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July 17, 2008

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee on Housing and Community Development held a meeting on July 17, 2008 with Chairman Rebekah Gewirtz presiding along with Committee member Aldermen William White present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Maryann Heuston and William Roche as well as Robert May of OSPCD.

Chairman Gewirtz convened the meeting and invited Robert May to speak. Mr. May passed out a draft letter regarding item #185983. Mr. May stated that his department is studying all proposed Green Line extension stops and will prepare a presentation for the board with his departments recommendations. He also spoke about the various community organizations that are working together to allow for the best possible Green Line stops in Somerville. Alderman Roche requested that Mr. May submit the names of the members of the community groups involved to the Board of Aldermen.

Motion by Alderman Heuston, with unanimous consent of the Committee members present, **that upon the completion of the analysis and recommendation of the proposed Green Line stations, the Planning Department organize a series of public hearings and meetings to allow for residents to review the report and give their input**, was approved.

Mr. May explained that the final proposed Green Line stop, close to the U Haul, is in Somerville and will be a benefit to the residents of Clarendon Hill.

Mr. May also stated that he believes the Green Line Public Advisory Group was organized by Monica Lamboy. He further stated that the State EOT will also have public hearings before a final draft of the Green Line extension is submitted to Washington.

Chairman Gewirtz stated she would like to have a Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the proposed maintenance facility and requested Mr. May to keep the committee apprised of any new developments until the next scheduled meeting.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following item:

**185983:** Resolution - By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the MBTA's Assistant Director of Planning consider relocating the proposed Brickbottom Green Line stop from Joy St. to New Washington St. to better accommodate senior citizens at the Cobble Hill Apts. and all the residents of East Somerville.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be placed on file

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

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Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz, Chairman  
Committee on Housing and Community Development

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Community Development, July 17, 2008

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