

## Ward 7 Fall ResiStat Meeting Notes Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

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### Officials Present:

- Joe Curtatone, Mayor
- Bob Trane, Ward 7 Alderman
- Tony Holloway, Somerville Police Chief
- Paul Upton, Somerville Deputy Police Chief
- John O'Connor, Somerville Police Captain
- Monica Lamboy, Director of Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development
- Stephanie Hirsch, Director of SomerStat

### Updates on Issues from Previous Meetings:

After introductions of all attendees, updates were provided on the following topics. Please see the accompanying presentation for more information on these topics:

- Hodgkins-Curtin Park and Ballfield reconstruction
- West Somerville substation and Police reorganization
- 911 calls and 311 calls
- Powder House School plans
- Green Line terminus discussion
- Your issues

### Issues Raised

The following issues were raised during the discussion:

#### *Maintenance Issues:*

- Hodgkins-Curtin Park: Residents expressed concern about the level of maintenance of the current Hodgkins-Curtin Park. They also said that having the sand in the playground is very important to the families who use it and they said that keeping sand in a reconstructed playground is important to the parents they know. City staff said that residents would be part of the design process for the new park.
- Basketball Court at Powder House School: A resident said that although the Powder House school is closed, young people use the basketball court. She said that she thinks it needs some maintenance.
- West Somerville Library: A resident said that he thinks the West Somerville Library needs repair and a facelift. City staff said that there is a needs assessment and analysis being conducted on the library.

#### *Quality of Life Issues:*

- Trash: A resident expressed concern about the volume of trash that is left out, especially bulk items that appear during move-in/move-out weekends. City officials said that the City is considering ways to lower trash volume, such as implementation of a single stream recycling program.
- Noise: A big topic of concern was noise. There were two kinds of noise that residents reported. First, residents reported that there are loud parties. These can be dealt with by calling either the City or Tufts police. Second, however, people walk up streets late at night talking loudly to one another or on a cell phone. They may not be aware of the noise they're

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making. A residents suggested creating signs that indicate people are sleeping in the neighborhood. Others suggested convening a meeting with Tufts.

- Snow Shoveling: A resident expressed concerns about walks that are not shoveled. City staff said that we will try to do more enforcement of shoveling this winter, while also providing support to residents who cannot shovel.

*Traffic:*

- Broadway at Mason: A resident said that she has concerns about the intersection of Broadway at Mason and Simpson. City staff will follow up with the traffic engineer to find out what has been considered at this intersection and what could be done.