



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

March 6, 2014

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M. Connolly	Chair	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	

**Approval of the Minutes of December 04, 2013**

**RESULT:**

**TABLED**

**190058 - That the Director of SPCD Provide This Board with the Latest Revision to the City's Rodent Control Policies before the Next Meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, and appear with Appropriate Designees at Said Meeting.:**

Chairman Connolly's motion *that the Chairman of the Finance Committee review and expedite financial matters relating to the city's rodent problem*, was approved.

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**192737 - That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety arrange for representatives of Riverside Community Care aka Somerville Mental Health Association, to appear before the Committee to explain where the programs are and how the City can assist them.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193093 - That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD locate any documents or agreements made by the federal government regarding the initial construction of Route 93 through Somerville.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193094 - That the Director of Public Health provide the Committee on Public Health and Safety with the CAFÉ study information once it's completed.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194195 - That the City Solicitor prepare an ordinance and/or policy to govern the use of the Automated License Plate Recognition System in preparation for the Police Department's use of these devices again.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**194296 - That this Board requests that the Mayor consider implementing a Community Emergency Response Team, a volunteer citizen support group which is part of FEMA, to assist response efforts during emergencies.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194408 - That this Board requests that representatives of the Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health study and SPCD's Housing Division appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the recent \$675,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation to address health risks to residents from I-93.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194678 - That the Chief of Police provide this Board with the crime statistics near the East Somerville dog park for twelve months prior to, and after, opening.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194909 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Ward 1 Alderman with an update on the attached properties.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**194939 - That this Board requests that the Cambridge Health Alliance cease, or shelve, its proposed consolidation plan until they convene stakeholders to discuss how best to meet the challenges of an ever changing health care landscape, while meeting the needs of our community.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194984 - That the Committee on Public Health and Safety request that the Executive Director of the Cambridge Health Alliance appear to explain, at a public hearing, its recent proposal to reduce funding for services to Somerville's youth community.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195034 - That the Chief of Police provide residents with recommended actions to be taken to deter trespassers from rummaging through trash barrels on private property.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**195082 - That the City's Disability Coordinator appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to update the Committee on pending claims on accessibility issues and the status of plans to improve access to City buildings and sidewalks, including the East and West Branch Libraries.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195307 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Public Health appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to provide an update on the city-wide rodent problem, including all areas that have been baited, and to present a comprehensive approach to deal with this problem, including the necessary resources and funding.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195321 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install an audio tone device for the pedestrian walk signal at Highland and College Avenues for the benefit of visually impaired individuals utilizing that crosswalk.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195502 - That the Environmental Programs Manager report to the Ward 6 Alderman and the Committee on Public Health and Safety, the impact of bamboo and whether it is a plant that should be limited due to its invasive nature.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195509 - That the Administration provide an update on air traffic noise over Somerville and continuing efforts to reduce this noise.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195644 - That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety examine the feasibility of registering bicycles.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**195671 - That the Director of the Women's Commission appear at a future Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to update this Board on the city's domestic violence prevention efforts.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195809 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 50-54 Murdock Street for compliance with all zoning and municipal ordinances and submit a report to the Public Health and Safety Committee.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**195835 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) determine if 46 South Street is being used as a rooming house and take all necessary actions.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**195880 - Requesting review and approval of the MAPC's 2013 Update to the 2008 Hazardous Mitigation Plan.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195971 - Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**196205 - That the Chief Fire Engineer, the Chief of Police and the chief trauma response individual appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to explore training first responders in the use of Narcan, currently being used by EMTs to save victims of drug overdoses.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196207 - That the City Solicitor inform this Board on enforcement of the Wage Theft Ordinance and its effectiveness in reducing the problem.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**196209 - That the Administration inform this Board of any and all supports available to those who were victims of arson this past summer.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196299 - That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at the intersection of Washington Street, Somerville Avenue and Webster Avenue, weekdays between 7:30 and 9 AM, to cite vehicles who don't stop for the red light, blocking the intersection, and respond to the Ward 2 Alderman within 7 days with the dates of the patrol.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**196313 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) dispatch the NIT Team to investigate 406 and 408 McGrath Highway for code and health violations.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**