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>> A FOURTH -- WE ARE HERE WITH ONE OF MY FAVORITE DEPARTMENTS. THE BOSTON CENTER OF YOUTH AND FAMILIES.

I STARTED THERE IN 1987, MY FIRST PUBLIC SERVICE JOB. GREAT MEMORIES.

MET GREAT PEOPLE, LIKE CHRIS HERE.

I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE JACKSON, WHERE I STARTED. ALL THE FOLKS THERE, THE ENTIRE STAFF.

YOU DO GREAT WORK IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

SO, TODAY WE ARE HERE REGARDING THE BOSTON CENTER OF AOGT AND FAMILIES BUDGET AS IT RELATES TO DOCKETS 0356-0538 ORDERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 OPERATING BUDGET.

INCLUDING ANNUAL APPROACH RAOEUGSS FOR DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS, ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATIONS FOR OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. DOCKET 0339-0 -- CAPITOL BUDGET INCLUDING LOAN ORDERS AND LEASE, PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO REMAINED FOLKS THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING. BOTH BROADCASTED LIVE AND RECORDED ON RSN CHANNEL 82 AND COMCAST CHANNEL 8.

I REMEMBER ASK FOLKS IN THE GALLERY TO SILENCE ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES WE WILL HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. THERE IS A SIGN-IN SHEET TO MY LEFT.

WE ASK THAT YOU STATE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND ANY AFFILIATION. WE WILL TAKE WRITTEN TESTIMONY AS WELL THROUGH E-MAIL OR

WRITTEN LETTER, AS WELL.

I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUES.

CITY COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND TIM McCARTHY.

WITH THAT, WELCOME COMMISSIONER. CHRIS AND MICHAEL TO THE CHAMBER.

IT IS ALL YOURS.

>> - FINANCE.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STAFF HERE IN THE GALLERY WITH US TODAY. I HAVE BEEN THE COMMISSIONER FOR BCY FOR A LITTLE OVER A YEAR NOW.

WE HAVE EXPERIENCED MANY SUCCESSES TO PROVIDE FOR WORST YOUTH AND FAMILY.

WE WILL NEVER FOR THE DARK DAYS WE FACED LAST SUMMER.

I WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TIME, AND THANK EVERYONE SUPPORTING BCYF DURING THAT MOST DIFFICULT PERIOD. ESPECIALLY THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, THEMSELVES.

I'M HONORED TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU AS THE COMMISSIONER OF BCYF. I WANT TO THANK MAYOR WALSH FOR HIS CONFIDENCE IN ME AND THE SUPPORT OF BCYF AND THE IMPORTANT WORK WE DO.

I WANT TO THANK CHIEF IF HE LICKS ORROYO.

IN YOUR PACKET YOU HAVE DOCK UTILITIES OUTLINING OUR FY17 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OUR FY18 INITIATIVES.

I WILL TAKE A MINUTE AND HIGHLIGHT A FEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR YOU.

WE EXPANDED OUR SUMMER SUPER TEENS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE AGES OF 13-14 YEARS OF AGE TO OVER 220 KIDS THAT SERVICED AT 17 COMMUNITY CENTERS THIS. THE MOST EVER.

THIS IS THE GROUP OF POPULATION TOO COOL FOR CAMP BUT TOO YOUNG FOR SUMMER JOBS.

WE PROVIDE THEM A OPPORTUNITY FOR A CAREER, EXPLORATION AND JOB READINESS PROGRAM WE HOPE

WILL PIPELINE NO OUR SUMMER  
WORKS PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE.  
THANKS TO THE HARD WORK OF OUR  
DEVELOPMENT WORKER, THERE HAVE  
BEEN A SERIES OF GRANTS THROUGH  
A INNOVATIVE NEW APPROACH TO  
UNRESTRICTED FUNDING.  
ALLOWING THEM TO COVER INSURANCE  
ACCIDENTAL COSTS.  
THEY HAVE COVERED MORE THAN 16  
INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE ALONE.  
PROVIDING VALUABLE SUPPORT TO  
FAMILIES IN THEIR GREATEST TIME  
OF NEED.  
AFTER MANY DECADES OF VARIOUS  
OPERATING HOURS AT OUR CENTERS  
WITH NO CONSISTENCY WE UNIFIED  
THE OPERATING HOURS.  
WE FOUND THEY OPENED EARLY  
MORNINGS TO LATE EVENING,  
STRETCHING STAFF FOR MANY HOURS,  
THE KEY PROGRAMMING HOURS WERE  
BETWEEN 1-1.  
WE WERE AOEUBL TO MAKE THE  
CHANGE OF HOURS FOR SCHOOL BASED  
CENTERS FROM 2:00 TO 9:00 P.M.  
WE HAD DEEP COLLABORATION WITH  
THE COUNCIL MEMBERS IN TH +\*  
RESPECTIVE REGIONS.  
WE DID IT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE UNIONS.  
WE DID IT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THOSE UTILIZING OUR BUILDING TO  
GET TO THAT SUCCESSFUL  
CONCLUSION.  
MANY OF OUR FREE STAND CAN  
BUILDING HOURS SHIFTED IN HOURS  
AS WELL.  
FROM 6:30 TO 9:00 P.M.  
WE ADDED WEEKEND HOURS.  
THIS HAS INCREASED PARTICIPATION  
IN OUR FACILITY.  
WE HAVE INCREASED OUR  
PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATIONS  
WITH FELLOW CITY DEPARTMENTS.  
STARTING WITH THE BOSTON PUBLIC  
SCHOOL SYSTEMS.  
WE OUTLINE WHAT WE DO  
COMPLIMENTS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN  
THE SCHOOL SICKER AOU HRUPLZ.  
WORKING WITH THE ELDERLY  
COMMISSION WE HAVE INCREASED  
PROGRAMMING FOR OLDER  
BOSTONIANS.

WE HAVE A AT THE E. THRIVING  
SENIOR CENTER.

WE WORK TO PROVIDE A SAFE  
LOCATION FOR THEM TO UTILIZE AND  
MEET WITH SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE.  
WE HAVE POSTED SEVERAL WORKSHOPS  
FOR WOMEN ADVANCEMENT.

WE SUPPORT SHELTERS AND  
OPERATION FOR LARGE EVENTS AND  
SHELTERS.

WE ARE CRUCIAL PARTNER TO THE  
BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION,  
ESPECIALLY THIS YEAR, THEY  
LOOKED AT LOOKING HOW HOW TRAUMA  
WOULD BE APPROACHED AND HELPING  
INFORM THE PROCESS TO LAUNCH THE  
NEW TRAUMA TEAMS, LAUNCHED LAST  
MONTH.

WE HAVE INSTITUTED MONTHLY  
MEETINGS.

THE ACs HAVE FORMED COMMITTEES  
TO SHARE BEST PRACTICES AND  
FOCUS ON ISSUES RELATED TO  
OPERATIONS, PROGRAMS, STAFF  
APPRECIATIONS AND MOST  
IMPORTANTLY STAFF CARE.

WE THINK THAT OUR BCYF NETWORK  
HAS A EXPERTISE.

WE NEED TO BRING IT TO THE TAEBL  
AND DRAW IT OUT OF THEM.

AS WE SHAVE A SHARED VISION,  
STRATEGY AND BEST PRACTICES.  
BE CREATED AND IMPLEMENT A  
ONBOARDING PROCESS FOR NEW  
STAFF.

THE PROCESS EXPLAINS OUR  
CULTURE, PERFORMANCES AND  
PROVIDES TOOLS TO BE  
SUCCESSFULLY A SIMULATED INTO  
THE NEW EMPLOYMENT POSITION.  
WE UTILIZE AND REDESIGNED THE  
BCYF WEBSITE.

TO INCREASE NOT ONLY THE AMOUNT  
OF INFORMATION WE SHARE ABOUT  
OUR PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS  
OUTLINE BUT TO IMPROVE THE  
QUALITY AND THE ACCESSIBILITY OF  
THIS INFORMATION.

WE REDESIGNED AND LAUNCHED BCYF  
NEWS.

BCYF MONTHLY NEWS LETTER SENT TO  
7000 ACTIVE E-MAIL ACCOUNTS,  
TRIPLE THOSE WE SERVED IN THE  
OLD VERSION.

WORKING WITH THE FOUNDATION OF  
BCYF THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM  
INCREASED THE ANNUAL FUND  
RAISING TO \$300,000.

ALL GOING BACK INTO OUR CENTERS  
FOR PROGRAMMING.

THIS WAS A 20 PERCENT INCREASE  
FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR AS WELL  
AS AN ALL TIME HIGH FOR THE HOB  
NOB EVENT.

WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AND SECURED  
MANY NEW SPONSORS THROUGH THE  
YEAR SUPPORTING BCYF PROGRAMS  
LIKE THE FAMILY GYM, SUPER TEAM  
PROGRAM, SUMMER TEEN NIGHTS AND  
SUPPORT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON  
IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS.

THAT IS THE RECAP OF WHAT OUR  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN.

THOU I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOU  
THROUGH OUR NEW INITIATIVES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 1.

IN FISCAL YEAR 1 WE WILL  
IMPLEMENT A CITY WIDE PEER  
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TO SUPPORT  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP.

THIS IS THE FOCUS FOR BCYF.  
A PEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM WILL  
KEEP TEENS ENGAGED AFTER THEY  
AGE OUT OF OTHER PROGRAMS WHILE  
PROVIDING THEM WITH A JOB  
SKILLS.

WE ARE HIRING TWO FLOATING  
LIFEGUARDS THIS YEAR TO BE  
RELOCATED ON A NEEDED BASIS.  
THIS WILL HELP REDUCE OVERTIME  
AND INSURE EFFICIENCY AND  
STAFFING AT BCYF POOLS AS WE  
LOOK TO DEVELOP OUR A QUAD I CAN  
PROGRAM.

WE WILL CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT  
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CORE  
COMPETENCIES.

MORE LIKELY TO GET THEM BACK TO  
REMEMBER THE WORK THEY DO AND  
WHY THEY DO IT.

OUR ANNUAL SUMMER BLOCK PARTIES  
ARE MOVING AWAY FROM CENTER  
BASED EVENTS TO COMMUNITY EVENTS  
IN NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE WE HAVE  
IDENTIFIED THE NEED OF  
HIGH-LEVEL ENGAGEMENT.

SOMETIMES IT'S GOOD TO GET TWO  
CENTERS TOGETHER IN THE MIDDLE

OF THE COMMUNITY AND DO  
SOMETHING.  
ENGAGING PEOPLE MUCH DEEPER.  
WE WILL PARTNER WITH OUR  
FOUNDATION TO A DENT FEE  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND  
SECURE AT LEAST ONE LARGE  
INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSER AND  
SUPPORTER.  
THANK YOU FORGIVING ME THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU  
TODAY.  
IT'S AN HONOR TO WORK WITH THE  
MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL, WHO  
IS COMMITTED TO WORK WITH US TO  
CREATE SPACES WHERE TRANSFORM  
TIFF RELATIONSHIPS CAN HAPPEN.  
I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSS OUR  
FY28 BUDGET WITH YOU NOW.  
>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.  
WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY CITY  
COUNCILOR MATT O'MALLEY.  
YOU TOUCHED ON THE PEER  
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.  
I GOT MY START THERE, THE YOUTH  
OUTREACH PROGRAM.  
CHRIS IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH IT A  
POOR LEADERSHIP MODEL CAN.  
YOU KIND OF DESCRIBE THE  
STRUCTURE OF THAT PROGRAM.  
>> SURE.  
>> AND THE AGES, BACK THEN I  
BELIEVE IT WAS YOUNG TEENS.  
SO, GO AHEAD, CHRIS.  
>> THANK YOU.  
FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR  
ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE TODAY.  
OBVIOUSLY I'M EXCITED TO BE HERE  
IN FRONT OF ALL OF YOU.  
BEFORE I START I WANT TO THANK  
OUR STAFF HERE FOR THEIR  
TREMENDOUS WORK.  
I'M EXCITED WE'RE ABLE TO  
REIMPLEMENT THE PEER LEADERSHIP  
PROGRAM.  
I THINK IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT,  
THAT WE CONTINUE TO BRING THE  
VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AS WE  
ADDRESS THE ISSUES THE CITY  
FACES.  
WE HAVE TO HAVE THE VOICE OF  
YOUNG PEOPLE.  
WE ARE LOOKING AT YOUTH AND  
AGING 13-19 YEARS OF AGE WHO

WILL BE TRAINED AROUND DIFFERENT ISSUES.

PARTICULARLY SUBSTANCE ABUSE, CRIME PRAE SREPBGS, ETCETERA, NO BETTER PERSON TO GO OUT AND ADDRESS THE ISSUES THEN YOUNG PEOPLE THEMMERS ARE.

THEY DON'T LISTEN TO ME, I'M TOO OLD.

THEY CERTAINLY --

>> THEY SHOULD THOUGH WILL.

>> -- THEY CERTAINLY LISTEN TO TH +\* PEERS.

THE HOPE IS TO CREATE TEAMS IN OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS AND PROVIDE THEM TO ENGAGE OTHER TEENS.

THEY WORK CLOSELY WITH THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE MENS YOUTH COUNCIL.

>> RIGHT.

THINK IT'S IMPORTANT.

HOW MANY PEER LEADERS ARE IN A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY CENTER AT THIS POINT?

>> WE ANTICIPATE FIVE PEER LEADERS PER COMMUNITY CENTER. OF COURSE -- LOOKING TO ENGAGE OTHER TAOEBZ.

>> THAT'S THE MODEL THAT I REMEMBER.

WE USED THE TEENS FOR OUTREACH TO GET THEM FROM JUST HANGING OUT, MAYBE.

ENGAGING IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR GETTING THEM INVOLVED IN MORE POSITIVE ACTIVITIES.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT -- SOME OF THE PROGRAMS WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, YOU KNOW, THEY WOULD BRING THE PROGRAMS TO THE DEVELOPMENT.

THE KIDS WOULD JUST STAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT.

SOMETIMES AS MUCH AS I AGREE THAT WE NEED PROGRAMMING FOR THE KIDS IN THE DEVELOPMENT, WE ALSO HAVE TO GET THEM OUT OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE BROADER NEIGHBORHOOD.

GET THEM INVOLVED IN SOCCER

PROGRAMS WHERE THEY'RE -- YOU KNOW, COMMUNICATING WITH OTHER TEAMS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

BREAKDOWN THE KIND OF TERRITORIAL BARRIERS SOMETIMES. I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT, THAT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED AND THE MODEL IS BEING IMPLEMENTED.

ARE WE DOING THAT IN HOUSE OR CONTRACTING?

BACK IN THE DAY IT WAS A CONTRACT.

>> WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING TOWARDS EXTERNAL FUNDING THIS TIME.

WE WILL HAVE TO, YOU KNOW PARTNER WITH OTHER FOLKS TO MAKE THIS COME TO FRUITION.

WE HAVE BEEN TALK WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS.

TO YOUR POINT THINK AS WE THINK ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, YOU KNOW THEY'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT ASSETS IN THE CITY AND ADDRESS THE VOICE OF YOUTH WE CAN GO A LONG WAY WITH IT.

>> I WENT TO THE EVENT END HOUSE.

WE PARTNER WITH THE WEST END HOUSE AND YMCA.

MY COMMUNITY HAS BEEN THAT WAY FOR A LONG TIME.

THE YMCA FOR ME MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE FOR MALE ROLL MODELS I DIDN'T HAVE AT HOME.

JUST -- YOU KNOW WE DON'T DOWN I WILL CATION OR COMPETE.

WE JUST WORK WELL TOGETHER.

I'M REALLY FORTUNATE THAT THIS HAS BEEN LIKE THAT IN BRIGHT ON. I NOTICE YOUR BUDGET IS GOING UP, I AM A LITTLE OVER ONE PERCENT.

I ALSO NOTICE THAT THE PERSONNEL LINE WENT UP 335,000.

CAN YOU KIND OF GO OVER, YOU OBVIOUSLY HAD TO MAKE SOME TRACES AND PRIORITIES IN HOW YOU, HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO GET, YOU KNOW, MORE PERSONNEL IT



SEEMS OUT OF A SMALLER BUDGET  
MAYBE GOING UP.

>> BEFORE I -- I WANT TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE WE HAVE BEEN JOINED  
BY OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
MICHELLE WU.

>> I WILL LET MIKE BRING IT UP.  
>> YES, COUNCILLOR, PART IS THE  
TWO ADDITIONAL FLOATING LIFE  
GUARD POSITIONS.

THE OTHER PART IS WE SETTLED A  
STEP GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENT WITH  
THE UNION.

WE HAD ISSUES WITH PART-TIME  
EMPLOYEES WHO MISSED STEP  
INCREASES.

SO THOSE FOLKS BUDGETED LAST  
YEAR ARE ACTUALLY BUDGETED  
SEVERAL STEPS ABOVE THE PROEUR  
YEAR.

THAT ALSO INCREASES -- ACCOUNT  
FOR THE INCREASE INCLUDING THE  
TWO POSITIONS.

>> OKAY.

>> I'M LOOKING AT OVERTIME.  
I KNOW OVERTIME IS HARD TO  
PROJECT, MAYBE, SOMETIMES.  
I THINK LAST YEAR I WENT OVER  
ABOUT -- IT WENT OVER ABOUT  
60,000.

PERCENTAGE WISE THAT'S QUITE  
SIGNIFICANT.

CAN YOU SPEAK TO HOW AWE  
APPROPRIATE THE OVERTIME BUDGET.

>> SURE, OVERTIME, WE'RE VERY  
STRICT ON OVERTIME.

WE DON'T WANT THAT TO GET TOO  
OUT OF CONTROL.

WE HAVE TO BALANCE THAT WITH  
SAFETY.

THE LIFE GUARD COVERAGE.

THIS IS THE REASON WE, WE WORK  
WITH THE BUDGET OFFICE AND THEY  
WERE KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE US THE  
TWO FLOATING LIFE GUARD  
POSITIONS.

MONEY, WE WANT TO KEEP THE  
BUDGET LEAN AND KEEP THINGS IN  
LINE.

WE WON'T SACRIFICE SAFETY.  
A LOT OF THAT IS LIFE GUARD  
OVERTIME.

WE WANT THE FLOATING LIFE GUARDS  
TO COVER IT WE HAVE THINGS SUCH

AS MILITARY LEAVE THAT NEEDS TO BE COVERED.

FLMA AND MEDICAL LEAVES.

THEY CREATE MAJOR PROBLEMS THAT HAVE TO BE FILLED.

A LOT OF TIMES THAT'S THROUGH OVERTIME.

WE HOPE THE TWO FLOATING LIFEGUARDS ALLEVIATE THAT OVERTIME TO KEEP IT FROM GETTING TOO FAR OUT OF CONTROL.

>> I THINK THAT'S A GREAT PROACTIVE MOVE.

WE HAVE HAD THE DISCUSSIONS OVER THE YEARS, HOW DIFFICULT IT'S TO RECRUIT LIFE GUARDS.

IT'S A SHORT TIME FRAME WE'RE EMPLOYING THEM.

I APPLAUD YOU GUYS FOR THAT.

LET ME RECOGNIZE COUNCILLOR JACKSON AND COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YOUR QUESTIONS?

>> YES, THANK YOU.

MICHAEL, YOU ARE ENGAGED.

I WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BUDGET AS IT WAS APPROPRIATED LAST YEAR.

SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS WE HAVE HAD BEFORE US, THE APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 17, MAYBE THE FINAL DOLLAR AMOUNT HASN'T CHANGED.

THERE WERE SHIFTS IN CAT FOR HE'S.

CAN YOU TELL US WHETHER THIS WILL BE ACTUAL, WHAT WAS APPROPRIATED LAST YEAR WITH THE SHIFTS OF THE FUNDING.

>> SO WE DO SOMETIMES DO TRANSFERS WITHIN THE BUDGET. I THINK THAT'S WHAT MAYBE YOU'RE --

>> IT'S ANTICIPATED.

I'M CURIOUS.

YOU ARE REFERENCING THE DOCUMENTS IT WAS APPROPRIATED LAST YEAR.

I WONDER HOW CLOSE TO TRUE THE NUMBERS STILL ARE FOR FISCAL YEAR 17.

>> OKAY.

I THINK OUR LARGEST LINE ITEM IS PERMANENT EMPLOYEES.

USUALLY IT THERE IS SALARY SAVINGS THERE.

WE MOVE THAT AROUND WITHIN THE BUDGET TO COVER DEFICITS ON OTHER LINES.  
THINK THE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES WILL BE PRETTY ACCURATE.  
WE HAVE MADE TRANSFERS INTO KORPB TRACTED SERVICES IN THE BUDGET OFFICE THIS YEAR.  
THEY WORKED WITH US FOR AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE CONTRACTING SERVICES FOR FY18 THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY HELD IN AN ACCOUNT IN THE CAPITOL BUDGET FOR CRITICAL REPAIRS.  
SO THEY WILL MOVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING INTO THE CONTRACTS AND SERVICES LINE.  
THIS IS USUALLY A LINE WE HAVE TO SUPPLEMENT.  
ALONG WITH OVERTIME.  
THE CONTACTED SERVICE R-TZ FUNDS WE USE TO REPAIR THE FACILITIES AND MAKE, MAKE REPAIRS AND THINGS LIKE THAT.  
THAT CAN GET MORE THAN WE USUALLY BUDGET.  
WE WILL MAKE A TRANSFER INTO THAT LINE.  
LIKE I SAID, PERMANENT EMPLOYEES AND THINGS, WE FEEL ARE PRETTY, YOU KNOW PRETTY ON TARGET TO WHAT YOU SEE.  
>> TWO ADDITIONAL LIFEGUARDS. I'M THRILLED ABOUT THAT.  
WATER SAFETY IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT.  
THAT, THAT IS FOR FISCAL YEAR 18.  
WILL WE SEE A SIMILAR BUMP IN THE OVERTIME AT THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 17?  
>> SO, YOU KNOW WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF BRINGING ON 72 SEASONAL POSITIONS TO COVER THE SUMMER.  
THAT -- THEY USUALLY DON'T START UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF JUNE.  
THE OVERTIME, LIKE I SAID AGAIN WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO MOVE CURRENT LIFEGUARDS AROUND.  
WHICH WE DON'T, YOU KNOW, YOU JUST KIND OF -- ROB PETE TORE PAY PAUL.  
WE ARE JUST TRYING TO DO THAT,

TRYING TO OFFSET SOME OVERTIME  
AND COVER LEAVES WE.  
HAVE THE OVERTIME YOU MAY SEE  
ADDITIONAL OVER TIME.  
WE ARE YOU THIS THE WINTER  
THARBGSZ GOOD.  
SOMETIMES WITH THE SHOW REMOVAL  
THERE IS OVERTIME.  
WE MAY SEE OVERTIME WITH THE  
LIFEGUARDS UNTIL WE BRING ON  
SEASONAL FOLKS.  
WE HAVE LEAVES AND VACANCIES  
WE'RE DEALING WITH.  
WE HOPE THE TWO FLOATING  
LIFEGUARDS.  
THEY'RE WORKING THROUGH THIS  
WITH THE UNION TO MAKE SURE  
THEY'RE ONBOARD NOW WE KNOW THE  
TWO POSITIONS HAVE BEEN  
PROPOSED.  
THEY WILL HAVE HOME LOCATIONS  
BUT AT OUR DISPOSAL NARD TO  
WHERE THERE IS A NEED.  
WE CAN INFORM THEM YOU ARE  
NEEDED HERE AND HERE.  
WE HOPE TO SEE A REDUCTION IN 18  
TO REFLECT THAT TO SEE IF THAT  
CAN HELP SOME OF THE OVERTIME.  
>> ST-Z NOT A PROBLEM TO HAVE  
THE OVERTIME IF WE NEED TO USE  
IT, IT'S THE FINANCIAL PLANNING  
FOR IT.  
>> -- LEVEL FUNDED AGAIN FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 18 AT 103.  
THAT'S A HUGE DISCREPANCY --  
50 PERCENT LESS.  
I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE CAN COVER  
THE COSTS AND PLAN FOR THE COSTS  
APPROPRIATELY.  
>> YES THE OVERTIME BUDGET, IT'S  
HARD TO PREDICT ON WHERE WE WILL  
LAN.  
NOW WITH THE ADDITION OF THE TWO  
FLOATING LIFEGUARDS WE HOPE THAT  
HELPS TO ALLEVIATE IT.  
LEVEL FUNDING AT 103 AND WE USE  
OTHER AREAS TO COMPENSATE.  
IT'S A HARD LINE ITEM TO  
PREDICT.  
WE RUN INTO THAT SOMETIMES IT'S  
A LITTLE OVER WHAT WE EXPECTED.  
>> GREAT, THANK YOU.  
THANK YOU FOR THAT.  
COMMISSIONER, YOU MENTIONED YOUR

RELATIONSHIP WITH BPS.  
THINK IT'S FANTASTIC.  
WE NEED TO OUR V. OUR CITIES  
DEPARTMENTS INTER CONNECTED.  
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS  
THAT HAVE MOVED TO A 4-10 AND A  
NUMBER MORE COMING ON-LINE FOR  
THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR.  
I KNOW THERE IS CONVERSATION  
BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND YOUTH  
CENTERS TO MAKE SURE THERE IS  
PROGRAM AGO VAILABLE FOR THE  
KIDS THAT WILL BE DISMISSED AT  
410.  
MY KIDS ATTEND -- SOUTH BOSTON  
AND THE CURLY RECREATIONAL  
CENTER AFTER SCHOOL.  
FOR MY KIDS FOR SURE AND ALL OF  
OUR KIDS ACROSS THE CITY WILL WE  
HAVE ENOUGH PROGRAMMING  
AVAILABLE TO MEET THE NEEDS?  
NOT JUST UNTIL THE 410 ENDS WITH  
YOU STRETCH THE AVERAGE FOR OUR  
KIDS ACROSS THE DISTRICT?  
>> YES, YOU KNOW WE HAVE BEEN  
ANTICIPATING THE CHANGE IN HOURS  
AS WELL.  
WE HAVE BEEN HAVING GOOD  
CONVERSATIONS WITH BPS.  
NOT JUST AROUND THE CHANGE AND  
SHIFT IN HOURS BUT INTENTIONAL  
ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BPS.  
I THINK WE HAVE 19 SHARED  
SPACES.  
IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO  
SUPPORT THE GREAT EDUCATION  
TAKING PLACE IN OUR SCHOOL  
SITES.  
SO, YOU KNOW TO THE HOURS,  
ADJUSTING THE HOURS, THERE WILL  
HAVE ADEQUATE STAFF TO PROVIDE  
THE QUALITY SERVICES THAT  
FAMILIES HAVE COME TO EXPECT  
FROM BCYF.  
WE DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY ISSUES  
IN TERMS OF PROVIDING ACCESS TO  
THE QUALITY PROGRAMS.  
OF COURSE PARTNER WITH THEM.  
THE AGENCIES WE PARTNERSHIP, THE  
DEPARTMENTS WE PARTNER WITH.  
MORE IMPORTANTLY PARTNER WITH  
THE PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE THE  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES.  
>> GREAT, SEAN WHO RUNS THE

PROGRAM, MOST CONNECTED TO MY  
KIDS HAS DONE A FABULOUS JOB.  
MY BOYS ARE IN AFTER SCHOOL  
PROGRAMMING.

I WOULD SAY MY SIXTH GRADER WHO  
IS 12 ALMOST 13 IS MAYBE FEELING  
A LITTLE OLD FOR THE PROGRAM,  
WHATEVER THAT IS WORTH.

I WILL SAVE THE REST OF MY  
QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND.  
THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR TIM McCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU, VERY MUCH

MR. CHAIR.

WELCOME TO THE FLOOR, EVERYBODY.

I WANT TO START OUT WITH  
SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO  
DO WITH MY DISTRICT.

I DON'T WANT TO STEAL MY GOOD  
FRIEND MATT OWE MALLY FROM  
DISTRICT SIX.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT -- AT  
LENGTH.

MATT AND I WERE AT AN EVENT ON  
SATURDAY PROBABLY 500 SENIORS  
THERE.

AS MATT AND I WALKED AROUND ALL  
WE TALKED ABOUT AT TABLE AFTER  
TABLE IS HOW THE SENIORS ARE NOT  
WELCOMED IN THE BUILDING NOW  
FROM 9:00 TO 1:00.

THAT'S A 40-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM.  
MAYBE NOT WELCOMED IS A BIT  
STRONG.

BUT THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN  
CHANGED.

YOU KNOW SOMEONE LISTENING TO  
SENIORS AS WELL AS THE KIDS OUT  
THERE THIS HAS BECOME AN  
ENORMOUS ISSUE.

I THOUGH YOU'RE AWARE OF THE  
ISSUE AND THE PROGRAM.

I KNOW COUNCILLOR WOO IS

WU IS INVOLVED AT WELL.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THE SENIORS  
HAVE A PLACE TO GO.

THEY CAN'T BE THEIR WITH THE  
KIDS ARE SPRINTING AROUND.

MY DAD IS 88 WITH A WALKER.

IF HE'S GOING DOWN THE HALL AND  
THERE ARE TEN 10-YEAR-OLDS  
RUNNING DOWN THE HALL THERE IS A  
PROBLEM.

HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE

THIS.

>> I WILL TAKE THIS QUESTION.  
THE COMMISSIONER AND I HAVE BEEN  
VERY RESPONSIVE TO THE CONCERNS  
MANY TIMES THERE.

WITH THE FOLKS FROM THE COUNCIL  
OVER THIS, THE MAYOR IS INVOLVED  
AND CONCERNED AND WORKING  
CLOSELY.

WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY TO  
ADDRESS THIS.

DURING THE HOURS CHANGE WE MADE  
A CONCESSION TO ALLOW OUR STAFF  
PERSON TO STAY THERE FROM THE  
BCYF SIDE TO MAINTAIN BUILDING  
ACCESS FOR ALL PROGRAMS.

SHE'S THERE DURING THE DAY TO  
MAINTAIN ACCESS.

THERE IS CURRENTLY A COUNCIL RAN  
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM THAT RUNS EVEN  
WITH THE CHANGE OF HOURS.

THE COUNCIL HIRES THE SENIOR  
COORDINATOR WHO RUNS THE SENIOR  
PROGRAM.

THEY HAVE, THEY HAVE BEEN  
RELUCTANT TO HIRE THAT PERSON TO  
RUN THE PROGRAM.

THEY'RE OLDING OUT FOR US TO  
MOVE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR  
TO THE DAYTIME.

WE HAVE MADE A SHIFT IN THE  
HOURS ACROSS THE PROGRAM.

WE WANT THE SENIOR PROGRAM TO  
CONTINUE AS WE WANT THE  
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO CONTINUE.

WE HAVE COME TO THE POINT WE  
DON'T KNOW WHY THEY WON'T  
ACCOMMODATE THE SENIORS.

WE WANT THEM THERE.

THEY'RE WELCOMED TO BE THERE.

AGAIN I HAVE SAID THE  
COMMISSIONER AND I HAVE TRIED  
WORKING WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE  
TO GET THAT PROGRAM UP AND  
RUNNING AGAIN.

WE NEVER HIRED THE SENIOR  
DIRECTOR POSITION.

IT'S ALWAYS A COUNCIL HIRED  
POSITION.

WE WANT THEM TO FILL AND HAVE  
EXPRESSED OUR EAGERNESS TO SEE  
THEM FILL THE POSITION.

WE DON'T WANT THAT PROGRAM TO GO  
AWAY.

WE WERE CLEAR THROUGH THE CHANGE OF HOURS AND OPERATION, CONVERSATION WE WANTED TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO ANY PROGRAMS THERE BEFORE.

AGAIN THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM OPERATINGS WITH OUR SUPPORT, THE EMPLOYEE WORKING THERE.

WE MAINTAINED THE FRONT DESK PERSON TO MAINTAIN SECURITY LIKE WE WERE ASKED TO DO.

AT THIS POINT WE HAVE COME TO A LITTLE BIT OF A, YOU KNOW, ROAD BLOCK HERE WITH THE HOURING OF THAT POSITION.

AGAIN OUR PLAN TO CHANGE HOURS WAS TO KEEP COORDINATORS ACROSS THE BOARD AT SCHOOL SITES IN THE EVENINGS.

WE HAVE TRIED TO MAINTAIN THAT AND HAVE MADE MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS TO BE ACCOUNTABLE AND EXPLAIN OUR POSITION TO THEM.

WE'RE AT A ROAD BLOCK AT TPHOEUPBT.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND JEROME SMITH ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH FOLKS TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.

>> OKAY.

>> SO, THROUGH THE CHAIR IF I COULD ALLOW COUNCILLOR, IF YOU WOULD ALLOW COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY TO ASK HIS QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU?

>> YES.

>> AT THIS, MR. CHAIR AND COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

I APPRECIATE THAT, GENTLEMEN.

I KNOW YOU HAVE A VERY GO DEMANDING JOB AND TOUGH JOB.

MICHAEL, I CAN'T ACCEPT WE'RE AT A ROADBLOCK.

WE DON'T NEED TO BORE ANYONE WITH THE DETAILS.

WE WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER.

PARTICULARLY COUNCILLOR SEE OMO CIOMMO.

THOSE CONNECTED WITH SCHOOLS AND MULTIPLE PROGRAMMING.

YOU SEE A DISPORTION ATE NUMBER OF SENIOR PROGRAMS IN ROXBURY AND BRIGHT ON THIS.



NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT AND  
WORKED OUT NOW.  
THE COUNCIL IS SAYING THEY HAVE  
COMPELLING ARGUMENTS ON THEIR  
SIDE THEY'RE UNABLE TO RUN  
SENIOR PROGRAMMING WITHOUT A  
SITE COORDINATOR ON-SITE.  
OTHERWISE THEY TAKE THE  
LIABILITY.  
I HEAR FROM YOU THAT'S NOT TRUE  
AND IN EFFECT.  
THEY HAVE A DOCUMENT WE HAVE  
SEEN, IT SUGGESTS OTHERWISE.  
WE NEED TO FIGURE THIS OUT.  
25 PERCENT OF MY CONSTITUENTS  
ARE SENIORS.  
WE HAVE SOME OF THE BEST  
PROGRAMMING THERE IN WEST ROCKS  
BURRY . WELL USED AND IT'S A  
UNIQUE SITUATION ATTACHED TO A  
SCHOOL, TWO DIFFERENT ENTRANCES.  
APPRECIATE YOUR ACCOMMODATION  
KEEPING ONE STAFF MEMBER THERE  
FOR STAFF AND THE DOOR.  
THE COMMUNITY CENTER COUNCIL,  
THESE ARE KWOD PEOPLE, THEY DO A  
LOT OF WORK FOR NO PAY, THEY  
LOVE THE PROGRAM.  
THEY DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE  
CONTINUING THIS PROGRAMMING  
UNTIL -- UNTIL AND UNLESS THEY  
GET A CLEAR DIRECTIVE FROM THE  
ADMINISTRATION.  
NOT SAYING IT'S ON YOU THREE BUT  
THEY'RE GETTING SOME MIXED  
MESSAGES FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON  
IN TERMS WHAT HAD THEY CAN DO  
AND WHAT THEY CAN NOT DO.  
THEY WOULD RATHER AIR ON THE  
SIDE OF CAUTION.  
SO, MY -- I BEG YOU OF WE NEED  
TO FIGURE THIS OUT.  
SENIORS HAVE KWON OUT  
PROGRAMMING SINCE OCTOBER.  
THERE ARE TREMENDOUSLY  
SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS ON HOLD.  
PEOPLE ARE UPSET AND CONCERNED.  
WE NEED TO FIX THIS, FIX THIS  
NOW.  
>> YES, AGREE WITH YOU,  
COUNCILLOR.  
I KNOW WE HAVE HAD THE  
CONVERSATIONS AROUND MY ABILITY.  
WE HAVE EXPRESSED TO THE COUNCIL

US HAVING THE CITY, AN  
ADDITIONAL CITY EMPLOYEE THERE  
WON'T INCREASE OR DECREASE THE  
COUNCIL'S LIABILITY.  
IF THERE IS A LIABILITY IT WILL  
FALL, THEY'RE INDEPENDENT  
ORGANIZATION, A CITY EMPLOYEE AT  
THE SITE WILL NOT LIMIT, WE'RE  
NOT GOING TO INDEMNIFY A THIRD  
PARTY.  
WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT MULTIPLE  
TIMES.  
THE LIABILITY FOR THEM WON'T  
CHANGE IF AN ADDITIONAL CITY  
PERSON IS THERE.  
WE HAVE MADE THAT CLEAR TO THEM.  
>> YOU CAN MAKE IT CLEAR, BUT  
IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THEY HAVE  
A DOCUMENT, AN MOU GOING BACK TO  
THE 70s OR THE 80s THAT SAID  
OTHERWISE.  
THEY STILL HAVEN'T -- THEY HAVE  
REQUESTED A RULING OR LEGAL  
INTERPRETATION FROM THE  
CORPORATION COUNCIL OFFICE.  
SOME ATTORNEY AND STILL HAVEN'T  
RECEIVED THAT.  
THAT'S THE HESITANT ON THEIR  
END.  
>> WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO THE  
DEPARTMENT THE DOCUMENT IS NO  
LONGER BINDING BECAUSE OF IT'S  
AGE.  
IT'S FROM 1974.  
MUCH OF THE DOCUMENT IS OB  
SLEET.  
WE HAVE EXPRESSD THAT AND  
CONSULTED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.  
THE DOCUMENT IS NOT BINDING.  
THERE ARE OUTDATED THINGS IN THE  
DOCUMENT.  
IT WAS FROM THE ORIGINAL NATION.  
>> WHY NOT DO A NEW DOCUMENT.  
>> THAT'S WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING.  
A NEW MOU TO SPELL OUT WHAT IS  
HAPPENING WITH THE CURRENT  
TIMES.  
WHEN YOU TALK TO THE DOCUMENT  
YOU TALK ABOUT A TIME WHEN THE  
WORK FORCE OF BOSTON CENTERS AND  
BOSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAS NOT  
EVEN A UNION.  
THE THREE THINGS THE OPERATION  
COMMITTEE CAME UP WITH IS MOUs

WITH THE SCHOOL AND COUNCIL.  
THEY HAVE FOUND -- LASTLY THE  
DATA.  
ONE OF THE THINGS WE WANT TO DO  
IS PULL IN THE COUNCIL TO  
ACTUALLY BEGIN A SESSION ABOUT  
HOW DO WE HAVE THAT MOU  
DISCUSSION.  
IT CLEARLY SPEAKS TO THIS TIME.  
REFERENCES ONE FROM 1974 WHERE  
THE WORK FORCE STRUCTURE WAS  
TOTALLY DIFFERENT.  
>> SO WHEN ARE WE MEETING AND  
HAMMERING OUT THE NEW MOU?  
>> WE HAVE DONE PRELIMINARY  
DRAFTS.  
WE'RE WORKING WITH OUR PROGRAMS  
COMMITTEE MADE UP OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATORS AND  
MEETING WITH THE SITE COUNCILS  
TO HAVE THEM DIN THE PROCESS.  
MY GOAL IS TO HOPEFULLY SEE, OR  
BCYfs GOAL IS TO SEE BY  
SEPTEMBER.  
SO IT'S THERE SPELLED OUT.  
>> SO MY SENIORS HAVE TO WAIT  
THROUGH THE STRING AND THE  
SUMMER?  
NO PROGRAMMING?  
>> NORMALLY SUMMER WE GO TO  
SUMMER CAMP.  
IT DOESN'T GET QUICKLY DOMINATED  
AGAIN BY THE SUMMER NEED.  
THEN YOU HAVE THE AFTER SCHOOL  
PROGRAM BECOMES -- THE SUMMER  
CAMP PROGRAM.  
THEY USE MORE OF THE SQUARE  
FOOTAGE.  
NORMALLY IT DOESN'T MAKE IT  
INCLUSIVE.  
YOU CAN'T HAVE ADULTS IN RATIO  
NOT PART OF THE STAFFING  
STRUCTURE IN THE BUILDING  
BECAUSE OF THE CITY.  
>> ARE YOU COMMITTED TO, THIS I  
KNOW.  
YOU'RE A PARENT --  
>> I'M A PARENT, MY KIDS --  
>> ACCESS TO ME IS THEM.  
I'M THEIR EVERY NIGHT TO PICK UP  
MY CHILDREN.  
I'M AMAZED I'M IN THE BUILDING  
WITH MEETINGS HAPPENING AND I  
HAVEN'T BEEN INVITED.

>> I THINK -- I THINK THERE IS  
IS ABACK AND FORTH PROBLEM.  
I NEED A WILLINGNESS TO FIX THIS  
AND KNOW IT'S BEING FIXED WITH A  
SHORT-TERM, STOP SHORT MEASURE.  
MY REQUEST, COMMISSIONER, IS AT  
THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING  
PLEASE CALL CATHY AND DAVE.  
FIND A TIME I'M HAPPY TO ATTEND.  
I'M HAPPY TO NOT ATTEND,  
WHATEVER IS HELPFUL.  
WE NEED TO FIX THIS NOW.  
I APPRECIATE THE IDEA SOMETHING  
COULD BE IN PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.  
THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.  
I NEED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING  
RIGHT NOW TO ADDRESS THIS AND  
GIVE THE SENIORS THEIR  
PROGRAMMING.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN.

>> TO PIGGY BACK ON THAT A  
LITTLE BIT.

BECAUSE JACKSON MAN HAD AN MOU  
WITH BPS HAS THAT BEEN ADDRESSED  
OR LOOKED AT AS OB SLEET TOO?  
DO WE NEED ONE WITH BPS AGAIN,  
AN UPDATED VERSION.

>> YES.

THEY'RE WORKING ON.

THAT I STARTED THE CONVERSATION  
WITH BPS ON THAT.

SINCE HE HAS MOVED INTO A NEW  
ROLL.

IT'S IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING  
BOTH MOUs.

THE BPS IS NOT AS OLD AS 1974

IT'S 2009.

IT'S MORE RECENT.

WE'RE USING THAT AS A MODEL BUT  
WE'RE WORKING TO UPDATE BOTH  
MOUs FOR A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING  
OF RULES AND EXPECT TAKES.

>> YES.

NECESSARY TO UPDATE THE MOUs  
ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY'RE OVER 40  
YEARS OLD.

>> LET ME RECOGNIZE WE HAVE BEEN  
JOINED BY JOSH SAKUM AND ANDREA  
CAMPBELL.

YOU STILL HAVE TIME.

>> GREAT.

I THINK THE FRUSTRATION YOU SEE  
FROM MATT AND I, IT'S THE

FRUSTRATIONS OF THE SENIORS.  
THIS STARTED IN OCTOBER.  
NOW IT'S OCTOBER, NOW IT'S MAY.  
SO NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT  
SEPTEMBER.  
NOW WE'RE GETTING INTO A WHOLE  
YEAR OF SENIORS NOT BEING ABLE  
TO DO SOMETHING THEY HAVE BEEN  
DOING FOR 40 YEARS.  
I AGREE WITH MATT.  
JUST LIKE MATT OFFERED.  
IT'S HIS DISTRICT.  
IF HE IS SPEAR HEADING I WOULD  
LOVE TO BE PART OF IT BUT IF WE  
DON'T NEED IT, THAT'S GOOD TOO.  
I HAVE PLENTY EVE MEETINGS TO GO  
TO.  
WE NEED IT TO GET WRAPPED UP.  
CAN YOU TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT THE  
SUNDAY SITES DURING THE SUMMER.  
HOW MANY KIDS WE EXPECT TO GET.  
AS YOU KNOW I HAVE BEEN WORKING  
WITH KIDS FOR A LONG LONG TIME.  
>> I HAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE  
FAMILY LIFE WORK BALANCE.  
I'M CONCERNED SUNDAYS ARE  
DEDICATED TO A GYM, IT'S A HOT  
SUMMER DAY AND NOBODY WANTS TO  
GO INTO A COMMUNITY CENTER.  
>> COUNCILLOR WE'RE PROMISING  
ABOUT THE FOLKS THAT WE SERVICE.  
YOU KNOW THEY DON'T HAVE THE  
LUXURY OF GOING AWAY FOR THE  
WEEKEND.  
TO BE HONEST WITH YOU I HAVE  
HEARD STORIES OF KIDS LEAVING  
THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON A FRIDAY  
AND ASKING WHEN THEY CAN COME  
BACK.  
THERE IS A NEED OUT THERE.  
WE HAVE 7-DAY SITES THE PAST  
FIVE OR SIX MONTHS, 40 PERCENT  
INCREASE USAGE FROM LAST YEAR  
OVER THE WEEKENDS.  
WE HAVE THE SHELLBURN COMMUNITY  
CENTER IT'S AIR CONDITIONED AND  
THE DIM.  
IT'S COOL ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.  
THOSE NUMBERS DON'T INCLUDE THE  
EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY CENTER YET  
TO BE ON-LINE, THAT WILL BE  
SOON.  
THAT WILL BE ANOTHER 7-DAY SITE  
WITH A FULLY AIR CONDITIONED GYM

AND BUILDING.

THOSE NUMBERS ARE PROMISING TO US.

WE FEEL THERE ARE FAMILIES AND KIDS THAT MAY GET OUT OF TOWN FOR THE WEEKEND BUT AGAIN WE HEAR THE STORIES OF KIDS THAT CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK.

BEING I BELIEVE TO HAVE A PLACE FOR THOSE KIDS TO GO 7 DAYS A WEEK.

SOME OF THE FACILITIES HAVE HAD MAJOR INVESTMENTS.

A COOL PLACE FOR THEM TO GET OUT AND PLAY.

SEVERAL HAVE ROCK WALLS AND GYMS.

THE FACILITIES ARE -- THE KIDS ARE EXCITED TO BE IN AND WOULD BE LONGER IF THEY'RE OPENED LONGER.

WE HOPE TO SEE THE NUMBERS CONTINUE YOU THIS THE SUMMER.

WITH REGARDS TO THE STAFF, WE NEVER WANT TO -- WE KNOW FAMILY LIFE.

WE ALL HAVE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.

WE GET IT.

YOU KNOW, WE SIGN UP AS PUBLIC SERVICE.

YOU KNOW WE, ALL OF US HERE PUT IN OUR HOURS WELL OUTSIDE OF OUR HOURS AND OUR STAFF HAS THAT DETERMINATION AS WELL AND CONVICTION TO DO THAT ALSO.

I KNOW IT'S NOT ALWAYS GREAT BUT WE APPRECIATE OUR STAFF TAKING THIS ON THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AND HAVE REALLY TAKEN THIS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

WE REALIZE THE BALANCE.

AGAIN WE HAVE A LOT OF CONSTRAINTS TO WORK WITH, IN REGARDS TO THE CONTRACTS.

THAT THEY'RE PUTTING IN TH +\* HOURS AND HAVE THE DAYS OFF.

WE HAVE MADE A LOT OF CONCESSIONS TO MAKE SURE THE FOLKS THAT HAD HARDSHIPS WERE MOVED AROUND WHEN WE WORKED THROUGH THIS WITH THE UNION.

WE GET IT.

BEING COMMUNITY CENTERS, OUR

KIDS NEED US MORE THAN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

WE APPRECIATE THE STAFF MAKING THIS WORK AND HAVE BEEN GOOD ABOUT TAKING ON THE HOURS AND BEING ACCESSIBLE.

WE DEFINITELY REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BALANCE.

WE APPRECIATE WHAT FOLKS HAVE GIVEN TO US.

>> YES, COLLECTING THE DATA ON SUNDAY WILL BE IMPORTANT.

ESPECIALLY GOING FORWARD WITH THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR.

THANKS.

>> COUNCILLOR WU.

>> THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING.

I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING A LITTLE LATE.

MAYBE SOME OF THIS WILL BE REPETATIVE FROM THE OPENING STATEMENTS.

CAN YOU JUST GO OVER WHAT EXACTLY IS THE PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING STRUCTURE WITH THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITY CENTER SITES.

WHICH ONE, DOES EVERYONE HAVE A COUNCIL, HOW MANY ARE THERE? WHO IS MAKING DECISIONS AROUND PERSONNEL?

>> SO, SOME -- PROBABLY TO, UPWARDS OF 20 SITES HAVE SITE COUNCILS.

THE OTHER ONES THAT DO NOT PARTNER WITH THE -- BCYF FOUNDATION.

THEY -- THEY'RE THE FISCAL MANAGEMENT FOR FUNDS THEY HAVE. THEY ALL HAVE SOME SORT OF, YOU KNOW, ALTERNATE DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO THEM OUTSIDE OF THE CITY BUDGET WITH.

REGARDS TO STAFFING IT'S A SHARED, OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE CITY PERM TPHPBTD BUDGETED POSITIONS WE HIRE.

WE HIRE -- THE INDEPENDENT 501C P ORGANIZATIONS.

THEY HIRE THEIR OWN STAFF TO COMPLIMENT THE CITY STAFF AND PROGRAMMING STAFF.

THEY MAY HIRE SUMMER CAMP STAFF, AFTER SCHOOL STAFF, FITNESS

INSTRUCTORS AND THINGS LIKE.  
THAT IT'S A CORE CITY STAFF AT  
EACH SITE.  
WHICH IS COMPLIMENTED BY COUNCIL  
STAFF THAT THEY HIRED TO RUN  
SOME OF THE, SOME OF THE  
PROGRAMS THERE.  
>> I READ DECISIONS THEN IN  
COORDINATION ARE BECAUSE THE  
SITE COUNCILLORS ARE  
INDEPENDENT.  
DO THEY GET COMPLETE CONTROL  
OVER THE HOURING DECISIONS?  
WHO WILL THEY CHOOSE, WHAT TYPES  
OF STAFF TO BRING ON.  
>> YES, ULTIMATELY THEY'RE  
INDEPENDENT AND A 501C.  
WE PARTNER, THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE  
TO HIRE THEM.  
THEY MAY ASK OUR STAFF TO INPUT  
THE HIRINGS.  
ULTIMATELY THEIR EMPLOYER IS THE  
SITE COUNCIL.  
THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
HIRING AND EMPLOYMENT.  
>> DO THE EMPLOYEES HAVE A  
DIFFERENT PAY STRUCTURE AND  
BENEFITS AND EVERYTHING?  
>> YES.  
>> ANY CONSISTENCY ACROSS SITES,  
THE SITE COUNCIL SIDE OR JUST UP  
TO EACH ORGANIZATION.  
>> YES, EACH ORGANIZATION DOES A  
STRUCTURE AND LOOK FOR LIABILITY  
INSURANCE.  
THEY WILL ADMINISTER PAYROLL.  
DIFFERENT STRUCTURES.  
>> DOES BCYF ON THE CITY SIDE,  
DO YOU TRACK OR HAVE A SENSE OF  
WHAT THE SITE COUNCILS ARE DOING  
THEN IN TERMS OF WORKING,  
CONDITIONS, NUMBER OF PEOPLE,  
ROLLS?  
>> WE GIVE THEM -- I KNOW KNOW  
WE PROVIDE THEM THROUGH THE BCYF  
FOUNDATION WITH GRANTS AND  
THINGS THEY'RE REQUIRED TO  
SUBMIT CERTAIN FINANCIAL  
DOCUMENTATION TO US.  
REGARD TO THE 990s AND THINGS  
LIKE.  
THAT THAT'S HOW BECOME AWARE OF  
INFORMATION GOING ON AGAIN  
THEY'RE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE



FOR THEIR OWN HIRING AND  
DETERMINING THE NODES FOR  
STAFFING LEVELS.  
OBVIOUSLY WE'RE AWARE AND SHARE  
A SPACE WITH THEM.  
THEY WORK CLOSELY WITH US.  
ULTIMATELY IT'S UP TO THEIR  
BOARDS TO DETERMINE, YOU KNOW  
WHAT THE BUDGET IS.  
WHEN ADDITIONAL POSITIONS ARE  
NECESSARY AND WHAT THE HIRING  
AND PLAY STRUCTURE LOOKS LIKE.  
>> THEN THE DECISIONS AROUND  
HOURS ARE ALL DONE CENTRALLY  
FROM THE CITY SIDE.  
THE CITY OWNS THE PROPERTIES.  
IS THAT --  
>> YES.  
>> OKAY.  
>> COUNCILLOR, I THINK AS WE'RE  
TALKING ABOUT THE MLU A FEW  
MOMENTS AGO.  
WHAT THE MLU IS LOOKING TO DO IS  
SPELL OUT THE POLICIES AND  
PROCEDURES MORE CLEAR LEAR SO  
THERE IS CONSISTENCY ACROSS THE  
SITES AND SITE COUNCILS.  
THE SITE COUNCILS WORK CLOSELY  
WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COORDINATORS.  
THEY CLEARLY -- DO YOUR OWN  
THING AT THE SITES.  
THEY HAVE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATORS.  
THE MLU ONCE WE IMPLEMENT IT  
WILL ALLOW US TO BE CONSISTENT  
ACROSS THE SITE COUNCILS.  
>> IT SEEMS LIKE A MOD THAT WILL  
WORKS PARTICULARLY WITH THE MAIN  
STREET PROGRAMS.  
WE SEE GREAT PARTNERSHIPS AND  
FUNDING AND DECISION MAKING.  
I WOULD ECHO MY COLLEAGUES IN  
SAYING, IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE  
CONSISTENT SEE AND BCYF KNOW  
WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE COUNCIL  
SIDE, EACH SITE.  
I WOULDN'T WANT THAT PUSH TO  
HAVE CITY WIDE SLOW DOWN BECAUSE  
OF A PARTICULAR PROBLEM AT A  
PARTICULAR -- FOR EXAMPLE.  
SO THAT IS HELPFUL.  
ON THE HOURS IN GENERAL I KNOW  
STARTING LAST YEAR MAYBE THE

YEAR BEFORE, ALSO THE SITES HAD BEEN OPENED FOR EXTENDED HOURS ON THE WEEKENDS AND THE SUMMER DO.

YOU HAVE ANY DATA ON USAGE AND WHAT ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR SUMMER, NIGHT TIME, SPACES FOR TEENS?

>> THERE IS SOME DATA IN TERMS OF WHERE WE HAVE SEEN INCREASES ON THE WEEKENDS.

SPECIFICALLY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

IT'S NOT A LOT OF DA A.

WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE THAT WITH YOU.

AS WE LOOK AT THE SUMMER CLEARLY IT WILL BE PREDICATED ON WHAT SHOULD ARISE.

OUR STAFF IS ALWAYS PREPARED TO GET THE SPACES OPEN AS NEEDED.

SOMETIMES CRISIS DOES ARISE.

SPECIFICALLY, UNFORTUNATELY WITH VERY VIOLENCE IN THE SKITE WHEN WE SEE THAT HAPPENING WE GET OUR FACILITIES OPENED.

ALSO THERE ARE NIGHTS OUT, ENABLING US TO KEEP SPACES OPEN AT NIGHT LATER.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE FAMILIES HAVE SAFE SPACES TO GO AS IT GETS HOT OUT.

>> COMPARING IT TO LAST SUMMER WE DIDN'T HAVE THE EXTENDED FIVE SITES WORKING ON SUNDAYS.

THIS IS THE FIRST SUMMER WE'RE INSTITUTING THAT AND PUTTING IT INTO PLACE.

AS COUNCILLOR McCARTHY SAID, WE'RE LOOKING AT THE WAO +\*EPB WEEKEND USAGE IN THE SUMMER CLOSER.

WE SEE OPPORTUNITIES ALSO.

A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL GROUP OUT THERE IS LOOKING FOR SPACE.

SPEAKING WITH BEING PART OF THE CABINET AND SPEAKING WITH VETERAN AFFAIRS THERE ARE

OPPORTUNITIES TO LOOK AT OUR SUNDAYS BECOMING SERVICE WEEK FOR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN.

JUST ANOTHER SOCIAL CONNECTION AND GETTING THEM THROUGH THINGS.

THEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

LEAGUES FOR INDIVIDUALS COMING  
BACK AND RECOVERING SO THEY HAVE  
A SAFE SPACE.

>> OKAY.

GREAT.

THEN FINALLY CAN YOU TALK A  
LITTLE BIT ABOUT CHILD CARE AND  
HOW MANY SLOTS OR SITES ARE  
INVOLVED WITH PROVIDING SOME  
SORT OF EDUCATION AND CHILD  
CARE.

>> YES, COUNCILLOR, YOU KNOW  
OBVIOUSLY ONE CHILD CARE PROGRAM  
WE RUN IS HERE AT CITY HALL.  
THERE IS CURRENTLY THE CAPACITY  
IS 54.

IT'S 17 DIFFERENT SLOTS.

12 TODDLERS.

25 PRESCHOOL.

WE HAVE CURRENTLY SIX VACANCIES.  
WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD  
TO FILL THE SLIGHTS AS POSSIBLE.  
WE HAVE MADE CHANGES TO THE WAIT  
LIST POLICY.

CREATED AND FORMULATED A WAIT  
LIST POLICY.

WE SEE IT'S MORE ACCURATE NOW.  
WE UP KEEP THAT AND AGAIN TRY TO  
FILL THE SLOTS AS QUICKLY AS WE  
CAN.

MOSTLY THE NEED IS THE INFANT  
SLOTS.

I THINK THE EXPANSION OF K-0  
LOTS AND KINDERGARTEN SLOTS THE  
PRESCHOOL SLOT IS NOT ATTRACTIVE  
AS IT USE TO BE.

WE ARE LOOKING TO SHIFTING THE  
SLOTS A BIT TO ACCOMMODATE THE  
NEEDS AND TAKE A LITTLE MORE  
FROM THE PRESCHOOL SLOTS.

WE ARE RUNNING PRETTY WELL.

FILLING SLOTS AS QUICKLY AS WE  
CAN IN CITY HALL.

WE ARE TRYING TO MAINTAIN THE  
DEFICIT THERE AS WELL.

MAKE SURE THE PROGRAM HAS WHAT  
THEY NEED TO OPERATE.

FULLY STAFFED NOW.

WE ARE REALLY -- IT'S A GREAT  
PROGRAM.

A PROGRAM WE'RE PROUD OF.

MAKING CHANGES THE LAST COUPLE  
OF YEARS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE.  
FIND OUT WHERE FOLKS ARE ON THE

WAIT LIST.

CLEAR POLICIES AND IT'S ON THE WEBSITE TO HELP FOLKS.

>> I CAN VOUCH FOR THAT PROGRAM. FOR EXAMPLE, IN SOME OF THE COMMUNICATION THEY HAVE MENTIONED, THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.

HOW MANY NON CITY HALL SITES HAVE A VERSION --

>> SO THERE IS, FROM WHAT THERE IS THREE.

WE SUPPORT ALL THREE.

THEY'RE NOT OUR PROGRAMS.

SKO OMBERG, ROSS EN DALE COMMUNITY CENTER HAS THEIR OWN PROGRAM.

IN EACH SITE THERE IS ONE CITY EMPLOYEE WE SUPPORT AT 50 PERCENT.

THE COUNCIL REIMBURSES US FOR 50 PERCENT OF THE SAL RY ALL THREE ARE COUNCIL RAN PROGRAMS.

THE CITY BCRF ONLY RUNS THE SINGLE ONE HERE.

>> OKAY.

SORRY TO KEEP DRAWING.

THE MATERIAL IS IN FRONT OF US. IT'S HELPFUL TO HAVE THE DETAIL. IT'S MENTIONED THE PRESCHOOL TEACHER, 50% CITY SIDE IS GOING TO BE CUT AS WELL IN YEARS TO COME?

>> NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE.

WE HAVE, ACTUALLY THEY WERE TO BE A HUNDRED PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT AT THIS POINT. THE CITY AND MAYOR WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM. WE HAVE CONTINUED AT THE 50/350 REIMBURSEMENT SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE, SIX OR SEVEN YEARS. AFTER THE INITIAL COUPLE YEARS IT'S TO BE A HUNDRED PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT.

WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAMS AND WE COVER THE 50% AND FRINGE BENEFITS AS WELL.

>> OKAY.

THAT WILL GO FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS.

>> OF THEACTUAL SALARY.

>> THAT WILL WORK FOR THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS.

>> YES.

IT'S GOT ANOTHER YEAR ON IT.  
>> COUNCILOR JACKSON.  
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
MR. CHAIR AND DID MORNING.  
I GUESS I WILL FOLLOW ON WITH  
THE LINE OF QUESTIONING.  
I ACTUALLY SPOKE TO THE FOLKS  
ALSO AND I WANT TO WISH KATHY, I  
HOPE SHE'S ON THE MEND.  
I KNOW SHE BROKE HER LEG.  
I'M BAFFLED.  
WE'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION AND  
I CONCUR WITH COUNCILOR  
O'MALLEY.  
THE HOURS CHANGE WAS BURDENSOME  
TO THE CENTERS.  
SOME OF THE HOURS SOUNDS LIKE  
AND WE'VE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS  
WHERE IT'S BCYF.  
WE SHOULD NOT BE PUTTING YOUTH  
AND ELDERS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.  
WE SHOULD ACTUALLY BE MOVING  
TOWARDS AN AND VERSUS AN OR.  
FROM WHAT I HEARD AND I HEARD MY  
COUNTERPART FROM JAMAICA PLAIN,  
THE VERY DEFINITIVE IN HIS  
STATEMENT, I HEARD YOU SAY WE'RE  
GOING TO BE RESPONSIVE.  
RESPONSIVE IS NOT ALWAYS  
RESPONSIBLE, RIGHT.  
JUST BECAUSE WE SAY WE'RE  
LISTENING TO SOMEONE, IF THEY  
DON'T ACTUALLY GET WHAT THEY  
NEED.  
I'LL BE HONEST, WITH YOU MY MOM  
HAS USED SERVICES AT THESE  
FACILITIES.  
MY MOM DOESN'T LIKE TO CHANGE  
HER SCHEDULE EVER.  
SHE WORKS ON THE SCHEDULE THAT  
SHE WORKS ON.  
AND SO FOR YOU GUYS TO MAKE  
THESE CHANGES AND TO CENTRALIZE  
THE HOURS.  
AND I THINK THAT'S, I PERSONALLY  
THINK THAT THERE ARE VERY  
DIFFERENT THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN  
DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY.  
I LIVE IN GROVE HALL.  
ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S  
HAPPENED THERE IS THAT WE YES  
HAVE A GREAT NEW SENIOR OFFER IN  
THERE BUT THERE'S NO YOUTH  
OFFERING IN THAT AREA, IN AN

AREA WHERE SOMEONE GOT KILLED IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, ACTUALLY. WE ALSO KNOW THAT MANY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GROVE HALL CAN'T GO DOWN THE STREET AND THEY CAN'T GO TO THE OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS OR THE OTHER ASPECTS OF WHAT BCYF DOES. I THINK WE JUST HAVE TO BE REALLY THOUGHTFUL RELATIVE TO HOW WE POOF FORWARD. SO I CONCUR WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, ORNBERGER NEEDS TO GET FIXED. THEY'VE BEEN THERE 40 YEARS. I DON'T KNOW. SO I DON'T KNOW ANYONE OVER THERE WHOSE BEEN THERE THAT LONG. I ACTUALLY TRUST THAT THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING. AND IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A PARTNERSHIP WHERE THEY'RE ACTUALLY HIRING STAFF, THEN THAT ACTUALLY HAS TO BE A PARTNERSHIP IN HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT THESE HOURS. IT CAN'T BE FROM ON HIGH. THAT HAPPENED TO MY DISTRICT BEFORE WITH MADISON WHEN HE DID A [INDISCERNIBLE] HE CAME FROM ON HIGH AND DIDN'T WORK AND THERE WAS STRUCTURAL CHANGE THAT WAS DISRUPTED. I GUESS I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THESE CHANGES OR THIS UNIFIED OFFERING RELATIVE TO HOURS. ARE WE NOT TRUSTING OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK ON THE SITE LEVEL TO SET THE HOURS THAT ACTUALLY ARE RELEVANT TO THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES THAT DEAL WITH THE SPECIFIC VERY GRAINER ISSUES THAT OCCUR IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS. >> COUNCILOR, FIRST OF ALL I MEAN I THINK THE HOURS CHANGES. WE HAVE A CONSTITUENCY WE HAVE TO SERVE AND EACH HAVE THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS AND WANTS. WE HAVE A CITY WIDE NEEDS AND WANTS WE NEED TO PROVIDE OUR CONSTITUENTS WITH SOME SORT OF CONSISTENCY.

AGAIN, THE MAYOR'S TAKING THIS ISSUE VERY SERIOUSLY AND I KNOW IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN TRYING TO HELP RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.

WE HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN OUR STAFF.

WE HAVE A LOT OF FAITH OUT THERE, THEY'VE RUN SOME GREAT PROGRAMS.

WE JUST DON'T SEE, AGAIN, WE DON'T SEE EYE TO EYE ON THE FACT WE NEED THEM TO HIRE THEIR SENIOR COORDINATOR FOR THEM AND GET THEIR PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING FOR THEM.

THAT POSITION WAS OPENED WELL BEFORE THE HOURS CHANGED. IT WAS OPENED PRIOR TO THE HOURS CHANGED.

IT HAS NOT BEEN FILLED. IT'S BEEN BEFORE OCTOBER SINCE THAT POSITION'S BEEN FILLED. SO WE'RE REALLY EAGER TO WORK WITH THEM TO GET THAT POSITION HIGHER SO THE SENIORS CAN HAVE A PLACE TO GO.

WE HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN OUR STAFF.

WE JUST NEED TO BE ABLE TO PRIORITIZE AROUND WHEN IS THE BEST TIME FOR OUR STAFF TO BE IN THE BUILDING TO HELP.

WE'RE SEEING, WE'RE SEEING NUMBERS THAT ARE SUPPORTING WITH A WE DID INCREASING USAGE FOR THE CONSTITUENTS.

SO I GUESS YOU'RE CORRECT, IT WAS A LITTLE BIT OF A ROCKY POLLUTION GOING THROUGH THAT BUT WE WORK THROUGH IT.

WE'VE GOT A LOT FROM OUR STAFF ACCEPTING TO THIS.

WE'VE SEEN CONSTITUENTS RESPONDING IN A WAY THEY'RE COMING OUT IN GREATER NUMBERS TO USE THE FACILITY AND HOURS.

>> DO YOU DISAGGREGATE THAT DATA.

WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT CONSTITUENTS, YOU'RE USING AN AGGREGATE TERM IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL.

DO YOU HAVE AGE-BASED BANDING OF THAT DATA?

BECAUSE THIS IS THE THING.  
AND THIS IS WHAT WE AGAIN NEVER  
SHOULD BE, NEVER SHOULD WE BE  
PITTING FOLKS AGAINST ONE  
ANOTHER.

SO MAYBE IS THAT DATA, THAT  
COULD MEAN THERE'S MORE YOUNG  
PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING.  
AND NO ELDERS WHO ARE COMING,  
RIGHT?

AND SO THE PROGRAMMING THAT WAS  
DPISSING THERE, YOGA AND  
COMPUTERS AND THE THINGS THAT  
WERE HAPPENING IN THE MORNING.  
HOW MUCH MONEY ARE WE TALKING  
ABOUT HERE?

HOW MUCH WOULD THAT POSITION  
COST BCYF TO FIT THE JOB THAT  
WE'RE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT.

>> SO THE JOB WE'RE TALKING  
ABOUT, THAT WAS ALWAYS A  
CONFLICT POSITION.

I DON'T KNOW HA HER SALARY WAS.  
THE POSITION THEY WANT HER TO  
WORK DURING THE DAY IS A HUNDRED  
THOUSAND DOLLAR A CLEAR POSITION  
FOR THE CITY.

THAT'S A BIG POSITION AND AGAIN  
WE WANT THAT POSITION AT NIGHT  
WHEN THERE'S MOST ACTIVITIES AND  
OBVIOUSLY STAFF ARE WORKING AT  
NIGHT.

SO WE HAVE, THE POSITION THAT  
WE'RE DEBATING ABOUT IS THE  
SENIOR AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN A  
COUNCIL-HIRED POSITION THAT WE  
WANT AND ENTICED THEM AND  
ENCOURAGED THEM TO HIRE SO WE  
CAN GET THE SENIORS BACK IN THAT  
BUILDING.

>> I CONCUR WITH MY FRIEND  
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY WHO  
REPRESENTS THAT DISTRICT.  
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO  
GET FIXED.

AGAIN, JUST SAYING THAT WE HEAR  
YOU, THAT DOESN'T GET FIXED.

I PERSONALLY FIND IT  
UNACCEPTABLE THAT SENIORS HAVE  
NOT HAD ACCESS, THAT THEY HAD  
PRIOR SINCE OCTOBER.

OUR FIRST JOB IS TO DO NO HARM.  
THESE CHANGES, IT DOESN'T MEAN  
ANYTHING AND BPS WAS OUT THERE



YESTERDAY AND THEY TALKED ABOUT  
ADDITIONAL DOLLARS WHEN THEY  
WERE CUTTING THE BASELINE OF  
HOURS.

SO IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO  
ACTUALLY ADD AND WE'RE GOING TO  
SHIFT IT, THEN THAT BECOMES A  
HUGE ISSUE.

SO I WOULD ALSO NOTE, WHAT ARE  
THE YOUTH SERVICES BEING  
PROVIDED IN THE AREA TO YOUNG  
PEOPLE IN GROWTH HALL.

>> WE MADE THE SWITCH EVERYTHING  
WE ADDED ANOTHER -- HAVE  
ACTUALLY BEEN HAVING SPACE AND  
RUNNING SOMETHING.

>> BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS  
AND YOU KNOW THAT.

>> WE JUST HAD A CONVERSATION  
WITH THEM YESTERDAY ABOUT HOW DO  
WE CONTINUE.

WHERE ARE WE CLEAR TO RUN THE  
FUND RAISING AND WHAT CAN WE  
OFFER WHEN WE GET THERE.

IT WAS A GREAT TALK WITH GEORGE  
MARTINEZ AND MIKE ABOUT WHAT WE  
DO TO MOVE FORWARD.

ON TOP OF IT THE HOLLAND SITE  
COUNCIL WAS --

>> WE KNOW, YOU GUYS RUN, YOU  
RUN THE STUDENT-RUN PROGRAM.  
WE NOD THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
CAN'T WALK DOWN THE STREET FOUR  
OR FIVE BLOCKS, THEY CAN'T.

>> THE COUNCIL AT THE HOLLAND IS  
LOOKING AT THE PROGRAM.

>> I UNDERSTAND.

BUT WE'RE STILL LOOKING AT DOING  
THE PROGRAMMING.

SO CURRENTLY THE PROGRAMMING  
DOES NOT EXIST FOR ONE OF THE  
AREAS THAT HAS SOME OF THE  
MOTION VIOLENT INCIDENCE IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON AND WE DON'T HAVE  
YOUTH PROGRAMMING IN GROVE HALL  
RIGHT NOW TODAY AND WE HAVE NOT  
HAD IT SINCE WHEN?

SINCE THE SUMMER.

SO IF WE'RE GOING TO THINK ABOUT  
A COHESIVE WAY OF DOING THINGS,  
AND I LOVE THAT SENIORS ARE  
THERE, I LOVE IT, RIGHT.

BUT NO ONE IS GOING TO BE SAFE  
IF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE AT

RISK IN GROVE HALL, IF FOLKS  
AREN'T INTERFACING WITH THEM, IF  
THEY DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO,  
IF THEY CAN'T RUN AROUND AND  
PLAY BOX IF THEY DON'T HAVE  
STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING.

BY THE WAY THAT'S NOT GOING TO  
BE SAFE FOR SENIORS EITHER,  
RIGHT.

WE KNOW IT'S AN AREA, THERE'S A  
YOUNG PERSON WHO DIED IN FRONT  
OF THAT SCHOOL LAST YEAR.

AND THEN PROGRAMMING FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE WERE SHUT TOWN A COUPLE  
MONTHS AFTER.

I WANT TO HEAR A SOLUTION TO  
THAT.

WITH THAT SAID, HOW MANY STREET  
WORKERS DO WE HAVE NOW AND HOW  
MANY WILL WE HAVE IN THIS  
BUDGET.

>> WE HAVE 32 STREET WORKERS  
THAT ARE IN THE BUDGET.

28 STREET WORKERS, AND WE HAVE  
AN ADDITIONAL 15 THAT'S IN  
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOSTON  
FOUNDATION.

>> THE FUNDING WAS SLATED TO END  
AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

IS IT BEING EXTENDED.

>> WE STILL HAVE SOME MONEY FROM  
BOSTON FOUNDATION.

WE ANTICIPATE THAT FUNDING TO  
TAKE US THROUGH FY18.

>> SO NO ONE WILL LOSE THEIR  
JOB.

>> NO.

>> AND YOU'LL HAVE EXACT SAME  
NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS.

>> YES.

>> WILL YOU BEGIN TO TRACK AND  
USE THE ACTUAL COMPUTER MODEL  
THAT CAME OUT WITH STREET SAFE.  
WE'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION A  
BUNCH OF TIMES.

THE ISSUE THAT WE DON'T, AND I  
DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE IT NOW,  
ARE WE TRACKING THE CASE LOAD OF  
INDIVIDUALS AND ARE WE  
UNDERSTANDING THE --

>> I DON'T KNOW THE SYSTEM  
STREETS THEY HAVE BUT WE HAVE A  
SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE TO OUT  
COMES.

THAT SYSTEM ENABLES US TO BETTER TRACK THE PROGRESS.

SO WITH THOSE 45 INDIVIDUALS, WE SET AND IT'S NEW.

I THINK IT'S PROBABLY EIGHT MONTHS IN.

THE STAFF HAS BEEN DOING A REALLY GOOD JOB ON THE SYSTEM AND DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB TRACKING THE SYSTEM.

THAT'S REALLY BEEN HELPFUL TO US.

>> I'M HAPPY THERE'S DATA BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE IT BEFORE AND THAT WAS UNACCEPTABLE.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

I WILL BE BRIEF.

I KNOW MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE AN EXTENDED QUESTION FOR THE NEXT ROUND.

I WANT TO START OFF THOUGH BY SAYING THAT JOHN JACKSON WHO RUNS THE TOBIN VERY CLOSE TO THE BORDER WITH COUNCILOR JACKSON HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

ANYONE WHO HAS HAD MORE MEETINGS THAN MYSELF IS REALLY JOHN.

I JUST WANT TO PASS THAT ALONG.

I THINK IT'S A HUGE ASSET TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

TALKING ABOUT THE TOBIN, I'M THRILLED TO SEE WE HAVE THE BACK YOWNLD PROJECT IN SCREUTION.

THIS IS SOMETHING MY PREDECESSOR MIKE RAWLS WAS WORKING ON.

THIS IS THE FIRST THING HE SAID TO ME MAKE SURE THIS GETS BUILT.

I'M GLAD IT'S HAPPENING NOW AND I APPRECIATE THAT.

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE TOBIN, OBVIOUSLY IT'S A HUGE RESOURCE FOR THE NEIGHBOR AND GETS A LOT OF USE.

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO FLOAT AND I'M NOT ADVOCATING ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR OPINIONS AND MAYBE DOWN THE ROAD IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO WORK BUT I WANT TO PUT IT ON YOUR RADAR SCAN.

THE LIBRARY IS CLOSING FOR GENERATIONS FOR A YEAR.

WE HAD TO DELAY THAT TO ALLOW

FOR THE BACK TO SCHOOL  
PROGRAMMING THERE, ETCETERA,  
KIDS DOING HOMEWORK.  
BUT THEY ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING  
FOR SOME LIMITED SPACE.  
THE DUDLEY LIBRARY MY  
UNDERSTANDING WAS OFFERED AS AN  
ALTERNATIVE IS UNDER TOGETHER  
RENOVATION IN NOVEMBER.  
SO THERE'S GOING TO BE A NEED IN  
THAT AREA.  
AND AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
PROGRAMMING SPACE THERE IS.  
I KNOW IT'S LIKE I SAID, IT'S  
VERY WELL USED BUT WILL IT BE  
OPEN AND BE OPEN EVEN FOR KIDS  
STORY TIME THAT SORT OF THING.  
>> I THINK JOHN BASED ON HIS  
ABILITY IS HAPPY TO DO THAT.  
WE JUST DID THIS IN JP AT CURTIS  
HALL THAT WE OBSERVED A LOT OF  
THE PROGRAMS DURING RENOVATION.  
WE WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO  
ENTERTAIN ANY SPACE WE HAVE FREE  
AND I'M SURE JOHN IS WILLING TO  
DO THAT.  
WE'VE HAD RENOVATIONS WHO HAVE  
BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO HOUSE US.  
>> THAT WOULD BE HUGE.  
I MEAN I THINK WE HAVE TWO GREAT  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES REALLY JUST  
A FEW BLOCKS FROM EACH OTHER.  
AND OBVIOUSLY THE RENOVATION ARE  
NEEDED AND WELCOME, BUT IT'S  
THERE AS A HUGE PERCENT OF THE  
POPULATION ON SENIORS, YOUNG  
ADULTS, KIDS WHO REALLY USE THE  
LIBRARY A LOT.  
SO FINDING NEW SPACE WOULD BE  
GREAT.  
I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT WANT TO GO  
TOP DAWN.  
WE HAVE TO DO THIS BUT YOU'RE  
OPEN TO WORKING THIS OUT.  
THAT'S ALL I HAVE.  
>> WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY DISTRICT  
CITY COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER.  
COUNCILOR ANDREA CAMPBELL.  
>> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
I APOLOGIZE FOR MISSING YOUR  
PRESENTATION BUT I WILL SEE IT  
ON-LINE.  
A COUPLE QUICK QUESTIONS.

WHAT'S THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SITES WE HAVE, COMMUNITY CENTERS?

>> SO WE HAVE 36 FACILITIES.

THAT COULD INCLUDE TWO SEASONAL POOLS BUT OVERALL 36 FACILITIES.

>> GOING BACK TO A COUPLE QUESTIONS THAT COUNCILOR JACKSON ASKED.

THE TREAT WORKER PROGRAM, HOW MANY CURRENT STREET WORKERS DO WE HAVE.

>> THERE ARE 28 STREET WORKERS AND FOUR SENIOR STREET WORKERS ON THE CITY'S OPERATING BUDGET. WITH 15 STAFF AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOSTON FOUNDATION.

>> 15 STAFF ARE COVERED BY THE BOSTON FOUNDATION.

>> YES.

>> THE SENIORS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE STREET WORKERS.

>> YES.

THE STREET WORKERS SUPERVISE THE 28 STREET WORKERS.

>> AND I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF DISCUSSION WHETHER OR NOT THEY'D HAVE FUNDING AND WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE.

SO IT LOOKS LIKE THE FUNDING WILL CONTINUE FROM THE BOSTON FOUNDATION THROUGH FY18.

>> YES.

>> IN THE BUDGET NOW THERE'S A CUT FOR THE SHEET WORKER PROGRAM SOMETHING LIKE \$400,000.

WE'LL SEE HOW MUCH WE HAVE THAT WRONG ON OUR END.

>> WE DON'T, I MEAN WE DON'T FORESEE ANY REDUCTION IN STREET WORKERS.

WE'LL MAINTAIN THE SAME NUMBER WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST.

>> I'M GOING TO QUICKLY DIRECT THIS TO COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

>> YOU'RE LOOKING OFF THE STREET SAFE PROGRAM.

>> YES.

SO THE STREET SAFE PROGRAM.

>> 680,000 LESS.

>> RIGHT.

LESS THAN THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION.

>> PAGE 9 OF THE BUDGET BOOK.

>> THAT SPEAKS TO HOW THE MONEY

WAS EXPENDED.

SO WE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF, IT WAS 3.1 OVER THREE YEARS AND MAYBE THAT'S HOW IT WAS DISBURSED, IS THAT RIGHT.

>> WE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 3.1 MILLION OVER THREE YEARS.

>> FROM THE FOUNDATION.

>> FROM THE FOUNDATION, YES.

>> CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS SORT OF LINE ITEM OR WHAT THIS MEANS? IF YOU GUYS NEED TIME TO GO BACK TO IT, I CAN GO TO ANOTHER QUESTION AND COME BACK.

>> I DON'T SEE -- THE NUMBERS ADD UP.

MAYBE I'M MISSING SOMETHING BUT IT LOOKS TO TOTAL.

WHEN WE RECEIVED THE FUNDING, THE FUNDING WASN'T BASED ON FISCAL YEAR, IT WAS ANNUALLY. SO FROM JUNE TO DECEMBER.

SO MAYBE THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

I THINK WE NEED TO TOTAL UP THE NUMBERS.

IT LOOKS LIKE 3.1.

YOU GOT 314, 1.1.

WE GOT ONE AND 680.

I THINK IT TOTALS 3.1.

>> I THINK IT'S AROUND HOW THE GRANTS, HOW THE FUNDING GRANTS. BUT WE CAN GET YOU ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THAT TOO.

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

THE WHOLE POINT OF THAT QUESTIONING WAS JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT PROGRAM ISN'T LOSING ANYTHING.

AND IF IT WAS LOSING SOMETHING OF COURSE, WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT ARE.

PARTICULARLY, YOU KNOW, WE CONTINUE TO HAVE HEARINGS AROUND VIOLENCE, FIRST RESPONDERS. EVERYONE KNOWS HOW VALUABLE THE STREET WORKER PROGRAM IS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES TO TRAUMA RESPONSE, WARM REFERRALS AND THOSE THINGS.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDING OF COURSE TO MAINTAIN THEIR STAFFING LEVELS. SO I SAW THAT AND DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS TOGETHER TO AFFECT THE

PROGRAM THIS YEAR.  
SOUNDS LIKE IT ISN'T BUT THERE'S  
MORE DETAILS.

TWO MORE QUESTIONS.

ONE HAS TO DO WITH THE GROVE  
HALL COMMUNITY CENTER.  
SO TECHNICALLY IN MY DISTRICT,  
COUNCILOR JACKSON AND I  
OBVIOUSLY SHARE GROVE HALL IN  
THAT COMMUNITY.

AND PROJECT RIGHT OF COURSE, I  
FORWARDED AN E-MAIL AND WE WERE  
EXCHANGING E-MAIL.

THEY DID SAY THEY MET WITH YOU  
GUYS.

I JUST HAVE SORT OF FOLLOW UP  
QUESTIONS ON THAT, WHICH IS I  
UNDERSTAND THE YOUTH WORKERS  
THAT COMES FROM THE HOLLAND THAT  
WILL BE COMING TO THE GROVE HALL  
COMMUNITY CENTER TO PROVIDE  
YOUTH PROGRAMS. SINGS NOW IT'S BEEN  
TRANSFORMED TO SERVE SENIORS.  
WHAT DOES THAT PROGRAMMING LOOK  
LIKE.

BECAUSE CURRENTLY THERE'S SOME  
PROGRAMMING HAPPENING AT THE  
BURKE FOR PROJECT RIGHT FOR 30  
OR 60 TEENAGER THAT CONSISTENTLY  
SHOW UP.

WHAT DOES THAT PROGRAM LOOK LIKE  
IF IT'S MOVED INTO THE GROVE  
HALL CENTER WHERE THIS  
COORDINATOR FROM HOLLAND PICK UP  
AND DO THE SAME PROGRAMMING.  
OR WHAT WELL THEY BE DOING  
OUTSIDE OF COMING TO THAT  
CENTER.

>> ACTUALLY WE MET WITH JORGE  
AND MICHAEL AND WE HAD A  
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION.

[INDISCERNIBLE] WHAT IS IT THEY  
WANT TO CONTINUE TO DO.

SO THIS WAY THEY DIDN'T FEEL  
LIKE THEY WERE [INDISCERNIBLE]  
FIVE DAYS A WEEK.

I KNOW WHEN WE WERE TALKING  
ABOUT THE HOLLAND COMMUNITY  
CENTER [INDISCERNIBLE] HAD  
EXPRESSED INTEREST AT THAT TIME  
TO LOOK AT THE APPROACHING  
[INDISCERNIBLE] WHAT THEY'RE  
DOING.

WE HAVEN'T HAD A DEEP DIVE

DISCUSSION YET WITH THE HOLLAND  
AS TO WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE.  
WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS PULL  
TOGETHER A COUPLE COMMUNITY  
PLAYERS THAT ACTUALLY DO WORK  
WITH YOUTH IN THAT AREA AND  
[INDISCERNIBLE] OF SORT OF THAT  
ONE SPACE.

WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE  
CHALLENGES WE HAVE IN REGARDS TO  
GETTING ACCESS TO THE BASKETBALL  
COURT IN THE RIGHT AREA BECAUSE  
OF THE FACT THAT SOMETIMES THE  
SCHOOL HAS A PRECEDENCE OVER  
THAT SPACE.

WHEN THE TWO SCHOOLS --

>> THIS IS AT THE GROVE HALL.

>> YES.

>> SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT  
THE SUMMER, THAT SPACE SHOULD BE  
AVAILABLE.

>> YES ARE THAT SPACE IS  
AVAILABLE.

>> I THINK THAT'S THE FOCUS, THE  
SUMMER.

>> HOPEFULLY, GORE TOGETHER TO  
GET BACK TOGETHER AND HOPEFULLY  
CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME MEETING  
AND KIND OUT WHAT WE CAN DO IN  
THAT SPACE.

THERE'S THE OPPORTUNITIES WE MAY  
LOOK AT, HOUR STREET WORKERS MAY  
BE AWE [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> IS THE CITY GOING TO OFFER  
ANY DIRECT FUNDING.

>> I WOULDN'T SAY THAT THE CITY  
WOULD, BUT I THINK WE COULD LOOK  
AT SOME PRIVATE DOLLARS AND  
SEEING WHAT ELSE WE COULD DO IN  
THAT SPACE.

>> DO YOU THINK GIVEN THE TIME  
FRAME, OBVIOUSLY THE SUMMER'S  
AROUND THE CORNER WE'RE GOING TO  
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADEQUATE  
FUND RAISING TO SUPPORT PROJECT  
RIGHT OR ANYONE WHO DOES  
PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH WHO WANTS  
TO COME OVER THE SPACE IN THE  
SUMMER TO BE ABLE TO GET  
FENDING.

>> WE'LL HAVE THE CONVERSATION  
WITH [INDISCERNIBLE] POOL OF  
MONEY AS WELL.

THEY UNDERSTAND THEIR KIDS ARE



TRANSIT.

THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH GROVE HALL.

THEY GO TO GROVE HALL TO SHOP WITH THEIR PARENTS.

AND SO THERE MIGHT BE THE OPPORTUNITY TO [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> I WILL SAY JUST ECHOING COUNCILOR JACKSON, I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT -- I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WE COME UP WITH SOME LEVEL OF FUNDING. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SUMMER COMING ACROSS THE ENTIRE CITY OF BOSTON.

EVERYONE FROM BPD, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, EMS, COUNCILORS, CLERGY, THINKING WHAT THEY CAN DO TO PREVENT ANY INCIDENCE OF VIOLENCE OF COURSE TO KEEP OUR VIOLENT CRIME RATES LOW.

THAT MEANS OF COURSE PROVIDING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH.

SO THE CONCERNS PARTICULARLY FOR GROVE HALL WHICH IS AN AREA THAT ABSOLUTELY NEEDS IT.

THIS MIGHT REQUIRE US TO PULL FUNDING FROM SOMEWHERE WITHIN OUR OWN CITY BUDGETS TO SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS.

IF WE CAN'T FIND PRIVATE FUNDING OR PARTNERS TO DO THIS PROGRAMMING FOR FREE BECAUSE I THINK WHEN WE START, WE'RE ALREADY IN MAY.

WE START IN JUNE, FOR EXAMPLE. KIDS ARE OUT OF SCHOOL AND THERE'S NUTTING SET UP.

I THINK IT'S A RECIPE FOR DISASTER.

SO CONSIDER ME A PARTNER, IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO, IF IT'S CALLING SOMETHING OR ADVOCATING WITH YOU GUYS TO PARTICULAR ORGANIZATIONS WE THINK ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT THOSE YOUTHS TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMING FOR FREE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, I'M ALL IN.

I'M SURE I CAN SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES.

I DO THINK WE NEED SOME SORT OF SOLUTION SOONER THAN LATER. LET ME KNOW HOW I CAN BE HELPFUL

AS WELL.

MY LAST QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH OTHER USES FOR COMMUNITY CENTERS.

OBVIOUSLY SOME COMMUNITY CENTERS HAVE MORE TRACTION AND MORE ATTENDANCE BY RESIDENTS THAN OTHERS.

I FOR EXAMPLE RUN A DISTRICT OFFICE IN DISTRICT FOUR, A PLACE WHERE ANYONE CAN COME IN TO TRY TO HANDLE CITY BUSINESS WITHOUT HAVING TO COME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE.

CURRENTLY, FRANKLY THE CITY DOESN'T COVER THAT, I HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT.

BUT IN THINKING LONG TERM, IT WILL BE REALLY GREAT TO SEE COMMUNITY CENTERS SERVE AS SORT OF DISTRICT OFFICE SPACES WHERE IN ADDITION TO CITY HALL, SOMETIMES PEOPLE SHOW UP TO CITY HALL AND THE TRK ISN'T THERE.

CONSISTENTLY HAVING SOME COMMUNITY CENTERS ACROSS THE CITY OPEN THREE DAYS A WEEK FROM 9 TO 4 WHEN FOLKS CAN COME INTO THOSE SPACES AND THEY KNOW ON WEDNESDAY SOMEONE MIGHT BE THERE OR SOMEONE FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OR COUNCILORS.

I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOW WE CAN TURN SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS INTO SPACES FOR FOLKS WHO HANDLE SOME OF THOSE BUSINESSES TECHNICALLY OUR SENIORS SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO COME WAY DOWNTOWN.

I LIVE IN MATTAPAN, I TAKE THE T, IT'S A TREK DOWN HERE AND THEN TO GO BACK.

WE HAVE THESE SPACES WHICH ARE INCREDIBLE SPACES TO USE FOR THESE PURPOSES.

I WOULD LOVE A CONVERSATION FOR POSSIBLY DISTRICT OFFICE SPACES.

>> COUNCILOR, WE HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH CITY HALL TO GO IN THE TOBIN COMMUNITY CENTER WE PROVIDE THEM WITH A PERMANENT SPACE.

IT'S CALLED A NEIGHBOR HUB WHERE

THEY PERMANENT SPACE THERE AND CERTAIN OPERATING HOURS. WE'RE WORKING WITH THEM NOW FOR ADDITIONAL LOCATION. WE HAVE THE SAME VISION AROUND MAKING THE COMMUNITY CENTERS AN EXTENTIFY OF CITY SERVICES AND KIND OF A NEIGHBORHOOD AGAIN HUB WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME AND GO. I KNOW MULTIPLE COMMUNITY CENTERS OFFER SENIORS, THE ABILITY TO PAY THEIR WATER BILLS. THEY GET TAXI VOUCHERS AND DO PAWNTZ. AS WE ELDER SERVICES COMING OUT AND SENDS REPRESENTATIVES OUT. IT'S SOMETHING WE'RE DEFINITELY WORKING ON. THEIR OFFICE HOURS THERE, THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD REPS. WE'RE GETTING THERE EXPURKING TOWARDS THAT BUT WE DEFINITELY SHARE THE SAME INVESTIGATE AROUND. BRINGING SERVICES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTERS. WE PARTNER WITH CITIES TO GO DURING THE WINTER SO PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO STAND OUTSIDE. THEY OFFER THEIR SERVICES IN DOORS AT OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS. WE PARTNER CLOSELY WITH ANIMAL CONTROLS, OFFER VACCINATIONS AND THINGS SO PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE THE TREK. >> IT WILL BE GREAT TO SEE IT IN A FORMALIZED CONSISTENT WAY WHERE EVERYONE KNOWS FOR EXAMPLE IN DORCESTER AT A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY CENTER ON A PARTICULAR DAY THAT PUBLIC WORKS, SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENTS FOR EXAMPLE THAT INTERACT OR INTERFACE RESIDENTS THE MOST WILL BE IN THOSE SPACES CONSISTENTLY. AND COUNCILORS, AT LARGE COUNCILOR WOULD COME. ANYBODY, STREET WORKERS, WHOEVER IT IS. IN A CONSISTENT WAY. SO IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU GUYS MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. I DO KNOW SOME OF THESE THINGS

SO IT'S GREAT.  
I'LL END ON THIS.  
IT'S ABOUT PRIORITIES, RIGHT.  
WE HAVE TO ASSIGN AND ATTACH THE  
MONEYS WE SPEND TO THOSE  
PRIORITIES.  
SO I UNDERSTAND THE LIMITATIONS  
OF BCYS BUDGET WHEN IT COMES TO  
I KNOW COMMISSIONER YOU WOULD  
PROBABLY LOVE TO GO IN YOUR  
POCKET AND GO HERE GROVE HALL  
LET'S DO THIS.  
BUT I THINK IT'S ABOUT MOVING  
THINGS AROUND OR TAKING FRANKLY  
\$500,000 FROM THE ONE DEPARTMENT  
AND SAYING DO YOU KNOW WHAT,  
WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS BECAUSE  
TO THIS DEPARTMENT TO DO THE  
SPECIFIC NEED BECAUSE IN YOUR  
IMMEDIATE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT  
HAS TO HAPPEN.  
I'M ALL FOR SHIFTING THING  
AROUND AND WORKING WITH YOU.  
SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK  
YOU GUYS DO AND THANK YOU FOR  
BEING HERE TODAY.  
THANK YOU COUNCILOR CIOMMO.  
>> ARE WE AWARE IF BOSTON PUBLIC  
HEALTH COMMISSION STILL FUNDS  
STREET WORKERS.  
THEY HAD, THEY NEVER HAD STREET  
WORKERS.  
THEY HAD SOME OUTREACH WORKERS  
WHO WERE KIND OF IN THE MODE OF  
STREET WORKERS, AND THEY DO.  
>> DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY.  
>> I DON'T.  
I COULDN'T ANSWER THAT.  
>> THEY DO.  
THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT FUNCTION  
THAN STREET WORKERS OR DO THEY  
SEPARATE LIKE STREET WORKERS.  
>> THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING.  
I NEVER KIND OF 234-RD WHY WE  
WOULDN'T JUST TRY TO SWITCH THAT  
FUNDING TO ONE PROGRAM.  
IF THEY DO SOMETHING SEPARATE  
AND APART AND HAVE A DIFFERENT  
MISSION.  
>> YES.  
THEY HAD A DIFFERENT FUNCTION.  
ACTUALLY WE STILL DO.  
>> COUNCILOR BAKER.  
>> GOOD MORNING.

SO CHRIS, WHAT WE JUST WERE  
TALKING ABOUT THE OUTREACH  
WORKERS.  
ARE WE CROSS TRAINING THE STREET  
WORKERS NOW.  
>> YES.  
>> YOU KNOW CROSS TRAINING  
MEANING SO THEY CAN DEAL WITH  
PEOPLE WITH ADDICTION.  
>> WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY  
WITH THE OFFICE.  
THEY'VE BEEN FANTASTIC TO HELP  
ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES AS IT  
PERTAINS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE.  
SPECIFICALLY AMONG THE MASS  
AVENUE CORRIDOR IN AND AROUND  
THE COMMONS FOR ADULTS AS WELL  
AS YOUTHS.  
IN FACT, WE SIT IN THE SOMEBODY  
STANCE ABUSE ADVISOR COMMITTEE  
WHICH IS REALLY GOOD FOCUSED  
AROUND YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE.  
>> WHERE IS THAT.  
>> -- OVER AT THE OFFICE OF  
RECOVERY.  
THE WORKERS ARE GOING AND THE  
STAFF HAS BEEN TRAINED.  
>> WHEN YOUR PEOPLE, ONE OF YOUR  
WORKERS COMES ACROSS SOMEONE  
THAT MIGHT BE READY TO HELP,  
THEY'RE ABLE TO CONNECT INTO 311  
OR WHATEVER'S AVAILABLE.  
>> YES.  
IN FACT, THE PATH OUTREACH  
WORKERS AND OUR OUTREACH WORKERS  
HAVE BEEN DOING WORK TOGETHER.  
>> YES.  
IT ALL INTERSECTS AND  
INTERTWINES SOME PLACE.  
THANK YOU.  
MICHAEL.  
HOW ARE YOU.  
>> GOOD, HOW ARE YOU.  
>> WE HAVE 36 FACILITIES.  
HOW MANY OF THOSE ARE CHAIRED  
FACILITY.  
>> I THINK WE HAVE PRETTY CLOSE  
DO 20.  
I THINK IT'S AROUND 18 OR 19 IN  
THE SCHOOLS.  
>> IT'S JUST 16 BUILD, ARE  
STAND-ALONE.  
IT SOUNDED LIKE MY GOOD  
COLLEAGUE WAS TALKING ABOUT

MAYBE SOME NEW FACILITIES.  
DO WE TALK ABOUT THAT AT ALL.  
I KNOW THERE'S ONE IN THE NORTH  
END THAT'S UNDER A STUDY.  
CAN YOU RUN ME THROUGH, I THINK  
I HAVE A NEED IN DOORS AS WE  
SHARE A FACILITY AND I THINK WE  
SHOULD BE THINKING LIKE  
ANDREA MOVING INTO THE BUILDING.  
WHERE OUR SENIORS AND TOTS CAN  
GO IN THE MORNING, THEN IT'S  
TEENAGERS IN THE MIDDLE  
AFTERNOON AND THEN OLDER PEOPLE  
TO LATE AT NIGHT.  
WHAT'S THE PLAN MAYBE IS WHAT  
I'M ASKING.  
>> OUR CAPITAL PLAN, OUR MAYOR'S  
MAKING SOME MAJOR EFFORTS.  
WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE  
CAPITAL PROJECTS.  
I AGREE WITH YOU, IN DORCESTER  
WE HAVE FIVE SITES BUT ALL OF  
THEM ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE  
SCHOOLS.  
SO OBVIOUSLY WE FEEL MOST  
COMFORTABLE WHEN WE HAVE  
STAND-ALONE FACILITIES LIKE THE  
TOBIN ANSITES LIKE THAT WHERE  
WE HAVE FREE REIN OF THE  
BUILDING, LIKE YOU SAID TAKING  
INTO ACCOUNT YOUNG MOTHERS WITH  
CHILDREN OR PLAY GROUPS OR  
ELDERLY.  
AND THEN ALSO WELL INTO THE  
EVENING CAN REALLY MAKE THIS  
ACCESSIBLE.  
SO THAT'S ALWAYS OUR PREFERENCE  
BUT OBVIOUSLY THERE'S SOME  
NEIGHBORHOODS THAT DON'T OFFER A  
STAND-ALONE BUILDING AND WE WORK  
CLOSELY WITH BPS TO MAKE SURE WE  
STILL HAVE A PRESENCE IN THESE  
NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE WE DON'T  
HAVE A STAND-ALONE BUILDING.  
THAT'S DEFINITELY OUR PRIORITY.  
WITH REGARDS TO THE NORTH END,  
WE HAD A DESIGNER RECENTLY TO E  
BARK ON THIS STUDY.  
IT WAS ACTUALLY IN FY17 TO HELP  
US TRY TO DETERMINE EERT A  
BUILDING PLAN FOR THE KRNT  
FACILITY OR ALTERNATE SITE  
LOCATION FOR A NORTH END  
COMMUNITY CENTER.

>> THAT'S WHERE THE --  
>> NOT BENNETT STREET.  
I PERSONALLY REALLY LIKE THAT, I  
THINK IT'S BEAUTIFUL.  
WITH YOU BUT THEY ARE KIND OF  
BURSTING AT THE SEAMS.  
>> DOES THAT LOOK LIKE AN  
ADDITIONAL.  
WHERE WOULD YOU GO DOWN THE  
NORTH END.  
>> I GUESS THAT'S THE INTENTION  
OF THIS WHOLE STUDY IS TO SEE IF  
THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATE SITE  
LOCATIONS OR IS IT BEST TO STAY  
WHERE WE ARE IN POSSIBLE  
BUILDING PLANS THAT COULD HELP  
US WITH A CAPITAL PROJECT THERE.  
BUT WE REALLY DO HAVE A GREAT  
CAPITAL PROJECT RIGHT NOW.  
WE GOT PARIS STREET IN EAST  
BOSTON WRAPPING UP A \$12 MILLION  
PROJECT THAT BROUGHT OVER A  
HUNDRED YEAR OLD BUILDING INTO  
THE 21ST CENTURY AND IN TURN  
WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY CITED AS A  
BATHHOUSE WITH TEEN SPACE WITH A  
ROCK WALL AND JUST REALLY GREAT  
RENOVATION.  
WE'RE SET TO GET UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION IN THE FALL WHICH  
WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT.  
>> ONE OF THOSE IMPROVEMENTS.  
>> THE VINE STREET WOULD BE  
MECHANICAL HV, INTERIOR  
IMPROVEMENTS, SOME GYM WORK, YOU  
KNOW, A BATTING CAGE.  
WE'VE BEEN DOING BATTING CAGES  
THROUGH A GRANT WITH THE MAJOR  
BASEBALL'S PLAYER ASSOCIATION,  
THE RED SOX FOUNDATION.  
IT'S GOING TO GET A GOOD MAKE  
HOVER WITH REGARDS TO  
MECHANICALS, INTERIOR SPACES,  
FITNESS CENTER WHICH THEY DON'T  
HAVE RIGHT NOW, WE'RE GOING TO  
ADD IN THERE.  
>> IS THERE ANY TALK, MICHAEL,  
OF LIKE TURF FACILITIES AT ALL,  
LIKE COVERED TURF FACILITIES.  
YOU COULD DO TRACKS ON THEM  
WHERE THE SENIORS COULD WALK IN  
THE MORNING, BUT WHO WANTS TO  
WALK WHEN THERE'S TEN FEET OF  
SNOW ON THE GROUND.

WHERE ARE WE GOING INTO THE  
FUTURE.  
ARE WE LOOKING AT ANY KIND OF  
DIFFERENT STYLES OF CENTERS?  
>> YES.  
OBVIOUSLY THAT'S DEFINITELY, IN  
PARKS AND REC OBVIOUSLY THERE'S  
A LOT WITH TURF FACILITIES BUT  
OBVIOUSLY MORE OUTDOOR AND WE'RE  
MORE IN DOORS.  
GETTING OUT WOULD BE KIND OF A  
HYBRID.  
>> INDOOR OUTDOOR FACILITY, IF  
YOU TUDOR ANY OF THEM, THEY'RE  
REALLY REALLY NICE.  
>> WE'VE BEEN VERY INVOLVED WITH  
THE JACKSON SWEAR PROJECT WITH  
URBAN EDGE WHO HAS BEEN A GREAT  
PARTNER.  
THEY ARE ACTUALLY DEVELOPING A  
\$20 MILLION PLUS IN DOOR RINK IN  
TURF FACILITY IN JACKSON SWEAR.  
IT'S BEEN VERY EXCITING TO WATCH  
THEIR PROGRESS.  
>> JACKSON SWEAR IN BRIGHTON.  
>> NO, IN JAMAICA PLAIN AND  
ROXBURY LINE.  
THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PROJECT.  
THE MAYOR'S BEEN WORKING HARD  
WITH THEM ALSO TO PROVIDE A  
REALLY STATE OF THE ART, REALLY  
DIFFERENT FACILITY WHERE IT'S  
ICE AND IN DOOR TURF.  
IT'S OBVIOUSLY NOT BIG ENOUGH  
RIGHT NOW.  
>> WHO PRAILTS THAT FACILITY,  
WHO WILL OPERATE.  
>> THEY'RE ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR  
SOMEONE TO OPERATE THAT FA  
SELLITY.  
>> WHO IS BUILDING IT AGAIN.  
>> URBAN EDGE.  
THEY'RE CDC IN ROXBURY, JAMAICA  
PLAIN THAT HAVE RAISED MONEY IN  
COMBINATION --  
>> FACILITY WITH A PARKING  
RINK --  
>> PARKING RINK ON ONE FLOOR IN  
DOOR TURF ON ANOTHER.  
TWO LEVELS.  
IT'S QUITE IMPRESSIVE.  
IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT BUT IT'S  
EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE SPEAKING TO.  
OUR FACILITY AREN'T BIG ENOUGH



TO ACCOMMODATE AN IN DOOR.  
I CAN'T THINK OF ANY THAT WE  
HAVE THAT MAY ACCOMMODATE TO BE  
BIG ENOUGH TO DO THAT.  
>> MAYBE THAT'S PART OF FUTURE  
THINKING AND FUTURE DON'T  
BECAUSE I MEAN IF WE'RE IN THE  
WINTER AND WE CAN PLAY SOCCER  
AND LAW CROSS AND FLAG FOOTBALL  
AND EVERYTHING IN THE WINTER.  
>> A LOT OF THE TIME OUR GYMS  
BECOME THAT KIND OF MULTIPURPOSE  
SPACE BUT AGAIN YOU'RE RIGHT IF  
WE MOVE FORWARD, IT WOULD BE  
INTERESTING TO EXPLORE SOME OF  
THOSE OPTIONS AS WELL.  
USUALLY THE GYMS BECOME CATCH  
ALL FOR THE KIDS PLAYING SOCCER  
OR LA CROSSE.  
NOW WITH THAT IN CAGES WE'VE GOT  
BASEBALL COMING IN DOORS.  
WE'RE WITH YOU AND GETTING KIDS  
THESE FACILITIES 365 AS THOSE  
OPPORTUNITIES MAY ARISE.  
>> AM I OKAY, MR. CHAIR, ONE  
MORE QUESTION?  
>> SURE.  
>> SO ANOTHER SORT OF THING AS  
WE'RE LOOKING AT THE FUTURE.  
IS THERE ANY LIKE HOW MUCH WOULD  
WE PARTNER WITH.  
SAY THE CITY, YOU GUYS GO FOR  
AND KIND OF FINDING A PARTNER TO  
RUN IT, SO IT COULD BE OPEN  
LONGER.  
LIKE THAT BUSINESS MODEL.  
THAT MAKES SENSE.  
SO CITY BUILDS SOMETHING AND  
ERROR IS RUN BY WEIGHS CLUB  
SUPPLEMENTS BY US OR RUN BY ...  
IS THERE ANY TALK OF THAT.  
>> SO WE DO HAVE FACILITIES  
CURRENTLY THAT WE NO LONGER  
UTILIZE OR ARE UTILIZED BY  
PARTNER OWINGIONS.  
THE JOHNSON CENTER?  
MIX HILL AND THE GAVIN  
FOUNDATION OPERATES IN SOUTH  
BOSTON.  
THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WE HAVE  
THAT MODEL OVER AT ORCHARD  
GUARDENS, THEY OPERATE THAT  
FACILITY.  
WE ALSO HAVE FA SELL TEASE WE'RE

CURRENTLY IN.

>> WE OPEN AND OPERATE THE FA  
SELL TEASE THERE OR IS IT JUST A  
LEASE WITH THE BOY'S CLUB.

>> IT'S A LEASE.

WE OWN THE BUILDING AND THEY  
HANDLE THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION.  
IT'S KIND OF LIKE A LANDLORD  
TENANT RELATIONSHIP WHERE WE'RE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR A LOT OF THE  
BUILDINGS BUT THEY PROVIDE THE  
DAY TO DAY PROGRAMMING.

>> YEAH.

SO THEY PAY UTILITIES.  
WAS THAT A NEWER BUILDING WHEN  
THEY WENT IN THERE OR WAS IT AN  
OLD BUILDING.

>> YES.

IT WASN'T A NEW BUILDING.  
THAT BUILDING HAS BEEN THERE FOR  
QUITE SOME TIME.

>> ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

THANK YOU GUYS.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU.

I WANT TO SHIFT GEARS TO TALK A  
LITTLE BIT, I THINK YOU TOUCHED  
ON IT I THINK CHRIS THIS  
PARTICULAR ABOUT OUTREACHING TO  
SOME OF OUR MOAN VULNERABLE  
POPULATIONS.

CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT  
YOUR WORK, OUTREACH WITH OUR  
HOMELESS YOUTHS.

>> SURE.

WE SPENT QUITE A BIT OF TIME  
LAST YEAR I THINK WORKING  
CLOSELY WITH THE BOSTON PUBLIC  
HEALTH EXHIBIT WHEN SOME ISSUES  
PARTICULARLY SPECIFICALLY IN THE  
DOWNTOWN AREA.

THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE  
THAT WE NOTICED IN THE COMMONS.  
AND SO WE ARE FINDING A COUPLE  
STAFF MEMBERS TO WORK IN THAT  
AREA.

AND THEN OF COURSE WE REALIZE  
THAT THERE'S ACTUALLY A WHOLE  
LOT OF HOMELESSNESS THAT WAS  
TAKING PLACE IN SOME OF THE  
COMMUNITIES THAT WE SAW MANY  
YOUTH WHO WERE NOT BEING  
IDENTIFIED AS HOMELESS BECAUSE  
THEY HAD A PLACE TO LAY THEIR

HEAD.

BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY COUCH SURFING SO WE SPENT SOME TIME WORKING CLOSELY WITH MANY OF THE HOMELESS SHELTERS.

WE NEED HOME LESS SHELTERS IN THE CITIES AND WE STILL DO.

WE ALSO IDENTIFIED QUITE A FEW YOUTHS WHO WERE ACTUALLY HOMELESS IN AND AROUND MASS AVE. I THINK THE KIDS AGES 18 AND 19 ARE IN AN ADULT SHELTER.

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, THAT'S NOT THE BEST PLACE FOR THEM.

>> THAT'S MY OPINION TOO.

I THINK MOST PROFESSIONALS THAT WORK WITH HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS 18 AND 19 YEARS OLD, IT'S NOT IN ADULT SHELTER.

>> WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS AND SOME OF THE OTHER SHELTERS ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THOSE YOUTHS.

>> AND THEN WE MAYBE AREN'T AND I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE IT, WORKING WITH SOME OF OUR FAMILY SHELTERS IN SOME OF IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS MAKING SURE THE YOUTHS IN THOSE FAMILIES ARE CONNECTING TO PROGRAMMING THROUGH YOUR WORK.

>> ABSOLUTELY, COUNCILOR.

ONE THING WE NOTED, THEY DON'T COME AND TELL US.

OF COURSE AS YOU BUILD RELEASESHIPS, YOU START TO GET TO KNOW THEM AND UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THEY ARE DEALING WITH.

SO WE'RE TRAINING OUR STAFF AND DOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SO THAT THEY UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THIS RECIPE INCLUDES. AND YOU KNOW, MANY KIDS FROM WE SEE ARE GOING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, COMING INTO COMMUNITY SPACES.

WE FIND OUT IN FACT THEY HAD NO HOMES TO GO TO AT NIGHT.

SO WE'RE VERY COGNITIVE OF THAT AND WE MAKE SURE THAT OUR STAFF UNDERSTAND THAT.

AND TREAT THEM NO DIFFERENTLY

THAN ANYONE ELSE WHO COMES TO  
OUR DOORS.

>> I THINK WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO WITH SOME OF THE FAMILY  
SHELTERS LIKE MR. JOINER IN  
ROXBURY OR ST. MARY'S IN  
DORCESTER CROSSROADS.

I KNOW MICHAEL'S FAMILIAR WITH  
EAST BOSTON IN MATTAPAN THAT  
WE'RE PROHACKIVELY REACHING OUT  
TO THOSE FAMILY SHELTERS WHERE  
YOUTHS OF ALL AGES ARE BRINGING  
THEM INTO OUR YOUTH CENTERS.

>> YES.

>> THERE IS ALSO A LARGE EARLY  
ED PRE K1, K0 POPULATION OF  
YOUTH THAT WE'RE ALSO ENGAGING  
THEM.

WE HAVE SOME PRE K SEATS THROUGH  
PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE SITE  
COUNCILS.

DO WE HAVE ANY DATA HOW MANY BPS  
CURRENT GUARD SEATS RUN OUT OF  
OUR YOUTH CENTERS, OUR SITES?  
I DON'T KNOW IF MICHAEL, DO YOU  
HAVE SOME NUMBER OF KINDERGARTEN  
SEATS.

>> WE COULD GET THAT  
INFORMATION.

ALL WE HAD WAS THE INFORMATION  
WAS [INDISCERNIBLE] AND 25 OF  
THOSE ARE PRESCHOOL.

WE CAN GET BACK TO YOU WITH  
REGARDS, WE CAN GET A COUNT OF  
THE OTHER TINY TAUGHT PROGRAMS  
WE HAVE AND GIVE YOU A NUMBER.

>> FOUR FEMALE COUNCILORS ARE  
DOING THIS WHOLE SERIES OF A  
POLICY SERIES ON CHILD CARE IN  
EARLY EDUCATION CREATING FOR  
HIGHER QUALITY EARLY ED.

THERE'S A NUMBER OF THOSE KIDS  
THAT ARE IN OUR KINDERGARTEN  
SEATS IN PARTICULAR EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS AND WE MAKE SURE  
THEY'RE ACCESSING THAT HIGHEST  
QUANTITY SEATS ACROSS THE CITY  
AND YOUR SITE COUNCILS PROVIDE A  
LOT OF THOSE HIGH QUALITY SEATS.  
WE'LL MAKE SURE THEY ARE  
CONNECTED AND ALL THAT.

I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT AND SORT  
OF ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUED  
OUTREACH TO FAMILIES THAT USE

THAT EXPERIENCE IN HOMELESSNESS.  
>> I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT  
RECENTLY WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH  
[INDISCERNIBLE] MAKERS FUNDERS  
SUPPORTING A LOT OF OUR SUMMER  
CAMP PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.  
WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE  
INTENSITY OF THE WORK WE DO  
ESPECIALLY KNOWING SOME OF OUR  
SITES WE HAVE FAMILIES THAT COME  
IN.

BUT EVEN THOUGH THE FEEDS ARE  
REALLY LOW SOMETIMES IT'S NOT  
AFFORDABLE FOR SOME FAMILIES.  
THEY GRANTED US 121 SUMMER CAMP  
SLOTS FOR FAMILIES THAT ARE  
HOMELESS.

SO WE'RE IN THE PROCESS NOW  
WORKING WITH ARE OUR  
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATORS TO  
IDENTIFY THOSE CHILDREN AND HOPE  
WE PLACE THEM.

>> I'M WORKING WITH MY  
COLLEAGUES IN STATE GOVERNMENT  
TO SUPPORT A BILL THAT WOULD  
GRANT CHILDREN OF FAMILIES WHO  
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SORT  
OF IMMEDIATE VOUCHERS TO CHILD  
CARE, BECAUSE THERE'S STILL A  
LOT OF HOOPS THAT FAMILIAR LISA  
HAVE TO GO THROUGH ONCE THEY  
ENTER THE SYSTEM TO ACT AS CHILD  
CARE WHICH WOULD ALSO INCLUDE  
SOME OF THE EARLY ED WORK.  
SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S  
ANY WAY THAT I CAN SUPPORT THAT  
WORK.

>> SURE.

>> AND SORT OF EMPHASIZE OR  
REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE TO  
CONNECT WITH BPS ON THE WORK  
THEY'RE DOING.

THIS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WE  
OFTEN IDENTIFY OTHER CHALLENGES  
TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THE KIDS THAT  
ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
BUT THEY'RE YOUNGER SIBLINGS  
THAT AREN'T YET IN BPS OR OLDER  
KID, WE CAN MAYBE HELP YOU  
IDENTIFY THE YOUNGER KIDS THAT'S  
NOT IN THE SYSTEM YET.

AND THEN IN CASE OF 18 OR 19  
YEARS OLD GRADUATED FROM SCHOOL  
OR ENGAGED IN SCHOOL WE CAN HELP

TO IDENTIFY MAYBE SOME OF THOSE  
OLDER ONES.  
THANK YOU.  
>> COUNCILOR JACKSON.  
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
SO I JUST WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR.  
I FIND IT ACTUALLY IF IT FALLS,  
IT'S UNACCEPTABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT  
ORGANIZATIONS WHILE WE'RE NOT  
GOING TO FUND THEM.  
I THINK YOU NEED TO, IN THIS  
BUDGET, FUND PROJECT RIGHT TO  
AFFORD THOSE PROGRAMS.  
WE DON'T HAVE TIME AND I WOULD  
NOTE AFTER MEMORIAL DAY FROM  
MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY IS  
GENERALLY THE SEASON IN WHICH WE  
SEE, HAVE SEEN AN UPTICK IN  
VIOLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY.  
AGAIN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT GROVE  
HOT.  
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN AREA THAT  
WE'VE SEEN IN THE PAST.  
THINGS HAPPEN.  
AND IT IS NOT SAFE FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE.  
AND IT'S DEFINITELY NOT SAFE FOR  
OUR SENIORS IF YOUNG PEOPLE  
DON'T HAVE OPTIONS OR THINGS TO  
DO IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.  
AND I HEAR CONVERSATIONS ABOUT  
OTHER CENTERS.  
WE NEED TO OFFER THOSE SERVICES  
IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY BECAUSE  
MANY OF THEM ARE NOT ABLE TO  
CHANGE IN TERMS OF BEING TO GO  
FROM NEIGHBORHOOD TO  
NEIGHBORHOOD.  
THE OTHER AREA I DID WANT TO ASK  
IN TERMS OF THE STREET WORKERS.  
IS THERE A PROGRAMMING BUDGET  
FOR STREET WORKERS?  
>> IS THERE A PROGRAMMING  
BUDGET?  
>> IS THE ONLY INFORMATION I SEE  
HERE ARE SALARIES.  
SO ARE PROGRAMMING, DO THEY HAVE  
ANY --  
>> THE STREET WORKERS ARE  
SIMILAR TO ANY OTHER POSITION IN  
THE DEPARTMENT.  
AND SO WE CERTAINLY LOOK AT,  
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO SUPPORT THE  
STREET WORKERS.

WE RAISED SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS THROUGH OUR DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE EFFORTS.

SO THERE IS SOME FUNDING AROUND THAT.

IF THEY NEED SUPPLIES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, THOSE SUPPLIES COME OUT OF THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET.

SO YES, THERE IS.

THE GOAL OF STREET WORKERS REALLY IS [INDISCERNIBLE] INTO EXISTING PROGRAMS AND WE CERTAINLY, WHEN NEEDED, IF THEY'RE LOOKING TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC PROGRAM, WE UTILIZE THE EXTERNAL FUNDS TO DO THAT AS WELL.

>> OKAY.

WHAT I WOULD NOTE IS, THE OTHER HOMELESS POPULATION THAT WE SHOULD ACTUALLY NOTE IS THAT MOST OF THE YOUNG MEN WHO ARE INVOLVED IN GETTING AROUND THE CITY OF BOSTON ARE HOMELESS.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> ONE OF THE MOST, THE LEAST STABLE ASPECTS OF THEIR LIFE IS ACTUALLY THAT HOUSING ISSUE. AND IF WE COULD GET SOME OF THAT TAKEN CARE OF, I THINK WE COULD PROBABLY GET OUR ARMS AROUND MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY DEALING WITH. AND ALSO, THIS ALSO MEANS PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY MOVING INTO NEIGHBORHOODS OR PLACES WHERE THEY'RE ACTUALLY IN CLOSER LOCALE TO PEOPLE THAT THEY MAY HAVE TRADITIONALLY HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH.

SO THERE'S SOME THOUGHTS WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THIS.

BUT I WOULD JUST SAY THINGS LIKE FOOD.

I TALKED TO MANY STREET WORKERS. THEY SHOW UP EVERY DAY.

ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT WE NEED TO BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT WHAT'S ACTUALLY WORKING.

BEST PRACTICES THAT WORK AND WE SHOULD BUDGET FOR THOSE THINGS. BECAUSE THE FLIP SIDE OF WHAT

YOU DO, WE'RE SITTING HERE  
TALKING ABOUT A HUNDRED THOUSAND  
DOLLAR OVERTIME BUDGET.  
THE POLICE OVERTIME BUDGET IS  
\$70 MILLION.

RIGHT?

SO IF WE GET AND FUND YOU AND  
ARE PROACTIVE, THEN WE DON'T  
HAVE \$70 MILLION OVERTIME  
BUDGET, RIGHT.

SO I JUST THINK WE HAVE TO BE  
REALLY THOUGHTFUL ABOUT WHERE  
AND HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS.

WE SHOULD BE LISTENING TO FOLKS  
ON THESE ISSUES.

THE LAST PIECE I'LL JUST SAY, I  
STILL, I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE  
THIS STREET SAFE PROGRAM BROKEN  
OUT TO US.

BECAUSE YOU TOLD US THREE YEARS,  
THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

>> 3.1.

>> \$3.1 MILLION.

THIS IS NOW YEAR FOUR.

AND WE DON'T HAVE A \$ 1.1  
MILLION BUDGET.

SO YOUR NOT SPENDING 1.1 MILLION  
IN THE FOURTH YEAR.

SO THE ISSUE IS, UNLESS PEOPLE  
ARE DOING VOLUNTEER WORK, YOU'RE  
NOT GOING, I DON'T UNDERSTAND  
HOW YOU CARRY THE SAME NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE IF WE'RE NOT PUTTING, IF  
THE CITY'S NOT PUTTING ANYTHING  
TO MEET THAT DIFFERENCE.

SO IF YOU COULD THROUGH THE  
CHAIR AND TO THE OTHERS WHO ASK,  
COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, AS WELL AS  
MY OFFICE, TO UNDERSTAND THAT  
STAFFING COMPONENT.

BECAUSE I THINK IT'S REALLY  
CRITICAL THAT WE HAVE AN  
UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE HAVE ON  
THE GROUND RELATIVE TO  
PREVENTION IN THE CITY OF  
BOSTON.

I JUST DON'T, I DON'T GET IT.

>> WELL I THINK FIRST THING IS  
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT  
THOUSAND WE'RE HAVING  
CONVERSATION ON THE FISCAL  
BUDGET.

WHICH IS JUNE TO JUNE.

WHEN THE FUNDING WAS



APPROPRIATED TO BCYF IT WAS ANNUALLY SO IT WAS YEAR TO YEAR. IT DIDN'T START OUT ON JANUARY 1ST.

THERE WAS A PROCESS WE HAD TO GO OUT FOR THE INTERVIEW PROCESS, THE STAFF WAS DOING AN INTERVIEW PROCESS AND GET THING STARTED. THEY DIDN'T START RIGHT AWAY.

OVER THE TIME WE'VE HAD TRANSITION STAFF WHOSE MOVED ON, STAFF WHO HAVE FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER BECAME TRANSITION ON TO THE CITY BUDGET.

AND SO WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT, THAT'S PROBABLY WHY IT'S NOT CLEAN.

>> SO THE ISSUE WAS, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER, RIGHT?

BECAUSE WHAT WE KNOW IS IT WAS A VERY SCARY SHOOTING THAT OCCURRED THERE WAS NOT AN AREA THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY HAD SOMEONE ASSIGNED TO IT.

>> ACTUALLY, THERE'S BEEN SOMEONE ASSIGNED TO REBELS.

>> ARE THERE AREAS OF THE CITY ARE THAT ARE HOT SPOTS THAT NO ONE IS ASSIGNED TO.

>> WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH BPD AND PROINFORMATION TO IDENTIFY THOSE GROUPS THAT ARE OUR CONCERN.

WE IDENTIFIED THE TOP 45 GROUPS AND EACH ONE OF THOSE GROUPS HAS AN INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM.

AS YOU KNOW, DEPENDING ON WHO YOU TALK TO, THERE'S PROBABLY OVER 130 GROUPS IN THE CITY.

CERTAINLY WE HAVE TO BE INTENTION ABOUT HOW WE DEPLOY OUR STAFF.

AND SO WE CLEARLY HAVE TO MOVE STAFF AROUND.

BUT I WILL TELL YOU THAT ALL THOSE 45 GROUPS HAVE A STAFF PERSON WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THEM.

>> WHAT I WOULD LIKE IS A BREAK DOWN OF HOW THIS WORKS.

WE WORK IN FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND GIVING US AN ANNUAL BUDGET, THAT'S NOT HOW WE WORK.

I WOULD LIKE THAT TO BE BROKEN  
DOWN SO WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING  
AND THE COMIJT THAT HE SAME  
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
CURRENTLY ON STAFF ARE GOING TO  
BE CARRIED NOT THROUGH DECEMBER  
BECAUSE YOU'RE SPEAKING PER  
ANNUM.

THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR.  
THAT'S A CRITICAL COMPONENT FOR  
US TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT.  
WITH THAT SAID, AGAIN I WOULD  
SAY IT IS URGENT THAT THERE IS  
YOUTH PROGRAMMING IN GROVE HALL.  
IT'S ONE OF THE DENSEST AREAS OF  
YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF  
BOSTON.

IT'S AN AREA THAT'S HAD ITS  
PROBLEM.

FOR US NOT TO HAVE ANY SERVICES  
THAT THE CITY IS PROVIDING RIGHT  
NOW, AND PAYING FOR, TO ME IS A  
CRISES AND IT NEEDS TO BE  
ADDRESSED RELATIVE TO THE  
OFFERINGS THAT NEED TO BE THERE.  
AND I APPRECIATE AND I LOVE  
PROJECT RIGHT.

I LOVE THE WORK THAT THEY  
CONTINUE TO DO.

>> YOUR POINT IS WELL TAKEN.

WE DO HAVE YOUTH OUTREACH  
REPRESENTATIVES IN THAT AREA --

>> I'M SORRY, BUT YOU, YOU, WE  
HAD A MURDER THAT HAPPENED  
THERE.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> AND THE YOUTH CENTER CLOSED A  
MONTH LATER, RIGHT.

I JUST WANT US TO BE THOUGHTFUL  
ABOUT HOW REAL THAT IS, RIGHT.  
AND WE'RE BRINGING OUR ELDERS  
IN.

SO IF WE'RE NOT DEALING WITH THE  
REALITIES OF VIOLENCE IN THAT  
NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE'RE GETTING  
LESS THAN WE DID THE YEAR  
BEFORE, WE ARE PUTTING EVERYBODY  
IN HARM'S WAY.

AND A BUDGET DOES NOT REFLECT A  
SOLUTION TO HOW THOSE YOUTH  
SERVICES ARE RESTORED.

I'M NOT SAYING YOU DON'T DO  
ANYTHING THERE BUT YOU'RE DOING  
LESS THAN THE YEAR BEFORE AND

PRIOR TO THE YOUNG MAN BEING  
KILLED.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU AND THANK YOU  
COUNCILOR JACKSON FOR BRINGING  
UP THAT POINT ON THE ANNUAL  
BUDGET.

I THINK IT MAY BE HELPFUL ON ANY  
ITEMS THAT ARE ANNUALIZED AS  
OPPOSED TO FISCAL YEAR THAT YOU  
JUST COME BACK AT THAT MORE  
APPROPRIATE TIME TO DISCUSS THAT  
NEXT YEAR BUDGET.

THERE'S NO LIMITATIONS OR  
RESTRICTIONS ON WHEN WE CAN HAVE  
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BUDGET.

SO I THINK WE CAN DO THAT.

I WAS GOING THROUGH MY NOTES.

I THOUGHT I WAS DONE.

THERE'S ALWAYS MORE QUESTIONS  
WHEN IT COMES TO MY NOTES.

BUT I THINK WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT  
YOUR PARTNERSHIP ACROSS BOSTON  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT THERE MAY BE  
A PLACE YOURSELVES AND THE WORK  
THAT YOUR COMMUNITY CENTERS DO  
WITH THEIR BPS PLAN.

THERE'S A BILLION DOLLARS 9  
MAYOR IS LOOKING TO INVEST IN  
THE NEXT TEN YEARS IN BPS.

I THINK WE'VE GENERALLY  
RESTRICTED THE CONVERSATION  
AROUND HOW WE'RE USING THAT  
MILLION DOLLARS WITH BPS IN THAT  
TEN YEAR PERIOD IN THE ACADEMIC  
OR SCHOOL SPACE.

WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO GROW THE  
CONVERSATION IN ATHLETIC AND  
RECREATIONAL SPACE THAT IS PART  
OF A STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE AND  
THAT'S SOMEWHERE WHERE YOUR  
EXPERTISE CAN I THINK LEND  
ITSELF TO CONVERSATION TO MAKE  
SURE WE'RE GIVING OUR KIDS SORT  
OF A MORE WELL-ROUNDED  
EXPERIENCE WHEN THEY'RE IN  
SCHOOL.

AND PROGRAMS CERTAINLY LEND  
THEMSELVES TO IT.

I THINK TOO OVER THE LAST FEW  
YEARS, THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
I THINK OVER THE BCYF BEFORE I  
WAS ON BOARD HERE.

SO I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE  
RELATIONSHIP THAT CONTINUES  
WITHIN BCYF AND RECREATION AND  
YOUR USE OF THE FIELDS AND HOW  
WE CAN MAKE SURE HOW THAT  
CONTINUES TO BE A PRODUCTIVE  
RELATIONSHIP AND WHERE DOES THAT  
SORT OF NOT COLLIDE BECAUSE IT'S  
A NEGATIVE THING BUT WHERE DOES  
THAT RELATIONSHIP CONNECT WHEN  
IT'S BCFY AND RECREATION OR  
MARKS AND REC.

>> WE CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY  
WITH MARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT.  
IN FACT WE JUST WORKED,  
COLLABORATED RECENTLY ON THE  
FESTIVAL.

THEY PROVIDE LOTS OF  
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND  
PROGRAMS INSIDE OUR BUILDING.  
SO YOU KNOW, OF COURSE IT'S COLD  
OUTSIDE.

SO UTILIZE OUR SPACES THERE AND  
VICE VERSA.

WE JUST HAD A MEETING YESTERDAY  
ABOUT SOME NEIGHBORHOODS  
CONCERNS IN EAST BOSTON AND HOW  
WE CAN BOTH SUPPORT SOME OF THE  
AFTER STUDY TAKING PLACE OUT  
THERE.

WE CERTAINLY WORK CLOSELY WITH  
THEM WILL START CLOSE TO  
PARTICIPANTS.

WE WORK COLLABORATIVE TWO TO  
SUPPORT THE WORK TAKING PLACE  
THROUGHOUT THE SNUR.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

AND I LOVE TO HEAR THAT BECAUSE  
THERE IS THIS IN DOOR  
RELATIONSHIP.

THEN MY LAST COMMENT BECAUSE IT  
WAS ONE I DIDN'T MAKE EARLIER,  
IT'S JUST THE IMPORTANCE OF  
TEACHING KIDS TO SWIM.

AT OUR BEACHES, OUR CITY'S  
BEACHES AND AT OUR POOLS.

I WOULD LOVE TO SEE IT AS A HIGH  
SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT  
THAT ALL KIDS LEARN HOW TO SWIM  
IN ORDER TO GRADUATE BECAUSE  
WE'RE A HYBRID CITY AND SO MUCH  
OF OUR POPULATION ENDS UP ON  
EITHER COAST.

IF WE COULD GIVE OUR KIDS THAT

SKILL I THINK IT'S REALLY  
IMPORTANT.

IT'S SOMETHING I CHALLENGE MY  
KIDS TO LEARN HOW TO SWIM AND  
THEY'RE OKAY SWIMMERS.

I WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF  
THEY WERE STRONGER SWIMMERS.

AND YOU PLAY A REALLY IMPORTANT  
ROLE IN MAKING SURE THAT HAPPENS  
FOR OUR KIDS.

BOTH IN THE SUMMER MONTHS BUT  
THEN ALSO I THINK SOME OF THE  
SCHOOLS THAT HAVE POOLS ARE  
REALLY IN YOUR FACILITIES SO HOW  
DO WE MAKE SURE OUR KIDS HAVE  
THAT AS A RESOURCE TO HAVE THAT  
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.  
THANK YOU.

I AM ALL SET NOW.

>> OKAY.

COUNCILOR JACKSON.

>> DO YOU KNOW WHAT, I WANT TO  
APOLOGIZE.

BECAUSE YOU GET THE GET THE  
BUDGET [INDISCERNIBLE] AND THE  
MONEY GETS PLACED AS BEST AS YOU  
CAN.

WHAT I WOULD SIMPLY SAY IS THAT  
THIS BUDGET THAT YOU WERE GIVEN  
BY THE MAYOR DOES NOT MEET ALL  
OF THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

YOU'RE DOING THE BEST THAT YOU  
CAN WITH IT BUT I WOULD SAY IT  
DOES NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE  
FOLKS IN NEIGHBORHOOD THAT I  
LIVE IN AND MANY OF THE YOUNG  
PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR IN THAT  
NEIGHBORHOOD.

AND SO I WOULD JUST SAY, IT  
TEARS AT MY HEART BECAUSE TO  
LOSE YEAR-OVER-YEAR SOMETHING  
THAT THEY HAD IN PLACES WHERE  
THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF LOSS AND  
A WHOLE LOT OF NEED IS  
DEFINITELY MOVING BACKWARDS.  
SO I WOULD JUST SIMPLY GO ON  
RECORD.

AGAIN, THIS BUDGET ACTUALLY  
COMES FROM THE YOU HAVE TO DO THE BEST THAT  
YOU CAN AND STRETCH IT AS MUCH  
AS YOU CAN IT'S CRITICAL TO MAKE  
THAT DISTINCTION AND TO NOTE  
THAT.

THANKS, MR. CHAIR.  
>> THANK YOU.  
COMMISSIONERS, MORALES, THANKS  
FOR YOUR TIME AND TESTIMONY.  
I'M GOING TO MOVE TO PUBLIC  
TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME.  
FEEL FREE TO SIT IN THE GALLERY.  
YOU CAN SEE THERE IF YOU WANT TO  
AT THIS TIME.  
I'M GOING TO CALL THREE PEOPLE  
AT A TIME THAT SIGNED UP FOR  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY.  
YOU CAN COME DOWN HERE TO THE  
PODIUM.  
CARMEN JACKSON, EILEEN MARSH.  
I APOLOGIZE IF I MISPRONOUNCE  
YOUR NAME.  
THEN I HAVE DIEGO FLORES AND  
MICHAEL COZA IN THAT ORDER.  
>> HI.  
I'M A MEMBER OF THE --  
>> I'M SORRY.  
ARE YOU CARMEN?  
>> I'M CARMEN EDWARDS.  
>> THANK YOU.  
>> I'M A MEMBER OF THE GOLD FAR  
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER.  
I'VE BEEN GOING THERE A COUPLE  
MONTHS.  
IT'S A VERY GOOD PROGRAM SINCE  
I'VE BEEN GOING THERE.  
I HAVE MET SOME WONDERFUL  
PEOPLE.  
I LEARNED TO CROCHET, I LEARNED  
TO SWIM.  
GOING -- WE GO TO WATER AEROBICS  
AND IT'S VERY GOOD.  
THE PROGRAM HELPS ME.  
I'M RETIRED.  
I WAS HOME DOING NOTHING.  
ONE DAY ONE OF MY FRIENDS, SHE  
SAID TO ME, WHAT DO YOU DO  
DURING THE DAY?  
I SAID NOTHING.  
JUST SLEEP.  
GO SPEND MONEY THAT I DON'T  
HAVE.  
SHE SAID, WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT?  
YOU NEED TO COME AND GO WITH ME.  
SHE SAID THIS TO ME.  
AND I GOT UP.  
I CALL HER.  
I SAID WHAT TIME DO WE HAVE TO  
BE THERE?

SHE SAID I THINK ABOUT 10:00.  
OKAY.  
I'LL PICK YOU UP.  
THAT WAS IN FEBRUARY.  
EVER SINCE FROM THAT DAY, I GET  
UP IN THE MORNING.  
I DON'T HAVE NOTHING TO DO  
BEFORE AND NOW I'M SO PLEASED TO  
SAY THAT I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO  
EVERY DAY.  
EVERY DAY YOU GO THERE, THERE'S  
PEOPLE THAT YOU CAN TALK TO,  
CONVERSATE WITH.  
THEY'RE VERY, VERY NICE PEOPLE.  
THE LEADER OF THE PROGRAM, SHE  
IS THE BEST.  
SHE HAS AYANNA AND -- SHE'S THE  
BEST.  
THE PEOPLE THAT COME THERE, YOU  
WILL NOT BELIEVE IT.  
YOU MEET EVERY DAY.  
YOU MEET A FRESH GROUP OF  
PEOPLE.  
THEY'RE SO WONDERFUL.  
SOMETIMES YOU DON'T HAVE  
BREAKFAST AND YOU GO THERE.  
WHEN YOU LOOK, THERE'S  
BREAKFAST.  
YOU GET COFFEE, TEA, ANYTHING  
YOU WANT.  
YOU CAN ALWAYS GET THERE.  
SOME DAYS WE SAY OH, I HAVE NO  
LUNCH.  
WHEN YOU LOOK, THERE'S LUNCH  
COMING IN.  
SO THAT PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE  
BEST.  
IF WE CAN GET SOME FUNDING TO  
HELP, THAT WILL BE VERY, VERY,  
VERY GOOD.  
THANK YOU.  
>> THANK YOU, CARMEN.  
[APPLAUSE]  
I WAS THE DIRECTOR OF A SENIOR  
CENTER IN BRIGHTON FOR 14 YEARS.  
WE WERE THERE LAST NIGHT FOR A  
PUBLIC HEARING.  
SO GREAT TO HEAR THAT KIND OF  
TESTIMONY, CARMEN.  
OUR SENIORS CANNOT BE ISOLATED.  
YOU NEED TO BE WITH OTHER PEOPLE  
AND PEOPLE YOUNGER THAN YOU CAN  
BENEFIT FROM ALL OF YOUR  
EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE.

SO WE FEED YOU OUT IN OUR  
NEIGHBORHOODS, INTEGRATING WITH  
ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE, NOT JUST  
SENIORS.  
THANK YOU.  
I INDULGE MYSELF ON THAT.  
VILMA?  
>> YES.  
I AGREE WITH WHAT SHE'S SAYING.  
SOMEBODY CALLED ME.  
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT.  
TOLD ME.  
WOW, I NEED THAT.  
I GET EXERCISE, I GET YOGA  
EXERCISE.  
YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME,  
TUESDAY, I WENT SWIMMING.  
I GET ALL THE EXERCISE I NEED.  
THANK YOU FOR PASSING THE BUDGET  
FOR NEXT YEAR.  
WE SAY TO CONTINUE TO PASS THE  
BUDGET.  
WE NEED THAT.  
WE GET TOGETHER, WE GET TO KNOW  
PEOPLE WE HAVEN'T SEEN BEFORE.  
I APPRECIATE THIS PROGRAM.  
I THANK YOU FOR OUR LEADERS.  
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
[APPLAUSE]  
>> MY NAME IS ILENE.  
I HAVE BEEN A REGISTERED NURSE  
FOR 40 YEARS.  
I ALSO WORK WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S  
COMMUNITY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.  
IS COUNCIL NOT HEARING US?  
>> THEY CAN HEAR YOU IN THE  
OFFICES, TOO.  
>> GOOD.  
>> WE CAN HEAR YOU.  
>> AND YOU'RE BEING RECORDED.  
I'M NOT SEEING THEM.  
I'M GLAD THEY'RE HEARING.  
I LOOK AT THIS FROM THE OUTSIDE  
GOING IN.  
I HAVE BEEN RECRUITING PEOPLE.  
>> GOOD.  
>> FAMILY MEMBERS, PLENTY OF  
FAMILY MEMBERS, TO THE COMMUNITY  
CENTER.  
AND I HAVE GONE IN TO THE PLACE.  
THERE WAS NO TV.  
THAT WAS A PLUS.  
I WALKED IN THERE AND THEY WERE  
ACTIVE.



SO MUCH GOING ON.  
THE ELDERLY NEED FACILITIES LIKE  
THAT IN ORDER TO HELP THEM.  
THEY HAVE WONDERFUL STAFF.  
SOME OF THE HELPERS.  
THEY DO A GOOD JOB WITH THE  
ELDERLY.  
I WON'T PROLONG THIS ANYMORE.  
IT'S ONE OF THE BETTER PROGRAMS  
THAT I'VE SEEN IN THE COMMUNITY.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

>> CITY COUNCILLORS, THANK YOU  
FOR THE HEARING AND THANK YOU  
FOR THE SUPPORT.  
I'M HERE TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT  
FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH AND  
FAMILIES.  
PREVENTION SERVICES ARE CRITICAL  
FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR  
FAMILIES.

I WAS FORTUNATE WILL WORK WITH  
THE GROUP A FEW YEARS AGO.  
WE STARTED A THIRD TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH SENIOR WORKSHOP.  
WE DID THAT FOR SEVERAL YEARS  
BEFORE IT EXPANDED INTO THE  
COMMUNITY CENTER.

YOU CAN SEE THE NEED FOR IT.  
AT THE SAME TIME, AS YOU KNOW,  
WE'RE DENSELY POPULATED AND  
THERE'S NO CITY-FUNDED PROGRAMS  
BEING OFFERED DURING THE  
EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS IN THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD.

WHY THAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT  
FRIDAY NIGHTS, IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH THE YMCA, WE HAVE TEEN  
NIGHTS FROM 7:00 P.M. TO  
11:00 P.M.

WE DO RIDES.  
DELIVERING YOUTH ALL OVER THE  
CITY.

FAMILIES ARE VERY TTRANSITORY.  
WE GO BACK TO THE NIGHT WHEN  
OFFICER MONAHAN WAS SHOT AND  
INJURED.

WE HAD OVER 120 TEENS AT Y.  
ANOTHER 70 AT THE COMMUNITY  
CENTER WHO HAD A SAFE SITTING  
AND NOT OUT ON THE STREET THAT  
NIGHT.

AS WE REMEMBER TO THAT INCIDENT,

WE HAD CONFRONTATIONS GOING ON.  
WE HAD A COUPLE HUNDRED TEENS IN  
ANOTHER SETTING.

WE HAD OFFICERS COMING THROUGH  
AND TALKING TO US ANYWAYS AS WE  
WERE GOING THROUGH THAT.  
THEN THE PAST YEAR, WE'VE BEEN  
FORTUNATE ENOUGH THROUGH WORKING  
WITH BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH  
AND FAMILIES, WE'VE HAD SOME  
EVENING PROGRAMMING WHETHER IT'S  
DODGE BALL, BASKETBALL AND MORE.  
AS YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE SHARED  
FACILITIES, WE HAVE TO NAVIGATE  
THE SCHOOL SPORTS SESSIONS.  
AND THAT DOES IMPACT.

BUT YOU KNOW, WITH VERY LIMITED  
OUTREACH AND FUNDING BECAUSE WE  
WEREN'T SURE WHAT THE SPORTS  
SCHEDULE WAS.

WE WERE DRAWING 40, 60 YOUNG  
PEOPLE DURING THAT TIME.  
COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL SAW THE  
ENERGY DURING OUR COMMUNITY  
MEETING.

THEY WERE ON THE THIRD FLOOR, WE  
COULD FEEL THE ENERGY ON THE  
FIRST FLOOR.

WE HAD A MEETING YESTERDAY TO  
TALK ABOUT HOW CAN WE EXPAND  
THIS OUTREACH WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.  
HOW WE CAN UTILIZE THE GYM AND  
THE COMMUNITY CENTER, THE SPACE  
FOR FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK.  
BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE NEED YOU TO  
DO IS PUSH THE FOUNDATIONS.  
THE FOUNDATIONS ARE WITHDRAWING  
THEIR SUPPORT FOR AFTER SCHOOL  
PROGRAMMING, INTERVENTION  
PROGRAMMING.

WHEN THEY SAY HOW CAN YOU  
MEASURE ANTI-VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
WORK.

PEOPLE DIDN'T GET KILLED.  
WE NEED YOUR HELP AND THE  
MAYOR'S OFFICE TO PUSH FOR OUR  
FOUNDATION TO STEP UP IN THIS  
ERA OF DECLINING FEDERAL COLORS,  
THE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET.  
LOSING A LOT OF CITY PROGRAMS,  
LOSING SOME STATE FUNDING  
BECAUSE OF DECLINING STATE  
REVENUES.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN TERMS OF THAT.

SO PLEASE SUPPORT COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL FOR THE ADDITIONAL \$500,000 IN ADDITIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMMING.

THERE'S DESERTS IN OUR CITY FOR THE YOUTH.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE DID -- ONE OF OUR SUMMERS, WITH BOSTON EMS, WE DID AN EMERGENCIED PREPAREDNESS.

WE HAD SENIORS AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMING TO THE SENIOR WORKSHOP. WE WANT TO TO MORE OF THAT INTERGENERATIONAL WORK.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN FROM OUR SENIORS AND THEIR EXPERIENCES. WE ALSO WANT TO WORK WITH YOU ON THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROCESS.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER, THE LIBRARY AND THE BURKE RENOVATION WAS A 14-YEAR PROCESS.

WE WENT THROUGH THREE DIFFERENT DESIGN PROSES IS MAINLY BECAUSE OF BUDGET CUTS.

THE GOVERNOR TRIED TO LINE-ITEM VETO OUT THE BUDGET.

WE HAD TO TO WORK WITH 20 REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS.

WE WENT THROUGH THREE DIFFERENT DESIGN PROCESSES.

IT GOT SKILLED OUT.

WE HAD A REGULATION SIZE FIELD. WHAT ENDED UP IS WHAT IS THERE. WE LEARNED FROM THAT.

FULLY SHARED FACILITIES.

THEY'RE NOT OPTIMAL BUT BETTER THAN NOTHING, WHEN YOU HAVE NOTHING.

WE'RE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE CITY COUNCIL TO SEE HOW WE WORK FORWARD.

AND WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

HOW TO UTILIZE SCHOOL FACILITIES.

I'M ONE OF THE CO-FOUNDERS.

WE TOOK A QUARRY FIELD THAT HAD SNEAKER TREES.

THEY HAD TO GET BULLDOZED BY THE MAYOR AND THE NATIONAL GUARD.

TURNED THAT INTO A STUDENT FAIR.

AT TIMES THE SCHOOL AND  
COMMUNITY GROUPS, EVENING  
EVENTS, WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE  
AT THE SCHOOL, IN THE GYM.  
A LOT OF TIMES THE GYM IS BOOKED  
OUT BY TEAMS DOING AAU WORK  
RATHER THAN PROGRAMMING FOR THE  
YOUTH.

SO WE WANT TO WORK ON HOW CAN WE  
ENSURE THAT SOME OF OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES THAT ARE  
IN AREAS WHERE THERE ARE NOT  
DIRECT YOUTH PROGRAMMING FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE, THAT THEY GET  
SLOTTED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD  
PROGRAMS OR SCHOOLS.

EVEN THE SCHOOLS SOMETIMES, THEY  
PROVIDE ACTIVITIES.

FINALLY, WORKING WITH  
COUNCILLORS TO LOOK AT THE FIELD  
ACROSS THE STREET ON GENEVA  
AVENUE AND TURN THAT INTO A  
MULTIPURPOSE FIELD.

RIGHT NOW IT'S BEEN TRANSFERRED  
D&D TO THE PARKS.

THERE'S BEEN A PICKUP IN TERMS  
OF THAT.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT  
GETS EXPEDITED.

WE WANT TO WORK WITH THE PARKS  
TO SEE THAT BECOME A  
MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY.

A LOT OF TIMES WHEN WE COME, I  
SEE THE FOOTBALL PLAYERS SITTING  
THERE BECAUSE THE BUS IS LATE.  
THEY CAN WALK ACROSS THE STREET,  
HAVE A FIELD, WORK ON SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT.

ALL OF OUR KIDS NEED SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT.

THEY DON'T DO ENOUGH.

THEY JUST WATCH VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS  
AND THINK THAT'S ALL THEY NEED  
TO DO.

WE CAN DO STUFF DURING THE DAY  
WITH THE COMMUNITY CENTER, THE  
SCHOOLS.

THANKS FOR HOLDING THIS HEARING.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH  
YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST  
SUPPORT.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.

I'LL BE BRIEF.

I WANTED TO THANK MY D-4  
RESIDENTS FOR TESTIFYING.

MIKE, JUST LAST NIGHT AT THE  
PARKS BUDGET HEARING IN BRIGHTON  
CHAired BY COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, I  
ASKED THAT VERY QUESTION.

COMMISSIONER COOK AGREES THAT IN  
GROVE HALL, WE NEED FIELD AND  
OPEN SPACE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.  
THEY'RE IN PRELIMINARY  
DISCUSSIONS FOR D&D ON HOW TO DO  
THAT.

THEY'VE ATTACHED \$50,000 ON HOW  
TO STUDY THAT.

I HOPE THEY DO SOMETHING SIMILAR  
FOR THAT PARCEL.

IT'S EXCITING TO HEAR ABOUT THE  
SYSTEM PROGRAMMING A TRACTOR  
TRAILER GROVE HALL COMMUNITY  
CENTER.

WE DON'T OFTEN GET FOLKS TALKING  
ABOUT HIGHLIGHTS AND POSITIVE  
THINGS.

OUR COMMISSIONERS, EMPLOYEES,  
TEENS AND CITY NEEDS TO HEAR  
ABOUT THE POSITIVE ROLL-OUTS IN  
THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU TO THE SENIORS AND  
ELDERS FOR COMING AND TESTIFYING  
ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE PROGRAMMING  
AT THE GROVE HALL COMMUNITY  
CENTER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY AND  
THANK YOU FOR BEING PARTNERS IN  
THE WORK.

THANK YOU, COLOR CIOMMO.

>> I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR  
THEIR TESTIMONY TODAY.

WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN THE BCYF  
HEARING.

I WANT TO THANK THE  
COMMISSIONERS AS WELL AS THE  
GREAT STAFF OF BCYF FOR ALL YOU  
DO.

THIS HEARING STANDS ADJOURNED.