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>>> LIKE TO WELCOME THE
CHAIRWOMAN FROM THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION, WHAT DO WE CALL
IT, I GUESS IT'S THE DEPARTMENT,
AS WELL AS SAM TYLER.
WE'RE GOING TO GET RIGHT INTO
IT.

I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO
CHRISTINE PARKS TO MAKE A
INTRODUCTION, STATE YOUR NAME
AND AFFILIATION FOR THE RECORD,
THE FOLKS -- MOST OF THE FOLKS
IN THE GALLERY KNOW WHO YOU ARE
BUT FOLKS MAYBE WATCHING AT
HOME.

>> I'M CHRISTINE PARK, THE
DIRECTOR OF THE NEW COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FOR
BOSTON.

I'M GOING TO ASK THE CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER TO START AND
THEN I'LL TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT
ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE IN THE ROOM
HERE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY
AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
I'M THE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION
OF FNZ AND CFO FOR THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

AS YOU ARE AWARE IN NOVEMBER OF
2016 BOSTON ADOPTED THE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT WHICH
CREATED THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION FUND TO SUPPORT
PROJECTS IN THE AREAS OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HISTORIC
PRESERVATION, PARKS AND OPEN
SPACE.

THE FUND IS CAPITALIZED
PRIMARILY BY A 1% PROPERTY TAX
BASED SURCHARGE ON RESIDENTIAL
AND BUSINESS PROPERTY TAX BILLS
THAT BEGAN IN JULY OF 2017.
THE ANF CABINET HAS BEEN CHARGED
WITH LEADING IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE CPA AND THAT'S DONE UNDER
THE LEADERSHIP OF CHRISTINE
PARK.

THE PILOT PROGRAM HAS ALLOWED US
TO BEGIN FUNDING CRITICAL
PROJECTS IN NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS

BOSTON WHICH HAS PROVIDED US WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE AND IMPROVE THE CPA PROCESS FOR FUTURE FUNDING ROUNDS.

THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS FOR AWARDING CPA FUNDING AND WE BELIEVE THAT IS PRESENTED HEARD IN THIS PIRATE ROUND.

WE'VE CONDUCTED A REVIEW MODELED AFTER THE LESSONS WE LEARNED IN THE BUDGET PROCESS.

THE SAME CRITERIA WAS USED FOR EACH PROJECT TO ENHE SURE THAT IT WAS FAIR AND TRANSPARENT AND INVOLVED MANY CITY DEPARTMENTS IN REVIEWING THESE -- THE APPLICATIONS.

OFFICE OF BUDGET MANAGEMENT, THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT ALL CONTRIBUTED THEIR EXPERTISE TO REVIEWING APPLICATIONS, AND HELPED US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT EXACTLY THE PROJECTS WERE AND HOW WE COULD EXECUTE THEM.

WE LOOKED AT PROJECTS THAT LOINED WITH IMAGINE BOSTON 2030 AND DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL PLANS, ENSURED THAT THEY ARE SHOVEL READY AND WILL NOT SUPPLANT EXISTING DEPARTMENTAL INVESTMENTS.

THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT ALSO REVIEWED PROJECTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY MET CPA FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW PROCESS, AND THE CPC'S SUBSEQUENT REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS THE MAYOR IS RECOMMENDING 35 PROJECTS WHICH TOTAL OVER \$8 MILLION OF FUNDING IN THE SPRING PILOT FOUND.

THE PROJECTS SPAN ALL THREE AREAS OF ELIGIBILITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AND THEY SERVE A VERDICT OF NEEDS AND WILL HAVE A BROAD AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS OUR CITY.

I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FOR THEIR WORK, AND THEIR SUPPORT DURING

THIS PILOT PHASE, AND IN PARTICULAR I'D LIKE TO THANK CHRISTINE POTTS WHO AGAIN HAS BEEN LEADING THIS FOR THE CITY, AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO HER TO TALK MORE ABOUT WHAT THE PILOT ROUND LOOKS LIKE.

>> THANK YOU, EMMA, AND THANK YOU COUNSELORS FOR DOING THIS HEARING AND THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY WHO CAME.

WE JUST HAD A LITTLE PARTY OR CELEBRATION IN THE CURLEY ROOM, AND I ASKED PEOPLE TO BRING THE DISPLAYS THAT THEY BROUGHT SO YOU'LL SEE SOME OF THEM WHEN PEOPLE ARE SPEAKING.

JUST BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO TAKE SOME TIME IN THERE.

BUT QUICKLY, AND I ALSO WANTED TO INTRODUCE MY TWO STAFF PEOPLE, I HOPE THEY'RE HERE TO WAVE.

DAVE BROWN AND ALLISON QUINN WHO ARE VERY INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS.

WITH ME.

QUICKLY, ABOUT THE PILOT, AND THEN I HOPE WE CAN GET INTO TESTIMONY FROM APPLICANTS WHO ARE HERE.

WE GOT A TOTAL OF 58 APPLICATIONS FOR THE PILOT.

AND THE REQUEST WAS ABOUT \$14 MILLION.

WE CHOSE AS EMMA DESCRIBED BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE COMMITTEE PUT OUT, SHOVEL READY, A FINAL GAP, MEETING A SIGNIFICANT NEED, AND MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE IN BOSTON.

THE COMMITTEE CHOSE TO DO THIS PILOT BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO TEST AND REVIEW OUR MATERIALS, AND OUR PROCESS, BEFORE WE'VE GPP INTO A REALLY BIG FUNDING ROUND.

AND THEY WANTED TO START GETTING PROJECTS IN THE GROUND, SO THAT NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS WHO VOTED FOR THE CPA COULD START TO SEE EXCITING THINGS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.

AND THEY LOOKED A LOT AT, YOU'LL

SEE TONIGHT THAT THE PROJECTS
ARE REALLY VARIED.
AND THAT WAS SOMEWHAT
PURPOSEFUL, IT WAS BASED ON THE
NEEDS THAT PEOPLE PRESENTED,
THAT THEY NEEDED SUPPORT FOR FOR
THEIR PROJECTS.
BUT ALSO WE WANTED TO SHOW A LOT
OF MODEL PROJECTS SO THE
COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE
THINKING ABOUT WHAT KIND OF
PROJECT THEY MIGHT PROPOSE FOR
FUNDING COULD SEE THE WIDE RANGE
OF THINGS THAT CPA CAN SUPPORT.
AMONG THOSE THAT CAME IN OUR
SMALLEST REQUEST WAS FOR \$2,000,
AND OUR LARGEST WAS FOR
\$500,000, WHICH WAS THE LIMIT
THAT THE COMMITTEE PUT ON THIS
ROUND OF FUNDING.
WE HAD 20 HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PROJECTS, SIX AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PROJECTS, 23 OPEN SPACE
APPLICATIONS, AND NINE BLENDED.
THE COMMITTEE CHOSE TO JUST
PRIORITIZE, OR REALLY FOCUS ON
ONES THAT TOUCHED TWO
CATEGORIES.
SO AN HISTORIC PARK, FOR
INSTANCE, OR A PROJECT THAT
COVERS BOTH HISTORIC
PRESERVATION AND PARKS OR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OPEN
SPACE.
WE HAD EVENTS THAT WERE NOT
FUNDED, MANY WHY NOT ELIGIBLE,
THEY WEREN'T SHOVEL READY, THEY
WEREN'T FUNDING A GAP, THERE WAS
OTHER FUNDING OR THEY WEREN'T
REALLY ELIGIBLE UNDER THE STATE
LAW.
AND SOME WERE JUST POLICY
QUESTIONS THAT THE CITY
COUNCIL -- THAT THE COMMITTEE
HAD NOT WRESTLED WITH YET.
LIKE A COMMUNITY GARDEN THAT'S
LOCKED ALL THE TIME.
SO THERE ISN'T PUBLIC ACCESS AND
CONCERN ABOUT THE STATE ANTI-AID
LAW.
SO THAT HELPED US WINNOW THIS
PILOT PROGRAM DOWN AND THE
COMMITTEE WILL BE WRESTLING WITH
SOME OF THOSE SORT OF POLICY

QUESTIONS AS THEY GO FORWARD.
WE HAD ALMOST EVERY SINGLE
NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTED, EXCEPT
FOR IN THE FINAL
RECOMMENDATIONS, EXCEPT FOR
MATTAPAN AND CHARLESTOWN WHERE
WE DIDN'T GET APPLICATIONS, BUT
WE ARE WORKING WITH THOSE
COMMUNITIES IN THE HOPES THAT
THAT WILL CHANGE FOR NEXT TIME
AROUND.

AND I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH.
I WILL BE HERE AND WILL BE HAPPY
TO ANSWER MORE PROCESS QUESTIONS
AT THE END, AFTER COMMUNITY
MEMBERS GET TO SPEAK.

THESE ARE BOTH IN THE AUDIENCE
OUR APPLICANTS OF ALL AGES, AS
YOU CAN SEE.

AND THERE ARE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
WHO HAVE JUST BEEN FOLLOWING
THIS PROCESS AND CARE AND ARE
HERE TO OBSERVE AND SOME OF THEM
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME
COMMENTS, ALSO, I THINK IN THE
TESTIMONY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

THANKS.

IT WAS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH
YOU.

IN CASE THE FIRST IMPRESSION,
HAVING BEEN A LONG TIME
SUPPORTER OF THE INITIATIVE AND
IT FINALLY PASSED BY THE VOTERS,
AND IT WAS AN EXCITING TIME FOR
US TO BE ABLE TO GET AN INFUSION
OF FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
FOR OPEN SPACE, HISTORIC
PRESERVATION SO WE'RE EXCITED
ABOUT THAT.

>> I JUST REALIZED I HAVE ONE
MORE THING.

I HAVE A MAP OF WHERE ALL THE
APPLICATIONS CAME FROM, WHICH I
WILL SHARE WITH CITY COUNCILORS
JUST BECAUSE IT'S INTERESTING TO
SEE.

YEAH.

>> THANK YOU.

AND IF I COULD INTRODUCE SAM
TYLER FROM THE FINANCIAL
RESOURCE BUREAU.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT --

MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS.
MY NAME FOR THE RECORD IS SAM TYLER, PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON MUNICIPAL RESEARCH BUREAU. WE'RE NOT INVOLVED IN ANY PROPOSALS, OR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS.
OUR ROLE WITH THE CPA REALLY HAS BEEN TO BE SORT OF AN OUTSIDE GROUP THAT WATCHES, AND MEETS. WE ISSUED A REPORT ON THE CPA AND WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN IN TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE, WHAT THE COSTS WOULD BE, WHERE THIS MONEY WOULD COME FROM, AND I THINK THAT WAS HELPFUL JUST BASIC INFORMATION THAT HELPED THE VOTERS IN MAKING THEIR DECISIONS.
WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE PROCESS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE PROCESS.
WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE TRANSPARENCY THAT WE HAVE SEEN, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE SELECTION OF THE AT-LARGE MEMBERS THAT IS THE CITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE FACT -- AND THE WORK THAT, YOU KNOW, THE DIRECTOR UNDERTOOK BEFORE THE CPC WAS ACTUALLY CREATED. IT TOOK AWHILE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO FINALIZE ITS DECISION.
SO HAVING THE DIRECTOR BE ABLE TO BEGIN THE WORK I THINK WAS VERY HELPFUL SO THE COMMITTEE WAS ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY. THIS IS A PILOT ROUND. AND MEANT TO BE QUICK, BECAUSE YOU KNOW AS CHRISTINE SAID, THERE'S -- THE VOTERS HAVE BEEN, AS WELL AS BUSINESSES THAT PAID 62% OF THE TOTAL COST OF CPA. THEY'VE BEEN PAYING FOR AWHILE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO THEM TO SEE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE CPA.
SO 19 NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE BEEN -- PROJECTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR 19 NEIGHBORHOODS, AND AS HAS BEEN SAID THE ONLY TWO THAT WEREN'T IS BECAUSE THERE WASN'T A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED.
I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THE IDEA

OF GETTING IN AND OUT QUICK,
SHOVEL READY, CAPS OF \$500,000,
IN OUR CALCULATION, AND I'LL
EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT MORE OF
THAT LATER, THERE'S THREE OR
FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PROJECTS, THAT ARE ABOUT 18%,
ALMOST 19% OF THE DOLLARS,
THERE'S 16 HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PROJECTS, AND 16 OPEN SPACE
PROJECTS.

ALL TOTALLING UP A LITTLE OVER
\$8 MILLION.

AND THE ONE -- I GUESS THE ONE
THING THAT WE DIDN'T EXPECT, AND
I'M NOT SURE WE NECESSARILY
SUPPORT BUT IT'S THE BLENDED
PROJECT IDEA.

I THINK FOR TRANSPARENCY SAKE, I
THINK IT'S FRANKLY BETTER TO BE
ABLE TO -- YOU CAN HAVE A
PROJECT THAT BREAKS UP IN
PIECES, BUT HAVE THE DOLLARS
AVAILABLE -- WHAT HAS BEEN DONE
IN BOTH -- ALL THE BLENDED
PROJECTS, THE PURPOSES ARE FOR
CPA PURPOSES.

SO THIS IS TOTALLY LEGAL, BUT
IT'S GOING REQUIRE THE CITY,
CPA, OR CPC TO RECONSTRUCT THE
NUMBERS TO BREAK DOWN INTO THE
THREE CATEGORIES THAT ARE
ALLOWED UNDER THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION ACT.

THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES THAT
THE CPC HAS TO REPORT ITS
FINDINGS TO, OR ITS ACTIONS TO,
DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE A BLENDED
CATEGORY.

AND I WOULD BASICALLY HOPE THAT
IN THE FUTURE, THAT THE
PROJECTS, EVEN IF THEY'RE
BLENDED, THEY'RE BROKEN OUT FOR
THE PUBLIC TO KNOW HOW MUCH FOR
EACH -- EACH PORTION OF THE
BLENDED CATEGORY, OR JUST NOT
HAVE A BLENDED CATEGORY, AND,
YOU KNOW, JUST PUT THE DOLLARS
IN THE THREE ACCOUNTS.

SO THAT YOU KNOW IF YOU'VE
GOT -- IF YOU'RE MAKING SURE
YOU'VE GOT THE 10% THAT'S
ALLOCATED.

HOW MUCH IS GOING TO BE SPENT
FROM TEACH OF THOSE.

I THINK THAT WOULD SIMPLIFY AND
MAKE IT MORE TRANSPARENT.

BUT ALTOGETHER, I MEAN, I THINK
THE PROCESS HAS GONE WELL.

YOU KNOW, THE 35 PROJECTS
REPRESENT A VAST DIFFERENCE OF
PURPOSES, BUT ALL THAT WILL
IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN
THE 19 NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE
COVERED HERE.

AND I THINK IT'S OFF TO A GOOD
START.

I THINK WHAT CPC HAS LEARNED A
LOT FROM THIS PROCESS, AND YOU
KNOW, THE FACT THAT THERE'S ONLY
18, ALMOST 19% OF THE PROJECTS
THAT ARE HOUSING, I THINK THAT'S
BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE
PILOT PROGRAM.

IT'S MEANT TO BE SHOVEL READY
AND NO MORE THAN \$500,000.

AND FROM MY EXPERIENCES BEING A
CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OF MY
TIME FOR ELEVEN YEARS, IT TAKES
TIME TO BUILD UP THE DOLLARS
NECESSARY FOR THE HOUSING
PROJECT.

SO I WOULD EXPECT THAT IN THE
NEXT ROUND, YOU KNOW, THAT WILL
BE A DIFFERENT NUMBER.

BUT, SO ALTOGETHER I THINK A JOB
WELL DONE, AND LOOKING FORWARD
TO HEARING ABOUT THE PROPOSALS.

>> GOOD, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
SAM.

I'M IN POSSESSION OF A LETTER
FROM OUR COLLEAGUE WHO WAS HERE,
FROM COUNCILOR JACK ZAKIM.

I WAS PRESENT AND HAD INTENDED
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING.
GIVEN THAT THE PREVIOUS HEARING
LASTED 40 MINUTES LONGER I HAD
TO LEAVE IN ORDER TO ATTEND A
PRIOR COMMITMENT.

I'LL REVIEW THE VIDEOTAPE.

I'M EXCITED THAT THE YEARS OF
HARD WORK BY SO MANY, CPA FUNDS
ARE FINALLY BECOMING AVAILABLE
AND PARTICULARLY I'M VERY
PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE VILNA
SHUL AND BEACON HELD AND JOHNSON

BRIDGE ON FENWAY ON THE LIST OF PROJECTS HERE.
MY COLLEAGUES JUST 30 SECONDS AS A PROFESSIONAL COURTESY BECAUSE WE'RE RUNNING SO LATE AND BECAUSE SO MANY FOLKS FROM THE PUBLIC HAVE TAKEN TIME OUT OF THEIR SCHEDULES AND THIS HEARING WAS DELAYED 40 MINUTES, I'LL DEFER IF ANYONE WANTS TO GIVE A 20 SECOND SHOUT-OUT TO A PROJECT IN THEIR DISTRICT, OTHER THAN THAT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO GET RIGHT INTO IT.
ANYBODY, GREAT?
AWESOME, GREAT.
APPRECIATE IT.
THANK YOU.
[LAUGHTER]
KATHY?
COME ON DOWN.
YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT YOUR PROJECT FOR US, HISTORIC BOSTON INC.
PROJECT IS COMFORT STATION IN DORCHESTER.
FEEL FREE TO STAY WUS,
CHRISTINE, AND KATHY RIGHT THERE -- KATHY.
KATHY FROM THE PODIUM RIGHT OVER THERE ON THE CORNER.
SEE IT?
WE'VE GOT A NEW IMPROVED CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.
CHRISTINE COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILL COVER SOME COMMENTS.
>> WE DIDN'T -- IS THIS ON?
>> IT'S ON.
WE'RE GOING TO JUST HOLD ONE SECOND, KATHY.
CHRISTINE IS PASSING OUT SOME STUFF.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, APPRECIATE IT.
>> THANK YOU, CHRISTINE.
THANK YOU COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.
I WANTED TO THANK THE AWESOME CHRISTINE WHO CONTINUES TO RUN AROUND AND DO GREAT WORK WHEN IT COMES TO IMPLEMENTING THE CPA.
I KNOW THAT SOME OF THE BIGGEST CONCERNS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD WHEN WE WERE PUSHING THIS WAS ENSURING THAT THE PROCESS WAS

TRANSPARENT, ACCESSIBLE, THAT
PEOPLE GOT INFORMATION IN
REALTIME.

CHRISTINE REALLY DESERVES
INCREDIBLE, FRANKLY A ROUND OF
APPLAUSE FOR THE HARD WORK THAT
YOU DID.

[APPLAUSE]

AND YOUR TWO AWESOME TEAM
MEMBERS AS WELL.

ALSO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
THAT YOU PROVIDED, WHICH WENT
ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT MEN FOLKS
EXPECTED BUT YOU PROVIDED
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SO PEOPLE
COULD APPLY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP I
REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
KATHY WE HAVE 35 PROPOSALS.
I'M GOING TO ASK THAT YOU TRY TO
BE AS SUCCINCT AS POSSIBLE.
WE ALSO HAVE THREE PAGES OF
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SO WE'RE NOT
HERE UNTIL 10:00 AT NIGHT.
IF YOU COULD JUST BE AS QUICK
AND BRIEF AS POSSIBLE BUT ALSO
GIVING US THE SUM AND SUBSTANCE
OF THAT GREAT PROJECT THAT WE'RE
GOING TO BE SUPPORTING AS PART
OF THE CPA.

>> TERRIFIC.

LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THANK YOU
TO YOU, THE COUNCILORS, AS WELL
AS MY COLLEAGUES AND THE
DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM,
CHRISTINE AND OTHERS WHO HAVE
MADE SO MUCH EFFORT IN PASSING
THIS, AND MAKING IT A REALITY.
SO WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE PART
OF THE REALITY TODAY.
SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION.

AND THE PROJECT THAT I REPRESENT
IS THE CORNER COMFORT STATION.
IT'S A VERY UNFORTUNATELY
DETERIORATED BUILDING ON UPHAM'S
CORNER FROM 1912, PUBLIC REST
ROOMS IN THE DAYS WHEN PEOPLE
BELIEVED IN THAT YET IT HAS NOT
BEEN USED SINCE 1977 AND IT'S
BEEN REALLY A DRAIN ON THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE ARE PROPOSING TO REDEVELOP IT

AS A BICYCLE REPAIR SHOP AND
COFFEE SHOP FOR THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A LOCAL
ENTREPRENEUR NOAH HICKS DAY
MOORE WHO HAS BEEN CULTIVATING
THIS FOR MANY YEARS AND REALLY
NEEDED A PARTNER TO BE A REAL
ESTATE DEVELOPER ESSENTIALLY TO
DO THAT AND HISTORIC BOSTON DOES
THAT WORK AND IS PUTTING THIS
BACK INTO USE FOR THAT PURPOSE.
IT IS A \$1.4 MILLION PROJECT.
VERY EXPENSIVE FOR WHAT IT IS
BUT IT'S ESSENTIALLY A REBUILD
OF A BUILDING THAT IS IN VERY
TOUGH SHAPE.

I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT AS OF
THIS MORNING, WE HAVE ALL BUT
THE APPROVALS ON THIS FUNDING TO
PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT, AND
YET WE FULLY ANTICIPATE THAT IF
THIS MOVES FORWARD WE'LL BE
READY TO GET IN THE GROUND IN
JULY.

SO WE COULD ALL LOOK FORWARD TO
A CONSTRUCTION SEASON WITH JOBS
AND THEN A NEW BUSINESS
OPERATING THERE BY JANUARY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, KATHY.

KATHY, STAY WITH US.

ANY QUESTIONS OF MY COLLEAGUES
FROM KATHY WITH HISTORIC BOSTON
INC.?

VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU.

I SEE FATHER CASEY.

I KNOW FATHER GIVES PRETTY QUICK
SERMONS SO I'M SURE FATHER WILL
BE VERY BRIEF IN HIS
PRESENTATION.

BUT, BUT FATHER CASEY FROM SAINT
BRIDGETS, AND ALSO THE PROJECT
IS ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHAPEL IN
SOUTH BOSTON.

SO AND ALSO HE'S JOINED BY MARTY
KEOGH THE VERY ABLE AND TRUSTED
SORT OF, UTILITY INFIELDER FOR
BOTH ST. BRIDGET, AND WE
APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU'RE
DOING ON BEHALF OF THE PARISHES
AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

WE'LL BE BRIEF.

THE PURPOSE OF OUR PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE A MUCH-NEEDED HISTORICAL RESTORATION TO ST. AUGUSTINE CHAPEL AND CEMETERY.

PRIOR TO THE 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BEING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15th OF THIS YEAR. THE FUNDS WILL GO TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF THE EXISTING WROUGHT IRON FENCING AND PERIMETER FENCING.

WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF OTHER WORK TO COMPLETE, AND WE HAVE BEEN FUND-RAISING INTERNALLY FOR THAT.

THE RESTORATION WILL HAVE A HUGE IMPACT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

ST. AUGUSTINES IS THE OLDEST CATHOLIC INSTITUTION IN NEW ENGLAND AND ONE OF THE OLDEST CEMETERIES IN BOSTON.

BECAUSE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE, THE SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE CITY OF BOSTON THESE HISTORICAL REPAIRS ARE CENTRAL TO THE LONGEVITY OF THE HISTORIC CHAPEL AND CEMETERY GROUNDS. IT WILL ENABLE OUR CONGREGATION AND VISITORS TO ENJOY THE CHAPEL AND CEMETERY FOREVER.

>> I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, FIRST OF ALL, FOR MY PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S. IT'S A COMMUNITY OF A SMALL GROUP OF CONGREGANTS THAT WORSHIP EVERY WEEKEND, AS WELL AS BEING A SPIRITUAL HOME FOR MANY WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS AND BAPTISMS FOR PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH BOSTON AREA.

WE ALSO HAVE A MONTHLY MASS FOR MEMBERS OF THE DISABLED COMMUNITY, WITH ASSIGNMENT OF THE SIRENE SOCIETY. THE CHAPEL HOSTS CONCERTS AND ARTIST EVENTS AND TO MANY SOUTH BOSTON CIVIC SOCIETIES, MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS.

THE CEMETERY GROUNDS ARE OPEN DAILY FOR PEOPLE TO VISIT, AND IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO SEE ONE OF THE DESCENDENTS OF MANY OF THE -- THOSE WHO ARE BUIED AT

THE CEMETERY TO COME, AND FOR
THE FIRST TIME, THROUGH
GENEALOGICAL GENEALOGICAL DISTIFER
COVERRY -- DISCOVERY SEE THE
GRAVE OF THEIR GRANDPARENTS AND
GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS.
THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BACK
PROBABLY 100 YEARS LATER.
THE BEGINNINGS OF THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY OF BOSTON GOES BACK
OVER 200 YEARS AND IT IS VERY
MUCH TIED TO THIS COMMUNITY OF
ST. AUGUSTINE CHAPEL AND THIS
HISTORIC PROPERTY.

SO WE THANK THE CPA COMMITTEE,
THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR
IN THEIR EFFORTS IN MAKING SURE
THAT THE HISTORIC CHURCH
BUILDINGS THAT HAVE A RICH
HISTORY WILL CONTINUE TO BE
ENJOYED BY THE CITIZENS OF
BOSTON THROUGH CPA FUNDING.
SO THANK YOU VERY OF.

>> THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS OF FATHER OR MARTY
AT THIS POINT?

VERY GOOD.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

, MARTY.

THANKS.

REVEREND WALKER IS HERE.

WELCOME BACK.

YOU ARE GOING TO BE MAKING A
PRESENTATION?

COME YOU ON DOWN HERE, FLORENCE.

>> [OFF MIC]

THAT'D BE GREAT.

THAT'D BE GREAT.

AND DO WE HAVE -- SO THAT WE
HAVE SOME CHILDREN FROM THE
SCHOOL ARE HERE.

CORRECT?

>> YEAH.

AND ARE THEY GOING TO TESTIFY
IN THIS MATTER?

>> YEAH.

DO THEY WANT TO COME DOWN AND
FILE IN BEHIND?

THAT WOULD BE EXCELLENT.

>> THAT'D BE GREAT.

SO, FLORENCE, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR, IF YOU CAN STATE YOUR
NAME AND AFFILIATION FOR THE
RECORD.

>> MY NAME IS FLORENCE HUFFMAN.
I'M THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR OF
ROXBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
AND FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO
THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR HAVING
US.
AND I'D LIKE TO DEFINITELY THANK
THE CPA COMMITTEE FOR THEIR
ATTENTION TO ROXBURY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
OUR PROJECT BASICALLY REVOLVES
AROUND REPAIRS THAT NEED TO BE
DONE, RESTORATION TO THE DOORS,
THE WINDOWS, ROOF LEAKS AS WELL
AS MASONRY WORK.
ABOUT 2008, WE DID, IN FACT,
START A RENOVATION PROJECT, AND
THERE WAS SOME ITEMS THAT WE
WERE NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE.
AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE PICTURE
THAT THE REVEREND WAS HOLDING
UP, YOU CAN SEE THE --
[LAUGHTER]
THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN SECURE
MANY OF THE DOORS AT OUR CHURCH
IS BY PUTTING NAILS IN THEM AND
WOOD TO HOLD THEM AND PROTECT
THEM.
SO -- TO PROTECT AND KEEP ANYONE
FROM ENTERING THE CHURCH.
IN ADDITION TO THAT, BECAUSE OF
THE WEATHER THAT WE HAVE
EXPERIENCED OVER THE PAST YEARS,
WE HAVE MANY, MANY ROOF LEAKS
THAT WE ARE LOOKING TO GET
REPAIRED AND AS FAR AS
ELIMINATING THE LEAKS.
ONE OF THE ATTRIBUTES OR THE
MAIN FOCUS OF ROXBURY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS THAT IT
IS A COMMUNITY CHURCH.
AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, A LOT
OF NEIGHBORS -- WE HAVE A
NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP THAT MEETS AT
THE CHURCH.
WE HAVE MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS NA
MEET AT THE CHURCH.
AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE
PROGRAM NAS WE HAVE MORE
SPECIFICALLY THE TOP PROGRAM NOW
IS THE CORY JOHNSON PROGRAM FOR
POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS AND
HEALING.
AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE HAVE

GOTTEN A LOT OF FAVORABLE
RESPONSES FROM BOSTON MEDICAL
CENTER.

WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH THEM TO
MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING
THE PROBLEMS AS FAR AS TRAUMA IS
CONCERNED AS A RESULT OF THE
MANY UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS THAT
HAVE HAPPENED IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD.

AND NOT ONLY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
BUT IN OUR CITY THAT AFFECTS US
AND, AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE
HAVE MANY PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER
THE CITY THAT COMES INTO OUR
CHURCH ON THURSDAYS TO HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH THE
TRAUMA THAT THEY ARE
EXPERIENCING.

SO THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT
THE RESTORATION THAT WE DO AT
ROXBURY PRES AND AS A RESULT OF
THE \$385,000 THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN
THAT THIS MOVES TOWARDS DOING
THE REPAIRS THAT WE NEED.

SO WE'RE THANKFUL TO THE CPA AND
WE'RE THANKFUL TO EACH AND --
THE MAYOR AND ALL WHO HAVE
LISTENED TO US.

AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO MENTION THE
FACT THAT -- I KNOW I'M RUNNING
OVER, BUT ANYWAY, I WANT TO
MENTION THE FACT THAT, BECAUSE
OF THIS TRAUMA -- THE TRAUMA
PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE, WE HAVE,
IN FACT, HELPING NOT ONLY THOSE
WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA, BUT
IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, HE HAVE A
NUMBER -- WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
PROGRAMS THAT COME TO OUR CHURCH
BE IT THE YOGA, BE IT HEALING
THROUGH WRITING, THAT THESE ARE
WAYS THAT ANYONE WHO COMES
THROUGH THE DOORS OF ROXBURY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAN NOW HAVE
AN AVENUE TO RELEASE THEIR
TRAUMA THAT THEY ARE
EXPERIENCING.

AND OUR NEIGHBORS ARE ALSO 100%
BEHIND US AS FAR AS THIS CPA IS
CONCERNED.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
FLORENCE.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THE KIDS?

DO THE KIDS WANT TO STEP UP HERE
AND OFFER SOME COMMENTS?
YOU'RE WELCOME.

IF YOU COULD JUST STATE YOUR
NAME AND AFFILIATION FOR THE
RECORD.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY.

>> WELCOME.

I'M VERY PROUD TO GO TO THE
SCHOOL IN EAST BOSTON.

I BROUGHT WITH ME TODAY THREE OF
OUR STUDENTS AS WELL AS OUR
PARENTS WHO ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR
THIS OPPORTUNITY REGARDING THE
ODIS SCHOOL.

THIS IS CURRENTLY WHAT THE ODIS
SCHOOL LOOKS LIKE AND THESE
THREE YOUNG LADIES WILL BE
SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT WE HOPE WE
GET APPROVED FOR THE SCHOOL.
SO THANK YOU.

>> MY NAME IS JENNIFER.

I'M IN FIRST GRADE IN EAST
BOSTON.

>> MY NAME IS DANIELLEA.

I GO TO THE JAMES OTIS SCHOOL.
AND I'M IN FIRST GRADE.
MY SCHOOL IS IN EAST BOSTON.

>> MY NAME IS -- I'M IN THIRD
GRADE AND MY SCHOOL IS IN EAST
BOSTON.

>> HAVING A PLAYGROUND WOULD ADD
A LOT OF FUN TO OUR RECESS TIME.
IF WE HAD A SAFER PLACE.

>> PLAYGROUND WOULD LET US -- A
PLAYGROUND WOULD LET US PLAY
TOGETHER IN THE -- TO TAKE
TURNS.

EVERYONE AT MY SCHOOL IS TALKING
ABOUT WANTING A PLAYGROUND
BECAUSE WE WORK HARD IN SCHOOL.

>> THE JAMES OTIS SCHOOL IS THE
ONLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN EAST
BOSTON THAT DOESN'T HAVE A
PLAYGROUND.

I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A
PLAYGROUND 4 FIVE YEARS.

I REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.

OTHER KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY WILL
BE WELCOME TO COME AND PLAY IN
THE PLAYGROUND.

>> WE WANT TO THANK YOU VERY
MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERS]

>> THANK YOU, GIRLS.

WE MIGHT HAVE SOME QUESTIONS
HERE.

I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

SO DO ANY OF YOU WANT TO RUN FOR
THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL AT SOME
POINT?

[LAUGHTER]

THAT'S MY SEAT AND THAT'S
COUNCILOR FLYNN'S SEAT.

THAT'S COUNCILOR JANEY'S SEAT.
SO WE'RE GOING TO KEEP OUR EYE
ON YOU GUYS.

ALL RIGHT?

SO WELCOME TO THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT.

LOOKS LIKE A GREAT PROJECT.

AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE
HAPPY TO SUPPORT THAT ON
WEDNESDAY'S MEETING.

SO CONGRATULATIONS, GIRLS.
YOU DID A NICE JOB.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> DID I SEE BILL HIGGINS?

DID I -- IS BILL HIGGINS --
WELCOME TO THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBER, BILL.

IF YOU COULD JUST STATE YOUR
NAME AND AFFILIATION FOR THE
RECORD AND TELL US ABOUT THE
PROJECT.

>> IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH TO TOP
THAT.

[LAUGHTER]

BILL HIGGINS.

I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE
CEILING CENTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

I APPRECIATE THE NAME TIME.

OUR APPLICATION IS FOR A NEW
DOCK.

THESE PICTURES SHOW THE DAMAGE
THAT WE SUFFERED OVER THIS PAST
WINTER.

THE PICTURE ON THE RIGHT IS THE
EXISTING DOCK.

IT'S EIGHT INCHES LOWER THAN IT
NORMALLY WOULD, CAUSES A HAZARD
AND IT'S UNSAFE.

THIS IS THE DOCK THAT WE BUILT A

FEW YEARS AGO.
ALSO SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE.
BUT OUR APPLICATION IS FOR A NEW
DOCK.

AND THE NEW DOCK COMES WITH A
25-YEAR WARRANTY.
IT'S A NEW COMPOSITE PLASTIC
THAT WILL ALLOW US TO STORE THE
DOCK OVER THE WINTER TO AVOID
THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN.
THE CEILING CENTER IS IN ITS
47th YEAR.

IT'S THE ONLY FREE CEILING
PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN FREE.
AND WE'RE HOPING THAT YOU CAN
GIVE US THE SUPPORT WE NEED ON
WEDNESDAY.

>> VERY GOOD.

ANY QUESTIONS?

COUNCILOR FLYNN?

>> MR. HIGGINS MENTIONED IT'S A
CEILING PROGRAM THAT HELPS SO
MANY YOUNG KIDS NOT ONLY IN
SOUTH BOSTON BUT ACROSS THE
CITY, AND THEY DO A WONDERFUL
JOB MENTORING YOUNG KIDS AND
PROVIDING GREAT SKILLS, GREAT
SERVICES, SO WE'RE PROUD OF THE
WORK THEY'RE DOING AT THE
CEILING CENTER.

>> THANK YOU.

APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK YOU DO
ON BEHALF OF THE PROGRAM.

LOOK FAVORABLY ON WEDNESDAY.

DID I SEE REVEREND HEINZ?

IS REVEREND HEINZ HERE?

COME ON DOWN.

WELCOME TO THE ELLIOTT CHURCH.

>> ETH.

WELCOME.

THANK YOU FOR THE

OPPORTUNITY.

MY NAME IS REVEREND HEINZ.

I'M THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE
ELLIOTT CONGRESSIONAL CHURCH OF
ROXBURY.

THIS LOVELY YOUNG LADY TO MY
LEFT IS NOT VANNA WHITE.
SHE'S MY WIFE, ER RICKA.

[LAUGHTER]

MISS FIELDS IS AN OFFICER IN OUR
CHURCH.

OUR BUILDING DATES BACK TO 1873.
IT IS HOME FOR OUR CHURCH
COMMUNITY WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY
200 MEMBERS OF THE KONGGATION.
ALSO HOME OF THE TAI CHI
PROGRAM, WE'VE GOT PROGRAMS IN
THE BUILDING, AN ACTIVE FOOD
PANTRY.

A NUMBER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS
USE THE BUILDING FOR MEETINGS.
WE HAVE A SUMMER PROGRAM IN
WHICH WE EMPLOY YOUNG ADULTS
FOR THE SUMMER AND TEENS.
WE'VE HAD A SCHOOL THAT HAS BEEN
ACTIVE THERE FROM 1992 TO 2012,
THE ELLIOT EDUCATIONAL CENTER.
AND -- WHICH HAS HAD AN
INCREDIBLE IMPACT ON A NUMBER OF
YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE
CITY.

WE HAVE THREE ENTRY POINTS INTO
THE BUILDING.

THREE SETS OF STAIRS.

AND THE STAIRS THAT ALLOW ACCESS
AT THE HIGHEST ELEVATION OF THE
BUILDING ARE DETERIORATING.

THE STAIRS NEED TO BE REPLACED.
THAT'S WHAT THIS -- OUR PROJECT
IS DESIGNED TO COMPLETE.

REPAIRING THESE STAIRS.

THE STAIRS ARE NOT ONLY USED BY
PEOPLE ENTERING THE BUILDING,
BUT THE STAIRS ARE -- THERE'S A
BUS STOP LOCATED RIGHT IN FRONT
OF THE STAIRS, A BUS "T" STOP
THAT'S LOCATED THIS FRONT.
PEOPLE USE THE AREA SORT OF AS A
DEPOT.

CHILDREN PLAY ON THE STAIRS.

PEOPLE SIT ON THE STAIRS.

WE'VE TRIED TO SECURE THE
STAIRWAY SO PEOPLE CAN'T ACCESS
THEM BUT THE CHILDREN STILL GO
UNDER THE RESTRICTED CHAIN AND
PLAY ON THE STAIR.

THE BUILDINGS' LOCATE RIGHT
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE
HIGGINS SCHOOL.

SO REPAIRING THOSE STAIRS WOULD
NOT ONLY BE A BENEFIT FOR THE
CHURCH AND THE PEOPLE THAT USE
THE CHURCH, BUT IT WILL BE A
BENEFIT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC
AND COMMUTERS IN THE AREA THAT

UTILIZE THE STAIRWAY.
WE'RE HOPING ACTUALLY TO OPEN UP
THE AREA TO MAKE IT A SMALL
PARKLET AT SOME POINT SO THAT IT
COULD BE A MORE ACCEPTABLE
PUBLIC SPACE AND MORE OF A
BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY.
SO WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE STAIRS
REPAIRED NOT JUST FOR OURSELVES
BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, REVEREND.

ANY QUESTIONS OF THE REVEREND?
QUESTION FROM MY COLLEAGUE CITY
COUNCILOR KIM JANEY.

NO?

>> THANK YOU.

WE HAD TWO CHURCHES FROM MY
DISTRICT SO FAR.
BOTH BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC CHURCHES
AND MEANS SO MUCH TO OUR
COMMUNITY.

SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

AND I KNOW WE'RE ANXIOUS TO
HEAR FROM MICROGREEN.
SO IS LISA EVANS HERE?
MICROEVER GREENS IN READVILLE.
IF YOU COULD JUST STATE YOUR
NAME AND AFFILIATION FOR THE
RECORD AND -- YOU GUYS HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> HI.

I'M LISA EVANS.

AND THIS IS [INAUDIBLE].

WE HAVE [INAUDIBLE] IN HYDE
PARK.

THE FARM IS GOING TO HAVE A
WALKING PATH THAT WILL RUN ALONG
THE BORDER OF IT.

IT'S THIS RED LINE HERE.

THE IDEA IS THAT IT WILL CONNECT
THE COMMUNITY OVER HERE WITH THE
DCR PARKS ON THE OTHER SIDE
WHERE THERE'S A BALL FIELD, A
PLAYGROUND, AND SO PEOPLE WILL
BE ABLE TO WALK FROM THE
NEIGHBORHOOD OVER TO THE PARK
ALONGSIDE THE FARM, STOP AT THE
FARM STAND AND ENJOY THE
BEAUTIFUL PARK.

THE EXISTING CONDITION --

>> ACTUALLY, WE HAVE BEEN
CLEANING UP AN OPEN.

[OFF MIC]

[INAUDIBLE].

WE CLEANED IT UP.

SO WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO POSSIBLY
HAVE A PATH THERE THAT THE WHOLE
COMMUNITY CAN WALK THROUGH AS
THEY GO TO THE BROOK AND ENJOY
FISHING AND JUST WATCHING THE
WATER.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> JUST A QUICK COMMENT.

WE'VE BECOME GREAT FRIENDS AND
THIS PROJECT LITERALLY I COULD
HIT A GOLF BALL FROM MY HOUSE TO
THIS PROJECT, AND I GREW UP
RIGHT ON THAT NEIGHBORHOOD AND
WE USED TO CALL IT SNAKE FIELD.
AND TRUST ME WHAT'S IN THERE
IS -- WELL, WHAT WAS IN THERE IS
NOW REMOVED.

AND WE ARE ABSOLUTELY -- I
CANNOT WAIT FOR THIS TO OPEN UP.
SO I'M VERY EXCITED TO BE HERE
FOR YOU GUYS AND IMLOOKING
FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU FOR
MANY, MANY YEARS.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH IN THANK
YOU, GUYS.

MARIA?

I SAW MARIE.

COME ON DOWN, MARIE.

WESTLAND GATEWAY WHICH I KNOW IS
A FAN FAVORITE OF COUNCILOR
ZAKIM.

SO IF YOU CAN STATE YOUR NAME
AND AFFILIATION FOR THE RECORD,
YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS MARIA.

I'M A 33-YEAR RESIDENT OF A
BOARD MEMBER OF THE FENWAY CIVIC
SORRY YACKS -- ASSOCIATION.

THANK YOU FOR THE IMMUNITY TO
SPEAK TODAY.

I'M HERE TO DESCRIBE OUR PROJECT
AND REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT.

OUR REQUEST IS FOR \$200,000 FOR
THE WESTIN AVENUE GATEWAY
RESTORATION PROJECT AND REPAIR

OF THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL GATES
LOCATED AT HEMINGWAY STREET IN
THE EAST FENWAY NEIGHBORHOOD.
THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A BLENDED
PROJECT, THE JOHNSON GATES WERE
BUILT IN 1902 AND NEEDED
IMPROVEMENT TO THE PARKLAND AND
ITS PATH.

IT'S THE MOST ENDANGERED
RESOURCE DUE TO DEGRADATION AND
THE PARKLAND SIMILARLY HAS
REMAINED UNREPAIRED FOR DECADES.
THE PATHS GOING THROUGH THE
PARK, IT'S IRONIC THAT THEY LEAD
TO WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE
BUILDING BUT ARE IN SUCH
DISREPAIR THAT THEY CANNOT BE
CROSSED.

OUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN
WORKING SINCE 2008 TO EFFECT
NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS AND
ADVOCATED INCREMENTALLY AS
CONVERSATION ASSESSMENTS OF THE
MONUMENT WERE SECURED, FUNDING,
AN ADVANCEMENT TO CITY CAPITAL
STATUS AWARDED.

IF CONVEYED THESE FUNDS SECURED,
THE COMPLETE STABILIZATION OF
THE MONUMENT, THE COMPLETE
RESTORATION OF THE PARK AND THE
GREATLY NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO
PATHWAYS AND ACCESS TO THE
BACKWAY.

WE SEE THIS PROJECT AS A POSTER
CHILD FOR WHAT CPA FUNDS CAN DO
FOR COMMUNITIES, HELPING REALIZE
IMPROVEMENTS TO HISTORIC
STRUCTURES AND OPEN SPACE THAT
OTHERWISE WOULD REMAIN
INCOMPLETE TOUR NEIGHBORHOODS
AND COMMUNITIES.

THESE REPAIRS BENEFIT ALL THOSE
WHO LIVE WORK AND VISIT THE
FENWAY .

THESE GATES ARE TRULY A GATEWAY
THROUGH THE FENWAY AND HEAVILY
USED.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO SPEAK.

>> ANY QUESTIONS OF MARIE AT
THIS TIME FROM MY COLLEAGUES?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MARIE FOR
YOUR PRESENTATION, AND WE LOOK
FORWARD TO FAVORABLE SUPPORT ON

WEDNESDAY.

KEN CAN CRACKERMEYER?

IS KEN HERE?

KEN.

HI, KEN.

WELCOME.

KEN'S WITH USOUS SOUTH END
HOUSE.

IF YOU COULD JUST STATE YOUR
NAME AND AFFILIATION FOR THE
RECORD AND YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I'M KEN CRACKERMEYER.

WE'RE HERE WITH A PROPOSAL TO DO
REPAIRS TO THE ROOF AT 48
RUTLAND STREET.

THIS IS KNOWN AS SOUTH END
HOUSE.

AND SERVES MORE THAN 100
CHILDREN EVERY DAY.

WE'RE -- BECAUSE OF A ROOF
LEAK -- EXCUSE ME -- NOT A ROOF
LEAK.

BECAUSE OF A ROOF LEAK THERE WAS
A PIPE BURST IN JANUARY AND THIS
ROOF REPAIR IS CRITICAL TO OUR
BEING ABLE TO RESTORE THE
FUNCTION OF THE BUILDING AND
SERVE THE CHILDREN IN THE SOUTH
END.

WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO
CONTINUE OUR WORK AMONG PEOPLE
IN THE SOUTH END AND HOPE THAT
WILL BE ACCEPTED AS PROJECT
BECAUSE WE THINK IT WILL BE
PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO GET
THIS BUILDING UP AND RUNNING
AGAIN.

IT'S AN 1840s BUILDING BUILT
FOR CHILDREN AND STILL SERVING
THAT PURPOSE.

>> ANY QUESTIONS OF KEN ATñr THIS
TIME?

CHAIR RECOGNIZES CITY COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL CAMPBELL -- KIM JANEY.

>> NO QUESTIONS.

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>> SO I HAD THE PLEASURE OF
BEING THERE NOT TOO LONG AGO FOR
A MEETING.

I TOOK A TOUR OF THE SPACE,
BEAUTIFUL RIGHT AFTER THAT
INCIDENT, THERE WAS A RECENT
INCIDENT WHEN YOU GUYS WERE
OPENING UP.

I WAS ALSO THIS OVER THE WEEKEND
FOR THE SOUTH END BARBECUE.
SO I WOULD PUT IN MY 2-CENTS TO
SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL.
>> 550 PEOPLE IN THE COURT YARD
ON SATURDAY.
[LAUGHTER]
>> IT WAS WONDERFUL.
TRULY EXCITING.
YEAH.
IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE THE
BUILDING BACK UP AND OPERATING.

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>> THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.
I JUST WANT TO ECHO WHAT
COUNCILOR JANEY MENTIONED.
I HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO VISIT ON
SATURDAY TO THE BARBECUE WITH MY
WIFE AND WHAT IMPRESSED ME THE
MOST IS THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT
WERE AT THE BARBECUE THAT YOU
GUYS ARE PROVIDING EXCELLENT
SERVICES FOR.
SO IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT
PARTNERSHIP AND HARD WORK,
DETERMINATION OF YOUR
ORGANIZATION.
SO BE PROUD TO SUPPORT YOU GUYS.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
>> THANK YOU.
ANYONE FROM -- WELCOME.

YEAH.
THERE YOU GO.
COUNCILOR ZAKIM SENDS HIS
REGRETS BUT NONETHELESS, YOU
HAVE THE FLOOR, IF YOU COULD
JUST STATE YOUR NAME AND
AFFILIATION FOR THE RECORD.
IN ANY OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH
ME, HE WOULD ACCEPTED HIS
REGRETS.
THANK -- SEND HIS REGRETS.
>> EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL THE
CITY COUNCILORS THAT ARE HERE.
LOCATED ON THE NORTH SLOPE OF
BEACON HILL AND BUILT IN 1919 AS
AN ORTHODOX JEWISH SYNAGOGUE,
TODAY IT'S A COMMUNITY CENTER,
ARTS AND CULTURE DESTINATION,
AND LIVING MUSEUM WITH NEARLY
10,000 VISITORS, TOURISTS, AND

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ANNUALLY.
IT IS NOT A FULLY FUNCTIONING
HOUSE OF WORSHIP AT ALL.
IT IS, HOWEVER, THE LAST OF OVER
50 SYNAGOGUE BUILDINGS EITHER
CONSTRUCTED OR ESTABLISHED
DURING THE STORIED AGE OF
EASTERN EUROPE EASTERN
IMMIGRATION TO BOSTON MOSTLY IN
THE OLD WEST END AROUND AND IN
BETWEEN 1890 AND THE EARLY
1920s.

BRIEFLY, THE PROJECT IS A
PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE
HISTORIC BUILDING.

THE BUILDING WAS BASICALLY
ABANDONED AND CONSTRUCTURALLY
CONDEMNED IN THE MID-1980s AND
RESCUED IN 1995.

THE DREAM FOR ALMOST 35 YEARS
NOW IS TO FINALLY AND FULLY
RESTORE AND MODERNIZE THE
BUILDING FOR ITS SECOND CENTURY
OF LIFE.

THIS GRANT REQUEST SPECIFICALLY
ADDRESSES THE COSTS SOCIAYALTSED
WITH -- ASSOCIATED WITH
ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND
THE BALANCE TO DO SO IN CONCERT
WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, UNIVERSAL
ACCESSIBILITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR
PROPER PUBLIC ACCESS.

THIS INCLUDES PHYSICAL ACCESS,
BY MEANS OF A NEW PEDESTRIAN
APPROACH ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE
BUILDING, A NEW DAILY ENTRANCE,
A NEW WELCOME CENTER, AND AN
ELEVATOR LIFT TO GET UP TO THE
SECOND FLOOR.

IT ALSO INCLUDES TWO ACCESSIBLE
RESTROOMS TO BE LOCATED IN A
NEARLY 1,000-SQUARE-FOOT
SUBTERIRANIAN AREA OF THE
BUILTING TO BE EXCAVATED AND
RECLAIMED AS NEW USABLE SPACE.

THE PROJECT WILL RESULT IN
INCREASABILITY TO SERVE A
DIVERSE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHILE
GROWING MUSEUM VISITATION BY
STUDENTS AND VISITORS TO BOSTON
WHO LOOK TO THE VILNA FOR A
UNIQUE PRESENTATION OF BOSTON

AND BEACON HILL HISTORY AND THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE INCLUDING CURRENT IMMIGRATION STORIES. VISITORS TO THE VILNA INCLUDING ALMOST 1,000 GREATER BOSTON SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS ARE LEARNING ABOUT BOSTON'S IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCE BY EXPLORING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE TURN OF THE 20th CENTURY AS WELL AS THE HISTORIC AND CURRENT EXPERIENCES OF OTHER IMMIGRANTS PAST AND PRESENT.

THEY ALSO LEARN ABOUT THE RICH HISTORY AND CULTURE OF BOTH BOSTON AND SPECIFICALLY THE OLD WEST END.

UPGRADED EXPANDED SPACES WILL SUPPORT INCREASED AND NEW PARTNERSHIPS ALREADY UNDERWAY WITH THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, ARTS WEEK, COMMON BOSTON, LOCAL FILM, ART AND MUSIC FESTIVALS AND MANY MORE.

AND I WOULD JUST SIMPLY ASK THE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT OWL 35 OF THE WORTHY PROJECTS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ANY QUESTIONS?

COUNCILOR FLYNN?

>> THANK YOU.

I'M COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

AND I'M PRUDE TO HAVE THE VILNA IN DISTRICT 2 TO TALK TO COUNCILOR ZAKIM ABOUT IT AND ALTHOUGH I'VE ONLY VISITED TWICE, COUNCILOR ZAKIM TALKS VERY HIGHLY OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AND WHAT YOU DO, ESPECIALLY HELPING OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. SO I'M PROUD OF WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING AND -- IN THE CITY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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MARTIN'S PARK?

ANY FOLKS HERE FROM MARTIN'S PARK?

NO?

OKAY.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT?

ANYONE FROM THE CHURCH OF THE

COVENANT?

STATE YOUR NAME AND AFFILIATION
FOR THE RECORD.

>> GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS BETSY GROVE, AND I
REPRESENT CHURCH OF THE
COVENANT, AND LUCY WILLIAMS IS
STANDING BESIDE ME.

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF
THE COVENANT AND HOMING UP OUR
BOARD.

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR YOUR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
BE HERE TONIGHT.

I HAVE TO SAY THAT WE WERE
OVERWHELMED WITH SURPRISE AND
DELIGHT WHEN WE LEARNED THAT WE
WERE FINALITIES FOR THIS
COMPETITION AND WE ARE GRATEFUL
FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT IS
LOCATED ON NEW BY STREET, THE
CORNER OF NEWBERRY AND BERKELEY
STREET.

IT IS -- WAS BUILT IN 1865.
AND 2012, IT RECEIVED NATIONAL
LANDMARK STATUS FOR ITS INTACT
AND COMPLETE DESIGNED INTERIOR
WITH 42 WINDOWS.

THE ONLY ONE IN THIS COUNTRY AND
POSSIBLY THE ONLY ONE IN THE
WORLD.

WE WILL USE THE FUNDS FOR
CRITICAL REPAIRS TO MASONRY AND
THE ROOF.

ON THE SIDE OF THE CHURCH THAT
RUNS ALONG NEWBERRY STREET.
AND YOU CAN SEE IT ON THE BOARD
THERE.

YEARS OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE,
TWO STORMS HAVE RESULTED IN
WATER DAMAGE AND PENETRATION IN
PARTS OF THE BUILDING.

I WOULD ADD THAT WE HAVE FOR THE
PAST 15 YEARS WORKED PIECE BY
PIECE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS
ASPECTS OF THE RENOVATION.

AND WITH -- THIS OPPORTUNITY
WILL ALLOW US TO COMPLETE THE
CEILING OF THE BUILDING.

IT'S AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY 4
US.

IN TERMS OF HOW OUR PROPERTY IS
USED, IN 2017, OUR BUILDING

RECEIVED AN AVERAGE OF 400 VISITORS PORE DAY.
IT WAS USED SEVEN DAYS A WEEK BY OUR TENANTS, BY THE CONGREGATION AND BY VISITORS TO OUR SANCTUARY.
OUR THREE MAJOR TENANTS ARE THE WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE, THE GALLERY MAGIAN.
AND CORE ALLEGRO, A COMMUNITY CHORUS.
BUT IN ADDITION TO THAT, OUR BUILDING IS USED FIVE TO SEVEN TIMES A WEEK FOR AA AND ALANONMEETINGS.
WE HAVE MANY CONCERTS, THEATER PRODUCTION, THE BOSTON BOOK FESTIVALS, COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF NONPROFIT GROUP MEETINGS IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING.
AND WE HAVE AN ORGANIZED PROGRAM TO OPEN THE SANCTUARY TO VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.
LAST YEAR, OUR SANCTUARY RECEIVED OVER 20,000 VISITORS.
SO THE -- TO SAY THAT IT'S HEAVILY USED IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT.
SO WHAT IS THE IMPACT FOR US AND FOR THE COMMUNITY?
I THINK THE OBVIOUS BRICK AND MORTAR ASPECTS OF THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR US BAUT WE DAWES WE WILL FINALLY HAVE A BILLING THAT IS SEALED TO THE ELEMENTS THAT ALLOWS US TO PROTECT OUR PRICELESS SANCTUARY AND OTHER TREASURES OF THE BUILDING FROM DAMAGE.
BUT MORE THAN THIS, IT ALLOWS US AS A CONGREGATION TO CONTINUE OUR WORK IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. OUR WORK WITH MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS AND WITH THE SOCIAL ISSUES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THIS CITY.
AS A CONGREGATION FOR DECADES, WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN ISSUES OF WHAT WE THINK ARE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE.
IN THE 1970s, CHURCH OF THE COVENANT PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN FOUNDING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SHELTER, ONE OF TWO OLDEST SUCH SHELTERS IN THE UNITED STATES. IN THE 1980s, WE HOUSED THE WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE, BEGAN TO HOUSE THE WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE, WHICH WAS THE BEGINNING OF THAT PROGRAM IN THE '80s. AND WHICH ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN A RANGE OF ISSUES FACING THE CITY, INCLUDING IMMIGRATION POLL SWIBS CLIMATE CHANGE AND HOMELESSNESS TO NAME A FEW. SO IF WE ARE GRANTED THESE FUNDS, WE WILL HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THIS WORK. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. AND WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PROPOSAL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY YESES FOR COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES? VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. >> HI. I'M MARY ANN WRIGHT. AND I'M A TEACHER AT THE HIGGINSON INCLUSION SCHOOL. AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED A \$500,000 GRANT FOR BUILDING A PLAYGROUND AT THE HIGGINSON INCLUSION SCHOOL PROPOSED BY OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY WITH SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHER GROUND. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION SO THAT THE YOUNG CHILDREN, AGES 3 TO 8, IN OUR SCHOOL CAN HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY OUTDOOR SPACE TO PLAY AND THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT FOR THEIRñr SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT. >> THANK YOU. WELCOME. >> GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS LANA BANKS. I HAVE TWO VERY ACTIVE KIDS AND, BELIEVE ME, YOU ARE LUCKY THEY'RE NOT HERE. [LAUGHTER] WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE

STRONG SUPPORT FROM MAYOR WALSH,
OUR CITY COUNCILOR KIM JANEY,
REPRESENTATIVE LIZ MALIA,
SENATOR DIAZ, THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION, AND 380 PARENTS,
TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND NEIGHBORS
THAT SIGNED THE PETITION IN
SUPPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND.
WITH YOUR APPROVAL OF THE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS, WE WILL PROCEED
IMMEDIATELY ON THE NEXT STEPS TO
ENSURE THAT THE MAYGROUND IS
READY FOR THE CHILDREN EARLY IN
THE COMING YEAR THIS FALL.

>> WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY.
I'M PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGGINSON
SCHOOL.
WE WOULD LIKE TO FORMALLY THANK
MAYOR WALSH, SUPERINTENDENT
TOMMY CHANG, MR. JOHN HAMMOND,
MR. ROB CONVALVO, MR. JONATHAN
SCOU AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR HELPING THE HIGGINSON IN OUR
PURSUIT TO BUILD A PLAYGROUND
FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
OUR SCHOOL OPENED JUST FIVE
YEARS AGO AND SERVES STUDENTS
GRADE 0 INCLUDING ENGLISH
LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND A FULLY
INCLUSIVE SETTING.
I AM PRESENTING ON BEHALF OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE AS THE -- THE
SCHOOL COMMUNITY AS WE BEGIN THE
PROCESS OF RAISING AWARENESS FOR
OUR NEED FOR A PLAYGROUND.
RECESS IS VITAL TO CHILDREN'S
SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.
THERE ARE MULTIPLE STUDIES ON
HOW RECESS IMPACTS STUDENT
LEARNING AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
OUR STUDENTS ARE AT THE AGE
WHERE THEY ARE DEVELOPING SOCIAL
AND PHYSICAL SKILLS REQUIRED FOR
LIFELONG OPPORTUNITIES.
A PLAYGROUND BUILT WITH ENGAGING
INCLUSIVE STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT
AND MATERIALS WILL LEAD TO
STUDENT INCLUSIVITY AND ENGAGING
EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS TO
BUILD POSITIVE SOCIAL
RELATIONSHIPS.

WE ARE HOPEFUL WE'LL HAVE A
PLAYGROUND SOON AND OUR STUDENTS
WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO
ENGAGE IN PROPOSED INTERACTIONS
THAT WILL LEAD TO GLOBAL
DEVELOPMENTAL SUCCESS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

HELLO.

MY NAME IS PAULA.

AND I'M THE STRAND SPECIALIST AT
THE HIGGINSON SCHOOL.

I HAD THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
WORK WITH ALL THE CHILDREN AND
DURING UNSTRUCTURED TIME.

AS A CONCERNED STAFF MEMBER, I
SHOULD SAY WHAT THE STRAND
SPECIALIST DOES.

I MAINTAIN SAFETY, ENCOURAGE
CHILDREN TO USE HEALTHY,
POSITIVE WORDS, KIND WORDS, AND
I ALSO FACILITATE FRIENDSHIPS
AND MAINTAIN SAFETY.

SO AS A CONCERNED STAFF MEMBER,
THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS IS A
DAILY WORRY.

WITHOUT A PLAYGROUND, THERE IS
LIMITED UPDATES FOR STUDENTS TO
BUILD POSITIVE SOCIAL
RELATIONSHIPS.

WITH LIMITED CHOICES, THIS OFTEN
LEADS TO CONFLICT AND
SITUATIONAL AGGRESSION.

WE ARE HOPEFUL WE WILL HAVE A
PLAYGROUND SOON AND OUR STUDENTS
WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE
POSITIVE CHOICES ENGAGE IN
INTERACTIONS THAT WILL
EVENTUALLY LEAD TO GLOBAL
DEVELOPMENTAL SUCCESS.

>> AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK
YOU.

AND WE LOOK FORWARD JOINING YOU
THIS FALL IN RIBBON CUTTING.

PLEASE COME.

IT'S GOING TO BE OOH BIG PARTY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS OF THIS GROUP?

VERY GOOD.

ANY COMMENTS?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
PRESENTATION.

BEST OF LUCK.

KRISTIN CHIN?
IS KRISTIN HERE?
COME ON DOWN, KRISTIN.
USE THE MICROPHONE, WHATEVER.
WHATEVER IS COMFORTABLE.
IF YOU COULD STATE YOUR NAME AND
AFFILIATION FOR THE RECORD.
>> THANK YOU.
GOOD EVENING.
MY NAME IS SHA RONDA ELLISON.
I'M HERE WITH MYLE COLLEAGUES
ERICA ROTHSCHILD AND KRISTIN
CHIN.
WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE
TONIGHT TO REQUEST STORMAL
COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR A UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY, ONE THAT DOESN'T
COME OFTEN IN JP, BUT HOME
OWNERSHIP DEAL.
WE HAVE -- JP HAS WORKED
TIRELESSLY ON DELIVERING
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO MANY, MANY
RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
AND WHEN WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO STRUCTURE A DEAL THAT OFFERS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS A HOME
OWNERSHIP ROUND, WE JUMP AT IT.
AND SO JUST WANTED TO SHARE A
FEW KIND OF KEY POINTS.
THIS IS A EIGHT-UNIT AFFORDABLE
HOMEONESHIP DEAL THAT --
HOMEOWNERSHIP DEAL THAT OFFERS
SOMETHING UNIQUE THAT WE'VE DONE
ONLY A FEW TIMES IN OUR HISTORY,
BUT IT'S A HOME OWNERSHIP RENTAL
COMPONENT SO IT'S TWO FAMILY
HOMES WHERE THE HOMEOWNER WILL
AT AN 80% AFFORDABILITY PURCHASE
A HOME AND OFFER AT A 60%
RESTRICT THE AFFORDABILITY LEVEL
A RENTAL OPPORTUNITY TO A FAMILY
IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE ALL
UNDERSTANDING IS LOSING HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY, MANY
WINRESIDENTS -- MANY BOSTON
RESIDENTS.
SO WE ARE INCREDIBLY THANKFUL TO
THE COMMITTEE, TO CHRISTINE FOR
HER TIRELESS EFFORTS.
CHRISTINE -- KRISTIN CHIN AND
ERICA, MY COLLEAGUES HAVE WORKED
TIRELESSLY WITH THE COMMUNITY
AND WE ARE VERY, VERY FORTUNATE

IN JAMAICA PLAIN TO HAVE SUCH A STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT FOR HOME OWNERSHIP AND RENTALHOUSING AND SO WE JUST ARE , AGAIN, THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TO HAVE THE COUNCIL CONSIDER THIS REQUEST.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

ANY QUESTIONS?

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR ANDREA CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

AND THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR BEING HERE.

JUST A QUICK COMMENT.

ONE, HOME OWNERSHIP OF LATE PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT THAT AND THE NEED FOR THAT.

YOU TALK ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OF COURSE.

WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT IN THE CONTEXT OF RENTING, SO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING FORTH A CREATIVE PROPOSAL.

AND I SEE DREAM COLLABORATIVE IS LISTED THERE.

I THINK IT'S ALSO -- IT'S IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE PROJECTS THAT HAVE FOLKS OF COLOR INVOLVED WHO ARE LEADING FIRMS AND ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THESE PROPOSALS SO I JUST WANTED TO FLAG THAT --

>> THANK YOU.

BECAUSE THAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE COMMITTEE.

I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO MANY FOLKS WHEN TALKING ABOUT SETTING UP THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THESE PROJECTS IS MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS EQUAL ACCESS IN TERMS OF VENDORS, CONTRACTORS, AND MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE FOLKS OF COLOR AND WOMEN.

SO THANK YOU.

>> VERY IMPORTANT POINT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

CRAIG MURPHY, NENDS OF HEALY FIELD.

THANK YOU.

COME ON DOWN.
WELCOME AND PLEASE STATE YOUR
NAME.
>> GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.
GREG MURPHY AND SUE RONSTROM
UNTIL ROSLINDALE.
REALLY EXCITED TO BE HERE.
I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE YOU A
BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT
AND SUE'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT
THE BENEFITS.
I THINK IT WAS -- I KNOW IT
WAS, LATE 2010 WHEN DIALOGUE IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD FIRST STARTED
ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF GROWING FOOD ON
THAT FIELD.
THAT DRIBBLED EARLY INTO 2011.
THEN COMMISSIONER TONY POLLACK
FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT CAME
OUT TO THE FIELD AND CHALLENGED
US TO PROVE THAT THE COMMUNITY
WANTED A GARDEN THERE.
600-PLUS SIXTIES LATER --
SIGNATURES LATER AND SUPPORT
FROM THE HOMEOWNERS, IN THE 2012
SHE GAVE A BIG THUMBS UP.
HOPING WE COULD ROLL IT INTO THE
FIELD RENOVATION THAT HAPPENED A
FEW YEARS AGO.
2018, THERE WAS CHANGE IN
ADMINISTRATION, THERE WAS A BIG
ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2013,
THINGS SLOWED DOWN FOR A WHILE.
BUT IN EARLY SPRING, 2015, THE
PARKS DEPARTMENT REALLY STARTED
PAYING ATTENTION.
I THINK THEY GOT SICK OF ME.
I CALLED AND SENT EMAILS AND
STUFF.
RIGHT?
THEY CAME OUT, MET WITH US,
TALKED ABOUT WHAT WE COULD DO.
COMMISSION GOT EXCITE.
SOMETIME IN 2015, THE MAYOR
WROTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT
BECAUSE WE GOT PERMISSION TO
START FUNDRAISING FOR THE
GARDEN.
WE DID A PRO BONO LANDSCAPE
DESIGN PROCESS IN THE FALL OF
2016.
FIVE OR SIX MEETINGS LED TO
INITIAL DESIGN OF THE GARDEN.

THERE'S LOTS MORE.
THE BIG THING IS SOMETIME IN
CLOSE TO 2017, WE HAD A
FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN AND RAISED
\$50,000 FOR THIS PROJECT.
SO WE'RE FEELING PRETTY GOOD
ABOUT IT AND WE'RE REALLY
EXCITED WHEN WE LEARNED ABOUT
THE POSSIBLY OF THIS.
SO WE'RE REALLY HAPPY TO BE
HERE.
>> STCKS, EVERYBODY.
JUST TO SHOW THE IMPACKSES OF
THE COMMUNITY GARDEN IN
ROSLINDALE THAT LIKE GREG SAID
THIS HAS BEEN A LABOR OF LOVE
FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND WE
JUST WANT TO THANK TIM
McCARTHY FOR HIS MEETING, THAT
FIRST BREAKFASTING, TALKING
ABOUT HOW TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN A
COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.
ALSO, MICHELLE WU, FROM THE
PARKS DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE
MARSHALL, WE HAVE LIZA, WE HAVE
CHRIS COOK.
THE MAYOR GAVE HIS SUPPORT IN A
LETTER OF SUPPORT A NUMBER OF
YEARS AGO.
AND WE HAVE -- WE DECIDED TO DO
THIS OURSELVES AND RAISED
\$55,000 WITH MATCHING FUNDS FROM
THE MASS DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION, THROUGH THEIR
PROGRAM.
AND SO NOW WE ARE HERE TO SAY
THAT THE CITY OF BOSTON HAS 200
COMMUNITY GARDENS.
ROSLINDALE HAS ONE.
AND WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THAT
DOUBLE.
THIS WOULD COME WITH ACCESSIBLE
RAISED BEDS, KIDS GARDENS, AND
OPEN ACCESS COMMUNITY AREA THAT
WOULD BE PUT DOWN.
NEW SHRUBS, NEW TREES, A NEW
PATH THAT GOES THROUGH THE
HOUSING PROJECT, AND JUST LIKE
OUR NEIGHBOR SAID, 600 NEIGHBORS
SIGNED, 40 NEIGHBORS WENT INTO
THE COLLABORATION OF THIS
PLANNING.
AND 800 PEOPLE DONATED TO THAT
CAMPAIGN THAT WE ROUNDED UP.

SO JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
AGAIN.
ROSLINDALE NEEDS THIS GARDEN.
ROSLINDALE WANTS THIS GARDEN.
AND SO NOW WOULD BE REALLY GREAT
TO MAKE THIS COLLABORATIVE
EFFORT COME ALONG BECAUSE WE'VE
REALLY TRIED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN
OURSELF BUT WE REALLY NEED YOU
TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR
McCARTHY.

>> THANKS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU
DID.

AS THEY SAID, WE MET A COUPLE OF
YEARS AGO AND YOU GUYS HAVE
REALLY BEEN PUMPING THE STRING,
THOUGH.

AND I DO WANT TO THANK THE
ADMINISTRATION.

HEALY FIELD, THIS IS KIND OF THE
CHERRY ON TOP, A CULMINATION OF
A TON OF CAPITAL RESOURCES
STEMMED BY THE CITY.

FLAHERTY POOL, NO RELATION, IS
IT?

PROBABLY SOMEWHERE DOWN THE
LINE.

[LAUGHTER]

FLAHERTY POOL, THE FLEW
PLAYGROUND OUTSIDE OF FLAHERTY
POOL, LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD, THE
BASEBALL FIELDS, ALL REDONE,
PLACE IS GORGEOUS AND NOW THIS
IS GOING TO BE THE CHERRY ON TOP
OF A PLACE WHERE IF YOU DON'T
PLAY BASEBALL ANYMORE, YOU HAVE
A PLACE TO GO.

THIS IS GOING TO BE WONDERFUL.

SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
CHAIR PASSING THIS OUT ON

WEDNESDAY.

SO THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR
HARD WORK.

>> THANK YOU.

ANYONE HERE FROM BELL AISLE
MARSH?

BELL ISLE MARSH?

ANYBODY HERE FROM TALBOT
COMMONS?

COME ON DOWN, GAIL.

SEE YOU HIDING UP THERE.

THANK YOU.

>> GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR HOLDING THIS HEARING.

PLEASED TO BE HERE.

MY NAME IS GAIL LATTIMORE.

I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CALBOT SQUARE.

AND I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR \$500,000 FOR OUR TALBOT COMMONS PHASE 1 PROJECT. THIS IS A 40-UNIT AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED IN DORCHESTER RIGHT NEAR THE TALBOT "S" STOP ON THE FAIRMONT LINE.

SO WE WILL BE CREATING 20 -- IN 19 NEW UNITS AND RENOVATING 21 EXISTING UNITS IN ABOUT TWO OR THREE LOCATIONS RIGHT NEAR THE COMMUTER RAIL LINE.

ALL OF THE UNITS WILL BE AFFORDABLE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE AT 60% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME BELOW INCLUDING ALMOST 25% OF THE UNITS WILL BE AFFORDABLE TO VERY LOW INCOME PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS.

SO WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE GOTTEN THE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CAMPBELL AND COUNCILOR PRESSLEY AS WELL AS MICHELLE WU AND WE ALSO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FOR THIS PROJECT.

SO WE HOPE TO BREAK GROUND ON THIS PROJECT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR PENDING THIS FUNDING. AND FOR EVERY UNIT THAT -- AFFORDABLE UNIT THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE AS WE ALL KNOW THERE'S A HOUSING -- AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS IN THE CITY, WE EASILY HAVE 20 TO 40 APPLICANTS FOR ONE UNIT.

SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO DEVELOPING THIS HOUSING.

>> THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES?

VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. ANYONE HERE FROM BOSTON HARBOR

NOW?

JACK MURRAY?

JACK HERE?

COME ON DOWN, JACK.

SPECTACLE ISLAND SHADE SHELTERS

FROM BOSTON HARBOR.

GO RIGHT THERE IF YOU WANT.

STATE YOUR NAME AND AFFILIATION

FOR THE RECORD AND YOU HAVE THE

FLOOR.

>> MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
COUNCIL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

FOR HEARING US THIS EVENING.

CHRISTINE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH

FOR ALL YOUR TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

THROUGHOUT THIS PROJECT.

MY NAME IS JACK MEYER.

I SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR

PARTNERSHIPS AND OPERATIONS

BOSTON HARBOR NOW.

BOSTON HARBOR NOW IS A NONPROFIT

ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS TO PLAN,

ADVOCATE, AND ACTIVATE BOSTON

HARBOR ISLANDS.

WE RUN ALMOST 450 PROGRAMS

ANNUALLY AND PROVIDE FREE

TRANSPORTATION TO THE ISLANDS

FOR OVER 20,000 CHILDREN AND

FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

BUT SPECTACLE ISLAND ACTUALLY

IS, MANY OF YOU PROBABLY KNOW,

IS A RECLAIMED CITY OF BOSTON

PIECE OF PROPERTY WHICH WAS A

LANDFILL.

IT OPENED IN 2006.

AND IT'S GOT MANY UNIQUE

CHALLENGES AFFILIATED WITH IT,

SOME OF WHICH ARE NOT A LOT OF

SHADE.

THIS PROPOSAL IS FOR PORTABLE

SHADE SHELTERS THAT WOULD

PROVIDE SHADE IN VARIOUS

LOCATIONS AROUND THE ISLAND.

ABOUT 40,000 VISITORS GO TO

SPECTACLE ISLAND EACH YEAR.

OF THOSE 40,000, 5,000 ARE

TRANSPORTED OUT THERE BY A

PARTNER ORGANIZATION SAVE THE

HARBOR SAVE THE BAY.

THESE ARE KIDS WHO ARE -- WITH

71 SPECIFIC -- 71 GROUPS THAT

OPERATE SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

I'D LIKE INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUE
HERE, JACK, HE'S THE DIRECTOR OF
THE -- DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT FOR BOSTON HARBOR
NOW.

JUST TO GO THROUGH SOME OF THE
DETAILS FOR YOU.

>> THANKS MUCH.

SO JUST TO REITERATE BECAUSE
THIS IS A FORMER LANDFILL SITE,
THE MOST APPROPRIATE STRUCTURES
WE'RE PROPOSING TO PROVIDE SHADE
ARE ONE IN A LAWN AREA CALLED
THE SADDLE AND THAT WOULD BE
ABOUT 40 x 60 FEET AND ANOTHER
IS DOWN BY THE PEER WHICH WE'RE
GOING TO PROPOSE -- WHERE GROUPS
WAIT FOR THE FERRY TO COME AND
GO.

SO WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS PROVIDE
SOME SHADE FOR HEALTH AND JUST
TO GET OUT OF THE ELEMENTS FOR
THE MANY VISITORS TO SPECTACLE
ISLAND.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY WAS HERE.
HE WAS HERE EARLIER.

COUNCILOR ED FLYNN?

>> THANK YOU.

I'M GLAD TO SUPPORT THE
PROPOSAL.

THE HARBOR ISLANDS ARE A REAL
ASSET TO OUR CITY.

OFTENTILES ALMOST -- OFTENTIMES
UNKNOWN TOM BUT THANKS TO BINE
HARBOR NOW, KATHY ABBOTT, PEOPLE
THAT NEVER HAD ACCESS TO THE
ISLANDS ARE ENJOYING THE ISLANDS
NOW.

PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR,
PEOPLE IN PUBLIC HOUSING, PUBLIC
SCHOOL KIDS, KIDS THROUGHOUT THE
CITY, SO I JUST WANT TO SAY
THANK YOU FOR MAKING SURE THAT
EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO THE
ISLANDS.

AND THAT'S REAL IMPORTANT.

>> THANK YOU.

BEN?

COME ON DOWN, BEN.

BEN'S WITH THE HISTORIC
NEW ENGLAND OTIS HOUSE IN THE
WEST END.

>> THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS BEN HAVOC.

I WORK FOR HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND
AND WE'RE RESPECTFULLY
REQUESTING THE FUNDS TO SUPPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT AT
THE 1796 OTIS HOUSE.

THE PROJECT WILL CONSERVE ALL 14
WINDOWS ON THE FRONT FACADE AS
WELL AS CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO ALL
THE WOODWORK AND TRIM ON THE
FRONT FACADE AND THEN THE REPAIR
OF THE BROWNSTONE STEPS AND IRON
RAILING FOR SAFETY ALONG THE
FRONT STEPS.

OTIS HOUSE SERVES BOSTON AND THE
LARGER COMMUNITY IN MULTIPLE
WAYS.

IT IS A HOUSE MUSEUM.

IT IS A DESTINATION FOR
RESEARCHERS USING ORGANIZATION'S
LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES, A VENUE
FOR BOSTON CHILDREN THIS OUR
SCHOOL AND YOUTH EDUCATION
PROGRAMS AS WELL AS A SITE 4
PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND A MEETING
PLACE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS.

IN ADDITION TO OUR OWN OFFICES
BEING THERE SINCE 2015, WE'VE
ALSO HOUSE THE OFFICES OF THE
BOSTON PRESERVATION ALLIANCE.
THE HOUSE MUSEUM TOUR IS OPEN
AND FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL
BOSTON RESIDENTS.

AND WE USE THE HOUSE TO TELL THE
IMPORTANT STORY OF HOW THE WEST
END NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGED BETWEEN
THE LATE 18th CENTURY AND THE
EARLY 20th CENTURY WHEN WE
PURCHASED IT.

THIS WORK WILL HELP ENSURE THE
LONG-TERM PRESERVATION OF THIS
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK AND,
AGAIN, BRING GREATER PUBLIC
ATTENTION TO THE FEW HISTORIC
STRUCTURES IN BOSTON'S WEST END
NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WERE NOT
DEMOLISHED DURING THE CITY'S
URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS IN THE
1950s AND EARLY '60s.

>> OKAY.

ANY QUESTIONS FROM MY
COLLEAGUES?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
PRESENTATION.

>> THANK YOU.

WORLD OCEAN SCHOOL?
PICK EITHER MICROPHONE.
WELCOME TO THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL.
STATE YOUR NAME AND AFFILIATION
FOR THE RECORD AND YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.
>> MY NAME IS EDEN LEONARD.
I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR
WORLD OCEAN SCHOOL.
WORLD OCEAN SCHOOL IS A PROUD
OWNERS ANDÑi OPERATORS OF THE
SCHOONER ROWSWAY.
THAT IS A NATIONAL HISTORIC
LANDMARK.
SHE WAS BOSTONÑi HARBOR PILOT
VESSEL IN THE '40s THROUGH THE
'70s ALSO PROTECTED BOSTON
HARBOR THE COAST GUARD VESSEL
DURING WORLD WAR II.
AND IT WAS THE LAST SAILING
VESSEL IN THE UNITED STATES OR
IN BOSTON AND GRANTED HER THE
HISTORIC DESIGNATION.
IN 2002, THE WORLD OCEAN SCHOOL
WAS FOUNDED AND FOUND -- EXCUSE
ME.Ñi
ROSEWAY, BOUGHT IT FOR \$10 AND
PROCEEDED TO DO A \$1.5 MILLION
RESTORATION WITH IT.
ANYTHING WE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO AT
THE TIME WE DIDN'T BECAUSE WE
WERE EAGER TO WORK WITH STUDENTS
AND GET STUDENTS OUT ON THE
WATER.
AND SINCE THEN WE'VE HAD 20,000
STUDENTS.
WE OPERATED A BUDGET OF
\$1.3 MILLION A YEAR.
GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION BUILDING
THAT AND ONE OF THE ORIGINAL
PIECES OF THE VESSEL, HER HORN
FILMBER AND RUDDER TRUNK NEEDED
TO BE REPLACED AND THE COAST
GUARD SAID THAT WE WOULD NOT BE
ABLE TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE
VESSEL IF WE DO NOT REPLACE
THIS.
IT'S ABOUT OOH \$500,000 PROJECT
AND WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE A
CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT BUT THERE IS
A DEFICIT AND WE'RE GREATUM IF
FOR THE -- GRATEFUL FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THESE FUNDS.

THE INTERESTING THING ACTUALLY WE CURRENTLY DOCK AT THE FEDERAL COURT HOUSE DOCK AND I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS, ABOUT 600 STUDENTS FROM BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, LOW INCOME SCHOOLS ARE TARGETED.

ONE OF THE INTERESTING COMMENTS BEFORE THERE WAS NO PROPOSALS FROM MATTAPAN OR CHARLESTOWN, SCHOOLS FROM BOTH OF THOSE AREAS PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAMS EVERY YEAR.

I HAVE A COUPLE OF STUDENTS HERE -- WELL, A STUDENT HERE WITH ME WHO IS ACTUALLY ABOUT TO BECOME ONE OF OUR FIRST BOSTON ALUMNI CREW MEMBERS.

HE'S BECOME A FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBER IN NOVEMBER JOINING US.

HE'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

>> IT'S A PLEASURE TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF THE COUNCIL TODAY.

I GREW UP MUCH LIKE THE EARLIER PRESENTERS FROM EAST BOSTON, PROBABLY STARING OUT OVER THE OCEAN FROM PIERCE PARK AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT ALWAYS CAUGHT MY EYE ON THE WATER WAS A OLD SCHOONER WITH A BRIGHT RED SAILS.

AND IT WAS THE ONLY SHIP ON THAT HARBOR THAT I WAS REALLY INTERESTED IN.

AND I'D ALWAYS WANTED TO SAIL IT, BUT FOR -- BUT NEVER REALLY THOUGHT I'D EVER GET THE CHANCE. FAST FORWARD A DECADE AND A HALF ABOUT, AND AARON STONE, THE TEACHER AT BOSTON DAY AND EVENING DURING MY FINAL YEAR THERE BEGAN TO PARTNER WITH WORLD OCEAN SCHOOL TO GET A HANDFUL OF STUDENTS OUT AND SALLING FOR THREE WEEKS UP TO NOVA SCOTIA.

IT IS THROUGH THAT EXPERIENCE THAT I REALIZED THAT I WANTED TO GIVE MORE TO BOTH BOSTON DAY AND EVENING AND WORLD OCEAN SCHOOL AND SINCE THEN, I HAVE WORKED AS A TEACHER'S ASSISTANT AT THE SCHOOL.

I GRADUATED FROM BOSTON DAY AND EVENING, HELPING UNDERPRIVILEGED

KIDS FROM COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT
BOSTON THAT WERE JUST GOT SUITED
FOR THE NORMAL BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS SYSTEM AND TO WORLD
OCEAN SCHOOL, AN ORGANIZATION
THAT IS BOTH -- HELPS STUDENTS
FROM THE AREA WHO ARE
UNDERPRIVILEGED AND NOT ONLY
THAT BUT STUDENTS FROM THE
CARIBBEAN WHO WERE RECENTLY HIT
BY THE HURRICANE THAT SWEEPED
THROUGH ST. CROIX.
AND -- ST. CROIX.
AND IT WOULD BE A PLEASURE TO BE
ABLE TO SAIL ON HER FULLY
REFURBISHED AND IN PERFECT
RUNNING ORDER.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION.
>> VERY GOOD.
ANY QUESTION?
-- ANY QUESTIONS?
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY.
AND IT'S AN AWESOME PROPOSAL,
AND I'M SO GLAD OF YOUR
COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL
KIDS, AND I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT
IT.
JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR
ALL YOUR HARD WORK.
>> THANK YOU.
COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ANDREA
CAMPBELL.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY.
THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU'RE
DOING.
IT'S A GEM IN THE SYSTEM.
SO I THINK THIS IS JUST AN
AWESOME EXAMPLE OF PARTNERSHIPS,
ALUM, CAREERS, SO MUCH.
SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING
HERE TONIGHT.
AND THANKS FOR APPLYING.
>> GOOD LUCK.
EMILY LUMIS, URBAN EDGE.
IS EMILY HERE?
DEL '15'S PARK?
EGLESTON?
YOU WANT TO TAKE IT?
EMILY, HAVE THE FLOOR.
WELCOME.
>> MY NAME IS EMILY LOOMIS.

I'M HERE REPRESENTING URBAN
EDGE, A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BASED IN
ROXBURY.

I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CITY
COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERING THESE
CPA APPLICATIONS, TO THANK
CHRISTINE POTS AS WELL AS THE
CHITTY FOR CONSIDERING DEL 15'S
COURTYARD AS ONE OF THOSE
PROJECTS.

AN OPEN SPACE ON COLUMBUS AVENUE
IN EGLESTON SQUARE IN ROXBURY.
DEL FINN'S WILL SERVE AS
NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING PLACE.
IT'S BEEN DESIGNED TO
INCORPORATE ENVIRONMENTALLY
SENSITIVE DESIGN USING PERMA
PRINCIPLES OF PERMA CULTURE.
THIS WILL INCLUDE PERMEABLE
PAVERS AS WELL AS NATIVE AND
DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTINGS.
THE COURTYARD WILL RECEIVE
STRONG SUPPORT FROM COMMUNITY
MEMBERS AND FROM THE FRIENDS OF
THE EGLESTON SQUARE LIBRARY.
THE EGLESTON SQUARE LIBRARY IS
RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO THE
COURTYARD.

IT'S ALSO NEXT DOOR TO
AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT'S
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND
OTHER RESIDENTIAL HOMES IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE FRIENDS OF THE EGGLE STON
SCHOOL LIBRARY IS AN ACTIVE
GROUP OF NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS
WHO HAVE TRANSFORMED THE
LIBRARY'S BACKYARD TO A PERMA
CULTURE GARDEN WHERE THEY HOST
MOVIE NIGHTS AND SOCIAL EVENTS.
DELPHINE'S COURTYARD WILL BRING
THOSE ACTIVITIES TO THE FRONT
YARD TO COLUMBUS AVENUE BRINGING
IN RESIDENTS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
CONSIDERING THE PROJECT.
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EMILY.
ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME?
VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
VETERAN'S VICTORY GARDEN?
WELCOME AND STATE YOUR NAME AND
AFFILIATION FOR THE RECORD.

YOU HAVE THE NOR.

>> YEAH, MY NAME IS MATT SHEA.
I'M HERE TO -- ON BEHALF OF THE
BOSTON VETERAN'S VICTORY GARDEN.
THIS PROJECT IS WORKING IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE WEST
ROXBURY VA HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE A
PEACEFUL AND SCENIC PLACE FOR
PATIENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE
WITH PTSD AND THEIR FAMILY AS
WELL AS THE STAFF.

THE HOSPITAL IS ROUGHLY
2,000-PERSON FACILITY, AND THERE
ISN'T A QUIET PLACE THAT'S
IMPORTANT FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE
IN NEED OF SOME R&R.

THE -- THERE'S ALSO NO PLACE TO
WALK TO, SO FOR PATIENTS LOOKING
TO GET A LITTLE EXERCISE, ASIDE
FROM WALKING ALONG THE -- OR
SOMEWHERE ELSE, WALKING OUT TO
THIS GUARD.

THROUGH THE GRASSY AREA WOULD
PROVIDE A LOCATION AND ALSO THE
ACTIVITY OF GARDENING PROVIDES
EXERCISE AND FRESH AIR AND IT
CAN BE DONE IN GROUPS AS A GREAT
ACTIVITY FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING.
WE'VE GOT A GREAT GROUP OF
VOLUNTEERS READY TO GO AND THIS
IS A TURNKEY PROJECT, SO I
APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION
AND HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

>> VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS?

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR
FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU WHAT
YOU'RE DOING FOR OUR RETURNING
VETERANS, ESPECIALLY VETERANS
WITH PTSD GIVING THEM AN
OPPORTUNITY TO RE-ENGAGE IN
SOCIETY.

SO THANK YOU.

>> THANKS.

YOU.

RICK YODER?

IS RICK HERE?

RICK, COME ON DOWN, RICK.

RICK IS WITH MOUNT HOPE
CEMETERIES.

>> HI.

MY NAME IS RICK YODER.
MY WIFE AND I LEAD THE MOUNT
HOPE ASSOCIATION IN ROSLINDALE.
I WANT TO THANK CHRISTINE AND
RECOGNIZE -- I CAN'T IMAGINE THE
THOUSANDS OF DETAILS SHE'S HAD
TO DEAL WITH AND THE THOUSANDS
OF COMPLICATED QUESTIONS SHE AND
HER COMMITTEE'S HAD TO DEAL WITH
AND ALWAYS RETURNED EMAILS
QUICKLY, PHONE CALLS QUICKLY,
AND DEALT WITH THE QUESTIONS WE
HAD.

I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
I WANT TO THANK THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR ACTUALLY BEING THE ONES THAT
PUSHED FOR DEVELOPING --
ESTABLISHING THE CPA IN BOSTON.
THIS HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE TOUR
ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OURS TO
HAVE A POSSIBILITY TO GET FUNDS
THAT WE PROBABLY REALLY WOULD
NEVER BE ABLE TO PUT OUR HANDS
ON.

SO THIS -- HEARING ALL THESE
PRESENTATIONS, JUST AMAZING.
I JUST LOVE IT.

OURS IS A TREE PLANTING
APPLICATION.

AN INTERESTINGLY, THIS MORNING,
AT 10:00, THERE WAS A HEARING
HERE ON BOSTON'S TREE CANOPY,
WHICH IS ACTUALLY SHRUNK
SLIGHTLY.

ALL THE REASONS FOR TREE
SURVIVAL IN THIS CITY.

THERE ARE A MULTITUDE.

SO I'M MODEST TO TRY TO PUSH
BACK AND HELP GROW OUR BEAUTIFUL
CANOPY IN THIS CITY.

SO MOUNT HOPE HAS AMIDE FOR THE
GRANT TO GIVE THE PLACEMENT OF
HUNDREDS OF TREES THAT HAVE DIED
OVER THE RECENT YEARS IN THE
CEMETERY.

IT'S LOCATED IN ROSLINDALE NEAR
AMERICAN LEGION HIGHWAY.

THE CITY OWNED 125 ACRE MOUNT
HOPE CEMETERY IS A PLACE OF
BEAUTY AND TRANQUATE.

IT WAS USED DAILY BY ITS MOUNT
HOPE CANTERBURY NEIGHBORS OLD
AND YOUNG AS A RECREATIONAL

SPACE.

PATHWAYS RELATE LINED BY
MAGNIFICENT, TALL SHADING TREES.
SOME SURROUNDING MOUNT HOPE'S
POND AND OCCASIONAL WALK
OUTCROPPING.

IT WAS ESTABLISHED -- MOUNT HOPE
WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1852 AND
INCLUDES VETERANS' MEMORIALS,
ORNATE, FAMILY PLOOT PLOTS
AND -- PLOTS.

IT'S A COLLECTION OF 200,000
INDIVIDUAL MEMORIALS.

IT WAS A PLACE OF A HISTORY AND
OF BEAUTY.

TO THE MANY RESIDENTS, HUNDREDS
OF RESIDENTS IN THE POCKET
NEIGHBORHOOD SURROUNDING MOUNT
HOPE, THIS SPACE IS THE CLOSEST
WE HAVE TO A PARK.

WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS OFTEN TAKE
WALKS TO MOUNT HOPE AFTER WORK
AND ON WEEKENDS.

ALL ARE DISMAYED BY THE
DECREASING TREE LOSS WE ARE
WITNESSING.

OVER THE PAST YEARS, MANY TREES
HAVE DIED AND AT INCREASINGLY
HIGHER RATE THAN IN PAST YEARS.
THIS LAST YEAR, AT LEAST 28
TREES HAVE DIED.

THE YEAR BEFORE, 26.

OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, NOT ONE
REPLACEMENT TREE HAS BEEN
PLANTED IN MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY.
THE PARKS DEPARTMENT IS DOING
WHAT IT CAN TO REPLACE THE TREES
BUT MORE RESOURCES ARE NEEDED.
WE NEED TO START THEST OF
REPLACING THESE MANY LOST TREES
SOSO THIS SPACE WILL REMAIN A
BEAUTIFUL AND TRANQUIL SANCTUARY
FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS OF
THIS PANEL?

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
HERE.

WHEN PUSHING THE CPA, THIS IS
ONE OF THE EXAMPLES I USED AS
A -- AN EXAMPLE THAT PEOPLE
COULD GO SEE AND SEE WHY WE

NEEDED THE CPA IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON, SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ADVOCACY.

AT SOME POINT, I THINK THIS IS A
CITY-OWNED PARCEL, YES, THERE
ARE VETERANS BURIED THERE AND
THERE'S A LOT OF WORK THAT NEEDS
TO BE DONE THERE INCLUDING THE
FOUNTAIN AND OTHER PIECES SO
LOOK FORWARD TO MORE
APPLICATIONS RELATED TO THIS
PARCEL AS WELL.

BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR
LEADERSHIP.

>> THANK YOU.

, COUNCILOR.

STAYING ON THE CEMETERY
THEME, ANYONE FROM EVER GREEN
CEMETERY?

>> I THINK YOU HAVE --
COPSVILLE BURIAL GROUND?
MANUAL CHURCH?

I ASK FOR YOUR HELP AND SPORE IN
THIS.

THANK YOU I HAVE MUCH.

>> ANY QUESTIONS FROM MY
COLLEAGUES?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MIKE.
APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND
ATTENTION.

YOU GUYS ARE NEXT.

YOU CAN GO RIGHT THERE IF YOU
WANT.

WELCOME TO THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

STATE YOUR NAME AND
AFFILIATION FOR THE RECORD.

>> MY NAME IS GUTA HAIL HAGUE.
I'M FROM THE UU URBAN MINISTRY.
WE WANT TO RELAY OUR GRATITUDE
TO YOU HEARING US TONIGHT AND TO
CHRISTINE AND THE CPC FOR
GUIDING US IN THIS PROCESS AND
RECOMMENDING US FORWARD.

WE ARE LOCATED IN GINET SQUARE
IN THE HEART OF ROXBURY AND
THOUGH WE HAVE A CHURCH, WE ARE
NOT A CHURCH.

BUT WE DO BOTH THE OLDEST WOOD
FRAME CHURCH IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON, THE FIRST CHURCH IN
ROXBURY.

AND IT'S HERE ON OUR CAMPUS IN

BUT WE WON PROGRAMS FOR ROXBURY
AREA YOUTH AND FOR DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE SURVIVORS AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES BRING
PEOPLE TOGETHER ACROSS THE
DIVIDES OF RACE, CLASS,
NEIGHBORHOOD, AGE AND FAITH TO
LEARN TOGETHER, TO APPRECIATE
ART AND CULTURE AND TO BUILD
COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

IN SERVICE TO ITS MISSION, WE'RE
WORKING TO TRANSFORM THE FIRST
CHURCH IN ROXBURY TO A TRUE
MEETING HOUSE.

IN ROXBURY AND OTHER COMMUNITY
HEALTH COLLABORATIVE
PERFORMANCES WITH THE ICC
PROGRAMS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND
A HISTORY LECTURE SERIES THAT
FOCUSES ON, A LIGS IN ROXBURY,
CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AND
URBAN PLANNING ACTIVISM.

STRUCTURED EVENTS INSIDE THE
MEETING HOUSE ARE EXAMPLES OUR
SPACE IS ENJOYED BY NEIGHBORS AS
THOUGH WALK THEIR DOGS AND LET
THEIR KIDS RUN AROUND AND
PRE-RESCUE PROGRAM USES OUR
SPACE TO DISTRIBUTE PRODUCE TO
NEIGHBORS.

THE PROJECT BEFORE YOU IS A
VISIBLE AND VITAL COMPONENT OF
OUR CAPITAL PROJECT TO
COMPLETELY RESTORE THE OUTSIDE
OF THE MEETING HOUSE.

AND SHOULD YOU GIVE US CPC
FUNDS, WE ARE SHOVEL READY AND
READY TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT
IN A TIMELY FASHION.

SPECIFICALLY THE LIGHTS AND
GATES OF THE PERIMETER FENCE AND
IT'S TO PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL
INTEGRITY OF THESE GATES WHICH
WERE HUNG IN 1926 BUT ALSO TO
TRANSFORM THEM FOR MODERN-DAY
USE.

WE'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GET AN
EMERGENCY VEHICLE THROUGH THERE
IF WE CAN AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
MAKE SURE THAT FAIRFOOD DOESN'T
HAVE TO BACK THEIR TRUCK UP FIVE
TIMES TO GET IN EVERY SATURDAY.
AND SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSAL AND

WE'RE PROUD TO STAND HERE WITH
ALL OF THESE PROJECTS BUT
ESPECIALLY OUR ROXBURY
NEIGHBORS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR
JANEY.

>> I'M A BIG FAN OF THE WORK
THAT YOU GUYS DO.

I'M A BIG FAN OF MARY MARGARET,
OF ALL THE PROGRAMMING THAT YOU
DO.

IT'S A SUCH BEAUTIFUL,
BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL BUILDING.
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HISTORIC
PRESERVATION, THIS IS EXACTLY
IT.

SO I JUST WANTED TO OFFER MY
SUPPORT.

>> THANK YOU.

AND WE WILL REACH OUT TO ALL OF
SO YOU CAN GET A TOUR FROM THE
EXPERTS.

>> VERY GOOD.

GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR NOT FORGETTING
ABOUT US.

MY NAME IS DANNY MALL.

WE'RE HAVE ARCS URBAN.

SOCIALLY MINDED GENERATIONALLY
FOCUSED REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
FIRM IN BOSTON.

AND I'M HERE TONIGHT TO TALK TO
YOU ABOUT 233.

OUR PROJECT HERE WHICH IS A
36-UNIT MIXED-INCOME DEVELOPMENT
IN DORCHESTER CONSISTING OF
RETAIL ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND
FOUR STORIES OF RESIDENTIAL
UNITS ABOVE.

AS CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED, THE
CPA GRANT WILL FUND THE GAP TO
ALLOW 58% OF THE BUILDING TO BE
INCOME RESTRICTED.

TEN UNITS AT 80% OF AMI AND 11
AT 100% OF AMI.

THE PROJECT WILL REVITALIZE A
COMMERCIAL -- BLIGHTED
COMMERCIAL SITE IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD WITH MUCH-NEEDED
WORKFORCE HOUSING IN THE AREA.
THE BPDA RELEASED AS PART OF A
STUDY SOME STATS THAT I WANTED

TO SHARE WITH YOU TONIGHT.
ONLY THREE NEW INCOME RESTRICTED
UNITS HAD BEEN BUILT IN THE AREA
SINCE 2010.

AND 42% OF RENTERS WHO ARE IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD RENTING AT
MARKET ARE IN MODERATE TO SEVERE
DISPLACEMENT RISK.

SO THIS HOPEFULLY WILL HELP
ALLEVIATE SOME OF THAT PRESSURE.
WE FIRST COMPLETED A PROJECT AT
200 HANCOCK STREET AROUND THE
CORNER.

THECH-UNIT BUILDING ON THE
BOSTON TASK FORCE AND TOGETHER
WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE
TENANTS, ISD, BPD WORKED TO
TRANS-- BASICALLY REPOSITION THE
BUILDING FOR THE BETTER.

AND THIS BUILDING WE'RE LOOKING
TO HOPEFULLY DO THE SAME.

WE'VE RECEIVED OVERWHELMING
SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

WE'VE HAD MULTIPLE COMMUNITY
MEETINGS AND WE ARE APPROACHING
THIS IN A VERY SIMILAR
TRANSPARENT WAY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO BREAKING
GROUND IN THE FALL AND
APPRECIATE SUPPORT OF THE CITY
COUNCIL.

AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.
LAST BUT NOT LEAST, NANCY LOWE.
WELCOME BACK, NANCY.

CHINATOWN ASSOCIATION, QUINCY
SCHOOL.

WELCOME.

>> HI.

THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS NANCY LOWE.
I REPRESENT THE CHINESE
ASSOCIATION.

CCDA.

IT IS ONE OF THE OLDEST
ORGANIZATIONS IN CHINATOWN THAT
HAS WORKED TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANT
FAMILIES.

IT WAS FOUNDED THE LATE 1800s.
WE ARE HOUSED IN THE OLD QUINCY
SCHOOL WHICH WAS BUILT IN 1848.

IT WAS A SCHOOL THAT ALWAYS
SUPPORTED IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

THAT HAD -- BY THE COMMUNITY.
IN THE 1960s, ABOUT 90% OF THE
CHILDREN WERE CHINESE ATTENDED
THE SCHOOL.
THE BOSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT HAD
MOVED THE SCHOOL TO A LARGER
LOCATION ON WASHINGTON STREET
AND SLATED FOR DEMOLITION.
THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZED TO HAVE
THE SCHOOL PRESERVED AND TURNED
OVER TO THE COMMUNITY TO BE A
COMMUNITY CENTER.
THEY DID THAT IN 1983.
AND IT WAS GIVEN TO CCBA.
THEY RENOVATED THE SCHOOL BACK
THEN AND TO MAKE IT A VIABLE
COMMUNITY CENTER, IT SUPPORTS
PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.
WE HAVE AN AFTER-SCHOOL, A TEEN
PROGRAM.
IT'S OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.
WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE THAT
COME TO THE SCHOOL -- TO THE
COMMUNITY CENTER EACH DAY.
WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME ABOUT
SHOVEL-READY PROPROJECTS, I RAN.
OUR STAIRS ARE DETERIORATING.
WE HAVE LARGE GAPS AND CRACKS IN
THE STAIRS AND ALSO THE RAMP IS
SEPARATING FROM THE WALL.
THIS IS A PROJECT THAT IS READY
TO GO, AND WE HAD TO BLOCK OFF
CERTAIN BECAUSE IT'S DANGEROUS
PEOPLE TO WALK AND WE SERVE
LARGE POPULATIONS THAT LIVE IN
THE COMMUNITY.
THIS IS ALSO PART OF A LARGER
PROJECT THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING
WITH IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE
CHINESE HISTORIC SOCIETY AND
WITH THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE.
THIS BUILDING WAS ACCEPTED INTO
THE NATIONAL REGISTRY LAST YEAR.
IT IS THE ONLY BUILDING IN THE
EAST COAST THAT RECOGNIZES
CHINESE IMMIGRANTS AND THE
BIGGER PROJECT IS TO MAKE A
VISITOR'S CENTER THAT CAN
TEACH -- GIVEñ'ñ
SO I HIGH PRESSURE RIGHT OUT OF
THE GATE SORT OF ONE AND TWO OR
ONE AND ONE A IS GOING TO BE
MATTAPAN AND CHARLESTOWN JUST
BASICALLY ACROSS THE BOARD AND I

THINK IT'S FAIR TO HAVE A REPRESENTATION -- A NUMBER REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT COMMUNITY'S CONTRIBUTION VIA OF SURCHARGE.

SO WE'RE GOING TO KEEP A RUNNING TAB AND CHECKS AND BALANCES ON WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING WHAT AND WHO'S GETTING WHAT BENEFIT AND AGAIN MAKING SURE THAT FAIRNESS AND EQUITY PARTICULARLY THE NEIGHBORS THAT DON'T HAVE THE REACH BEACON HILL BECAUSE OF THE TEXT REVENUE THAT'S GENERATED BUT WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE FOLKS IN BEACON HILL GET THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THEIR PROJECTS APPROVED TOOF.

SO THAT'S MY OPINING AS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE. ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SORT OF FINAL PARTING COMMENTS, CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ANDREA CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCIL FLAHERTY. THIS IS VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE AND WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE CO-CHAired THIS BUT THE RULES -- WE WANT TO MAKE IT COMPLICATE SOD A COUPLE THINGS. I THINK WE WE NEED TO EXPLICITLY AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME AROUND PUT IN WRITING WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE WHEN IT COMES TO ATTENDANCE.

I KNOW PAUL AND EARL VERY WELL AND I KNOW THEIR DEDICATION TO THIS.

AND I KNOW THEY TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.

AND I KNOW THEY WOULD HAVE WANTED TO BE HERE, BUT THEY COULD NOT.

AND WE SCHEDULED THIS HEARING AFTER JUST GETTING IT TO THE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY.

SO IT'S NOT LIKE WE GAVE FOLKS TWO WEEKS' NOTICE AND ALL OF THAT.

SO WE NEED TO DEFINE WHAT DOES ATTENDANCE LOOK LIKE.

I THINK IT PROBABLY NEEDS TO BE MORE THAN A PHONE CALL TO COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

IF IT'S WRITTEN TESTIMONY, IF IT'S A COMBINATION, LET'S PUT THAT IN WRITING SO IT'S CRYSTAL CLEAR SO THEY'RE NOT MAKING THOSE RULES UP AS WE GO AND WE CAN ALL AGREE TO WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE, CHRISTINE.

THE SECOND PIECE IS ON AN EQUITY FRONT, I WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS.

THIS HAS BEEN A CONVERSATION FROM THE BEGINNING THAT WE KNEW THAT CERTAIN RESOURCES WERE GOING TO COME FROM CERTAIN PARTS OF THE CITY.

WE ALSO KNEW THAT BUSINESSES, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD PAY A LOT MORE.

AND WE WELCOME THEIR PARTICIPATION, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE GETTING THE BULK OF THE PROJECTS.

BUT THEY DO GET THE RESOURCES THAT THIS CITY PROVIDES.

SO I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU THE COMMITTEE EFFORTS I THINK YOU DID A GREAT JOB THIS FIRST TIME AROUND.

WE'RE FIGURING A LOT OF THIS OUT.

SO I DON'T WANT FOLKS TO BE PENALIZED BUT I AGREE WITH COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE FOLKS UNDERSTAND THE MAGNITUDE OF THE RESOURCES THEY'RE GETTING, THE PROCESS. WE HAVE TO BE CRYSTAL CLEAR ON WHAT THAT PROCESS LOOKS LIKE. TWO OTHER THINGS THAT HAS COME UP BUT I DON'T KNOW IF WE'VE ADDRESSED IT.

I WAS EXCITED TO SEE MANY OF THE CHURCHES RECEIVE DOLLARS FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PIECE THAT CAME UP DURING THE CAMPAIGN WHEN WE WERE CAMPAIGNING FOR CPA.

I ALSO KNOW THAT LOOKING AT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES THERE WAS A QUESTION AROUND WHETHER OR NOT CPA FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR CHURCHES, CHURCHES, I'M NOT SURE TWHAR IS IN THE CONVERSATION.

I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD STOP US BUT I KNOW OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

WERE LOOKING AT POSSIBLY
CHALLENGING THAT.
DO YOU HAVE ANY --
>> I CAN SHARE UPDATES ON THAT.
YEAH.
WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT A
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOUND A
PLAINTIFF IN AVTON AND THAT-WAS
THE BACKING OF THIS ORGANIZATION
SUED THE TOWN FOR SUPPORTING A
CHURCH IN AFTON.
THE CPA GRANT WAS FOR TWO
THINGS.
IT WAS FOR RESTORATION OF THEIR
STAIN GLASS WINDOWS AND ALSO FOR
A MASTER PLAN AND A PRFERGS PLAN
FOR THE CHURCH.
WHAT THE SJC, THE STATE SUPREME
COURT HAS RULED THAT THE SUPPORT
FOR THE WINDOWS IS NOT ALLOWED
BECAUSE THERE'S RELIGIOUS
IMAGERY ON THOSE WINDOWS.
AND THEY HAVE NOT WEIGHED IN YET
OR DETERMINED THE MASTER PLAN,
THE PRESERVATION PLAN.
WHAT WE DID TO INTERPRET THAT IS
THAT WE KNEW -- WE KNOW THAT SO
MUCH OF BOSTON'S HISTORY IS IN
OUR CHURCHES ACROSS THE CITY IN
EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD.
SO WE WE SAID WE ONLY ALLOWED
APPLICATIONS -- WE MADE THIS
REALLY CLEAR TO THE CHURCHES.
SO WE GOT NO CHURCH APPLICATIONS
THAT WERE INELIGIBLE.
WE SAID ONLY EXTERNAL WORK
THAT'S PUBLICLY FACING --
PUBLICLY VISIBLE AND THAT DOES
NOT HAVE ANY RELIGIOUS IMAGERY.
SO THAT SEEMED -- IT'S SAFE.
WE COULD MAYBE GO A LITTLE BIT
DEEPER AND DO MORE WORK FOR
CHURCHES, BUT THERE WAS PLENTY
OF WORK AS YOU HEARD.
THERE WAS CHURCHES AND STEPS AND
DOORS AND MASONRY.
>> THIS IS GREAT.
THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO
FOLLOW IT.
I KNOW I AM AS WELL.
SO THE UPDATE IS HELPFUL TO THE
FOLKS WATCHING.
BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S
IMPORTANT, AND I KNOW AT LOVE

FOLKS SUPPORTED THE CPA BECAUSE OF THE ROLE THAT THESE HISTORIC SITES PLAY WHEN IT COMES TO THE CITY OF BOSTON'S TOURIST INDUSTRY.

AND SO MUCH MORE.

AND THE PROGRAMMING AND THINGS OF THESE SPACES OFFER.

>> SO WE'RE GOING TO STICK WITH THAT POLICY GOING FORWARD UNTIL THE SJAC WEIGHS IN IN SOME OTHER WAY.

>> LASTLY, NOT TO BE CRITICAL, BUT -- MAYBE I AM BEING CRITICAL.

SO IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE THE STUDENTS HERE AND THE FOLKS FROM THE TWO SCHOOLS FOR THE PLAYGROUNDS.

I WANT US TO JUST BE MINDFUL OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES THAT THE CPA PROVIDES, PARTICULARLY FOR PROJECTS THAT DON'T HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE CITY OF BOSTON'S BUDGET.

SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THE HOUSING PROJECTS, IT'S OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR THE DEVELOPERS OR THOSE FOLKS TO GET FUNDING FROM D&D.

SOME OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS OBVIOUSLY WHEREAS WITH THE SCHOOL BUDGET, WE HAVE A VERY LARGE SCHOOL BUDGET, OVER \$1 BILLION.

I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT THERE'S ROOM WITHIN THAT BUDGET OR THERE SHOULD BE ROOM WITHIN THAT BUDGET TO MAKE SURE EVERY SCHOOL HAS A PLAY GROURND.

IT'S UNACCEPTABLE THAT THE OLDEST DID NOT HAVE A MAYGROUND AND HAD HAD TO WAIT FOR CPA FUNDS FOR A PLAYGROUND.

THE BUDGOATE IS -- I WANT US -- I WANT TO NOTE THIS IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT IN SOME WAY THAT WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE PROJECTS AND THIS IS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO BRING BACK TO THE COMMITTEE ARE REALLY LOOKING AT THOSE PROJECTS THAT DON'T HAVE MUCH -- HAVE ACCESS TO MUCH FUNDING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON'S BUDGET WHERE SOME

OTHERS HAVE AT LEAST A CLAIM TO SCHOOL FUNDING WHICH IS THE BIGGEST PIECE OF OUR BUDGET. AND I'D LIKE TO THINK THERE ARE RESOURCES IN THAT BUDGET FOR SOME OF THESE CAPITAL PROJECTS WHERE SOME OF THE HIS TOUR IS PRESERVATION, THE HOUSING PROJECTS, THAT DOESN'T NO EXIST OR IT'S VERY, VERY LIMITED.

COMMISSIONER COOK AND THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, VERY LIMITED BUDGET WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE AMOUNT OF GREEN SPACE AND PARKS THAT THEY HAVE TO MAINTAIN OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

SO I JUST WANTED TO FLAG THAT. AND I ALSO HEARD FROM SOME CONSTITUENTS WHO LOOK AT THIS, WHO FOLLOW THESE PROJECTS, AND WHO ALSO FLAGGED THAT AS A CONCERN.

SO I WANTED TO NAG THAT FOR YOU AND -- FLAG THAT FOR YOU AND THE COMMITTEE.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK CHRISTINE AND KERRY FOR STAYING LATE AND FOR YOUR WORK.

CHRISTINEING, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU TO CHRISTINE AND KERRY FOR YOUR WORK.

THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES AS WELL.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR ED FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR PRESIDENT CAMPBELL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

I WANT TO THANK YOU, CHRISTINE, FOR BEING VERY RESPONSIVE TO ALL THE -- ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND TO THE PUBLIC.

YOU'VE BEEN VERY PROFESSIONAL IN THIS WHOLE ORDEAL.

SO WE JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

WE ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO MAYOR WALSH AND HIS ADMINISTRATION FOR THEIR

LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.
I'M PROUD OF THE CITY FOR
ACCOMPLISHING THIS TASK AND FOR
ITS QUICK APPROVING OF THE
SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO
CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU
AGAIN AND JUST WANT TO SAY THANK
YOU TO YOU AND TO THE WALSH
ADMINISTRATION.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR 9.
COUNCILOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CHAIR.
I WANT TO SHARE MY THANKS.
I THINK IT'S ALL BEEN SAID
ALREADY.

MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOU,
CHRISTINE, FOR YOUR WORK HERE.
THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES.
ALL THE RESIDENTS THAT I SPEAK
TO CERTAINLY WITHIN MY DISTRICT
BUT THROUGHOUT THE CITY ARE VERY
EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS
FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
SO I'M JUST HAPPY THAT WE'RE AT
THIS STAGE IN THE PROCESS, AND I
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT
COMES NEXT.

SO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK.
THANK YOU AGAIN MR. CHAIR.
THANK YOU, CHRISTINE.
AND THANK YOU, KERRY, WHO IS
WATCHING.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE FOUR
OF YOU FOR STICKING -- I KNOW
IT'S BEEN A REALLY LONG, BUSY
DAY.

AND I THINK IT MEANS A LOT TO
PEOPLE WHO CAME AND TO US.
SO WE'RE SO APPRECIATE YOUR
SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT ON ALL
THIS.

>> I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK
COUNCILOR McCARTHY HERE,
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, AND
COUNCILOR SWK WHO HAD TO LEAVE.
AND YOU, CHRISTINE FOR YOU AND
YOUR TEAM AND YOUR PARTNERSHIP
ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN GREAT.

>> AND PLEASE KEEP SHOOTING
QUESTIONS AND IDEAS AND
PROPOSALS.

>> VERY GOOD.

WITH RESPECT TO DOCKET 0914

APPROPRIATION ORDER TOTAL AMOUNT
OF 8,035,000 FROM FISCAL YEAR
2018, COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
FUNDS, THE COMMITTEE ON THE CITY
COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION IS ADJOURNED.
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