



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing and Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Strezo and adjourned at 6:37 PM on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Clingan and Strezo), none against and one absent, (Councilor Pineda Neufeld, who is out on maternity leave).

Others present:

Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

Chair Strezo announced that due to the ending of the COVID epidemic, the Committee will be receiving quarterly, rather than monthly, reports on housing stability matters.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Kristen Strezo and Jesse Clingan

Absent: Vice Chair Judy Pineda Neufeld

Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development
Committee Meeting of March 1, 2023.

[23-0338](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Strezo and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Vice Chair Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Health and Human Services create and distribute an
outgoing participation survey for participants of the Teen Snow
Shoveling program.

[23-0274](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

That the Director of Parks and Recreation explain the wait list process for
enrollment in Parks and Recreation programs.

[23-0483](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Kept in committee

That the Director of Parks and Recreation consider opening the Ginny Smithers Pool on Sundays to expand swim lesson opportunities, including consideration of engaging an outside vendor or organization to provide the swim lessons.

[23-0482](#)

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

Kept in committee

That the Director of Human Resources discuss the possibility of modernizing crossing guard positions to attract candidates and increase hiring.

[22-1567](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on progress toward a Task Force for creation of a Community Center.

[22-1826](#)

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

Kept in committee

That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of the Office of Housing Stability meet with this Council to discuss strategies to identify new housing construction and renovation that may lead to displacement of tenants.

[23-0648](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee