



## *Committee on Soccer Fields*

December 15, 2015 – 6:30 PM – **Agenda**

Charles S. Ashley Public Meeting Room, #120

1. Written Motion, Councillors Alves and Martins, that in light of the fact that the City has put former Elco Dress site out to bid and no qualified bidders responded in time at either RFP posting, and in consideration of the recorded and documented need for additional soccer fields, requesting that the Special Committee on Soccer Fields look to work with the Administration, the Department of Public Infrastructure and Department of Public Facilities to develop the barren area into adult and youth soccer fields to encourage and benefit a large number of the local youth and community groups with their athletic programs, and to address the growing need for soccer fields in the City. (Ref'd 3/27/13)

***INVITEES: Christina Connelly, Representative of the Mayor; Ronald H. Labelle, DPI Commissioner; Kenneth F. Blanchard, Director of Facilities and Fleet Management***

***Chairman suggests taking “No Further Action” on the following matters:***

2. Written Motion, City Council President David Alves, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the representatives of the Administration and Park Department to discuss the development of one adult and one youth soccer field on the land under Route 195, West of Route 18, with access from the Cedar Grove Street Railroad underpass; in the light of the increasing demand and limited access to soccer fields, this land area, once planned and developed, would provide a valuable resource to the community and take advantage of an area that is available and will not present a noise problem to neighborhood residents. (Ref'd 11/8/07, 11/10/09-remain in Committee, 6/10/10-refer to Committee on Soccer, 11/27/12-tabled)
3. Written Motion, Councillors Alves, Saunders, Council President Martins, Councillors Gomes, Lopes, Oliveira, Coelho, Lawrence and Gonsalves requesting, that the Special Committee Soccer Fields, meet with Representatives of the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, along with the Superintendent Enos and Athletic Department, Club Recordacoes, Board of Park Commissioners and City Solicitor Markey, to discuss by what authority the Park Board had by transferring the field on Morton Avenue, which was under an agreement between the City Council and the federal government in exchange for the original field that Club Recordacoes used on Sawyer Street, and said field was assigned to Club Recordacoes by the City Council with a long-term lease.( Ref'd 10/11/12, 11/27/12- Committee draft a letter with the help of Ron Labelle and send it to Ms. Mary Jo Perry, MA Department of Transportation, District 5 Supervisor )

4. Related Motion, Councillor Saunders, requesting that the Special Committee on Soccer Fields address the maintenance issues at Riverside Park Soccer Field.(Ref'd 11/8/12, 11/27/12-Commitee contact the School Department to determine if they perhaps have the necessary equipment to do this type of project)
5. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the City Council's Special Committee on Soccer Fields meet with DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle, to outline and discuss the status of his request to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in regard to the City's use of the land between Route 18 and Purchase Street ( with an access through the opening under the railroad tracks at Cedar Grove Street) for the development of additional soccer fields to address the growing need for such fields in the City of New Bedford.(Ref'd 3/237/13)
6. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting , that the Special Committee on Soccer Fields ask Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Ron Labelle and City Solicitor John Markey, to look into who owns the recreational area ( that once housed swing sets and now has an abandoned basketball court, at the northwest corner of Washburn Street and Belleville Avenue, to determine if there is potential for the development of an additional Soccer Field (youth or adult size) to address the need for more fields in the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 4/11/13)