



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
Thursday, October 10, 2013

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority met on Thursday, October 10th, 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, and Amanda Maher, Economic Development Specialist, OSPCD; and Peter Forcellese, Jr., Treasurer, City of Somerville, and Relocation Payment Appeal Hearing Officer

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 September 19, 2013 minutes.

- Motion by Michael Dwyer and seconded by William Gage.
- Unanimously approved.

2. Update on Assembly Square:

- Eileen McGettigan reported that the IKEA parcel has now been formally conveyed to Federal Realty Investment Trust.
- Eileen McGettigan also reported that OSPCD has gone before the Board of Aldermen Finance Committee to request \$500,000 to conduct a major plan change to the Assembly Square Revitalization Plan, originally passed in 2003. Expansion of the plan would allow consultants to study the economic development potential of areas surrounding Home Depot, Circuit City and the old movie theater. The plan change would also extend the Revitalization Plan until 2033. The Finance Committee has sent the request to the Housing and Community Development Committee for further review.
- Eileen McGettigan reported that the legal department has asked the Board of Aldermen Finance Committee for funds to hire two attorneys to study the economic, traffic and environmental impacts of the proposed Everett casino. This request passed in Committee and has been sent to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

3. Union Square Update:



- Peter Forcellese, Jr., the Treasurer for the City of Somerville and acting as the independent hearing officer in a relocation payment appeal, appeared before the SRA to report on the outcome of the hearing. After hearing both sides of the appeal, Mr. Forcellese determined that Rezz Electric, the party in question, was legally occupying property at 50 Prospect Street, and therefore is entitled to relocation benefits.

Vote: Approve the decision of hearing officer in relocation payment appeal

- Motion by William Gage and seconded by James McCarthy.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Eileen McGettigan reported that the 30-Day Notices to Vacate went out to all remaining tenants today, October 10, 2013. The one exception is Prospect Iron & Steel, which has received permission to stay on its property until February 2014 per an agreement that allows the MBTA and environmental consultants access to the property.

4. Other Business:

- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by William Gage and seconded by Iwona Bonney. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.