



City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Housing, Community Development and Equity
Committee
Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [26-0722](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee Meeting of April 15, 2026.
2. Order (ID # [26-0082](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** By Councilor Strezo That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on the stock and condition of previously installed playground communication boards that assist nonverbal children in playtime.
3. Order (ID # [26-0059](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Strezo That the Director of Mobility provide an update on the Kensington Connector.

4. Order
(ID # [26-0052](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Commissioner of Public Works and relevant departments discuss the future community use of Founders Rink for 2026 and beyond.
5. Order
(ID # [26-0051](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide an update on upcoming inclusive playground accessibility plans and redesign projects.
6. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [26-1033](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Conveying an update regarding item #26-0825, a Resolution that the Administration submit a written report to this Council regarding the timeline and process for staffing the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator role and update this Council on the plan to process ADA complaints and accessibility coordination when this position is vacant.
7. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-0973](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Director of Communications & Community Engagement conveying the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Accessibility Compliance update for city website and digital assets.
8. Resolution
(ID # [26-1077](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Administration discuss the City's volunteer policy and its consistency among various city departments.
9. Order
(ID # [26-1078](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wheeler
That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss the cost barriers and equity constraints that prevent low-income residents and local youth from accessing Somerville programs, such as public skate time at Veterans Memorial Rink on early school dismissal days.