



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - March 17, 2021, 6:30 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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1. Approval of the February 17, 2021 Minutes

Ban Utensil Ordinance

- 2. 207884: Recommend** (Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to ban the use of plastic flatware.

Native Species Ordinance

- 3. 203365: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
- 4. 206495: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Scott, Davis) – That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.

5. **205683: Discuss** Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting ordinance.
6. **207999: Discuss** 3 residents submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
7. **208567: Discuss** Elizabeth Lundgren submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.

OSPCD

8. **210135: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD and a representative from the MBTA discuss with the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, the plan to recapture the trees and green space lost after the decimation of the GLX forested corridor.
9. **204968: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a list of all city owned parcels, indicating any brownfields, and any plans to remediate those sites and use them for housing.
10. **209655: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council how they plan to monitor and enforce green roof, tree planting and other green zoning requirements that require watering and maintenance, beyond issuing certificates of occupancy.

Creating Fields - Inner Belt

11. **205709: Discuss** (Scott, McLaughlin, Ballantyne) – That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public fields and recreation area in the Inner Belt District pursuant to the Fields Master Plan.
12. **210916: Discuss** Director of SPCD responding to #205709 re: public fields in the Inner Belt District.