

MINUTES

Somerville Redevelopment Authority

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

(Virtual Meeting)

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority was conducted via remote participation.

Present from the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA): Phil Ercolini (Chair), William Gage, Iwona Bonney, Patrick McCormick, Ben Ewen-Campen and Emily Hedeman. Also present were Eileen McGettigan as Special Counsel, Tom Galligani as Director of Economic Development, Lauren Drago as Urban Revitalization Planner, and Sunayana Thomas as Senior Economic Development Planner and staff to the SRA.

Phil Ercolini, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Open session commenced. A quorum was present. This meeting was audio recorded.

Documents and Other Exhibits Used at the Meeting

- i. Draft August 19, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- ii. Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan (as revised with DHCD comments)

Discussion and Actions Taken

1. Approval of September 16, 2020 Minutes:

- Motion to approve by Iwona Bonney, seconded by Patrick McCormick.

Roll Call Vote:

Iwona Bonney, Yes

Ben Ewen- Campen, Yes

Bill Gage, Yes

Emily Hedeman, Yes

Patrick McCormick, Yes

Phil Ercolini, Yes

2. Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan – Revised w/ additional DHCD Comments

- Motion to Approve as Revised by Emily Hedeman, seconded by Iwona Bonney.

Roll Call Vote:

Iwona Bonney, Yes

Ben Ewen-Campen, Yes

Bill Gage, Yes

Emily Hedeman, Yes

Patrick McCormick, Yes

Phil Ercolini, Yes

3. Union Square Update

Ms. Thomas provided the Union Square update.

No project updates at this time. US2 continue to work on all aspects of the D2 project towards closing and construction.

Board members questioned whether a building permit for D2 has been granted and if the T station construction was running on schedule.

Ms. McGettigan explained that there are pending conditions that need to be addressed before they can receive their building permit. One of the pre-conditions is to reach an easement agreement with the MBTA which both the City and US2 continue to meet with the MBTA on a weekly basis. Additionally, an approval from DHCD is also necessary on the final purchase price related to pass through pricing. No delays are anticipated with the MBTA station at this time.

4. Public Comment Period – None

5. Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair - None

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date – November 18, 2020 –5:30 pm --Virtual Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Bill Gage, seconded by Iwona Bonney at 5:45pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Iwona Bonney, Yes

Ben Ewen-Campen, Yes

Bill Gage, Yes

Emily Hedeman, Yes

Patrick McCormick, Yes

Phil Ercolini, Yes