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>> REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL.

I THANK COUNSELOR WU FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND LOOK FORWARD TO REVIEWING NEXT STEPS.

SINCERELY --

CAMPBELL.

>> OKAY.

SO JEFF IS BACK AS WELL TO DO THE OVER VIEW AND INTRODUCTION. WE WILL THEN HEAR FROM EACH OF OUR, MAYBE WHAT MAKES SENSE IS LET'S SEE HOW WE'RE DOING ON TIME.

I THINK IF WE CAN GO.

EACH CANDIDATE, WE CAN ASK QUESTIONS AND EACH CANDIDATE CAN INTRODUCE THEMSELVES WITH A GENERAL STATEMENT ON REAPPOINTMENT AND IF THERE ARE GENERAL QUESTIONS WE CAN TARGET ONE BY ONE OR OVER ALL.

JEFF, PLEASE.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR WOMAN, COUNSELORS.

I'M JEFF HAMPTON.

SENIOR ZONING PLANNER OF THE BOSTON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

I'M NOT A STAFF MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL.

HOWEVER I'M THE AGENCY'S I GUESS THE LIAISON TO THEM.

THE BPDA IS TASKED WITH MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN APPEAL BEFORE THEM.

THE BOARD OF APPEAL IS ALSO UNDER THE SAME ENABLING ACT AS THE BOSTON ZONING COMMISSION. THEIR JOB IS TO HEAR APPEALS FROM THE BOSTON ZONING CODE, ALSO THE STATE BUILDING CODE IN TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT A PROPOSED PROJECT.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS BODY FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

I KNOW THE WORK THAT THE BOARD DOES IS PAIN STAKING.

IT'S VERY CRITICAL TO THE

DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF  
THE CITY.

ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADD  
ABOUT THIS BOARD IS THAT THEY DO  
NOT SIT UP THERE ON TUESDAY  
MORNINGS.

THEY ACTUALLY -- AND JUST LISTEN  
TO TESTIMONY AND READ WHAT IS IN  
FRONT OF THEM.

THERE ARE SITE CYSTS, THERE ARE  
SITE CYSTS DAILY.

SO THEY GET BOTS ON THE GROUND  
AND SEW A PROPOSED PROJECT  
BEFORE THEM AFFECTING THE  
COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW BEFORE  
REAPPOINTMENTS BEFORE YOU -- I  
THINK THEY HAVE A FIRM GRASP ON  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY.

MADAM CHAIR WOMAN, ANY COMMENTS.

HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU.

>> I WANT TO READ THIS SECTION  
AND SUMMARIZE.

IT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED AS  
WELL.

WE HAVE SO MANY CANDIDATES FROM  
VARIOUS CATEGORIES.

AS WITH THE ZONING COMMISSION.

IT'S THE SAME LANGUAGE AND  
CATEGORIES, IS THAT RIGHT JEFF.

>> THE BOARD OF APPEAL HAS SEVEN  
SITTING MEMBERS AT THEIR  
HEARINGS.

THEY REPRESENT A VAST --

>> OKAY IF YOU BEAR WITH ME I  
WILL READ THROUGH THE ZBAs.

MEMBER SEVEN HERS AND SEVEN  
ALTERNATES.

ONE MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE  
MEMBER FROM OUT OF FOUR  
CANDIDATES NOMINATED THE GREATER  
BOSTON REAL ESTATE BOARD.

-- BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS.

-- FROM EIGHT OUT OF A POOL OF  
TWO FROM THE MASTER BUILDERS  
ASSOCIATION, TWO FROM THE  
BUILDING TRADES -- GENERAL  
CONTRACTORS OF MASS AND TWO FROM  
THE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF  
BOSTON.

ONE MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE OUT  
OF A POOL OF FOUR FROM THE.

ONE MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE  
SELECTED AT LARGE BY THE MAYOR.

AND TWO MEMBERS AND TWO ALTERNATES SELECTED BY THE MAYOR, EACH SERVING FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR AS A OFFICER OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR SIMILAR GOVERNING BODY OF A RESIDENTIAL ORGANIZATION, A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

PRIMARILY A RESIDENCE OF A SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD OF 25 MEMBERS ALLOWING ANY MEMBER TO JOIN AND HAVE A PRINCIPLE PURPOSE, HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS.

OR YOU COULD BE, YOU COULD OF SERVED FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR AS A MEMBER OF A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHING BY THE MAYOR AND CON SITS OF RESIDENTS OF A SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD AND HAS PURS POLL OF PRESERVATION OF QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

PROVIDED THAT ANY PERSON A POINTED FROM A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UNDER THE SECTION IS A RESIDENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTED BY THE ORGANIZATION.

TWO MEMBERS OF THESE NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS SHALL RESIDE AT THE TIME OF THEIR RESPECTIVE APPOINTMENTS IN DIFFERENT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

THE TWO ALTERNATE MEMBERS SHOULD BE RESIDE IN SEPARATE DISTRICTS ALSO AND ALL MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

JEFF, CAN YOU HELP CLARIFY THE REAPPOINTMENTS FALL UNDER EACH CATEGORY.

>> MADAM CHAIR WOMAN, I'M NOT STAFFED.

I'M STAFFED WITH THE BPDA.

>> OKAY.

WE WILL PRECEDE TO THE NOMINEES IN THE ORDER YOU WISH.

>> I'M CHRISTINA -- A RESIDENT OF ROSEN DALE.

I HAVE A MASTERS IN CITY PLANNING -- I WORK AS A PLANNER.

I SERVE IN THE ZONER BOARD EVER  
APPEALS FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.  
MOST RECENTLY AS CHAIR.  
I'M HERE REPRESENTING.  
THE MAYOR'S APPOINTEE FOR THE  
OPPOSITION.

>> GOOD MORNING I'M -- WE LIVE  
IN DORCHESTER AND A CHANGE OF  
ADDRESS WE MAY NEED TO DO.  
I SERVED ON THE BOARD, MY SECOND  
APPOINTMENT AND LOOKING FORWARD  
TO MOVING BOSTON FORWARD AND  
GROWING, GROWING CITY, THANK  
YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS --  
I'M SERVING AS A COMMUNITY  
RESIDENT POSITION.  
APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.  
I CURRENTLY RESIDE IN MISSION  
HILL AREA OF BOSTON.

I HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD, ZONING  
BOARD FOR OVER TEN YEARS.

>> GOOD MORNING COUNSELORS,  
MADAM CHAIR, I AM MARK FORTUNE.  
SITTING ON THE BOARD AS THE  
BUILDING EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
AND BUSINESS AGENT WITH THE --  
FOR 33 YEARS, 17 AS AN AGENT.  
I LIVE IN WEST ROXBURY, GREW UP  
IN DORCHESTER, MOVED TO JAMAICA  
PLANES AND NEVER LEFT THE CITY.  
GRADUATE OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SYSTEM AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

WE WILL GO TO QUESTIONS FROM  
COUNSELORS.

COUNSELOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU.

AS I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE THE AT  
LARGE CANDIDATE.

>> YES.

>> MAYOR'S A POINTY .

>> SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE.

AT LARGE, GREATER BOSTON REAL  
ESTATE BOARD APPOINTEE,  
COMMUNITY LIAISON AND BUILDING  
EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATE.

I THOUGHT, I WANTED TO THANK THE  
CHAIR FOR BRINGING THAT OUT.

WE HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT  
WHETHER IT'S A CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST AND SO ON AND SO FORTH.  
YOU WERE APPOINTED TO REPRESENT

CERTAIN PERSPECTIVES.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WAS CLEAR TO THE FOLKS THAT WROTE, MYSELF AND THE OTHER COUNSELORS.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO GO THROUGH NOW, FOR YOU TO WALK ME THROUGH HOW YOU COME TO YOUR DECISION.

I THINK ONE, I'M PUTTING IT OUT THERE, THE FLURRY OF E-MAILS AND PHONE CALLS I GOT ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR HEARING IS THE ZBA IS NOT ACTUALLY ASSESSING AND GOING THROUGH AND APPLYING THE STANDARDS FOR VARIANCE.

I MAYBE WRONG.

I'M HAPPY FOR YOU TO CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG.

I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE TO LOOK AT THE CONDITIONS OF TOPOGRAPHY, LOOK AT SUBSTANTIAL HARDSHIP AND MAKE SURE WITHOUT THIS VARIANCE THERE WOULD BE DETRIMENT TO THE PUBLIC GOOD.

THOSE ARE THE UNDERSTANDINGS OF VARIANCE FOR ME.

AM I MISSING ANYTHING?

SO IN MANY CASES WE HAVE SEEN A GREAT DEAL OF VARIANCES ARE GIVEN OUT.

MAYBE WE COULD WORK DOWN FROM EACH OF YOU HOW YOU APPLY THE STANDARDS WHEN YOU LOOK AT A VARIANCE.

>> SURE.

FOR ME I THINK ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PIECES IS THE SITE VISIT.

AS MEMBERS OF THE ZONING COMMISSION THERE IS A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER. I THINK THAT'S A IMPORTANT THING.

THE COMMISSION ALSO TALKS ABOUT THE ZONING CODE AND TALKS ABOUT HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON.

THOSE ARE THE LENSES I LOOK AT. WE LISTEN VERY CLOSELY, AS YOU KNOW, TO TESTIMONY THAT IS GIVE IN SUPPORT OR IN OPPOSITION TO A PROJECT.

THAT IS WHY I THINK IF YOU -- LISTEN TO US YOU SEE THAT I ASK PEOPLE TO GIVE NEW INFORMATION

EVERY TIME THEY ARE UP THERE.  
THINK THAT THE BARRIERS ARE THE  
TESTS ARE SET VERY HIGH.  
BECAUSE I THINK THE TOPOGRAPHY  
OF THE CITY IF YOU LOOK AT THAT  
IS, IS MOST IS DEALABLE EXCEPT  
WHEN YOU GET TO CASES OF PUTTING  
STONE, VERY STEEP SLOPES, MOST  
OF THE CITY IS BUILDABLE.  
IF YOU LOOK AT HARDSHIP WE DON'T  
DO A FISCAL TEST ON HARDSHIP.  
THAT'S IRRELEVANT IN OUR  
CONVERSATIONS IN ALL WAYS  
POSSIBLE.  
WE LOOK AT THE MERITS OF EACH  
CASE.  
WE TRY TO REACH A EQUITABLE  
DECISION.  
I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE  
UNHAPPY WITH OUR DECISIONS.  
I REGULAR THAT WHEN WE GO TO  
COMMUNITY MEETINGS, I GO TO  
COMMUNITY MEETINGS, NOT AS A  
BOARD OF APPEAL PERSON BUT  
WEARING MY REGULAR JOB HAT.  
YOU KNOW.  
I HEAR, I HEAR ABOUT THAT.  
I ALSO HAVE PEOPLE COME UP TO ME  
AND TALK ABOUT THE WAY THEY FELT  
HEARD AT THE MEETINGS.  
EVEN IF WE DID VOTE IN  
OPPOSITION TO THEIR CONCERNS.  
THEY FELT HEARD AND EXPRESSING  
THEIR THOUGHTS.  
THEY FELT WE ADDRESSED THEIR  
NEEDS.  
>> IT'S A GREAT QUESTION.  
I'M ACTUALLY THRILLED AND  
HONORED TO BE IN THIS POSITION.  
TAKE THIS JOB VERY SERIOUSLY.  
IT, FOR ME IS A CULMINATION OF  
ALL OF THE INPUT, ALL OF THE  
SITE CYSTS, ALL OF MY EXPERIENCE  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.  
YOU KNOW INPUT FROM RESIDENTS OF  
THE AREA THAT HELPED ME MAKE THE  
DECISION TO GO FORWARD.  
YOU KNOW WITH ANY CASE.  
WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THIS JOB IS  
IT'S A EACH CASE ON IT'S OWN  
MERITS.  
HAVE LEARNED TONS AND TONS AND  
TONS ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND  
PEOPLES PASSION.

I UNDERSTOOD THAT PEOPLES  
PASSION FOR DEVELOPMENT IS, IS  
VERY DIVIDING AND VERY, VERY  
DISTINCT.

PEOPLE ARE REALLY HAPPY OR  
THEY'RE REALLY UPSET.

AS CHRISTINE SAID IT'S BEEN AN  
AMAZING EXPERIENCE FOR ME TO  
WORK THROUGH THE PROCESS AND BE  
OPEN MINDED AND TO UNDERSTAND  
THAT IS PROCESS IS IMPORTANT TO  
THE GROWTH OF THE CITY AND SMART  
GROWTH OF THE SIT OWE.

I'M HONORED TO BE ON THE  
COMMITTEE AND WORK WITH GREAT  
COUNSELORS SUCH AS YOU GUYS AND  
UNDERSTAND THAT NEIGHBOR HOD  
INPUT IS IMPORTANT AND WANTS AND  
NEEDS OF THE CITY ARE IMPORTANT  
ALSO.

THANK YOU.

>> AS IT HAS BEEN STATED, BRUCE,  
I'M SORRY.

AS IT'S BEEN STATED MY PLACE, I  
BELIEVE, IS TO FIND A BALANCE  
BETWEEN COMMUNITY NEEDS, PUBLIC  
SAFETY, AND THE NEEDS OF -- FOR  
DEVELOPMENT.

THERE IS A BALANCE WHEN I SAY  
NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A  
COMMUNITY PERSON I RECOGNIZE  
THAT THERE IN PROPOSED  
DEVELOPERS OR SRUD AOULZ  
DEVELOPING OTHERWISE THAT THERE  
IS A BALANCE.

I DON'T THINK AS A MEMBER OF THE  
ZONING BOARD.

I CAN ALLOW SOMEONE TO THE RIGHT  
TO DEVELOP, IF YOU WILL AS IT  
BALANCES WITH THE DESIRES AS MR. GALVIN JUST SAID OF THE  
COMMUNITIES THAT ARE BEING  
CHANGED IN THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

I FIND IT SOMEWHAT, SOMEWHAT  
DIFFICULT IN WAYS BUT TO, TO  
BALANCE THE DESIRE OF THE  
COMMUNITIES AND -- AND THE  
DESIRES OF FOLKS WHO WANT TO  
COME IN AND DEVELOP,  
PARTICULARLY IN RESIDENTIAL  
AREAS.

SO, I DO APPRECIATE THE FACT  
THAT I, I AM ABLE TO BE PART OF  
THE RENOVATION OF PARTICULAR  
NEIGHBORHOODS.

IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD WITH URBAN  
RENEWAL THERE WAS A PARTICULAR  
SCURGE.

SOME FOLKS HAVE A CUT ONLIED  
THEMSELVES TO SEEING OPEN LOTS.  
I THINK THERE IS A PLACE FOR  
BETTER REUSE OF THE LAND AND  
HOPEFULLY I CAN BE PART OF THAT.  
THANK YOU.

>> MARK FORTUNE.

I'M THE SECRETARY.

I READ INTO THE DOCKET THE  
VIOLATIONS, THE PURPOSE.

ONE OF THE THINGS I REALLY  
LISTEN TO IS THE TESTIMONY, THE  
MAYOR'S OFFICE, THE COUNSELORS,  
THE REPRESENT TIS, OBVIOUSLY THE  
COMMUNITY.

WHAT HAS BEEN SAID, I THINK  
CHRISTINE PUT IT PERFECTLY TO  
ADD SOMETHING NEW TO IT.

I THINK IT'S ALL BEEN SAID.

WE DO LOOK AT THE MERITS OF THE  
PROJECT.

AGAIN NOT EVERYONE IS ALWAYS  
HAPPEN.

I LIVE IN WEST ROXBURY I HAVE  
PEOPLE COME TO ME AND SAY HOW  
CAN YOU APPROVE THAT.

IT'S BE RIGHT IN THE CHARACTER  
OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE LOOK AT THE MERIT OF THE  
PROJECT.

WE DO A LOT OF SITE VISIT TO  
GOING OUT THERE, MAKING SURE THE  
COMMUNITY IS HAPPY WITH THAT.

NOT ALL THE TIME THEY ARE,  
UNFORTUNATELY.

NOBODY WANTS TO SEE IT IN THEIR  
BACKYARD, THE OLD SAYING GOES.

AS WE EVERYONE HAS SAID UP HERE  
THE MERIT OF THE PROJECTS.

I THINK I HAVE BEEN QUOTED IN  
THE NEWSPAPERRERS WHERE SOME OF  
THE VIOLATIONS ARE TWO PAGES  
LONG AND THE PROJECT IS  
APPROVED.

IT GOES TO TESTIMONY AND HOW WE  
LOOK AT IT PACE I CANNILY THE  
MERITS OF THAT PROJECT.

THANK YOU.

>> I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE  
DOING MULTIPLE ROUNDS FOR  
EVERYONE.



I KNOW THERE IS A LOT GOING ON.  
COUNCIL FLAHERTY HAS BEEN HERE  
BEFORE AND SLIPPED OUT.  
NOW ANOTHER TIME COMMITMENT.  
I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE WOULD BE  
INTERESTED TO DEFER TO LET HIM  
GET A QUESTION IN.  
>> IS THAT OKAY?  
OKAY, THANK YOU COUNSELOR BAKER.  
QUICK QUESTION FROM COUNCIL  
FLAHERTY AND THEN BACK.  
>> THANK YOU FOR THE COURTESY  
COUNSELOR BAKER THROUGH THE  
CHAIR.  
IT'S GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE.  
I KNOW WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER  
FOR MANY YEARS.  
WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE A THOUSAND  
PERCENT OF THE TIME.  
I CAN SPEAK FOR EACH OF YOU,  
CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT, HOW PROUD YOU ARE  
TO BE BOSTONIANS AND THE FUTURE  
OF THE CITY.  
IN THE FRONT ROW SEAT YOU HAVE  
EVERY TUESDAY HELPING FOLKS THAT  
ELECT US AND FAMILY, FRIENDS AND  
NEIGHBORS AS WE SHAPE THE FUTURE  
OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE DENIALS  
AT TIMES.  
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME  
APPROVALS AT TIMES.  
AGAIN YOU DON'T ALWAYS BAT A  
THOUSAND UP THERE.  
I KNOW IT'S A TOUGH POSITION  
YOU'RE IN.  
WE ARE TOO TO GO BACK TO MY  
FORMER COLLEAGUE THE LATE GREAT  
BRIAN HONNEN.  
HE HATED GOING THERE ON  
TUESDAYS.  
HE SAID HE WOULD WIN A  
NEIGHBOR'S SUPPORT AND LOSE  
ANOTHER.  
IT WOULD BOTHER HIM.  
IF YOU KNEW HIM PERSONALLY AND  
HIS CHARACTER HE YOU KNEW HE  
ENJOYED HELPING PEOPLE.  
THAT'S A TOUGH SPOT PICKING  
BETWEEN NEIGHBOR A AND NEIGHBOR  
B.  
I CAN UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE  
YOUR DIFFICULTIES UP THIS.

ONE POINT OF THOUGHT, I KNOW  
THAT OFTEN TIMES PROJECTS ARE  
DEFERRED THIS.  
IS MORE OF A FUNCTION,  
ADMINISTRATIVELY, FOLKS ARE NOT  
RENOTICED.  
I HAVE ALWAYS HAD A PROBLEM  
WITH.  
THAT NEIGHBORS GET NOTICED.  
LEAFLETS AND FLYERS ARE SENT  
OUT.  
YOU GRIND IT DOWN.  
THEN THERE IS A MOTION FOR A  
DEFERRAL.  
IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT -- I  
THINK IN 2019 WE SHOULD BE ABLE  
TO SEND OUT ANOTHER MAILING  
NOTICE.  
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY GET A DATE  
THE FOLLOWING WEEK.  
IT'S A PET PEEVE OF MINE.  
PEOPLE SAY I DIDN'T KNOW.  
I KNEW IT WAS DEFERRED.  
I DIDN'T GET A NOTICE FOR THE  
NEW DATE.  
PEOPLE HAVE TO GET TIME OFF WORK  
AND DAY CARE.  
THEN THEY GET SOUR AND THINK THE  
CAKE WAS BAKED, THEY WERE  
HOODWINKED AND SOMEONE IS MAYING  
GAMES.  
THAT'S CASTS A SHADOW OVER THE  
PROCESS.  
WE KNOW IT'S NOT THE PROCESS.  
FOOTNOTE.  
I DON'T KNOW WHO IT'S YOU THIS  
THE CHAIR OR JEFF'S OFFICE.  
ANOTHER ASK FROM THIS COUNCIL  
THAT WHEN A MATTER IS DEFERRED  
THAT IS A NEW ROUND OF MAILINGS  
OR NOTICES GO OUT TO THE  
APPLICANT, PROPONENT AND THE  
DIRECT ABUTTERS SO EVERYONE IS  
HEARD.  
THAT SAID, I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT  
YOUR REAPPOINTMENT, I LOOK  
FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER  
AGAIN AS WE SHAPE OUR CITY.  
I WILL GO ON THE RECORD, I DON'T  
REMEMBER A TIME SERVING ON THE  
COUNCIL WHERE WE HAVE HAD A  
REPRESENTATIVE FROM EAST BOSTON  
ON THE COMMITTEE.  
I COULD BE WRONG.

NO PERSON OR NAME JUMPS OUT.  
I'M PROUD TO OFFER SUPPORT TO  
THE TWO GENTLEMEN IN THE  
AUDIENCE THAT WILL COME UP AFTER  
YOU FOLKS.

I HAVE TO STEP OUT TO A PREVIOUS  
ENGAGEMENT.

I CAN SPEAK ABOUT THEIR  
COMMITMENT TO THE KPHOUP.

I HAVE KNOWN THEM FOR YEARS, I  
KNOW THEIR FAMILIES.

I KNOW HOW ACTIVE AND ENGAGED  
THEY ARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND  
MAYBE HOOD.

GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANCE ON IT I  
THINK COUNSELOR EDWARDS CAN  
SPEAK TO THIS.

GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT  
IN EAST BOSTON IT'S SORT OF THE  
NEW, THE HOT PLACE, IF YOU WILL  
THAT EVERYONE IS TRYING TO DO  
WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IN OTHER  
PARTS OF THE CITY.

MY NEIGHBORHOOD INCLUDED.  
HAVING TWO INDIVIDUALS WILLING  
TO SERVE AND REPRESENT THEIR  
COMMUNITY AND THE CITY IN THAT  
CAPACITY.

I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT JOE AND ED  
WITH THE FOLKS IN FRONT OF ME.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNSELOR BAKER.

>> THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.

THANK YOU FOR THE WORK ON THE  
ZONING BOARD.

CHRISTINE, MAYBE IT'S YOU, YOU  
ARE THE CHAIR.

IS THERE NO DIFFERENT ROLL  
BETWEEN THE AT LARGE AND THE  
REAL ESTATE OR THE LABOR?

MONTH DIFFERENT RULE IT'S JUST  
YOU COMING FROM THAT STAKE  
HOLDER AREA?

>> YES.

WE, WE, I THINK WE COMPLIMENT  
EACH OTHER IN MANY WAYS.

BECAUSE I THINK WE, AS WE  
QUESTION THE APPLICANTS WE, WE  
BRING A LITTLE DIFFERENT VIEW  
POINT TO THE QUESTION.

SO, NOBODY RAISES THE FLAG AND

SAYS WE ARE SO AND SO.  
THERE IS A LEVEL AT THE QUESTION  
LEVEL WERE VERY SPECIFIC P THE  
TIMES OF QUESTIONS WE ASK.  
>> OKAY.  
YOU MENTIONED A LITTLE BIT  
EARLIER, I'M NOT PICKING ON YOU.  
YOU'RE THE CHAIR SO A LITTLE  
EARLIER YOU TALKED ABOUT THE  
HARDSHIPS.  
SO THE VARIANCES ARE SUPPOSE TO  
BE OR WHAT WE HEAR, THEY'RE  
SUPPOSE TO PROVE HARDSHIP.  
CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT AND WHAT  
THAT MAY MEAN.  
YOU ALSO SAID YOU DON'T DEAL  
WITH THE HARDSHIP.  
CAN YOU TIE THAT TOGETHER MORE.  
>> YES THE HARDSHIP OF BUILDINGS  
VERSUS THE HARDSHIP I NEED TO  
MAKE A FINANCIAL GAIN ON THIS  
PROJECT.  
WE DO NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THAT  
FINANCIAL GAIN.  
IT'S NOT RELEVANT TO US.  
>> ON THE PROPONENTS PART.  
>> THE PROPONENTS PART.  
ALL OF US AS BOSTON RESIDENTS  
ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW OUR  
NEIGHBORHOODS GROW AND EVOLVE,  
ETCETERA, WE COME WITH THAT  
SPECIFIC VOW POINT.  
WHICH MAYBE DIFFERENT FROM A  
DEVELOPER WHO MAY OR MAY NOT  
LIVE IN THE SIT OWE LOCKING TO  
MAX HIGHWAYS THEIR PROFIT.  
WE TROY TO KEEP CLEAR OF THE  
DISCUSSIONS AND FOCUS ON THE  
PROJECT AND NOT AT ALL ON THE  
FINANCIAL PIECE OF IT.  
WHEN THE TEAM COMES IN AND SAYS  
WE SPENT 14 MILLION.  
WE NEED 900 UNITS WE DON'T  
REALLY.  
>> WE DON'T CARE.  
WE'RE LOOKING AT THE NUMBER OF  
VARIANCES THEY REQUEST.  
THE -- THE DENSITY THAT THEY'RE  
PROPOSING.  
YOU KNOW THE PARKING, LACK THERE  
OF.  
YOU KNOW ALL OF THOSE THINGS  
THAT GO TOGETHER TO MAKE A  
COMMUNITY WORK.

>> YES.  
THANK YOU.  
SO THE LAST TIME I WAS AT THE,  
AT THE BOARD IT WAS -- YOU  
MENTION IT DID EARLIER HOW YOU  
TROY NOT TO LET THE SAME POINT  
COME UP.  
I WAS SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF, OF A  
PROJECT THAT I THINK IS A GREAT  
PROJECT STILL.  
THERE ARE PROBABLY 12 PEOPLE  
LINED UP TO SAY THE SAME THING.  
I APPRECIATE YOU LET TWO OR  
THROW SAY WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY  
AND CUT THEM OFF.  
DIDN'T CUT THEM OFF BUT YOU WERE  
FIRM.  
>> TUESDAY FEELS LIKE A MENTAL  
MARATHON TO ALL OF US.  
WE HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION AND  
ENGAGE.  
WE SIT UNTIL WE GET THROUGH OUR  
CASES.  
WE'RE ALERT THE ENTIRE TIME.  
>> YES.  
YES.  
WE TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT -- MARK,  
DID YOU GO TO TECH?  
YOU SAID BOSTON, BOSTON TECH?  
>> UNFORTUNATELY MY SCHOOL IS NO  
LONGER HERE.  
JAMAICA PLANE HIGH SCHOOL.  
>> MY HIGH SCHOOL IS NOT HERE  
EITHER.  
SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO US.  
I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT.  
I HAVE BEEN ON HERE, MY EIGHTH  
YEAR NOW.  
MY FIRST TWO YEARS WE MAY OF HAD  
FIVE OR SIX APPEALS IN TWO  
YEARS.  
THEN, SO THIS LAST, THIS LAST --  
I DON'T THINK.  
A LOT IS THE PHAOUPT OF  
PROJECTS COMING THROUGH.  
I LOOK AT IT IN A SENSE MY  
NEIGHBORHOOD WAS TOTALLY LOOKED  
BEYOND.  
NO INVESTMENTS, NOBODY PAINTED A  
HOUSE GOING ON.  
NOW TO SEE THE NEW WINDOWS GOING  
ON.  
AS WE HAVE INVESTMENT IN MY  
NEIGHBORHOOD DOES COME WITH

SOME, SOME I THINK CHALLENGING,  
CHALLENGING BYPRODUCTS.

I THINK SPEAKING FROM DISTRICT 3  
LOOKS BETTER.

A LOT IS DUE TO YOUR STEWARD  
SHIP MAKING SURE THAT WE, THAT  
THESE PROJECTS DO FIT INTO THE  
FABRIC OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
WE TALK ABOUT HOW THEY INTERACT  
WITH THE COMMUNITY.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

I DON'T NECESSARILY ENVY YOUR  
ROLL.

YOU CAN PROBABLY SAY THE SAME  
FOR MY ROLL.

THANK YOU.

I WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF ALL OF  
YOUR APPLICATIONS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR.

>> COUNSELOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK.

-- THE JOB YOU HAVE ALL TAKEN ON  
IN THE INTEREST OF THE CITY AND  
FELLOW RESIDENTS.

THANK YOU FOR.

THAT IT IS REALLY INCREDIBLE TO  
SEE IN THE FIVE AND A HALF YEARS  
I HAVE BEEN ON THE BODY THE  
GROWTH OF DEVELOPMENT, THE  
BOMBING ECONOMY OF THE SITEDY OF  
BOSTON.

A LOT OF THAT ENDS UP IN THE  
HEARING ROOM.

I THINK EACH OF YOU HAS DONE A  
PHENOMENAL JOB OF BALANCING  
THOSE COMPETING INTERESTS MAKING  
SURE NEIGHBORS OF THE PROPOSALS  
ARE HEAD.

I BELIEVE MADAM CHAIR, YOU SAID  
THIS AND OTHERS DID AS WELL.

THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO MAKE SURE  
THEY HAVE THE FORUM TO HAVE A  
VOICE HEARD.

IT DOESN'T ALWAYS GO THEIR WAY.

I FEEL SIMILARLY.

IF I'M IN FRONT OF OTHER BODIES.

IF THIS IS A CITY BASED ON  
TRANSPARENT AND COMMUNITY TO  
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD  
IS IMPORTANT.

THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT AND  
THANK YOU FOR BEING THOUGHTFUL  
ON THE ISSUES.

IT'S EASY TO SAY, NO.  
TO GIVE INTO SOMETIMES AN  
AVALANCHE OF CALLS AND E-MAILS  
FROM SOME OF US AND OTHERS.  
IF WE DID THAT THE CITY WOULDN'T  
MOVE FORWARD.  
WE COULDN'T BE YOKING.  
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT.  
FOR YOUR HARD WORK.  
I HAVE ONE QUESTION THOUGH.  
IT RELATES TO OUR CONTINUING  
GROWING INDUSTRY OF CANNABIS IN  
THE CITY OF BOSTON.  
WE'RE AT SORT OF A POINT NOW  
THINGS ARE GETTING THROWN TO  
YOUR LAP.  
SOMETIMES INTO OURS WITHOUT  
CLEAR GUIDANCE.  
CAN YOU SPEAK BROADLY TO HOW YOU  
ARE EVALUATING THAT.  
HAVE YOU ADDRESSED THE ISSUES OR  
SOME ISSUES OF MULTIPLE  
APPLICANTS IN THE SAME  
NEIGHBORHOOD COME BEFORE THE  
DBA.  
HOW IS THIS WORKING?  
IS THIS IN PROCESS THOU.  
I TELL YOU, I HEAR ABOUT IT FROM  
MY CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS.  
FROM ANY NEIGHBORS, PRO PONE  
-BTS OF THE PROJECTS.  
ANYTHING YOU CAN SHED LIGHT ON  
THAT.  
>> I WOULD LIKE TO DEFER TO  
CHRISTINA.  
>> OVER THE YEARS WHEN I HAVE  
SET ON THE BOARD THIS ARE BEEN  
MANY APPLICATIONS COMING THROUGH  
THAT WE HAVE APPROVED.  
NOT ALL MATURE INTO ACTUAL  
CONSTRUCTION.  
YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW THAT.  
SO AS FAR AS THE -- BECAUSE WE  
KNOW WE HAVE ONE PROJECT AT  
LEAST ONE PROJECT AHEAD OF US,  
YOU KNOW I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE  
THEM THE COURTESY OF A DUE  
PROCESS TO HEAR THROUGH WHAT  
THEY HAVE TO SAY AT THE HEARING  
IN JULY.  
SO I'M TRYING NOT TO PREDISPOSE  
THIS BOARD IN ANYWAY.  
TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND TO THE  
PROPOSAL AND THE APPLICATION.

>> NOW I WON'T BE LABOR THE POINT.  
I REALIZE THIS ISN'T YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.  
RATHER THE SITUATION HASN'T BEEN CREATED WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.  
IT'S SOMEWHAT UNINTENDED COPS QUESTIONS OF A GOOD PROGRESSIVE PIECE OF LEGISLATION.  
ONE THING I OFTEN HERE IS OUR CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS AT LEAST IN MY DISTRICT FEEL CHALLENGED AND FEEL IT'S A RACE TO THE DBA.  
THEY WANT A TONIGHT TO VET THE APPLICANTS.  
MAYBE A LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION RATHER THAN PUTTING IT IN YOUR LAP.  
TO THE EXTENT MOVING FORWARD IT CAN BE A SITUATION WHERE MAYBE EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD HEARD AT THE SAME TIME, SAME DAY, THAT A SORT OF APPROACH.  
TO PUT THAT IN YOUR EAR.  
I THINK THE RESIDENTS I REPRESENT.  
EVEN THE FOLKS AGAINST CANNABIS ACKNOWLEDGE THESE ENTITIES ARE COMING TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.  
THEY WANT TO LAY THEIR TRADITIONAL ROLL.  
WHETHER IT'S A RESTAURANT, BAR OR DEVELOPMENT IN SHARING THEIR VOWS WITH THE GOLFING AGENCIES.  
>> WE DO ASK ABOUT SECURITY.  
WE DO ASK ABOUT WAITING AREAS.  
YOU KNOW AS I HAVE DRIVEN BY THE FACILITY IN BROOKLINE.  
THEY HAVE ACCOMODATE FRONT OFF THE STREETS INTO THE WALKS.  
WE ASK ALL OF THE QUESTIONS.  
BECAUSE THEY'RE IMPORTANT TO QUALITY OF .  
ANY NEIGHBORHOOD BE IT HIGHLY COMMERCIAL OR LESS COMMERCIAL.  
THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE PAY A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ATTENTION.  
TO.  
>> THANK YOU WITH THAT I ALSO HAVE ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT.  
I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THE REAPPOINT PHEPTS.  
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR AN OFTEN



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THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR ZAKIM.

I HAVE ONE QUESTION FROM  
SOMEONE, A CON AT THIS TIME UNIT  
ON SOCIAL MEDIA -- CONSTITUENT  
ON SOCIAL MEDIA ON THE WEIGHT  
YOU GIVE TO COMMUNITY FEEDBACK.  
YOU MENTION THE FACTORS YOU  
CONSIDER.

IS THERE A TEMPLATE OF 30%, 30%,  
30%.

WHEN DO YOU DECIDE TO TAKE THE  
COMMUNITY FEEDBACK.

>> GO AHEAD.

>> I GUESS IT'S TOUGH TO GAUGE.

INDIVIDUALS COME IN --

THEY GIVE A DIFFERENT VIEW.

THERE IS ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO  
IS UPSET ABOUT PARKING.

SO I WILL GAUGE AS A MEMBER.

I WILL GAUGE THAT.

TAKE THE TESTIMONY INTO ACCOUNT.

OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE VARIANCES.

YOU KNOW IF THEY'RE WITHIN YOU  
KNOW THE RULES OF BEING ABLE TO  
SUPPORT OR NOT SUPPORT I ALSO  
LOOK AT.

THAT

>> I CONCUR.

IT'S SOMETIMES DIFFICULT FOR  
PEOPLE WHO HAVE OTHER THINGS TO  
DO WITH THEIR TIME COME IN WITH  
COMPLAINTS AND WEIGHING THEIR  
COMPLAINT AGAINST THE  
REGULATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ZONING IT'S TOUGH TO SAY WELL AS  
LONG AS THIS ISN'T BROKEN I  
CAN'T REALLY INVOLVE MYSELF.

WHEN I SAY INVOLVE MYSELF I  
CAN'T VOTE AGAINST OR FOR A  
PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT.

I CONCUR WITH MY FELLOW ZONING  
BOARD MEMBERS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I THINK WHAT PEOPLE TYPICALLY  
SEE IN THE ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEAL HEARING ROOM IS A  
SNAPSHOT OF WHAT REALLY THE  
WHOLE PROCESS IS.

I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, I THINK  
THAT OUR SITE CYSTS AND OUR  
COMMITMENT TO LISTENING TO

PEOPLE AND BEING OPEN MINDED AND  
OUR UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFERENT  
NEIGHBORHOODS AND THEIR APPROACH  
AND YOU KNOW I THINK THAT HAS  
BEEN BENEFICIAL TO ALL.

THINK CHRISTINE DOES AN AMAZING  
JOB BALANCING 47 PEOPLE WANTING  
TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO  
SOMETHING.

YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW BALANCING  
THOSE ACTS.

THINK AS WE HAVE SEEN IN THE  
CITY THIS IS A VERY DIVISIVE  
SITUATION.

ANYTHING TO DO WITH DEVELOPMENT  
IS DIVISIVE.

YOU CAN STAND AT A COFFEE SHOP,  
SOMEONE CAN COMPLAIN ABOUT  
DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
YOU SAY WHAT ARE YOU TALKING  
ABOUT.

THEY SAY SOMEONE IS TRYING TO  
PUT 28 UNITS ON THE LOT.

YOU CAN TURN THE OTHER WAY AND  
SOMEONE SAYS, I AGREE SOMEONE IS  
TRYING TO BUILD A SINGLE FAMILY  
NEXT TO MY HOUSE.

IT'S A HOT BUTTON ISSUE.

WE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION OUR  
EXPERIENCE, OUR UNDERSTANDING OF  
THE CITY, OUR UNDERSTANDING OF  
HOW THE PROCESS WORKS.

WE DO KNOW BY THE TIME THEY HAVE  
GOTTEN TO US AT THE ZONING BOARD  
OF APPEAL THERE IS A THOROUGH  
NEIGHBORHOOD ROBUST PROCESS.

>> IF I MAY WE WORK AS A TEAM.

WE MAKE OUR DECISIONS AS  
INDIVIDUALS.

I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT KEY  
AS WELL.

WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT NOT TO  
SHARE OUR VIEW OF ELEPHANT IF  
YOU WILL.

MAKE IT BASES, EACH OF OUR  
DECISIONS BASED ON THE  
INFORMATION GIVEN TO US.

>> JUST TO PICK UP ON WHAT THE  
REST OF THE TEAM HAS SPOKEN  
ABOUT IS THAT WE, I DON'T THINK  
WE CAN TAKE A PIE CHART AND  
QUANTIFY IT.

YOU KNOW WE DO SPEND A LOT OF  
TIME LISTENING.

