanks,

Sam Engelstad
Patricia G. Berman

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John Long

From: Matthew Miller <matthewgrahammiller@gmail.com>
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Cc: John Long
Subject: USCDP - Planning Board Expired Terms

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Honorable Aldermen-

I'm writing to ask you to address the fact that 4/6 Planning Board members currently have expired terms BEFORE the board votes on the Special Permit for Union Square Coordinated Development Plan in the coming weeks. I am very concerned that the board lacks legitimacy to vote on such an important matter. Somerville needs to do better to ensure that the people have a chance through their elected representatives (mayor & BoA) to weigh in on who makes these critical decisions that will affect our city for decades to come.

Before the board votes on the USCDP, please ensure that:

- 1) all Planning Board members with expired terms are either reappointed or have replacements appointed
- 2) all open Planning Board positions are posted and qualified applicants sought
- 3) all candidate qualifications be posted, as is standard in surrounding municipalities
- 4) any vote on USCDP be delayed if 1-3 can't be accomplished in time.

I would also urge the Mayor and the Board to ensure that all other boards which have members with expired terms undergo a similar process as soon as possible.

Best,
Matt Miller
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John Long

From: Joanne Berry <joannemberry10@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Mayor; William WhiteSPS; bmcwatter12@gmail.com; Dennis Sullivan; John Connolly; Katjana Ballantyne; Lance Davis; Mark Niedergang; MaryJo Rossetti; Matthew McLaughlin; aldermanlafuente@gmail.com; will@willmbah.com; benforward3@gmail.com; jesseforward4@gmail.com; shirsch@sprynet.com; jtforward2@gmail.com; John Long
Subject: Planning Board Concerns

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Honorable Aldermen,

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Sincerely,

Joanne Berry

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John Long

From: Sarah Radding <sarah@diotima.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Mayor; William WhiteSPS; Robert McWatters; Dennis Sullivan; John Connolly; Katjana Ballantyne; Lance Davis; Mark Niedergang; MaryJo Rossetti; Maryann Heuston; Matthew McLaughlin; Tony Lafuente; will@willmbah.com; benforward3@gmail.com; jesseforward4@gmail.com; Stephanie Hirsch; jtforward2@gmail.com; John Long
Subject: Somerville Planning Board Appointments

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Sincerely,

Sarah Radding, AIA
Design Review Committee
Union Square Resident

John Long

From: etkoury1@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 6:20 PM
To: Mayor; William WhiteSPS; Robert McWatters; Dennis Sullivan; John Connolly; Katjana Ballantyne; Lance Davis; Mark Niedergang; MaryJo Rossetti; Maryann Heuston; Matthew McLaughlin; aldermanlafuente@gmail.com; will@willmbah.com; benforward3@gmail.com; jesseforward4@gmail.com; shirsch@sprynet.com; jtforward2@gmail.com; John Long
Subject: Planning Board and Union Square Coordinated Development Plan

November 19, 2017

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Sincerely,
Elaine Koury, 101 Beacon Street, Somerville, MA 02143

John Long

From: Jacob Kramer <jacobakramer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 8:37 PM
To: William WhiteSPS; John Connolly; Dennis Sullivan; Mary Jo. Rossetti; Matthew McLaughlin; Maryann Heuston; Robert McWatters; aldermanlafuente@gmail.com; Mark Niedergang; Lance Davis; Katjana Ballantyne; Mayor; John Long
Cc: Ben Ewen-Campen; JT Scott; wilfred mbah; jesseforward4@gmail.com; Stephanie Hirsch
Subject: Replace the Expired Planning Board Members, pronto

Dear Mayor Curtatone, Honorable Aldermen, and Aldermen Elect,

I'm writing to ask you to address the fact that 4/6 Planning Board members are currently serving under expired terms. This is particularly worrisome given that this expired board is expected to vote on the Special Permit for Union Square Coordinated Development Plan in the coming weeks.

The expired planning board lacks any shred of legitimacy, and its decisions can't plausibly carry any authority. Residents of this city demand a board that is selected through an open application process and approved by the newly elected board of aldermen.

Somerville needs to do better to ensure that the people have a chance through their elected representatives to weigh in on who makes the critical decisions that will affect our city for decades to come.

Before the board votes on any matter, please ensure that:

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I would also urge the Mayor and the Board to ensure that all other boards which have members with expired terms undergo a similar process as soon as possible.

Best,
Jacob Kramer

8 Quincy St. #2

John Long

From: Frank <fiddlefaddle@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 10:25 PM
To: Mayor; John Long; William WhiteSPS; wilfred mbah
Subject: Planning board members with expired terms should be brought before the Board of Aldermen for reapproval

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Honorable Aldermen,

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Sincerely,
Frank Lee
5 Lester Terrace

John Long

From: Dennis Tourse <denztour@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Mayor; William WhiteSPS; Robert McWatters; Dennis Sullivan; John Connolly; Katjana Ballantyne; Lance Davis; Mark Niedergang; MaryJo Rossetti; Maryann Heuston; Matthew McLaughlin; Tony Lafuente; will@willmbah.com; benforward3@gmail.com; jesseforward4@gmail.com; shirsch@sprynet.com; jtforward2@gmail.com; John Long
Subject: Upcoming Somerville Planning Board vote

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Sincerely,
Dennis H. Tourse
39 Prescott street
Somerville, MA 02143

John Long

From: pennie taylor <penelope.a.taylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 3:13 PM
To: William WhiteSPS; John Connolly; Dennis Sullivan; Mary Jo. Rossetti; Matthew McLaughlin; Maryann Heuston; Robert McWatters; aldermanlafuente@gmail.com; Mark Niedergang; Lance Davis; Katjana Ballantyne; Mayor; John Long
Cc: Ben Ewen-Campen; JT Scott; wilfred mbah; Jesse Clingan For Ward 4; Stephanie Hirsch
Subject: Expired Planning Board // NO vote on Coordinated Development Plan til fixed

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I would also urge the Mayor and the Board to ensure that all other boards which have members with expired terms undergo a similar process as soon as possible.

Best,
Pennie Taylor

8 Quincy St. #2

John Long

From: Nicole Dupré <scorpio.nicole@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Mayor; Board of Aldermen
Cc: will@willmbah.com; benforward3@gmail.com; jesseforward4@gmail.com; Stephanie Hirsch; jtforward2@gmail.com; John Long
Subject: Coordinated Development Plan for US2 / Union Square

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Honorable Aldermen,

The Somerville Planning Board is set to vote on a Special Permit for Union Square's Coordinated Development Plan in the next few weeks. While I am happy that the process is moving along, I am concerned -- still -- about community input. This plan is among the most important decisions to come before the Board in the recent history of Somerville.

My concerns are twofold:

1. The Planning Board, which has the power to US2's Coordinated Development Special Permit for Union Square, has 4 of 6 members serving under expired terms. **These Planning Board seats should be filled, either by reappointment or new appointment, before the vote on the Special Permit happens.** Furthermore,

- open Planning Board positions should be posted and widely circulated so that appointments can be made based on applicants' qualifications, expertise and commitment to community goals
- all candidate qualifications should be posted, as is standard in surrounding cities and towns
- any vote on the Union Square Coordinated Development Plan should be delayed until after these appointments have been approved by the Board of Aldermen

2. **The Coordinated Development Plan needs more time to be thoroughly read and understood**, and comments made and responded to, before being voted on by the Planning Board.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Nicole Dupré
22 Rose Street