



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - September 19, 2018, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 9/16/18 at 8:35PM)

- 1. Approval of the June 6, 2018 Minutes**
- 2. 204990: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Affordable Housing Universal Wait List plan and consolidating the process of applying for affordable housing into a single, universal, persistent application, lottery, and wait list.
- 3. 205286: Discuss** (Hirsch, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD share what role the city has, or could have with additional staff, in assisting residents with condo association dilemmas, tenant organizing, or ensuring that inclusionary unit owners or tenants have equal voice in building decisions.
- 4. 205931: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of any plans to update the Housing Needs Assessment.
- 5. 206266: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Housing Stability, or the City Solicitor explain under what circumstances a current resident could be given preference for a deed-restricted unit.
- 6. 206227: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration fund a full-time legal services position to provide free on-site legal assistance to anyone seeking it at Somerville's District Housing Court.
- 7. 206233: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD develop an affordable housing program targeted especially at city employees whose income is below a certain threshold level.

8. **206165: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on apartment vacancies in the 100 Homes Program.
9. **205670: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD provide a progress report on the 100 Homes Program since its inception.
10. **205706: Discuss** (Scott, Hirsch, Ballantyne) – That the Administration report in writing on the net change in green and open space based on all projects planned for 2018.
11. **206391: Discuss** (Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration submit an update to this Board on efforts to create a Municipal ID, including a plan for dealing with the encryption of information that appears to be holding back progress.
12. **205287: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Community Preservation Act Manager inform this Board whether or not small open spaces can be designated as publicly accessible open space in combination with an affordable housing or historic preservation funding allocation.
13. **205676: Discuss** Community Preservation Manager responding to #205287 re: current practices on designating open space in CPA affordable housing and historic resources projects.
14. **206057: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD make the online decision/report database searchable by applicant name.
15. **200700: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the plan and timeline for implementing the recommendations in the recent report of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group.
16. **204533: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Administration request that the developers of the long-vacant Cobble Hill Plaza update this Board on their plans.
17. **204851: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne) – That the Administration update this Board on its efforts to form an Office of Housing Stability, as recommended by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group and mentioned in the Mayor’s recent inaugural address.
18. **204863: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Administration update this Board on the former Winter Hill Star Market and the associated lawsuit, as requested in #201772.
19. **204884: Discuss** (Scott, and the Entire Board) – That this Board explore establishing a community-based independent Community Land Trust that can purchase property in conjunction with non-profit organizations and private citizens, and make housing

permanently affordable.

20. **204967: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the street repaving schedule for 2018.
21. **204975: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether this Board can require landlords to distribute voter registration forms to all new tenants.
22. **203981: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD develop a Memorial Bench Program for public parks, the Community Path and other public property, and report back to this Board by October 12, 2017.
23. **205127: Discuss** Director of SPCD responding to #203981 re: a memorial bench donation program.
24. **205389: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204975 re: requiring landlords to distribute voter registration forms to all new tenants.
25. **205098: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – That the Administration update this Board on opportunities for expanded advertisement of the city's tax deferral program, and other tools that may help seniors and homeowners on fixed incomes to achieve financial stability.
26. **205245: Discuss** (Clingan, and the Entire Board) – Condemning the outsourcing of 100 medical coding jobs by Partners Healthcare to India, and requesting from Partners Healthcare how many of those jobs were based in Somerville and/or held by Somerville residents.
27. **206496: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the plan in the "Equity Talent Playbook for Somerville".
28. **202258: Recommend** Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Tenancy Preservation.
29. **202259: Recommend** Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Waiting Lists.
30. **205099: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Libraries share his vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and/or library services.
31. **205317: Discuss** Director of Libraries responding to #205099 re: the Libraries' vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and services.

32. **206487: Discuss** (Scott, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration discuss with this Board a plan to create a permanent space for the Groundworks Somerville program, currently known as the South Street Farm, which is planned for displacement.
33. **202497: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Superintendent of Schools share plans with the Ward 7 Alderman to mitigate the negative student enrollment at the West Somerville Neighborhood School caused by the proposed Clarendon/North Street Public Housing project.
34. **203275: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans developed in 2013-2015 to redevelop the outdoor space at the Brown School, and work with the Superintendent of Schools, the Brown School Council and PTA, neighbors, and other stakeholders to improve the space.
35. **203698: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD discuss options property owners have to split lots in residential neighborhoods.