



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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MAYOR

NANCY A. BUSNACH  
CHAIR

MINUTES  
Thursday, September 19, 2013

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority met on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the 3rd floor OSPCD Conference Room at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Present from the Somerville Redevelopment Authority: Nancy Busnach (Chair), Iwona Bonney (Secretary), James F. McCarthy (Treasurer), Michael Dwyer and William Gage. Also present were Eileen McGettigan as Special Counsel; Amanda Maher, Economic Development Specialist, OSPCD; Edward O'Donnell, Director of Economic Development

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Nancy Busnach, Chair. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes:

**Vote:** Approve the August 15, 2013 minutes.

- Motion by Michael Dwyer and seconded by Iwona Bonney.
- Unanimously approved.

2. Update on Assembly Square:

- Ed O'Donnell reported that the City is making a Request for Funding to the Board of Alderman in order to hire consultants to review the Assembly Square Urban Renewal Plan. The Plan has not been updated since it was originally adopted in 2002. Plan changes would be made to accelerate growth, including a development strategy for 73 acres of land not under development by Federal Realty Investment Trust. Plan changes would also identify any necessary infrastructure improvements and how to pay for those improvements. Any Plan changes would require approval by the SRA, Planning Board, Board of Aldermen and Commonwealth before adoption.
- Eileen McGettigan reported that Baxter Park opened on Wednesday, 9/18.
- Amanda Maher noted that Riverfest is scheduled to take place at Baxter Park on Saturday, 9/21.

3. Union Square Update:

- Eileen McGettigan reported that two of the three tenants at 4 Milk Place have relocated. Payments for relocation expenses are being paid now. The relocation consultant continues to work with business owners to find new sites. All business owners are being cooperative.

- Eileen McGettigan reported that environmental consulting firm ECS, Inc. began exploratory drilling on 9/16 in order to identify what contaminants the soil might contain. Drilling is scheduled to continue until next week.
- Eileen McGettigan explained that the SRA must identify and approve of an impartial hearing officer for any/all relocation appeals.
  - **Vote:** Approval of Peter Forcellese, Jr. as impartial hearing officer for relocation payment appeals
    - Motion by James McCarthy and seconded by Michael Dwyer.
    - Unanimously approved.

4. Other Business:

- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Michael Dwyer and seconded by Iwona Bonney. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.