



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES**

February 26, 2013

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Vice Chair	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

President White appointed himself to the committee for this meeting only.

189727 - That the Director of SPCD Report in Writing to the Committee on Housing and Community Development on the Results of the Meeting with the Magoun Square Business Owners and the Ward Five Alderman, to Discuss Parking and Other Issues Affecting the Decline in Business in Magoun Square.:

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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190955 - That the Director of SPCD, in conjunction with the manager of the Union Square Post Office, update the Ward 3 and Ward 2 Aldermen on the pending sale and relocation of the Union Square Post Office.:

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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191456 - That the Library Director create a plan within the scope of the current budget to make the West Branch Library accessible for at least part of a weekend day.:

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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191633 - That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with plans to help homeowners comply with the Stretch Energy Code, to take advantage of rebates and tax incentives.:

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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191925 - That the Director of SPCD arrange a meeting with the Union Square business community to discuss the proposed Union Square roadway/streetscape improvement design plan.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

191926 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an analysis of the recommendations of the MIT Peer Review Study and the Howard/Stein-Hudson Study for Union Square.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

192479 - That this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development meet with the Director of SPCD and the Director of Housing to develop an appropriate Senior Housing Ordinance.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

192483 - That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on the Somerville Avenue reconstruction project and the City's acceptance of it, including the restrictions the City is under regarding traffic, parking and streetscape changes because the project is incomplete and still under State jurisdiction.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

192484 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the status of the lots on South Street and plans for an alternate location for an off leash dog park in Ward 2.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

192485 - That the Director of SPCD update this Board on planned bridge repairs by Mass DOT and plans for alerting the public, diverting traffic and providing assistance for access to affected businesses.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

192636 - That this Board requests that the Administration provide information about plans to support local grocery stores in our economic centers.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

192734 - That this Board requests that the Administration work with this Board to develop streetscape improvements for the Broadway Corridor from McGrath Highway to Alewife Brook Parkway.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

192775 - That the Director of SPCD (Planning) prepare an outline of personnel, their duties, and the procedures in place for conducting zoning reviews prior to issuing permits for construction.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

193058 - That the Director of SPCD and the Historic Preservation Commission report on the status of the accessibility study for the West Branch Library.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

193060 - That the Director of SPCD provide the information requested herein regarding the purchase of real estate by the Redevelopment Authority.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

193061 - That prior to purchasing any future property by the Redevelopment Authority, the Director of SPCD notify this Board of such purchases and the anticipated funding for such purposes.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

193062 - That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss any funds paid, or anticipated to be paid, through the Redevelopment Authority to Federal Realty Investment Trust.:

Chairman Lafuente recused himself from discussion of this item.

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

193572 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the final agreement with FRIT pertaining to the disposition of Yard 21 and inform this Board whether any covenants with IKEA or FRIT apply to future purchasers of the IKEA site at Assembly Square.:

Chairman Lafuente recused himself from discussion of this item.

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194061 - That the City Solicitor's Office, SPCD, the Human Rights Commission, and the Commission for Persons with Disabilities review the conduct of the owner of 100 Fellsway West in denying a unit to the winner of the lottery for an affordable unit, including

whether such conduct violates the special permit and whether any legal action and/or fines can be initiated.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

194194 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on the tenancy of the Social Security Building in Davis Square.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

194276 - That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board whether Somerville Avenue has been turned over to the City by the State, and, if reconstruction is still incomplete, what actions are being taken to resolve any outstanding issues.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194277 - That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking provide this Board with recommendations to address the traffic and parking concerns of business owners on Somerville Avenue, especially within the 400-700 blocks.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194318 - Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED