



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR**

*NANCY A. BUSNACH  
CHAIR*

**MINUTES  
Thursday, June 9th, 2016  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:31p.m. by Nancy Busnach, Chair. A quorum was present.

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

**Vote:** Approve the May 5th, 2016 minutes.

- Motion to approve minutes made by Iwona Bonney, seconded by Rebecca Schrumm
- Unanimously approved

**2. Assembly Row Update**

Sunayana Thomas gave an update on the Assembly Row development

- Trader Joes will be coming to the Assembly Square Marketplace and is expecting to open in 2018.
- Partners Healthcare has moved 400 people into the first seven floors of their new headquarters. They are expected to move 1,200 people into the building by the end of June.
- Buildout for the 100,000 sq. ft. of retail on the first floor of the Partners building will begin in July.
- Southern Kin opened last Friday.

**3. Union Square Update:**

Sunayana Thomas gave updates regarding Union Square redevelopment.

- The Planning Board accepted the Union Square Neighborhood Plan on May 5, 2016.
- The MassDOT and MBTA Fiscal Control Board voted to move forward with the Green Line Extension project and will now seek Federal Transit Administration review.

- The D Blocks of the Union Square Revitalization Plan will be rezoned in response to the Neighborhood Plan. The new zoning ordinance will be submitted by OSCPD's Planning Division to the Board of Aldermen this month.
- Eileen McGettigan noted that a new relocation consultant has been approved by DHCD to assist with the remaining residential relocation.

#### *LOCUS Update*

- William Gage noted that the Place Management Group had suggested having a negotiating team be a part of the Community Benefit negotiations. Eileen McGettigan noted that currently the negotiations are between the SRA and US2; whether a third party would be joining the negotiations has not yet been decided. The SRA might have outside counsel in addition to the SRA's legal counsel.
- Next LOCUS meeting will be in July.

#### **4. Selection of Date for Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting will be July 14th, 2016 at 5:30p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room of City Hall.

#### **5. Adjournment:**

**Vote:** Adjourn the May 5th meeting.

- Motion to Adjourn made by Rebecca Schrumm. William Gage seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.