



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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MINUTES

Thursday, September 15th, 2016
Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall

Present from the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA): Nancy Busnach (Chair), Iwona Bonney (Secretary), Rebecca Schrumm, and William Gage. Also present were Thomas Galligani as Director of Economic Development, Sunayana Thomas as Sr. Economic Development Planner, Ben Sommer as Economic Development Specialist, Emily Hedeman as Economic Development Assistant and Eileen McGettigan as Special Counsel.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Nancy Busnach, Chair. A quorum was present.

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

Vote: Approve the July 14th, 2016 minutes.

- One edit, misspelling of Iwona Bonney's first name.
- Motion to approve minutes made by Iwona Bonney, seconded by William Gage
- Unanimously approved

2. **Assembly Row Update:**

Ben Sommer gave an update on Assembly Row

- 45% of condos at Alloy have been pre-sold. Move-in date late 2017.
- Linear park subdivision plan has been submitted.
- There will be a job fair on September 28th and October 1st with Assembly Row retailers and restaurants.
- The annual Riverfest was held on September 28th and had 7,000 attendees.
- Adele was at Legoland on Monday the 12th with her son.

3. **Union Square Update:**

Sunayana Thomas gave updates regarding Union Square redevelopment.

LOCUS Update

- A Place Management Organization (PMO) draft document was passed out.
- LOCUS process is ongoing but nearing a conclusion. The list of Community Benefits is almost complete, along with a scoring criteria. The City is currently



reviewing this list to make sure there are no redundancies with current or proposed zoning.

- The PMO group has been meeting the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- William Gage noted that he will have to vote as a strategy leader and sought feedback from the other SRA members on the draft PMO document.
- William Gage noted that the purpose of the PMO was to oversee the community benefits. The eventual PMO would be separate from the City.
- Sunayana Thomas noted that this document was in draft form from the PMO working group, not the LOCUS strategy leaders group. The LOCUS strategy leaders would need to discuss this draft and comment.

4. Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

Eileen McGettigan gave an update on litigation. A suit has been brought contesting the amount paid by the SRA for 49-51 Allen Street, which was taken by eminent domain by the SRA on May 29, 2013. The prices paid for all D2 properties taken by eminent domain are now under litigation. These suits are being handled from the City side by an outside attorney.

5. Selection of Date for Next Meeting:

- Next meetings will be October 6th, November 10th, and December 8th.

6. Adjournment:

Vote: Adjourn the September 15th meeting.

- Motion to Adjourn made by Iwona Bonney. William Gage seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.