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GOOD MORNING,
EVERYONE.

WELCOME TO THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL'S CHAMBER FOR OUR
HEARING ON DOCKET NUMBER 0332, A
HEARING ON THE GREENWAY BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

MY NAME IS MICHELLE WU, I AM
CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION.

AND I AM JOINED BY MY COLLEAGUES
IN ORDER OF THEIR ARRIVAL,
COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS,
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN, AND
COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER.

AND I AM EXCITED TO BE SITTING
UP HERE WITH THE TWO COUNCILORS
WHO REPRESENT, WHOSE DISTRICTS
INCLUDE THE ROSE KENNEDY
GREENWAY.

I WANT TO REMIND EVER THAT THIS
PUBLIC HEARING IS BEING RECORDED
AND BROADCAST LIVE, CHANNEL,
COMCAST 8, R CN8 TWO AND VERIZON
1964, AND WEB CAST ON OUR CITY
WEBSITE.

SO PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELLPHONE
AND OTHER DEVICE.

WE HAVE TWO PANELS TODAY.

AND WE WILL TRY TO INTERSPERSE
TESTIMONY ON EITHER SIDE AND
THROUGHOUT, SO IF YOU WISH TO
SPEAK PUBLICLY PLEASE REMEMBER
TO CHECK THE BOX ON THE SIGN
INSHEETS.

AND WE HAVE SOME STATUTORY
LANGUAGE TO READ AS WELL.

BEFORE I DO THAT, I ALSO WANT TO
GIVE A QUICK HELLO AND THANK YOU
TO OUR SIXTH GRADE LEADERS FROM
THE BOSTON COLLEGIATE CHARTER
HIGH SCHOOL, WOULD YOU PLEASE
GIVE US A WAVE.

WELCOME TO CITY HALL AND SO, SO
MAD YOU ARE LEARNING ALL ABOUT
GOVERNMENT AND GETTING READY TO
SIT IN THESE SEATS NOT TOO FAR
FROM NOW.

OKAY.

SO HERE IS THE STATUTORY

LANGUAGE TO READ INTO THE RECORD AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR OF CHAPTER 40 O OF MASS GENERAL LAWS.

AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED BID, THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR CLERK SHALL READ INTO THE RECORD THE BASIS FOR DETERMINING THE DISTRICT FEE PURSUANT TO SECTION SEVEN AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH ELIGIBLE PROPERTY OWNERS MAY VOTE NOT TO RENEW SUCH BID.

OKAY.

HERE WE GO.

THE DISTRICT FEE STRUCTURE OF THE PROPOSED GREENWAY BID WHICH IS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4 OF THE FREIN WAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN IN ITS ENTIRETY IS INTENDED TO RAISE \$1.5 MILLION EACH YEAR TO SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE, HORTICULTURE COST AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS OF THE GREENWAY.

THE PROPOSED BID ASSESSMENT APPLIES TO ALL TAXABLE PROPERTIES IN THE BID VALUED AT \$10 MILLION OR GREATER, EXCEPT FOR ONE TO FOUR FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND ALL RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS WITHIN THE PROPOSED BID.

TAX-EXEMPT ENTITIES INCLUDING NOT FOR PROFITS ARE EXEMPT FROM BID ASSESSMENTS.

THE BID ASSESSMENT IS 37 CENTS PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION UP TO \$200 MILLION, PLUS 11 CENTS PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION OVER \$200 MILLION.

IF A PROPERTY CHANGES FROM TAX-EXEMPT TO TAXABLE, OR INCREASES IN VALUATION TO GREATER THAN \$10 MILLION, IT WILL THEN BECOME SUBJECT TO THE BID ASSESSMENT.

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES ARE ASSESSED AT HALF THIS AMOUNT, APPROXIMATELY MIRRORING THE CITY'S DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS TAX RATES THE COMMERCIAL COMPONENTS OF THIS SHALL BE UBT SUBJECT TO

THE BID ASSESSMENT.
QUARTERLY ASSESSMENTS WILL BE
PART OF THE CITY OF BOSTON
PROPERTY TAX BILL TO PROPERTIES
LOCATED INSIDE THE GREENWAY
DISTRICT, AND COLLECTED BY THE
CITY OF BOSTON COLLECTOR
TREASURER ON BEHALF OF THE BID.
IF THE ASSESSMENT GENERATES MORE
REVENUE THAN THE BID HAS
COMMITTED TO FUND THE GREENWAY
SUBSEQUENT YEARS ASSESSMENT WILL
BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY.

THE PROCESS BY WHICH ELIGIBLE
PROPERTY OWNERS MAY VOTE NOT TO
RENEW THE BID IS AS FOLLOWS.

ON OR BEFORE THE FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION
OF THE BID AND THE FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY THEREAFTER OF THE
DATE OF THE MOST RECENT RENEWAL
OF THE BID, THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE BID OR OF ITS
DESIGNATED MANAGEMENT ENTITY
SHALL CALL A RENEWAL MEETING OF
THE BID MEMBERS TO REVIEW THE
PROCEEDING FIVE-YEAR HISTORY OF
THE BID.

TO PROPOSE AN UPDATED
IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TO SUCCEED THE
THEN CURRENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN
AND TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO
CONTINUE TO BID. THE RENEWAL
MEETING SHALL BE HELD AT A
LOCATION WITHIN THE DISTRICT.
NOTICE OF THE MEETING SHALL BE
GIVEN TO PARTICIPATING MEMBERS
IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THE
BYLAWS AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO
THE MEETING.

THE BID SHALL CONTINUE AFTER
EACH RENEWAL MEETING IF A
MAJORITY OF PARTICIPATING
PROPERTY OWN (BLEEP) ARE NOT
MORE THAN 30 DAYS IN ARREARS IN
ANY PAYMENT DUE TO THE BID AND
ARE PRESENT AT THE RENEWAL
MEETING IN PERSON OR BY PROXY
VOTE TO RENEW THE BID FOR A TERM
OF FIVE YEARS, COMMENCING ON THE
FIRST DAY OF THE NEXT FISCAL
YEAR OF THE BID.

OKAY.

AND JUST TO NOTE, I HAVE ALSO

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE CLERK MAUREEN FEENEY DETERMINING THAT THE PETITION TO CREATE THIS BID MEET THE ESTABLISHMENT CRITERIA SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 40 O OF SECTION 4, THAT THAT ALL OF THE SIGNATURES MATCHED AND ALL OF THE EVALUATIONS MATCHED AND I THINK WE HAVE SINCE BEEN JOINED BY SEVERAL COLLEAGUES.

I BELIEVE COUNCILOR KIM JANEY CAME IN NEXT AND FOLLOWED BY AT LARGE COUNCILOR ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE.

SO BEFORE WE LAUNCH INTO OUR FIRST PANEL I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY FROM A FEW OF OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, IF THEY ARE STILL HERE, IS SENATOR JOE BONCORE HERE?

>> SENATOR BONCORE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE EITHER ONE OF THESE PODIUMS.

>> GOOD MORNING.

CHAIRWOMAN WU, VICE CHAIRMAN BAKER, ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE, FLYNN, EDWARDS, JANEY, THIS IS A DELIGHT TO BE HERE WITH YOU AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING ME OUT OF ORDER AND GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THIS FREIN WAY BID. THE GREENWAY IS A VALUABLE ASSET FOR THE ENTIRE CITY OF BOSTON. ALL OF THE 17 ACRES I AM HONORED TO REPRESENT IN THE STATE SENATE, ALONG WITH COUNCILOR FLYNN AND COUNCILOR EDWARDS AND THE CITY COUNCIL.

IT IS OVER A VIBRANT PUBLIC SPACE AND ECONOMIC DRIVER, THE KENNEDY GREEN WAY IS A KEY ASSET TO ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON, TOURIST THE PUBLIC SECTORS FOR AND OF COURSE THE BUSINESSES ALONG THE GREENWAY.

>> THE FUNDING HAS ALWAYS COME IN QUESTION IN A VERY PUBLIC WAY, UNFORTUNATELY.

I WANT TO THANK THE COMMONWEALTH, THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR COMING TOGETHER, SITTING AT THE TABLE AND COMING TO AN AGREEMENT ON HOW, A SOLUTION, I

SHOULD SAY, ON HOW THIS PARK CAN BE PUNNED GOING INTO THE FUTURE. I WANT DO FURTHER THANK A BETTER CITY, THE GREENWAY CONSERVANCY FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A GREEN WAY BID WHICH WILL PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF THIS PARK AND THE CITY OF BOSTON GENERALLY.

AS THE CITY, STATE AND CONSERVANCY PLAN MAKING THE GREENWAY THE BEST PARK IT CAN BE.

A BID IS A SUSTAINABLE AND PROVEN METHOD THAT HAS BEEN USED IN OTHER PARTS OF MY DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY THE DOWNTOWN AREA, TO LEVERAGE PRIVATE FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.

AND SPACES IN AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

THIS MONEY, THE \$1.5 MILLION WILL GO A LONG WAY TO SOLVING SOME, AND MEETING SOME OF THE NEEDS FOR MAINTENANCE IN THE LONG-TERM FOR THE GREEN WAY. THE GREENWAY BID WILL HELP THE KENNEDY GREENWAY BE A VITAL PUBLIC SPACE AND HAVE A POSITIVE PUBLIC IMPACT FOR MANY YEARS AHEAD.

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREEN WAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND AGAIN I THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING MY TESTIMONY TODAY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, SENATOR.

I WAS TRYING SO HARD TO MAKE THE OPENING MONOLOGUE INTERESTING I FORGOT TO ASK THE COUNCILORS FOR OPENING STATEMENTS.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO THE STATEMENTS OF MY SENATOR, SENATOR JOE BONCORE AND ALSO NOTE MY SUPPORT FOR THE GREENWAY BID. THE PROCESS IN AND OF ITSELF IS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT ALL OF US CAN ENJOY FOR FREE AND FOR GENERATIONS.

I ALSO WANT TO NOTE I HAVE BEEN LUCK I DO SPEAK WITH SEVERAL FOLKS WHO SUPPORTED THE BID AS WELL IN, AND THEY ARE NOT ONLY CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO MAKING SURE IT IS FUNDED BUT MAKING SURE IT IS TRULY ACCESSIBLE AND, IN AN EQUITIESABLE WAY FOR ALL DIVERSE CITY AND ALL OF BOSTON AS WELL AND REALLY COMING UP WITH WONDERFUL IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE FEELS THEY HAVE OWNERSHIP AND ACCESS TO THE GREENWAY AND IT IS A CONVERSATION I CONTINUE TO, WANT TO BE A PART OF AND TO MAKE SURE THIS GREENWAY ISN'T JUST FOR DOWNTOWN BUT IS REALLY SOMETHING THAT SHINES FOR ALL OF US.

I THINK YOU, I THINK THIS IS A BETTER CITY FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND BE SURE WE CAN COME UP WITH A SUSTAINABLE METHOD.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU AND COUNCILOR EDWARDS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE A BETTER CITY RICK DOMENICO IN HELPING TO ORGANIZE THIS EFFORT AND THANK THE GREENWAY STAFF AND ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE DOWNTOWN BOSTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR PROVIDING LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL.

THE GREENWAY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CITY OF BOSTON. IT CONNECTS OUR CITY.

IT IS A WELCOMING PARK FOR OUR TOURISTS BUT IT IS ALSO A PARK WHERE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CAN PLAY THAT LIVE IN THE CITY.

I REPRESENT 78 PERCENT OF THE GREENWAY AND PROUD TO REPRESENT IT ALONG WITH LYDIA EDWARDS AS WELL, I AM ALSO PROUD OF THE GREENWAY STOCKS IN CHINA TOWN WHICH IS AN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND WELCOMING TO ALL AND I DO KNOW WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF WORK TO DO AS IT RELATES

TO THE GREEN WAY IN IMPROVING
THE PARK AND CHINA TOWN SO THAT
IS A GOING TO BE A BIG FOCUS OF
MINE AS WELL.

BUT I DO STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
PLAN AND WHATEVER I CAN DO TO BE
HELPFUL PLEASE LET ME KNOW BUT I
AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING
FROM THE EXPERTS ON THIS ISSUE.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN,
COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> I AM OKAY.

>> COUNCILOR --

>> COUNCILOR GEORGE.

>> GOOD.

>> IF YOU COULD INTRODUCE
YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND FEEL
FREE TO MAKE YOUR STATEMENT.

>> I AM KATE SECTOR THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY
COORDINATION AT THE
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION.

>> AND I THINK I GOT VOTED TO GO
FIRST SO I WILL DO SO.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE, I
AM REPRESENTING MASS DOT
SECRETARY AND CEO POLLOCK AS
WELL HAS THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS AS A WHOLE. WE
ARE THE OWNER OF THE 17 ACRES
UNDERNEATH THE GREENWAY, AND I
AM ACTUALLY REALLY PLEASED THAT
I DREW THE SHORT STRAW TO GO
FIRST BECAUSE IT GIVES ME A
CHANCE TO SAY WHAT AN INCREDIBLY
EXCITING AND IMPORTANT DAY THIS
IS FOR I THINK ALL OF US.

THERE ARE SOME OF US IN THIS
ROOM WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON
THIS ISSUE FOR TWO DECADES, I
FIGURED OUT THIS YEAR, AND TO BE
HERE IS REALLY AN INCREDIBLE
HONOR AND WE WOULD NOT BE HERE
WITHOUT OUR PARTNERS WITH THE
BETTER CITY AND THE GREENWAY
CONSERVANCY ITSELF.

I THINK AN IMPORTANT PLACE TO
START IS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT BIDS
HOOK LIKE IN OTHER CITIES.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEM
AROUND THE UNITED STATES FOR
PARKS, THEY ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT

URBAN PARKS OF THE TYPE THIS IS.
THERE ARE DIFFERENT MODELS BUT
THEY HAVE CERTAIN THEMATIC
SIMILARITIES WHICH WE HAVE ALSO
REPLICATED HERE.

THEY ALSO, ALL REPRESENT
PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN DIFFERENT
SECTORS, THEY ALL REPRESENT
COMMITMENT TO SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY, SHARED
ACCOUNTABILITY, I THINK TO
EXACTLY THE TYPE OF OPENNESS AND
EQUITIABILITY THAT COUNCILOR
EDWARDS MENTIONED AND I THINK
JUST TO THE IDEA THAT
STEWARDSHIP IS SOMETHING THAT
BELONGS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO
BENEFIT FROM AN ASSET LIKE THIS,
AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE
TRYING TO DO HERE.

ONE THING THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT
FOR ME TO EMPHASIZE IS THAT EVEN
THOUGH MASS DOT IS ENTERING INTO
THIS PARTNERSHIP THROUGH THE
BID, WE ARE IN NO WAY STEPPING
AWAY FROM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE
GREENWAY.

WE OWN IT, IT IS AN INCREDIBLY
IMPORTANT ASSET FOR US, IT IS
ALSO THE ROOF OF THE I-93
TUNNEL, WHICH GIVES IT A SPECIAL
SIGNIFICANCE TO US.

WE ALSO SEE IT REALLY LITERALLY
AND FIGURATIVELY AS THE CAP
STONE OF THE CENTRAL ARTERY
PROJECT.

THE CENTRAL ARTERY WAS NEVER
JUST A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT,
IT WAS ALSO ABOUT CITY BUILDING,
IT WAS ALSO ABOUT MAKING THE
CITY OF BOSTON MORE OPEN IN A
LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS CONNECTING
NEIGHBORS AND THE GREEN WAY IS
REALLY THE PHYSICAL EMBODIMENT
OF THAT BUT BECAUSE OF THE
CONNECTION TO THE TUNNEL
UNDERNEATH, WE HAVE A REALLY
KEEN INTEREST IN MAKING SURE
THAT THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURES OF
THE GREEN WAY ARE WELL
MAINTAINED, IT IS HARD TO
BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE GETTING TO
BE A DECADE OLD AT THIS POINT,
WHICH MEANS THAT THEY ARE

BEGINNING TO COME INTO THE PLACE
IN THE CYCLE WHERE THEY ARE
GOING TO NEED MORE INTENSIVE
CAPITAL CARE AND THAT IS FOR US,
I THINK, ONE OF THE KEY REASONS
WHY THE BID IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT
THING, BECAUSE IT WILL ALLOW THE
COMMONWEALTH TO SHIFT THE
DOLLARS THAT WE HAVE ALLOCATED
TO THE GREENWAY FROM EVERY DAY
OPERATING EXPENSES INTO A MORE
SUSTAINED CAPITAL PROGRAM, WHICH
IS REALLY I THINK OF TIMELY
IMPORTANCE FOR US AND WE ARE
LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO
WORK WITH THE CONSERVANCY AND
THE BID AS WELL AS THE CITY ..
TO REALLY DEVELOP AND REFINE A
CAPITAL PLAN THAT WILL HELP TO
BRING THE GREENWAY FORWARD.
I THINK JUST ONE LAST THING THAT
IS IMPORTANT TO MENTION.
WE HAVE A LONGSTANDING
COMMITMENT TO THE GREENWAY TO
BUILD A MAINTENANCE FACILITY.
WE ARE DOING THAT NOW.
WE ARE INVESTING OVER \$3 MILLION
IN THAT WHOLLY PAID FOR BY MASS
DOT, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTED AND
WE HOPE IT WILL BE DONE BY 2020
IN CONSTRUCT, AND CONSTRUCTION
BY 2019 AND OPEN BY 2020.
SO THOSE ARE THE MAIN THINGS I
WANTED TO SAY.
I KNOW OTHER FOLKS WILL GO INTO
MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE ACTUAL
STRUCTURE OF THE BID ITSELF, AND
I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
OR HAND IT OVER TO EMMA.
>> WE WILL TAKE EMMA FIRST AND
THEN DO QUESTIONS TO BOTH OF
YOU.
>> GREAT.
>> GOOD MORNING CHAIRWOMAN WU
AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.
MY NAME IS EMMA HANDY AS I
MENTIONED CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
ON BEHALF OF MAYOR WALSH I AM
HERE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF
THE ACT 2 TO ESTABLISH THE
GREENWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT.
MAYOR WALSH AND THE CITY OF

BOSTON IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMONWEALTH, THE GREENWAY CONSERVANCY AND A BETTER CITY ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING THIS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMMING -- INSIDE THE FREIN WAY.

AS YOU KNOW, A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OR BID IS A DEFINED AREA IN WHICH BUSINESSES AND PROPERTIES ARE REQUIRED TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT IN ORDER TO FUND PROJECTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARIES. AN ESTABLISHMENT OF A BID IN BOSTON IS GOVERNED BY MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW, AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STEPS. 60 PERCENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE PROPOSED BID MUST SIGN A PETITION OF SUPPORT, THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SUPPORTERS MUST BE AT LEAST 51 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF THE BID DISTRICT.

THE CLERK MUST APPROVE THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE PETITION AND THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL MUST APPROVE.

THE GREENWAY BID BEFORE YOU HAD REACHED 82 PERCENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS ENDORSING THE EFFORT AND THE SUPPORT REPRESENTING 89 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ASSET VALUE, AN AGREEMENT WELL ABOVE BOTH TO THE LEGAL FOR SUPPORT. THE CLERK ALSO INDICATED THE PETITION HAS MET THE CRITERIA REQUIRED.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED BID IS TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND PROGRAMMING OF THE ROSE KENNEDY GREENWAY AS A VITAL ASSET.

THIS HAS BEEN A PRIORITY OF MAYOR WALSH, INCREASE THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR PARKS BY PHONE POINT OF VIEW \$3 MILLION OR ROUGHLY 30 PERCENT AND THE FY 19 BUDGET INCLUDES \$17.7 MILLION IN NEW CAPITAL FUNDING FOR PARKS PROJECTS.

DURABLE GREENWAY IS FINANCED BY

SUPPORT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH AND FUND-RAISING BY THE GREEN WAY CONSERVANCY BUT HAS NOT HAD A STABLE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT. LAST YEAR, MAYOR WALSH, GOVERNOR BAKER, THE GREEN WAY CONSERVANCY AND A BETTER CITY WORKED CHOSELY TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROVIDE A STRUCTURED FINANCING PLAN FOR THE GREEN WAY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND AS MODEL FOR THE FUTURE.

UNDER THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FUNDING ARRANGEMENT, THE CITY OF BOSTON HAS AGREED TO SEEK CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A CITY HEALTH FUND WITH \$5 MILLION FROM THE PROCEEDS OF 115 FEDERAL STREET AND THE INCOME BENEFITING THE ROSE KENNEDY GREENWAY.

THIS INVESTMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE SALE OF THAT PROPERTY AND THE APPROVAL OF THIS COUNCIL. ONCE ESTABLISHED ALL INCOME GENERATED FROM THE FUND WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$250,000 ANNUALLY WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE TEEN WAY CONSERVANCY TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE.

THE CITY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECONSIDER THAT COMMITMENT AT THE END OF THE CONSERVANCY'S CURRENT TEN YEAR LEASE.

WE ARE ALL DOING OUR PART. I PROVIDE MASS DOT FOR THE CAPITAL SUPPORT, THE CONSERVANCY'S COMMITMENT TO INCREASING THEIR OWN SOURCE REVENUE AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES AND BETTER CITY FOR ENGAGING BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE FORMATION OF THIS BID.

THIS WILL ALLOW THE GREENWAY TO FLOURISH AND PROVIDE PROGRAMMING FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN BOSTON.

WITH HE EXPECT THE BID TO PRODUCE ROUGHLY \$1.5 MILLION A YEAR TO FUND THESE OPERATIONS, AND IT WILL BE IN PLACE FOR, IN PLACE FOR FIVE YEARS.

FOLLOWING THE FIVE-YEAR TERM

OWNERS OF THE DISTRICT CAN VOTE TO RENEW THIS.

THE CITY IS ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE OUR PARTNERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO HELP IMPROVE A PUBLIC AMENITY FOR YEARS TO COME.

THIS BID WILL ALLOW THE SPACE ALONG THE FREIN WAY TO CONTINUE TO BE THE JEWEL IT IS TODAY. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

I URGE YOU SUPPORT THIS BID AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. WE WILL START WITH QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU BOTH FOR COMING IN TODAY.

I JUST WANTED TO HAVE ONE OF YOU WALK ME THROUGH THE STRUCTURE OF MAINTENANCE THE.

YOU MENTIONED THE CONSERVANCY MANY TIMES AND HOW THE FUNDING, IT GOES TO WHAT, THEY THEN MEET QUARTERLY, THEY THEN ALLOCATE, IF YOU COULD WALK US THROUGH THE ACTUAL PROCESS.

SO I THINK ACTUALLY SOME OF THE FOLKS WHO WILL BE TESTIFYING LATER ARE PROBABLY BETTER POSITIONED TO DO THAT, BUT IN GENERAL, THE WAY IT WILL WORK, THE CONSERVANCY ITSELF HAS A BOARD, THE BID WILL ALSO HAVE A BOARD, THERE WILL BE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE. TWO THAT WILL ALLOW, AND THERE ARE ACTUALLY A SERIES OF DOCUMENTS THAT KIND OF DEFINE HOW THIS WORKS.

BUT WILL ALLOW THE BID TO TRANSFER MONEY TO THE GREENWAY TO BE SPENT ON CERTAIN DEFINED THINGS, MOSTLY HAVING TO DO WITH HORTICULTURE, MAINTENANCE OF THE HORTICULTURE, AND IN ADDITION AS THE BID SORT OF RAMPS UP THE MONEY IT HAS, THEY WILL ALSO HAVE SOME ROOM FOR DISCRETIONARY SPENDING THAT WILL BE MORE AT THE CHOICE OF THE BID, BUT

CERTAINLY WITH THE INPUT OF THE CONSERVANCY AND I AM SURE OF THE CITY AND AS, AND OS MASS DOT AS WELL.

WE TRIED TO MAKE IT AS EASY A PROCESS AS POSSIBLE AND ALSO PUT IN A NUMBER OF SAFEGUARDS SHOULD SOMETHING HAPPEN TO THE, SHOULD THE BID FAIL, SHOULD ONE OF THE FUNDING SOURCES DROP OUT, HOW OTHERS CAN COME IN AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PARK IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN.

IN TERMS OF THE CONSERVANCY, MAYBE AGAIN ANOTHER PANEL WOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER THIS, IS THERE A SPECIFIC MISSION OR COMMITMENT THAT THEY HAVE TO KEEPING THE GREENWAY FREE AND ACCESSIBLE? IS THAT A PART OF THE STRUCTURE? >> YES, THAT IS CERTAINLY PART OF THE MISSION.

BOTH THE PARK ASTHMAS DOT IS THE OWNER DEFINES IT AND OS OF AND OF THE CONSERVANCY, THAT IS LAID OUT INITIALLY IN LEGISLATION AND IN A WHOLE SERIES OF STATEMENTS RELATED TO THE CONSERVANCY ITSELF AND TO THE BOARD, SO YES BY ALL MEANS, DEFINITELY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU.

>> YES, WE COULD, AS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, ARE YOU ABLE TO DETAIL ANY PROJECTS THAT YOU WOULD ENVISION AS IT RELATES TO THE CHINA TOWN PART OF THE GREENWAY?

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE THAT TO MAKE IT LOOK AS GOOD AS THE GREEN WAY, YOU KNOW, UP TOWARDS THE NORTH END AND DOWNTOWN?

>> SURE.

SO CERTAINLY I THINK JESSE WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO THAT IN DETAIL BUT I THINK THAT KIND OF GENERAL ISSUES THAT GREENWAY HAS AS A CITY PARK, I THINK SOME OF THESE ARE MORE, PROBABLY MORE PRINTOUTS THAN THE CHINA TOWN END, CERTAINLY THE HORTICULTURE

IS ALWAYS A CHALLENGE IN THE ENVIRONMENT WITH THE TRAFFIC, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, THE HARD SURFACES, THE CURBS IT IS CONCRETE, THE THINGS ALL REQUIRE HUGE AMOUNTS OF MAINTENANCE, WATER FEATURES WHICH CHINA TOWN HAS ARE REALLY CHALLENGING TO MAINTAIN.

I THINK THAT AS WE GET THIS NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS IN PLACE, I KNOW THE FOUNTAINS THROUGHOUT THE PARK ARE ONE OF THE FIRST AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE CONSERVANCY.

AND I THINK BEYOND THAT I WOULD DEFER TO JESSE TO SPEAK MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES AT THAT END BUT IT IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING WE ARE ALL AWARE OF AND KNOW NEEDS IMPROVEMENT.

>> OKAY.

AND AS IT RELATES TO PROGRAMMING, THAT YOU MENTIONED, WILL WE HAVE PROGRAMMING IN THE CHINA TOWN COMMUNITY IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES, CANTON KNEES, MANDARIN SO BETTER ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE OR ELDERLY PEOPLE THAT MAY NOT SPEAK ENGLISH?

>> SURE, THAT IS OBVIOUSLY INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ISSUES. JESSE, DO YOU WANT IN ON THIS? GOOD.

SO WE WILL GET TO THAT WHEN WE GET THERE, BUT, YES, I I THIS, I THINK CERTAINLY THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS THE GREEN WAY NEEDS TO THINK AN ABOUT AND THE CONSERVANCY NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN GOING THE PROGRAMMING. PROGRAMMING AND IT MAY BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE NEW LIBRARY IN CHINA TOWN AND THEN CONNECT THE LIBRARY TO THE GREENWAY AND GIVE PEOPLE ACCESS TO THE PARK BUTS TO THE LIBRARY IN A POSITIVE MANNER, POSITIVE WAY.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, AS YOU KNOW, CHINA TOWN IS A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF

POVERTY, AND MANY DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS PARK IS ENJOYED BY EVERYBODY, ESPECIALLY OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AS WELL. AND BY ALL MEANS.

ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS VERY PROUD OF IS WE WERE ABLE TO GET A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE CHINA TOWN CDC FOR THE BID, WHICH I THINK REPRESENTS THE KIND OF PARTNERSHIP THAT WE WANT TO HAVE, BUT WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISSUES AND OTHER PROBLEMS THAT WE WILL TRY TO MAKE THOSE A PART OF THE OVERALL MISSION.

>> OKAY.

THOSE ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES I AM GOING TO FOCUS ON, YOU KNOW, OVER THE MONTHS COMING AHEAD, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT CHINA TOWN IS ALSO A FOCAL POINT OF THIS CONVERSATION AS WELL.

>> DEFINITELY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, GOOD MORNING, LADIES.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> THIS IS GOOD STUFF, WE ACTUALLY GET TO TALK ABOUT TODAY FINALLY, HUH?

SO EMMA, BASICALLY WE ASSESS THEM, IT IS AN ADDED ASSESSMENT ON THE PROPERTY OWNERS, WE CHECK THAT MONEY AND THEN JUST GIVE IT BACK, SO NO COST TO THE CITY OF BOSTON AT ALL?

>> COUNCILOR, WE HAVE LEVERAGED THE CITY'S COLLECTION TOOLS AND SOFTWARE TO ADD THE BID COLLECTION PROCESS TO THAT, AND SO THERE MAY BE SORT OF NEGLIGIBLE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ADDING THIS TO OUR SYSTEM, BUT IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE THINK IS AN UNDUE BURDEN BY ANY MEANS.

>> YES.

AND THAT'S AS FAR AS OUR RELATIONSHIP GOES.

>> YES.
>> THAT'S A GOOD DEAL FOR US.
>> KATE, WHERE IS THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY -- THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY GOING TO BUILD A FACILITY SPECIFICALLY FOR THE GREENWAY?
>> YES.
>> YES.
IT IS A LONG COMMITMENT THAT WE HAVE HAD.
WE HAVE ACTUALLY ALLOWED THE CONSERVANCY TO USE SPACE AT OUR NORTH STREET FACILITY FOR A LONG TIME, THAT FACILITY IS BEING SOLD SO OBVIOUSLY THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE, THE CONSERVANCY ALSO NEEDS MORE SPACE IN GENERAL FOR ITS EQUIPMENT AND PARTICULARLY FOR ITS ORGANIC COMPOSTING. THE NEW FACILITY WILL ACTUALLY BE AT THE FAR OTHER END, TOWARDS WHAT WE CALL OUR DISTRICT SIX BUILDING.
THE OLD WAY AND CENTRAL ARTERY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, IT IS A VERY, VERY -- AND KIND OF BEYOND THE END OF THE PARK THERE IS SOME SPACE BACK THERE.
>> YES.
OKAY.
>> SO OFF THE PARK ITSELF.
>> YES.
OKAY.
GOOD.
THANK YOU.
>> SURE.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR BAKER, COUNCILOR JANEY.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, JUST WANTED TO BUILD ON EARLIER QUESTION AROUND ASSESSABILITY AND NOT JUST IN TERMS OF COSTS BUT IF YOU COULD SPEAK TO THE PLANS TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS AN AREA THAT WOULD BE VERY WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE TO ALL RESIDENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF BOSTON.
>> SURE.
I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO US, REALLY EVEN BEFORE THE PARK WAS BUILT, WHEN IT WAS JUST

RENDERINGS ON A BOARD, HOW DO YOU MAKE A PARK SITTING WHERE IT SITS FEEL WELCOMING AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON, TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, TO VISITORS FROM OTHER PLACES? AND I THINK, I THINK THE CONSERVANCY HAS DONE A REALLY EXCELLENT JOB AT MAINTAINING A WIDE VARIETY OF TYPES OF PROGRAMMING, DIFFERENT TYPES OF ATTRACTIONS, DIFFERENT TYPES OF FACILITIES, I THINK IT IS A CONTINUAL CHALLENGE, IT IS SOMETHING WE WILL ALL NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK AT, BUT I DO FEEL PRETTY CONFIDENT THAT THE OF -- BOTH THE POLICIES, THE PRACTICES AND EVEN THE RULES THAT ARE IN PLACE BOTH FOR MASS DOT AND EVEN UNDERLYING THAT, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH HELPS TO PAY FOR A LARGE PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF IT HAS MANY RULES ABOUT KEEPING IT FREE, LIMITING WHAT KINDS OF USES CAN BE PUT IN THERE, SPECIFICALLY PRIVATE USE, LEASING, RENTING FOR EVENTS, ANYTHING THAT COULD WOULD CONSTRAIN THE NUMBERS OF HOURS THE PUBLIC CAN USE IT, BUT I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON AS WE DO ALL OVER THE CITY WITH A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT THINGS AND CERTAINLY WELCOME ANY INPUT FROM THE COUNCIL TO HELP DOUSE BETTER.

>> COULD YOU SPEAK TO THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING THAT HAS HAPPENED THUS FAR AND WHAT MAYBE THEIR PLANS IN THE FUTURE AND THEN HOW YOU MARKET THAT?

>> SO THAT I THINK I WILL HAVE TO DEFER TO JESSE ON WHEN HE COMES UP NEXT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY ORCS COUNCIL ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU BOTH FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

>> I WONDER THROUGH THIS PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDES

FINANCING, CERTAINLY FROM PRIVATE INTERESTS HOW WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC'S INTERESTS AND ACCESS IS MAINTENANCE, MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT, THE THAT PUBLIC SPACES ARE ALWAYS FULLY ENJOYED BY THE PUBLIC?

>> SO THIS IS SOMETHING THAT, YOU KNOW, WAS ALWAYS A DISCUSSION, IT IS ALWAYS A DISCUSSION ANYWHERE WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT INCLUDING PRIVATE FUNDING, PRIVATE INTEREST AND ANY KIND OF PUBLIC SPACE. AND IT IS PROBABLY THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND AND THE FIRST THING THAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT.

I THINK WITH THE GREENWAY HAS A NUMBER OF UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT I THINK HELP TO KEEP IT ACCESSIBLE.

THE NUMBER OF NEIGHBORHOODS THAT IT RUNS THROUGH, THE FACT THAT IT IS IN DOWNTOWN BOSTON, SUCH A HUB OF ATTRACTION FROM PEOPLE ALL OVER THE CITY, ALL OVER THE STATE, MANY, MANY VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE.

I THINK WITHIN THAT THERE IS A LOT THAT CAN BE DONE, NEEDS TO BE DONE THROUGH PROGRAMMING, TO ATTRACT DIFFERENT TYPES OF INTERESTS, DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE, PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT TYPES OF PLACES BUT UNDERLYING ALL OF THAT THERE ARE PRETTY STRONG RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE THAT LIMIT HOW, HOW THE PARK CAN BE USED, HOURS IT CAN BE CLOSED. NUMBER OF THINGS THAT IT CAN BE USED FOR THAT ARE NOT FULLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I KNOW THE CITY AND THE STATE WILL KEEP AN EYE ON AS THE BID EVOLVES AS WE SEE HOW THE PRIVATE -- PRIVATE PIECE COMES IN AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS CERTAINLY OF GREAT INTEREST TO ME PERSONALLY AND THE COMMONWEALTH AS A WHOLE.

>> WHAT WOULD BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC OR ANY OF US? WHO DO WE SPEAK TO SHOULD THERE BE A CONCERN ABOUT ACCESS?

>> SO I WOULD THINK THAT THE FIRST -- THE FIRST ONE WOULD BE THE FREIN WAY CONSERVANCY ITSELF.

WHICH IS A NONPROFIT ENTITY, BUT ESSENTIALLY FUNCTIONS AS A PUBLIC SECTOR, ALL OF THEIR WORK IS PUBLIC, THEIR MEETINGS ARE OPEN, THE DOCUMENTS ARE OPEN AND WE HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE COMMUNITY LEADERS RIGHTS AROUND THE GREENWAY, SO I THINK THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE FIRST PLACE, BUT BY ALL MEANS BOTH THE CITY AND MASS DOT PARTICULARLY AS THE PROPERTY OWNER WE HAVE SEATS ON THE BOARD BOTH OF THE NEW BID AND OF THE CONSERVANCY ITSELF, BUT WE WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO HEAR IMMEDIATELY IF THERE WERE CONCERNS COMING FROM EITHER THE COUNCIL OR YOUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT THE WAY THE PARK SEEMED TO BE KIND OF MOVING.

>> I CERTAINLY DON'T ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS AND I THINK THAT THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FREIN WAY CONTINUES TO BE AND CAN BE A MORE BEAUTIFUL PLACE AND HAVE SOME REALLY THOUGHTFUL PROGRAMMING, WHICH IS ALWAYS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SPACE AND WE INCLUDE PRIVATE INTERESTS, THERE IS ALWAYS, YOU KNOW, A GREAT CONCERN BETWEEN MAINTAINING THAT ACCESS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

>> OR INDEFINITELY, BECAUSE IT IS PUBLIC SPACE.

>> YES, CERTAINLY.

>> THAT'S IT FOR ME, THEIR, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE.

I WOULD ECHO THE THREAD OF PUBLIC ACCESS AND EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT,

PARTICULARLY BECAUSE SO MANY OF THE TECHNICALLY PUBLIC SPACES IN THAT AREA ALREADY FEEL VERY PRIVATE, WHETHER IT IS THEY ARE DIRECTLY ADJACENT OR BETWEEN LARGE OFFICE BUILDINGS AND THEREFORE THE PUBLIC DOES NOT REALIZE IT IS OPEN TO WALK THROUGH, AND SIGNAGE AND THE CITY'S EFFORTS THERE ARE HELPING, BUT THE INFLUENCE OF THE COMMERCIAL CENTER IS SO FELT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE AREA THAT THERE REALLY NEEDS TO BE PROACTIVE ATTENTION ON THIS. SO COULD YOU JUST -- EITHER ONE OF YOU, BOTH OF YOU, WHAT ARE THE WAYS IN WHICH AS REGULATORY AGENCIES YOU SEE THIS BID AS DISTINCT FROM THE DOWNTOWN BID? >> I THINK THAT CERTAINLY THIS BID IS UNIQUE, EACH BID IS UNIQUE.

AND, YOU KNOW, I WOULD SAY TERMS OF THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON, THAT THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE BETWEEN WAY CONSERVANCY WILL ESTABLISH A FUNDING AGREEMENT TO ASSURE THAT THERE IS AGREEMENT ABOUT HOW EXACTLY THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE FREIN WAY WILL BE SPENT.

>> GREENWAY ..

>> WHEN WE FIRST STARTED THINKING ABOUT A BID A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WE WENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN BID AND LEARNED WITH THEM HOW THEIR PROCESS WORKED AND WE KNEW THERE WOULD BE ADJACENCIES BETWEEN THE TWO AND THINK ABOUT HOW THEY COULD WORK TOGETHER.

I THINK THEY HAVE PRETTY DIFFERENT MISSIONS, THE DOWNTOWN ONE IS REALLY FOCUSED ON DOWNTOWN CROSSING, YOU KNOW, ISSUES OF TREE ESCAPE, ISSUES OF SAFETY AND ISSUES OF MORE WELCOMING THIS IS GOING TO BE ON THE PARK ITSELF BUT OBVIOUSLY THEY NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THE ENTIRETY OF THE SPACE

BETWEEN THE COMMON AND SOUTH
STATION WORK WELL BETWEEN
EVERYBODY SO I HOPE THAT WILL BE
A PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP. AND
WE WILL HEAR FROM ROSE IN A
LITTLE BIT.

SHE IS HERE AS WELL BUT I JUST
WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT THERE IS
SORT OF A DIFFERENCE IN MISSION
AND HOW IN TERMS OF FROM YOUR
PERSPECTIVE ARE THERE PARTICULAR
MANAGEMENTS, DIRECTIVES OR, YOU
KNOW, WAYS OF ARRANGING THE
BOARD OR OTHER PROCESSES GIVEN
THAT DIFFERENCE AND THE FOCUS ON
THIS BEING A PUBLIC PARK OPEN TO
EVERYONE?

>> I THINK PROBABLY THE -- I G
TOES ME THE MAIN THING THAT IS
OF REAL IMPORTANCE IS THE
FOOTBALL THAT THE CONSERVANCY
BID IS FOCUSED ON AN OPEN SPACE
AND OPEN SPACE BOTH LITERAL HE
AND FIGURATIVELY.

I THINK THAT THE ISSUES --
OBVIOUSLY THERE IS SOME ..
OVERLAP OF THE ISSUES BUT THE
ISSUES ARE REALLY QUITE
DIFFERENT AND I THINK THAT THE
-- I THINK THAT NEW BID CAN
LEARN FROM THE DOWNTOWN CROSSING
BID ABOUT THINGS LIKE BOARD
STRUCTURE, HOW YOU RELATE TO THE
MEMBERS, HOW YOU CONTINUE TO
EVOLVE AND SORT OF RESPOND TO
BOTH THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC AND
TO THE MEMBERS, BUT BEYOND THAT,
I SUSPECT GIVEN THE STRICTURES
OF THE LAW AND HOW IT WORKS THEY
WILL BE SIMILAR IN FORM BUT I
THINK QUITE DIFFERENTLY IN HOW
THEY ACTUALLY ACT.

GREAT.

AND I KNOW THE NEXT PANEL WILL
GET INTO MORE DETAIL ON THAT.
SO I HAVE THE FUNDING SCHEDULE,
THE BID IMPROVEMENT PLAN STATES
SPECIFICALLY THAT THE FUNDING
CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE STATE AND
CITY AS REFLECTED IN THE FUNDING
SCHEDULE OF THE MOU ARE MATERIAL
PRECONDITIONS FOR THE FUNDING
CONTRIBUTION BY THE BID, AND
SIMILARLY THE FUNDING

CONTRIBUTION BEINGS AT THIS BID ARE MATERIAL PRECONDITIONS FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE STATE AND CITY SO EVER IS SORT OF ALL IN IT TOGETHER.

>> YES.

>> SO CAN YOU JUST SUMMARIZE AGAIN YOU SAID \$4.5 MILLION EXPECTED FROM THE -- BIDDERS AND THE CITY WILL HAVE \$250,000 OVER FIVE YEARS.

>> BASICALLY, WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF A \$5 MILLION POOL OF FUNDS THAT WE WILL BASICALLY TAKE THE INCOME GENERATED OFF THE POOL OF FUNDS AND USE THAT TO CONTRIBUTE \$250,000 A YEAR TO THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE GREENWAY.

>> AND THE MASS DOT PORTION OF THE SCHEDULE IS DIVIDED BETWEEN CASH, ADVANCE AND OFFICE/UTILITIES. THIS IS THE CASH PORTION DEPENDENT ON FUNDING FROM THE LEGISLATURE? OR IS IT SORT OF -- I MEAN, IS IT WITHIN SORT OF YOUR OPERATIONAL --

>> YES, SO WE ARE PRIMARILY THINKING ABOUT IT IN TWO BUCKETS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OPERATING FUNDING TO THE CONSERVANCY AND IT WILL BE AT A LOWER LEVEL THAN WHAT WE HAVE DONE HISTORICALLY BECAUSE THE BID WILL HELP FILL IN SOME OF THAT SPACE AND IT WILL ALLOW US TO SHIFT MORE INTO OUR CAPITAL SIDE.

>> WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN PROVIDING HISTORICALLY?

>> HISTORICALLY, 2 MILLION A YEAR?

2 MILLION A YEAR.

AND I THINK THAT -- I DON'T THINK, BOTH OF THOSE TYPES OF FUNDING ARE WITHIN OUR CONTROL, AND THEY ARE ACTUALLY ALREADY PROGRAMMED INTO OUR ONGOING SPENDING.

WE HAVE FIVE YEARS WORTH OF CAPITAL FUNDING IN OUR FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN WHICH IS ALREADY PUBLISHED, AND THE OPERATING

BUDGETS ARE ASSUMING IT GOING FORWARD.

>> OKAY. SO THE CAPITAL FUNDING IS 150,000 THIS YEAR AND THEN 350,000 -- OR 350,000 FOR THE NEXT THREE AND THEN 500,000.

>> YES.

>> FOR IF TWO AFTER THAT AND THEN ON THE OPERATION SIDE ABOUT A MILLION -- 1.25 MILLION THIS YEAR AND 1 MILLION THEN, 750,000 FOR THE YEARS AFTER THAT.

>> RIGHT.

SO THE IDEA IS WE DIDN'T JUST WANT TO CREATE A CLIFF THEY WERE GOING TO FALL OFF OF BUT SORT OF GRADUALLY RAMP DOWN AS THE BID RAMPS UP.

>> OKAY. AND THE GREENWAY WILL BE FUND-RAISING AND CONTRIBUTING --

>> YES, THEY ALREADY DO AND THERE, THE EXPECTATION IS THERE WILL BE MORE.

>> OKAY.

GREAT.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YOU HAD ANOTHER QUESTION?

>> YES, YESTERDAY WE ACTUALLY HAD A HEARING ABOUT THE SHARING THE DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN MASS DOT AND THE LOCAL POLICE, AND YOU WERE MENTIONING THIS IS STATE LAND, THIS IS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN TERMS OF SECURITY AND HOW THIS WOULD WORK, COULD YOU ELABORATE A LITTLE BIT ON -- ELABORATE A LITTLE BIT ON THAT?

>> I WILL ASK JERRY.

JESSE TALK MORE.

MY UNDERSTANDING THERE IS A PRIVATE SECURITY FORCE THAT DOES SOME OF IT, AND I BELIEVE IT IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOSTON POLICE, IF NOT, STATE TROOPERS ARE PATROLLING.

>> I WANT TO MAKE SURE SINCE IT IS STATE LAND.

>> I WILL ASK THAT QUESTION OF JESSE, THE NEXT PAM.

>> I HOPE JESSE IS TAKING NOTES.

>> JESSE, WHERE ARE YOU?

>> DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

FOR THIS PANEL?

>> OKAY.

GREAT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY OR I KNOW YOU HAVE BUSY SCHEDULES AS WELL BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> BEFORE TAKING THE SECOND PANEL I WANT TO FIRST PUBLIC TESTIMONY AS GIVEN OUR DIRECTIVE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT, SO LET'S START WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE AARON MIKE WITS AND AFTER THE REP WILL BE STEVE HOLLINGER, KREN ZONE AND STEVE TYLER.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, OR MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

>> HOLD ON ONE SECOND.

WE NEED THE MIKE TO TURN ON. JUST ONE MOMENT.

>> GOOD?

>> AM ID.

>> #01: OKAY.

>> THANK YOU NAAH DAMN CHAIR, THANKS FOR TAKE MEG OUT OF TURN, I APPRECIATE THE TESTIMONY TO, OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIMONY TODAY AND MY TWO COUNCILORS THAT I SHARE THE GREENWAY WITH, IT IS AN HONOR TO WORK WITH THEM ON GETTING, HELPING GET TO TODAY WHERE WE ARE TODAY AND, YOU KNOW, IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET TO TODAY. YOU KNOW, THE NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE THE NORTH END, CHINA TOWN, WEATHER DISTRICT, WHARF DISTRICT, THEY ALL WENT THROUGH THE BIG DIG AND THE ARTERY TUNNEL PROJECT, LIVING DAY IN AND DAY OUT AND THE CARROT HUNG OUT ON THE STICK WAS BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND WORLD CLASS PARKS THAT WERE GOING TO BE BASICALLY OUR BACKYARDS, WHICH WE DIDN'T NECESSARILY HAVE BEFORE WITH THE, WHEN THE ARTERY WAS THERE, AND THE GENE WAY, WHEN IT FIRST -- WHEN WE FIRST STARTED HAVING THE CONSERVANCY

TAKE CONTROL OF THE GREENWAY
BACK IN 2008, 2009, THERE WERE
SOME GROWING PAINS, IT CERTAINLY
WASN'T SOMETHING THAT WAS EASILY
ROLLED OUT AND TOOK A LOT OF
TIME.

THERE WAS, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF
POTENTIAL CRITICISM OF THE
CONSERVANCY, A LOT OF CRITICISM
OF HOW WE WERE HANDLING GRIT THE
STATE'S PERSPECTIVE BUT I THINK
WE STAYED THE COURSE AND WE WERE
VERY FOCUSED AND WE GOT TO TODAY
WHERE THE CONSERVANCY NOW THE IS
READY FOR SOMETHING OF A BID
NATURE.

I DON'T THINK A BID NATURE IS
SOMETHING THAT WAS NECESSARILY
IN THE CARDS EARLY ON IN THIS
PROCESS.

BUT THE REASON WHY THE BID IS
GOING TO BE SO IMPORTANT FOR THE
LONG-TERM GROWTH OF THE GREENWAY
IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO LIVE
YEAR TO YEAR ON FUNDING
MECHANISMS, RIGHT NOW, CURRENTLY
THAT IS WHERE WE ARE, YOU KNOW,
IN THE STRUCTURE WHERE WE ARE,
WHERE WE ARE BASICALLY LIVING
YEAR TO YEAR THROUGH MASS DOT,
THROUGH SOME OF THE PRIVATE
FUNDING, IT IS VERY CHALLENGING
TO HAVE TO, FOR THE CONSERVANCY
TO BE ABLE TO PROGRESS AND GO
OUT, IT IS VERY CHALLENGING FOR
THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ABUT THE
GREENWAY TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS
GOING TO HAPPEN, ANNUALLY WITH
THE FUNDING FOR THE GREENWAY AND
SO FOR US TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE
TO, YOU KNOW, SECURE THE BID, IT
IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP,
LONG-TERM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
HAVE THE PROPER -- AND WE HAVE
THOSE WORLD CLASS PARKS THAT WE
PROMISED THE PEOPLE OF THOSE
NEIGHBORHOODS WHILE THEY WERE
GOING THROUGH CENTRAL ARTERY TUM
PROJECT, THE CONSERVANCY UNDER
JESSE'S GUIDANCE HAS DONE GREAT
WORK, WE ARE VERY HAPPY WE HAVE
BEEN PARTNERING WITH THEM, MASS
DOT HAS BEEN CONTINUING TO KEEP
THINGS MOVING IN A POSITIVE

DIRECTION AND SO FOR US TO GET
HERE TODAY, ALONG WITH THE CITY
OF BOSTON IS A GREAT STEP AND I
WHOLE HEART THINK SUPPORT THE
BID AND I AM HOPING ANY
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS OR
ANYTHING NECESSARY, I AM OPEN TO
ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

>> THANK YOU, REPRESENTATIVE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> STEVE HOLLINGER.

THE.

>> HI.

MY NAME IS STEVE ALCOHOL
ENGINEER, HOLLINGER, THANK YOU
FOR HAVING THIS HEARING, I KNOW
I AM AN OUTLIER ON THIS ISSUE
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE I AM ALONE
IN MY CONCERNS.

MY TESTIMONY RUNS ABOUT TWO
MINUTES AND 45 SECONDS.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY TESTIMONY IN
OPPOSITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A GREEN WAY BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

AS A COMMONWEALTH ABANDONS ITS
RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THE
GREENWAY WE ARE NOW CEDING
CONTROL OVER THIS PRICELESS
ASSET TO INTERESTS WITH NO
INCLINATIONS THAT ARE ALIGNED
ARE GREATER OBJECTIVES WITH BEST
PUBLIC SPACES, WITH RESPECT TO
CELEBRATING THE ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF WATERFRONT
VISITORSHIP.

MY CONCERN MOST PARTICULARLY TO
EXPRESSED INTENTION OF THE BID
TO THE PROGRAMMING AND
DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES
CURRENTLY ADMINSTRATED BY THE
CONSERVANCY, THE FOUNDATION FOR
MY CONCERN IS BASED ON TWO WELL
DOCUMENTED TRACK RECORDS.

ONE TRACK RECORD TO CONSIDER IN
REGARDS TO THE GROUND BREAKING
WORK OF THE CONSERVANCY OVER THE
PAST DECADE, THE OTHER TRACK
RECORD IS TO CONSIDER THE
HISTORY OF WATERFRONT PROPERTY
OWNERS WITH MANAGEMENT OF THEIR
OWN PRIVATELY OWN PUBLIC SPACES
CROSSES BOSTON'S WATERFRONT.
THE FREIN WAY CONSERVANCY'S

DECADE LONG HISTORY HAS SERVED TO PIVOT BOSTON ON A PUBLIC STAGE. THE CON SEARCH VAN SITUATE MANAGED GREENWAY PARKS TO HAVE RELIABLE PUBLIC ACCESS, HIGH QUALITY PROGRAMMING AND HIGH STANDARDS FOR CREATION OF PUBLIC ART.

THE FREIN WAY HAS PROVEN ITSELF UNFAIR LEGAL ATTENTION TO ADDRESSING ISSUES OF EQUITY, INCLUDING ECONOMIDY VERSE AT THIS, MOST NOTABLY WITH ATTENTION TO FREE EVENTS AND LOW COST SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS AND RACIAL DIVERSITY, MOST NOTABLY IN CULTURALLY RICH PROGRAMMING AND -- TRACK RECORD MUST BE 2. BOSTON'S PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC SPACES.

REQUEST EXCEPTIONS NOTED UNDER MY RECOMMENDATIONS BELOW MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC SPACE ALONG BOSTON'S WATER FRONT HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY INATTENTION TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND OVERRIDING PURSUIT 0 OF COMMERCIAL REVENUES FROM PUBLIC SPACES AND PROGRAMMING DESIGNED TO APPEAL TO THE INTEREST OF COMMERCIAL PATRONS AT THE EXPENSE OF WELCOMING AN AUDIENCE WIDE IN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND AND IN 2012 SURVEY, PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TIDE LANDS CONDUCTED BY LAW FOUNDATION IN NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY EACH AUDITED PROPERTY OF OVER A DOZEN WATERFRONT SITES WAS REPORTED AS NONCOMPLIANT. THE HISTORY OF -- PUBLIC SPACE IN BOSTON IS RIFE WITH ATTENTIONED TO TRY TO PRIVATIZE, COMMERCIALIZE AND DISCOURAGE ACCESS TO PUBLIC SPACE B'S ABROAD RANGE OF VISITORS, INTENSE PAROCHIAL INFLUENCE OVER PRIVATELY RUN PRIVATE, PUBLIC SPACES HAS CONTRIBUTED TO EVOLUTION OF WATER FRONT OWNERSHIP OVERWHELMINGLY VISITED BY A SINGLE DEMOGRAPHIC THOSE THAT CAN AMBIENT PUBLIC ART THE

COMMON DENOMINATOR IS ONE IN WHICH SERVING THE INTEREST OF PATRONS ARE ATTRACTING NEW PATRONS IS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. MY TESTIMONY IS -- MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY -- MY RECOMMENDATIONS, TWO RECOMMENDATIONS. BID REPRESENTATION IF A GREENWAY BID IS ESTABLISHED, BID MEMBERS WITH EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC SPACES SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS CANDIDATES FOR REPRESENTING THE BIDS' INTEREST ON THE GREENWAY. PUBLIC, SECOND RECOMMENDATION. PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OF BID MANAGEMENT.

I WOULD -- MECHANISM FOR OVERSIGHT OF BID MANAGEMENT AND INFLUENCE ON CONSERVANCY PROGRAMMING WILL BE FUNDAMENTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE GREENWAY AS DESTINATION VALUED AS MORE OF A BROKE Y'ALL OPPORTUNITY FOR REVENUE GENERATION.

IN ASSESSING THE ROLE OF THE GREENWAY DISTRICT BID ONE MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND THE CRITICAL PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY THAT IS BORNE BORNE, BY THE CONSERVANCY. THEY PROVIDED A WELCOMING DESTINATION FOR ALL AND MUST BE INCENTIVIZED FOR CONTINUED SERVICE.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR.

>> GOOD MORNING.

COUNCILORS.

I AM ROSEMARY SANSONE FROM THE DOWNTOWN BOSTON IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND HERE TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION AND THE CREATION OF THE GREENWAY BID.

I WANTED TO CONGRATULATE RICK DO MINNOW AND JESSE BLACKBERRY, THE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO WORKED IN ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THIS BID.

I KNOW THEY WORKED VERY HARD FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE BID WOULD BE ALL ABOUT.

>> IN LISTENING TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE ASKED

AND WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN ONE BID AND ANOTHER I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS, BECAUSE IT IS REALLY FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THAT IN CREATING THIS BID, IT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR JESSE BRAC BERRY AND THE REST OF THE STAFF NOT TO HAVE TO WORRY .. ABOUT A FUNDING SOURCE EVERY YEAR, AND NOT TO HAVE THAT LOOMING OVER THEM AND REALLY CONCENTRATE ON THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT THE CON SEARCH VAN SITUATE HAS TO DO.

SECONDLY, I THINK THAT THE FORMATION OF THE BID AND THE INCLUSION OF THE 60 PROPERTY OWNERS AROUND THIS, HAVE ARE -- VERY, VERY IMPORTANT SPACE WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGEMENT TO HAVE THE PROPERTY OWNERS UNDERSTAND HUGH THEY CAN PLAY A ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT SPACE THAT EVERYONE ACROSS THE CITY OF BOSTON ENJOYS, AND AROUND THE WORLD WHEN THEY VISIT BOSTON .. AS YOU KNOW OUR BID HAS 46 UNIFORMED AMBASSADORS ON THE STREET, AND WHEN THEY COME TO BOSTON, THEY DON'T JUST CONCENTRATE ON THIS 34 BLOCK AREA THAT WE PROVIDE SERVICES TO.

THEY ASK US ABOUT FENWAY PARK, THEY ASK US ABOUT CHARLESTOWN AND THEY ASK US ABOUT NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THE CITY THEY WANT TO VISIT, AND NATURALLY THE FREIN WAY IS ONE OF THE PARKS BECAUSE IT IS THE NEWEST PARK IN THE CITY THAT THEY WANT TO VISIT.

SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ACCESS AND INCLUSION, BECAUSE THE DOWNTOWN BOSTON BID IS THE HUB OF THE TRANSIT SYSTEM .. THAT HAS SUBWAY LINES AND TRANSIT LINES COMING IN FROM ALL OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THE CITY, AND THE GREENWAY IS REALLY ONE BLOCK FROM THAT OR THREE BLOCKS FROM THAT TRANSIT SYSTEM, IT

WOULD BE HIGHLY UNLIKELY THE PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE CITY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL SPACE.

AND I CAN UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION ABOUT ACCESS, AND WITH PROGRAMMING AND MAKING SURE THAT DANCE TROOPS AND ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS FROM ACROSS THE CITY ARE PARTICIPATING WHEN THERE IS PROGRAMMING BEING PROVIDED. THAT OBVIOUSLY WE CAN ALL DO MORE OF, WE DO A LOT OF IT IN THE DOWNTOWN BOSTON BID AREA. AND THAT IS ONE OF THE WAYS I THINK THAT BOTH BIDS CAN WORK TOGETHER.

WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE ASKING TO PERFORM IN THE DOWNTOWN CROSSING AREA AND I THINK THAT WITH THIS NEW BID BEING CREATED THAT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WHAT THE DOWNTOWN BOSTON BID IS DOING AND WHAT THE GREENWAY PROVIDES AS WELL.

SO I THINK THAT LOOKING AT THIS BID BEING CREATED, WILL ALLOW THE GREENWAY CONSERVANCY STAFF NOT WORRY ABOUT A FUNDING SOURCE EVERY YEAR AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST.

IT WILL BE A RELIABLE STREAM OF MONEY.

THAT IS WHAT MAKES BIDS SO WONDERFUL, AND AS YOU KNOW, BIDS HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE THE SEVENTIES.

WE HAVE OVER 1,000 BIDS IN THIS COUNTRY, NEW YORK CITY HAS OVER 70, LOS ANGELES HAS OVER 45.

THE OLDEST IN MASSACHUSETTS IS IN SPRINGFIELD AND THE MOST RECENTLY CREATED WAS IN HUDSON MASS, JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO.

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT BIDS AROUND US, KENDALL SQUARE, CENTRAL SQUARE, WORCESTER IS IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING A BID.

IT ALLOWS PROPERTY OWNERS AND OTHERS TO ENGAGE THIS THE PROCESS -- IN THE PROCESS.

OUR BID HAS 33 MEMBERS ON OUR BOARD.

THEY REPRESENT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, RESIDENTS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND PROPERTY OWNERS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS WHEN WE ARE MAKING DECISIONS AND WHEN WE ARE SPENDING MONEY THAT PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE PROVIDED US. SO EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS. ESPECIALLY THE CITY OF BOSTON. THIS CANNOT BE SUCCESSFUL UNLESS THERE IS A CLOSE COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BID ORGANIZATION AND THE CITY PROVIDING BASIC CITY SERVICES. IS IN OUR BID, WE WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IF WE DID NOT HAVE A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR AREA A 1 CAPTAIN, CAPTAIN FAWN AND HIS TEAM, DPW, BTD, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INSPECTIONAL SERVICES, EMS, ALL OF THESE FOLKS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PAYING THE ASSESSMENTS HAVE THE KIND OF SERVICES THAT THEY NEED WHENEVER SOMETHING EXTREME HAS TAKEN PLACE. DATA COLLECTION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US. WE COLLECT INFORMATION ON A DAILY BASIS ABOUT HOW MANY 911 CALLS ARE MADE. WE TRACK EVERYTHING. SO THAT, AGAIN, WHEN THE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE PAYING THE ASSESSMENTS WANT TO KNOW THE VALUE OF WHAT A BID PROVIDES, WE HAVE CURRENT INFORMATION FOR THEM AT ALL TIMES. WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT INSTALLING OVER 45 CAMERAS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, THAT HAS PROVIDED A VERY, VERY INVALUABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR THEM AFTER CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED. AS I SAID, IT IS THE CLOSE COLLABORATION, WORKING WITH THE TREASURER AND ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, THEY ARE THE ONES COLLECTING THE

ASSESSMENT. WE HAVE A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING OF US. AND I THINK THAT SOME OF THE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WILL IT WORK, ARE PROBABLY UNKNOWN TO THE GREENWAY FOLKS AT THE MOMENT, IN TERMS OF WHAT THIS ADDED RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE, BECAUSE IT IS A RELATIONSHIP WITH PROPERTY OWNERS THAT MAYBE THEY HAVEN'T HAD IN THE PAST, EXACTLY THE WAY IT WILL BE AS THE 60 PROPERTY OWNERS ARE PAYING AN ASSESSMENT QUARTERLY NOW AND THEY WILL BE EXPECTING SOMETHING IN RETURN.

BUT THE BEAUTY IN THAT IS GETTING THE PROPERTY OWNERS INVOLVED IN THIS VERY, VERY VALUABLE CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT SPACE IN DOWNTOWN BOSTON, THIS PARK THAT EVERYBODY LOVES.

I SEE IT AS THE FUTURE OF CREATING A FUTURE BRYANT PARK FOR BOSTON.

BRYANT PARK IS KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD .. SO I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL NEW ADDITION TO BOSTON, THE GREENWAY BID, AND ALLOW THE 0 CON SEARCH VAN SITUATE TO CONTINUE THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT IT HAS BEEN DOING.

AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING VERY, VERY CHOSELY WITH JESSE BRACKEN BERRY, RICK DOMENICO AND HIS STAFF AND THE NEW BOARD THAT WILL BE CREATED FOR THIS NEW ADDITION IN BOSTON.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

MAY I JUST ASK ONE QUESTION? I DON'T KNOW IF THE COLLEAGUES HAVE QUESTIONS AS WELL, BUT THE GREEN WAY CONSERVANCY BID -- THE GREENWAY BID WILL NEED TO HAVE THAT BOARD AND ORGANIZATION DOING SOME OF THE WORK YOU MENTIONED, TRACKING, YOU KNOW, COLLECTING EVERYTHING, MAINTAINING THAT RELATIONSHIP

WITH THE BIDDERS BUT ALSO THE
CONSERVANCY WITH ITS OWN BOARD
AND SEPARATE ORGANIZATION.

DOES THE DOWNTOWN CROSSING -- I
MEAN DOES THE DOWNTOWN BID HAVE
THAT SORT OF DUAL ORGANIZATION?
OVER.

>> JUST ONE, RIGHT?

>> IT DOESN'T, BUT I THINK THAT
A GOOD EXAMPLE IS THE 34TH
STREET PARTNERSHIP IN NEW YORK
THAT IS THE MANAGEMENT ENTITY
THAT CONTRACTS WITH BRYANT PARK
AND PROVIDES THE ASSESSMENTS
AVAILABLE TO BRYANT PARK, SO I
THINK THERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF
A PARK THAT HAS A BID THAT
COLLECTS IT IS ASSESSMENTS THAT
ALLOWS THE BID TO CONTINUE -- IT
ALLOWS THE PARK TO CONTINUE
OPERATING.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE?

>> COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> WHERE IS BRYANT PARK?

>> IN NEW YORK.

>> WHERE IN NEW YORK?

>> UP --

>> IT IS RIGHT OFF TIME SQUARE.

>> AND GRAND CENTRAL STATION.

>> IT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT LAP
DATED DILAPIDATED AND UNSAFE
AREA FOR MANY YEARS WITH ALL
KINDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES.
NO ONE WANTED TO GO THERE.

>> YES.

>> AND IT WAS REALLY DEVALUATING
THE PROPERTY AROUND IT.

OBVIOUSLY WITH GRAND CENTRAL
STATION CREATING ITS OWN BID,
AND THE 34TH STREET, WHICH IS A
MAJOR SHOPPING AREA IN NEW YORK
HAVING A BID IN A PARTNERSHIP
ALREADY THEY REALIZED THIS PARK
RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF GRAND
CENTRAL STATION AND TIMES SQUARE
NEEDED A GREAT DEAL OF
ATTENTION, BECAUSE IT WAS
DRAGGING THOSE TWO OTHER AREAS
DOWN.

>> SO THAT IS WHY IT WAS CREATED

AND IT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY
SUCCESSFUL AND IS THE MODEL
AROUND THE WORLD.
>> POST OFFICE SQUARE, THE
REVENUE, THAT IS ANOTHER
WONDERFUL MODEL.
>> YES.
>> BUT THAT IS NOT A BID?
>> IT IS NOT A BID, NO, BUT THEY
HAVE A VERY RELIABLE REVENUE
STREAM.
>> YES.
>> WHICH IS THE PARKING REVENUE.
>> YES.
>> OKAY.
THANK YOU.
>> YOU ARE WELCOME.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR BAKER,
COUNCILOR FLYNN.
>> THANK YOU ROSEMARIE, FOR YOU
ARE YOUR -- FOR YOUR COMMENCE
AND I HAVE BEEN BY YOUR OFFICE
AND SEEN THE GREAT WORK YOUR
OFFICE HAS BEEN DOING FOR MANY,
MANY YEARS, SO WE JUST WANT TO
ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR HARD WORK AND
YOUR STAFF'S HARD WORK.
>> THANK YOU.
>> AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK
WHEN JESSE DOES TESTIFY IF YOU
AND JESSE COULD CONTINUE TO WORK
CLOSELY TOGETHER TO COMPARE
NOTES YOUR DISTRICTS OVERLAP
SOMEWHAT AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO
MAKE SURE, YOU KNOW, THAT HE
LEARNS FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION
AND YOU LEARN FROM HIM.
I THINK IT IS A GREAT
OPPORTUNITY FOR A PRODUCTIVE
PARTNERSHIP.
>> ABSOLUTELY. YOU KNOW, I
THINK THAT THE CHALLENGES OF THE
PARK AND THE CHALLENGES OF A
DOWNTOWN URBAN AREA ARE VERY
DIFFERENT IN SOME WAYS.
WE HAVE FIVE SHELTERS SEVEN
HOTELS TWO, UNIVERSITIES, MANY,
MANY NONPROFITS CALL THE
DOWNTOWN BOSTON AREA HOME.
SO OUR CHALLENGES ARE VERY
DIFFERENT.
HOWEVER, THE BUSINESS THAT WE
ARE IN IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
PROVIDE A CLEAN, SAFE AND

WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT WHETHER IT IS A PARK OR WHETHER IT IS A DOWNTOWN AREA.

SO THOSE TWO THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON AND I AM SURE THERE IS A LOT WE CAN LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER.

>> THANK YOU, ROSEMARIE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> YOU ARE WELCOME.

>> GOOD.

>> SO OUR FINAL -- YES, I LOVE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE WITH THIS SPACE.

>> OH, THANK YOU.

>> IT LOOKS GREAT.

>> YOU ARE WELCOME BACK ANY TIME.

>> OUR FINAL PERSON FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN THIS WILL BE SAM TYLER.

>> AND THEN WE WILL MOVE TO THE FINAL PANEL AND THEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOLLOWING THAT.

>>

>> CHAIRWOMAN, YOU AND MEMBERS, MY NAME IS SAM TYLER, PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON -- RESEARCH BUREAU, AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT DOCKET 0332, A PETITION TO ESTABLISH THE GREEN WAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

THE RESEARCH WAS INVOLVED WITH THREE SEPARATE EFFORTS TO TRY TO CREATE THE DOWNTOWN BID.

THE THIRD BEING THE SUCCESSFUL ONE.

AND OUR OFFICE IS -- WE ARE IN THE -- SAGE BUILDING SO RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BID, AND ABLE TO SEE THE SERVICES AND I SERVE AS CORRECT FOR -- DIRECTOR OF THE BID AND I MUST SAY .. I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED IN TERMS OF THE COMMITMENT THAT THE DIRECTORS AND THE MEMBERS HAVE TO THE BID AND ENSURING THAT SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED ARE DONE WELL AND I EXPECT, YOU KNOW, THE SAME IN TERMS OF THE DOWNTOWN BID.

I MEAN, I AM SORRY, THE GREENWAY BID.

I THINK THE PURPOSE OF THE

GREENWAY BID WAS REALLY TO
CREATE A MECHANISM THAT WOULD
CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINANCING TO
PRESERVE, PROTECT, MAINTAIN,
ENHANCE THE GREENWAY BID.
THAT IS NOW THE CONSERVANCY'S
RESPONSIBILITY.
IT REALLY IS A GENERAL FRAMEWORK
FOR SHARED FINANCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY.

I MEAN, BASICALLY, IT IS ONE
WHERE THERE IS PRECONDITIONS
THAT FRANKLY, YOU KNOW, THE CITY
AND THE STATE MIGHT NOT HAVE
BEEN A PART OF THIS AGREEMENT IF
BUTTERS DIDN'T THE BIDDERS
DIDN'T AGREE TO DO THE BIDS OR
THE BIDDERS MAY NOT HAVE CREATED
THE BID IF THE STATE AND THE
CITY WERE NOT PART OF THE
FINANCING.

SO THIS IS REALLY MECHANISM,
SORT OF THE PETITION THAT BRINGS
THIS ALTOGETHER AND SORT OF FORM
HIGHS THE, FORMALIZE IT IS
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OR
UNDERSTANDING, IT HAS ALREADY
BEEN SET.

THIS IS A BID ESTABLISHED UNDER
40 O, CHAPTER 40 O OF THE ACTS
OF THE DIRECTOR AND THIS IS THE
SAME LAW THAT WAS THE BASIS FOR
THE CREATION OF THE DOWNTOWN
BID.

THE MECHANISM, THE FINANCING
MECHANISMS YOU HAVE BASICALLY
ALREADY TALKED ABOUT.

IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT -- IT IS
REALLY -- THOSE WHO WOULD BE
PAYING THE ASSESSMENT ARE
BASICALLY PROPERTIES OWNERS THAT
HAVE PROPERTY OF \$10 MILLION OR
MORE, SO THOSE PROPERTIES
STRADDLE AT LESS WOULD NOT BE
ASKED TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT.
IT IS, ALSO EXEMPT WOULD BE
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ONE TO
4 UNITS, CONDOMINIUM UNITS,
CONDOMINIUMS, RESIDENTIAL
CONDOMINIUMS ARE ALSO EXEMPT,
TAXES AND PROPERTY ALSO EXEMPT,
SO IT IS SPECIFIED MORE FOR
THOSE WROTE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE
PAYMENTS.

THE CITY OF BOSTON'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION IS BASED ON AN ESTIMATED INCOME THAT WOULD BE GENERATED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE \$5 MILLION FROM THE -- WHICH ARE THEMSELVES PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE CAPITAL ASSET, THE WINTHROP SQUARE GARAGE.

THIS FUNDING MECHANISM DOES RAISE QUESTIONS FOR US REGARDING THE PROPERTY -- PROPER USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF A CITY OWNED CAPITAL ASSET, BUT THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE GERMANE TO THE CREATION OF THIS OR THE APPROVAL OF THIS BID.

I WOULD NOTE, THOUGH, THAT WITH THE MASS DOT'S CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CAPITAL PORTION OR PART -- PART OF THE CAPITAL NEEDS OF THE GREENWAY BID THAT THAT IS AN OBLIGATION FOR THE CITY TO THE DOWNTOWN BID AS WELL AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT IN THIS FISCAL 19 CAPITAL BUDGET THAT THERE ARE SOME FUNDS FOR THAT.

BUT GIVEN THE REVENUE THAT IS GENERATED FROM DOWNTOWN AND HOW THAT HAS GROWN IN PART BECAUSE OF MORE PEOPLE WILLING TO -- AND WANTING TO LIVE DOWNTOWN AND OBVIOUSLY MORE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS DOWNTOWN, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE ATTRACT DIFFERENCE OF THE AREA AS A RESULT OF THE BID.

SO I THINK IT REALLY IS INCUMBENT UPON THE CITY TO DO MORE IN TERMS OF THE CAPITAL, STREET, SIDEWALK KIND OF WORK FOR DOWNTOWN THAN WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST.

BUT ALTOGETHER, I THINK THIS IS A WORTHY ENDEAVOR AND IT WOULD REALLY ENHANCE THE CITY AND ENSURE THAT, YOU KNOW, THE GREENWAY WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ATTRACTIVE AREA PROVIDING SERVICES AND REAL BENEFIT TO THE CITY OF BOSTON AND AS A RESULT THE RESEARCH DOES STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THIS DOCKET CREATING THE DOWNTOWN BID.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I'M SORRY.

CREATING THE GREENWAY BID.

>> ANY QUESTIONS FOR SAM TYLER?

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SAM.

>> OKAY.

WE WILL MOVE INTO THE SECOND
PANEL NOW.

WE WILL WELCOME DOWN JESSE BRAC
BERRY AND RICK DOMENICO.

>> COULD YOU PLEASE IN ANY ORDER
INTRODUCE YOURSELF FOR THE
RECORD AND YOUR ORGANIZATION AND
THEN FEEL FREE TO GIVE
STATEMENTS.

>> SURE.

THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS RICHARD DOMENICO THE
CEO OF BETTER CITY, CITY BRAC
BERRY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
ROSE GREENWAY GREENWAY
CONSERVANCY.

SO FIRST BOTH JESSE AND I WOULD
LIKE TO THANK THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR HAVING THIS HEARING AND FOR
FORMALLY INTRODUCING THIS
PETITION BEFORE YOUR BODY, WE
ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOUR
ENGAGEMENT AND DISCUSSION WITH
US AS WE HAVE WORKED REAL HARD
TO TRY TO THINK THROUGH HOW TO
CREATE A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT FOR THE ROSE KENNEDY
GREENWAY.

WE HAVE A BETTER CITY -- I WILL
SHOW A COUPLE OF IMAGES, I THINK
YOU GUYS CAN APPRECIATE, SO A
LONG TIME AGO THERE WAS A YOUNG
COMMISSIONER THAT WORKED ON THE
CENTRAL LOTTERY, AND THAT LED TO
THE ROSE KENNEDY GREENWAY.

AND --

>> IT WAS --

>> IS DO MEN KNOW ONE OF THOSE
ITALIAN GUYS?

BUT THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON AND THE COMMUNITIES
ALONG THE CENTRAL ARTERY TUNNEL
BUT IT IS, YOU KNOW, THE
NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE
CITY WORKING TO THE TO MAKE THIS
MEGA PROJECT BECOME A REALITY
AND BODIES LIKE THE CITY COUNCIL

WERE VERY INSTRUMENTAL TOGETHER WITH LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE THE CONSERVANCY WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THIS VERY SPECIAL SPACE AND THE COMMONWEALTH HAS BEEN LIVING UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS TO HELP SUPPORT THIS EFFORT. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE ARTERY BUSINESS COMMITTEE WHICH WAS STARTED IN 1989, WHILE I WAS COMMISSIONER, TOOK A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN THINKING ABOUT THIS WHOLE PROJECT, BUT ALSO THE CENTRAL ARTERY.

BACK IN 1989, IT WAS ACTUALLY A BUTTER ESTABLISHED BY THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY SO THIS IS NOT NEW. THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG THE GREENWAY HAVE BEEN, HAVE HAD AN ACTIVE CIVIC INTEREST IN THIS SPACE SINCE 1989.

THEY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED WITH ALL TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS, PLANNING, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, AND PARTNERSHIP FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE CITY OF BOSTON. I CAN TESTIFY TO THAT BECAUSE FORMER SECRETARY IS A THROUGH ECONOMY AND ANY USED TO MEET WITH THEM OBAMA TO ACTUALLY SPEAK TO HOW WE CAN GET THIS STUFF DONE AND, IN FACT, THE ARTERY BUSINESS WORKED ON THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE GREENWAY SPACE, CREATED EDGE STUDIES IN HOW THE PRIVATE SPACES WOULD HELP SHAPE AND EVOLVE, TO CREATE THIS NEW SPACE AND MAKE SURE THAT WE COMBINED THOSE SPACES WITH THE PUBLIC SPACE.

SO THERE HAS BEEN A VERY LONG AND WONDERFUL RELATIONSHIP OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO THIS INCREDIBLY WONDERFUL OPEN SPACE THAT HAS A LOT OF REAL SERIOUS PRODUCTIVITY AND A LOT OF

SERIOUS ENGAGEMENT AND SO IT IS
KIND OF REASONABLE AND IN FACT
ALMOST NATURAL PO FOR US IN
2017, NOW GOING INTO 2018,
BECAUSE WE STARTED THIS EFFORT
IN 2017, TO BE ASKED TO PART HER
ONCOMING UP WITH A SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING THIS
SPACE.

SO IT IS BUILT OFF THE SHOULDERS
OF MANY, MANY YEARS OF
CONTRIBUTIONS BOTH, AND
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PRIVATE
SECTOR AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR.
SO AS WAS REFERENCED BY THE
COLLEAGUES THAT SPOKE BEFORE US,
THERE WAS A GENERAL AGREEMENT
THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2017
BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND THE CITY OF
BOSTON AS WELL AS THE
CONSERVANCY AND A BETTER CITY
WHICH IN TURN WE REPRESENTED THE
BUTTER COMMUNITY.

OF THE 60 PROPERTIES THAT ARE IN
THE BID, 20 OF THE PROPERTY
OWNERS ACTUALLY WERE SITTING ON
THE BUTTER COMMITTEE AND HAD A
HISTORICAL ROLE AS I MENTIONED
EARLIER.

WE SAW THE IDEA AND OPPORTUNITY
OF SOMETHING THAT WAS REALLY
SPECIAL, AND WHAT WAS REALLY
IMPORTANT IS THAT ALL OF THESE
AGENCIES CAME TOGETHER.

I KNOW THAT ALL FOCUS ON
COLLABORATION AND PEOPLE WORKING
TOGETHER ON A REGULAR BASIS, IS
THE NATURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.
YOU WOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THIS
COLLABORATION.

MASS DOT, THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS, THE CITY OF
BOSTON, BOSTON PLANNING
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, JESSE BRAC
BERRY AND THE CONSERVANCY AND
THE BUTTER COMMITTEE SITTING
DOWN AND THINKING ABOUT A LONG 0
TERM FINANCING STRATEGY TO
PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE FUTURE
OF THIS WONDERFUL ICONIC SPACE
THAT HAS BECOME NOT ONLY A
RESOURCE FOR THE DOWNTOWN BUT
ALL OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS TO CITY

OF BOSTON AND THE COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WHEN THAT TYPE OF COLLABORATION
COMES TOGETHER AND WORKS, IT IS
ONE OF THOSE THINGS AND MOMENT
WE SHOULD CERTAINLY PAUSE AND
CELEBRATE AND NOW WE ACTUALLY
ARE AT A PLACE WHERE WE CAN GIVE
YOU A FORMAL BID TO CONSIDER.
OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
WITH ALL OF YOU AND I CAN'T TELL
YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THAT,
AND AS YOU HEARD FROM THE
SENATOR BONE CORE AND MIKE WITS
THEY BOTH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE
PARTICIPANTS WITH ALL OF YOU AND
I APPRECIATE YOUR IN NUT SHAPING
THIS.

WE ALSO GOT A LOT OF INPUT FROM
NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS LEADERS AS
WELL AND ALSO RESIDENTS THAT
LIVE ALONG THE GREENWAY.
SO LET ME JUST TALK QUICKLY
ABOUT THE GOALS OF THE GREENWAY
BID.

I THINK ONE OF THE IMPORTANT
THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD REALIZE
AND I AM SO GLAD FORMER CITY
COUNCILOR SAM STONE SPOKE AND
THE RESEARCH DIRECTOR SAM TYLER
SPOKE AS WELL AS THE OTHERS I
REALLY APPRECIATE AND RESPECT
EVERYBODY'S COMMENTS THAT
PRECEDED JESSE AND IT'S,
INCLUDING STEVE, AND WE THINK
THAT ROSEMARIE MARLEY AND SAM
HAVE BEEN PROVIDING INCREDIBLE
GUIDANCE, AS YOU ARE ASKING
COUNCILOR FLYNN AND MICHELLE, WE
TALKED ABOUT THIS AS WELL, EVERY
STEP OF THE WAY, ROSEMARIE
SANSONE, SAM TYLER, PIPER WHO IS
WITH THE LAW FIRM THAT CREATED
THE BID IN THE DOWNTOWN HAVE
BEEN INCREDIBLY HELPFUL ADVISORS
TO ME AND JESSE IN CREATING
THIS, WITHOUT THEIR HELP WE
WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY SO I
WANT TO THANK THEM PUBLICLY FOR
THEIR REALLY GREAT SUPPORT.
WE HAVE, AS I WAS MENTIONING TO
YOU BEFORE WE HAVE SPECIFIC
GOALS, WE ARE LOOKING TO RAISE
\$1.5 MILLION THROUGH AN

INCREMENTAL INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES.

AS YOU WERE ASKING THE CFO EARLIER, THIS IS NEW TAX DOLLARS.

IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE TAX BASE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

IMAGINE JUST LIKE IN THE DOWNTOWN BID WHERE ROSEMARIE SANSONE AND HER LEADERSHIP AGREED TO HAVE AN INCREMENTAL INCREASE ON THEIR TAXES WHILE THE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT ARE IN THIS BID HAVE AGREED TO DO THE SAME THING.

THEY HAVE AGREED TO ACTUALLY HAVE AN INCREMENT INCREASE ON THEIR TAXES THAT WILL BE COLLECTED, ORGANIZED, 1 MILLION OF THOSE DOLLARS WILL GO INTO THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ROSE KENNEDY GREEN WAY.

500 -- I AM SORRY, \$500,000 WILL THEN GO INTO ENHANCEMENTS.

SO THIS WAS KIND OF, WHAT IS WONDERFUL ABOUT BIDS IS IT IS A VOLUNTEER ACTION OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO BE PARTNERS WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR TO ENHANCE AND COMPLEMENT THE SPA SPACE. COMPLIMENT THE SPACE.

I WANT TO GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE SO WE CAN GIVE YOU A BREAK DOWN OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE DOLLARS.

AND JESSE WILL SPEAK TO THIS SOON.

BUT PLEASE LOCHTE BIG GROWN PIECE OF THE PIE.

THIS IS WHERE A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NONPROFIT KNOWN IT IS A CONSERVANCY AND AGAIN I HAVE BEEN GRATEFUL TO WORK WITH JESSE OVER THE YEARS IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY DOES THE CONSERVANCY DO A GREAT JOB WITH TAKING CARE OF THE SPACE BUT BECAUSE THE COMMON WEFLT WAS WISE IN CREATING THIS PARTNERSHIP THE CONSERVANCY HAS BEEN LEVERAGING ITS ACTIVITIES AS NONPROFIT TO GENERATE FUNDING TO ACTUALLY GO-GO BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL OPERATIONS OF THIS

SPACE. WHAT A GREAT DEAL.
THE RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT FOR
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL.
THAT'S WHY AS PROPERTY OWNERS WE
WERE VERY PROUD AND PLEASED TO
ACTUALLY INVEST IN THIS VERY
VALUABLE ENTERPRISE.
WHERE WE COULD SEE OUR DOLLARS
GOING INTO SOMETHING WHICH WAS
PRODUCTIVE AND ACTUALLY
ANTICIPATED TO BE INCREDIBLY
WELL USED.

SO PLEASE KNOW THAT WHILE WE ARE
MAKING A CONTRIBUTION, TO THE
CONSERVANCY AND TO THE GREENWAY
THE CONSERVANCY WILL STILL HAVE
A PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL
RESPONSIBILITY, A GREAT
RESPONSE, WORK AS A CHARITABLE
NONPROFIT, AND DO ITS JOB
RELATIVE TO THE WHOLE
DEVELOPMENT PART OF THE
RESPONSIBILITIES.

WE APPRECIATE THAT AND RESPECT
THAT BUT I JUST WANT WANTED TO
MAKE SURE THAT DOES NOT END
THAT PART OF THE CONSERVANCY'S
RESPONSIBILITY ALTHOUGH IT IS A
SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION.

AGAIN, AND JESSE WILL SPEAK TO
THAT LATER BUT I JUST WANTED TO
MAKE THAT CLEAR.

THIS IS AN OPERATING PIE CHART,
WE WILL BE PUTTING 18 PERCENT OF
BID DOLLARS INTO THAT OPERATING
THE PIE CHART.

MASS DOT WILL PUT IN ANOTHER
18 PERCENT, CITY OF BOSTON
FOUR PERCENT, THIS DOES NOT
RELATE TO THE CAPITAL DOLLARS
THAT WERE SPOKEN TO EARLIER,
COMMON HEALTH WEALTH WILL STAY
INVOLVED WITH CAPITAL, WE WILL
BE INVOLVED WITH ENHANCEMENT
FUNDING, THOSE DOLLARS ARE NOT
REFLECTED IN THIS PIE CHART.

THIS IS JUST THE OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF THE SPACE.

THE MASSACHUSETTS BID LAW, AS
MANY OF THE SPEAKERS BEFORE US
WAS CREATE BED AT THIS
COMMONWEALTH AND IT IS A VERY
SPECIFIC LAW AND IT REALLY

REQUIRES VERY PRESCRIPTIVE
ACTIVITIES IN CREATING A BID IF
YOU DON'T FOLLOW IT YOU DON'T
GET TO DO A BID, IT IS THAT
PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

WE HAVE TO CREATE A BID DISTRICT
AND BOUNDARY LINES, WE HAD TO
ENGAGE ALL OF THE PROPERTY
OWNERS THAT WERE DEFINED IN THE
GENTLEMAN AGO AT THIS OF THE
BID.

WE HAD TO THEN WORK WITH THEM TO
CREATE A BID MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
COME UP WITH A SPECIFIC FORMULA.
WE THEN HAD TO WORK WITH THEM TO
GET THEM TO SIGN UP AND BE A
PART OF THE BID, VOLUNTARY,
VOLUNTARILY AS WU MENTIONED
EARLIER WE MET THE THRESHOLDS
OUR BID HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY
THE CITY CLERK, WE ARE VERY
PROUD OF THAT AS WELL.

WE HAVE HAD TO SUBMIT OUR BID TO
THE CITY CLERK AND NOW THIS BID
IS AWAITING COUNCIL APPROVAL.
JUST A LITTLE BIT OF HIGHLIGHTS
REGARDING THE PROCESS.

WE HAD A BIDDER COMMITTEE
MEETINGS OVER THE LAST YEAR SO
THINK OF A 52 WEEKS IN A YEAR.
WE ALMOST MET EVERY TWO WEEKS IN
THE COURSE OF A YEAR.

TO GET THIS THING ORGANIZED.
I HAVE TO GET THE BIDDER
COMMUNITY SOME OF THE FOLKS WHO
ARE HERE TODAY A LOT OF CREDIT,
BECAUSE THEY TOOK THIS THING
VERY SERIOUSLY.

AROUND THE TABLE IN MY OFFICE,
SAT THE MAJOR PROPERTY OWNERS
AND SOME OF IS THE SMALL
PROPERTY OPENERS WELL TO GOING
INTO THE LEAVES AND MAKING SURE
WE FIGURE THESE THINGS OUT.
GETTING JESSE'S ENGAGEMENT AND
HIS BOARD'S PARTNERSHIP AND
GETTING THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE
CITY'S INVOLVEMENT WAS ONE OF
THOSE THINGS THAT REALLY
REQUIRED A LOT OF WORK, BUT WAS
WELL WORTH IT.

AND WE DID EVERYTHING IN OUR
POWER TO CONNECT WITH THE
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS TO

MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON AND WHAT THE RELATIONSHIP TO THIS BID MEANT TO THEM.

YOU HAVE A LOT OF THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR PACKET. BUT WE CREATED GREENWAY BID BOUNDARIES.

WE DECIDED TO CREATE A LEVEL OF \$10 MILLION OF WHICH WE WOULD CONSIDER ANY PROPERTY WITHIN THE BID DISTRICT.

WE ALSO LOOKED AT FUTURE DEVELOPED PARCELS RELATIVE TO THE RELATIONSHIP IN THE FUTURE, AND THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP TO BEING VALUED AT \$10 MILLION AND MORE AS DIRECTOR TYLER MENTIONED RESIDENTIAL I CON KNOW PROFITS NONPROFITS, WE INCLUDED NONPROFIT BUS THEY WILL NOT BE ASSESSED, AND THE RESULTS WAS 61 OWNERS REPRESENTING 50 BUILDINGS IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE NEEDED TO WORK WITH.

AND WAS REFLECTED BY THE CITY OF BOSTON'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, WE EXCEEDED THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

THE LEGAL THRESHOLD FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO SIGN UP, THE 60 PERCENT, WE GOT TO 82 PERCENT, AND IN TERMS OF THE ASSET VALUE WE GOT TO 89 PERCENT.

IS ASSESSMENT FORMULA WE PREPARED FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS VERY MUCH INFORMED BY THE DOWNTOWN BID. AGAIN HERE IS WHERE ROSEMARY AND HER OFFICE AND ALL OF THE GOOD COLLEAGUES THAT WORK WITH HER HELPED US TREMENDOUSLY.

WE CAME UP WITH A FAIR AND EQUITABLE APPROACH AND DECIDED THAT RESIDENTIAL RENTALS WOULD BE ASSESSED AT 50 PERCENT OF THE ASSET VALUE, WHICH MADE A LOT OF SENSE.

THE OTHER THING WE SIDED TO DO IS JUST AS IN THE DOWNTOWN BID INCLUDE A HARDSHIP WAVE SO IF FOR SOME REASON SOMEBODY IS

FACING DIFFICULTIES THEY CAN COME TO THE BID BOARD AND WORK WITH US TO SEE IF THERE IS SOME RELIEF WE CAN GIVE THOSE PARTICULAR PARTIES.

AS THE CFO MENTIONED EARLIER THIS WILL BE PART OF THE REGULAR CITY OF BOSTON TAX COLLECTION PROCESS, A BILL WILL GO OUT, WE HOPE THE BILL GOES OUT IN JULY BECAUSE WE WANT TO TRY TO MEET THE SCHEDULE THAT COUNCILOR WU MENTIONED TO YOU EARLIER AND THEN THAT WILL START THE PROCESS OF PROVIDING CASH FLOW TO THE OVERALL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CONSERVANCY AND THE GREENWAY AND WILL ALSO BEGIN TO SET THE STAGE FOR SETTING UP THE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND THE RELATED OTHER ASPECTS OF THE BID THAT WILL BE INVOLVED.

A COUPLE OF OTHER POINTS I WANT TO MAKE IS, THE BID FROM A LEGISLATIVE STANDPOINT AND FROM A FUNDAMENTAL STANDPOINT IN TERMS OF HOW IT WAS ORGANIZED IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE DOWNTOWN BID.

BUT THIS BID, THE RESPONSIBILITY IS VERY DIFFERENT.

WE WILL HAVE A FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONSERVANCY TO PERFORM ITS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE WORK. WE WILL ASK THEM TO PERFORM THAT WORK WELL AND I AM SURE THEY WILL.

BUT RELATIVE TO THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAMMING AND THE PUBLIC SPACE THAT WILL STILL WHOLE HARDLY FIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND ITS RELATIONSHIPS TO THE CONSERVANCY, THAT IS WHAT IS ONE OF THE WONDERFUL PARTS OF THE IDEA OF THIS BID, WE ARE BASICALLY PROVIDING AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TERM OF OUR BID AND WE HOPE IT WILL GO LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS BUT EVERY BID IN MASSACHUSETTS HAS A SUNSET

CLAUSE AND OF COURSE AS ROSEMARY IS WORKING ON IT WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THIS BID BUT FOR THE PERIOD OF THE BID, WE HAVE ARE PROVIDING OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS TO THE CONSERVANCY.

AND WE ARE JUST SIMPLY ASKING THEM PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO A GOOD JOB.

WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT KIND OF PROMP ACCOUNTS WE MAKE? AND WORK WITH THEM TO MAKE THOSE INVESTMENTS?

>> BUT RELATIVE TO WHAT HAPPENS OUT THERE, IT IS KIND OF THE SAME THING THAT HAS BEEN GOING HONOR THE LAST TEN YEARS OR SO. THE PUBLIC GETS TO ENJOY THE SPACE, THE CONSERVANCY WORKING WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FINDS THOSE MOMENTS IT CAN BE A LITTLE ENTREPRENEURIAL AND PROVIDE SOME COOL PROGRAMMING AND THAT PARTICULAR RELATION THINK IS SOMETHING THAT, IS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS HELD CONSISTENT WITH THE WAY IT IS TODAY.

SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLEAR.

AND AGAIN WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING THAT PARTNER AND WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT, YOU KNOW -- AGAIN WE HAVE BIDDERS HERE INITIALLY THE IDEA IS, OKAY I AM ASKING YOU TO PAY A ILL LIT BIT MORE IN TAXES BUT THEY WERE TOTALLY HONESTLY RIGHT OUT OF THE GATE, AS SOON AS WE CAME OUT WITH A FORMULA THAT HAD THIS KIND OF PHILOSOPHICAL GOAL OF MAKING SURE OF THE SHARED RESPONSIBILITY, WAS PART OF THE IDEA, TOTALLY ENAMORED AND WORKED REALLY HARD TO GET THIS BID BEFORE YOU TODAY SO THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

I AM GOING TO TURN OVER THE REST OF THE PRESENTATION TO JESSE.

>> THANK YOU.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

CHAIR WU, VICE CHAIR BAKER AND TO OUR COUNCILORS, COUNCILOR, OUR DISTRICT COUNCILORS, COUNCILOR FLYNN AND EDWARDS TO COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE AND COUNCILOR JANEY, I WANT TO THANK ONE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS F BOYLE FROM MASS DOT IS IN ATTENDANCE AS WELL AS 4 OF THE CONSERVANCY STAFF.

I THINK -- AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK WHOARCH IS IN ATTENDANCE BECAUSE I THINK WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PUBLIC SPACE AND TALKING ABOUT A PUBLIC PARK AND NICE TO SEE ENGAGEMENT FROM THOSE WHO ARE TESTIFYING AND PARTICULARLY KIND OF GRAPHING TO SEE A CLASS OF SCHOOL KIDS HERE FOR THIS HEARING, PARTICULARLY.

I MENTION KIDS AND THE LIGHT GOES OFF.

>> YOU TALKED TOO LONG ABOUT THE PRESENTATION --

>> THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY EXCITING DAY BECAUSE AS HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE, MANY PARTIES CAME TOGETHER TO FORM THIS AGREEMENT AND MY THANKS TO RICK FOR PLAYING A LEADER SHIP ROLE IN THAT EFFORT TO THE CITY AND TO THE STATE AND TO ALL OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT ARE HERE, AS HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED THIS WILL ALLOW THE CONSERVANCY TO CONTINUE TO LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC PARK AND TO CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON.

SO LET ME TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT WORK.

WE IN 2017 HAD ABOUT 400 FREE EVENTS IN THE PARK, AND WE EXPECT WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BID, OUR WORK TO CONTINUE, I DON'T SEE THIS AS, TO THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED, I DON'T SEE THIS AS A CHANGE, AS RICK HAD SAID, THIS IS A FUNDING MECHANISM THAT CREATES CERTAINLY, AND, CERTAINTY AND A GREAT PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS EXISTED FOR MANY TIMES, CONTINUE CONTINUES

AND SO OUR WORK CAN CONTINUE.
SO 2018 WE WILL SEE MORE
COMMUNITY FESTIVALS, MARKETS,
FITNESS CLASSES, 100 FREE
FITNESS CLASSES ALL DOWNTOWN,
ALL ON THE ORGANICALLY
MAINTAINED LAWNS.

WE HAVE A ROBUST VOLUNTEER
PROGRAM WHERE WE ENGAGE
COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND GROUPS FOR
A DAY OR FOR AN ONGOING WAY AND
THAT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WILL
CONTINUE. IT IS CRITICAL WHEN
WE MAINTAIN THE PARK ORGANICALLY
YOU ARE NOT SPRAYING THE PARK
WITH PESTICIDES WE HAVE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HELPING TO
PULL THE WEEDS.

IN ADDITION WE HAVE COMMUNITY
FOCUS PROGRAMMING, A LOT OF THAT
OCCURS IN CHINA TOWN PARK, AND
THAT WILL CONTINUE IN THIS YEAR.
WE HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN WHICH WE
BRING KIDS FROM CLUBS ALL ACROSS
THE CITY FOR A DAY ON THE GREEN
WAY, FOOD TRUCK LUNCH, A TOUR OF
THE PUBLIC ART, A RUN THROUGH
THE FREE FOUNTAIN, A RIDE ON THE
CAROUSEL, THOSE BUT FOOD --
THOSE FOOD TRUCKS THE FIRST
GOURMET FOOD TRUCK IN BOSTON,
MICHELLE AND I WORKED ON THAT A
LONG TIME AGO AND IT IS ON THE
FREIN WAY AND NOW 38 LOCAL
ENTREPRENEURS THAT HAVE A WAY TO
GET STARTED, THAT WE ARE WORKING
WITH THIS YEAR.

AND MANY OF THOSE, THAT VERY
FIRST FOOD TRUCK, CLOVER, NOW
HAS 12 RESTAURANTS ACROSS THE
CITY EMPLOYING PEOPLE.

THIS SPACE IS AN INCUBATOR FOR
THOSE KIND OF SMALL BUSINESSES.
OUR PUBLIC ART PROGRAM, WHICH IS
I THINK HELPED CHANGE THE
CONVERSATION ABOUT PUBLIC ART
HERE, THESE PIECES BY HALA.

HALANI AND

-- CROSS ARE CURRENTLY ON
EXHIBIT AND YOU ARE SEEING IT
HERE FIRST, SOME OF THE ART THAT
IS COMING THIS YEAR.

WE -- THE THEME IS GLOW FOR OUR

PUBLIC ART CURATOR, LUCAS IS
HERE.

WE WILL HAVE INSTALLATIONS FROM
LUFT WORK, FROM LOCAL ARTIST ANN
LILLY ASHES, A NEW MURAL THAT WE
ARE JUST TEASING THERE AND NOT
QUITE REVEALING YET. AND THEN
ONE THING THAT WE THINK IS
REALLY EXCITING IS THERE WILL BE
AN EXHIBIT OF HISTORIC NEON
SIGNS THOORKS EASY ARE ALL SIGNS
THAT EXISTED ACROSS
MASSACHUSETTS AND I THINK THEY
ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF OUR INTEREST
IN GIVING COMMUNITIES NOT JUST
IN THE CITY, BECAUSE THIS WAS A
PARK THAT WAS BUILT WITH STATE
AND FEDERAL DOLLARS BUT PEOPLE
FROM ACROSS THE STATE AND ACROSS
THE REGION, A REASON TO COME TO
THE GREENWAY, WHEN THEY COME
DOWNTOWN, WHEN THEY ARE GOING,
ANYWHERE DOWNTOWN, MAKE A STOP
ON THE GREENWAY AND SEE THE SIGN
THAT USED TO BE IN YOUR
COMMUNITY FOR SO MANY YEARS.

A LAST EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF
WORK THAT WE DO AND THAT WE DO
WITH PRIVATE SUPPORT, THANK YOU
TO THE LYNCH FOUNDATION, WE WILL
BE RENOVATING A GARDEN IN THE
NORTH END AND OPENING IT THIS
SPRING, THE CAROLYN LYNCH
GARDEN, AND WE WILL BE ADDING
TABLES, CHAIRS, UMBRELLAS,
PLACES TO GATHER EXCITED ABOUT
ALL OF THIS WORK IN 2018 AND ALL
OF THE WORK TO COME FOLLOWING
THAT, IT DOESN'T MAKE FOR QUITE
AS INTEREST AGO SLIDE BUT WITH
THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
ON CAPITAL WE WILL ALL -- WE ARE
CURRENTLY DOING MASONRY REPAIR
WORK, IT IS, OF COURSE, A PARK
SITTING OVER A TUNNEL THAT IS
VIBRATING EVER SO SLIGHTLY WITH
ACRES OF SPECIALTY PAVING, AND
SO THAT IS NOT THE IDEAL
CONDITION FOR PARKS AND SO THE
CAPITAL -- EXCUSE ME, THE
CAPITAL SUPPORT FROM THE
COMMONWEALTH HAS BEEN REFERENCE
ADD FEW TIMES, IS CRITICAL TO
MAINTAINING THAT PARK IN THE

NEAR NEW CONDITION THAT WE ALL
WOULD LIKE IT TO BE IN.

>> WITH THAT, I AM HAPPY TO TAKE
QUESTIONS.

I THINK KATE, MARLEY, SUGGESTED
JESSE WOULD BE GOOD TO ANSWER
THAT, WOULD BE GOOD TO ANSWER
THAT.

I AM HAPPY TO JUMP IN ON ANY OF
THOSE THINGS.

THANK YOU ALL.

FORCE.

>> AND TOGETHER WITH JESSE I
WANT TO THANK YOU ALL AS WELL
AND I APPRECIATE THE TIME AND
EFFORT YOU EXPENSE SPENT WITH
ME, MEETING WITH ME PRIOR TO
THIS PARTICULAR HEARING AND
GIVING ME YOUR GOOD SUGGESTION
AND ADVICE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU BOTH.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU BOTH FOR BEING
HERE.

YOUR PRESENTATIONS WERE
INCREDIBLY INFORMATIVE, AND I
JUST HAD SOME FOLLOW-UP
QUESTIONS, AGAIN, AS WE ARE
MOVING INTO -- I THINK YOU MADE
IT VERY CLEAR IS WHAT THIS DOES
IS FREE YOU UP TO BE ABLE TO
PROGRAM IN A WAY THAT I HOPE AND
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE
INCREDIBLY ACCESSIBLE, WHEN I
WAS INTERVIEWED I THINK BY
SOMEBODY ON, I CAN'T REMEMBER
WHOSE STAFF SPECIFICALLY ABOUT
MY THOUGHT OF THE GREENWAY, I
WAS VERY HONEST. IT STRUCK ME
AS A YUPPY PLAYGROUND, AND MY
CONCERN IS THAT AS WE ARE
INVESTING IN THIS AND THE MONEY
THAT WE ARE HAVING NUT THE LOCAL
BUSINESSES THAT SURROUND THAT
THAT WE ARE NOT VERY CAUTIOUS
ABOUT BREAKING THAT, HOPEFULLY
YOU AGREE WITH ME, WE DON'T WANT
IT JUST TO BE THAT, THAT IF WE
ARE NOT CONSCIOUS OF THE CITY OR
NOT CONSCIOUS IN OUR LEADERSHIP
ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THIS IS
COMPLETELY ACCESSIBLE BY ALL
BOSTONIANS THEN TO ME A LOT OF

THIS INVESTMENT REALLY IS NOT FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON, IT IS FOR THE LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS PROPERTY VALUES.

I WILL JUST STATE THAT, AND SO I REALLY WANT TO TALK THEN ABOUT THE CONSERVANCY, THE MEMBERS WHO ARE ON THEM MAKING DECISIONS, DIVERSITY OF THE CONSERVANCY AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE BID AND THOSE FOLKS WHO WOULD BE ON THE BOARD FOR THE BID.

SO IF YOU COULD TALK TO THEM A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT.

>> SURE.

SO I THINK ONE OF THE -- ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT -- ONE OF THE TOP PICKS IN DISCUSSION HAS BEEN, THE INFLUENCE AND HOW WILL THE PUBLIC PERSPECTIVE BE MAINTAINED.

AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE CLEAREST WAY TO EXPRESS THIS IS, WE HAVE A BOARD FOR OUR NONPROFIT THAT IS DEFINED BY STATE LEGISLATION FROM 2008 AND REVISED IN 2012.

IT ESTABLISHES A 21 MEMBER BOARD.

14 OF THOSE SEATS ARE APPOINTED BY PUBLIC BODIES, STICKS ARE FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS AND EIGHT ARE FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS OR STATE AGENCIES AND THE BID WILL END UP WITH TWO OF THOSE 21 SEATS, AND SO IN -- IN WHAT I HOPE IS REASSURING TERMS, THE GOVERNMENT IS, IT IS A NONPROFIT AND IT IS A NONPROFIT WITH SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC INFLUENCE, YOU KNOW, AND PUBLIC INFLUENCE --

>> CAN YOU TELL ME, DO YOU HAVE A LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVANCY BOARD, THE 21 MEMBERS?

>> I -- SO IT IS ON OUR WEBSITE, I COULD RATTLE THEM OFF FOR YOU, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE A TEST TO GET TO --

>> COULD YOU --

>> THE NO, MA'AM FAIRS, NOMINATORS, THE SIX COMMUNITY

GROUPS TWO FROM THE NORTH END ..
THE WHARF DISTRICT COUNCIL, THE
CASH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
AND CHINA TOWN, TWO KLEIN TOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, TWO FROM
THE MAYOR, TWO FROM THE
GOVERNOR, ONE FROM THE STATE
SENATOR, ONE FROM THE STATE
REPRESENTATIVE, GRUN MASS DOT,
ONE FROM EEOA AND SEVEN FROM THE
CONSERVANCY, OF THOSE 21, TWO
BID NOMINEES WILL NEED TO BE
ACCOMMODATED BY ONE OF THOSE
NOMINATORS.

>> SO I THINK THAT THE
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE .. AND THE
FACT IT IS STATE OWNED LAND
SHOULD BE REASSURING ON THIS.
ALSO I WILL SAY AND I HOPE AND I
APPRECIATE STEVE'S TESTIMONY TO
THIS EFFECT THAT THE CONSERVANCY
HAS MANAGED THIS SPACE IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE AND
CLEARLY WITH BOTH THE OVERSIGHT
AND INPUT OF THE STATE TO BE
PUBLIC, 400 FREE EVENTS AND --
>> CAN I SPEAK?

>> YES.

>> THE RACIAL OR ETHNIC MAKE-UP
OF THE CONSERVANCY CAN YOU TELL
ME THAT?

SO ON OUR BOARD.

>> I BELIEVE WE HAVE TWO ASIAN
AMERICANS, AND TWO
AFRICAN-AMERICANS I MIGHT BE
UNDERSTATING BOTH OF THOSE
NUMBERS.

>> WOMEN VERSUS MEN?

>> THAT IS APPROXIMATELY 50-50.
I CAN GET THE EXACT NUMBER.

>> AND IN TERMS OF FOLKS WHO
LIVE IN BOSTON?

>> VERSUS --

>> IT IS A MIX, AGAIN, I DON'T
HAVE THOSE STATS OFF THE TOP OF
MY HEAD BUT IT IS A MIX.

>> AND THEN YOU CAN COME BACK
WITH THIS ANSWER, SO THOSE WHO
LIVE IN BOSTON, VERSUS THOSE WHO
DON'T, AND THEN ALSO FOR KNOWS
WHO LIVE IN BOSTON WHERE?

>> HOW MANY OF THEM ARE ALL
BORDERING THE GREENWAY?

HOW MANY OF THEM ARE COME FROOG

MATTAPAN AND DIFFERENT
NEIGHBORHOODS?

>> THAT WOULD BE GOOD
INFORMATION.

[COMING FROM MATTAPAN]

>> THE OTHER THING I WILL SAY
WHICH IS JUST MY MEMORY
COMMITMENT TO THIS, I GREW UP IN
NEW YORK CITY, I GREW UPTAKING
GYM CLASS IN CENTRAL PARK.
I THINK CENTRAL PARK IS AN
EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF
DEMOCRATIC SPACE IN WHICH PEOPLE
GATHER AND THAT'S WHAT PARKS
SHOULD BE, AND THAT IS THE
ASPIRATION FOR THE GREEN WAY.
IT IS A PARK RIGHT DOWNTOWN
WHERE THIS SORT OF INSTALLED
BASE OF PEOPLE LIVING AND
WORKING ON IT IS LIVING AND
WORKING ALONG THE PARK IS NOT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVERSITY
OF OUR CITY.

>> SO THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM THIS
IS THEIR FRONT DOOR PARK AND
THEREFORE THE KIND OF DEFAULT
USER GROUP COMING OUT OF SOUTH
STATION IS NOT AS DIVERSE AND IS
WHY WE NEED TO BE AS PROACTIVE
AS WE POSSIBLY CAN BE.

SO YOU REFERENCED WE HAVE
CONSULTING TEAMWORK ON A
STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN FOR US
AND ONE OF THE KEY WORK STREAMS
THEY ARE WORKING ON IS THINKING
ABOUT AUDIENCE DIVERSITY,
BECAUSE AS I SAID, THIS IS BUILT
WITH STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS,
MEANING IT ISN'T A PARK JUST FOR
THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK ALONG
THERE, AND SO WHILE THAT MAY BE
THE DEFAULT AUDIENCE WE HAVE TO
BE EXTREMELY PROACTIVE AT THE
CONSERVANCY IN TRYING TO CREATE
PAR SHIPS, PARTNERSHIPS AND DO
OTHER THINGS THAT DRAW DIVERSITY
OF VISITORS TO THE PARK.

>> AND I WOULD ECHO THE LEADER
SLIP IS ALSO WILLING TO DO THAT
AS WELL.

SO I UNDERSTAND THE LIMITATIONS
OF THERE BEING ALL UPON SOD ONLY
SO MUCH YOU CAN DO IN TERMS OF
THE LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE.

IN TERMS OF YOU MENTIONED THE LOCAL -- THIS IS A HUB FOR LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS AND THE FOOD TRUCKS, IN TERMS OF I GUESS I WILL GO BACK TO DIVERSITY AND MAKING SURE THE LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A CHANCE A TO PRESENT THEIR WARES.

WHO IS MAKING THAT DECISION?

>> SO IT IS THE CONSERVANCY THAT IS SELECTING THE FOOD TRUCKS THAT OPERATE ON THE GREEN WAY, THEY NEED TO BE PERMITTED THROUGH THE CITY OF BOSTON.

I MEAN, FROM THE VERY FIRST YEAR THAT WE DID THIS, IT WAS A GLOBE EDITORIAL COMMENDING THE DIVERSITY OF SELECTION AND ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT KIND OF ETHNIC OR IMMIGRANT DIVERSITY OF FOODS IN BOSTON, AND HOW THAT WAS WELL REFLECTED IN THE VERY FIRST CHAIR, WE NOW HAVE, I MEAN, NEW THIS YEAR WE HAVE SOUTH INDIAN FOOD, WE HAVE KOREAN FOOD, THE -- WE HAVE THE JAMAICA-ME HUNGRY TRUCK, I THINK THE SELECTION OF FOODS, I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE FACT THAT ALL OF THE PROPRIETORS ARE --

>> THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY QUESTION.

I THINK THE SELECTION OF FOOD IS WONDERFUL, BUT MAKING SURE THAT THE ACTUAL OWNERS ARE ALSO REFLECTIVE OF BOSTON AND ITS DIVERSITY AND ITS ABILITY TO -- FOR THEM TO HAVE ACCESS TO PROSPER AS WELL.

>> YES. AND I THINK ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT SORT OF FOOD TRUCKS PARTICULARLY, I MEAN, MANY PARTS WILL, PARKS WILL BUILD A RESTAURANT, ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT FOOD TRUCKS IS IT IS RELATIVELY COMPARATIVELY LOW BARRIER TO ENTRY, I DON'T WANT TO SAY -- I MEAN IT PROBABLY COSTS \$100,000 TO GET THE TRUCK OFF THE GROUND BUT COMPARED TO OPENING A PRICK AND MORTAR RESTAURANT IT IS A MUCH MORE ECONOMICALLY

ACCESSIBLE PATH SO I AM GLAD WE CAN BE ENGAGED IN FOSTERING THOSE KIND OF OPPORTUNITIES. >> AND AT THIS UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS A PETITION TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL ON THE GREENWAY OR IS THAT AT SOME POINT THERE WAS A LIQUOR LICENSE TO BE AVAILABLE THE GREENWAY WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT S THERE ANYTHING WITHIN THE GREENWAY'S POLICY OR MISSION WITH REGARDS TO CANNABIS AND ITS AVAILABILITY ALSO IN THE GREENWAY?

>> SO THERE IS NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN BOSTON PARKS, THAT IS BOTH, THAT IS ALL SUBSTANCES AND WE OPT IN TO THAT AS WELL, I MEAN, WHILE THIS IS NOT TECHNICALLY A CITY PARK AND THEREFORE THAT REGULATION DOESN'T SPECIFICALLY APPLY, WE HAVE A POLICY OF NO SMOKING. >> YES.

>> IF A FOOD TRUCK WERE TO OFFER SOME COMBINATION OF CANNABIS INFUSED FOOD, IF YOU WERE TO HAVE YOU COULD CONSUME IT NOT SPEAKING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE BUT I KNOW YOU CAN CONSUME IT IN DIFFERENT WAYS. SO IS THERE --

>> NONE CURRENTLY ON OFFER. WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY PROPOSALS TO THAT EFFECT. THANK YOU FOR RAISING IT US FOR TO THINK ABOUT FOR THE NEXT FOOD TRUCK SEASON.

THERE IS CERTAINLY -- THAT IS A WHOLE NEW WORLD FOR MANY OF US TO THINK ABOUT THE RAMIFICATIONS AND SO THANK YOU FOR RAISING IT.

>> THANK YOU. AND JUST IN TERMS OF -- YES. SO ALONG WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING SURE THAT WE MAINTAIN THIS ACCESS TO BE ABSOLUTELY FREE, I THINK THE MAJORITY OF YOUR ACTIVITIES ARE 100 PERCENT FREE AS YOU NOTED.

WHEN YOU ARE SELLING ALCOHOL, WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SELL, IS THERE A

MISSION TO MAKE SURE THAT IT STAYS WITHIN A CERTAIN PRICE RANGE?

HOW IS THAT DETERMINED?

>> YES.

SO WHEN WE DO AN ANNUAL RFP FOR FOOD TRUCKS, WE HAVE DONE RFPS FOR THE BEER GARDEN THAT WAS THERE LAST YEAR, AND IN THAT, WE EMPHASIZE IN OUR INTEREST IN SUSTAINABLE, LOCAL AND AFFORDABLE, YOU KNOW, IT IS ONE OF MANY FACTORS WE ARE THINKING ABOUT, I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THE TRULY BEER GARDEN WAS A HUGE SUCCESS THAT IS ON THE PRICE POINT OF BEERS, ALL OF THE SORT OF LOCAL CRAFT BREWERIES ARE GOING TO BE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN YOUR NATIONAL BEER BRANDS.

WE ALSO HAD, IN ADDITION TO THE TRILLIAN BEER GARDEN ALSO THE THURSDAY NIGHT BLOCK PARTIES DONE BY THE SAME FOLKS THAT DO BOSTON CALLING CONCERTS, THAT WAS SPONSORED BY BUD LIGHT AND VERY DELIBERATELY IN OUR MINDS, THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF PRICE POINTS AND ENTRY POINTS FOR THOSE WHO WANTED TO HAVE A DRINK IN A PUBLIC PARK AND IT WASN'T ALL A FIVE TO \$10 BEER BUT ALSO A LESS EXPENSIVE OPTION UNLESS THE PARK.

>> THANK YOU.

AND AGAIN I REALLY DO APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AND WORK.

I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS BID. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE CONVERSATION ON DIVERSITY IS TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND WE CONTINUE TO HAVE IT AND I DO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK YOU HAVE ALWAYS, ALREADY PUT IN WITH YOUR GROUPS FOR CALLING THESE GROUPS AND ASKING THESE QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR UNDER WU.

>> COUNCILOR WU.

>> THANK YOU, JESSE AND RICK FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING US

TOGETHER, YOU HAVE WORKED HARD
ON THIS AND IT IS SOMETHING I
SUPPORT BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE A
LOT OF OUTREACH TO PEOPLE ACROSS
THE CITY TO THE BUSINESS
COMMUNITY, TO NEIGHBORHOODS.
I THINK YOU GUYS ARE HEAD
MANAGER THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
AS CITY COUNCILOR FROM DISTRICT
2, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
THE GREENWAY PART IN CHINA TOWN
LOOKS AS BEAUTIFUL AS IT DOES
THE DOWNTOWN AREA TOWARDS THE
NORTH END.

AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I
GET A COMMITMENT FROM YOU, YOU
KNOW, THAT CHINA TOWN WILL NOT
BE FORGOTTEN.

DURING CAPITAL BUDGET PLANS,
DURING RENOVATIONS, BECAUSE THAT
IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME THAT THE
GREENWAY AND CHINA TOWN LOOKS AS
BEAUTIFUL AS THE GREEN WAY A ,
GREENWAY IN THE DOWNTOWN BOSTON
AREA.

>> ABSOLUTELY. AND COUNCILOR WE
HAD A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS
ABOUT THIS. WE ARE VERY
COMMITTED TO EXACTLY THAT.

I THINK CHINA TOWN PARK HAS A
DIFFERENT KIND OF CHALLENGE, NOT
REALLY BECAUSE OF THE CHINA TOWN
COMMUNITY NEXT TO IT BUT BECAUSE
OF THE BUS STATION AND SOME OF
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES
SURROUNDING THERE AND WE TRY TO
WORK CLOSELY WITH THE SOCIAL
SERVICE AGENCIES TO ASSURE THAT
THOSE SORT OF TRANSIENT
POPULATION AND THE CHANCE THAT
COME WITH THAT IN ANY URBAN
SPACE AS ROSEMARY WAS
REFERENCING TO THE DOWNTOWN BID,
ARE BOTH WELCOMES AND HELPED AND
THAT WE THINK ABOUT THE
OPERATION OF THE SPACE CONSCIOUS
OF THE DIVERSE COMMUNITY THAT IS
USING IT AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF
THOSE TYPES OF JURISDICTIONS --
USERS.

>> THAT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE
FOR ME AND I KNOW YOU HAD 400
FREE EVENTS AND I DO WANT TO
MAKE SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, A LOT

OF THOSE EVENTS ARE IN CHINA TOWN, THEY ARE OPEN TO THE CHINA TOWN COMMUNITY.

THEY ARE ALSO IN, YOU KNOW, CANTON KNEES AND IN MANDARIN, THEY ARE WELCOMING TO THE COMMUNITY.

AND THE COMMUNITY HAS INPUT ON WHAT SORT OF THOSE PROGRAMS WOULD BE.

SO I JUST HOPE YOU WOULD MAKE A COMMITMENT THAT YOU WILL FACTOR IN THE RESIDENTS OF CHINA TOWN AS YOU DO THESE PUBLIC EVENTS AS WELL.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I THINK IT IS WORTH SORT OF NOTING FOR EVERYBODY, OUR MODEL FOR PROGRAMMING IS HOSTED RATHER THAN PRODUCED, SO IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT IS OCCURRING IN THE PARK IS A REFLECTION OF WHAT PEOPLE IN THE CITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE PARK.

SO IN CHINA TOWN, FOR EXAMPLE, WE PARTNER WITH THE ASIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON A SERIES OF KUNG FU MOVIES THAT HAS BEEN A PARTNERSHIP FOR A LONG TIME. WE PARTNERED WITH CHINA TOWN MAIN STREET GROUP ON SEVERAL FESTIVALS.

WE ARE PARTNERING THIS YEAR WITH THE YMCA TO DO FITNESS CLASSES IN THE PARK AND SO WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE PROPOSALS FROM THE CHINA TOWN COMMUNITY AND FROM DIVERSE COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE CITY OF THINGS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

I THINK THAT IS PART OF HOW WE CAN DO AUTHENTIC PROGRAMMING. IT IS HARD FOR US AS A STAFF TO PUT ON THAT MANY EVENTS AND SO WE DON'T.

IT WOULD BILLIONS HARD FOR US AS A STAFF TO PUT ON AN AUTHENTIC AUGUST MOON FEST CENTRAL OR AN AUTHENTIC BRAZILIAN FESTIVAL WITHOUT THOSE COMMUNITIES'S DIRECT INVOLVEMENT SO IT ISN'T SIMPLY THAT WE ARE REACHING OUT FOR THEM FOR THEIR INPUT IT IS

THAT THEY ARE PRODUCING THE
EVENT AND WE ARE HAPPY TO HOST
THEM ON THE GREEN WAY AND HELP
FACILITATE THAT.

SO, YES, I THINK MANY OCCUR IN
CHINA TOWN AND A MORE WOULD BE
GREAT AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE
EVERYBODY EVERYONE IN THE WHOLE
AUDIENCE, IF YOU KNOW WHO WANT
TO DO AN EVENT IN THE GREENWAY
AND BRING DIFFERENT GROUPS TO
THE GREENWAY, SEND THEM OUR WAY,
SEND THEM SPECIFICALLY TO --.
SOME ORGANIZATIONS THAT I WILL
REACH OUT IN CHINA TOWN, CHINA
TOWN AND HAVE THEM FOLLOW UP
WITH YOU.

>> TERRIFIC.

>> AND THERE ARE SOME THEMES I
WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IS
CERTAINLY WE HAVE AN IMMIGRANT
COMMUNITY. WE HAVE A HIGH
CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY AT
TIMES IN CHINA TOWN.

WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC HEALTH
ISSUES.

I WOULD LOVE TO COMBINE ALL OF
THOSE FACTORS AND MAYBE DO SOME
TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL FORM, FORUM
THAT IS BENEFICIAL TO THE
COMMUNITY, PROVIDING SOME
SERVICES TO THE CHINA TOWN
COMMUNITY ON SOME SOCIAL ASPECTS
AS WELL, NOT JUST ENTERTAINMENT.
THANK YOU.

ANOTHER GOOD PARTNER IN THAT
WOULD BE AACA, WITH WHOM WE HAVE
HAD A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PAST
YEAR AND A HALF.

WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN RUNNING
WITH FUNDS THAT WE COLLECTIVELY
GOT FROM TUFTS THEY HAVE BEEN
RUNNING SMOKING CESSATION
INITIATIVE FOCUSED ON THE PA
PARK -- ON THE PARK.

AS AFTERNOON EXAMPLE, THE TYPE
OF ADDRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS
AND WORKING WITH THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY AND GETTING PRIVATE
FUNDING TO TAKE ON THOSE THINGS
AND COUNCILOR WOULD BE DELIGHTED
TO WORK WITH YOUR OFFICE FURTHER
ON THAT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANOTHER FACTOR THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME AND TO THE RESIDENTS IS ADA COMPLIANCE OF THE PARK.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT ARE THERE ANY PARTS OF THE GREENWAY THAT ARE NOT ADA COMPLIANCE?

>> ESSENTIALLY, NO.

THE PARK WAS BUILT -- I MEAN THE BIG DIG BUILT IT TO BE ADA COMPLIANT.

THERE ARE PARTS THAT HAD TEMPORARY DESIGNS AND SO THERE ARE SOME STONE DUST PATHS BUT IN EVERY PLACE THERE IS, YOU KNOW, AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE AND IN FACT I THINK IT IS -- IT IS A LEADING PARK IN THAT REGARD, NOT JUST IN THE CITY BUT IN THE COUNTRY.

AND THEN WHEN WE WORKED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GREEN WAY CAROUSEL AT TIFFANY -- FOUND IMMIGRATION GROA FER WE WORKED WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN CENTER DESIGN TO MAKE THAT THE MOST SORT OF ACCESSIBLE CAROUSEL IN NEW ENGLAND.

SO NOT ONLY DOES IT HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT PLACE FORCE THOSE IN WHEELCHAIRS TO RIDE, BUT THOSE WHO HAVE COGNITIVE OR OTHER DISABILITIES, IT ALSO ACCOMMODATES THEM IN SUBTLE WAYS AND SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT THERE WAS GREAT FORESIGHT BY MASS DOT IN THINKING ABOUT THIS YEARS AGO IN IN THE PLANNING OF IT AND WE ARE PROUD TO CONTINUE THAT TRADITION.

>> OKAY.

>> AND I AM ACTIVE IN THE DISABLED VETERANS COMMUNITY IN BOSTON AND I YOU MENTIONED 400 EVENTS BUT IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HAVE ANY EVENTS THAT ASSIST THE DISABLED, THAT ASSIST VETERANS I THINK THAT WOULD GO A LONG WAY AND BE HELPFUL, TO BE INCLUSIVE.

>> WE -- REFERENCING BACK TO AN EARLIER QUESTION ABOUT WHO POLICE IT IS PARK, WHICH WILL IN A MOMENT CONNECT TO YOUR QUESTION, SO BPD POLICE IT IS

PARK, THEY HAVE THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY WE DON'T HAVE A PRIVATE SECURITY FORCE, BUT WE HAVE TWO PARK RANGERS, WHERE THE CLASSIC PARK HAD IN A WELCOMING WAY OUR SENIOR PARK RANGE SEARCH A VETERAN AND SO SHE RAISES THESE ISSUES HERSELF INTERNALLY SHE THE PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED NOT SIMPLY FOR SECURITY BUT TO PROVIDE A WELCOMING FACE AND WE ACTUALLY WORKED IN THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT WITH THE PINE TREE INN AND OTHERS SO IT WAS NOT SIMPLY LET'S PUSH THE PROBLEM OFF THE GREENWAY BUT LET'S HELP DIRECT PEOPLE TO SERVICES.

OUR SENIOR PARK RANGER IN ADDITION 0 TOO BEING A VETERAN IS KNOWS SIGN LANGUAGE SO IT IS ONE MORE WAY PERHAPS OUR MOST FRONT FACING INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SPENDING THEIR TIME WALKING THE PARK THE IS ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH A DIVERSE AUDIENCE.

>> ON THE BOARD ITSELF, ARE YOU ABLE TO PROGRAMS RECRUIT SOMEONE FROM THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY?

>> THAT COULD BE A REPRESENTATIVE IN -- AND WEIGH IN ONLY SOIL, WEIGH IN ON SOME POLICY THAT WOULD WEIGH ON THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY IN THE PARK.

>> ABSOLUTELY IT COULD BE A CONSIDERATION.

ONE OF THE CHALLENGES IS BECAUSE SO MANY OF THE SEATS ARE ACTUALLY FILLED BY OTHER NOMINATORS, WE ARE SOMEWHAT LIMITED IN OUR ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THE MANY GOALS THAT ONE WANTS FROM A BOARD IN TERMS OF DIVERSITY AND NETWORKS AND DIFFICULT VERSE AT THIS PERSPECTIVES, BUT I THINK BEYOND OUR BOARD WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH LEADERS IN THIS AREA AND THOSE THAT COULD SUGGEST AREAS WE OUGHT TO BE TRYING TO ADVANCE THE GREENWAY'S ACCESSIBILITY TO THOSE -- OF ALL SORTS OF BACKGROUNDS.

SO WHETHER THERE IS A SPOT ON THE BOARD OR WHETHER IT IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF A CONVERSATION WHERE WE THINK ABOUT THIS PROGRAMATICALLY WE WOULD BE HAPPEN TO THINK ABOUT THAT.

>> THE FINAL QUESTION.

IS OPPORTUNITY I WOULD LIKE TO JOINT COUNCILOR EDWARDS IN THE RECENT STORMS WE HAD IN BOSTON, WE WALKED THROUGHOUT THE GREENWAY AND WE WALKED THROUGH THE NORTH END AS WELL.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AS IT RELATES TO CLIMATE CHANGE, HIGH TIDES?

WILL ANY OF THE GREEN WAY BE IMPACTED BY CHANGES IN WEATHER PATTERNS AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PRECAUTIONS THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN?

>> SO IN THE TWO RECENT STORMS WHERE THERE WAS MAJOR FLOODING, THE WATER STOPPED LITERALLY AT THE CURB OF THE GREENWAY AT STATE STREET.

HAD THE WATER BEEN TWO INCHES HIGHER, WE WOULD HAVE HAD SALTWATER ON THE LAWNS AND HAD IT BEEN A FEW INCHES HIGHER THAN THAT WE WOULD HAVE HAD SALTWATER IN THE BEDS AND WE HAD INTERNAL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE TYPING OF THOSE PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT WAS WINTER, THE IRRIGATION IS NOT ON, YOU CAN'T FLUSH THE SALT OUT, I MEAN, THE A -- I MEAN IT IS A REAL ISSUE, I WILL ALSO SAY I HAVE BEEN AT THE CONSERVANCY FOR ABOUT EIGHT AND A HALF YEARS AND THOSE ARE THE ONLY TWO TIMES THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAS HAPPENED AND OTHER PLACES FROM THE GREEN WAY ARE FURTHER FROM THE WATER BUT WE KNOW THE PROBLEM IS GETTING WORSE NOT BETTER.