

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Community & Economic Development *co-posted with the Committee of the Whole
will met in the Council Chamber on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.
for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on
May 31, 2018 at 3:20 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE:

Also
*Attending Councillor Sargent, City Solicitor,
P & Rec Director, Nick Downing, Police Chief*

SUBJECT(S)

*#362 - Meet to discuss the Salem Willows Black Picnic

*#28 - Meet to discuss the impact that Air B&B's (short-term rentals) have on the city

#669 of 2017 - Return the sections of Brown St. and Washington Square North that have been painted as one-way streets back to two-way streets per ordinance. (CED ONLY)

*#634 of 2017 - Meet to discuss Traffic Situations in Ward 7

*#627 of 2016 - Meet to discuss the use of Municipal public garages and surface lots

*#194 of 2016 - Establish an ordinance for guidelines and parameters for food trucks

*#362* Doreen Wade 10 Grandview St, Framingham - "Not clear of MOU,
given to her by P & R Dept. - Request minutes from same
meeting that created MOU. Started organization called
Salem United. 2015 ²⁰¹⁶ meeting P & R discussed MOU

Carm. Dominguez - asked MS Wade for a copy

Ms. Wade - could not share date of MOU.

Coun Madore - asked for explanation of issue

*Ms. Wade - should not change rules, needs to be oversight of
the Black Organization, are rules correct. Rules seem to
change every year in Salem. Parks dept given MS Wade good feedback
to not to do that.*

Ms Wade stated she was told agreement no longer existed.

Coun. Furey - Black Picnic wonderful tradition

asked ~~city~~^{any} one of city officials to speak

Ms. Wade - feels discriminated against and uncomfortable, proved herself past 3 years

Beth Kennard: Showed draft MOU from Karen old P&R director, and read it. Could not find MOU documents, Wade referenced. Had previous meeting with all the parties including Ms. Wade. Costs of Police details discussed.

Ms. Wade corrected in 1990s another organization running this. Problem with RSP group sneezing the year before she took it over. Stay with family values.

Solicitor has not been middle man for Ms. Wade as she has contacted all city depts on own. Discussed MOU.

Beth Kennard: Oct meeting Ms. Wade requested info on what needed to be done and Beth created list of tasks.

Ms Wade - needed to understand procedures

Coun Turrel - City Council never been a part of this, City has many events and expect all policies to be the same for similar events. All treated equally.

Ms. Wade agreement can't be broken and told to start over

Coun Turrel - Not seeing agreement can't speak to it

~~End~~ continued

On the motion of C.

the meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

Trish O'Brien P&R Director - address issue that she tried to find MOU but could not, but did find minutes (Chairperson)

Chief Police Mary Butler - 277 year event and no one wants it to stop and we support and with her

Ms. Wade supports efforts of Police Chief, Wants to be treated fairly and meet on agreement

Beth Kennard believes we are all set for this year, Trish O'Brien addressed this year, and waived fees

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Solicitor ~~recommending~~ refer matter to Solicitor Motioned by Coun Trich
2nd by Councillor Madore S-O

669 Dibble suggested making it permanent with 2 lanes
existing downtown to south side of statue left towards
Beverly Right towards Congress.

Councillor Turiel suggested working well & moving statue
Coun Madore echoed C. Turiel's comments, ~~feeling~~
wants 2 lanes left & right with signage
Coun Furey make it permanent, well designed.

Coun Dominguez wants to hear from businesses and Mr. Michael
Coun Sargent brought order in after found out it
was 2 separate streets, liability when ordinances
not correct. Trial period has expired and back to
original now and is dangerous and liability.
wants traffic counts. Used Prescott & Endicott
as example. We have no traffic counts only
police reports. Before were 3 accidents and
after 3 accidents. Will support 2 lanes going
out bound. Grew up in that neighborhood and knows it.

Nick Downing, Acting Director addressed committee

Coun Sargent - asked details of 2 lanes exiting Brown Street

Coun Madore - asked about hatching/box & Nick Downing addressed

Biff Michael CEO Salem Witch Museum 3rd busiest historic site

1 busiest in Salem. Gifted about \$350,000 for sidewalk
improvements. discussed 800,000 people crossing since the
change without any problems. 16 million people have
gone thru his museum since he took it over.

Former Councillor Heather Farnico - Tour buses now larger,

Perls Penglis - New design is safer, big backup on Brown St.

Coun Furey Why not make it permanent now

Coun Madore motion ~~negative recommendation~~ to dismiss matter
Coun Sargent from committee. S-O 2nd by C. Turiel

627 public garages

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Heather Famico - passes cannot rotate between different hotel guests or others

Coun Trisiel moved to remand matter to parking and traffic Board with former Coun Famico to be invited with recommendation back to council
2nd Furey S-O

#28

Coun Dibble provided update on issue and problem

Coun Dominguez was asked to provide update on ordinance. Met once on very simple and clear ordinance similar to Boston's ordinance but Salem's draft speaks to Salem issues.

Businesses do not need
Beth Kennard gave update of draft ordinance
June 26 7:00pm public meeting

* Coun Dibble asked that those who spoke at last CED meeting be invited

Jeff Cohen discussed requirements of Salem Inns and Bed & Breakfasts, reduction of rental stock caused by short term rentals, tenants and cost to live in Salem and need for this ordinance.

Owner occupied cannot rent more than 3 rooms but should be specific to ONLY 2 ROOMS. Salem has no fee schedule like Boston does.

Brian Shannessy - member of Salem Hosting Association. Gave testimony on benefit of ~~the~~ short term rental. Salem needs a real noise ordinance. Ordinance should encourage

Alex ~~Chasak~~ Krisak - Paul Tucker suggested Alex meet with us and explain benefit of short-term rental and how the draft ordinance is too strong.

Coun Turiel commented ON tax

Coun Madore 1st time she has heard of Salem Housing Assoc & Share info.

Flora Thout - She invests in Salem and playing field needs to be leveled. She has 3 room bed & breakfast.

Explored difference between B&B ^{establishment} & B&B home. Short term rentals to not pay into tourist industry, advertising, etc.

Ordinance needs to speak to Fire, Safety, and parking.

Coun Dominguez ordinance does speak to it and needs to balance ordinance.

Flora Thout - we are displacing charming B&Bs.

Scott Sternberg - need to protect these B&Bs protect our home stock, and keep rentals.

worries that stock cost on rentals be too high.

Think of making Salem housing more affordable in this ordinance and other matters.

Matt Baldassari - Owns Stepping Stone Inn and echo what Jeff & Flora have said and specify # of rooms in new ordinance.

Beth Kennard confirmed cannot rent to 3 or more unrelated people.

Coun Dominguez motioned to ~~to~~ require City to invite those who spoke at 1st CED meeting to attend

June 26, 7pm meeting 2nd Coun Madore S-O

Coun. Turiel motioned to keep in committee 2nd by C. Domingo. S-O

#194 Coun Turiel put together Ad Hoc committee, \$300 fee, lowered to \$30 fee

Dibble - Brick & motor restaurants need to be protected

~~Coun Madore~~

Coun Turiel 2nd by Coun Furey to keep in committee with an update from Ad Hoc by end of ~~Jan~~ Dec 2018. S-O

#634 Councillor Dibble explained issue and asked for a motion to discharge

Coun. Turiel motioned 2nd Coun Furey to discharge matter motion to adjourn by Coun Furey at 9:40 pm. ~~Adj~~