



SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Joint Meeting with the City Council Land Use Committee

Location:

In-person; Council Chambers, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143.

A virtual option was also provided via Zoom Webinar.

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Time: The Chair convened the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Meeting recording: <https://somervillema.granicus.com/player/clip/2748>

(This recording is of the full meeting of the Land Use Committee of the City Council. The portion of the meeting that is joint with the Somerville Redevelopment Authority occurs from the start of the video through 00:26:26.)

ATTENDANCE:

SRA Members Present: Philip Ercolini (Chair), Ben Ewen-Campen (City Councilor), Patrick McCormick, Christine Stone, Courtney Brunson.

SRA Members Absent: William Gage.

Staff Present: Thomas Galligani (Executive Director of OSPCD), Catherine Lester Salchert (Special Counsel), Rachel Nadkarni (Director of Economic Development), Dana Whiteside (Deputy Director of Economic Development), Ben Demers (Senior Economic Development Planner), Kati Wiese (Economic Development Planner).

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public hearing on an amendment to the 90 Washington Street Demonstration Project Plan.

Senior Planner Ben Demers presented changes staff had proposed to the 90 Washington Street Demonstration Project Plan (DPP) and an accompanying Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City Council and SRA. Staff proposed to update the DPP and MOU to remove the public safety building component and add an explicit goal of recouping funds; to change the reference to a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to the 90 Washington Street Civic Advisory Committee (CAC) to conform to current Council/SRA standards; and to lengthen the timeline in which a developer could begin construction once selected. B. Demers also reviewed next steps for finalizing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a development partner once the DPP and MOA have been amended. This would include finalizing more detailed development priorities and a program of uses.

Councilor McLaughlin opened the public hearing for public comment. No members of the public provided comments. Councilor McLaughlin closed the public hearing.

Councilor Ewen-Campen asked for staff to explain the likely timeline for having these amendments approved by the City Council and releasing an RFP. Staff noted there will be at least one more discussion through the Land Use Committee, with staff hoping that the item would be



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referred back to the full Council in November or December for votes on the three items discussed. Staff intend to release an RFP early in 2026. Councilor McLaughlin noted that there will be a Land Use Committee meeting on November 20, in which this item would likely be taken up.

Councilor Wilson noted that it is important to him to see any green space created by the development concentrated around Cobble Hill Apartments.

2. Meeting Adjournment.

C. Brunson moved to adjourn at 7:01pm. Seconded by P. McCormick. Approved 5-0-0 (yes-no-abstain) by roll call vote. Philip Ercolini, Ben Ewen-Campen, Patrick McCormick, Christine Stone, and Courtney Brunson voted yes. 0 members voted no, 0 members abstained. William Gage was absent for the vote.