



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing and Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Strezo at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 2 in favor (Councilors Strezo, Clingan), 0 opposed, 1 absent (Councilor Pineda Neufeld).

Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Anne Tate – Somerville Resident; Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison; Susan Yerkes – Director, Parks and Recreation.

Roll Call

Accepted

Present: Chairperson Kristen Strezo and Jesse Clingan

Absent: Vice Chair Judy Pineda Neufeld

Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Meeting of April 19, 2023.

[23-0658](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Strezo and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Vice Chair Pineda Neufeld

That the Housing and Community Development Committee discuss the Democracy Collaborative’s report on Advancing Community Wealth Building in the City of Somerville.

[22-1408](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

That the Director of Parks and Recreation explain the wait list process for enrollment in Parks and Recreation programs.

[23-0483](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Director of Parks and Recreation consider opening the Ginny Smithers Pool on Sundays to expand swim lesson opportunities, including consideration of engaging an outside vendor or organization to provide the swim lessons. [23-0482](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Director of Economic Development update this City Council regarding the strategy and projected timeline for a Community Center in Union Square, including plans for a feasibility study. [23-0546](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on progress toward a Task Force for creation of a Community Center. [22-1826](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

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