



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

July 1, 2013

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

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:

WORK COMPLETED

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:

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

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:**WORK COMPLETED**

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

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

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:**WORK COMPLETED**

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.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

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.:

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:**WORK COMPLETED**

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**

194361 - That the Director of SPCD prepare a written analysis for this Board comparing the 2010 federal census with the 2000 census and highlighting the important changes and potential impacts.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194362 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the Development Covenant for Assembly Square between the City, the Redevelopment Authority, and FRIT, including all revisions and amendments.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194409 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a breakdown of all tickets and other types of citations, such as criminal complaints, issued by building inspectors and health inspectors, including the types of violations, the face amounts of the fines, and the amounts collected.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194410 - That this Board requests that the Administration consider a program to allow dog owners and dogs to enjoy off-leash play and exercise time in certain city parks at designated times.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194501 - That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update regarding the timeline for expansion of the community path garden behind Rite-Aid, as gardening season is about to be underway.:

Alderman Sullivan's motion *that the City notify abutters of the community garden path, behind the Somerville Avenue Rite-Aid Pharmacy, of potential contamination problems*, was approved.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194653 - SPCD Special Counsel responding to #193060 re: the purchase of real estate by the Redevelopment Authority.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

194658 - Michele Biscoe submitting comments re: #194410, considering designated off-leash times for dogs in certain parks.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194659 - That the Director of SPCD (Parks and Open Space) provide this Board with the feasibility of creating "Friend of Parks" organizations for city parks, to promote citizen participation in the oversight of parks and to provide resources for the establishment of such groups.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194677 - That the Director of SPCD work with this Board to establish recommended guidelines to submit to the Licensing Commission to assist it in deciding applications for the new liquor licenses.:

Alderman Lafuente's motion *that further applications for liquor licenses at Assembly Square be brought to the attention of the Committee on Housing and Community Development*, was approved.

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

194809 - That the Administration advise the Ward 1 Alderman of the status of this Board's 2010 resolution, binding Federal Realty Investment Trust to ensuring all retail tenants of Assembly Square adhere to a local hiring ordinance via a written contract.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

195071 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to discuss the so-called Italian/Portuguese kitchens that are commonplace throughout the city.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195074 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD), the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before this Board to discuss the process of fining absentee landlords and/or their unruly tenants as it relates to repeat offenders.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195089 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with an analysis of the Cabot Farms building on Broadway, at the Powderhouse Rotary, and a list of strategies the city can employ to urge improvement of the property.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE