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>> GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
WELCOME TO THE IANNELLA CHAMBER CHAMBER.
TODAY IS TUESDAY JULY 31, 2018.
I AM MATT O'MALLEY HERE TO DISCUSS DOCKET 1084 FOR COMMUNITY ON ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & PARKS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPAND GRANT OF \$90,000 AWARDED BY TD BANK FOR GARDENS AND AGREE SPACE.
THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MAYORS OFFICE, TRUSTEES AND TDBANK.
SUPPORTING THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS FOR 40 GARDENS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.
JOINED BY MICHAEL EVANS AND CHRIS CARTER FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.
AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THEM BOTH SHORTLY.
BOSTON HOME TO MORE THAN 10,000 GARDENERS AND 200 COMMUNITY GARDENS, 50 ACRES ACROSS THE CITY.
I GUESS THE NUMBER MIGHT BE CONSERVATIVE, THERE ARE PROBABLY MORE THAN 10,000 GARDENERS.
AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WE MUST ABSORB RAINWATER, REDUCE POLLUTION, ACCESS TO FRESH FOODS AND FOSTERING COMMUNITY.
I AM DELIGHTED TO SPEND TIMES AT THE SOUTH STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN IN JAMAICA PLAIN.
AND LAST MONTH DEDICATED A LIBRARY FOR ONE OF THE AMAZING FOUNDERS WHO PASSED AWAY A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.
THIS IS AS A NON-CONTROVERSIAL HEARING I WILL SHOW MY CARDS AND SAY, OF COURSE, I SUPPORT THIS AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUE ALSO

VOTE FOR THIS I HOPE YOU MAN
-- UNANIMOUSLY BUT IT SHOWS
THAT THERE IS SUPPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY GARDENS AND ONE THAT I
WANT TO SEE EXPANDED.
A LITTLE MONEY CAN GO A LONG
WAY.

GENTLEMEN, DO YOU WANT TO BRING
WITH OPENING COMMENTS OR
THOUGHTS AND GET INTO IT?

>> I SORT OF HAVE SOME LENGTHY
PARKS AND I HOPE THAT I DON'T
BORE EVERYONE.

FIRST OFF, WE WANTED TO THANK
YOU FOR GIVING US THE CHANCE TO
CHAT ABOUT THIS PROGRAM.
AND WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE WITH
IT.

JUST AS A BROAD OVERVIEW, THE
GRANT FROM TDBANK FUNDS A 3 YEAR
PRODUCT AND A

MASSACHUSETTS-BASED NONPROFIT
CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION.

THE AIM TO BOLSTER THE
CONNECTION BETWEEN COMMUNITY
GARDENS AND BOSTON RESIDENTS.
AND THE PROGRAM WILL ENGAGE AND
ENHANCE UP TO 40 GARDENS IN SIX
NEIGHBORHOODS IN BOSTON.

AND THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE
CITY-OWNED GREEN SPACES SUCH AS
FENWAY VICTORY GARDENS.

A LITTLE WAY HOW THIS CAME
ABOUT.

RECENTLY TD BANK FUNDED PROGRAMS
IN MIAMI, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW
YORK CITY THAT SUPPORT CITY
GREEN SPACES AND THE EXPANSION
OF THE URBAN TREE CANOPY.

AND ALSO PARTNERED WITH
ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE TRUST FOR
PUBLIC LAND TO CONNECT MORE CITY
RESIDENTS WITH THEIR PUBLIC
PARKS.

LAST YEAR THEY APPROACHED THE
MAYOR'S OFFICE ABOUT BRINGING A
SIMILAR PROGRAM TO BOSTON IN
WHICH THE CITY CAN COLLABORATE
WITH A NON-PROFIT PARTNER.

THEY CONNECTED WITH POTENTIAL
PARTNERS AND WERE IMPRESSED WITH
THE TRUSTEES.

THEY HAVE 56 COMMUNITY GARDENS
IN BOSTON WITH OVER 200,000

VISITORS EACH YEAR.
THEY HAVE SHOWN A GREAT
COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT AND TOP-FLIGHT
STEWARDSHIP.
AND WE JOINTLY WORK THIS PROGRAM
WITH THE TRUSTEES.
SO GET INTO IT A LITTLE BIT AND
THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM,
THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO MAIN
PARTS.
THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAM
INVOLVES SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE
DESIGN INSTALLATIONS FROM LOCAL
ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS FROM 2018
TO 2020.
EACH YEAR THE GRANT PROVIDES
\$30,000 TO FUND THREE TEAMS OF
DESIGNERS AND ARTISTS TO
IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY-FOCUSED
DESIGN INSTALLATIONS AT THREE
GARDENS AND CITY GREEN SPACES IN
BOSTON.
SO THAT INCLUDES DORCHESTER,
JAMAICA PLAIN, ROX BURY AND
FENWAY.
AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION, COMMUNITY DINNERS,
PERFORMANCES OR INTERACTIVE
PLAY.
EACH DESIGN TEAM HOSTS COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT EVENTS FOR THE
PROJECTS.
AND WE CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE
WITH BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION
AND DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT ON THESE PROJECTS
GOING FORWARD.
THE CITY SELECTS THE
PROMISING -- PROJECTS BY A CALL.
AND WE HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE
WORKING WITH LOCAL DESIGNERS AND
ARTIST TO PROTOTYPE OBJECTS TO
MAKE THE PUBLIC SPACES MORE
DELIGHTFUL, WELCOMING AND
INTUITIVE.
SINCE 2014, THESE PROJECT HE IS
HAVE RESULTED IN A WIDE VARIETY
OF THINGS, INCLUDING A PORTABLE
READING ROOM FOR NEIGHBORHOODS
AND GREEN SPACES.
THE ACTIVATION OF THE MEZZANINE
IN BOSTON CITY HALL WITH THE
BRIGHTLY COLORED SKATEBOARD TAPE

YOU MAY REMEMBER.
AND THE SERIOUS AT THE LIBRARY
AND THE PROJECT THAT TRANSFORMED
A STREETLIGHT CONTROL BOX INTO A
DUAL PIECE OF YOUR BAN FURNITURE
YOU CAN CHECK OUT AT THE MEETING
HOUSE.

FOR THE 2018 PROGRAM YEAR,
PROJECTS WILL BE INSTALLED AT
THE KNIGHTGALE GARDEN AND ONE IN
JAMAICA PLAIN AND THE FENWAY
COMMUNITY GUARDS ENTIRE.

AND WE WORKED TO FIND AREAS THAT
SUPPORT COMMUNITY EVENTS OF
30-50 PEOPLE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE
PROJECTS THAT WILL COME ABOUT, A
PAIR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
BUILDING A SOLAR-POWERED AND
UTILITIES GATHERING SPACE
INCLUDING TABLES, CHAIRS,
LIGHTING, CHALKBOARDS AND
CHARGING STATIONS THAT WILL BE
AT THE GRENADA GARDEN IN
JAMAICA PLAIN.

AND OTHER ARTISTS SHOW THE ROLE,
BUILDING POLLINATOR POTS WITH
NATIVE POLLINATOR FLOWERS TO
ATTRACT BEES AND BUTTERFLIES
THAT BENEFIT THE GARDENS.
AND ALSO INTERGENERATIONAL
CRAFT-MAKING PROJECTS FOR
GARDENS.

AND CELEBRATING THROUGH THE
INTERACTIVE THEATER PERFORMANCES
AND CREATION AND
INEXTRA -- INSTALLATIONS OF
BANNERS.

AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOCATIONS
FOR 2020 AND OPEN TO
SUGGESTIONS.

THREATS -- THAT'S THE FIRST
PARTS ABOUT 30,000 AND THE CITY
SELECTING ARTISTS.

AND THE SECOND PART RUN BY
TRUSTEES FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY
BUILDING AND WORKSHOPS
THROUGHOUT BOSTON.

THE TRUSTEES RECEIVE \$45,000
FROM TD BANK TO EXPAND COMMUNITY
BUILDING AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS
UP TO 40%.

AND THEY WILL ALSO PROVIDE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND

STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS
AND DESIGNERS INVOLVED IN
BUILDING THE DESIGN
INSTALLATIONS.

SO ANYWAY, BASICALLY THE CRUX OF
THAT PROGRAM IS THAT THE
TRUSTEES IN 2018 WILL HOLD 10
COMMUNITY BUILDING AND
SKILL-BUILDING WORKSHOPS.
AT ITS COMMUNITY GARDENS IN
DORCHESTER, EAST BOSTON, JAMAICA
PLAIN, MATTAPAN, ROCKSBURY,
MISSION HILL.

AND BASICALLY THE GIST IS THE
SKILL-BUILDING WORKSHOPS TEACH
PEOPLE TO GARDEN AND THE
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS PROVIDE
THINGS LIKE COMMUNITY POTLUCKS,
YOGA, THAT KIND OF THING.
SO SORT OF IN CONCLUSION, I
THINK OUR OFFICE IS REALLY
EXCITED ABOUT PUTTING OUR OWN
SPIN ON PUBLIC SPACE
INTERVENTIONS OVER THE YEARS AND
ARE EXCITED ABOUT OUR FIRST
EXTENDED ENGAGEMENT WITH
COMMUNITY GARDENS IN BOSTON AND
LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR
FEEDBACK AS WE DEVELOP THE
PROGRAMS.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DO YOU HAVE OPENING STATEMENTS
OR DID HE COVER IT ALL?

>> I THINK MICHAEL HAS IT ALL,
GREAT.

>> THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS I
WANTED TO DO.

FIRST BLUSH I ASSUMED IT WAS
GRANT MONEY TO HELP SEED AND
PLANT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
GARDENS BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT
INCORPORATING ARTS, COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT, SKILL-BUILDING AND
FUN INFRASTRUCTURE I AM EXCITED
THAT THEY ARE GETTING THE
SOLAR-POWERED -- IS IT A MODULE,
PV PANELLING ON THE ROOF?

>> IT SORT OF PACKS UP INTO THIS
THING THAT IT CAN GET TO AROUND.
A PROJECT CALLED TRAILER-MADE
AND THE IDEA IT CAN ACTUALLY
TRAVEL BETWEEN THE GARDENS.

>> GOTCHA.

>> IT INCLUDES ALL OF THE THINGS

YOU NEED TO MAKE A MAKE-SHIFT
COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE.
>> I LOVE IT.
>> AND WE HAVE 200 COMMUNITY
GARDENS ACROSS THE CITY
APPROXIMATELY?
>> THAT SOUNDS RIGHT.
I MEAN I'M NOT SURE OF THE
EXACT -- I KNOW THE TRUSTEES OWN
AND MAINTAIN 56 GARDENS.
>> CARRIE O'BRIAN IS GIVING ME
THE NOD.
IF SHE SAYS --
>> MORE THAN.
>> MORE THAN.
THIS IS OFF TOPIC BUT I THINK
SOMEWHAT PERTINENT, IS THERE A
DESIRE TO GROW THE NUMBERS?
I WOULD ASSUME THERE ARE WAIT
LISTS FOR ALL OF THEM.
THAT IS REALLY NOT YOU, I DON'T
WANT YOU ON THE SPOT IT IS
MECHANICS.
>> OUTSIDE OF THE PURVIEW OF
THIS PROJECT BUT AWARE OF IT
HAPPENING, SOME FROM THE FUNDS
COMING IN AND COMMUNITIES
RAISING THEIR HANDS FOR THAT.
POTENTIALLY IN YEARS TWO OR
THREE WE CAN WORK WITH GARDENS
THAT ARE MAYBE JUST GETTING
STARTED IN THIS PROGRAM.
>> THIS IS THE TOUGH QUESTION I
WILL END WITH.
I WANT BOTH OF YOU -- YOU CAN'T
SAY YOUR SAVE THING.
YOUR FAVORITE COMMUNITY GARDEN
IN THE COMMUNITY OF BOSTON.
>> EVEN THOUGH NOT IN MY
NEIGHBORHOOD THE FENWAY VICTORY
GARDENS IS AN HUGE SPACE TO GET
LOST IT.
AND THEN THE GARDEN WITH THE
RENEWAL TAKING DOWN BUILDINGS
AND A GARDEN RISING IN THE
SPACE, A BEAUTIFUL METAPHOR FOR
WHAT WE DO IN BOSTON.
>> I WALK THROUGH THE BERKELEY
COMMUNITY GARDENS A LOT BECAUSE
IT IS A NICE LITTLE OASIS IN THE
SOUTH END.
BUT WE HAD AN EVENT AT THE
NIGHTEN GAIL COMMUNITY GARDEN
AND IT HAS AN INCREDIBLE STORY.

BASICALLY THERE WAS A SCHOOL
THAT BURNED DOWN AND THEY ENDED
UP BUILDING THIS EXQUISITE
GARDEN THAT IS HUGE.
IT HAS AN AWESOME COMMUNITY
GATHERING SPACE.
THE GROUP OF GARDENERS THERE IS
VERY STRONG AND VERY
COMMUNITY-ORIENTED.
AT THIS POINT I KNIGHTEGGALE.
>> AND WHERE THEY DO THE CLAM
BAKE, MAYBE HAT THIS TIME I CAN
GET AN INVITATION.
I AM NOT MUCH OF A GARDENER
MYSELF, BUT I SEE HOW MUCH THEY
ADD TO OUR CITY.
AND PROBABLY THE ONLY
NON-CONTROVERSIAL DEVELOPMENT
HEARING HAS TO DO WITH COMMUNITY
GUARDS ENTIRE AND -- GARDENS AND
I WANT TO SEE MORE ON THIS.
WE PRESUMABLY VOTE TOMORROW
WHICH I AM URGING MY COLLEAGUES
TO DO.
IS IT STUFF FOR THIS SEASON --
>> IT IS THIS SEASON AND THEN
ALSO 2019 AND 2020.
>> BUT LIKE THE TRAILER-MADE IS
THAT THERE NEXT WEEK --
>> IN A FEW WEEKS IT SHOULD BE
THERE, YEAH.
>> GREAT.
THAT IS TERRIFIC.
MY TEAM IS HERE, WE SHOULD DO
OFFICE HOURS THERE SOME POINT
BEFORE THE SMR IS -- SUMMER IS
OVER.
THIS HAS BEEN UNDER YOUR
PURVIEW, MECHANICS, PARKS, IS
THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU
ADMINISTERED GRANTS FOR
SPECIFICALLY SOMETHING LIKE
THIS?
>> WE DEFINITELY HAVE DONE
PUBLIC SPACE WORK IN PARKS, THE
SOCIETY END LIBRARY PARK AND A
COUPLE OF OTHER ONES, BUT THIS
IS THE FIRST COMMUNITY GARDEN
SPACE FOR SURE.
>> I THINK IT IS A NATURAL
MARRIAGE THAT MAKES A LOT OF
SENSE AND I AM GLAD TO SEE ITLY
DO WHAT I CAN TO FOSTER MORE
THAN \$90,000.

THERE IS A LOT MORE YOU CAN DO
AND A LOT MORE PEOPLE YOU WANT
TO SERVE.

GENTLEMEN THAT IS ALL I HAVE
UNLESS THERE ARE CLOSING REMARKS
FROM ALL OF YOU.

>> NO.

>> ANY FOLKS WISHING TO TESTIFY
FROM THE PUBLIC?

I NEGLECTED TO MENTION THIS IS
Aired LIVED COMCAST 8, RCN 82
AND VERIZON AND STREAMED AT
BOSTON.GOV.

MY MOTHER LIKELY WATCHING ARE SO
HI, MOM.

HEARING FROM NO ONE ELSE, THE
HEARING ON ENVIRONMENT,
SUSTAINABILITY & PARKS IS HEREBY
ADJOURNED, THANK YOU.+++ATH0