

## Winter Hill East Neighborhood ResiStat Meeting Notes March 20, 2008

### City Officials Present:

Walter Pero, Ward 4 Alderman

Sean Murphy, Director of Constituent Services

Capt. John O'Connor, Somerville Police Department

Officer Alex Capobianco, Somerville Police Department

Ethan Field, ResiStat Analyst

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### Updates from Previous Meetings:

Ethan Field gave updates from issues raised at previous ResiStat meetings. (See presentation.) Additional information was shared:

- **Fellsway West Resident-Only Parking:** He mentioned that there had been a small last-minute snag in the process for getting resident-only parking on Fellsway West. The law regarding the petition process requires signatures from at least 51% of housing *units*, not *buildings* (i.e. a three-family home counts as three units) and included among those are *all* properties abutting Fellsway West, even if they do not have a Fellsway West address. So the apartment building on the corner of Jaques Street and Fellsway West would be included. Under these regulations, the Fellsway West petition was actually 11 signatures short. Because this was a last-minute realization, the Traffic Commission voted to grant a provisional restriction for 6 months. So, a resident-only parking restriction from 10 PM to 8 AM will be in effect once advertised and posted (likely by the end of April), and the FPNA will have until the September Traffic Commission meeting to collect the full number of required signatures.
- **Star Market Property:** Ald. Pero reported that the Mayor had met with the property owner. The owner has said that they are looking for another tenant. Also, any major physical overhaul of the property would be unlikely (but not impossible) because the Rite Aid that is a part of the shared property is in the middle of a five-year lease.
- **Fellsway West Pipe Replacement:** A Fellsway West resident mentioned that there had been a lead pipe removal project that had required tearing up the sidewalk, and replacing it with asphalt. The resident asked if that was a State project or a City project. Sean Murphy responded that the reason asphalt was (temporarily) used instead of concrete was that concrete can't be poured in the winter (Some contractor guidelines have restrictions saying concrete can only be poured at 55°F and must remain at least 50°F for two or more days or it will not cure correctly.) The asphalt will be removed in the spring/summer and replaced with concrete. *Update:* This was a City project. In accordance with DEP regulations, the City replaces 7% (currently about 180) of its lead services every year.

## Resident Priorities:

Residents were each given five votes to distribute any way they wished between the options described in the presentation, and added new ones not mentioned in the presentation.

## Next Steps for City Staff:

These issues will be combined with other neighborhoods' priorities to create a resident budget priorities report. Issues that emerge as the highest neighborhood or City-wide priorities will inform the City Departments as they set their goals for the upcoming year. These departmental goals determine how each department prioritizes its staff time and budget. Items originating with this ResiStat group are in **bold**.

Issue	Votes
<b>Addressing increase in Airplane Noise</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Temple Street Resurfacing</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Ask DCR to extend walk signals at Broadway &amp; McGrath Highway</b>	<b>4</b>
Renovating City parks	3
<b>Place "Don't Feed the Birds" sign at Broadway and Fellsway West</b>	<b>3</b>
Implementing community policing program	3
Take over management of State-run facilities	1
<b>Prioritize tree and light post maintenance along Broadway at Foss Park</b>	<b>1</b>
East Somerville Community School	1
<b>Address possible drug-related crime along Fellsway West</b>	<b>1</b>
Weekend hours at our branch libraries	0
Small Business micro-loans and storefront renovation grants.	0
Senior Housing developments	0
Safe-START pedestrian improvements	0
Re-zoning Union Square	0
Purchasing reduced-emission and alternate fuel City vehicles	0
Online credit card payment services for city bills and transactions	0
New city website and improved calendar of city events	0
Magoun Square traffic/pedestrian renovations	0
Litter collection in parks on weekends	0
Improving Washington Street surface and sidewalks	0
Dedicated computer kiosks in public buildings	0
Citywide Wi-Fi	0
Citywide tree inventory and expanding number of trees by 20%	0
Central welcome desk at City Hall	0
Assembly Square traffic mitigation	0
Affordable housing developments	0