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>> I'M THE DISTRICT SIX CITY COUNCIL AND CHAIR ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AND MARKS. I'M JOINED BOY COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS WHO REPRESENTS DISTRICT ONE, PRIMARILY THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF EAST BOSTON, THE NORTH END CHARLESTOWN A LITTLE BIT OF DOWNTOWN?

NO.

YOU'VE GOT THREE WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOODS THERE.

>> I DO.

>> WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS DOCKET NUMBER 0137.

IN ORDER TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE COMMONWEALTH -- EXCUSE ME, IN ORDER TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF CONSERVATION SERVICES PARKLAND ACQUISITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITY'S PROGRAM GRANT OF \$400,000 FOR THE NOYES PLAYGROUND.

THIS MATTER IS SPONSORED FI MAYOR WALSH AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE.

IT'S A WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD OF EAST BOSTON.

I AM ENCOURAGED TO SEE ALL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC PARKS FOR OUR OVER 300 PARKS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER OF 1909, NOYES PLAYGROUND LOCATED AT AND AROUND 86 BOARDMAN STREET IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PLAYGROUND IN BOSTON AT 6.2 ACRES.

SOFTBALL FIELD, TOP LOT AND BASKETBALL COURT.

THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE FUNDING THE TOTAL OF \$6,385,785 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS IN MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITIES.

THE PARKLAND ACQUISITIONS FOR

RENOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITIES PARC  
OR PARC GRANT PROGRAM IS FUNDED  
THROUGH THE STATE'S CAPITAL  
BUDGET.

WE'RE JOINED TODAY BY TWO  
TREMENDOUS PUBLIC SERVANTS.  
OUR PARK COMMISSIONER CHRIS COOK  
AND THE SENIOR PLANNER OF THE  
PARKS DEPARTMENT.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OPENING REMARKS,  
COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR  
COMING TODAY AND IT IS A BIG  
DEAL FOR US THAT NOYES PARK IS  
ACTUALLY REDONE AND WE HAVE THE  
REAL INVESTMENT FROM THE STATE  
BEHIND US AND OF COURSE THE CITY  
OF BOSTON.

FOR A LOT OF FOLKS, THIS IS A  
LONG TIME COMING.

WE HAD HOPED THIS YEAR WAS THE  
FULL YEAR WE WERE PUTTING THE  
SHOVEL IN THE DIRT AND THAT  
PARKS ARE OF COURSE A HUGE DEAL  
TO A LOT OF THE GENERATIONS IN  
EAST BOSTONIANS.

I'M SURE MY, WE'LL HAVE SOME  
PEOPLE TESTIFYING ABOUT SOME  
OBJECTIONS OR ADDITION THEY  
WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

I DO APPRECIATE THE BALANCING OF  
MANY INTERESTS THAT CAME TO YOU  
WITH SOFTBALL, BASEBALL AND OF  
COURSE WITH SOCCER.

SO I APPRECIATE WITH THAT, THAT  
YOU BALANCE WITH INTEREST.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR EDWARDS.  
FINALLY A QUICK HOUSEKEEPING  
NOTE THIS HEARING IS BEING  
TELEVISED AND STREAMED ON-LINE.  
IF ANY SIDES HERE WOULD LIKE TO  
TESTIFY THERE ARE SIGN-UP SHEETS  
TO THE BACK LEFT OF THE CHAMBER,  
PLEASE SIGN IN AND WE'LL STAY AS  
LONG AS EVERYONE WISHES TO SPEAK  
WE WILL STAY AND MAKE SURE THEY  
ARE HEARD.

GENTLEMEN, WELCOME.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OPENING REMARKS.

>> HE'LL BE VERY BRIEF  
COURTROOM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE  
OPPORTUNITY AND THEN I'LL TURN  
IT OVER TO OUR SENIOR PLANNER

FOR THE DETAILS OF THE GRANT.  
BUT AS COMMISSIONER OF BOSTON  
PARKS I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY AS I DO WITH MOST  
PUBLIC SETTINGS TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
THE HARD WORKING MEN AND WOMEN  
OF THE BOSTON PARKS AND  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO TAKE  
CARE OF OUR 2600 ACRES THAT  
WE'RE HONORED TO MAINTAIN TO THE  
BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

BUT I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE TODAY  
THE EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP AT  
THE LEVEL OF MAYOR MARTY WALSH  
AND THE YEARS FOR CAPITAL  
BUDGETS FOR BOSTON PARKS.  
THE REASON I THINK THE  
COMMONWEALTH DEEMED THIS  
PARAGRAPH WORTHY OF INVESTMENT  
IS BECAUSE IT WAS BY A LARGE  
CAPITAL LINE ITEM FROM THE CITY.  
SO WITHOUT THE CITY'S LEADERSHIP  
OF OVER \$3 MILLION IT MAY NOT  
HAVE BEEN AS ENTICING FOR THE  
COMMONWEALTH TO INVEST IN THE  
PARK AS WELL.

WE'RE GRATEFUL TO THE GOVERNOR  
AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
THAT ARE PARTNERS AND STEWARD  
SHINE OF OPEN SPACES.

NOISE IS A VERY VERY WORTHY PARK  
TO MAKE SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY  
VENT IN AND WE'RE ALSO EAGERLY  
ANTICIPATING CONSTRUCTION AS IS  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN MARCH,  
CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN MAY  
AND WE'LL HAVE A RIBBON CUTTING  
BEFORE THE 2019 LILT LEAGUE  
SEASON.

WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO RECEIVE  
THESE FUNDS.

WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL TO  
ALLOW US TO RECEIVE THESE FUNDS  
AND WE'RE EXCITED TO GET STARTED  
ON THE PROJECT.

WITH THAT, I'LL GIVE THE DETAILS  
OF THE GRANT TO OUR SENIOR  
PLANNER.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

>> THANKS SO MUCH.

LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN END OF  
EAST BOSTON.

IT'S THE SECOND LARGEST PARK IN EAST BOSTON, EAST MEMORIAL ANNUAL PARK IS LARGER BY THE AIRPORT.

MARKS HAVE ACTIVE FEATURES ARE MORE IN THE EASTERN SECTION. THIS PROVIDES KEY RESOURCE FOR RECREATION -- NORTHERN OWNED OF EAST BOSTON.

WE DO HAVE SOME -- PROVIDES A BIT OF OBSTACLE FOR PEOPLE TO GET IT PLUS IT HAS THE KIND OF SEASONAL CHARACTER, A GREAT RESOURCE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO WE ARE APPLYING FOR THE MAXIMUM GRANT, \$400,000 FOR THE NORTH PLAYGROUND.

THAT HAS TO ADD ANOTHER BASKETBALL COURT OR -- AREA. WE'RE GOING TO BE ADDING APPROXIMATELY GETTING THROUGH THE TREES TO A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT DOES NOT HAVE A LOT OF TREE CANVASS AND WE'LL ALSO BE PUTTING IN RAIN GUTTERS. WE'LL BE PUTTING IN INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE THAT WILL INDICATE, TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE AREA -- PARKLAND.

AND THEN TALK ABOUT THE SPORTS LIGHTING, HELP REDUCE ENERGY AND CARBON EMISSIONS AND WHAT WE CAN OFFER TO TRY TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS AND -- EXTREME FLOODING EVENTS THAT EAST BOSTON WILL BE EXPERIENCING IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THAT'S REALLY I GOT TO SAY ABOUT IT.

IT'S A GREAT PROJECT -- PARTICIPATING AND I THINK IT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY.

>> THANK YOU.

WELL, THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT I LOVE.

SPORTS, PARKS AND LOWERING OUR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SO YOU WERE TABLE TO TOUCH UPON ALL THREE.

I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS. CHRIS I THINK YOU TOOK THE FIRST ONE.

THE TIME LINE IS AS FOLLOWS PUT

OUT TO BID NEXT MONTH AND THEN  
THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN  
MAY THAT QUICKLY YOU'RE GOING TO  
BE ABLE TO TURN IT AROUND THAT  
QUICKLY.

>> WE WILL.

WE THINK THAT IS A VERY EXCITING  
PROJECT FOR A CONTRACTOR.  
THEY WILL BE EXCITED BIT.

>> FANTASTIC.

THEN DONE BY APRIL OF 19, DO YOU  
THINK.

>> UH-HUH.

>> THE CITY PUT IN \$3 MILLION IN  
THEIR CAPITAL BUDGET.

>> A LITTLE OVER THREE, YES,  
INCLUDING DESIGN.

>> AND THIS IS 400,000 SO THIS  
LITERALLY OR IS SHOVEL READY.

>> IT IS, YES.

>> FANTASTIC.

WE'LL TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT  
THE COMMUNITY'S INPUT TO THE  
PROCESS UP UNTIL THIS POINT IF  
YOU WOULD.

>> YES.

SO WE WENT THROUGH OUR OUR  
NORMAL PROCESS OF THREE  
COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

THEY WERE WELL ATTENDED AS MOST  
OPEN SPACE MEETINGS IN EAST  
BOSTON ARE.

I WILL SAY THAT COUNCILOR  
EDWARDS DID A GOOD JOB OF  
MENTIONING THIS BEFORE.

THERE WAS A REAL CHALLENGE AND  
ACCOMMODATING SOFTBALL, BASEBALL  
AND SOCCER.

THE REASON FOR THAT IS NOT THAT  
WE'VE ADDED MORE SOCCER FIELDS  
IN EAST BOSTON BUT WE COULD  
ACTUALLY ADD TEN MORE SOCCER  
FIELDS IN EAST BOSTON.

I THINK IT WOULD BE HARD FOR US  
TO KEEP UP WITH THE POPULARITY  
OF THE SPORT.

SO THIS WAS A SENSE FROM THE  
LITTLE LEAGUE USERS.

THERE WAS A SENSE FROM SOME OF  
THE SOFTBALL USERS THAT A LOT OF  
THE OPEN SPACE IN EAST BOSTON  
WAS ALREADY BEING USED FOR  
SOCCER.

SO IT WAS UNIMAGINABLE TO US TO

HAVE AN OPEN SPACE AND NOT ACCOMMODATE THE SOCCER FIELD BUT WE WANT TO BE RESPECTFUL OF THE OTHER EXISTING USES, SOFT TBAWL -- SOFTBALL AND LITTLE LEAGUE.

WE CAME UP WITH THE SCENE IN FRONT OF YOU WHERE WE HAVE A FLEXIBLE COMPONENT TO THE PARK. SO THERE IS ONE SYNTHETIC FIELD IN THE PARK IN THE DESIGN AND THAT WILL GIVE US THE FLEXIBILITY OF HAVING SOCCER IN THE OFF SEASON AND PROTECTED THROUGH PERMITTING SOFTBALL ACCOMMODATED.

BUT WITH THE COMMUNITY CENTER SO NEAR BY, I THINK THE IDEA OF HAVING A FLEXIBLE SPACE ALSO OPENS UP THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LA CROSSE AND OPPORTUNITIES UP THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FLAG FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS THAT PEOPLE MAY BE INTERESTED IN AND WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT TURF DAMAGE IN THE OFF SEASON.

THE ONE THING I'M EXCITED ABOUT AND I THINK WEOFF SET THIS WITH CAN THE REIGN GARDEN WE'RE HAVING FOUR RAIN GARDEN TO ACCOMMODATE THE STORM WATERS. THE FIELDS WILL BE IRRIGATED. WHAT THAT MAINS IS THE CURRENT CONDITIONS THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE FORCED TO PLAY IN AT NO YES, SIR RIGHT NOW -- AT NOYES RIGHT NOW. WITH THE IRRIGATION THEY ARE GOING TO GET A LEVEL OF CONSISTENCY IN THE QUALITY OF THE TUIVE.

AND I THINK YOU KNOW THE EXPOSURE TO POTENTIAL INJURIES, THE IDEA THAT THE GRASS IS GOING TO GET BURNT OUT AFTER SUCH A HUGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT THOSE WILL ALL BE LIMITED BY THE PRESENCE OF IRRIGATION.

IT'S A FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT IN A PARK THAT HAD NOT RECEIVED ONE IN A VERY VERY LONG TIME.

>> FANTASTIC.

AND SO YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME OF THE COLLECTING OF THE STORMWATER, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE

SOME LED LIGHTS OVERHEIGHT

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OVERHEAD LIGHTS FOR THE GAMES.  
AND ONE THING WE'VE BEEN WORKING  
ON IS WATER FILLING STATIONS FOR  
LESS USE OF PLASTIC BOTTLE.

>> I CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR  
KNOWING THIS INFORMATION  
ALTHOUGH VERY WISELY BEFORE THIS  
HEARING I WAS INFORMED THERE  
WILL BE TWO ON SITE.

>> TYPICAL BUBBLERS AND ALSO A  
PLACE FOR A YOUNG PERSON.

>> EACH ONE OF THE STATIONS HAVE  
BOTH.

BOTH THE FILLER AND THE BUBBLER  
AT THE SAME TIME.

ONE WILL BE LOCATED NEAR THE  
PLAYGROUND BASKETBALL COURTS AND  
ONE NEAR THE FIELDS.

>> CAN I REQUEST AS I DO FOR ALL  
PROJECTS OF THIS SIZE, A SUN  
SCREEN DISPENSER FOR OUR  
PARTNERS ATMEL NO MA IMPACT OF  
NEW ENGLAND.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

WE CAN ACTUALLY ACCOMMODATE IT  
HERE COUNCILOR AND WE'LL CREATE  
A PART SHINE FOR THE BOSS TER  
YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTERS THAT  
ARE CLOSE BY.

WE DON'T LIKE PUTTING IN UNLESS  
WE HAVE ADDITIONAL STAFF NEARBY  
TO MONITOR THE CONDITIONS.

WE'LL REACH OUT TO MAKE SURE WE  
GET ONE INSTALLED.

>> FANTASTIC.

THANK YOU BOTH.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> I JUST WANTED TO ALSO, I  
REALLY APPRECIATED YOU  
MENTIONING THE POTENTIAL FOR  
GROWTH HERE AT THIS PARK.

I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE BEST  
THINGS BIT ACTUALLY IS THE  
PARTNERSHIP I THINK IT'S WITH  
THE MARTY PINO CENTER COULD LEAD  
TO MORE SPORTS AND MORE  
OPPORTUNITIES.

AND ALSO BEING A LITTLE BIT MORE  
CREATIVE WITH HOW WE'RE GOING TO  
USE ALL OF OUR SPACES, BECOMING  
MORE AND MORE CREATIVE.

I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HIGHER  
VERY SOON FROM SOMEBODY WHO  
WANTS TO TESTIFY ABOUT  
SUPPORTING AND HELP AND ALSO  
FILED SOME ROOM FOR RACKETBALL.  
>> THANK YOU.  
I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER  
QUESTIONS.  
GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE YOU TO STAY  
IF YOU COULD.  
WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF PUBLIC  
TESTIMONY.  
JUST TO HEAR SOME FEEDBACK.  
>> YES, SURE.  
>> YOU CAN JOIN THE AUDIENCE.  
>> YES, THANK YOU.  
>> IS MR. BOLD ONE OF THE PEOPLE  
WHO IS GOING TO TESTIFY.  
HE HAS WRITTEN TESTIMONY HE  
WANTS TO READ BUT IF YOU WANT TO  
JOIN US, IF YOU WANT TO SIT AT  
THAT TABLE.  
THANK YOU.  
>> THANK YOU.  
>> YOU CAN EVEN STAY SEATED  
THERE.  
WE'RE INFORMAL.  
WE'RE ALL FRIENDS HERE.  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY  
PARKS COMMITTEE.  
JUST GRAB A SEAT ANYWHERE YOU  
WISH.  
THANK YOU.  
>> MY NAME IS JIM BOLD.  
I'M THE MASSACHUSETTS DIRECTOR  
FOR WORLD OUTDOOR RACK OTHER  
BALL.  
I HAVE BEEN FOR ABOUT SERVE  
YEARS NOW.  
I'VE BEEN THE RACK OTHER BALL  
PADDLE BALL HAND FALL SINCE  
19 0.  
BASICALLY WHAT I WANT TO PRESENT  
IS THAT OUTDOOR HANDBALL, ROCKET  
BALL AND PASS BALL.  
THIS IS WHAT A CURRENT PADDLE  
LOOKS LIKE AND RACKET AND HAND  
FOR HANDBALL.  
THESE ARE HAND BALLS BEING USED  
NOW IS GROWING THROUGHOUT THE  
COUNTRY.  
AND MOST STATES HAVE HUNDREDS IF  
THAT THOUSANDS OF COURTS.  
FLORIDA HAS ABOUT 6,000, NEW



YORK HAS ABOUT 2,000.  
THEY HAVE THESE COMPLEXES WITHIN  
THE INNER CITY.  
ORCHARD BEACH FOR EXAMPLE RIGHT  
IN THE CENTER OF THE BRONX HAS A  
24-QUARTER FACILITY.  
WHAT IT DOES IS GIVING KIDS AND  
ADULTS AN OUTLET BASICALLY TO  
SPEND THEIR TIME ON.  
QUITE A FEW KIDS THAT HAVE GONE  
DOWN CERTAIN ROADS HAVE BECOME  
REALLY ADDICTED TO HANDBALL,  
RACKETBALL, PADDLE BALL.  
IT'S GOTTEN THEM IN A HEALTH  
CONSCIOUS MODE.  
MASSACHUSETTS IS LACKING IN MANY  
WAYS.  
LITERALLY ALL YOU NEED IS A  
CEMENT WALL.  
I'VE GOT A DRAWING HERE.  
IF WE TOOK A SPACE WITH A  
HUNDRED FOOT SQUARE, YOU COULD  
ADD SIX COURTS,  
PROFESSIONAL-GRADE COURTS WITHIN  
A HUNDRED FOOT SQUARE WHICH IS  
PROBABLY SMALLER THAN THIS ROOM.  
IT'S REALLY JUST CONCRETE AND A  
CONCRETE BALL THAT'S 16 FEET  
HIGH.  
I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN DESIGNING  
CONSTRUCTION IN OTHER LOCATIONS.  
AND REALLY JUST AM PUTTING THIS  
FORTH THAT WHETHER IT CAN  
POSSIBLY BE ADDED HERE OR IN ANY  
OTHER PARKS OR PLAYGROUNDS IN  
THE FUTURE IN BOSTON IS REALLY  
WHY I'M HERE.  
I WOULD BE WILLING TO OFFER MY  
HELP, SERVICES.  
MY BACKGROUND, I WAS DIRECTOR OF  
ENGINEERING IN SOME MAJOR  
HOSPITALS IN BOSTON AND HAVE A  
LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH BUILDING  
GROUNDS AND CONSTRUCTIONS.  
SO REALLY THAT'S ALL I WANT TO  
PRESENT WAS IF IN ANY WAY THIS  
MIGHT MAKE ITS WAY INTO THE  
FUTURE IN SOME OF THE PARKS,  
PLAYGROUNDS IN BOSTON.  
>> I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU  
FOR THAT PRESENTATION AND ALSO  
JUST NOTING THAT THERE'S A  
WONDERFUL PROGRAM I DON'T KNOW  
IF YOU'VE HEARD OF SQUASH

BUSTERS, RIGHT, AS A PERFECT  
EXAMPLE OF HOW THE FAMILY OF  
HANDBALL, RACKETBALL THERE'S  
ALREADY PROVEN RECORD OF GETTING  
KIDS INVOLVED, GETTING THEM ON  
FAST TRACKS OR TRACKS TO  
COLLEGE.

THIS IS SOMETHING I REALLY WOULD  
LOVE TO SEE IF IT'S A  
POSSIBILITY.

AGAIN YOU JUST NEED THE BACK OF  
THE BASKETBALL COURT ONE OF THE  
SIDES OF IT LITERALLY JUST BEING  
SEEMED.

SO THEY CAN HAVE ALSO A HUNDRED  
SQUARE FEET AN IT.

IT'S MOBILE.

SO I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER IT.

>> MY CONTACT INFO IS IN HERE.

MAYBE WE COULD SPEAK IN THE FEW.

>> HORACE MANN.

ANYTHING WE CAN TO GET MORE  
PEOPLE OUT AND THE OPPORTUNITY  
FOR OPEN SPACE FOR SPORTS OR  
EVEN JUST ORGANIC SPORTS MAKES  
SENSE.

WHILE WE HAVE YOU HERE, THERE  
ANY MOVEMENT TO PUT HANDBALL  
RACKETBALL AND SQUASH COURTS.

>> THERE ISN'T.

I HAVE TO CHECK BACK TO THE  
COMMUNITY PROCESS BUT THAT  
DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE'S NOT.  
IF THE BIDS COME IN LOW THAT  
THERE'S ALWAYS POTENTIAL TO ADD  
ALTERNATES IN CONSTRUCTION AND  
THE COURTS HAVE FUTURE DESIGN  
BUT I MEAN THERE'S, I WOULDN'T  
LIMIT THE REQUEST TO -- IT'S A  
MUCH BROADER CANVAS.

>> I THINK JIM IS SAYING THAT AS  
WELL.

>> I WILL SAY HISTORICALLY IT'S  
NOT A SPORT THAT WE'VE  
ACCOMMODATED WITH OUTDOOR  
FACILITIES AND I THINK THAT  
WOULD BE A CHANGE IN OUR MIND  
SET AND ONE THAT WOULD BE  
WELCOME.

>> TERRIFIC.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I DON'T BELIEVE ANYONE ELSE  
IS LOOKING TO TESTIFY UNLESS

ANYONE WOULD WISH TO TESTIFY,  
YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO DO  
SO T OKAY.

HEARING NONE.

I WILL BE REPORTING OUT A  
FAVORABLE VOTE FROM THE  
COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY AT OUR  
COUNCIL MEETING URGING QUICK  
ACTION.

AND I'LL CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE MY  
COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS IN  
THE AFFIRMATIVE.

WONDERFUL WORK.

CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCILOR  
EDWARDS AND FORMER COUNCILOR  
LAMATTINA FELT VERY STRONGLY  
ABOUT MAKING SURE THIS PROJECT  
WAS SEEN TO FRUITION.

IT'S BEEN LEFT IN VERY GOOD  
HANDS WITH YOUR GREATER  
LEADERSHIP AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
COMING OVER AND VISITING MY  
FRIENDS IN EAST BOSTON NEXT  
APRIL AND SEEING YOU AT THE  
PARK.

SO HEARING NO OTHER TESTIMONY,  
THIS HEARING IS HEREBY  
ADJOURNED.