



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE**  
**MAYOR**

**STAFF PRESENT**

LORI MASSA, *SENIOR PLANNER*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

JAMES KIRYLO  
MATTHEW RICE  
CHERYLYN RUANE

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS and MINUTES**

The City of Somerville Design Review Committee held a public meeting on **Thursday, August 25, 2011**, at **6:30 p.m.** in City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Room, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and make recommendations on the following proposals:

**39-43 Elmwood Street / 40 Cameron Avenue (Case #ZBA 2011-31)**

Review of changes since the last DRC meeting where the Applicant presented.

**Description:** Applicant GFC Development Inc. and owner Sadler Realty Trust, seek Special Permits with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 and §7.3 and Special Permits under SZO §4.4.1 and §9.13.b to alter a nonconforming structure to construct three buildings with nine total dwelling units and associated parking. RB zone. Ward 7.

**SPGA:** Zoning Board of Appeals

**Hearing Date:** Anticipated to be September 21, 2011

After the agenda was finalized, the Applicants asked to appear at a future Design Review Committee meeting and the case was not discussed on August 25.

**70 Inner Belt Road**

Review of the design to substantially renovate the building's facade before the case goes to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a revision to a previous Special Permit.

**Description:** Applicant and Owner CoreSite Real Estate 70 Inner Belt, LLC seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) (ZBA2007-63) under SZO §5.3.8 in order to substantially renovate the building façade. The original SPSR was for the expansion of an existing 22,667 sf data storage use (§7.11.15.1.c) within the second floor of an existing building for a total of 61,436 s.f. Prior revisions include ZBA 2007-63-R0308 and ZBA 2007-63-R0808 which consisted of increasing the use by approx 141,000 sf and altering the site. IA zone. Ward 1.

**SPGA:** Zoning Board of Appeals

**Hearing Date:** September 7, 2011



The Architect appeared and presented the case. The recommendations at the meeting related to making sure that the building did not go from being a plain “brick box” to a plain “metal box”. They suggested that the Applicant make the building more engaging by adding lines of color, breaking the fascia line by staggering the panels, staggering the joint pattern of the metal panels, adding a logo to the building, allowing a band of brick to show through some of the metal panels, and/or adding additional light to the façade. They liked the changes proposed to the main entrance element including the lighting of the glass panels.

**133 Middlesex Avenue (Case #PB 2011-10)**

Review of materials for Assembly Square Block 10.

The materials were not ready for review at this meeting.

