



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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MINUTES
Thursday, April 14th, 2016

Present from the Somerville Redevelopment Authority: Iwona Bonney (Secretary), William Gage, and Rebecca Schrumm. Also present were Eileen McGettigan as Special Counsel, Sunayana Thomas as Sr. Economic Development Planner, and Ben Sommer as Economic Development Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Iwona Bonney, Secretary. A quorum was present.

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

Vote: Approve the March 10th, 2016 minutes.

- Motion to approve minutes made by William Gage, seconded by Rebecca Schrumm
- Unanimously approved

2. **Assembly Square Update:**

- Ben Sommer gave updates regarding Assembly Row.
- Federal Realty held a job fair on Wednesday, April 13th. Over 20 Assembly Row businesses attended.
- Ben Sommer gave an update on Assembly Row jobs numbers. As of winter 2015, there were 1,700 retail jobs, around a quarter of which are held by Somerville residents.
- FRIT is advertising for the condos on block 5 and has set-up a pre-construction email list. The condos are branded as “Alloy.”
- Mike’s Pastry will be a tenant in the ground floor of the Partners Building, and will open in 2017.
- FRIT released its spring and summer programming schedule which includes “Race to the Row” in August and “Riverfest” in September.

3. **Union Square Update:**

- Sunayana Thomas gave an update on the Union Square redevelopment process.
- The next CAC meeting will be held next Tuesday, the 19th.



- The Planning Division of OSPCD will be submitting the revised Union Square Neighborhood Plan to the Planning Board on Thursday, April 28th.

LOCUS Process:

- LOCUS is in the process of drafting their report. Sunayana Thomas passed out the draft of the LOCUS report. Next steps will include implementation. The Place Management working group is meeting regularly on that issue.

Vote granting license to McCourt Construction to locate a construction office trailer on a portion of the former Kiley Barrel site while undertaking a City utility project:

- Eileen McGettigan explain that below ground sewer work was being done on Prospect St., as well as traffic light and sidewalk improvements. This will continue for 6 months. The contractor has been in touch with the Kiley Barrel licensed site professional TRC on environmental restrictions.
- William Gage had concerns about time-frame, if the work drags on. Eileen McGettigan stated that the SRA could remove the contractor from the site with 30 days notice. The infrastructure is not expected to impact environmental or other redevelopment work.

Vote: Granting License to McCourt Construction.

- William Gage made a motion to grant the license. Rebecca Schrumm seconded.
- Unanimously approved.

4. Selection of Date for Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is Special Meeting on April 28th at the Argenziano school at 6pm. William Gage will not be able to attend.

5. Adjournment:

Vote: Adjourn the April 14th meeting.

- Motion to Adjourn made by William Gage. Rebecca Schrumm seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:49pm.