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October 22, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON SENIOR SERVICES

The Committee on Senior Services met on October 22, 2007, with Chairman William White, presiding and Committee Member Alderman Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Bruce Desmond, Cindy Hickey from the Council on Aging and several residents from the Somerville Home.

The committee met at the Somerville Home Senior residence to afford residents an opportunity to discuss matters of concern with the committee members. Ms. Hickey spoke about several activities available to the city's seniors including an afternoon bingo program, an upcoming Thanksgiving social event, Halloween and Christmas parties, movie events, new weekend social events and exercise and walking programs. Ms. Hickey explained why the senior shuttle was discontinued and informed residents about discounts offered by Green Cab. Ms. Hickey also said that she is planning a weekend trip to see a Christmas play and noted that the Council on Aging staff donates their time on the weekends.

Residents raised concerns regarding the illumination on streets at night, problems with property owners shoveling their sidewalks and teen drug and alcohol use.

Alderman Sullivan discussed the Safe Start report and said that there would be a public hearing on the matter next month and he also discussed the drug and alcohol programs offered by the city and the state. Alderman Sullivan also told the residents that he would submit an order to increase the street lighting from Central Street to School Street and on Avon Street.

Chairman White and Alderman Sullivan gave a brief update on the extension of the Green Line into Somerville.

No papers were acted on.

Alderman William A. White, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Senior Services

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