



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

NANCY A. BUSNACH
CHAIR

MINUTES **May 30, 2013 Meeting**

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority met on Thursday, May 30, 2013 in the 2nd floor Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Present from the Somerville Redevelopment Authority: Members: Nancy Busnach (Chair), Iwona Bonney (Secretary), James F. McCarthy (Treasurer), Michael Dwyer and William Gage. Also present were Eileen McGettigan as Special Counsel and City Solicitor Francis X. Wright, Jr.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Nancy Busnach, Chair.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Vote: Approve the May 2, 2013 meeting minutes.

- Motion by Iwona Bonney and seconded by William Gage.
- Unanimously approved.

2. Urban Agriculture Proposal for 138 South Street

Presentation by Chris Mancini of Groundwork Somerville showing the progress of the urban agriculture project undertaken at the Authority's property at 100 South Street and the proposed expansion of the project to the Authority's property at 138 South Street. Nancy Busnach recused herself because of her involvement in the creation of Groundwork Somerville several years ago.

Vote: Authorize execution of a license agreement with Groundwork Somerville to use the 138 South Street property for an expanded urban agriculture project

- Motion by William Gage and seconded by Michael Dwyer.
- Approved 4-0-1 (Busnach recused)

3. Update on Assembly Square:

Eileen McGettigan provided a brief update on ASQ Drive land swap, conveyance of Grand Union Boulevard and renaming of Assembly Square Drive and New Road.

4. Union Square Update:

Eileen McGettigan informed the members that the two outstanding state approvals for the eminent domain taking of the North Prospect Block properties had been obtained. The Authority now has title to these properties because the Order of Taking was recorded on

May 29, 2013. The Authority is now ready, willing, and able to convey the necessary easements to the MBTA as required by the Memorandum of Agreement. She stated that the Authority's relocation consultant, Peter Sleeper, continued to work with the property owners to find them new sites for their homes and businesses.

4. Other Business:

- Next meeting scheduled for June 20, 2013 at 5:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Michael Dwyer and seconded by Iwona Bonney. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.