

>> DOCKET 1050, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT -- MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.  
I WANT TO REMIND FOLK THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING.  
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WHO IS SERVING OVERSEAS AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY GET THEIR MAIL IN PERSON SO WE DO HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE.  
WE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET WITH THE VETERANS OF BOSTON TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE INFORMED OF THIS.  
WE SEE HOW THEY INTERACT BUT THEY ARE DEFINITELY IN TUNE WITH OTHERS TO MOVE INFORMATION THROUGH THE PIPELINE.  
>> OBVIOUSLY I SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.  
IT'S BEEN IN EXISTENCE NOW SINCE 2012.  
JUST WHEN WE WERE COMING OUT OF THE RECESSION WHICH IS A GREAT BENEFIT TO OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN.  
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, COUNCILOR.  
>> JUST TO SAY I THINK IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM AND I LOOK FORWARD TO REAUTHORIZING IT.  
>> EXCELLENT.  
>> OKAY.  
I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.  
WE'LL MOVE ON THIS ON WEDNESDAY AND WE'LL KEEP THIS ONGOING.  
THANK YOU.  
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
>> SO I GUESS I NEED TO ADJOURN FROM DOCKET 1004.  
AND I'M GOING TO OPEN UP DOCKET SESSION, DOCKET 1050.  
HI, BRIAN.  
>> GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNCILORS.  
MY NAME IS -- SHELTON AND I'M DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH BRIAN FROM THE PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT.  
WE'RE HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE PERMISSION TO ACCEPT A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM MASS BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS IN THE AMOUNT OF 5 MILLION 597374 DOLLARS.  
THIS IS FOR THE DUDLEY BRANCH RENOVATION PROJECT.  
THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR THIS GRANT PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT.  
LUCKILY WE WERE ONE OF THE PROJECTS SELECTED, AND WE ASK YOUR PERMISSION TODAY TO ACCEPT THE AWARD.  
I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.  
ACTUALLY A COUPLE POINTS TO ADD IS THE DUDLEY BRANCH RENOVATION PROJECT IS SLATED FOR CLOSURE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON NOVEMBER 17TH.  
THE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET IS 14.7 MILLION DOLLARS.  
THE BUILDING'S 27,000 SQUARE FOOT LIBRARY.  
WILL BE A FUN RENOVATION.  
WE EXPECT TO REOPEN AFTER CONSTRUCTION THE SPRING OF 2020.  
BRIAN, IF YOU WANTED TO ADD ANYTHING AND WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE THEM.  
>> OKAY.  
LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY MY FRIEND FROM SOUTH BOSTON AT LARGE COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY.  
BEFORE WE STARTED THE PROCEEDING HERE, YOU MENTIONED THAT THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO US ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS.  
>> THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, CORRECT.

>> RIGHT.  
AND THE LAST PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THIS REVENUE SOURCE WAS --  
>> IT WAS THE EAST BOSTON, NEW EAST BOSTON BRANCH WAS FUNDED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM.  
>> IS THERE A REIMBURSEMENT OF SOME KIND, LIKE THE SCHOOL BUILDING.  
>> THAT'S CORRECT.  
SO YES, THE CITY WOULD PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND BE REIMBURSED AFTER THE FACT.  
>> IS IT SIMILAR REIMBURSEMENT, SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY AGAIN IS APPROXIMATELY A 65% REAM PERCENTMENT.  
>> THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.  
BUILDING PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST.  
OBVIOUSLY THE LARGER THE PROJECT THE HIGHER PERCENTAGE THAT YOU'LL GET.  
SO AGAIN OUR PROJECT BUDGET IS ABOUT 1 4.7 SO THE AMOUNT OF THE AWE WAR IS JUST OVER FIVE AND-A-HALF WRITTEN.  
>> YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR OPENING THAT THE 17TH IS THE BRANCH IS SCHEDULED TO CLOSE AND I HAD A LIBRARY IN MY DISTRICT SEVERAL YEARS AGO.  
NOW THE BRIGHTON BRANCH THAT ALSO HAD TO CLOSE DURING RENOVATIONS.  
WE TRIED TO PROVIDE OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE PEOPLE COULD AT LEAST CHECK OUT BOOKS OR ORDER BOOKS FOR DELIVERY.  
TRY TO MAKE THAT TRANSITION AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE.  
ARE THERE ANY PLANS AS SUCH FOR THIS CLOSING.  
>> YES, ABSOLUTELY.  
WE ARE STILL WORKING ON FINAL DETAILS.  
THEY ARE ALL POSTED ON BPL.ORG OUR WEBSITE BUT WE ENCOURAGE ALL USERS TO USE ANY ONE OF OUR LOCAL BRANCH.  
PARKER HILL BRANCH LIBRARY IS CURRENTLY CLOSED BUT THAT WILL BE THE CLOSEST BRANCH TO PEOPLE.  
THE ELLISTON BRANCH IS CLOSE PROXIMATELY AS WELL.  
WE WILL BE DOING PROGRAMMING FOR THE PROGRAM, ADULT PROGRAMMING IN THE AREA AS WELL AS CHILDREN STORY TIMES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SO I JUST ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO LOOK OUT FOR THAT ON OUR WEBSITE.  
>> HOW CLOSE IS THE PARKER HILL BEING THE CLOSEST TO THIS ONE, WHEN WILL THAT OPEN.  
>> IT'S EITHER TWO MILES OR A MILE AND-A-HALF.  
IT'S QUITE CLOSE.  
AND AGAIN SO THE PARKER HILL BRANCH LIBRARY IS SCHEDULED TO REOPEN IN JULY.  
>> SO THERE WILL BE --  
>> THERE WILL BE A LITTLE GAP BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, CORRECT.  
>> IT WILL BE TOTALLY RENOVATED AND READY TO GO IN JULY.  
>> IT WILL BE READY TO GO IN JULY, CORRECT.  
>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?  
>> NO.  
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.  
>> CAN YOU JUST GIVE ME A QUICK RUN DOWN OF THE SCOPE OF THE RENOVATIONS.  
>> SURE.  
>> HOPEFULLY YOU HAVE A COMPLETION DATE IN MIND.  
>> THE BUDGET STARTING CONSTRUCTION MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER, LATE NOVEMBER. REOPENING IN THE SPRING OF 2020.  
FOR THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE LIBRARY, IN THE SQUARE, WE'RE GOING TO BE REORIENTING THE FRONT DOOR SO IT'S GOING TO BE FACING THE SQUARE.  
WE'RE GOING TO CREATE A BRAND NEW PLAZA OUT FRONT WITH A READING AREA.

PEOPLE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO WI-FI.  
WE'LL BE REPLACING ALL THE WINDOWS ARE KIND OF SHAPEDDED RIGHT NOW SO  
THERE WILL BE NEW TRANSPARENT WINDOWS MAKING THE BRANCH FULLY ACCESSIBLE.  
THERE WILL BE A NEW ELEVATOR.  
THERE WILL BE A NEW NUTRITIONAL LAB ADDED TO THE BUILDING.  
WHICH INCLUDES A FULL KITCHEN.  
A NEW LEARNING LAB.  
NEW AUDIOVISUAL THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING.  
EXPANDED ACCESS TO WI-FI, LAB TOPS, EXPANDED ACCESS TO COMPUTER STATIONS.  
A NEW ROOF, IN HVAC EQUIPMENT.  
AND I FEEL LIKE I'M MISSING SOMETHING.  
IT'S AN OPEN CONCEPT BUILDING NOW KIND OF WORKING TO KIND OF CREATE SOME  
NEW PROGRAMMING SPACES.  
>> DO YOU HAVE SOME RENDERINGS.  
>> WE HAVE RENDERINGS AVAILABLE.  
>> SEND THEM TO MY OFFICE, SENT THEM THROUGH THE CHAIR.  
JUST WANT TO TAKE A PEAK WHAT'S IN STORE.  
IT SOUND EXCITING AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR OUR LIBRARIES, WHEN I SAY OUR  
LIBRARIES, OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS, LIFELINE OF MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS  
AND EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD SHOULD HAVE ONE.  
I'M EXCITED TO SEE DUDLEY BRANCH IS GETTING MUCH NEEDED AND LONG AWAITED  
QUESTION -- MOST OF THE TIME YOU SEE PEOPLE PLAYING CHESS.  
I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S SOMETHING AVAILABLE IN TOWN FOR CHESS  
TOURNAMENTS.  
>> YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.  
THE CHESS COMMUNITY IS REALLY STRONG AS YOU MENTIONED IN DUDLEY.  
WE'VE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR CONTINUING THAT.  
THEY'VE BEEN ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND SO ABSOLUTELY THEY'LL  
BE BOTH PROVISIONS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.  
>> THAT WAS ONE THAT WAS STICKING OUT TO MAKE SURE SOMEHOW WE ACCOMMODATE  
THE CHESS PLAYERS AND THE CHESS TEAM IN DUDLEY.  
THAT WILL BE GREAT.  
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
>> JUST WHEN WAS THE DUDLEY BRANCH ORIGINALLY BILL.  
>> MID 19 70'S.  
>> I BELIEVE IT'S THE SAME ARCHITECT AS CITY HALL.  
>> SIMILAR --  
>> -- THE BRIGHTON BRANCH WHICH I NEVER THOUGHT COULD LOOK THAT GOOD EVER  
BECAUSE IT WAS HORRIBLE.  
ARE THERE ADA ISSUES AT THIS LIBRARY LIKE THERE WERE AT BRIGHTON BRANCH.  
>> THERE ARE, THERE ARE.  
AND ACTUALLY A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THIS BUT THE BUILDING IS TWO  
FLOORS AND THERE'S NOT AN ELEVATOR SO THERE ARE TWO ENTRANCES.  
ONE COULD ENTER THE BUILDING WITHOUT ACTUALLY KNOWING THERE'S ANOTHER --  
FLOOR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUILDING.  
>> I'M SURE YOU'RE TRYING TO REACH THE MAXIMUM ENVIRONMENTAL  
EFFICIENCIES, THE BRIGHTON BRANCH I BELIEVE GOT SOME LEAD CERTIFICATION,  
I FORGET WHAT LEVEL.  
I THINK IT WAS SILVER MAYBE.  
>> YEAH.  
SO A LOT OF THE NEW WINDOWS, NEW INSTALLATION, THE NEW RULES WILL IDEALLY  
LOWER THE BUILDING'S ENERGY CONSUMPTION.  
>> GREAT, GREAT.  
THAT'S ALL GOOD.

AND THEN FY19, MOVE ON TO NATHANIEL, RIGHT.  
>> THESE RIGHT.  
>> OKAY.  
YOU HEARD IT HERE.  
ANYTHING ELSE, GUYS?  
ALL SET?  
THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR TIME AND TESTIMONY TODAY.  
I WILL MOVE ON THESE THIS WEDNESDAY.  
THIS HEARING'S ADJOURNED.