Appropriations Committee — Chairman Medeiros, Tramontozzi, Infurna, Boisselle, Wright, Seaboyer, McAteer-Margolis, Bird
Absent: Forbes, Mortimer
Attending: President Conn as Acting Mayor

Appropriations Committee called to order by Chairman Medeiros at 7:30 p.m.

Alderman Infurna motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor. No one comes forward. Alderman Infurna motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor.

Order No. 11-159, APPOINTMENT Of: Rabbi Arnold Fertig, 10 Sunset Rd., Melrose
To: Human Rights Commission Expiration: last day of February, 2014

Alderman McAteer-Margolis moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle.
Alderman McAteer-Margolis motions to suspend the rules, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor.

Rabbi Fertig says he has served as a rabbi in Melrose on a part-time basis for 12 years. He moved to the city a year ago. He has always been active in issues of social justice and all of those areas are appropriate with what the Melrose Human Rights Commission deals with. He has always supported the MHRC and is happy to have been asked to serve on the Commission.

Alderman McAteer-Margolis says Rabbi Fertig is an outstanding candidate for this appointment and she is very happy he is willing to volunteer on the commission.

Chairman Medeiros says this appointment is filling the expired term of Rob Chase.
On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 11-160, APPOINTMENT Of: Shawn M. MacMaster, 35 Brazil St., Melrose
To: Human Rights Commission Expiration: last day of February, 2014

Alderman Infurna moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle.

Mr. MacMaster says he has lived in Melrose for five years. He is interested in the position of Commissioner because of his work with the MHRC's ESL program, which is how he learned of the vacancy. The ESL program does wonderful things for the immigrant community. He has also been involved in MAAV which has a natural connection to the MHRC.

Alderman Bird says she has had the distinct pleasure of working with Mr. MacMaster at MAAV and is impressed with his commitment to excellence. She is not surprised he was recruited to serve as a Commissioner.

Alderman Infurna echoes Alderman Bird's comments. She also worked with Mr. MacMaster at MAAV. He is an outstanding resident of Ward 5. She thanks him for volunteering in this position.

Chairman Medeiros says there is the letter of appointment from the Mayor, filling the expired term of Mark Golub.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Alderman Boisselle motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Infurna. All in favor.

Appropriations adjourns at 7:44 p.m.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees