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WE'RE JOINED BY OUR BUDGET DIRECTOR AND NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR STAFF FOR THE CITY STAFF, CHRISTINE PUFF.
FOR THE RECORD, LET ME REMIND FOLKS THAT THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING AND TAPED AND BROADCAST LIVE ON COMCAST CHANNEL 8 AND RCN CHANNEL 82.
ASK FOLKS IN THE CHAMBER TO SILENCE THEIR DEVICES.
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATION, WE'LL HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
THERE'S SIGN-IN SHEETS.
PLACE STATE YOUR NAME, RESIDENCE AND ANY AFFILIATION.
WITH THAT, I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO OUR BUDGET DIRECTOR.
>> I'LL LET CHRISTINE SPEAK.
>> I'M THE NEW PRESERVATION DIRECTOR AND I LIVE IN JAMAICA PLAINS.
YOU WANT ME ADDRESS?
>> NO.
THAT'S OKAY.
>> I LIVED IN THE SAME HOUSE FOR 25 YEARS.
JUST TO START, WHAT WE'VE DONE FOR THE -- THERE'S TWO BUDGET PIECES FOR THIS HEARING.
ONE IS ACTUALLY THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE CITY IS COLLECTING THROUGH REAL ESTATE TAXES.
OR THE -- IT'S NOT A TAX BUT THE EXTRA ALLOCATION.
AND THE OTHER IS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.
AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, THE STATE LAW ALLOWS UP TO 5% OF WHAT IS COLLECTED CAN BE SPENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE.
WE HAVE CREATED A BUDGET THAT IS 1.6%.
ANYTHING LEFT CAN BE -- CAN ALSO ADD TO THE PROJECT BUDGET, WHICH IS GREAT.

I DON'T BELIEVE -- ONCE WE'RE FULLY STAFFED AND HAVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THAT WE NEED, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WILL GO UP ANY TIME SOON.

WHAT IS INVOLVE IS THREE STAFF, INCLUDING MYSELF, 2 OTHERS THAT REMAIN TO BE HIRED. ONE WILL BE FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ONE FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

MAKING SURE THERE'S A LOT OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING.

WE BELIEVE DEEPLY THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT WAS VOTED ON BY THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON.

SO I HOPE BY ADVOCATES FROM THE THREE AREAS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

SO I FEEL -- I THINK THE CITY FEELS COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE THAT IT'S A TRANSPARENT PROCESS AND ONE WHERE THERE IS REAL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

THAT'S WHY WE NEED A TEAM OF SUPPORT TO BOTH MANAGE THE PROJECTS AND MAKE SURE WE'RE ENGAGING AS MUCH OF BOSTON AS WE CAN, WHO ARE INVESTED IN THE CPA.

>> AND I JUST FOR THE RECORD, AGAIN, I WANT TO ALSO GIVE CREDIT TO OUR MEMBERS HERE, ESPECIALLY COUNCILLORS FLAHERTY AND ANDREA CAMPBELL, WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND TODAY, BUT OBVIOUSLY SEND THEIR SUPPORT AND ALSO TO REMIND FOLKS THAT TOMORROW THE COUNCIL WILL BE VOTING ON THE REMAINING NOMINEES FOR THE CPC.

I JUST WANTED THAT ON THE RECORD.

WHILE -- I WANT TO WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILLORS, ANNISSA ESSAIBI-GEORGE, BIRTHDAY PERSON.

>> THANK YOU.

>> HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> SO WE CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS

ABOUT ANY SPECIFICS IN THE BUDGET OR HOW THERE WAS SOME QUESTIONS BEFORE WE STARTED ABOUT THE --

>> I WANT TO RECOGNIZE MY FRIEND FROM DORCHESTER, FRANK BAKER. SORRY.

>> ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ESTATE MATCH, WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I -- WHY DON'T YOU ASK.

>> SINCE WORE TAKING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PART FIRST, WHY DON'T WE GO THERE FIRST? WE STAFF PEOPLE FULL AND PART TIME.

>> FULL TIME.

>> ALL FULL TIME.

>> YES.

>> I MEAN, ITSELF EXPLANATORY. AND THEY WORK, ESPECIALLY THE COMMITTEE OUTREACH MANAGER WILL WORK WITH CITY COUNCILLORS. WE ARE ORGANIZING A MEETING WITH ANDREA CAMPBELL'S DISTRICT AND COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND I HAVE TALKED WITH COUNCILLOR MCCARTHY, I TALKED TO YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.

YOU'LL BE VERY IMPORTANT AND HELPFUL IN MAKING SURE THAT THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PIECE IS STRONG.

SO WE HOPE WE'LL WORK THROUGH YOUR OFFICES TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT COMMUNITY FORUMS THAT WE'RE DOING THEM AND YOU'RE IN ALL THE INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS AND TOUCHING BASE WITH, YOU KNOW, SO YOU HEAR THE INPUT AND WHAT IS PRIORITY.

>> SO AT THIS POINT, I'M GOING TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT -- IT'S ONE DOCKET BUT SINCE THIS IS A SEPARATE AMOUNT, IF ANYBODY -- COUNCILLOR MCCARTHY, JUST REALLY LOGISTICS.

>> ARE YOU GOING TO BE HOUSED HERE IN CITY HALL?

>> I'M HOUSED AT 26 COURT STREET.

THEY WILL BE HOUSED THERE ALSO. THERE'S MORE ROOM.

CONFERENCE ROOMS AVAILABLE.

>> FULL TIME CITY OF BOSTON
EMPLOYEES?
>> THERE WILL BE.
MANAGERS, NONUNION.
>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.
>> THANKS FOR BEING HERE.
THANK YOU, CHAIR.
WOULD YOU JUST DESCRIBE
QUICKLY -- MAY HAVE DONE THIS
ALREADY -- WHAT THE THREE STAFF
MEMBERS, WHAT THEIR JOB TITLES
ARE.
JUST A SNIPPET ON THEIR ROLES.
>> ONE OF THEM IS ME.
I WAS HIRED --
>> THERE'S THREE STAFF MEMBERS
INCLUDING YOU?
>> THREE TOTAL.
I'M ONE.
AND THEN THE OTHER ONE WILL BE A
PROJECT MANAGER AND ONE A
COMMUNITY OUTREACH MANAGER.
I DO ENVISION IT WILL BE A REAL
TEAM AND WE'LL ALL DO A LITTLE
BIT OF EVERYTHING.
THE PROJECT MANAGER IS MORE IN
CHARGE OF THE PROJECTS COMING
IN, CONNECTING WITH THE
APPLICANTS.
WE EXPECT APPLICATIONS FROM AN
ORGANIZED CDC THAT KNOWS HOW TO
PUT A BUDGET TOGETHER WELL TO
HANDFUL OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO
WANT TO SEE THEIR PARK FIXED UP,
WHO MAY NEED SUPPORT AND
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AROUND
GETTING A DESIGN, WORKING WITH
THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, FIGURING
OUT HOW TO DO THIS.
SO THAT PROJECT MANAGER WILL
HELP SUPPORT ALL OF THAT PROCESS
AND ORGANIZE THE APPLICATIONS,
ET CETERA.
AND THEN A COMMUNITY OUTREACH
MANAGER THAT WILL DO WHAT I JUST
DESCRIBED.
WORKING WITH CITY COUNCILLORS
AND WORKING WITH ADVOCACY
ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS TO MAKE
SURE THAT WE SET UP SOME
COMMUNITY FORUMS EVERY YEAR.
TO GATHER INPUT, REVIEW PROJECT
IDEAS, REVIEW WHAT IS NEEDED IN
DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS.

I ANTICIPATE WHAT SOUTH BOSTON
NEEDS VERSUS HYDE PARK WILL BE
DIFFERENT.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
HAS INPUT FROM DIFFERENT
NEIGHBORHOODS IN TERMS OF WHAT A
NEIGHBORHOOD IS LOOKING FOR AND
WHAT PEOPLE TURN OUT TO SAY --
IDENTIFY AS PRIORITY PROJECTS,
IDENTIFY NEEDS, WHAT THEIR
DREAMS AND IDEAS ARE FOR THIS
MONEY EVERY YEAR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR BAKER.

>> GOOD MORNING.

SO YOU SAID THAT THE PROJECT
MANAGER WILL CONNECT ON WITH
CDCs AND COMMUNITY PEOPLE.
IS THIS MONEY GOING TO BE
AVAILABLE TO PRIVATE DEVELOPERS
OR ARE WE TARGETING THE CDCs AND
THE --

>> GREAT QUESTION.

THE STATE LAW ALLOWS THE MONEY
TO GO TO WHOEVER APPLIES.
SO IT CAN GO TO A PRIVATE
FOR-PROFIT.

IT MANDATES AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
SO FOR --

>> BUT YOU CAN BE BUILDING
SOMETHING AND IT COULD BE A GOOD
TRANSPORTATION SORT OF PARKLAND
THAT MAY ABUT ANY SORT OF
DEVELOPMENT.

WOULD THAT BE OPEN TO THEM?

>> SO WHEN YOU SAY
TRANSPORTATION, THAT RINGS A
BELL FOR ME BECAUSE --

>> HANG ON A SECOND.

>> IT HAS TO BE A CAPITOL
PROJECT.

RELATED TO PARKS AND OPEN SPACE,
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

SO COULD BE LIKE A VACANT LAND
NEXT TO AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PROJECT THAT MAY BE COULD
CONNECT TO A PARK.

OR BE A LINK.

BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE
CONSIDERED GREEN OR OPEN SPACE.

>> YES.

>> CAN'T BE A BIKE LANE.
>> CAN'T BE A BIKE LANE.
COULD BE A BIKE PATH.
THAT'S GREEN SPACE.
A BIKE LANE --
>> A LANE ON A STREET.
IF WE HAVE A DEDICATED BIKE
PATH.
>> YES.
>> SO SOMETHING LIKE INK BLOCK.
SAY THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
DO LIKE UNDER THE HIGHWAY THERE.
WOULD THAT -- WOULD THIS MONEY
BE AVAILABLE TO THEM OR --
>> IT WOULD BE.
THAT IS CONSIDERED OPEN SPACE.
USED FOR COMMUNITY GATHERING.
>> I GET A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED
THAT IT -- WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS
ON JUST THE CDCs, THE PEOPLE
THAT ARE GETTING A LOT OF MONEY
NOW.
I THINK WE THINK A LITTLE
DIFFERENTLY ABOUT HOW WE -- HOW
WE WORK WITH PEOPLE THAT AREN'T
CDCs.
>> SURE.
I THINK ABSOLUTELY -- I'M USING
CDCs AS AN EXAMPLE.
BUT TRINITY FINANCIAL MIGHT BE
DOING A PROJECT OR DEVELOPING AN
ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES A MIXED
INCOME POPULATION.
WE COULD GIVE THEM FUNDING TO
MAKE -- RIGHT NOW THEY'RE
REQUIRED TO HAVE 10% OF THEIR
PROJECT FOR HOMELESS OR RECENTLY
HOMELESS.
WOE COULD GIVE THEM CPA FUNDING
TO MAKE IT 20%.
OR IF THEY HAVE SOME MANY MUCH
MARKET RATE, WE COULD GIVE THEM
FUNDING TO BRAIN THAT DOWN TO
60% OF AMI.
ANYTHING UNDER 100% OF AMI, AREA
MEDIAN INCOME, WILL BE ELIGIBLE.
>> IS IT ON YOU TO SET UP THE
PROCESS OF HOW THIS -- HOW
THE -- HOW THE APPLICATION
PROCESS IS --
>> IT IS.
>> HAS THAT BEEN SET UP YET?
>> WHAT WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF
DOING, I HAVE A SMALL TEAM WITH

TWO INTERIMS BECAUSE I DIDN'T
HAVE STAFF COMING FROM SCHOOLS
IN THE CITY.
THEY'RE HELPING WITH ONE HOUSING
PERSON.
THAT'S A MORE COMPLICATED PIECE.
WE'RE PUTTING TOGETHER THE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN.
IT'S REQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW TO
HAVE A PLAN EVERY YEAR.
THIS INAUGURAL PLAN IS CLEARLY
THE MOST IMPORTANT.
BECAUSE WE CAN JUST RETWEET
EVERY YEAR.
IT WILL INCLUDE SOME GUIDING
PRINCIPLES AND IT WILL INCLUDE A
DIRECTION TO HOW TO APPLY, WILL
INCLUDE RULES ABOUT WHAT IS
ELIGIBLE AND WHAT ISN'T
ELIGIBLE.
A DRAFT IS CLOSE TO BEING
COMPLETED.
THAT DRAFT WILL GO ON THE
WEBSITE.
I'M HOPING BY THE FIRST OF THE
YEAR AT THE LATEST.
AND THERE WILL BE A BUTTON ON
THE WEBSITE THAT EVERYBODY CAN
WEIGH-IN AND GIVE -- MAKE
COMMENTS AND GIVE INPUT.
AND THEN IT WILL BE APPROVED AND
VOTED ON BY THE ACTUAL COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.
THE MORE INPUT THEY HAVE ABOUT
WHAT PEOPLE LIKE AND DON'T LIKE
ABOUT IT, HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT
THE BETTER.
AND THEN YOU HAD A SECOND PART
TO THE QUESTION.
THE RFP PROCESS.
THAT'S MY NEXT TASK.
I HAVE LOOKED AT REQUESTS FROM
MANY DIFFERENT CITIES, AGENCIES
AND PROJECTS FROM THE MORE
COMPLICATED DND PROPOSALS FOR
SMALL GRANTS, GIVEN TO
CHARLESTOWN, THAT COME FROM --
NOT SURE WHERE THE MONEY COMES
FROM.
SOME KIND OF CHARLESTOWN
COMMUNITY BENEFITS.
WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING IN THE
MIDDLE.
IT WILL BE -- IT WILL HAVE CLEAR

STEPS FOR HOW TO APPLY AND HOW TO GET ASSISTANCE, IF YOU NEED IT.

I REALLY SEE MY ROLE AS A LINKER.

IF SOMEONE COMES WITH A PARK, I'LL CHECKS WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT.

I'M INTERDEPARTMENTAL PAUSE WE COMFORTABLE THREE DIFFERENT POCKETS.

SO WE'LL PROVIDE WHATEVER SUPPORT WE CAN.

YOU MAY NOTICE THERE'S ITEMS FOR CONTRACT STAFF FOR STAFF THAT WILL BE HIRED AS NEEDED FOR PROJECT REVIEW, IF THERE'S A COMPLICATED BUDGETARY THING OR A LANDSCAPE DESIGN THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT.

ALSO TO HELP SUPPORT THAT SMALL GROUP THAT MIGHT BE COMING TO DEVELOP A PLAYGROUND, A VACANT LOT.

A CONSULTANT CAN WORK WITH THEM TO CREATE DESIGN FOR THAT.

WITH PARKS DEPARTMENT INPUT, D&D THE GRASS ROOTS PROGRAM, HOW TO DISPOSE OF THAT LIFE.

A LOT OF MOVING PIECES.

>> SO THROUGH THE CHAIR, MAYBE WE CAN GET -- WHEN THOSE PROCESSES ARE FINALIZED, MAYBE YOU CAN SEND THAT TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

MY LAST QUESTION ON THE STAFF IS ARE THEY -- ARE THERE GOING TO BE PEOPLE FROM INSIDE THE CITY NOW THAT WORK WITH US NOW, TRANSFERRING OVER TO YOU OR DO YOU THINK THEY WILL BE NEW PEOPLE?

>> I HAVE NO IDEA.

I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH --

>> HAVE YOU STARTED THE INTERVIEW PROCESS YET?

>> NO.

I'M EAGER, VERY EAGER.

A LOT OF STEPS TO GO THROUGH FOR HIRING.

AND THE BUDGET WAS ONE.

AND THE BUDGET DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN HELPFUL.

I'VE BEEN THROUGH ONE ROUND WITH

THE H.R. DEPARTMENT.
NOW I'M GOING THROUGH THE NEXT
GROUP OF CHECK-OFFS.
MY DREAM WOULD BE POSTED FOR
CHRISTMAS.
>> THAT WOULD BE YOUR CHRISTMAS
PRESENT.
>> YES, SO MUCH.
EXACTLY.
I THINK IT WILL BE EARLY
JANUARY.
IT WILL BE OPEN TO PEOPLE IN THE
BUILDING AND POSTING FOR 14 DAYS
EXTERNALLY.
>> WHEN DO WE THINK THAT THIS
WILL START ACTUALLY GIVING MONEY
TO PROJECTS?
WILL THAT BE LIKE MID YEAR NEXT
YEAR?
>> IT DEPENDS ON WHEN THE
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE CAN GET
TOGETHER.
THERE'S A LOT OF TRAINING PIECES
THAT HAVE TO HAPPEN FIRST.
HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS
ALLOWED AND ISN'T ALLOWED AND A
NONPROFIT COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COALITION THAT WILL COME THROUGH
THERE.
THERE'S LEGAL TRAININGS, ETHICS,
PUBLIC RECORD LAW.
THOSE KINDS OF THINGS.
THE FIRST COUPLE MEETINGS WILL
BE THAT KIND OF WORK.
BECAUSE YOU KNOW, COMMITTEE
MEMBERS DON'T KNOW THOSE
PROCESSES.
SOME OF THE MEMBERS FROM
COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS WILL KNOW
THEM BECAUSE THEY HAD TO DO IT
TO BE ON THE LANDMARKS
COMMISSIONS.
SO THERE WILL BE SOME -- I'M
HOPING AN RFK -- AND THEY HAVE
TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION PLAN AND APPROVE
THE RFP PROCESS AND TWEAK THAT.
I'M HOPING AN RFP WILL BE OUT BY
MARCH 1 AND THAT WILL BE TWO
MONTHS BEFORE.
YOU KNOW, WE'D LOVE IT IF
APPLICANTS COULD APPLY A WEEK,
BUT I'M NOT EXPECTING THAT.
SO WE'RE HOPING TO GIVE THEM

FOUR TO SIX WEEKS TO APPLY.
AND THEN THE REVIEW PROCESS.
I DO HAVE WHAT IS GOING UP ON --
AS SOON AS THE TECHNOLOGY FOLKS
ARE DONE, A LETTER OF INTEREST
FOR PROJECT APPLICANTS.
THAT WILL GO UP ON THE WEBSITE
ANY DAY.

IT'S A REALLY SIMPLE ONE PAGER.
>> SO THAT IS A WAY FOR US TO
START ENGAGING WHO MAY BE IN
LINE?

>> SLOORTLY.

I'M STARTING TO CREATE A LIST
AND I HOPE YOU DISTRIBUTE THE
LINK TO THAT LETTER OF INTEREST
FORM TO ALL OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS
ON YOUR LIST.

>> THANK YOU.

>> JUST ONE WRAP-UP QUESTION I
HOPE ON THE STAFF.

DO YOU HAVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS?

DO YOU HAVE --

>> I DO.

YEAH.

>> ARE THEY POSTED ANYWHERE?

>> IT'S NOT POSTED YET.

THEY WILL BE POSTED ONCE THE
PROCESS -- THE H.R. PROCESS IS
CONCLUDED, WHICH WOULD BE MY
CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

>> ALL RIGHT.

GREAT.

ANYBODY ELSE?

>> I CAN SHARE A DRAFT.

I DON'T WANT IT PUBLICIZED.

WE'RE NOT THERE YESTERDAY.

THEY NEED NUMBERS AND CODES.

>> OKAY.

JUSTIN --

>> YEAH, I'LL TAKE A STEP BACK
FROM THE GREAT DETAILS OF
CHRISTINE'S WORK.

WE STARTED COLLECTING THE
SURCHARGE ON THE PROPERTY TAX IN
JULY OF THIS YEAR.

SO WE'VE COLLECTED ESSENTIALLY
HALF OF WHAT WE THINK WE'RE
GOING TO COLLECT.

SO MOVING WITH THE BUDGET AND
RESERVING THE FUNDING FOR
APPROPRIATION LATER IN THE YEAR,
WE NEED TO DO THAT PRIOR TO
SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE

REST OF FY-18 ACCORDING TO DOR REGULATIONS.

SO WE'RE SETTING A TAX RATE RIGHT NOW AND SHOULD HAVE IT FINALIZED BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

THIS WILL BE INCLUSIVE IN THE TAXES.

THE \$18 MILLION IS WHAT WE THINK IS A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE.

WE'RE FINALIZING WHAT THE OPT-OUTS ARE OR ANYONE THAT SORT OF DOESN'T HAVE TO PAY THE ASSESSMENT.

AND I THINK TAKING A BIGGER PICTURE LOOK AT THE PROCESS-WISE, WHAT HAPPEN IS THE CPCC WILL COME UP WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND COME BACK WITH THE COUNCIL TO VOTE ON APPROPRIATING THE MONEY.

SO THIS IS SETTING THE STAGE SO WE CAN START TO PUT THE MONEY IN THE FUNDS, GET CHRISTINE'S OFFICE UP AND RUNNING AND THEY CAN DIVE INTO THE PROCESS.

IDEALLY, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO HAVE THE MONEY ALLOCATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IN THE BEST CASE SCENARIO, WE HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE IN FY-18.

IF WE DON'T DO THAT PRIOR TO TAX RATE, WE WON'T FUND ANY PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR.

>> RIGHT.

TO THAT POINT, JUST FOR THE RECORD, I HAD SOME APPREHENSION ABOUT APPROPRIATING SUCH A SUM. BUT WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER BITE AT THE APPLE, IF YOU WILL, WHEN PROJECTS ARE PRESENTED TO US FOR ANOTHER APPROVAL AND APPROPRIATION.

>> YES.

>> SO THAT GIVES ME A LITTLE MORE COMFORT.

>> THE WAY THE STATE LAW WORKS, THE COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND THE MAYOR SECONDS THE RECOMMENDATIONS YOUR WAY.

SO I IMAGINE THIS IS WHERE THE HEARING WOULD BE.

WE MIGHT HAVE APPLICANTS.
THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.
>> AND THE PERCENTAGES THAT WE
HAVE TO SPEND ON OPEN SPACE
VERSUS -- COULD YOU AGAIN FOR
THE RECORD --
>> YEAH.
SO JUST LIKE 5% CAN BE SPENT, UP
TO 5% CAN BE SPENT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.
10% MUST BE SPENT ON EACH OF THE
THREE BUCKETS.
SO 10% ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
10% ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND
10% ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACE.
THE INTERESTING THING ABOUT
THAT, LOOKING AT OTHER
COMMUNITIES, SOME TOWNS DON'T
WANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
THEY LET THE MONEY ACCRUE YEAR
TO YEAR.
OTHER TOWNS ARE VERY INTERESTED
IN BUYING LAND AND CONSERVING
IT.
THEY HAVE DONE THEIR 10% BUT THE
REMAINING 60, 70% HAS GONE TO
BUYING OPEN SPACE.
SO IT WILL BE MORE MORE INTERESTING I
THINK EVEN-HANDED PLACE FOR ALL
THIS.
>> SO, TO THAT POINT ESPECIALLY
THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIECE SO
MINIMUM OF 107S.

10% EACH YEAR.
EACH CALENDAR OR FISCAL YEAR?
>> THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.
I'M THINKING FISCAL AND THE
STATE DOESN'T REALLY -- THEY
JUST WANT TO KNOW THEY DON'T
CARE ABOUT THE LENDED PROJECT.
WE TALKED ABOUT WOULDN'T IT BE
GREAT TO RESTORE A BUILDING AND
MAKE IT AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUT
THEY ASK YOU TO PICK A BUCKET.
>> THAT MIGHT BE TWO BUCKETS.
>> RIGHT, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
>> DO YOU HAVE RECEIPTS FROM
JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31?
>> I WOULDN'T WANT TO PUT A
NUMBER OUT PUBLICLY BUT I WOULD
THINK WE COLLECTED HALF OF THE
\$18 MILLION BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT
WE'RE PROJECTING FOR THE FULL

YEAR.

>> AND WHEN HAVE YOU A MORE HARD NUMBER AFTER THE YEAR IF YOU CAN SEND THAT AROUND, I'D APPRECIATE THAT.

IF I CAN RECALL CORRECTLY THROUGH THE WHOLE DEBATE WE WERE ESTIMATING THE \$20 MILLION WOULD INCLUDE A MATCH SO THIS IS SEEMINGLY A LOT MORE.

>> SO WE'RE PROJECTING \$18 MILLION IN THE FIRST YEAR.

>> THE MATCH DIDN'T COME UNTIL THE SECOND YEAR SO WE'LL GET TWO YEARS OF MATCH IN ONE YEAR.

>> WHAT'S THE PERCENT MATCH --
>> IT'S GONE DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE YEARS UNFORTUNATELY. WE'RE EXPECTING IN FY19 IT WILL BE 11% SO TWO YEARS OF 11% AND WE'LL GET IT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT OF A BOOM THEN GO DOWN.

>> RIGHT.

IT WAS UP UNTIL LAST YEAR ABOUT 20% SOMETHING.

>> IT WAS IN THE HIGH TEENS. THERE'S A BILL BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE THAT WE'RE ALL THE FOLLOWING CLOSELY THAT WOULD RAISE THE TRANSFER -- THE FEE THAT PEOPLE PAY AS A TRANSFER TAX IN THEIR OFFICE OF DEEDS WHEN THEY BUY PROPERTY. THAT'S WHAT CREATES THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE STATE AND THAT CURRENTLY AND HAS BEEN FOR 17 YEARS ONLY \$20.

SO IF WE CAN GET THAT CLOSER TO \$40 OR \$50 THEN THAT WOULD GO BACK UP AGAIN.

>> AND JUST A REQUEST, THE LETTER THAT YOU SHOWED ME FROM DOR, JUST TO PROVIDE TO MY COLLEAGUES SO THEY UNDERSTAND WHY WE NEED TO APPROPRIATE THIS NOW VERSUS AFTERTHE PROJECT -- AFTER THE PROJECTS HAVE APPROVAL.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY.

>> MORE OF A POINT.

YOU MENTIONED SOME TOWNS WERE ACCRUING THEIR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND NOT SPENDING IT

BECAUSE THEY DOESN'T WANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WHEN WE PUSHED FOR THIS, SOME OF IT DIFFERENT PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS, CLEARLY.

ISN'T IT REALLY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF THE CPA TO HOLD THAT MONEY AND HOW DO TOWNS GET AWAY WITH IT?

>> IT'S VERY FLEXIBLE.

>> IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IN BOSTON.

>> I UNDERSTAND THAT.

SECONDLY, CAN YOU WALK ME THROUGH THE ACTUAL PROCESS OF PROJECTS?

I KNOW I HAVE ONE IN HYDE PARK AND ONE IN MATTAPAN AND ONE IN ROSLINDALE.

HOW'S THE PROCESS START?

>> SO WHAT I'D LOVE IS FOR THOSE PROJECTS TO SUBMIT THE LETTER OF INTEREST.

SO IT'S A SIMPLE ONE-PAGE FORM. EVEN IF SOME OF THE INSTRUCTIONS ON IT ARE -- IF YOU DON'T KNOW QUITE WHAT THE TOTAL PROJECT WILL COST, STILL SUBMIT THAT FORM AND WE CAN ALWAYS ADD TO IT AND UPDATE IT.

THEN ON MARCH 1, A COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN -- AS SOON AS IT IS APPROVED WILL BE UP ON THE WEBSITE.

AND THAT WILL HAVE GUIDELINES.

IT WILL HAVE THINGS LIKE WE STRIVE TO MEET OR EXCEED THE BOSTON RESIDENCY.

MAKE ANOTHER GUIDELINE WE HAVE DRAFTED AS UNDERSTOOD NEEDS, TRY TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES.

LANGUAGE LIKE THAT.

THERE'LL BE PRIORITIES FOR EACH OF THE THREE AREAS.

PAY TENSION -- ATTENTION TO GROWING POPULATIONS AND MAKE SURE PARKS KEEP PACE WITH NEIGHBORHOODS THAT DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BECAUSE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE CHANGE OR EXPANDING.

SO THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE TO READ BEFORE THEY PUT

TOGETHER THEIR PROJECT PROPOSALS
AND THEY'LL HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT
THE COMMUNITY WILL BE LOOKING
FOR AND THEN THERE'LL BE AN RFP
WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR
HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION.
AND THERE'LL BE A CHECK-OFF BOX.
WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR DESIGNS,
BUDGET, A DESCRIPTION.
WE'LL LOOK FOR A NEEDS
STATEMENT.

WHY THIS IS NEEDED AT THE TIME
AND IS THIS SOMETHING THREE
PEOPLE WANT OR 300 AND ANOTHER
RFP WILL BE LAID OUT.

WE WANT IT TO BE SIMPLE AND WITH
CLEAR DIRECTIONS SO YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BE AN APPLICANT FROM
TRINITY FINANCIAL OR USED TO
DOING THIS.

WE WANT IT ACCESSIBLE TO
ANYBODY.

THEN ONCE THE APPLICATIONS COME
IN THERE'LL BE A WEEK OR TWO
WHERE WE AS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
WILL SORT THEM, FIGURE THEM OUT,
PUT THEM IN PILES FOR A PERSON
TO READ AND A HOUSING PERSON, A
PRESERVATION PERSON TO MAKE SURE
ALTHOUGH THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED
ARE AVAILABLE.

I ASSUME WE WILL USE BOTH CITY
STAFF WITH LAND MARKS AND I HOPE
WE CAN SET UP ADVISORY GROUPS
AND EXPERTISE AS ANOTHER FORM OF
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT
TO LOOK AT THEM AND PRIORITIZE
SO THERE'LL BE REVIEWS THAT HAVE
BEEN BEFORE THE COMMITTEE EVEN
BEFORE GETS THE PROPOSALS SO
THEY CAN SEE THE PARKS
DEPARTMENT CHECKED OFF THIS IS A
REAL PRIORITY FOR THEM.

AND LAND MARKS HAS LEFT THE
PROJECT WITH A B GRADE OR C
GRADE BECAUSE OF THE PROPERTY
HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNATED AS
HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT IN SOME
WAY.

IT WILL BE A COMPLICATED REVIEW
PROCESS PARTLY BECAUSE THERE'S
SO MANY STAKEHOLDERS AND PEOPLE
THAT CARE DEEPLY.

IT WILL GO TO COMMITTEE AND IT

WILL BE REVIEWED FOR SALES AND
TALK ABOUT THEM AT A MEETING AND
THEN AT THE NEXT MEETING GO TO
RECOMMEND A PACKAGE, A SLATE OF
PROPOSALS THAT WILL GO TO THE
MAYOR AND THEN YOU.

THAT'S AS MUCH AS WE KNOW SO
FAR.

WE'RE FIGURING IT OUT.

IF I TALK TO YOU NEXT WEEK IT
MAY BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT BUT
THAT'S WHERE WE ARE NOW.

>> JUST A COUPLE WRAP UPS, CAN
THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUCKET,
SO TO SPEAK BE USED FOR
OWNERSHIP?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

AND THE CITY'S INTERESTED IN
HOME OWNERSHIP AND ADDRESSING
THE WEALTH GAP AND FIGURING OUT
HOW TO DO THAT.

>> WE LOOK AT THAT AND I'LL PUT
THIS OUT THERE AGAIN IT'S A
PROGRAM WHERE ASSOCIATION OF
COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM HARVARD
PUTTING TOGETHER A FUND THE CDC
CAN COMPETE WITH INVESTORS
BASICALLY TO PUT A HOUSING AND
DEED RESTRICTION ON IT TO
PROVIDE FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER
OPPORTUNITIES.

IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING PRETTY
WELL.

THERE'S BEEN A FEW GLITCHES BUT
I PERSONAL WOULD RATHER SEE MORE
OF THAT THAN OTHER SIDES OF
SUBSIDIZED HOUSING AND WE NEED
TO HELP PEOPLE GET HOME
OWNERSHIP.

>> I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE
PROGRAM AS A MODEL FOR HOW WE
CAN -- I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT
THE GLITCHES.

IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HEAR ABOUT
THEM BUT NO, IT'S A HUGE
PRIORITY AT THE CITY LEVEL.
AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF
OWNERS THERE'S A BIT OF
IMBALANCE IN BOSTON SO WE'D LOVE
IT MAKE IT HAPPEN ESPECIALLY IN
NEIGHBORHOODS.

>> AND PARKS, AND YOU SPOKE TO
THIS EARLIER, CHRISTINE, WITH
THE SUBURBAN NEIGHBORS FORGOING

BUILDING A -- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
AND BOSTON DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF
OPEN SPACE TO BYPASS THERE WAS
AN AMENDMENT WHERE PARKS IN
PARTICULAR WERE GIVEN THE
ABILITY TO DO CAPITAL PROJECTS.
>> UP TO 2012, ANY PARK CAPITAL
WORK HAD TO BE ON PARKS OR OPEN
SPACE LAND AND THE 2012
AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING LAW
CHANGED.

THE PLAYGROUND IN JURE DISTRICT
CAN BE RENOVATED WITH FUNDS --
>> COULD BE CRUCIAL TO PASS MORE
CPA BECAUSE OF THAT.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WE'RE VERY EXCITED FOR THE
POSSIBILITIES OF WHAT THE FUNDS
CAN DO FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TESTIMONY AND I'LL BE REPORTING
THIS ON TOMORROW'S MEETING.
THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.