



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

**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR**

*NANCY A. BUSNACH  
CHAIR*

**MINUTES  
Thursday, November 10, 2016  
Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall**

Present from the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA): Nancy Busnach (Chair), Iwona Bonney (Secretary), and William Gage. Also present were Eileen McGettigan as Special Counsel, Thomas Galligani as Director of Economic Development, Emily Hedeman as Economic Development Assistant, and Sunayana Thomas as Senior Economic Development Planner.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31PM by Nancy Busnach, Chair. Open session commenced. A quorum was present.

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

**Vote:** Approve the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes.

- Motion to approve minutes made by Iwona Bonney, seconded by William Gage
- Unanimously approved

**2. Assembly Square Update:**

Thomas Galligani and Emily Hedeman gave an update on Assembly Square

- New hiring numbers expected from FRIT by the end of the year for the second half of 2016.
- Block 6 sculpture going before Design Review Committee this evening.
- MEPA meeting was held 11/09/16 for “The Office and Research Center and the Residences at Assembly.” Full report is available online at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/1d7mgpsh63w13kc/EENF%209.30.2016%20version%202.pdf?dl=0>
- William Gage attended the MEPA meeting and will be sending a comment letter as a constituent, not as a representative of the SRA.
- Construction for blocks 5 & 6 are on schedule.
- Trader Joe’s will be taking a portion of the AC Moore space in Assembly Square Marketplace.

**3. Union Square Update:**



Sunayana Thomas gave updates regarding Union Square redevelopment.

- MassWorks infrastructure grant was awarded by the Governor for \$13 million on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Benefits hearing with the Board of Aldermen to be held November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. The hearing will cover the issues of displacement and community values.
- On November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM Mayor Curtatone will speak in front of the Board of Aldermen to talk about all current projects including the Green Line Extension.
- The last LOCUS meeting will be held November 21<sup>st</sup> to conclude benefit strategy plans and the ongoing discussion regarding a Neighborhood Council.

**Vote:** Authorize Nancy Busnach and Iwona Bonney to execute all documents necessary to support the Green Line project.

- Eileen McGettigan introduced the above vote to reauthorize Nancy Busnach and Iwona Bonney to execute documents.
- William Gage requested clarification of specific documents that will be subject to authorization.
- Eileen McGettigan explained that the documents subject to authorization would most likely be in relation to reducing easement sizes.
- William Gage indicated that he would like to review specific documents rather than vote for a blanket authorization.
- Motion by Iwona Bonney and seconded by Nancy Busnach.
- Approved, two in favor, one opposed (Gage).

#### **4. Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair**

- Eileen McGettigan provided an update on the two vacancies on the SRA board.
- Rebecca Schrumm is no longer a Somerville resident and has resigned from the SRA board.
- Phil Ercolini was nominated, went before the Board of Aldermen, and is pending before the full Board of Aldermen meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.
- Nancy Busnach remarked on Mr. Ercolini's history of public service and his relevant knowledge and experience.

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

- Next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. Adjournment:**

**Vote:** Adjourn the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Motion to Adjourn made by Iwona Bonney. William Gage seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.