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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT IS 6:02 PM, WELCOME, ALL.
WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD ORDER.
>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE ENYIA ABSENT.
>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE STRAW.
TRUSTEE WESLEY.
PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.
I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.
I WILL BE MOVING NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER THE PROCLAMATION THIS EVENING.
MOTION, PLEASE.
>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.
ALL IN FAVOR?
>> AYE.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 12 OF 2024 AND MARCH 19, 2024.
MOTION, PLEASE?
>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTIONED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>> HEARING NO NAY'S, THE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED.
WE HAVE THREE REALLY WONDERFUL PROCLAMATION THIS EVENING.
I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HOLI
FESTIVAL OF COLORS.
IN MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> MOTION BY TRUSTEE PARAKKAT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.
I HAVE ASKED TRUSTEE PARAKKAT IF YOU WOULD PLEASE READ THIS
PROCLAMATION ALLOWED FOR US THIS EVENING.
I WILL, THANK YOU.
TRUSTEE PARAKKAT?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: OKAY.
HOLI, FESTIVAL OF COLORS, APRIL 2024.
REALLY?
OKAY.

WHEREAS, HOLI, THE JOYOUS FESTIVAL OF COLORS, REPRESENTS THE ARRIVAL
OF SPRING, THE TRIUMPH OF GOOD OVER EVIL, AND THE CELEBRATION OF
UNITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE DATE OF THE FESTIVAL VARIES ANNUALLY, DETERMINED BY THE
LUNAR CYCLE, SIGNIFYING THE DYNAMIC AND EVER-CHANGING NATURE OF THIS
CHERISHED TRADITION; AND

WHEREAS, HOLI IS ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED FESTIVALS IN SOUTH ASIAN
COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF
EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND FOSTERING CULTURAL APPRECIATION WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS OUR COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS,
INCLUDING THOSE WITH SENSORY SENSITIVITIES, FEEL INCLUDED AND CAN
PARTAKE IN THE FESTIVITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE ITS UPCOMING
HOLI CELEBRATION, TO BE HELD ON APRIL 14TH, FEATURING A VARIETY OF
ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING:

OUTDOOR FESTIVAL OF COLOR: EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT AND VIBRANCY OF HOLI THROUGH A LIVELY CELEBRATION OF COLORS, WHERE PARTICIPANTS CAN ENGAGE IN TRADITIONAL COLOR THROWING TO EXPRESS JOY AND CAMARADERIE.

CULTURAL FOOD DELIGHTS: DELIGHT IN A CULINARY JOURNEY SHOWCASING THE DIVERSE AND FLAVORFUL CUISINE OF INDIA, OFFERING A RANGE OF DELECTABLE DISHES FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

INCLUSIVE COLORING STATION: FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY PREFER NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COLOR THROWING ASPECT OF HOLI OR HAVE SENSORY SENSITIVITIES, WE OFFER AN INCLUSIVE COLORING STATION. HERE, PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVITY BY COLORING VIBRANT HOLI-THEMED DESIGNS, PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO ENGAGE IN THE FESTIVITIES.

CULTURAL MUSIC: IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE ENCHANTING MELODIES OF TRADITIONAL INDIAN MUSIC, CREATING A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE AND INSPIRING MOMENTS OF JOY AND CELEBRATION.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SUPPORTS THE CELEBRATION OF HOLI, AND NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAVI PARAKKAT, ON BEHALF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 14TH AS THE DAY OF OUR HOLI CELEBRATION AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN US IN EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF UNITY, DIVERSITY, AND JOY. LET US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE HOLI, HONORING OUR SHARED VALUES OF INCLUSIVITY AND CULTURAL APPRECIATION. DATED THIS NINTH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: APPRECIATE THAT PROCLAMATION AND THANK YOU FOR READING IT FOR US, TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ARBOR DAY, APRIL 26, 2024.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE WESLEY.

I HAVE ASKED TRUSTEE BUCHANAN IF SHE WOULD PLEASE READ THIS PROCLAMATION ALLOWED FOR US THIS EVENING.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: ALRIGHT. ARBOR DAY, APRIL 26, 2024.

WHEREAS, IN 1872, J. STERLING MORTON PROPOSED TO THE NEBRASKA BOARD OF AGRICULTURE THAT A SPECIAL DAY BE SET ASIDE FOR THE PLANTING OF TREES, AND THIS HOLIDAY, CALLED ARBOR DAY, WAS FIRST OBSERVED WITH THE PLANTING OF MORE THAN A MILLION TREES IN NEBRASKA AND IS NOW OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE NATION AND THE WORLD AND SPECIFICALLY IN ILLINOIS SINCE 1887; AND

WHEREAS, TREES REDUCE EROSION, REDUCE HEATING AND COOLING COSTS, MODERATE THE TEMPERATURE, CLEAN THE AIR, PRODUCE OXYGEN AND PROVIDE HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE, AND ARE A RENEWABLE RESOURCE GIVING US PAPER, WOOD FOR CONSTRUCTION, FUEL FOR ARE FIRES AND COUNTLESS OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS; AND

WHEREAS, TREES IN THE VILLAGE INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES, ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF BUSINESS AREAS, BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY, AND WHENEVER THEY ARE PLANTED, PROVIDE A SOURCE OF ENJOYMENT; AND

WHEREAS, OAK PARK HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A TREE CITY USA BY THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION FOR FORTY YEARS AND RECOGNIZED AS A TREE CITY USA GROWTH AWARD DESIGNEE FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS AND DESIRES TO EMPHASIZE TREE-PLANTING BY FOCUSSING ON TREE PLANTING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE FORESTRY DIVISION WILL SPONSOR A COMMEMORATIVE TREE CELEBRATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK AT MILLS PARK ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024, AS ARBOR DAY, COMMEMORATED BY A CELEBRATORY EVENT AT MILLS PARK AT 1:00 P.M. AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR EXISTING TREES, ASSIST THE VILLAGE'S FORESTRY PROGRAM, AND PLANT TREES TO GLADDEN THE HEARTS AND PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.
ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: - -
[APPLAUSE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELL DONE.
VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, I DID NOT ASK IF WE HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS OR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR ANY OF THE PROCLAMATIONS THIS EVENING?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: LOOKS LIKE WE DO.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, ROBERT SPROULE.

>>ROB SPROULE: AS FORMER FORESTRY SUPERINTENDENT VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE UPCOMING ARBOR DAY AND I ONLY WANT TO MENTION BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN UPDATED SINCE THE PROCLAMATION.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE PARTNERING WITH D 97, BROOKS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR OUR ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION.

I WILL BE MEETING WITH THE BROOKS MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB ON APRIL 16 TO DO A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT WHY TREES ARE IMPORTANT AND WE HAVE INVITED THEM TO ATTEND THE EVENT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26 WHERE THEY WILL BE ASSISTING WITH THE TREEPLANTING AND FORESTRY STAFF WILL ACTUALLY BE DOING A TREE CLIMBING COMPETITION AS WELL.

REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE UPCOMING EVENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

THAT IS WONDERFUL.

DOCTOR WALKER, ANYTHING ELSE?

I THINK SHE IS COMING DOWN.

THE PROCLAMATION HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE EVENTS FOR HOLI.

>>DR. WALKER: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

I WANT TO TAKE TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT CAME OUT TODAY, THE WONDERFUL PLANNING COMMITTEE THAT HAS REALLY BROUGHT THE HOLI EVENT TO LIFE INSTRUMENT IS GRATITUDE OF HOW WE AS A COMMUNITY CONTINUE TO EXPAND UPON REALLY ELEVATE SO MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY SO I AM ABSOLUTELY THRILLED AND EXCITED FOR THE EVENT THIS SUNDAY, THE WEATHER IS LOOKING GOOD! SO THIS IS DEFINITELY GOING TO BE AN EVENT THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS, BUT AGAIN, TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESPECT AND GRATITUDE FOR THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF OUR SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY THAT CAME TOGETHER AND PUT FORTH SUCH A PHENOMENAL EVENT WITH SO MUCH PASSION AND EXCITEMENT TO SHARE THEIR CULTURE WITH THE GREATER OAK PARK COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THEM IF THEY ARE HERE?

DO YOU WANT TO STAND UP?

THEY'RE IN THE BACK?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

IT IS GOING TO BE A PACKED WEEKEND.

I KNOW THE CLERK HAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR US FOR ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAY AS WELL.

DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT NOW?

YOU HAVE AN AUDIENCE.

>>CLERK: THERE WILL BE A NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP THAT FOLKS CAN SIGN UP FOR AND WE WILL BE STARTING AT VILLAGE HALL AND TRAVEL SOMEWHAT DOWN MADISON AND AUSTIN.

THERE IS A LINK ON THE WEBSITE FOR IT.

IT IS ABOUT 8:30 A.M. WITH A SMALL BREAKFAST AND WE WILL HEAD OUT TO THE STREETS AT 9:00 A.M. AND IT WILL BE ABOUT FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 O'CLOCK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

THAT IS ON SATURDAY, HOLI ON SUNDAY AND WE WILL LOOK LATER IN THE MONTH FOR ARBOR DAY AND VERY GOOD.

NEXT WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF PASTOR KATHY NOLTE FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

A MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH GREAT APPRECIATION THAT WE JOIN ALL OF OAK PARK IN CELEBRATING PASTOR KATHY NOLTE UPON HER RETIREMENT AS LEAD PASTOR OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH AFTER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE; AND

WHEREAS, PASTOR KATHY NOLTE HAS PROVIDED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE GREATER OAK PARK COMMUNITY THROUGH INVOLVEMENT WITH CROP WALK, HOUSING FORWARD, BEYOND HUNGER, COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS, POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND WITH THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER; AND

WHEREAS, PASTOR KATHY REIMAGINED AND LED NEW WAYS OF MAINTAINING COMMUNITY AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC WITH GRACE AND PERSERVERANCE; AND

WHEREAS, PASTOR KATHY NOLTE LED THE REBUILDING OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH FACILITIES FOLLOWING A FIRE WHICH RENDERED THE BUILDING UNUSABLE FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, PASTOR KATHY HAS PROVIDED SERVICE TO OTHER CONGREGATIONS THROUGH LEADERSHIP WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, AS CONFERENCE DEAN, AND THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS WITH AREA CLERGY AND THEIR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING KIDZ EXPRESS AND BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH; AND WHEREAS, PASTOR KATHY NOLTE EXEMPLIFIES LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE BY OPENING THE DOORS AND RALLYING THE SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY TO RESPOND TO NEEDS OF OUR ASYLUM SEEKING NEIGHBORS AND THE UNHOUSED WHO LIVE AMONG US; AND

WHEREAS, PASTOR KATHY NOLTE'S WORK OF LEADING AND SERVING WILL CONTINUE AS SHE ASSUMES A FULL TIME ROLE AS ASSOCIATE TO THE BISHOP OF THE METROPOLITAN CHICAGO SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA; AND

WHEREAS, PASTOR KATHY NOLTE HAS DEMONSTRATED FOR ALL OF OAK PARK UNPARALLELED LEADERSHIP FOCUSED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH GREAT COMPASSION AND STRENGTH; AND

WHEREAS, ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, WE EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO PASTOR KATHY NOLTE FOR HER IMPACTFUL TENURE AS LEAD PASTOR OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH IN OAK PARK, ILLINOIS, AND WE

CONGRATULATE PASTOR KATHY UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THIS CHAPTER OF HER WORK, EXPRESSING OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR HER UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND SERVICE, AND WISH HER MUCH FULFILLMENT IN THE FUTURE. A CELEBRATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN HER HONOR AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH ON APRIL 13TH FROM 2-5PM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

NOW, THEREFORE, VILLAGE PRESIDENT VICKI SCAMAN AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DO HEREBY PROCLAIM TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 AS A DAY OF APPRECIATION HONORING PASTOR KATHY NOLTE FOR HER SERVICE TO OUR VILLAGE. THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PASTOR KATHY NOLTE, DO YOU CARE TO JOIN US FOR A MOMENT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

>>SPEAKER: I'M A PREACHER AND I PROMISE IT WILL NOT BE LONG.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I CAME TO OAK PARK IN 2008 AND THEY KNEW OF OAK PARK, BUT BEING A COMMUNITY MEMBER, SOMEONE WHO HAS LIVED HERE SINCE 2010 WORK HERE SINCE 2008 I AM SO DEEPLY RESPECTFUL OF JUST ALL THE WORK THAT THIS VILLAGE DOES.

I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS SOMETIMES.

I KNOW HOW MANY OPINIONS THAT COME THROUGH AND HOW YOU HAVE TO BALANCE ALL OF IT AND IT'S NEVER EASY THEY JUST WANT TO SAY I AM DEEPLY HUMBLLED BY THE RECOGNITION AT ALL BECAUSE REALLY I'M JUST ANOTHER MEMBER OF WHAT ALL THE REST OF YOU ARE DOING.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK ALSO.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL TRANSPARENCY I AM A MEMBER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.

I'VE BEEN A BETTER MEMBER AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN MY LIFE, BUT PASTOR KATHY NOLTE HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL MENTOR TO ME OVER THE YEARS IN MY SERVICE DURING DIFFICULT MOMENTS AND I AM VERY - I DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD REALLY BE IN THIS POSITION WITHOUT HER.

LIKEWISE TO ALL THE PARTNERS THAT PASTOR KATHY HAS SHARED IN THE WORK WITH, THOSE MENTIONED IN THE PROCLAMATION, BEYOND HUNGER, HOUSING FORWARD - SORRY, THERE WAS POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS A YOUTH ORGANIZATION ADDRESSING UNDERAGE DRINKING THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP AND MANY OTHER GROUPS JUST DOING THE WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE.

THANK YOU PASTOR KATHY.

WHEN DID WE DO WITH THE ALL IN FAVOR ON THAT?

YES?

WE WILL MOVE TO NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.

I'M SORRY, CHRISTINA, HOW MANY PUBLIC COMMENT DO WE HAVE THIS EVENING FOR NON-AGENDA?

I DO APPRECIATE EVERYBODY FOR BEING HERE THIS EVENING.
IS THERE ANY WAY THAT YOU KNOW IF THEY ARE FOR OR AGAINST A
RESOLUTION?

>>CLERK: ON SOME OF THE SHEETS I CAN SEE THAT, BUT NOT ALL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE PURPOSE FOR MY ASKING OUR CLERK FOR THE
QUESTION IS BECAUSE AS MUCH AS I REALLY DO WANT TO HEAR ALL OF THE
PUBLIC COMMENT THAT IS HERE THIS EVENING, I DO HAVE A STATEMENT THAT
WHILE NOT WRITTEN BY ALL ON THE BOARD, I HAVE SHARED IT WITH ALL ON
THE BOARD AND WE ARE ALL BEHIND THIS STATEMENT.
WHICH IS COMPLETELY IN SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY, BUT IT IS NOT MOVING
FORWARD WITH AN ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION.
NOT SURE IF THAT IS GOING TO CHANGE ANYBODY'S PUBLIC COMMENT.
I WOULD LIKE TO - CORRECT.

WHY DON'T WE LISTEN TO SOME OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME.
WITH ALL SINCERITY.

CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE?

I'M SORRY, I WILL CONTINUE WITH THE PUBLIC COMMENT, THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR BEING HERE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

>>CLERK: TOM?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I'M SORRY, MA'AM.
YOU WILL HAVE TO LEAVE IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE RESPECTFUL TO THE
BOARD.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: SET MY TIMER.
TOM SCHONBERG, 11 BELFORD.
HERE NOT TO TALK ABOUT THIS, BUT ABOUT LEAVE COLLECTION, WHICH I'VE
BEEN TOLD - - I LISTEN TO BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY THAT'S THE GREAT
PART ABOUT DEMOCRACY.

HOPE IT DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST MY THREE MINUTES, BUT I CAN SEE BOTH
SIDES OF AN ISSUE AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN AGREE TO DISAGREE ON THINGS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, SIR.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: MY COMMENT IS ABOUT LEAVE COLLECTION AND I
WAS TOLD THAT YOU PASSED SOMETHING, BUT I WAS NOT SURE IS WHEN I CAME
HERE THAT YOU HAD NOT, BUT SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE TOLD ME THAT YOU
PASSED THE LEAF BAG COLLECTION.

IS THAT TRUE?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: - -

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: I KNOW.
SOMEONE HAD TOLD ME IT PASSED SO IT WILL CHANGE WHAT I SAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT IT,
AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS WOULD INCLUDE SOME ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT
WITH THE COMMUNITY SO YOU WILL HAVE CONTINUED OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE
US.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: MY COMMENT IS NUMBER ONE, JOE'S GOING TO SAY IT IS RATHER IRONIC THE DAY YOU PASSED FOR ARBOR DAY, IF YOU'RE GOING TO PASS SOMETHING THAT LEAVES, TO ME, YOU ARE JUST INCENTIVIZING PEOPLE TO PLANT TREES.
I LIVE IN A LOT WITH FOUR LARGE TREES.
IT WOULD TAKE ME, GETTING 50-60 BACK TO BAGGETT.
TO ME IT MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE.
I'VE LIVED IN THIS AREA SINCE 1961.
I'VE RAKED LEAVES IN OAK PARK/RIVER FOREST SINCE THEN.
THE WAY WE COLLECT THEM NOW MAY NOT BE PERFECT.
I KNOW SOMETIMES WHEN THEY ARE PUSHED THEY STAY PLACES A LONG TIME AND THEY CAN BE AN IMPEDIMENT, BUT I IMPLORE YOU MY BAGS IS JUST NOT THE WAY TO GO.
THANK YOU AND I'M GOING TO LEAVE.

[LAUGHTER]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.
WE LISTEN TO ALL PUBLIC COMMENT.
I'M SORRY, NO CONVERSATION.
NO.
WE'RE GOING TO LISTEN VERY INTENTLY TO ALL OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT.
I DO APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE HERE.
WHAT I WILL NOT TOLERATE THOUGH IS SPEAKING OUT OF TURN OR DISRESPECTFULLY TO THE BOARD.
SO IF WE CAN PLEASE - THEN I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH.
THANK YOU.
NEXT.

>>CLERK: MAX?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: MAX WEISS FROM OAK PARK TEMPLE.
PRESIDENT SCAMAN, VILLAGE TRUSTEES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING US ALL HERE TONIGHT LISTENING TO EVERY ONE'S POINT OF VIEW.
I HAVE KNOWN MANY OF YOU FOR MANY YEARS, MARCHED BESIDE YOU IN PROTEST, FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD.
IT STOOD WITH YOU AT THE AIRPORT FOLLOWING THE ATTEMPT TO BAN MUSLIM IMMIGRATION.
PROTESTED WITH YOU OUTSIDE OF IMMIGRATION FACILITIES.
COORDINATED HOSTING REFUGEE FAMILIES.
IT JOINED YOU IN TALKING TO HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION ABOUT RACIST AND ANTI-SEMITIC GRAFFITI.
WE WORK TOGETHER ON PROJECTS TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, JUST, AND INCLUSIVE.
WE KNOW ONE ANOTHER.
I WOULD VENTURE THAT NO ONE GATHERED HERE IS OPPOSED TO JUST NEGOTIATED PEACE.

I AM CERTAINLY NOT HERE IN OPPOSITION TO PEACE, WHICH IN MY TRADITION IS ONE OF OUR HIGHEST VALUES.

I'M HERE BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED.

I FEEL LIKE THROUGH THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS MANY OF THE HARD-FOUGHT COALITIONS WITH IN OUR VILLAGE THAT WORK FOR JUSTICE TOGETHER HAVE FRAYED, FALLING VICTIM TO POLARIZED ALL OR NOTHING THINKING.

I'M SPEAKING BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED THAT A CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION WILL BE A CAUSE FOR FURTHER DIVISIVENESS AND DEEPER DIVIDES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THIS VILLAGE, WHERE I LIVE AND WORK AND SEND MY CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WHERE THE VAST MAJORITY OF MY CONGREGATION RESIDES.

I'M INVESTED IN MAKING A GOOD PLACE FOR ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS TO LIVE.

WE CAN DO THAT WITHOUT INVOLVING OURSELVES IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

I THINK THAT IF WE WANT TO MAKE A TANGIBLE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THE WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS WE CAN DO SO BY FOCUSING LOCALLY BY ELIMINATING ISLAMIC AND JEW HATRED.

- - HEARING ONE ANOTHER STORIES SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR VILLAGE A WELCOMING PLACE FOR ALL OF ITS CITIZENS.

IF WE WANT PEACE 6000 MILES AWAY WE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE PEACE HERE FIRST.

A CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION FROM OUR LITTLE SUBURB IS PERFORMATIVE POLITICS THAT WILL ACCOMPLISH NOTHING NATIONALLY OR INTERNATIONALLY, BUT WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF FURTHER POLARIZING OUR COMMUNITY.

I URGE THE BOARD NOT TO MOVE A CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL FORWARD.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DEEPLY APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO LISTEN.

>>CLERK: ANGELICA?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING BOARD MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

MY NAME IS ANGELICA NUNEZ I'M A FAIRLY NEW RESIDENT OF OAK PARK.

I MOVED HERE ABOUT A YEAR AND 1/2 AGO AND MY PRIMARY REASON FOR DOING SO IS BECAUSE OF OAK PARK'S WELL-KNOWN INCLUSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE VALUES.

I'M HERE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A DRAFT RESOLUTION ENTITLED "A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE AND HUMANITARIAN AID FOR GAZA".

THAT I HOPE THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WILL JOIN 100 OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION TO SAVE LIVES AND WORK TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AND I HOPE YOU LISTEN AND THINK ABOUT WHETHER ANY OF THIS IS CONTROVERSIAL.

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND ITS BOARD ARE DEDICATED TO FOSTERING A COMMUNITY THAT EMBRACES DIVERSITY, VALUES ALL LIFE AND UPHOLDS THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS; AND, WHEREAS WE

CONDEMN ALL INCIDENTS OF ANTI-JEWISH, ANTI-PALESTINIAN, ANTI-MUSLIM, XENOPHOBIC AND RACIST RHETORIC AND ATTACKS THAT ARE ON THE RISE NATIONALLY.

; AND, WHEREAS WE - - ON ISRAELIS AND OTHERS ON OCTOBER 7, 2023 THAT RESULTED IN HUNDREDS OF DEATHS AND THE ABDUCTION OF HOSTAGES; AND, WHEREAS WE CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S HORRIFIC DESTRUCTION OF GAZA AND ITS PEOPLE RESULTING IN THE DISPLACEMENT OF MORE THAN A MILLION PEOPLE IN THE DEATHS OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS.

THE VAST MAJORITY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AS WELL AS MEDICAL WORKERS, INTERNATIONAL AID WORKERS AND JOURNALISTS.

AND WHEREAS, WE CONDEMNED THE MASTURBATION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN GAZA THROUGHOUT THE WITHHOLDING AND BLOCKING OF LIFESAVING HUMANITARIAN AID WHEREAS MORE THAN 66% OF ALL AMERICANS SUPPORT A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE.

THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, WE CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE, THE PROVISION OF IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL LIFESAVING HUMANITARIAN AID IN GAZA AND THE RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES, RESOLVED, WE URGE THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO DO THE SAME.

THE CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE, THE PROVISION OF IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL LIFESAVING HUMANITARIAN AID IN GAZA AND THE RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES, RESOLVED, WE URGE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO WORK WITH THE PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI PEOPLE TO FIND A JUST AND LASTING PEACE TO CARRY OUT A FULL INVESTIGATION OF THE CONDUCT OF ALL PARTIES IN THIS CONFLICT AND TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE ALL PARTIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FACILITATED, OVERSEEN OR ENGAGED IN WAR CRIMES AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I WOULD SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, BUT IT SEEMS YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE UP YOUR MIND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>CLERK: EVE?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: YES, GOOD EVENING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

MY NAME IS DEAN CHRIS AND I LIVE AT 1124 S. SCOVILLE AVENUE I'M HERE TONIGHT TO SUPPORT THE CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION YOU JUST HEARD AND TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION.

REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY 2021 WHERE MAYOR ABU (NAME?) WHO GREW UP IN THE GAZA STRIP SAID QUOTE, "MY FATHER LIVED TO BE 92 AND WAS NEVER A FREE MAN HIS WHOLE LIFE".

THE CEASE-FIRE WILL NOW GIVE A POSITIVE AFFECT, WILL HAVE A DIRECT POSITIVE EFFECT IN OUR PALESTINIAN JEWISH RESIDENTS.

RELEASE OF HOSTAGES, U.S. CITIZENS WHO CAN I DO, HUMANITARIAN AID, A CHANCE FOR PEACE.

SOME HAVE SAID THAT THE CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION IS NOT THE BUSINESS OF OAK PARK GOVERNMENT.

I'VE LIVED IN OAK PARK ALMOST 50 YEARS AND I SUGGEST THERE IS AMPLE PRECEDENT THAT HAS BEEN SET.

1984 RESOLUTION DECLARING OAK PARK A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE, 2004, RESOLUTION FOR A REPEAL OF THE PATRIOT ACT.

2017, SANCTUARY ORDINANCE FOR THE UNDOCUMENTED TO LIVE IN FEDERAL (WORD?) COLLABORATION AND 2022, RESOLUTION DECLARING OAK PARK AND ABORTION SANCTUARY, HOPEFULLY WE CAN DISPENSE WITH IT IS NOT OUR BUSINESS.

THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS SHOWN THAT THE WELFARE OF ITS CITIZENS IS THE BUSINESS.

THE WAR IN GAZA IS DIRECTLY AFFECTING THE RESIDENCE OF OAK PARK AS EVIDENCED BY THE INCREASE IN HIS LLAMA PHOBIC, ANTI-PALESTINIAN, ANTI-SEMITIC HATE.

THOSE WITH FAMILY TAKEN HOSTAGE, KILLED, DISPLACED OR STARVING.

OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE 70% OF THE FUNDING FOR THE WAR IN GAZA.

WAR DOLLARS LIMIT DOMESTIC SPENDING.

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCESS TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THAT CAN AMPLIFY OUR VOICES CALLING FOR A CEASE-FIRE.

TRUSTEE BUCHANAN, IN HER RUN FOR THE BOARD SAID "THE MOST PRESSING ISSUE FACING OAK PARK IS THE SAME EXISTENTIAL CRISIS THAT THREATENS THE ENTIRE PLANET.

CLIMATE CHANGE".

NEW RESEARCH REVEALS THAT PLANET WARMING EMISSIONS GENERATED DURING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE WAR IN GAZA WERE GREATER THAN THE ANNUAL CARBON FOOTPRINT OF MORE THAN 20 OF THE WORLD'S MOST CLIMATE VULNERABLE NATIONS.

OAK PARK CAN JOIN 131 MUNICIPALITIES WHO HAVE PASSED A CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION AND 200 LOCAL AND THEN INTERNATIONAL UNIONS REPRESENTING 9 MILLION WORKERS, INCLUDING OAK PARK RESIDENTS IN THE MORE THAN 1000 BLACK PASTORS AND THE POPE CALLING FOR A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE.

THIS IS THE MORAL IMPERATIVE.

THE ROAD TO PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING CANNOT BE PAVED WITH BOMBS AND WAR.

THERE MUST BE A CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA, THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE MUST STOP SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS AND ENDURING PEACE CAN PROCEED.

PLEASE JOIN US, PAST THE CEASE-FIRE, HOSTAGE RELEASE INCLUDING SEVEN AMERICANS AND HUMANITARIAN AID RESOLUTION.

THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: CAROLINA?

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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHILE CAROLINA IS WALKING DOWN I WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH WE HONESTLY DO WANT TO HEAR ALL OF YOUR COMMENTS.

THIS BOARD HAS ALWAYS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO WHAT WE HEAR AND SO I WAS WRONG IN MAKING ANY INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT THERE, BUT ANYONE WHO HAS

BEEN PAYING ATTENTION TO THE WAY THAT THIS BOARD OPERATES KNOWS THAT WE DO LISTEN AND WE ARE RESPONSIVE.

AND ALL I WAS ATTEMPTING TO DO WAS TO PREVENT PEOPLE ATTACKING OTHERS WERE AT THE BOARD TABLE OR TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON EITHER SIDE.

AGAIN, I WILL NOT TOLERATE THOUGH AN EXAMPLE THAT IS OPPOSITE OF THE GOOD WORDS THAT ARE BEING SHARED BY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THIS EVENING.

THANK YOU.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: BEFORE I FORMALLY GET STARTED I - GIVEN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE I WANT TO APOLOGIZE GOING LITTLE OVER THREE MINUTES AND I HOPE I GET A LITTLE CREDIT FOR NOT COMING WITH A SIX MINUTE COMMENT.

ANYWAY.

MY NAME IS CAROLINA SONG AND YOU KNOW WHERE I LIVE.

I SUPPORT THE PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE VILLAGE BOARD.

CONCERNS ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF ADDRESSING THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GAZA THAT HE CEASE-FIRE HAVE TRAGICALLY BEEN VINDICATED.

WITHOUT A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE THERE'S NO WAY TO PREVENT FAMINE BETWEEN THE 2 MILLION PEOPLE IN GAZA, NEARLY HALF OF WHOM ARE CHILDREN.

TO - - CIVILIANS AND AID WORKERS TODAY.

IT NEEDS TO START THE LONG JOURNEY TO PEACE TODAY.

WHILE THE FATE OF CIVILIANS IN GAZA WEIGHS ON MY MIND, MY UNDERSTANDING OF JEWISH FAITH, MY DEEPENING CONCERNS ABOUT THE SURVIVAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND ABOUT ANTI-SEMITISM ALSO PLAY INTO MY DECISION TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

RELEASE OF ISRAELI HOSTAGES CANNOT BE SECURED BY BOMBARDMENT.

THE CIVILIAN DEATH TOLL IS UNACCEPTABLE.

ONLY WAY TO EVENTUALLY WEAKEN HAMAS IS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE THAT INCLUDES THE RELEASE OF THE ISRAELI HOSTAGES AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CREATION OF A VIABLE PALESTINIAN STATE.

IT JUST IS FOR PALESTINIANS DEMANDS IT IN LONG-TERM SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL AS A JEWISH DEMOCRATIC STATE NECESSITATES IT.

CLOSER TO HOME HAVE ALSO BECOME ALARMED ABOUT THE RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM.

I HAVE ALSO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED THE WAY THAT CHARGES OF ANTI-SEMITISM HAVE BEEN WEAPON EYES IN AN ATTEMPT TO STIFLE LEGITIMATE CRITICISM OF UNJUST POLICY TOWARDS PALESTINIANS.

I IMPORE EVERYONE NOT TO FALL FOR THE CANARD THAT CRITICAL CRITIQUE OF - - ANTI-SEMITIC.

THIS IS A CRUCIAL DISTINCTION.

I HAVE LIVED JEWISH FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS AND I HAVE RAISED TWO JEWISH CHILDREN.

I WANT THEM TO BE ABLE TO PROUDLY CLAIM THEIR JEWISH IDENTITIES AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS MORE DAUNTING WITH THE ANTI-SEMITIC TROPES, CONSPIRACY, HONORED LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

BUT HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY HAVE A PRODUCTIVE CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE FACE OF MORE THAN 30,000 DEATHS, MOSTLY CIVILIANS AND LOOMING FAMINE FOR MILLIONS IN GAZA.

I EMBRACE REFORMED JUDAISM WHOLEHEARTEDLY BECAUSE THE WAY IT CENTERS SOCIAL JUSTICE.

THERE IS NO IDEA MORE PROFOUND THAN THE CONCEPT OF (NAME?).
HER OBLIGATION TO HEAL OUR BROKEN WORLD.

MY UNDERSTANDING OF REFORMED JUDAISM COMPELS ME TO VOCALLY CRY OUT AGAINST INJUSTICE.

SIMILARLY ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE ABOUT OAK PARK IS THE WAY WE CONFRONT ISSUES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE.

JUSTICE SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED AS DIVISIVE.

WE BELIEVE THAT EMBRACING THE MORAL IMPERATIVE TO SPEAK OUT - JUST A FEW MORE SECONDS.

- - TO SPEAK OUT IS CORE TO OUR IDENTITY.

THE U.S. IS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF ISRAEL'S MILITARY AID.

ALL OF US AS AMERICANS ARE IMPLICATED IN THE BOMBARDMENT AND LOOMING FAMINE, AS (NAME?) NOTED, NEUTRALITY HELPS THE OPPRESSOR, NEVER THE VICTIM.

SILENCE ENCOURAGES A TORMENTOR, NEVER THE TORMENTED.

TODAY I ASK US TO JOIN THE MORE THAN 130 MUNICIPALITIES CALLING FOR PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA.

THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: (NAME?)?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: MY NAME IS H HERBERT AND I HAVE BEEN AN OAK PARK RESIDENT NOW FOR 25 YEARS.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

I'M HERE AS AN ARAB-AMERICAN OF PALESTINIAN DESCENT.

I AM ALSO HERE AS SOMEONE WHO GREW UP IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OF PALESTINE LIVING UNDER ISRAELI OCCUPATION.

MY VOICE IS ONE OF MANY WHEN I SAY WE ARE SUFFERING.

A MOBILIZED EMOTIONAL PAIN CONSUMES US.

EACH MORNING I WAKE UP PERSONALLY AFRAID TO CHECK MY PHONE FEARING THAT I WILL HEAR AGAIN OF A LOVED ONE THAT HAS BEEN MAIMED OR KILLED BY THE CONSTANT BOMBING AND SNIPING TAKING PLACE IN GAZA AND THE WEST BANK.

I WOULD LIKE TO TELL THE BOARD THAT I BELIEVE IN MY VILLAGE.

THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SHOULD JOIN IN THE 130 LOCALITIES SUPPORTING A CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA.

THIS SLOW-MOTION MASSACRE THAT IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE WITH DELIBERATE STARVATION TARGETING OF DOCTORS AND WORKERS, JOURNALISTS,

AND OF COURSE CIVILIANS IS HORRIFIC, AND IT GOES AGAINST THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAWS.

THE THOUGHT OF OUR TAX DOLLARS GOING TO FUND THIS HORRIFIC MASSACRE IS ONE THAT KEEPS ME AWAKE AT NIGHT AND I KNOW I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 133 HOSTAGES BEING HELD BY HAMAS AND OVER 7000 PALESTINIANS BEING HELD WITH NO CONVICTION UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION.

SOME FROM MERELY TRYING TO HARVEST ALL OF US.

OUR GOVERNMENT ALONG WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED THESE VICTIMS.

IT HAS FAILED THESE HOSTAGES.

YOU HAVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HERE THAT HAVE FAMILY AND BOTH ISRAEL AND PALESTINE.

THIS AFFECTS ALL OF US.

I HAVE HAD COUSINS HELD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, OTHERS LONGER AND UNFORTUNATELY ONE WAS PREGNANT AND DID NOT SURVIVE AFTER HER RELEASE.

I STAND HERE TODAY COMMITTED TO PEACE.

BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE LIVES.

IF OUR VILLAGE WERE TO SUPPORT A CEASE-FIRE IT WOULD BE SENDING A MESSAGE THAT OAK PARK IS COMMITTED TO PEACE AND THE PROTECTION OF INNOCENT LIVES, BOTH PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

PASSING A LOCAL CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION SAYS THAT OUR VILLAGE IS COMMITTED INWARD INDEED TO AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE SAVE DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING CAN BE MODELED.

YOU HAVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF JEWISH AND ARAB DESCENT WHO WANT THEIR FAMILIES TO BE SAFE.

WE ARE YOUR COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO JUSTICE AND PEACE, AND WE WANT YOUR SUPPORT.

THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE OAK PARK REPRESENTS AND THIS IS WHY I AM HERE. THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: NICOLE?

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>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: HELLO, MY NAME IS NICOLE LOMBARDI AND I'M READING FOR DEBORAH (NAME?) WHO CANNOT BE HERE TONIGHT, BUT WANTED HER VOICE HEARD.

GOOD EVENING OAK PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MY NAME IS DOCTOR DEBORAH (NAME?) AND I AM PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF ENGLISH AND FILM STUDIES AT COD, AND A 30 YEAR RESIDENT OF OAK PARK.

MAY JEWISH MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY AND MY CHILDREN ATTENDED - - LORD OF MY CONGREGATION.

AND THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF YIDDISH SPEAKING JEWISH WICCANS THAT FLOOD POVERTY AND OPPRESSION IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY AND THE GREAT-NIECE OF MORDECHAI (NAME?) WHO PERISHED IN AUSCHWITZ TOGETHER WITH TWO OF HIS CHILDREN, MY COUSINS SARAH WHO IS 20 AND HANNAH WHO WAS 23.

I COME TO YOU TONIGHT TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN PASSING A CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION IN OAK PARK BECAUSE MY FAMILY LEGACY TAUGHT ME THAT THERE MUST NEVER AGAIN BE A GENOCIDE AND WE ARE ALL BOUND BY OUR COMMON HUMANITY TO OPPOSE THEM.

NEVER AGAIN MEANS NEVER AGAIN FOR ANYONE.

MORE THAN 35,000 DEAD IN GAZA, TENS OF THOUSANDS INJURED AND MISSING UNDER THE RUBBLE WITH DISEASE AND GROWING STARVATION IT IS UNFATHOMABLE AND CONSCIONABLE THAT WE ALLOW THIS ASSAULT FUNDED BY OUR TAX DOLLARS TO CONTINUE.

AS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION YOU HAVE THE POWER TO TAKE A STANCE AND SAY NO.

I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY.

AS MY LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, THE ONES CLOSEST TO MY DAILY LIFE I TURN TO YOU TO VOICE MY DEEPEST CONCERNS.

I COUNT ON YOU TO LISTEN, FOR SIX MONTHS WE HAVE MET AND PETITION OUR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL FOR A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE.

MANY OF THE ACTIONS ARE ORGANIZED AND LED BY JEWISH PEOPLE, BUT THE MOVEMENT FOR A CEASE-FIRE HAS THE BROAD SUPPORT OF PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

THERE ARE 131 CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE PASSED A CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION INCLUDING NEARBY BERWYN AND THE CITY OF CHICAGO IN JANUARY. OAK PARK HAS TAKEN FORWARD THINKING POSITIONS ON MANY ISSUES.

HOWEVER AT THIS MOMENT WE ARE BEHIND MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES IN CALLING FOR A CEASE-FIRE.

THE ONLY WAY TO ADDRESS THIS HUMANITARIAN CRISIS.

ISRAEL AFTER ALL CANNOT BOMB ITS WAY INTO PEACE.

OUR RESOLUTION OPPOSES ANTI-SEMITISM AND OTHER FORMS OF RACISM CONSISTENT WITH THE VILLAGES EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION STATEMENT.

ANY CLAIMS THAT THE PETITION IS ANTI-SEMITIC OR FOSTERS ANTI-SEMITISM ARE UNFOUNDED AND UNHELPFUL TO A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE VILLAGES ROLE DURING THIS CRISIS.

AS IT VILLAGE TRUSTEES YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY.

THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: MICAH?

MICAH?

SPEAK OF MY NAME IS MICAH (NAME?) AND I MAY PALESTINIAN SENIOR AT OPRF HIGH SCHOOL AND I WILL BE READING THIS SPEECH ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PALESTINIAN STUDENT IN OAK PARK WHO IS A SENIOR AT OPRF HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS FAMILY IN GAZA.

RIGHT NOW WE ARE ABOUT 35,000+ DEATHS, INNOCENT KIDS, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN.

I AM FIRST GENERATION.

MEANING ALL OF MY FIRST COUSINS, AUNTS, UNCLES OR BACK HOME IN GAZA
RIGHT NOW GOING THROUGH THIS GENOCIDE.

THEY SHOW ME WHAT THEY GO THROUGH EVERY DAY.

DEAD BODIES OF INNOCENT KIDS, WOMEN AND MEN ON THE FLOOR AS THEY
EVACUATE THE SAFETY EVEN THOUGH NOWHERE IS TRULY SAFE.

EVERY SINGLE FAMILY MEMBER AND FRIEND OF MINE HOUSES WERE BOMBED BY
THE IOF SO THEY'RE GOING TO THE HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS TO SEEK SAFETY,
BUT IT DOES NOT STOP THERE.

THAT ITSELF IS NOT EVEN SAFE.

THE SEMI-VIDEOS OF THEM EVACUATING THE HOSPITALS IN FEAR BECAUSE THEY
BOMBED THE HOSPITALS, TOO, AND TEARGAS TO THE SCHOOLS AND LIT FIRES IN
FRONT OF THE SCHOOL IS MAKING IT HARD FOR THEM TO LEAVE.

THEY'RE ALL LIVING IN THE STREETS IN FEAR EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR THE
PAST 187 DAYS.

THAT IS HALF A YEAR.

STRUGGLING WITHOUT ANY CLEAN WATER, FOOD, OR SHELTER.

SIX MONTHS OF GENOCIDE.

SIX MONTHS OF MASS MURDER, SIX MONTHS OF DISTRACTION, FORCED
STARVATION, SIX MONTHS OF ABSOLUTE HORROR, DEVASTATION, TRAUMA.

THERE TRAUMATIZED GOING THROUGH THIS, LOSING THEIR OWN FAMILY MEMBERS,
SEEING DEAD INNOCENT BODIES EVERY DAY, KNOWING IT COULD BE THEM LIVING
UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

ONE OF MY FRIENDS WAS TAKEN BY THE IOF, HE IS 17 YEARS OLD AND HE DID
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING, BUT TRY TO GATHER HIS BELONGINGS FROM HIS BOMBED
HOUSE AND THE IOF TOOK HIM AND TORTURED HIM.

THEY KEPT THEM HOSTAGE, STRIPPED HIM NAKED, TOOK HIS PHONE, ABUSED HIM
FOR NO VALID REASON.

THESE ARE JUST ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF INJUSTICES THAT PEOPLE IN GAZA
HAVE FACED.

I CAN GO ON ALL DAY, BUT I WILL KEEP THIS SHORT.

I JUST WANT TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS I WONDER ABOUT EVERY DAY.

WHY DOES EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND EVERYONE ELSE
IN GAZA'S HOUSE IS GONE AND IN THE STREET STRUGGLING DAY AFTER DAY?

WHY DID YOU KILL FIVE OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS?

WHY DID YOU KILL 35+ INNOCENT PEOPLE?

WHY DID YOU STARVE INNOCENT PEOPLE?

WHY DID YOU TAKE THE CHILDHOODS AND LEAVE THOSE INNOCENT KIDS
TRAUMATIZED, LEAVING MANY OF THEM WITHOUT PARENTS?

WHY DO THEY DESERVE THIS?

WHEN IS IT GOING TO END?

WHY CAN'T YOU CALL FOR A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE?

I THOUGHT WE ARE THE LAND OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE, WHERE IS THE
JUSTICE?

HOW CAN WE SAY HERE IS AMERICANS AND SUPPORT THIS?

WHAT DOES OAK PARK STAND FOR?

VOTE YES TO THE CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION, CEASE-FIRE NOW.

>>CLERK: TIMOTHY?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

THAT IS FINE.

JUDITH, I HAVE NOT ALLOWED OTHERS TO TALK.

YOU KNOW WHAT, I THINK THAT ALL OF THE STATEMENTS WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR ARE REALLY GENUINELY FROM THE HEART AND I KNOW THAT IS TRUE FOR BOTH SIDES AND SO WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED.

YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW THAT ANYONE IN THE ROOM CAN LOOK AT THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE SITTING AT THIS TABLE RIGHT NOW AND NOT UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH WE DO CARE ABOUT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: TIMOTHY?

KAREN?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: BOARD MEMBERS, GOOD EVENING AND I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY PRESIDENT SCAMAN, BUT I'M HOPING THAT WHAT WE ARE SAYING HERE TONIGHT WILL HELP YOU TO RECONSIDER WHAT YOU SAID AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING.

OKAY?

WE CAME TO, WE ARE HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT OAK PARK HAS A PLACE IN THIS DISCUSSION AND IN OUR COUNTRY.

THIS IS NOT PERFORMATIVE.

OKAY?

THIS IS EXERCISING YOUR OBLIGATION AS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND NOW I WILL RETURN MY COMMENTS.

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS KAREN@ (NAME?) AND I'M A 40 RESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE NOW BEEN PART OF THE OAK PARK COMMUNITY FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL FOR 24 YEARS.

I'M A JEWISH RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

I'M ALSO PART OF A DIVERSE TEAM THAT DRAFTED A CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION, WHICH WE INSIST THAT YOU CONSIDER.

AMONG THE PETITION SIGNERS ARE MEMBERS OF OAK PARK'S GROWING MUSLIM, ARAB, AND PALESTINIAN COMMUNITIES.

SIGNERS INCLUDE NEIGHBORS WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF OAK PARK TEMPLE, THE JEWISH SECULAR COMMUNITY AND THE SCHOOL OF OAK PARK AND THE CHICAGO AREA JEWISH CONGREGATION'S ATTIC, WHICH IS HEBREW JUSTICE.

I ALSO SEE SIGNERS WHO ARE NEIGHBORS WHO ATTENDED VARIOUS LOCAL CHURCHES AND FOR THOSE I DO NOT KNOW, I ASSUME THE DIVERSITY OF BOTH RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR BELIEFS THAT REPRESENT THE RICHNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE AN INCLUSIVE GROUP OF RESIDENTS AND OURS IS AN INCLUSIVE CALL. WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO TAKE A SIDE, BUT TO TAKE THE SIDE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE.

AS CHEF ANDRE SAID, THIS IS A WAR AGAINST HUMANITY ITSELF.

I WROTE YOU A LETTER LAST WEEK ABOUT THE FALSE IDEA THAT OUR RESOLUTION IS ANTI-SEMITIC OR HARMFUL TO OAK PARK'S JEWISH RESIDENTS AND I GUESS THAT IS WHERE THE WHOLE IDEA OF DIVISIVENESS COMES IN, WHICH I TOTALLY REJECT.

OF COURSE HATRED OR BIGOTRY AGAINST JEWS IS ANTI-SEMITIC AND UNACCEPTABLE, HOWEVER, ISRAEL LIKE ANY OTHER COUNTRY CAN BE CRITICIZED FOR ITS ACTIONS.

I ALSO EXPLAINED THAT MY INVOLVEMENT IS POWERED BY MY JEWISH BELIEFS AND VALUES.

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD THE SAYING BY RABBI (NAME?) OVER 2000 YEARS AGO, IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?

IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?

THESE ARE NOT QUESTIONS THAT YOU CAN IGNORE.

AND I HOPE I DID NOT HEAR THAT YOU ARE GOING TO IGNORE THESE QUESTIONS.

TO FAIL TO BRING A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE TO A VOTE OR TO VOTE NO IS TO CONDONE THE HEROIC STATUS QUO.

THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS STOOD FOR OUR COMMON HUMANITY AND FOR JUSTICE ON ISSUES BEYOND THE VILLAGES BOUNDARIES AND YOU WILL BE JOINING AT LEAST - AT LAST COUNT, 131 OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WHO DID NOT THINK THEIR ACTIONS WERE PERFORMATIVE. THESE ACTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AMPLIFY OUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE OUR COUNTRIES DECISION-MAKERS AND YOURS IS AN ESSENTIAL VOICE.

WE NEED YOU TO USE IT.

SO THAT WHEN IS NOW IN THE WHO IS YOU.

THE OAK PARK VILLAGE BOARD.

WE NEED YOU TO ACT.

YOU HAVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS EXPERIENCING TRAUMA AND INCREASED BIGOTRY BECAUSE THIS SITUATION HAS FESTERED TOO LONG.

WE NEED YOU TO ACT.

YOU ARE THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF A VILLAGE WHOSE CITIZENS TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING USED TO INFLICT UNTOLD SUFFERING THROUGH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN MILITARY AID.

WE NEED YOU TO ACT.

TO SUPPORT A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE IN THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES AND IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN AID IS TO STAND WITH THE LEGACY, OAK PARK'S COURAGEOUS HISTORY AND AGAINST UNBEARABLE SUFFERING AND VIOLENCE.

I KNOW THAT YOU CAN TAKE THAT STAND AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: (NAME?)?

DO I HAVE YOUR NAME IN HERE?

NO?

IT'S OKAY.

PLEASE.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, YES.

ABSOLUTELY.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, MY NAME IS DOCTOR TIM AT (NAME?) AND I'M A PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY AND THEY SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY AND MYSELF.

IS THAT ME?

>> NO, PLEASE I APOLOGIZE.

>> WE HAVE LIVED IN OAK PARK FOR OVER 10 YEARS.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE NO STRANGERS TO STATEMENTS ON EXTREME VIOLENCE BECAUSE SO MUCH OF IT HAS BEEN WAGED IN GOD'S NAME.

MIND YOU I AM NO BIBLICAL LITERALIST, BUT THE EXAMPLE OF CAIN AND ABEL FROM GENESIS IS USEFUL IN ITS OBSERVATION THAT IT WAS ABEL'S BLOOD CRIED OUT FROM THE GROUND FOR JUSTICE AGAINST HIS BROTHER'S CRUELTY. THE BLOOD OF OVER 40,000 GAZA CIVILIANS CRIES OUT NOW FROM THE HOLY GROUND AND THE LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE NOW RAISE THEIR VOICES WITH THE BLOOD OF THOSE WHO SUFFER TO END THIS HORRIFIC MISTREATMENT OF CIVILIANS.

THE LEADERS OF JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, AND MUSLIM ORGANIZATIONS HAVE CALLED FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND SO SHORT RESIZED ISRAEL'S ACTIONS IN GAZA.

THIS INCLUDES SHOPPER ROCK, IF NOT NOW.

JEWISH VOICES FOR PEACE ALONG WITH LEADERS FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, EPISCOPALIAN, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN.

METHODIST, PRESBYTERIAN, MENNONITE, QUAKER AND CATHOLIC DENOMINATIONS. EXCUSE ME, IN ADDITION, A GROUP OF 1000 BLACK PASTORS TOOK OUT A FULL-PAGE AD IN THE NEW YORK TIMES TO CALL FOR A CEASE-FIRE.

WHILE WE HONOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS OF RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT MANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE PRESENTED HERE IN OAK PARK AND THE STATEMENTS ARE NOT SIMPLY TOP-DOWN, BUT FROM THE GRASSROOTS EXPRESS WHAT MANY OF OUR OAK PARK RESIDENTS HOLD DEAR TO THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE AND HOW OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT.

SOME CALL CRITICISM OF ISRAEL'S ACTIONS ANTI-SEMITIC, BUT THIS IS FALSE MISDIRECTION.

MANY OF THE AUTHORS AND PROPHETS OF THE HEBREW BIBLE ALSO CRITICIZED ISRAEL'S LEADERS WHEN THEY FELT THEY HAD BETRAYED THEIR SACRED INSTRUCTION FROM GOD BY MISTREATING THE WEAK AND THE POOR.

IT IS ALSO FAIR TO NOTE THAT AS A CATHOLIC, WHEN PEOPLE CRITICIZE PREVIOUS POST FOR MISHANDLING SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS, DO NOT CALL THE ANTI-CATHOLIC.

I SAY YES, SEXUAL ABUSE IS WRONG AND WE MUST SPEAK UP AGAINST IT AND HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THOSE RESPONSIBLE.

THE WORDS OF MIKE OF THE PROPHET ARE AS RELEVANT NOW AS WHEN HE CRITICIZED ISRAEL'S LEADERS TO 1/2 MILLENNIA AGO.

(NAME?), (NAME?) (HEBREW).

YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT GOD HAS REQUIRED OF YOU TO DO WHAT IS JUST AND TO WALK HUMBLY BESIDE YOUR GOD.
SINCE THE GREATEST ENABLERS OF JUSTICE ARE SILENCE AND INACTION, LET'S HEED THE CALL, IF NOT TODAY, SOON OF THESE JEWISH CHRISTIAN MUSLIM LEADERS TO CONDEMN THE VIOLENCE IN GAZA CALL FOR A CEASE-FIRE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

(NAME?) ?

THANK YOU.

>> DEAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PRESENCE.

MY NAME IS.

AND I'M A RESIDENT OF OAK PARK AND I LIVE IN OAK PARK WITH MY WIFE AND THREE KIDS AND I AM A PALESTINIAN AMERICAN.

I LIVE TO THE FIRST 18 YEARS OF MY LIFE IN PALESTINE BEFORE MOVING TO THE U.S. YOU HEARD FROM SPEAKERS BEFORE ME RELATING THE DEVASTATED EFFECTS OF THIS WAR IN GAZA AND WEST BANK AND IT HAS IMPACTED THEIR LIVES HERE IN OAK PARK.

I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME STATISTICS THAT ARE GRUESOME AND HARD TO GRAPPLE WITH, BUT NECESSARY.

ON MORE THAN 23,000 WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN KILLED IN GAZA SINCE OCTOBER, TODAY CHILDREN ARE MOST AT RISK OF BEING KILLED FROM A FORCED STARVATION.

ACCORDING TO UNICEF, 13,000 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ORPHANED OR SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES.

EACH ONE OF THESE CHILDREN HAS A NAME, A FAMILY AND A STORY OF SUFFERING.

620,000 STUDENTS HAVE NOT ATTENDED SCHOOL SINCE OCTOBER.

MOST SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

IN THE WEST BANK 500 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED SINCE OCTOBER 7 AND AT LEAST 114 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE AND BY SETTLERS.

THE LAST ONE IS HYBRID 100% OF ALL THE CHILDREN WILL NEED MENTAL HEALTH CARE.

AND PERHAPS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.

WHEN THESE CHILDREN ASK, WHO CARED ABOUT US?

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY OAK PARK DID.

YOU CAN NO LONGER CLAIM IGNORANCE TO WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN PALESTINE.

CITIES AND TOWNSHIPS OF THE U.S. SHEEP THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ALL OF US PLAY A ROLE ELECTING OFFICERS AT ALL LEVELS ACROSS THE MIDWEST CITIZENS ARE COMMITTED IN THE PRIMARIES TO SEND A MESSAGE. THEY'RE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE POLICIES AND THE COMPLACENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE WAR.

THE SAME IS HAPPENING IN OAK PARK.

WE ARE NOT SATISFIED AND WE ARE LOOKING TO SEE WHERE YOU STAND.

ELECTED BOARD EXIST TO UPHOLD THE VALUES THAT WE HAVE AGREED UPON TO LEAD AND TO REPRESENT ALL OF ITS CONSTITUENTS.

WE EXPECT THAT YOU WILL REJECT A POSITION OF PRIVILEGE OR ONLY CERTAIN PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THEIR LIVES PROTECTED, HAVE ACCESS TO FOOD, SHELTER, EDUCATION OR HEALTHCARE.

REMAINING SILENT ON GAZA CONFIRMS THE PRIVILEGE OF NOT KNOWING OR LOOKING THE OTHER WAY.

YOU HAVE A RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU AND THE POWER TO AMPLIFY A MESSAGE OF PEACE.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL INCORPORATE THE VOICES AND UNDERSTAND MORE FROM WHAT WE SAID AND THAT THIS APPROACH WILL CREATE CLARITY CONSISTENT WITH OAK PARK VALUES AND WE HOPE YOU WILL LOOK WITHIN AND IF YOU GIVE ME JUST A FEW MORE SECONDS.

WANT TO FINISH WITH A QUOTE BY (NAME?), A POET AND AUTHOR OF THE PROFITS AND HE SAID, AND IF IT IS AT THIS PART - SEE WITHIN - SEE FIRST THAT HIS THRONE ERECTED IN YOU HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

WE COUNT ON YOU TO CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: LAUREL?

LAUREL?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: IS THIS OKAY?

MY NAME IS ORAL THERE AND I'M A JEWISH OAK PARK RESIDENT MY VOICE IS SHAKY, I'VE BEEN READING AT NIGHT - - IN THE AFTERNOON AND IT'S HARD TO TRANSITION FROM ONE GENOCIDE TO ANOTHER.

I'M ALSO A D 97 PARENT, AFTER 187 DAYS OF BRUTAL ATTACKS ON CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND MEN IN GAZA I FIND IT EGREGIOUS THAT A VILLAGE SO HELL-BENT ON MARKETING THEMSELVES AS PROGRESSIVE, NEEDS TO DEBATE THE NEED FOR A CEASE-FIRE.

WHAT IS TO DEBATE?

MAYBE YOU DO NOT KNOW ENOUGH TO VOCALIZE AN OPINION OR IS IT AN ISSUE THAT THE VILLAGE WOULD GET INVOLVED IN ANY MATTER 6000 MILES AWAY AND WORRIED THAT BEING PROGRESSIVE POLITICS OR MAYBE YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT HOW THIS WILL LOOK CHIEFLY TO YOUR JEWISH CONSTITUENTS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE EITHER WILLFULLY OR INNOCENTLY BEEN LIVING WITH THEIR HEADS IN THE SAND, HERE ARE SOME BASIC FACTS.

AFTER OCTOBER 7 ISRAEL HAS MURDERED OVER 13,000 CHILDREN, WHICH IS ABOUT 1000 MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT LIVE HERE IN OAK PARK.

OVER 33,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED INCLUDING 208 WORKERS, 175 UN STAFF, 136 JOURNALS AND 340 HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THESE NUMBERS ARE OLD.

THIS OF COURSE DOES NOT EVEN TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE DAILY HEARTBREAKS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO MOTHERS BEING FORCED TO

LEAVE THEIR NICU NEWBORNS TO STARVE AND ROT WITHOUT CARE IN THEIR INCUBATORS.

CHILDREN BEING STARVED ON A MEAGER 250 CAL A DAY.

ASSUMING THEY CAN FIND EVEN THAT.

PREGNANT WOMEN BEING SEXUALLY ASSAULTED OUTSIDE OF A HOSPITAL THAT HAS BEEN RECENTLY DECIMATED AND BURNED IT TO THE GROUND.

RECLAIMING MY TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE CONTINUE.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: WHO IS THE SHE?

THERE IS NO SHEEP.

FATHERS DURING THEIR BELOVED LOVED ONES REMAINS IN PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS.

SO WHY WOULD A RELATIVELY SMALL VILLAGE GET INVOLVED IN AN ISSUE LIKE THIS?

THE ISSUE IS WHY WOULDN'T YOU?

HOW IS IT THAT A CITY THAT CLAIMS TO BE PROGRESSIVE IN AN OUTPOST OF ETHICAL DECENCY NOT GET INVOLVED?

SURE, IT IS NOT OUR COUNTRY, BUT CONSIDERING THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS APPLIED 25,000 TONS OF EXPLOSIVE AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE IT WOULD BE GLIB AND DISMISSIVE TO ASSUME IT WAS NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

AS OF MARCH 21 OVER 100 TOWNS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE DEMANDED A CEASE-FIRE SO IT'S NOT AS IF WE WOULD BE BREAKING GROUND.

AS SOMEONE SAID, WE ARE BEHIND.

OR MAYBE WE ARE PROGRESSIVE, JUST EXCEPT WHEN IT COMES TO PALESTINE, AS MARC LAMONT HILL, EXCEPT FOR PALESTINE, THE LIMITS OF PROGRESSIVE POLITICS HE STATES, WHEN THE TOPIC TURNS TO PALESTINE, THE SAME PEOPLE WHO CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATE FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE FAILED TO LIVE UP TO THE PROFESSED IDEALS AND I WILL SKIP AHEAD TO THIS PART ABOUT NIGHT BECAUSE I FEEL - I'M SORRY, I REALLY DO WANT TO RESPECT EVERYBODY'S TIME.

I KNOW THAT EVER SINCE THE HOLOCAUST THERE HAS BEEN A REAL FEAR AND DOING EVERYTHING, ANYTHING THAT CAN BE VIEWED AS ANTI-SEMITIC AND WHILE IT IS WELL AND GOOD, CRITICIZING ISRAEL IS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC PREDICTED CLAIM THAT THE MURDERING OF CHILDREN IS WRONG IS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC.

IN THAT WE AS PEOPLE WITH IN OAK PARK WILL NOT STAND IDLY BY AND WATCH AS A GENOCIDE IN FULL BY OUR VERY EYES IS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC.

EVEN OUR OWN STATE DEPARTMENT DECLARES THAT CRITICISM OF ISRAEL SIMILAR TO THAT OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY CANNOT BE REGARDED AS ANTI-SEMITIC.

IF WE - - YOU ARE DOING A LARGER DISSERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE INCLUDING MYSELF BY EQUATING THEM WITH THE PERPETRATORS OF RACISM AND OPPRESSION.

AS AN EDUCATOR WAS CURRENTLY READING (NAME?) SEMINAL NIGHT WITH OUR STUDENTS, THE CLEAR SYSTEMIC MURDER AND INHUMANITY THAT THE PALESTINIANS ARE FACING ARE HEARTBREAKINGLY SIMILAR TO THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THAT.

AND MILLIONS OF OTHERS FACED IN 1940 ZERO.
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED, HOW CAN PEOPLE STAND BY AND LET THE HOLOCAUST HAPPEN?

HOW DID THE WORLD LET MY PEOPLE IN THE NEARLY DISAPPEAR?
MY FAMILY?

THE ANSWER IS BY HAVING A DELIBERATE - - HAVING TO DELIBERATE WHAT SHOULD BE A NO-BRAINER.

AS (NAME?) SAID, IF YOU ARE NEUTRAL IN SITUATIONS OF INJUSTICE YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSOR.

SO BOARD, WERE YOU STAYING?

WE ARTY KNOW, BUT WHERE YOU STAND, WHERE WILL YOU STAND?

WILL YOU CALL FOR ANOTHER RESOLUTION?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>CLERK: EDDIE?

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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEES.
I AM MARK SIEGEL, MY WIFE AND I HAVE LIVED IN OAK PARK FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND ARE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY.

I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD TO NOT CONSIDER THE PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA RESOLUTION THAT WAS PRESENTED THIS EVENING BY COMMENTERS, NOR ANY GAZA OR SIMILAR KIND OF RESOLUTION REGARDLESS OF THE PERSPECTIVE THAT IT TAKES.

BOARD CONSIDERATION WILL LEAD TO FEELINGS OF ALIENATION BY AND HARM TO MANY LOCAL JEWS.

ALTHOUGH RESOLUTION WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON GAZA IT WILL THRUST VILLAGE GOVERNMENT INTO A INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT FOR WHICH IT HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY OR EXPERTISE.

CERTAINLY EXACERBATING TENSION IN OAK PARK.

NOW OUR LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE HOLD A VARIETY OF VIEWS ON ISRAEL.

HIS CURRENT GOVERNMENT AND GAZA.

I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY FEEL STRONG ATTACHMENT TO AND CONCERN FOR ISRAEL.

NOW WE HAVE BEEN HORRIFIED BY THE GROWING ANTI-SEMITISM THAT WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT TONIGHT IN THE U.S. AND GLOBALLY FROM THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT.

A RISE AMPLIFIED BY MANY ACTIONS AIMED AT JEWS AND ISRAEL AFTER OCTOBER 7. OUR SYNAGOGUES AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS ARE LESS SAFE AND SADLY REQUIRE ENHANCED SECURITY, EVEN ARMED SECURITY.

AND WE ARE STILL DEALING AS A COMMUNITY WITH THE TRAUMA OF OCTOBER 7.
THE MURDERS, THE RAPES AND THE KIDNAPPINGS.
THE WORST ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM SINCE THE HOLOCAUST.
AND THE CONTINUING PLIGHT OF THE HOSTAGES IN GAZA.
THIS IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SAY.
THESE VICTIMS WE SEE OUR CHILDREN.
WE SEE THE FACES OF OUR CHILDREN, OUR SIBLINGS, OUR PARENTS AND
GRANDPARENTS AND FRIENDS.
AND OUR OWN ISRAELI FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT MANY OF US HAVE.
NOW PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS UPSET BY THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS
IN THE THOUSANDS OF CIVILIAN DEATHS IN GAZA AND WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE
SYMPATHY AND COMPASSION TO OUR PALESTINIAN, ARAB, AND MUSLIM NEIGHBORS
AND FRIENDS.
BUT THIS RESOLUTION IS PROBLEMATIC.
IT'S ISSUES HIGHLIGHT WHY THE BOARD SHOULD NOT ACT ON THE RESOLUTION
OR THE SUBJECT.
IT IS SEVERAL CLAUSES THAT WE HEARD TONIGHT MAKE MANY DEBATABLE AND
SELECTIVE FACTUAL ASSERTIONS.
NOW ALTHOUGH OPPOSING ANTI-SEMITISM AND BRIEFLY ACKNOWLEDGING OCTOBER
7, IT DOES IGNORE HAMAS AS WAR CRIMES SUCH AS BASING COMBATANTS ON
CIVILIANS IN HOSPITALS AND FIRING ROCKETS AT ISRAELI CITIZENS AND I
WOULD JUST LIKE TO INITIALLY QUICKLY.
FINALLY, THE TERM PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE IS EMBLEMATIC OF A CHALLENGE HE
WOULD FACE ON AN AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE.
DOES THAT LEAVE HAMAS, A U.S. DESIGNATED TERROR ORGANIZATION AND
CONTROL OF GAZA?
DOES IT REQUIRE UNCONDITIONAL RETURN OF ALL ISRAELI HOSTAGES THOSE
MURDERED BY HAMAS AS A CONDITION OF THE CEASE-FIRE?
DOES IT REQUIRE HAMAS TO PERMANENTLY STOP RESISTANCE, REMINDING THAT
THERE WAS IN FACT A CEASE-FIRE ON OCTOBER 6.
ESPECIALLY AS HAMAS LEADERS SAY THERE WILL BE MANY MORE OCTOBER 7.
FINALLY THERE ARE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS RIGHT NOW.
I WAS READING ABOUT THEM TODAY.
THESE TALKS ARE VERY COMPLEX AND THE CONCERN IS THAT CALLS FOR
PREEMPTIVE - FOR A PREEMPTIVE PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE SIMPLY DELIVERED TO
HAMAS WHAT IT WANTS AND MAKE NEGOTIATIONS MORE CHALLENGING, NOT LESS
AND EVEN FRUITLESS.
PROLONGING THE CONFLICT AND THE SUFFERING.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THIS EVENING.

>>CLERK: JIM?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING TRUSTEES AND OAK PARK IS, MY
NAME IS JIM (NAME?) AND I HAVE LIVED HERE IN OAK PARK SINCE 1986.
I AM JEWISH AND I REALLY WANT TO JUST MAINLY ASSURE THE BOARD THAT
FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AS TRUSTEES.
APPRECIATE IT.

HER JOB IS PROBABLY THE DEFINITION OF THANKLESS.
ANYWAY I WANT TO ENSURE ALL OF YOU THAT WERE YOU TO PASS THIS
RESOLUTION IT IS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC.
MANY JEWS IN THE WORLD ARE CALLING FOR A CEASE-FIRE.
MANY JEWS IN - - THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN ITEM AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO
WITH HATING JEWS, WHICH IS REALLY WHAT ANTI-SEMITISM IS ABOUT.
NOW I KNOW YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY CONSIDERED THE OUTCOME OF THIS
RESOLUTION, BUT I THINK YOU HAVE IT IN YOUR POWER TO CHANGE YOUR
MINDS.
DIDN'T THE FAMOUS ECONOMIST MAYNARD (NAME?) SAY, WHEN THE FACTS CHANGE
I CHANGE MY MIND, WHAT DO YOU DO?
SO MAYBE HAVING HEARD SOME OF THE FACTS TONIGHT YOU WILL REVISIT THIS
AND FRANKLY IF YOU DO WANT TO VOTE ON THIS, I THINK THAT THE COMMUNITY
DESERVES THAT EACH OF YOU GO ON THE RECORD YES OR NO AND NOT JUST HIDE
BEHIND - WE WENT IN THE BACK ROOM AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
WE SHOULD HEAR YOU ON THE RECORD.
AND SO THAT IS A TOUGH CALL FOR YOU.
WHEN YOU RAN FOR THIS OFFICE, NOBODY FORCED YOU TO DO IT SO STEP UP
AND TAKE YOUR VOTE.
WE ARE HOPING THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT - WE ARE PEOPLE HEAR WHO HAVE SKIN
IN THE GAME.
THEY HAVE FAMILIES - YOU HEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT IT AND THEY NEED YOU
TO HAVE THEIR BACKS ON THIS.
WHETHER YOU THINK IT IS THE PLACE OF THE VILLAGE TO WEIGH IN ON THIS
OR NOT, THEY NEED YOU TO HAVE THEIR BACKS AND WE NEED YOU ON THE
RECORD AS TO HOW YOU ARE GOING TO VOTE.
THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: RUTH?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: I DID NOT COME WITH A PREPARED SPEECH.
I AM OF JEWISH HERITAGE.
SILENT DURING GENOCIDE LIKE SILENCE DURING THE LAST HOLOCAUST IS A
CRIME.
I DO NOT KNOW OAK PARK IS WHY WE ARE HERE WHEN THEY HAVE MADE UP THEIR
MIND, DECIDED AGAINST IT AND NOW THEY ARE ASKING FOR OUR OPINION.
THAT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME AND TO THINK THAT VICKI WOULD SAY WE ARE
BEING RUDE BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE HEARD IS OUTRAGEOUS.
I KNOW I WILL WORK VERY HARD TO UNSEAT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU BECAUSE
THIS IS NOT A DEMOCRACY.

>>CLERK: JUDITH?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: MY NAME IS JUDITH ALEXANDER AND I'M A LONG
TIME OAK PARK RESIDENT.
LET ME SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT I AM HEARTBROKEN AT THE HUMAN SUFFERING
AND GAZA AND IN ISRAEL.
I AM NO FAN OF PRIME MINISTER (NAME?) FOR MANY ASPECTS OF HOW ISRAEL
IS CONDUCTING WAR.

I HOPE YOU DECLINE AT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA.

THE RESOLUTION INITIALLY SEEMS TO CHECK ALL OF THE BOXES FOR ACCEPTABLE WORDING, IT CONDEMNS THE HAMAS ATTACKS, BUT HAS MANY PROBLEMS, INCLUDING FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HAMAS USE OF CIVILIANS AS HUMAN SHIELDS.

THE CALL FOR A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE IS THE BIGGEST DIFFICULTY BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAVE HAMAS IN POWER.

HAMAS IS DEDICATED TO OBLITERATING ISRAEL.

THAT IS PART OF ITS CHARTER.

A SENIOR OFFICIAL HAS PROMISED MANY MORE OCTOBER 7.

DO WE REALLY WANT THEM TO RETAIN - REMAIN IN POWER?

I SURE HOPE NOT.

YOU MAY BE AWARE THAT YESTERDAY ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS WERE FOUND IN LINKIN PARK BAG WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE RAT POISONING.

A BLOCK WHERE I USED TO LIVE IS ONE OF THE ONES WHERE THEY FOUND THESE, TO MY HORROR.

DUE TO FBI WARNINGS OF THE CHICAGO AREA, OUR WEEKLY WALK TO SUPPORT THE HOSTAGES REQUIRED SECURITY PROTECTION ON SUNDAY.

OAK PARK'S JEWISH POPULATION FEELS FRIGHTENED AND ALONE.

THE BOARDS CONSIDERING PASSING THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE THIS WORSE.

AND I WANT TO ADD THE CRITICISM OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I THINK MOST JEWISH AMERICANS WOULD CONSIDER ANTI-SEMITIC.

THAT IS NOT THE ISSUE.

CONSIDERING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WOULD BE HIGHLY DIVISIVE AND A DISTRACTION FROM THE IMPORTANT MATTERS BEFORE YOU, SUCH AS THE VILLAGE HALL SOLUTIONS TO DISCUSS TONIGHT IF YOU HAVE TIME AFTER ALL OF OUR COMMENTS.

IT WOULD BE A DISTRACTION AND WHAT WOULD BE GAINED?

THE VILLAGE HAS NO POWER TO AFFECT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

PREVIOUS BOARDS HAVE NOT ISSUED RESOLUTIONS REGARDING WORLD EVENTS SUCH AS RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE WHERE THERE WAS COMMUNITY CONSENSUS.

WHY DEPART FROM THIS PRECEDENT NOW?

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COURAGEOUS EXAMPLE OF OUR NEIGHBOR EVANSTON AND DECLINE CONSIDERATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION.

IF YOU FEEL IT APPROPRIATE TO ISSUE A RESOLUTION AT THIS TIME PLEASE FOCUS ON THE LOCAL ISSUES OF ISLAMIC PHOBIA AND ANTI-SEMITISM, WHICH RIGHTFULLY SHOULD BE YOUR CONCERN.

THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: ALLEN?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MY NAME IS ALAN PARIS I'M A 42 YEAR RESIDENT OF OAK PARK.

I ALSO ASKED THE BOARD TO NOT ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
CEASE-FIRE.

BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS.

AT THIS MEETING OR ANYTIME IN THE FUTURE.

YOU ARE NOT ELECTED TO DEAL WITH FOREIGN POLICY, BUT TO SOLVE LOCAL
ISSUES AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY FOREIGN POLICY CRISES OR FOREIGN
CRISES I SHOULD SAY, NOT AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY CRISES, BUT FOREIGN
CRISES THAT HAVE NOT COME TO THIS BOARD OR ANY BOARD OF OAK PARK FOR
CONSIDERATION AND I THINK THAT IS A GOOD PRECEDENT.

THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED EARLIER I FIND IS ONE-SIDED.

IT MENTIONS THE HOSTAGES AND IT CALLS FOR THEIR RELEASE, BUT IT IS AN
IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE AND IT IS NOT JUST THE OCTOBER 7
HOSTAGES, BUT (NAME?) AND (NAME?) WHO HAVE BEEN HELD HOSTAGE IN GAZA
SINCE 2014 AND 2015 RESPECTIVELY.

(NAME?) WAS AN ETHIOPIAN ISRAELI AND (NAME?) A BED WHEN, BOTH OF THEM
ARE ACTUALLY ILL ISRAEL IS THAT WANDERED ACROSS THE BORDER AND HAVE
BEEN KEPT PRISONER BY HAMAS SINCE.

AS WELL THERE ARE TWO DEAD ISRAELI SOLDIERS WHOSE BODIES HAVE BEEN
HELD BY HAMAS SINCE 2014.

ALSO GONE UNMENTIONED AND UN-CONDEMNED IS THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE USED BY
HAMAS AGAINST THE WOMEN KILLED IN THE NOVA MASSACRE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXCUSE ME!

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: STOP HECKLING RESIDENCE, PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

A CEASE-FIRE SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA, BUT WHEN HAMAS INVADED ISRAEL ON
OCTOBER 7 2023 IT VIOLATED AN EXISTING CEASE-FIRE.

ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES THERE HAVE BEEN SIX CEASE-FIRES SINCE
2008.

ALL BUT ONE WERE BROKEN BY HAMAS OR PALESTINIAN - - SOMETIMES JUST
HOURS AFTER TAKING EFFECT.

I WILL CUT MY - THE REST OF MY COMMENTS SHORT.

IF THE VILLAGE BOARD WANTS TO DO SOMETHING IT SHOULD WORK TO CALM
TENSIONS IN THE VILLAGE ON THIS ISSUE.

BOTH IN THE VILLAGE AND IN OUR LOCAL INSTITUTIONS.

SUCH AS THE HIGH SCHOOL.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

THREE MORE?

PLEASE CONTINUE.

>>CLERK: LAUREN?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERY MEMBER OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND I WOULD
LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE DECISION YOU ANNOUNCED AT THE BEGINNING OF
THIS MEETING.

THANK YOU FOR NOT WASTING YOUR VALUABLE TIME ON ISSUES THAT ARE NOT PART OF YOUR MANDATE.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IS NOT PART OF YOUR MANDATE.

THE OUTCOMES OF THE VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION FEASIBILITY STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FACILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE IS WHERE YOU SHOULD SPEND YOUR TIME.

THOSE IN THIS ROOM WHO WANT TO INFLUENCE INTERNATIONAL POLITICS SHOULD BE SPEAKING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE CONTINUE AND I AM REALLY ASKING NICELY.

THANK YOU.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SERVICE AND I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE MY REMAINING TIME, TWO MINUTES BACK TO THE VILLAGE BOARD SO YOU CAN HANDLE MATTERS THAT YOU ARE ELECTED TO HANDLE. THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: RABBI DEAR (NAME?) - ADHEER NICK.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING, TRUSTEES AND VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND I WILL ALSO BE SHORT THIS EVENING. RELIGIOUS LEADER OF A LOCAL SYNAGOGUE WHERE THE OTHER MAJOR SYNAGOGUE OF THE AREA, MOST OF OUR MEMBERS ARE RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK MAY DO JOIN MY VOICE AND AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE BOARD EVEN CONSIDERING A CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION IN GAZA. AS EVERYBODY SAID VOTING ON FOREIGN-POLICY RESOLUTIONS IS NOT PART OF OAK PARK'S MISSIONS OR GOALS. IT IS ALIENATING AND DEEPLY DIVISIVE TO MANY IN OAK PARK'S JEWISH COMMUNITY. THERE ARE SOME JEWS THAT SAY IT DOES NOT AFFECT THEM OR EVEN THEY SUPPORT IT, BUT FOR MANY OF US IT IS HARMFUL. WE FEEL TARGETED AND THE ONLY TIME THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK MAKES A FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT IS WHEN IT'S REGARDING ISRAEL. THE COUNTRY THAT HAS BEEN A THREAT FOR 75 YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE. THOSE STATEMENTS REMAIN IN VERY - - HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SYRIANS JUST NEXT DOOR WERE KILLED IN A CIVIL WAR AND MANY OTHER TRAGIC SITUATIONS. INSTEAD OF ADDRESSING THIS ONE ISSUE THAT MAKES US FEEL THAT WE NEED TO UP OUR SECURITY, OUR SYNAGOGUE - - AS WE DO FOR EVERY MAJOR EVENT, WE WORRY ABOUT OUR CHILDREN AND I URGE YOU TO INSTEAD FOCUS ON LOCAL ISSUES AND NOT PUT SUCH A RESOLUTION ON YOUR AGENDA. THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: J?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: THANK YOU. APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

SO MY WIFE WROTE A LETTER TO THE BOARD AND I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD TO READ IT.

THIS IS MY NAME IS ROBIN (NAME?), ACTUALLY IT IS IN, BUT THIS READING IS FOR HER.

I NAME IS ROBIN NEMEC AND I'M THE TEMPLE EDUCATOR OAK PARK TEMPLE AND MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN OAK PARK SINCE 1989.

WE RAISED TWO DAUGHTERS IN OAK PARK.

THEY ATTENDED DISTRICT 97 SCHOOLS IN OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL AND I'VE WORKED IN OAK PARK TEMPLE SINCE 1990 I STRONGLY URGE YOU NOT TO ADOPT ANY RESOLUTION ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA.

THIS IS SIMPLY BEYOND THE SCOPE OF YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

PLEASE DO NOT FURTHER THE ALREADY DIFFICULT DIVISIONS IN OUR SPECIAL COMMUNITY WITH THIS POLITICALLY MANIPULATIVE AND MEANINGLESS RESOLUTION.

YOUR JOB IS TO HELP BRING US TOGETHER NOT PUSH US FURTHER APART.

ACTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM OR 400% PARTIALLY DUE TO MISDIRECTION RESOLUTION SUCH AS THE ONE YOU MAY BE CONSIDERING.

THIS LAST FRIDAY, APRIL 5 WE RECEIVED TWO RED SECURITY WARNINGS IN OAK PARK TEMPLE.

ONE FROM THE UNION OF REFORMED JUDAISM, WHICH WE ARE A MEMBER

CONGREGATION AND THE SECOND FROM THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE.

BOTH ADVISED US TO BE ON ALERT FOR POSSIBLE VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWS ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

WE WERE TOLD THAT ALL LIGHTS AND WARNINGS OR FLASHING RED RIGHT NOW AS THE SUPERVISOR OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING IN OUR SYNAGOGUE, THESE WORDS STRIKE ME HARD.

WE HAD WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES OVER THE WEEKEND AND OUR DOORS WERE LOCKED AND OUR - WE HAD HIM SECURITY IN THE BUILDING AGAIN. ANTI-SEMITISM IS ALIVE AND GROWING IN OAK PARK.

AT OPRF HIGH SCHOOL, JEWISH STUDENTS CONTINUE TO FEEL UNSAFE AND WE STAND WITH ISRAEL WHILE LAWN SIGNS ARE KICKED DOWN - - IN OAK PARK. ONE OF OUR CONGREGANTS HAS A SECURITY VIDEO OF A WOMAN PUSHING A STROLLER IN FRONT OF HER HOME ON THE 500 BLOCK OF NORTHEAST.

THE WOMAN WHO KICKED THE SIGN THREE TIMES UNTIL IT FINALLY LANDS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.

THE VIDEO IS CURRENTLY POSTED ON FACEBOOK.

THIS PROPOSED RESOLUTION WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON AMERICAN OR ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY.

IT WILL ONLY SERVE TO CREATE AND DEEPEN DIVISIONS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN OAK PARK HOWEVER WILL BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY A CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TRUSTEES.

I WANT TO BELIEVE OUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT BE EASILY INFLUENCED BY POLITICAL OPERATIVES.

PLEASE PROVE ME RIGHT BY SAYING NO TO THIS RESOLUTION DEMANDING A CEASE-FIRE.

SEND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN OAK PARK A POSITIVE MESSAGE BY SAYING NO TO THIS RESOLUTION.

THERE IS A BETTER PATH FORWARD FOR US LOCALLY.

ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OAK PARK TEMPLE, MY HUSBAND AND I ATTENDED (NAME?) AT OUR LOCAL MUSLIM COMMUNITY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30.

OUR MUSLIM FRIENDS WERE GOOD ENOUGH TO INVITE US AND WE WERE LUCKY TO ATTEND.

LISTEN TO A PALESTINIAN MAN, A FRIEND OF OURS DISCUSSED HIS FAMILY'S STRUGGLE.

WE ENDED A BEAUTIFUL TALK - HE ENDED A BEAUTIFUL TALK BY ENCOURAGING ALL OF US TO BUILD TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER.

WE NEED EACH OTHER.

I WAS INSPIRED AND MOVED.

THIS IS THE PATH FORWARD IN OAK PARK - - RESOLUTION WITH NO IMPACT EXCEPT ENFORCING DIVISION AND HATE IN OAK PARK.

THANK YOU, ROBIN WHITMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT IS ALL?

>>CLERK: THAT IS THE LAST PUBLIC COMMENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AGAIN, JUST BECAUSE THEY USUALLY HOLD MYSELF TO A HIGHER STANDARD OF NOT STARTING IN MEETING THE WAY I DID I WILL AGAIN START WITH AN APOLOGY FOR MAKING A STATEMENT OF THAT SORT BEFORE.

WE READ ALL THE EMAILS THAT COME OUR WAY.

WE READ MANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OF THOSE WHO SENT THEM IN BEFORE THEY CAME.

WE READ THE RESOLUTION OF WHICH I DO AGREE A GOOD AMOUNT OF CARE WENT INTO.

WHEN I LOOK AT ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM I SEE PEOPLE THAT CARE DEEPLY.

PEOPLE WHO PROBABLY AGREE MORE THAN THEY DISAGREE.

PEOPLE WHO ARE MORTIFIED BY PAIN AND THE WAY THAT PEOPLE ARE TREATED AT DIFFERENT MOMENTS AROUND THE WORLD AND THAT NOBODY IN THIS ROOM WOULD DO ANYTHING TO HURT THE OTHER.

ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS CONVERSATION HERE IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK DOES HAVE POWER.

WE DO HAVE LEVERAGE.

I'M A SUCCESSFUL VILLAGE PRESIDENT THAT HAS BEEN ABLE TO ENGAGE ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS VILLAGE IN WAYS THAT HAVE BENEFITED US GREATLY.

WE ALL WORK VERY, VERY HARD.

I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE AT THIS BOARD TABLE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I'M GOING TO GO HOME TONIGHT AND THAT YOUR COMMENTS THIS EVENING WERE NOT TRULY AN ATTACK ON US.

YOU WANT TO PARTNER WITH US, BUT MANY - THE WAY THAT SOME OF YOUR COMMENTS DID COME FORWARD WERE IN AN ATTACK ON US AND YOU WROTE A STATEMENT BEFORE ENGAGING US.

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT DIVISION.

I AM WANTING TO PARTNER WITH YOU FOR LEARNING AND HEARING.

HEARING YOUR STORIES TONIGHT I AM GOING TO - THAT WAS MORE POWERFUL TO ME THEN GOING HOME AND READING OR WATCHING THE NEWS OR LISTENING TO SOMEONE ELSE'S STORY.

YOU ARE OUR NEIGHBORS.

BUT TO COME HERE AND ACCUSE US OF NOT CARING.

TO COME HERE AND TO DEMAND OF US WHAT WE ACTUALLY OTHERWISE KNOW OUR JOBS AND NO STRATEGIES TO HELP YOU, BUT IT'S NOT ALSO TO THROW OUR COLLEAGUES AT A FEDERAL OR STATE LEVEL UNDER THE BUS.

YOU ALL ARE HERE FOR REALLY GREAT REASONS.

SO I DO WANT TO CONTINUE TO LEARN FROM YOU ABOUT THOSE - THE EXPECTATIONS THAT YOU HAVE FOR US AS A BOARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU KNOW WHAT, MA'AM?

I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO VOTE ON SOMETHING THAT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

THAT IT IS US VIOLATING OUR OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

AGAIN, I DO KNOW THAT I'M GOING TO GO HOME AND UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF THE WORDS THAT WERE USED AS IF WE DO NOT FULLY WANT TO DO OUR JOBS WAS REALLY JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE DEEP PAIN THAT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND BETTER.

YOU ARE NOT WORKING WITH US IS IF YOU REALLY WANT TO PARTNER.

THAT MAKES US CONCERNED!

EXCUSE ME.

[AUDIENCE YELLING]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU JOINING US THIS EVENING.

[AUDIENCE YELLING]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MAY I PLEASE ASK - WHAT IS YOUR NAME, MA'AM? WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE TIME OUTSIDE OF THIS MEETING.

[AUDIENCE YELLING]

[APPLAUSE]

[AUDIENCE YELLING]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MA'AM, I'M VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

[AUDIENCE YELLING]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THIS IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO WHAT YOU ARE ASKING US TO HELP YOU WITH.

MA'AM!

THANK YOU.

[AUDIENCE YELLING]

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PRESIDENT SCAMAN, JUST RESPECTFULLY IF I CAN ASK THE DEPUTY - ASSISTANT VILLAGE ATTORNEY RASHIDA JACKSON TO OPINE ON OMA AND HOW IT RELATES TO WHAT ACTION THAT THE BOARD CAN AND CANNOT TAKE IN RELATION TO THIS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: APPRECIATE THAT AS I HAVE ALREADY CLEARLY STATED, BUT THANK YOU FOR THE ASSISTANCE.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: YES, JUST SO EVERYONE IS AWARE, THIS WAS NOT ON OUR AGENDA FOR TODAY SO THE BOARD WILL NOT BE TAKING A VOTE FOR SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT PUBLISHED ON THE AGENDA.

[AUDIENCE YELLING]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

[AUDIENCE YELLING]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.
YES.

[INDISCERNIBLE AUDIENCE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.
OKAY.
I HAVE APOLOGIZED LIKE FOUR TIMES AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU IT IS FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
EXCUSE ME!

NOW!

YOU KNOW WHAT?

NO!

ENOUGH!

YOU KNOW WHAT, YOUR WORDS WERE BEAUTIFUL, OKAY?

YOU DID TOUCH ME, BUT THEN YOU INTERRUPTED SEVERAL COMMENTERS WHO WERE HERE TO DO THE SAME THING YOU WERE AND ENGAGE US IN DEMOCRACY.

SO NOW!

YOU ARE DONE!

YOU ARE RIGHT!

I STARTED THIS OFF WRONG AND I APOLOGIZED MULTIPLE TIMES.

NOT ONE PERSON IN THIS ROOM HAS APOLOGIZED TO ME YET.

EXCUSE ME!

EXCUSE ME!

I AM GOING TO READ THE SAME WAY THAT MANY OF YOU PREPARED DEEPLY THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS, AS DO I!

SO THESE COMMENTS ARE FROM THE HEART AND IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THAT THE NEW UNFORTUNATELY HAVE NOT BEEN PAYING ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THE WAY THE BOARD OPERATES.

EXCUSE ME!

YOU ARE ALSO DONE IT!

I WILL HAVE YOU REMOVED BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN INSULTING TO THIS BOARD THAT DOES NOT DESERVE TO BE INSULTED!

PERIOD!

YOU WANT TO BE MAD AT ME FOR STARTING THIS OFF INAPPROPRIATELY, THEN THAT IS FINE!

AGAIN, IF YOU CANNOT TELL THAT I AM SORRY THAT I DID THAT, THEN YOU ARE NOT PAYING ATTENTION!

ENOUGH!

ENOUGH!

ENOUGH!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU, AND I STILL MEAN THAT BECAUSE I DO FEEL YOUR PAIN AND I UNDERSTAND VERY MUCH THAT YOU WOULD NOT BE COMING HERE WITH THAT KIND OF DEPTH IF YOU REALLY ARE NOT HURTING.

YOU ARE HURTING.

AND I AM STILL GOING TO LOOK FOR THAT RESTORATIVE OUTLOOK.

BECAUSE I TAKE MY ROLE SERIOUSLY.

BRAVELY SHARING PERSONAL STORIES CONSUMED AND PROFOUND SADNESS, OF WHICH IS EXEMPLIFIED TONIGHT DUE TO PROLONGED GRIEF THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FEELING FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND MANY WITH DEEP CONCERNS FOR THE SUFFERING HAPPENING IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE.

I ASSURE YOU THAT WE HEAR YOU AND WE AGREE WITH YOU.

I BELIEVE THOSE THAT ALSO SPOKE TONIGHT NOT IN SUPPORT OF THE CEASE-FIRE ALSO GRIEVE WITH YOU.

YOUR STORIES WEIGH HEAVILY ON ALL OF US.

AND ONLY THAT MUCH MORE AS WE LISTEN AND WITNESS THE DEVASTATION AND DEEP PAIN FELT BY YOU, OUR NEIGHBORS.

AS WE GATHER TONIGHT WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEEP SUFFERING AND PAIN ENTERED BY COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS AS A RESULT OF THE ONGOING CONFLICT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE.

ALTHOUGH THIS CRISIS IS OCCURRING INTERNATIONALLY THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION IT DEEPLY IMPACTS OUR OAK PARK COMMUNITY IN SO MANY COMPLEX AND COMPOUNDING WAYS.

OUR HEARTS ACHE FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT THAT HAS TRANSCENDED GENERATIONS WILL EXTEND OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO YOU.

OAK PARK TODAY IS KNOWN AND REGARDED AS A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE NOT ONLY WELCOMED, BUT CELEBRATED.

IT TOGETHER WE EMBRACE THE RICHNESS OF VARIOUS CULTURES, RECOGNIZING THE INHERENT VALUE EACH ONE BRINGS TO OUR COLLECTIVE HUMANITY.

AS A BOARD WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUALLY ADVANCING OUR EFFORTS TO EMBRACE CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.

WE REPRESENT 55,000 PEOPLE.

NOW, MORE THAN EVER, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER.

FOSTERING UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION AS WE LISTEN IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.

LET US REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO EMPATHY AND OPEN DIALOGUE AS WE STRIVE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, NOT ONLY IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY, BUT ACROSS THE GLOBE.

EACH ONE OF US AS WE CAN.

AS VILLAGE PRESIDENT STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES WE ARE UNITED IN OUR BELIEF THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL DESERVES A LIFE AND A WORLD FREE FROM FEAR AND VIOLENCE.

WE PLEDGE TO DO OUR PART IN CREATING SUCH A ROLE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK.

AS PART OF THAT PLEDGE WE ARE UNDERSCORING A COMMITMENT TO FURTHER EXPLORE THE STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO BRING FORWARD AN ACTIVE ELEMENT OF PEACE AND ASK RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK TO JOIN US IN PRIORITIZING ACTIVE LISTENING, PRACTICES LEADING WITH EMPATHY AND COMPASSION FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE.

WE CAN SET A BETTER EXAMPLE HERE IN OAK PARK.

THAT WILL HAVE INFLUENCE OVER THOSE YOU WISH TO HAVE INFLUENCE.

THOSE ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MYSELF AND OTHERS WITH THE FOLKS THAT DO HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE HAPPEN.

I AM VERY, VERY HAPPY TO SIT DOWN AND CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION WITH ANYONE IN THIS ROOM WHO WISHES TO APPROACH ME AND HAVE THAT AND I HAVE PEOPLE WHO EMAILED ME DATES AND TIMES OF WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET AND I PLAN ON DOING THAT AND FOLLOWING UP WITH YOU.

BUT MY ROLE IN THIS INSTANCE BECAUSE IT'S NOT THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT OUR MANDATE AT ALL, BUT WE DON'T HAVE IS A FEDERAL POWER. WHAT WE DO HAVE IS LEADERSHIP TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY BACK TOGETHER. IF YOU SAT DOWN AT A DINNER TABLE WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE EITHER FOR AND AGAINST THE CEASE-FIRE YOU WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE THE SAME LOVE AND PASSION FOR HUMAN LIFE TO FIND COMMON GROUND. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE.

FOLKS WE HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

>>CLERK: VANESSA GONZALES?

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>>CLERK: YES.

YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES TO PROVIDE YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: I APPRECIATE IT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

GOOD EVENING BOARD MEMBERS.

MY NAME IS VANESSA GONZALES AND I'M AN OAK PARK RESIDENT.

WE ARE ALL FOLLOWING WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE HOLY LAND.

FOR SIX MONTHS AND COUNTING WE HAVE SEEN WITH OUR OWN EYES HORRIFIC SCENES PRACTICALLY LIVE STREAM FROM ISRAEL, PALESTINE, ESPECIALLY FROM GAZA.

THE 40,000+ KILLED IN GAZA.

HE COLLAPSED AID, UNRETURNED ISRAELI HOSTAGES AND PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS.

A FORCED MASS DEHYDRATION.

STARVATION AND DISEASES IN GAZA AND IS STILL NO END TO THE VIOLENCE IN SIGHT.

THIS IS BACKED BY U.S. DOLLARS AND MUNITIONS WE KNOW NEARLY HALF OF THOSE KILLED AND DIRECTLY SUFFERING HAVE BEEN CHILDREN.

HUMANITY DOES NOT PLAY OPPRESSION OLYMPICS.

WHO HAS IT WORSE, WHO IS HURTING THE MOST AND IS THE MOST OPPRESSED.

HUMANITY IS INCLUSIVE AND WE MUST HOLD SPACE FOR ALL OF OUR SIBLINGS.

THE ONES WHO DO AND DO NOT LOOK LIKE US.

WE MUST GRIEVE ALL OF LIFE AND TIME LOST.

WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR LIFETIME TO END THIS GENOCIDE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND FIGHT FOR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION.

NO MATTER OUR LOCAL OR FEDERAL POWERS.

SILENCE IS COMPLICITY.

OUR LIBERATION IS ONE AND IN THIS FIGHT FOR LIBERATION WE MUST ALWAYS ASK OURSELVES, WHO ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE?

WHO ARE THE LEAST PROTECTED?

WHO ARE THE LEAST RESOURCED?

BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATIONS THERE IS ALREADY DETAILED AND ORGANIZED RESOLUTION THAT HAS BEEN PETITION TONIGHT BY SEVERAL COMMENTERS.

BY CJ PIP, COMMUNITY FOR JUST PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SO I ASKED THAT THE OAK PARK VILLAGE AND OAK PARK BOARD MEMBERS RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION AND INSTEAD JOIN OVER 100 MUNICIPALITIES TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO SAVE LIVES AND WORK TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND.

A RESOLUTION THAT CALLS FOR A PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE, HUMANITARIAN AID THAT ENTERS AND REACHES ALL OF GAZA.

A HALT ON THE U.S. FUNDING AND TRANSFERS TO ISRAEL AND A RELEASE OF THE UNRETURNED ISRAELI HOSTAGES AND PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE CONDEMNATION OF ALL GENOCIDAL ACTS IN THE CONDEMNATION OF ALL WAR CRIMES AND ALL THAT WHO HAVE COMMITTED AND CONTINUE TO COMMIT THESE CRIMES.

LOOK FORWARD TO OAK PARK AND OUR COMMUNITY TAKING LEADERSHIP IN CENTERING AND UPHOLDING HUMANITY IN ALL OF ITS FORMS BY EVERYDAY DEMONSTRATION AND BYPASSING THE PERMANENT CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AGAIN, I THINK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AND SHARING.

I AM NOT GOING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

[INDISCERNIBLE AUDIENCE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.
AGAIN, I UNDERSTAND THOSE WHO DID OUR SUFFERING.
SO IS OKAY.
THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I'M FINE.
JUST A MOTION, BUT I AM NOT UPSET.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE HAVE NOT CALLED A RECESS.
THAT IS NOT WHAT I SAID.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
OKAY.

I AM FINE.
JUST A MOTION THAT IS WELL-DESERVED.
I HESITATE TO CALL A RECESS IF UNNECESSARY.
OKAY.
AND OKAY.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PRESIDENT SCAMAN, WE DON'T HAVE ANY VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS TONIGHT.
RESPECTFULLY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.
THEN WE ARE MOVING TO REGULAR AGENDA.

A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON OUTCOMES OF THE VILLAGE HALL
RENOVATION FEASIBILITY STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FACILITY
REVIEW COMMITTEE.

MOTION, PLEASE?

WE DO NOT NEED A MOTION.

JUST A DISCUSSION.

IN FACT, I WILL LET YOU INTRODUCE VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THANK YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE
MEMBERS.

CAN EVERYBODY HEAR ME?

JUST SOME QUICK REMARKS AND I WILL TURN OVER TO DIRECTOR SPROULE TO
INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GREAT WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE,
THE FACILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE THAT WE WILL BE LISTENING TO TONIGHT.
THE OUTCOME AND SPECIFICALLY TO COCHAIRS LUEK AND DAN RASH.

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HELP WE GOT FROM JOHNSON LASKY KINDELIN AND
I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR STAFF TEAM INCLUDING DIRECTOR SPROULE, BUT
WE ALSO HAD AARON DUFFY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC - - CHI JOHNSON, CRAIG OUR
VILLAGE PLANNER AND SUSIE TRAXLER, OUR HISTORIC PRESERVATION MANAGER.
A COUPLE THINGS TONIGHT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS REVIEWING AND LISTENING TO
FEEDBACK ON THE FEEDBACK OF THE COMMITTEE.

WE ARE NOT ANTICIPATING ANY ACTION FROM THE BOARD TONIGHT, YET WE ARE
INTERESTED IN ALL THE FEEDBACK THAT THE BOARD CAN PROVIDE TO ALLOW THE
STAFF TO RETURN WITH A FUTURE ITEM SOMETIME IN MAY, TENTATIVELY MAY 7
WHERE WE WOULD BE SEEKING DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON THE PROJECT
MOVING FORWARD.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION I WOULD LIKE TO TURN OVER TO DIRECTOR SPROULE TO
GET US STARTED.

>>ROB SPROULE: DIRECTOR SPROULE, ROBERT FGM, PUBLIC WORKS.
REITERATING SOME OF WHAT KEVIN SAID.

WE'RE HERE TONIGHT WITH MEG KENDALL IN WITH JOHNSON LASKY KINDELIN AS
WELL AS COLLECT LUEK AND DAN RAUCH AND THEY ARE HERE TO SHARE THE
FINDINGS OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND THE COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS
ARE.

I WILL DO A QUICK HISTORY OF THE PROJECT BEFORE TURNING IT OVER TO DAN
AND COLETTE TO - - WE WILL THEN BRING COLLETTE LUEK UP FROM JLK TO
WALK US THROUGH THE PROCESS OF THE STUDY AND THE FINDINGS THEY FOUND
AND PARTNER WITH THE COCHAIRS TO PRESENT THEIR ULTIMATE RECOMMENDATION
AND THEN FINALLY WE WILL TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO THE BOARD TO ASK ANY
QUESTIONS OF ANY PART OF THE PROCESS OR ANY ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT
FROM ANY OF THE STAFF OR THE PRESENTERS.

WE REALLY ARE HERE TO GET FEEDBACK THE BOARD ON INFORMATION THEY SEE
TONIGHT AND WHAT HAS BEEN PREPARED AS PART OF THE PRESENTATION AND THE
DOCUMENTATION AND WE WILL USE THAT INFORMATION TO INFORM AN ANALYSIS
OF THE EXISTING APPROVED REDEVELOPMENT OPTION THAT WAS PRESENTED

PREVIOUSLY AND ANY KIND OF PREFERRED RENOVATION FEEDBACK OR ANY OTHER FEEDBACK THAT WE GET TONIGHT.

SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO - QUICKLY THROUGH BACKGROUND TO BRING EVERYBODY ONTO THE SAME PAGE, YOU KNOW, IT WAS JULY OF LAST YEAR WHERE FGM ARCHITECTS WAS HERE PRESENTING FOUR OPTIONS FOR THE POLICE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

THE BOARD AT THAT TIME HAD VOTED TO MOVE FORWARD TO SCHEMATIC DESIGN ON OPTION FOUR, WHICH WAS A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION THAT PROPOSED REBUILDING THE CURRENT VILLAGE HALL CAMPUS WITH A NEW CIVIC CENTER THAT MEETS THE CURRENT NEEDS, CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF THE VILLAGE INCLUDING VILLAGE SERVICES AND POLICE.

LATER THAT MONTH WE RECEIVED DIRECTION TO HOLD OFF ON SCHEMATIC DESIGN WHILE WE PURSUED HISTORICAL PRESERVATION EVALUATION OF THE FACILITY. WE AS STAFF PUT OUT A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS IN AUGUST SEEKING THOSE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND CAME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH JOHNSON LASKY KINDELIN ARCHITECTS FOR THOSE SERVICES.

THAT WAS ON OCTOBER 30 AT THE SAME MEETING A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD CREATING THE FACILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT AND APPOINTING ITS MEMBERS. I'M GOING TO READ ALL OF THIS.

THIS IS THE ENABLING LANGUAGE FOR THE FACILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND OUTLINES THEIR PURPOSE AND WE DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMMITTEE THAT WAS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD WITH THE MEMBERS BEING COLETTE LUEK AND DAN RAUCH.

WE HAVE FOUR MEETINGS AS PART OF THE PROCESS WITH THE COMMITTEE.

I SHOULD STOP REALLY QUICKLY AND SAY PRIOR TO ANY OF THE MEETINGS WE DID PROVIDE VERY IN-DEPTH TOURS OF THE FACILITY TO ALL OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS WELL AS THE ARCHITECTURAL TEAM, BUT THEN WE MET FOUR TIMES OR THE COMMITTEE MET FOUR TIMES I SHOULD SAY THROUGH THIS PROCESS WHERE THEY SPENT IN MEETING DEVELOPING THEIR OWN GOALS AND PERSPECTIVE ON THE PROJECT.

WE THEN INTRODUCED JOHNSON LASKY KINDELIN ONE WHO WAS WORKING ON THE BUILDING PRESERVATION PLAN AND GIVE A REVIEW TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION EVALUATION OF THE FACILITY.

THEY THEN PRESENTED THREE POSSIBLE SCHEMES TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF THE FACILITY MEETING.

AT THE NEEDS OF THE VILLAGE WHILE ALSO PRESERVING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND THROUGH GAINING FEEDBACK TO THE COMMITTEE THEY MADE SOME REVISIONS AND PRESENTED A FINAL RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COMMITTEE AND JUST REALLY QUICKLY TO TOUCH ON THAT, THE COMMITTEE'S TASK AS OUTLINED IN THE PURPOSE WAS TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF RENOVATING THE CURRENT VILLAGE HALL FACILITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MODERN GOVERNANCE WHILE PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF THE EXISTING BUILDING IN THE SPIRIT OF OPEN GOVERNMENT.

THE VILLAGE WHEN WE STARTED THIS PROCESS HAD OUTLINED A NUMBER OF GOALS AND THOSE INCLUDED THINGS LIKE MEETING CURRENT BUILDING CODES, MEETING ACCESSIBILITY CODES, MEETING OR EXCEEDING ENERGY CODES AND EXISTING ENERGY ISSUES AND MAKING THE EXISTING BUILDING MORE FUNCTIONAL BY TRYING TO ADDRESS ISSUES LIKE SPACE, NOISE, LACK OF SUPPORT, FACILITIES.

THE COMMITTEE THOUGH - SO THAT WAS THE BASELINE, BUT THE COMMITTEE AS I MENTIONED IT DURING THE FIRST MEETING REALLY WANTED TO IDENTIFY THEIR OWN GOALS AND PRODUCE FOR THE PROJECT.

SO WE SPENT AN ENTIRE MEETING DISCUSSING THAT AND I WILL INVITE DAN AND COLETTE UP TO TALK TO THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON THE GOALS AND THE PROCESS TO DATE BEFORE WE MOVE INTO EVALUATION OF THE PROCESS.

>> THANK YOU I AM COLETTE LUEK, COCHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY HEARTFELT APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR TAKING THIS TOPIC ON.

IT IS NOT AN EASY THING TO DO IN A COMMUNITY THAT IS WEARY OF BIG PROJECTS AND EXPENSIVE EXPENDITURES, BUT A NECESSARY ONE AND YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO IT AND WE APPRECIATE THAT.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE STAFF THAT WORK FOR US, ANSWERED ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS, HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THINGS THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE OTHERWISE UNDERSTOOD AND REALLY HELPED US ALL THE WAY ALONG.

ALSO THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE THAT PUT IN HOURS OF WORK, LEARNED A LOT ALONG THE WAY AND WE ARE VERY DEDICATED, OPEN, RESPONSIVE AND COLLEGIAL IN THEIR PROCESS AS WE MET AS A COMMITTEE AND FINALLY TO JLK.

I CANNOT IMAGINE A BETTER PARTNER.

I SEE THE COMMITTEE'S LANGUAGE ALL THROUGHOUT YOUR FINAL REPORT AND I KNOW YOU WERE LISTENING TO US AND I HOPE YOU FELT WE LISTEN TO YOU AS WELL.

IT TRULY WAS A WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIP AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT AND YOU DID AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.

SO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AS YOU WERE TOLD STARTED WITH A TOUR OF THE BUILDING AND THEY THINK THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT LEARNING STEP FOR EVERYBODY THAT WE REALLY SAW WHAT IT IS WE ARE WORKING WITH.

BOTH THE PROS AND CONS.

I WILL SAY I THINK UNANIMOUSLY SEEING WHERE THE POLICE WORK THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FELT THE SPARE.

THAT IT TRULY WAS EYE-OPENING AND THAT THE SPACE NOT ONLY IS UNPLEASANT, BUT IT INTERFERES WITH THEIR JOB.

THEY CANNOT DO THEIR JOB AS WELL AS THEY NEED TO IN THAT SPACE.

SO WE UNDERSTOOD OUR PART OF THE PROJECT IS ONE PART, BUT WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO LOSE THE FACT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE (WORD?) BECAUSE THE DRIVER OF THIS PROJECT OVERALL.

AND THAT THAT IS THE PRIORITY AND SHOULD BE THE PRIORITY.

I THINK WE THEN SPENT SOME TIME TRYING TO THINK ABOUT, HOW WOULD A BUILDING DEFINED OAK PARK?

HOW WOULD IT RESONATE?

HOW WOULD IT MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT WHAT OUR VALUES ARE?

THE COMMITTEE FELT LIKE IF WE CREATED SOME COMMON GOALS, COMMON WAYS OF LOOKING AT THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS THAT ARE GOING TO BE PUT BEFORE US WE WOULD HAVE SOME UNIFORM STANDARDS TO SAY, THIS PROPOSAL MET ABC, BUT NOT DEF IN A COMMON FAIRWAY OF LOOKING AT ALL THE OPTIONS THAT WERE IN FRONT OF US.

I THINK WHEN WE THOUGHT ABOUT OPEN GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ABOUT, WELL HOW IS THE BUILDING USED?

IT IS USED FOR VOTING.

IT IS THE ONE TIME THAT THE FRONT ENTRANCE IS ACTUALLY USED AS AN ENTRANCE.

IT IS USED FOR MEETINGS LIKE TONIGHT THERE WAS A FEELING THAT IN ORDER FOR MEETINGS LIKE TONIGHT AND THE OTHER MEETINGS THAT TAKE PLACE HERE, THERE NEEDS TO BE A VARIETY OF SPACES.

SMALL, INTIMATE SPACES WHERE YOU CAN HAVE VERY PERSONAL DISCUSSIONS AND BIG SPACES, BIGGER THAN THIS ROOM WHERE YOU CAN HAVE LARGE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS TO ADDRESS BIG COMMUNITY ISSUES.

THOSE DO NOT REALLY EXIST IN THE SPACE AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE REDESIGNED TO HAVE THE KIND OF SPACE WHERE THE COMMUNITY FEELS WELCOME AND THEIR NEEDS ARE MET.

THE OTHER WAY PEOPLE, OBVIOUSLY IS TO DO BUSINESS AND WHERE AN HOW THEY DO BUSINESS NEEDS TO BE CLEARLY DEFINED.

IT NEEDS TO BE EASILY MARKED AND TRACKED SO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO.

THEY NEED TO BE GROUPED TOGETHER SO IF YOU'RE GOING FROM ONE OFFICE TO ANOTHER OFFICE YOU CAN EASILY MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

YOU NEED TO KNOW WHERE THE FRONT DOOR IS.

YOU NEED TO KNOW WHICH STEERS YOU TO COME UP OR DOWN WHEN YOU COME TO THE DOOR AND NONE OF THAT CURRENTLY EXIST.

THERE IS ONE LITTLE STEIN ON MADISON THAT TELLS YOU THAT THIS IS VILLAGE HALL, APART FROM THAT YOU WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT THIS BUILDING IS.

WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT, HOW DO WE ANTICIPATE THE FUTURE? WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE 25 OR 50 YEARS FROM NOW, AND HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY IMAGINE HOW THIS SPACE WOULD BE USED?

THERE WAS A LOT OF VARIETY ON THAT TOPIC ON THE COMMITTEE FROM EVERYTHING WILL BE ONLINE, IT WILL BE EASY, NOBODY WILL EVER COME IN THE DOOR TO PEOPLE WANT TO BE SEEN.

THEY WANT TO KNOW THEIR GOVERNMENT, THEY WANT TO TALK TO PEOPLE THAT ARE CONDUCTING GOVERNMENTAL BUSINESS ON THEIR BEHALF AND SOMETHING IN THE MIDDLE.

I THINK IT MADE OUR TASK VERY HARD TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH SPACE IS ACTUALLY NEEDED AND THEREFORE HOW MUCH CERTAIN THINGS WOULD COST WHEN

YOU CANNOT ANTICIPATE THOSE NEEDS AS WELL AS YOU MIGHT HOPE THAT YOU COULD.

I THINK WE CAME TO THIS LIST OF GOALS WITH A LOT OF UNANIMITY. PEOPLE REACHED THE GOALS PRETTY EASILY AND AGREED ON THEM QUITE QUICKLY, BUT THE VILLAGE HALL SHOULD BE WHAT IT IS NOW. A PLACE OF PRIDE.

THERE SHOULD BE A MARKER, A WEIGHT STANDS OUT SO PEOPLE KNOW THIS IS THEIR GOVERNMENT.

THIS IS THE SEAT OF THEIR GOVERNMENT AND THEY KNOW AS THEY DRIVE DOWN THE STREET AND THEY SEE IT, IT IS SOMETHING THAT THEY CAN BE PROUD OF. PAST CLEARLY IS AN ISSUE.

ESPECIALLY IN A SMALL COMMUNITY WHERE A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT HAS OCCURRED BY GOVERNMENTAL BODIES WHO HAVE SPENT ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY AND THIS IS GOING TO BE A VERY EXPENSIVE PROJECT. CLEARLY COST IS A FACTOR.

AND YOU ARE - AT CORE, YOUR JOB IS TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF TAX DOLLARS. THAT IS ACCOR WHAT YOU DO.

YOU ARE GIVEN TAX DOLLARS TO SPEND AND YOU SPEND THEM HOPEFULLY WISELY.

SO THE COMMITTEE WANTS YOU TO BE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TO SELL A BIG EXPENSE TO THE COMMUNITY AND IN ORDER TO SELL THAT EXPENSE YOU HAVE TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHY IT IS NEEDED AND WHAT IT IS YOU ARE SELLING AND HOW YOU ARE GOING TO PRESENT THAT TO THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE.

WE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WHY WE THOUGHT THAT WAS SO IMPORTANT AND I THINK THAT IS VERY OBVIOUS TO ANYBODY WHO HAS EVER BEEN IN THE BASEMENT.

WE TALKED ABOUT INCLUSION AND THE LEGAL STANDARDS ARE NOT WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

WE DO NOT WANT TO MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.

WE FELT LIKE IT WAS MORE - THERE SHOULD BE COMPARABLE EXPERIENCES REGARDLESS OF WHAT AGE YOU ARE.

WHAT DISABILITY YOU MIGHT HAVE.

WHAT PURPOSE YOU ARE HERE FOR EVERYBODY SHOULD FEEL WELCOME AND EVERYBODY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT MAY THINK YOU SAW TONIGHT THE WAYS THIS BUILDING DOES NOT WORK IN THIS ROOM. YOU SAW PEOPLE STRUGGLED TO GET DOWN THE STAIRS IN ORDER TO DO THEIR PUBLIC COMMENT.

PARKING OBVIOUSLY IS AN ISSUE.

PARKING IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE IN OAK PARK NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE AND NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO IT WILL BE AN ISSUE HERE AS WELL.

A SECURITY AND SAFETY - I THINK THE COMMITTEE WAS TRYING TO BALANCE OPEN GOVERNMENT WITH SECURITY AND SAFETY.

BOTH THE MATTER.

STAFF WANT TO FEEL SECURE WHEN THEY DO THEIR WORK.

BOARD MEMBERS WANT TO FEEL SECURE MEETINGS, BUT PEOPLE WANT TO FEEL WELCOME AT THE SAME TIME AND SOMETIMES THOSE ARE SEEN AS A POLAR OPPOSITE.

WHAT PROVIDES YOU SECURITY KEEPS YOU FROM FEELING OPEN AND WELCOMED AND WE REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER WAS TAKEN MOVING FORWARD AT A BALANCE OF BOTH AND REFLECTED BOTH AND WE THOUGHT THAT WAS POSSIBLE.

FINALLY, SUSTAINABILITY.

THOSE WORDS USED TO BE PAINTED ON THE WALL AND THEY'RE NOT HERE ANYMORE.

THAT IS A CORE VALUE OF OAK PARK WE FELT THAT WAS SORT OF A MINIMUM STANDARD.

THE WAY TO GET THERE IS THE SAME REGARDLESS OF WHICH OF THE PROPOSALS WE LOOKED AT.

THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY.

THEY ARE NECESSARY IF YOU DO NOTHING.

THEY ARE IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED IN THIS BUILDING CURRENTLY JUST BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION IT IS IN.

SO DAN, DO YOU WANT TO - YEAH, SURE.

>>SPEAKER: I WANT TO REINTRODUCE MYSELF TO YOU ALL.

I SPOKE TO YOU LAST SUMMER AFTER THE JULY VOTE BECAUSE I HAD CONCERNS ABOUT HOW THE PROCESS HAD UNFOLDED AND SO I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS SINCE THEN AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO YOU GUYS FOR DOING THIS EXERCISE AND FOR REALLY MAKING A TERRIFIC CHOICE.

THIS IS PUBLIC WORKS, TOO, BUT IN JLK.

I'M AN ARCHITECT NOT TOO FAR REMOVED FROM THE WORK THEY DO AND I'VE BEEN BLOWN AWAY BY THE WORK THEY'VE DONE.

I WANT TO SAY RIGHT OUT THE GATE THAT I AM VERY PLEASED WITH HOW THAT HAS ALL GONE.

I THINK THAT THIS IS A START IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT I WISH WE HAD A BROADER BIT OF INFORMATION TO TALK ABOUT.

WE WILL GET INTO THAT LATER ON, BUT REALLY THE MOST USEFUL THING FOR YOU GUYS IS GOING TO BE TO HEAR FROM JLK, BUT BEFORE WE GO OVER TO THEM I WANT TO SAY WE GOT A LOT OF PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE PROCESS AND AT OUR VERY FIRST MEETING WE GOT ONE FOR ME GENTLEMEN NAMED KEVIN BRUBAKER AND HE SENT IT IN WRITING AND COLETTE POINTED OUT THAT IT IS MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN THESE COMES COME IN IN WRITING, AND I DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY.

WE WERE GIVEN A PRINTOUT FROM PUBLIC WORKS IN THAT STATE ON MY DESK I KEPT SEEING IT AND WHAT KEVIN ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO DO IS TO THINK MODESTLY AND CREATIVELY AND I THINK WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT A LOT AS WE GO THROUGH THIS BECAUSE THOSE ARE TWO THINGS THAT EVEN IF THEY WERE NOT ARTICULATED BY JLK SHOULD BE A THROUGH LINE FOR JLK AND THE COMMITTEE.

I FOUND THAT PUBLIC COMMENT SUPER HELPFUL IN ANY WAY IT HAS SORT OF BEEN A NORTHSTAR FOR A LOT OF THE CONVERSATION AROUND THIS. SO IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT OR IS IT TIME TO - AWESOME.

>>ROB SPROULE: WE ARE GOING TO MOVE INTO THE EVALUATION PROJECT AND THIS IS MEG FROM JLK.

>>SPEAKER: CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS THING.

THANK YOU SO MUCH I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THIS FABULOUS BUILDING.

WE'VE HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THE COMMITTEE, THE TOUR, EVERYBODY WE HAVE DEALT WITH HERE AT OAK PARK HAS BEEN SPECTACULAR AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO JUST ENJOY THIS BUILDING AND IN OUR EYES KIND OF WE ARE PROFESSIONAL - RATHER WE ARE FULL-TIME SUPPORTERS OF THE REUSE OF EXISTING AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS.

EACH KIND.

THIS HAPPENS TO BE BOTH SO WE'RE JUST REALLY PLEASED TO BE HERE, BUT I WILL GET ON WITH IT.

SO WE WERE TASKED WITH TAKING A LOOK AT THIS BUILDING - JUST TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, IS IT FEASIBLE TO REUSE THIS BUILDING TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT THAT YOU HAVE HERE, TRUE AND OPEN GOVERNMENT?

I WANT TO SAY OUT OF THE GATE HERE, WE LOOKED AT MANY, MANY, MANY OPTIONS AND WAYS OF DOING THIS AND I WILL SAY WE FOUND IT IS FEASIBLE. THAT IS THE QUESTION WE WERE HERE TO ASK.

ARE THERE MANY WAYS TO ENACT DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SCHEME?

YES.

ARE THERE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS THAT WE ALL LOOKED AT TO FIND THE ANSWER TO THE YES?

WE WITH THE FEASIBILITY STUDY I ALWAYS LIKE TO COUCH IT BECAUSE IT IS NOT THE ONLY ANSWER, BUT IT IS AN ANSWER WE CAME UP WITH AND IT IS FEASIBLE THAT IS THE QUESTION WE ARE HERE TO ASK.

PERIOD.

AND THAT WE HAVE A PROCESS AND WE OUTLINE THE PROCESS ORIGINALLY, BUT A QUICK RECAP, WHEN WE COME UPON IN EXISTING BUILDING WE DO THIS THING, WE WILL DO OUR SURVEY, WE WILL LISTEN TO THE BUILDING AS WE LIKE TO SAY SO WE TOOK A TOUR OF THE BUILDING, WE DID RESEARCH.

WE LOOKED AT THE PROS.

IT IS A LOVELY BUILDING.

IT IS HISTORIC, IT IS VERY DYNAMIC.

IT IS EXCITING AND IT IS NOT WITHOUT ITS FLAWS SO WE LOOKED HONESTLY AT THE BUILDING, HOW COULD IT WORK BETTER.

WHAT ARE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THAT OF COURSE.

THERE IS A WAYFINDING AS WE MENTIONED, SOUND TRANSFERS AND OTHER THINGS, BUT WE TOOK A MOMENT TO LOOK HONESTLY AND CRITICALLY AT THE BUILDING.

THE NEXT PHASE IS ARMED WITH THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE JUST ORGANICALLY COMING FROM THE PROCESS.

LOOKING AT DIFFERENT WAYS THAT WE CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITH THE BUILDING.

WE LOOKED AT THREE DIFFERENT DESIGN OPTIONS.

INVESTIGATING WITHIN EACH OF THOSE AND I WILL GO INTO EACH OF THEM A LITTLE BIT FURTHER IN GREATER DETAIL, BUT INVESTIGATING IN EACH OF THE THREE CONCEPTS, A LOT OF DIFFERENT DESIGN IDEAS TO TRY TO HAVE AS MANY CONVERSATIONS AS POSSIBLE TO SEE HOW THE BUILDING COULD MEET THE NEEDS AND IF YOU DECIDE IT IS FEASIBLE AND FINALLY IN PHASE 3, TAKING ELEMENTS FROM ONE MAIN SCHEME, BUT ELEMENTS FROM ALL THREE THAT WE PUT TOGETHER TO FIND THEIR PREFERRED DESIGN SCHEME.

WE TALKED ABOUT THAT AND WE REFINE THAT AGAIN.

SO WE DID GO THROUGH THIS CRESCENDO OF INFORMATION LOOKING, DESIGN, THINKING, BEING CRITICAL OF WHAT WE ARE COMING UP WITH.

SO FIRST, PHASE 1, I WANT TO SAY THAT I WILL GO PRETTY QUICKLY THROUGH ALL OF THIS BECAUSE THERE IS THIS REPORT THAT SUPPORTS ALL OF IT.

SO IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS PLEASE I WILL BE MOVING KIND OF QUICKLY THROUGH THIS.

FIRST YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE BUILDING AND OF COURSE LOOKING AT THE PROS.

THIS BUILDING IS FANTASTIC AND I DO BELIEVE IF WE LOOK AT A LOT OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF BUILDINGS IN THE COURSE OF OUR WORK AS HISTORIC PRESERVATION ARCHITECT THIS IS DEFINITELY A PRODUCT OF ITS TIME.

AT THIS MARRIAGE AS A SAY OF A FUNCTION AND MONUMENT STRESS MODESTLY IN PURE FORMS OF HUMAN SCALE.

IT IS REALLY A INTERESTING BUILDING.

IT IS DELIVERED TO US THROUGH TIME WITH NOT TOO MANY MODIFICATIONS AND I THINK AT THIS POINT IT REALLY DOES EXPRESS THE IDEAS OF THE ARCHITECT AND HERE I QUOTE HIM BECAUSE I THINK IT IS SO FASCINATING THIS PHILOSOPHY OF OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT IS WOVEN INTO THE ARCHITECTURAL PHILOSOPHY AS YOU CAN READ HERE.

FOREIGN MATERIALS, SPATIAL CONFIGURATION, THE SPIRIT OF OPEN GOVERNMENT IS REALLY IN THIS BUILDING.

IT IS DYNAMIC AND YOU ARE NOT REALLY - IT HAS THIS CORE OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THE CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES I HAVE TO SAY OF A HISTORIC BUILDING, SOMETIMES WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH A MORE TRADITIONALLY HISTORIC BUILDING YOU SAY IT IS THE CORNERS, THE WINDOWS, THE WINDOW TRIM AND THAT SORT OF THING.

HERE IT IS MUCH DIFFERENT.

THE SPIRIT OF THIS BUILDING AND ITS MESSAGE AS PART OF ITS FORM, PART OF ITS GEOMETRY.

SO WHEN WE TURN OUR HAND TO WORK WITH IT WE'RE LOOKING MORE AT THE SPIRIT OF WHAT THE BUILDING IS TRYING TO DO, TRYING TO WORK WITH THAT, NOT AGAINST IT.

TURNING HERE, JUST SOME PICTURES, I KNOW YOU'RE ALL FAMILIAR, BUT IT'S A VERY DYNAMIC SPACE, VERY OPEN.

WANTING TO KEEP THAT SPIRIT OF OPENNESS.

PART OF THAT OPENNESS IS THE ACCESSIBILITY.

IT FEELS INCLUSIVE, IT FEELS SUSTAINABLE.

THOSE ARE CHALLENGES, TOO, FOR INSTANCE HAVING THIS IDEA OF SECURITY AND OPEN SPACE, HOW DO WE MANAGE THAT?

IN LOOKING AT ONE OF OUR FIRST SUBS, IS LOOKING AT THE HISTORY OF THE BUILDING AND DEFINING PRESERVATION ZONES AND BEING - BESIDE THE VOCABULARY OF THE BUILDING, LOOKING VERY CRITICALLY AT WHAT ARE THE MOST CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES.

WHERE DO WE CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS AT HAVING A LIGHTER TOUCH OF THE BUILDING AND WHERE CAN WE EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES TO MAKE THIS BUILDING WORK WITH US IN THE WAY THAT IT MUST?

IF WE ARE LOOKING AT IN THESE PLANS THAT ARE DESCRIBED, THE DARK PINK OR AREAS OF MORE PRIMARY HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE.

THIS ROOM FOR INSTANCE HAS OBVIOUSLY MANY MOODS, SEATING, EVERYTHING IS EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND REALLY DEFINES THE CHARACTER OF THE SPACE, WHEREAS GOING INTO A PRIVATE OFFICE FOR INSTANCE, LESS MAYBE IMPACTFUL AS A SECONDARY PRESERVATION.

SO LIKE THE BASEMENT CAN BE OPENED, REUSED AND OPEN TO INTERPRETATION. IT IS INTERESTING AS WE ARE NOTING THIS, IN ADDITION TO DOING PRESERVATION STUDIES, LOOKING AT WHAT OUR TRENDS IN OFFICE SPACE, WHAT ARE TRENDS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS, WE HAVE RECENTLY DESIGNED ABOUT 1/4 OF 1,000,000 FT.² OF OFFICE SPACE FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

WHEN WE LOOK AT WHAT IS TRENDING NOW, THIS BUILDING IS TRENDING NOW THE EXPOSED WOOD STRUCTURE.

AT THE NATURAL FINISHES GRADE BANDS OF WINDOWS.

JUST A FEELING OF CURTAIN WALLS.

MATERIALITY.

THIS BUILDING HAS A LOT GOING FOR IT IN TERMS OF BEING DESIRABLE IF YOU LOOK INTO A MAGAZINE YOU SEE A LOT OF IMAGES THAT LOOK LIKE THIS BUILDING.

WE SPENT A LITTLE TIME ON THAT IN THE REPORT.

SO LOOKING AT THE PROS AND ESSENCE OF THE BUILDING AND ALSO KEEPING IN MIND THE CHALLENGES IT HAS, WE TURNED OUR I TO LOOKING AT HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO USE THIS BUILDING AND IS IT FEASIBLE TO DO SO?

WE TOOK - WE HAVE THREE DIFFERENT SCHEMES, ROUGHLY THE FIRST IS THE MOST CONSERVATIVE, IT IS RETAINED.

I WILL GO THROUGH THESE.

HERE WE HAVE SOME PLAN DIAGRAMS ABOUT THEM, BUT THE RETAINED SCHEME IS DOING AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE TO THE BUILDING, NO ADDITIONS, NO MAJOR MODIFICATIONS.

IT IS TRULY CONSERVATIVE AND IT IS REALLY MAKING SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS
THE AMP UP THE USABILITY OF THE BUILDING WITHOUT MAKING FORMAL
CHANGES.

IN SCHEME TWO, THE THING IT DOES NOT DO IS SOLVE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM.
WHISKING TWO WE'RE LOOKING AT A WAY OF HOW CAN WE AUGMENT THIS
BUILDING WITH A SMALL ADDITION REALLY CALL ATTENTION TO WHERE YOU
ENTER, WHAT DO YOU NEED WHEN YOU ENTER THIS BUILDING?
YOU NEED A FRIENDLY FACE, LOBBY, AND ELEVATOR, BATHROOM.
I ALSO PUT SOME CONFERENCE SPACES AND PUBLIC FACING NEEDS IN AN
ADDITION.

THE THIRD WAS, WHAT IF WE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS BUILDING AND TRIED TO
RECLAIM NOT ONLY THE SPACE IN THE BASEMENT, BUT ALSO THINK ABOUT HOW
DO WE MAKE THAT MORE APPARENT IN USABLE TO THE VISITORS?
WITH THAT WE HAVE SECOND CLOSET THAT IS BRINGING THE ENTRANCE TO THE
BUILDING AND OFFERING THE THIRD FLOOR IS THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE
ENTIRE EXPERIENCE.

WITH ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT SCHEMES WE KEPT A COUPLE OF THINGS IN
MIND.

EVERY SCHEME INVOLVES THE SAME SUSTAINABILITY UPGRADES, THE WINDOWS,
THE ROOF, NEW SKYLIGHTS IN THE CORRIDOR BECAUSE ANY REUSE OF THE
BUILDING NEEDS NATURAL LIGHT IN THE BASEMENT.

EXCESS BODY UPGRADES, LEADERS FOR CIRCULATION AND KIND OF THESE - THE
KEY ISSUE FOR USABILITY FOR OFFICE IS REALLY SOUND.

SO LOOKING AT WAYS TO INSTALL - - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

THERE IS A NEW ELEVATOR, WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
WOULD STAY IN THE LOWER LEVEL SO WE LIMITED OUR REUSE STRATEGIES TO
SIMPLY THE FIRST FLOOR AND MEZZANINE.

THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS REMAINS THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

WE ARE LOOKING AT VARIOUS PLACES AND VARIOUS SCHEMES TO LOCATE THAT
DIFFERENTLY.

WITH THE HEIGHTENED ADDITION WE LIKE THIS BECAUSE ONE OF THE MAIN
THINGS LOOKING FORWARD IS THE DIFFICULTY IN NAVIGATING AND WAYFINDING
HERE AT THE BUILDING, BUT ALMOST FROM THE GET GO WHERE YOU ENTER WHAT
IS IN FRONT OF THIS BUILDING IF YOU ARRIVE BY CAR.

IT IS OBVIOUSLY IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

WE TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR A SAFE DROP OFF AND MOBILITY ISSUES.
PEOPLE WITH ANY - NEEDING TO DROP THINGS OFF, HAVING A NICE TRAFFIC
CIRCLE IS VERY DESIRABLE.

THIS SCHEME REALLY SAYS THIS IS THE ENTRANCE THAT'S PUTTING ON THE
SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING GOING FORWARD.

THE SUNKEN PLAZA HERE, WITH THIS, AGAIN, BRINGING THE ENTRANCE OF THE
BUILDING, THE ADJUSTER OF (WORD?), IT IS MORE FORMAL AND YOU ALREADY
HAVE A PLAZA AT THE CENTER OF THE COURTYARD.

IT IS CONTINUING THAT DIALOGUE.

WE JUST WANT TO INVESTIGATE HOW CAN IN ADDITION ACCOMMODATE THE NEED FOR DEMARCATION OF THE ENTRYWAY?

WITHIN ALL OF THESE SCHEMES AS DISCUSSED IN THE REPORT THERE ARE PROS AND CONS AS FAR AS HOW WE CAN STRETCH OUT VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT - IT DOES NOT COVER ALL OF THAT IN THIS PRESENTATION. THERE WERE SOME THINGS ABOUT THE SECOND SCHEME, WHICH WERE VERY DESIRABLE.

THE SITE CIRCULATION, THE REUSE OF THE BASEMENT AND BRINGING THAT INTO SUPPORT OF THE LOWER LEVELS WE CALL IT.

HAVING THAT SPACE OPEN FOR REINTERPRETATION AND PUTTING SOME PUBLIC SPACES DOWN THERE.

CONFERENCE ROOMS, MEETING ROOMS, PRIVATE STAFF SPACES, A LUNCHROOM AND THE KIND OF THAT RELIEVES THE TENSION OF THIS CRAMPED NATURE OF WHAT MIGHT BE GOING ON ON THE FIRST FLOOR MEZZANINE.

REALLY LOOKING AT MAKING THE MOST OF HOW DO WE STAY IN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE EXISTING BUILDING AND USE IT TO BEST (WORD?).

IN THE BASEMENT WE TOOK TIME - - THE COUNCIL CHAMBER COULD EITHER BE REPURPOSED OR WHEN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND IS ONE OF THE CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES AND ALSO HAS ITS LIMITATIONS.

- - AT ALL LEVELS HERE.

ALSO SOME MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO MAKE IT MORE USABLE, BUT ULTIMATELY THE OVERWHELMING CONSENSUS IS THIS IS WHEN THE PRIMARY SPACES.

THIS BUILDING NEEDS TO REMAIN INTACT STYLISTICALLY, BUT WE DID LOOK AT OTHER PLACES WITHIN THE BUILDING WHERE WE COULD PUT A LARGER, MORE MODERN I WOULD SAY COUNCIL CHAMBER WITH APPROPRIATE SECURITY, SIZES, MORE OF A FLEXIBLE SEATING IN THIS IDEA THAT IT IS REALLY KIND OF HARD TO USE THIS IF YOU HAVE MOBILITY ISSUES.

SOME OF THESE IDEAS - WE'RE NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE HAVE A GEODE IN THE PLAZA, BUT SOME OF THE IMAGES IN THE REPORT ARE PLACEHOLDERS TO SAY THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN PLACE THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER. ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING THINGS ABOUT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS THE GRAND GESTURE.

SO WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THAT.

IF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MAIN COUNCIL CHAMBER WERE TO MOVE OR BE RELOCATED WE LOOKED AT THREE DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR DOING SO.

ONE WAS TO MOVE AND KEEP THIS A MEETING ROOM OR APPROPRIATELY SIZED MEETINGS, BUT LOOK AT ROOM 101 AS A POSSIBLE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER REWORK.

NUMBER TWO WAS TO MAKE A LARGE ADDITION AND PUT A NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER THERE.

THE ADVANTAGE IS - DOES SHE GO DIRECTLY TO THE MEETING ROOM OR NUMBER THREE, WHICH HAS A VERY INTERESTING CONCEPT BEHIND IT, WHICH IS TO PUT IT IN THE LOWER LEVEL.

THERE IS A LOT OF ROOM DOWN THERE WE ARE THINKING OF THIS CONCEPTUALLY THAT THE CENTER OF THE FORMAL GESTURE OF THIS BUILDING IS THE COURTYARD.

THAT'S WHERE THE COMMUNAL LIFE IS, THE GESTURE OF THE COURTYARD. SO THERE IS SOMETHING VERY SYMBOLIC AND NICE ABOUT HAVING THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER DIRECTLY BELOW IT WHERE YOU'RE NOT OUTSIDE IN THE COURTYARD, BUT YOU ARE REALLY THE CENTER OF THE BUILDING IN THE CENTER OF COMMUNITY LIFE AND THERE YOU ARE.

SO PROS AND CONS WITH ALL OF THOSE.

THIS IS MORE ANALYSIS OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT IDEA.

FINALLY WE FOUND THE RECOMMENDATIONS HERE WHERE WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS KIND OF AMALGAM OF THESE DESIGN SCHEMES AND LOOKING AT TAKING A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH WITH THE BUILDING, A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH WITH THE ADDITION.

OUR TASK WITH THIS, REDEFINING OF THE SCHEMES TO MAKE A PREFERRED SCHEME INVOLVED LOOKING VERY CAREFULLY AT HOW MUCH SPACE WE WERE BUILDING IN THE ADDITION TO BE CONSERVATIVE AND MINDFUL OF TAX DOLLARS JUST TO MAKE SURE WE WERE REALLY PUTTING IN THE ADDITION OF WHAT IS NECESSARY.

THE SMALL ADDITION NOW HAS AN ELEVATOR, VERTICAL CIRCULATION THAT IS INCLUSIVE OF A COMBINED RAMP AND STAIRWAY AND TAKES A LITTLE BIT MORE ROOM, BUT WE HAVE ALLOWED FOR IT IN THE FOOTPRINT AND BATHROOMS.

THAT IS IT.

THERE'S NO ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SPACES THERE.

SO THAT IS KEEPING IT MODEST IN SIZE, WHICH IS KEEPING THE COST DOWN. IT IS DOING EVERYTHING IT MUST DO.

IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY (WORD?) IN THERE.

IT IS MODEST.

THEN WE ARE LOOKING AT IN THIS SCHEME GOING AHEAD WITH THE LOWER-LEVEL COMMUNITY ROOM WITH THAT ENTRANCE OFF OF THE NEW ADDITION THAT MAKES THAT KIND OF CLAIM.

IF WE ARE LOOKING IN THIS SECTION, THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE BELOW, THERE ARE OPEN SPACES AND PRIVATE OFFICES.

THIS KIND OF GOES IN LINE WITH THE OTHER SCHEMES.

THE LARGER STAFF FROM CONFERENCE ROOMS IN THE BASEMENT.

ON THE FIRST FLOOR OFFICES.

101 IS STILL A CONFERENCE ROOM YOU CAN SEE THERE ARE CONFERENCE ROOMS THROUGHOUT THE FIRST FLOOR AND THIS, TOO, IS USED AS CONFERENCE SPACE. A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT THE REUSE.

OUR CENTRAL TASK IS IS THIS FEASIBLE?

NOT ONLY IS IT FEASIBLE, BUT WE LOOKED AT WAYS THAT BECAUSE WE ARE ALWAYS TASKED WITH WORKING WITH EXISTING BUILDINGS AND MAKING SURE THAT IS VERY RARE THAT SOMEONE COULD MOVE OUT COMPLETELY PERHAPS OF A CITY HALL AND THEN MOVE BACK IN WHEN YOU ARE ALL DONE, WE THOUGHT A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW WOULD THIS BE PHASED?

THERE ARE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE TO THIS BUILDING NO MATTER WHAT THAT WOULD REALLY GIVE IT A LOT OF IMPACT AND POTENTIAL AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

ONE WOULD BE SOME MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY UPGRADES, LIGHTING, WINDOWS, THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE WITH AN EXISTING BUILDING NO MATTER WHAT.

THAT IS MORE MAINTENANCE PLANNING THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

SECOND, PROVIDING VISIT PLACE FOR POLICE PERMIT, WHICH IS OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE.

PRETTY MUCH MAKING THOSE DECISIONS OR WHAT HAVE YOU, BUT THIS IDEA THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE BASEMENT AND THE BASEMENT BECOMES A SWING SPACE.

THEN YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND WORK YOUR WAY AROUND THE FIRST FLOOR AND MEZZANINE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AS NEEDED AND KEEP THE VILLAGE HALL OPEN AND MAYBE DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT PHASE IN THAT WORK TO KEEP SERVICES BEING PROVIDED, BUT YOU CANNOT SHIFT IN AND OUT OF LOWER FLOORS TEMPORARILY, DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT TO KEEP THINGS GOING, BUT YOU HAVE THAT SPACE WHEN THE FIRST FLOOR MEZZANINE OR FIXED UP, START ON THE ADDITION TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE VERTICAL CIRCULATION AND ALL THE REST OF IT THE LAST THING YOU DO IS WORK ON THE LOWER LEVEL AND DO THE PUBLIC COMMENTS, THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CONFERENCING AREAS AND OTHER THINGS.

SO REALLY THIS DOES NOT HAVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN ONE FELL SWOOP.

THIS COULD BE ONE OR TWO YEARS HERE.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS MORE OFTEN TO THE FUTURE AND THINK OF IT AS ITEMS 345 HERE AS A PHASED RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT OR RENOVATION PROJECT THAT MIGHT BE A WAY TO KIND OF MOVE THIS INTO GETTING THIS PROJECT DONE.

I THINK LOOKING AT COSTS, WHICH IS EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE PART OF ANY PROJECT IS INTERESTING WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT THE LARGER ADDITION WE HAD A LARGER PRICE POINT FOR OPTION TWO WHICH WAS CLOSE TO \$54 MILLION WITH THE RECOMMENDED SCHEME THIS IS WHY WE TOOK TIME WITH THE RECOMMENDED SCHEME TO SLICE DOWN.

THE DIAGRAMS ARE A LITTLE MISLEADING.

THE ADDITION IN SCHEME TWO WAS MUCH LARGER.

THE FOOTPRINT AND THE OVERALL ACCESS AND ELABORATE NATURE OF THE ADDITION IN THE FINAL SCHEME IS MUCH SMALLER, MUCH MORE DIAL DOWN.

WE WOULD KEEP THE IDEA OF THE DROP-OFF, THE NEW ENTRANCE TO THE SOUTH. THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE LOWER LEVEL AND THEN JUST THINKING ABOUT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS A SPECIAL PLACE AND SO ALL OF THESE ANGLES YOU SEE HERE IN THESE DIAGRAMS ARE JUST A PLACEHOLDER FOR WHAT A DESIGN COULD BE.

SO DESIGN IS A LITTLE MORE EXPENSIVE, BUT THERE ARE WAYS WE COULD AUGMENT THE IDEA OF A COUNCIL CHAMBER IN A LOWER LEVEL, WHICH THE COUNCIL CHAMBER SHOULD BE IMPORTANT.

IT SHOULD HAVE ARCHITECTURAL EXPRESSION AND IS THE CENTER OF VILLAGE LIFE.

THIS ROOM IS FANTASTIC, IT HAS A HIGH CEILING, IS DYNAMIC AND A LOT OF THINGS, ALL THESE THINGS COST MONEY AND SO IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT REPLACING A COUNCIL CHAMBER INTO A LOWER LEVEL THERE ARE THINGS THAT HAVE TO HAPPEN IN THE FIRST THING IS JUST HAVING SKYLIGHTS AND ANY NATURAL LIGHT DOWN IN THE LOWER LEVEL.

THE SECOND HERE WITH OPTION ONE WITH THE IDEA THAT YOU MIGHT EXCAVATE TO ALLOW A HIGHER CEILING OR THE OTHER IS THAT YOU EXCAVATE, BUT YOU HAVE SOME SORT OF A SKYLIGHT ELEMENT.

WHAT IT IS, TO BE DETERMINED, BUT YOU COULD HAVE ONE AND IT WOULD COST MONEY.

THAT'S THE FEASIBILITY ASPECT OF IT.

IT COULD BE A VERY DYNAMIC AND EXCITING PLACE THAT WOULD BE EQUAL AND COMPLEMENTARY PERHAPS TO THIS KIND OF EXPRESSION HERE IN THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER.

DO YOU ALL WANT TO TALK ABOUT - WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT THESE PROJECTS, ALL OF THE SCHEMES, REALLY LOOKING AT DID WE MEET THE COMMITTEE GOALS.

THIS BUILDING IS FANTASTIC.

IT IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER JUST AS AN ARCHITECT AND PRESERVATIONIST WE REALLY CAME TO APPRECIATE EVEN MORE THIS BUILDING AFTER WE STUDIED IT AND WORK WITH IT.

WE ALREADY THOUGHT IT WAS VERY NICE COMING INTO THE STUDY, BUT YOU HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY HERE WHERE THIS BUILDING IS CERTAINLY ON TREND AGAIN, WHICH IS GREAT.

IT IS REALLY STURDY AND HAS US ELEMENT OF MATERIALITY AND GEOMETRY IN SPACE AND LIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY AND IT WAS DESIGNED FOR YOU.

IT WAS DESIGNED FOR OAK PARK AND IT WAS DESIGNED TO REALLY CELEBRATE AN IDEA OF TRANSPARENT TO A GOVERNMENT AND WE ALL SAW THIS HAPPENING TONIGHT.

SO THIS BUILDING WAS DESIGNED FOR YOU.

SO YOU CANNOT HAVE ANY MORE PARTICULAR BUILDING THAN THIS ONE TO BE PROUD OF HERE IN OAK PARK.

LIKE THIS IS A REALLY UNIQUE BUILDING.

NO, THAT SAID IT HAS PROBLEMS.

THE PROBLEMS ARE SOLVABLE.

I THINK AS I WAS BROUGHT HERE IS A PROFESSIONAL THAT DEALS WITH PROBLEM BUILDING.

IF THEY ARE NOT PROBLEMS I'M NOT INVOLVED.

SO THIS BUILDING DOES HAVE ITS CHALLENGES.

THE WINDOWS, THE SOUND TRANSFERENCE, JUST KIND OF THE WAY IT IS DESIGNED, BUT THOSE ARE ALL PROBLEMS THAT CAN BE SOLVED IF YOU WANT TO AND IT IS FEASIBLE TO SOLVE THEM.

THE COST, WE'VE DONE WHAT WE CAN HEAR TO BE MINDFUL OF HOW TO DEAL WITH TAX DOLLARS.

LOOKING AT PLACES TO BE VERY CAREFUL.

WE DID LOOK AT THE PROGRAM, WHICH WAS PUT TOGETHER BY FGM.

THAT IS FOR NEW BUILDING, THAT IS FOR WANTS AND A LOT OF THINGS.

WE TOOK ALL OF THOSE NEEDS AND WANTS AND SET THEM INTO A REAL BUILDING, WHICH IS POSSIBLE AND FEASIBLE TO DO SO YOU GET THE BENEFIT, I THINK THE OTHER THING THAT IS NOT AN ORDER HERE, BUT THE SUSTAINABILITY AND GOOD STEWARDS OF YOUR EXISTING MATERIAL THAT YOU HAVE INHERITED - THE SUSTAINABILITY AND COST AND PRIDE I THINK THOSE ALL GO TOGETHER.

THIS IDEA THAT OAK PARK IS ALL ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY, THE GOOD GESTURE, BEING A GOOD CITIZEN.

BEING A GOOD STEWARD OF DEMOCRACY, OF YOUR BUILDING, OF THE ENVIRONMENT ALL COMES DOWN TO WHAT YOU TEAR DOWN A BUILDING THAT COULD BE REUSED.

SO THERE'S A LOT OF PRECEDENT THERE THAT PRIDE, COST AND SUSTAINABILITY ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, VACATING THEIR PREFERRED SCHEME GIVES THEM A NEW FACILITY WITH WINDOWS, I REST MY CASE ON THAT ONE.

IT IS A VERY CHALLENGING SPACE AND I KNOW WE ALL AGREE WITH THAT.

LOOKING AT INCLUSION, THE COMMITTEE HAD THIS GREAT WAY OF TALKING ABOUT INCLUSION, WHICH I WILL STEAL, WHICH IS THIS LENS OF INCLUSIVITY, WHICH IS VERY COOL.

TAKING THAT, BUT THIS IDEA THAT THE MERE IDEA IS NOT - IT IS TRULY THE LEAST YOU CAN DO.

SO LOOKING AT HOW DO PEOPLE REALLY FEEL WELCOME, HOW DO YOU GET AROUND THIS BUILDING, HOW ARE YOU DROPPED OFF, HOW DO YOU ENTER, HOW DO YOU REALLY ACCESS ALL OF THE SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE?

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT NOT HAVE TO CONTEND WITH CHANGES IN LEVEL THAT ARE SERVICEABLE FOR IMPACT, BUT LESS SERVICEABLE TO GET SOMEONE UP TO A SPEAKING PLATFORM FOR INSTANCE.

I THINK THE PARKING IS OBVIOUS THAT WE HAVE THE DROP-OFF THAT IS GOOD AND FINALLY SECURITY AND SAFETY.

ORIGINALLY WHEN THIS BUILDING WAS BUILT THERE WAS THIS BRIEF BLOW OF PEOPLE IN AND OUT AND THAT WAS THE PREFERRED IDEA OF THIS BUILDING AND YOU CAN KIND OF DRIFT FROM THE LEVEL OF THE STREET UP TO THESE ELEVATED PLANES INTO THE ELEVATED PLANE OF GOVERNMENT AND UP THIS FURTHER ELEVATED PLANE THROUGH THIS TUBE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND THE KIND OF THESE LEVELS OF SPACES THAT TAKE YOU TO THIS ELEVATED IDEAL SPACE WHERE DEMOCRACY HAPPENS, WHICH IS INCREDIBLY POWERFUL. THAT USED TO FLOW OVER THE REFLECTING POOL.

WHEN YOU ARE REFLECTING ON THE SPECIALNESS OF THIS GOVERNMENT.

IT IS FOR THE COMMON ROOM, BUT YOU ARE SEPARATED FROM IT AND IT'S INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL, HOWEVER WE HAVE TO CONTEND WITH SECURITY AND SAFETY AND OTHER THINGS.

SO WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR PREFERRED SCHEME WE KIND OF STAY OUT OF THE WAY OF THE SPACE.

WE LET THE FIRST FLOOR IN THE MEZZANINE BE GIVEN OVER TO OFFICES AND WE KEEP THE PUBLIC REALM BECAUSE IN THESE DAYS YOU NEED SECURITY CHECKPOINTS AND WHAT HAVE YOU AND WE PUT THAT IN THE ADDITION.

IF YOU GUYS HAVE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?

YES.

THANK YOU.

THERE ARE QUESTIONS I WILL OBVIOUSLY TAKE THEM.

>> I WOULD JUST TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW THE COMMITTEE GOT TO PREFERRING OPTION TWO.

I THINK THE FEELING WAS THAT OPTION ONE YOU ARE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY AND YOU WERE NOT REALLY GETTING WHAT YOU ACTUALLY NEEDED THE END.

THERE WERE STILL ISSUES THAT WERE NOT GOING TO BE ADDRESSED AND PROBLEMS THAT WERE NOT GOING TO BE SOLVED.

IT JUST WAS NOT GOING TO BE COMPLETE ENOUGH AND YOU WOULD BE LEFT STILL STRUGGLING IN SOME KINDS OF WAYS.

WE DID NOT SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT OPTION THREE ACTUALLY.

I THINK THE NOTION OF A BELOW GRADE ENTRANCE IN SEEMED LIKE IT CAN BE CONFUSING AND NOT AS CLEAR-CUT AND AS CLEARLY DEFINED AS A CLEAR ENTRANCE THAT IS OBVIOUS AND MARKED AND HAS THE DRIVE TO DROP OFF AND FUNCTION BETTER.

SO I THINK PEOPLE COALESCED AROUND VERSION 2 PRETTY QUICKLY.

THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF BACKING OUT AT THE END WHEN IT'S I GOT, WE ARE REALLY GOING TO VOTE ON THIS, BUT THEN THEY STILL GOT BACK TO VERSION 2. I THINK THE BIGGEST STRUGGLE AROUND VERSION 2 WAS MOVING COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND THERE JUST WAS NO WAY THAT IT SEEMED LIKE IT WORKED TO KEEP IT HERE.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU DID YOU COULD NOT MAKE IT BIGGER FOR STARTERS.

IT WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT SPACE TO MANEUVER AND YES YOU CAN IMPROVE IT, YOU CAN DO AN ELEVATOR, BUT IT STILL WAS NOT GOING TO BE AN IDEAL SPACE ANYMORE.

IN ORDER TO MAKE IT SAFE THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAD TO BE DONE IN TERMS OF AN EXIT FOR BOARD MEMBERS THAT WERE GOING TO BE EXPENSIVE.

IT JUST WAS A PROJECT THAT WAS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE.

I THINK THE LEFT IS TWO QUESTIONS.

WHERE DOES COUNCIL CHAMBERS GO?

HOW FANCY AND, YOU KNOW, MONUMENTAL DOES COUNCIL CHAMBERS NEED TO BE? HOW MUCH MONEY IS ONE GOING TO INVEST IN THE AND WHAT YOU DO WITH THIS SPACE IF IT IS NOT COUNCIL CHAMBERS?

I THINK OVER TIME AS PEOPLE HAVE GONE FROM USING THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING AS THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING TO THE BACK OF THE BUILDING AS THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING, WHICH IS ARCHITECTURALLY BY FAR AND AWAY THE MOST INTERESTING PART, NOBODY PAYS ANY ATTENTION TO.

SO IF WE MOVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS SOMEPLACE ELSE THERE IS NO REASON TO COME UP HERE.

THERE IS NO REASON TO EVER WALK DOWN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

HOW DO YOU REVITALIZE THAT PART AND STILL MAKE IT A VIABLE ESSENTIAL PART OF THE BUILDING THAT SERVES A FUNCTION?

THAT IS AN ISSUE I THINK THE BOARD HAS TO STRUGGLE WITH.

SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS SPACE THAT WILL DRAW PEOPLE HERE?

AND MAKE THEM NOTICE WHAT IS HERE?

MAKE THEM NOTICE WHAT IS OUT FRONT?

BECAUSE AS SOON AS YOU LEAVE FRONT AND YOU HIT THE SIDES AND BACK ON THE OUTSIDE THE BUILDING LOOKS PRETTY PLAIN.

INSIDE IT DOES NOT LOOK PLAIN AT ALL, BUT OUTSIDE IT DOES UNTIL YOU GET INSIDE.

SO WE THINK THERE WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE, ONE PERSON WAS NOT PRESENT, BUT A UNANIMOUS VOTE DID NOT MEAN THAT EVERYBODY LOVED EVERY SINGLE THING ABOUT OPTION TWO OR THAT EVERYBODY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE GAINS AND LOSSES WITH ANYTHING YOU DO AND THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME LOSSES IN PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO, BUT THE GAINS OUTWEIGH THE LOSSES IN THE MIND OF THE COMMITTEE.

>>ROB SPROULE: THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION AND AS I KNOW THE BOARD PROBABLY HAS A LOT OF QUESTIONS SO HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE, FROM THE ARCHITECT OR FROM STAFF.

I THINK AGAIN, JUST REMIND EVERYBODY WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO FOCUS ON TONIGHT IS THE PRESENTATION MATERIAL.

TO GIVE US SOME MORE DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON WHAT THEY MIGHT WANT TO SEE A UPCOMING MEETING TO REFLECT AGAINST THE EXISTING DIRECTION THAT WE'VE ALREADY SEEN.

TO TRY TO MOVE IN A SINGULAR DIRECTION AFTER THAT MEETING.

NOT LOOKING FOR ANY FINAL DECISIONS OR ANYTHING TO MY PRODIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD AND WHAT YOU MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR AT THE NEXT MEETING IN ORDER TO HELP FACILITATE A DECISION.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YEAH, SO WE WILL JUST TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU.

>>ROB SPROULE: WE WILL DO ROUNDTABLE, WHOEVER YOU NEED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: REALLY QUICKLY, THANK YOU TO COLLECT, DANIEL, EVERYBODY THAT SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE.

YOU HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB.

TO JLK, I HAVE HEARD NOTHING BUT GLOWING REVIEWS FROM EVERY SINGLE PERSON I'VE SPOKEN TO.

I'VE WATCHED THE MEETINGS.

WELL DONE.

YEAH, YOU DID NOT HAVE A LOT - YOU ARE BEING AS THAT ONE QUESTION.
IS IT FEASIBLE TO REUSE THIS BUILDING BECAUSE AS WE SAT HERE WITH A
VOTE HOW MANY MONTHS AGO?

IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR MYSELF IN PARTICULAR TO IMAGINE HOW WE COULD FIX
SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT INEVITABLY I WAS AWARE EXISTED.

NOT FULLY PROUD OF HOW I RIPPED OFF THAT BAND-AID, BUT I HAVE THE
ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF HAVING WORKED IN THE BUILDING.

SO I CLEARLY HAD BIASES.

AND SO I DO - I WANT TO LISTEN TO THEIR REACTION AND RESPONSES.

I WANT TO HEAR PEOPLE'S CONCERNS.

WHAT THEY LIKE, WHAT THEY DO NOT LIKE.

THEN WHEN WE COME BACK AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO
BE ABLE TO KIND OF COMPARE IT WITH WHAT OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE OR HOW A
BUILDING SERVES THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS COMPARED
TO SOME OF THE FEEDBACK THAT WE GOT.

HAVE SOME PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED SO WE CAN REALLY FIND WHERE OUR COMMON
GROUND EXISTS AND HOPEFULLY COME TO SOME DECISIONS THAT A MAJORITY OF
US FEEL VERY SETTLED AND CONFIDENT IN SO NOT REALLY ASKING ANYBODY TO
GIVE YOUR FINAL DECISION - WHETHER IN ABSOLUTE TERMS TONIGHT.

HOWEVER IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE READY TO DO SO YOU CERTAINLY CAN.

I AM JUST ENCOURAGING YOU TO AS YOU LISTEN TO YOUR COLLEAGUES BUT ALL
OF THE INFORMATION OF THIS REPORT, WHICH IS LENGTHY SINK IN.

AND SO WE WILL GO AHEAD AND I WILL TRY TO TAKE THE BEST NOTES THAT I
CAN MEASURE STAFF WILL, TOO.

SO THERE WE GO.

SUSAN?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT IN THE PRESENTATION.

I HAVE NOT MADE MY WAY THROUGH ALL 120 PAGES.

SO FORGIVE ME IF THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ARE IN THEIR, BUT IT
HELPS FOR ME TO HEAR THEM ANYWAY.

ONE OF MY PRIMARY CONCERNS WAS WITH INFRASTRUCTURE.

THE NIGHT THAT WE HAD THE ORIGINAL VOTE LAST SUMMER WAS A DOWNPOUR IN
THE WATER WAS POURING OFF THE CORNERS OF THE PLAZA.

FIVE TIMES THE VOLUME OF WATER OF THE SHOWER, WHATEVER.

JUST MASSIVE.

MADE US LAUGH.

WE HEARD THE LEAK DOWN HERE ALL DURING THE MEETING.

SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS A FOUNTAIN, LITTLE BACKGROUND NOISE.

SO - SO THE HVAC, IT IS COLD IN HERE, HOT IN HERE, USUALLY COLD,
GEOTHERMAL IS OUTDATED.

I THOUGHT THE WOOD WAS ROTTING.

BUT ALL THAT BE ADDRESSED?

>> OUR APPROACH TO THE EXISTING CONDITIONS AS THIS IS AN EXISTING BUILDING AND AS PROBLEMS.

THAT IS PART OF THE REALITY WE ARE LOOKING.

SO WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT ARE THE SOLVABLE PROBLEMS, WATER IS OF COURSE THE ENEMY OF THE BUILDING.

SO DOES THE WATER NEED TO BE MANAGED BETTER?

YES.

THAT IS MORE OF A MAINTENANCE ISSUE THEN THERE IS NO DEATH NOW ACCOMPANYING ANYTHING WE SAW HERE.

EVERYTHING HERE CAN BE REPAIRED AND FIXED.

ALL OF THE ROTTING WOOD AND WHAT HAVE YOU, THE MASONRY DOES NEED TO BE POINTED.

THAT IS A TYPICAL THING THAT HAPPENS THE BUILDING OF THIS AGE.

IT IS GOING ON 50 YEARS, THE HVAC SHOULD BE REPLACED, IT IS 50 YEARS OLD.

IF THERE WERE NOT WATER ISSUES I WOULD WONDER WHERE THEY WERE.

I THINK THAT'S ALL PART OF NORMAL AGING OF A HISTORIC BUILDING OR MERELY OLD BUILDING.

THERE IS NOTHING HERE THAT WE FOUND OVERLY TROUBLING.

I'VE BEEN IN BUILDINGS WHERE THE MASONRY WALLS ARE CRUMBLING AND THE MORTAR IS COMING OUT AND THERE ARE HOLES AND THINGS AND THESE ARE TIPPING AND THINGS ARE OUT OF WHACK.

I WOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING HERE WAS THAT SERIOUS.

IT IS MORE OF A MAINTENANCE ITEM.

THERE SHOULD BE SOME OVERHAULS OF SYSTEMS, ETC.

>> IS THAT INCLUDED IN THE COST ESTIMATES?

>> THAT IS BASED ON.

WE KNOW IF YOU'RE USING THIS BUILDING YOU HAVE TO DO SOME THINGS.

YOU PROBABLY NEED NEW WINDOWS.

ROOF WORK DONE.

NEED ALL OF THE SYSTEMS TO BE REDONE.

IF THE PLANS DO NOT SHOW MOVING THE MECHANICAL ROOM OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, IT IS BECAUSE DUCTWORK IS OFTEN HIDDEN IN PLACES WHERE WE SHOULD NOT DISTURB IT.

THE ROUTING IS APPROPRIATE.

IF WE MOVE THE MECHANICAL ROOMS THAT MEANS BIGGER DUCKS.

BIGGER DUCKS LEAD TO SMALLER DUCTS.

THE EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE MECHANICAL ROOM CAN BE SMALLER.

IT CAN BE MORE EFFICIENT, IT CAN BE MODERN.

SO THAT IS INCLUDED, THAT AS A BASELINE OF ALL OF THE SCHEMES.

>> OKAY.

I GUESS THE ONLY OTHER THING.

IT WAS REALLY HARD FOR ME TO VISUALIZE THESE SCHEMES AND I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ASKED TO DESIGN THEM OR DRAW THEM, BUT WITHOUT DRAWINGS I REALLY HAD TROUBLE WITH THESE DRAWINGS.

SO I'M TRYING TO VISUALIZE, THIS PLAZA OUT HERE, WHICH WAS MEANT TO BE THE ENTRANCE ON MADISON, NOBODY EVER USES IT. MOST RESIDENTS DON'T EVER USUALLY SEE IT. WOULD YOUR SCHEME TO KEEP THAT PLAZA AND THEN MAKE AN ENTRANCE ELSEWHERE SO THAT PLAZA WOULD STILL BE THIS KIND OF USELESS AREA BASICALLY?

>> YES, OPEN FOR PROGRAMMING.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION.

SO THE IDEA IS, YES, MOST PEOPLE ARRIVE AT THIS BUILDING BY CAR AND YOU DO NOT PARK ON MADISON SO THE REALITY IS EVERYBODY'S COMING IN BASICALLY THE BACK DOOR.

WE HAVE THIS GREAT INTRINSIC SEQUENCE THAT IS VERY GRAND AND NOBODY IS USING.

ABSOLUTELY RECOGNIZED AND ABSOLUTELY LOOKING AT IT AS WHEN YOU COME HERE TO PAY A WATER BILL DO NOT WANT TO PARK, RUN AROUND THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND COME IN.

NOBODY WILL DO THAT, EVERYBODY WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE BACK DOOR.

SO WHEN DESIGNING MODERN ADDITIONS TO HISTORIC BUILDINGS, IN THIS CASE IT IS COMPLICATED AND KIND OF IN AN AWKWARD POSITION FOR MODERN USERS. IT IS COMMON TO PUT A NEW ADDITION THAT SOLVES A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN A MORE CONVENIENT LOCATION.

AND BECAUSE EVERYBODY IS ARRIVING BY CAR, THE PARKING LOT RIGHT NOW IS DANGEROUS.

I CAME HERE IN A HUBER AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO DROP ME OFF AND I'M GETTING RUN OVER AND I'M AN ADULT I CAN SEE VERY WELL.

THE PARKING LOT AS FAR AS WHERE YOU DROPPED ME OFF?

WHERE'S THE FRONT DOOR?

WHERE DO YOU COME BACK IF YOU ARE CALLING SOMEBODY, WHERE DO THEY COME?

IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

IT IS HARD WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS, IF THE VILLAGE HALL IS THE CENTER OF PUBLIC LIFE IN OAK PARK, WHERE'S THE FRONT DOOR?

YOU BETTER HAVE A FRONT DOOR AND YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE WHERE IT IS AND IT IS VERY HARD TO DO THAT RIGHT NOW SO IT NEEDS TO BE IDENTIFIABLE AND EASY TO USE.

IT NEEDS TO HAVE COHERENT PARKING DROP-OFF SITUATION.

THAT IS WHY WE HAVE THE LITTLE CIRCLE DRIVE WITH EVERY SCHEME.

ON A MORE ELABORATE SCHEME WE WERE REALLY LOOKING AT NOT ONLY IS IT THE FRONT DOOR, BUT IS IT THE FRONT PORCH OF OAK PARK, WHICH YOU ARE ALL AWARE, WHEN I GO INTO A VILLAGE HALL OR WHEN ONE DOES YOU WANT TO SEE SOMETHING.

YOU WANT TO SEE THE PRIDE IN THE VILLAGE OF THAT MONTH FOR THAT WEEK OR WHATEVER.

WANT TO SEE A HOLIDAY DISPLAY.

WANT TO SEE WHICH LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM ONE.

WANT TO SEE THE TOYS FOR TOTS ALL SET UP.

YOU WANT TO SEE THE ACTION OF THE CIVIC LIFE IN PERSON BEING ENACTED AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE VILLAGE HALL.

IT IS SUPER IMPORTANT.

SO YOU HAVE A SPACE HERE IN THE COURTYARD FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, JUST NOBODY GOES THERE SO THAT IS THE PUSH AND PULL OF THIS BUILDING.

SO IF WE CAN LOOK AT THIS AND THIS IS KIND OF BIGGER SCHEME, IF WE CAN HAVE THIS ADDITION WHERE PEOPLE ACTUALLY KNOW WHERE TO COME IN THE BUILDING AND THEN WERE FINALLY IN IT, YOU CAN HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF THAT EVEN IN A SMALLER SCHEME, BUT THE ONUS FALLS ON, WHAT ARE YOU PROGRAMMING IN THE COURTYARD TO MAKE IT MORE LIVELY AND IT CAN BE SOMETHING THAT YOU JUST DRIVE BY.

IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE - IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A SPECTACULAR LIGHT SHOW.

TO BE A NUMBER OF THINGS, WHICH IS NOT MY PURVIEW TO DECIDE, BUT THERE COULD BE A LOT GOING ON THERE THAT IS INTERESTING AND PUBLIC ARE OR WHAT HAVE YOU.

SEASONAL SOMETHING, BUT AT ANY RATE, THAT COULD BE ENLIVENED AND THERE COULD BE ACTION THERE THAT YOU DO VISIT YOU DO APPRECIATE WHEN YOU ARE IN VILLAGE HALL.

I AM OFF-TOPIC, BUT THE IDEA IS THAT YES, YOU ENTER OFF OF THE SOUTH SIDE AND THAT BECOMES YOUR MAIN POINT OF ENTRY, BUT THE IMAGE OF THE BUILDING IS STILL AS YOU ARE DRIVING BY IT MADISON.

>> AND THE ADDITION IS?

>> TO THE SOUTH.

>> SOUTHEAST TO THE CENTER BECAUSE IT HAS A NICE ACCESS POINT AT THE ENTRYWAY THERE.

>> THANKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TAKE IT FROM THERE?

RUSTY ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

SORRY.

I FEEL LIKE I AM - - OKAY.

IN THE REPORT YOU SEEM TO BE DRAWING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SIGNIFICANCE. IS THAT FAIR TO SAY THAT YOU ARE MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO IN TERMS OF WHAT IS RELEVANT TO PRESERVE FOR THIS BUILDING?

>> CAN YOU GIVE EXAMPLES OF THAT?

>> ONE OF THE THINGS YOU TALK ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE IS THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH IT WAS BUILT.

THAT IS NOT REALLY TELLING ME WHAT IS HISTORICALLY, FROM A HISTORIC PRESERVATION PERSPECTIVE WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THE BUILDING ITSELF.

YOU DO TALK A LOT ABOUT THE ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE.

AT THE AROUND WINDOWS, THE OPEN BEANS, THE WINDOW PLACEMENT AND THE ALLOWANCE OF NATURAL LIGHT.

SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE FOR THIS PRICE TAG WE REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS WE ARE PRESERVING.

>> SURE.

THE PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BUILDING IS - HOW DO I SAY? WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT MOMENT IN A BUILDING'S LIFE SHALL WE SAY IT IS THE MOMENT WHERE THE CRYSTALLIZATION OF THE ARCHITECT'S VISION IS CLEAREST OR IS THE MOMENT WHERE CHANGE HAS HAPPENED OVER TIME OVER HUNDREDS OF YEARS AND YOU SAY, OKAY, EVERYTHING UP UNTIL THAT POINT IS SIGNIFICANT.

WITH THIS ONE WE'RE LOOKING AT A PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR MODIFICATIONS REALLY HERE.

NO ADDITION, THIS WAS NOT SCRAPPED, THIS IS NOT COMPLETELY REDONE SO WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT THE PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE OF A BUILDING LIKE THIS, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT.

NOT ONLY FOR ARCHITECTURE, BUT FOR ITS CIVIC VIRTUE IF YOU WILL, THE IDEAS WITHIN IT, IS INTERESTING.

SO THE REASON IT IS SIGNIFICANT IS BECAUSE OF ITS ASSOCIATIONS WITH DEMOCRACY AND WHAT HAVE YOU AND SO IT IS THE IDEALS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FORM.

THIS IS COMPLETELY GOOFY AND I CAN SEE AND I RECOGNIZE THAT.

>> I JUST FEEL LIKE I DON'T WANT TO SPEND \$35 MILLION PRESERVING THE SPIRIT OF SOMETHING.

I'M TRYING TO DRILL DOWN TO SOME SPECIFICS IN SORT OF THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE BECAUSE THAT IS A LOT OF MONEY AND I CANNOT HOLD SPIRIT MY HANDS.

>> GOT IT.

AS IT IS IN BRICK-AND-MORTAR, IT IS THE SHAPE OF THIS ROOM, THE HEIGHT OF THE CEILING, THE CURVATURE OF THESE THINGS.

IT IS THE RAW CONCRETE RIGHT THERE, THE WAY THE LIGHT IS.

NUMBER OF WINDOWS, THE PLACEMENT, THE LIGHT THAT COMES IN.

IT IS THE IDEA OF AN OPEN COURTYARD THAT IS NOT ENCLOSED.

IT IS KIND OF WHAT IT IS NOT.

>> RIGHT, BUT THAT IS WHAT MAKES IT ARCHITECTURALLY A NEAT BUILDING, BUT I GUESS I'M STILL TRYING TO GET MY MIND AROUND - UNLESS YOU ARE SAYING THOSE TWO ARE SYNONYMOUS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE IS THE SAME THING AS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SIGNIFICANCE.

>> YES I AM.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

>> NO NO, I THINK THAT IS HELPFUL.

THAT IS HELPFUL FOR ME.

OKAY, I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT - SO FIRST OF ALL I APPRECIATE THE RE-CENTERING ON THE POLICE STATION.

COLETTE, YOU MENTIONED THAT, THAT IS REALLY WHERE WE STARTED KNOW IF YOU LIKE THAT IS GETTING A LITTLE BIT LOST HERE AND SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME IS THAT WE CAN SOMEHOW FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT WHILE WE STILL KIND OF TAKE A SLOWER PROCESS WITH THE VILLAGE HALL BECAUSE I THINK THERE IS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ABOUT THE SUBPAR SPACE THAT IS DOWN THERE AND SO THAT IS ONE THING I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IN TERMS OF WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MOVING FORWARD. WOULD LIKE TO SEE US MOVE FORWARD WITH ADDRESSING A NEW POLICE STATION, WHICH I THINK WE UNANIMOUSLY SETTLED ON IN JULY.

I THINK THERE WAS AT LEAST UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT.

SO ROB, I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS SOME WAY WE CAN START TO TAKE THOSE STEPS IN A FAIRLY ASSERTIVE MANNER BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT I NEED SOME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VILLAGE HALL AND THAT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE TIME AND I DO NOT WANT THERE TO BE - IF WE CAN AGREE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SEPARATE POLICE STATION, THEN I DO NOT WANT THAT TO BE DELAYED.

>> SO WE CAN TAKE THAT FEEDBACK TONIGHT AND THEN WE CAN PROVIDE COMMENTS AND PERSPECTIVE ON THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

I CLEARLY HEARD.

>> WELL DONE, ROB.

>> THAT IS THE WAY TO GO.

>> OKAY, REGARDING COST, I'M GOING TO NEED MORE COST ANALYSIS AND DETAILS BECAUSE WHAT I UNDERSTAND AND MEG, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, THE 30 MILLION IS TO COVER THE SAFETY AND FACILITY NEEDS, RIGHT?

>> IT IS TO COVER THE RENOVATION OF THE HALL FOR CONTINUED USE. SO IS THE UPGRADES I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, WINDOWS, HVAC, EVERYTHING, ALL THE SYSTEMS.

NEW ELEVATORS.

THE ADDITION, - IN THAT SCHEME, IN THAT FEASIBLE SCHEME IT IS MOVING FUNCTIONS OF COUNSEL INTO THE LOWER LEVEL, EVERYTHING THAT WAS IN THE PREFERRED SCHEMA.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.

>> THAT IS RIGHT.

I SEE.

>> YOU, DO YOU HAVE THE OTHER - ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THAT? SORRY.

WE HAD THE WHOLE BOOKLET.

>> MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE REPORT IS THAT THE \$30 MILLION WAS REALLY TO CONTINUE TO USE THE BUILDING, THE WINDOWS, THE HVAC SYSTEM. GETTING THE SYSTEM, THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IS ONLY COVERING A PORTION OF THE BUILDING.

>> IS THAT CORRECT THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT SPENDING IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO USE THIS BUILDING IN A WAY THAT IS SAFE, REASONABLE, AND EFFICIENT WE'RE LOOKING AT SPENDING \$30 MILLION?

>> WELL, THAT ALSO - THAT IS THE PRICING OF THIS SCHEME ONE IS WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

BUT AS A BASELINE OF DOING THAT, BUT SCHEME ONE DOES NOT HAVE AN ADDITION ON IT.

SORRY, I WAS LISTENING TO A LOT OF NUMBERS TONIGHT.

>> SCHEME ONE DOES NOT FULLY ADDRESS THE DISABILITY ACCESS TO THE BUILDING FROM THE ENTRANCE AND IT DOES NOT DO MUCH WITH COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ACCESSIBILITY IN THIS ROOM.

>> ALL SCHEMES AND THE ADDITIONAL - ADD THE ADDITIONAL ELEVATORS. IT KEEPS THE ENTRANCE AT THE REAR.

WE DO NOT HAVE ANY PROVISION FOR A BETTER ENTRANCE.

OR AN EASIER TO USE SCHEME.

IT IS RETAINED SCHEME, SORRY ABOUT THAT, THAT IS SCHEME NUMBER ONE, RETAIN SCHEME IS DOING AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

SO IN THIS SCHEME THE POLICE STATION - THE POLICE STATION STILL IS PART OF THAT IS STILL IN THE BASEMENT OR WHAT HAVE YOU.

SO IF WE PULL THIS GUY UP.

>> THANK YOU.

KATIE IS THE PROGRAMMING FOR.

>> MY NAME IS KATIE (NAME?).

I DO A LOT OF THE PROGRAMMING WORK PRETTY SCHEME ONE, THERE IS STILL SOME MODIFICATIONS LIKE MOVING SOME OF THE WALLS AROUND TO MAKE SURE WE CAN FIT EVERYONE WHO NEEDS TO BE IN THIS BUILDING LOOKING AT THE PROGRAM.

THERE ARE NEW STAFF MEMBERS THAT ARE ANTICIPATED AND EXPECTED SO MAKING SURE THERE'S ROOM TO FIT THEM.

>> THERE WAS ANOTHER QUESTION I HAVE, YOU GUYS DID CONSIDER - WE HAD REALLY IMPROVED AND ENTIRELY NEW DEPARTMENT BEING BUILT. YOU CONSIDER THAT IN TERMS OF STAFFING MAC.

>> I WENT THROUGH AND THOUGHT, OKAY, THIS DEPARTMENT HAS 10 STAFF, THEY NEED FOUR OFFICES, THEY NEED SIX WORKSTATIONS. WHERE DO THEY ALL GO?

HOW CAN THEY FIT WITHIN THE BUILDING FOOTPRINT WITHOUT MOVING - THE LEAST AMOUNT OF WALLS AS POSSIBLE.

>> YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT CURRENT APARTMENTS?

>> THE ONES THAT ARE PROJECTED AS PART OF THE PROGRAM THAT FGM TALKED ABOUT.

>> EVERYTHING, GOT IT.

CORRECT.

DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

>> THAT WAS SCHEME ONE, BUT SCHEME TWO INCLUDES THOSE COSTS PLUS THE TWO COUNCIL CHAMBERS OPTIONS, CORRECT?

OKAY.

NOW?

>> WHAT YOU REALIZES AS THEY WALKED THROUGH THE PROCESS THEY CREATED THREE DISTINCT SCHEMES TO START WITH AND THEN THE COMMITTEE THEN MELDED THOSE INTO ANOTHER OPTION.

SO IN THE ORIGINAL SKIN TWO WITH THE HEIGHT ADDITION, WHAT WAS PROPOSED AS PART OF THAT SCHEME AS IT RELATED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS WAS A MODIFIED COUNCIL CHAMBERS THAT WE UTILIZE THIS EXISTING ROOM BY MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO ADDRESS SAFETY, ADA AND A MORE FLEXIBLE SPACE AT THE COUNCIL FLOOR LEVEL.

SO THAT IS IN THE ORIGINAL SKIN TWO DESIGN.

THAT IS NOT WHAT MADE IT INTO THE PREFERRED SCHEME FOR THE COMMITTEE. THEY CHOSE TO LOOK AT MOVING COUNCIL CHAMBERS OUT OF THE SPACE AND ACTUALLY ACCEPTED A DESIGN FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS SIMILAR TO SCHEME ONE. SO THEY KIND OF TOOK TWO OF THE SCHEMES AND PUSH THEM TOGETHER.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: FOR THE COMMITTEE THAT IS NOT MOVING COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO ROOM 101, CORRECT?

THAT WAS NOT PART OF THE OPTION - WHAT YOU CALLED IT, SUB OPTION A OR B. A SUB OPTION A - ONE WAS EXCAVATING AND MOVING IT TO A LOWER LEVEL AND ONE WAS PUTTING IT INTO THE ADDITION, RIGHT?

>> CAN I BACKUP FROM THESE?

THE SCHEMES WE DEVELOPED YOU CAN EITHER HAVE ONE FULL STOP OR YOU CAN HAVE TWO OR YOU CAN HAVE THREE.

THE MAIN MOVES OF THE ENGINES ARE WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE SOME OF THE BIG DIFFERENTIATORS BETWEEN THOSE LIKE REGULAR ENTRANCE BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE BIGGEST MOVES.

WHENEVER WE ARE DOING THESE OPTIONS - A LOT OF THE THINGS ARE THE SAME AND SOME THINGS WE PLAY WITH.

SO IN EACH OF THE SCHEMES COUNCIL CHAMBER MOVES SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT IT'S NOT THAT IT COULD ONLY MOVE IN SCHEME ONE OR ONLY MOVE IN SCHEME THREE.

WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THAT IS HOW - THAT IS WHY WHEN A CRUCIAL PART OF MAKING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THESE DESIGN SCHEMES IS THAT WE ARE TRULY LOOKING AT ALL OF THE OPTIONS.

SOME OF THEM ARE TERRIBLE AND SOME OF THEM ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS, BUT YOU ARE PROVING THE NEGATIVE WHEN YOU PRESENT THE NEGATIVE IDEAS.

KIND OF LIKE WE TALKED ABOUT SCHEME THREE THE ENTRANCE BELOW GRADE WITH THE SUNKEN PLAZA.

WE FELT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IN SOME WAYS.

YOU GET THE ENTRANCE TO THE BASEMENT WITHOUT THE COST OF THE ADDITION.

YOU HAVE TO HAVE A PLAZA, BUT IT'S NEGATIVE IN OTHER WAYS AND WE QUICKLY ELIMINATED IT, BUT WE THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND WE DISMISSED IT.

SO WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENT PLACES WHERE COUNCIL CHAMBERS COULD BE, THAT IS WHY IN SCHEME PREFERRED IT IS KIND OF LOOSELY BASED ON TWO BECAUSE IT HAS A HEIGHTENED ADDITION.

>> WHAT SLIDE NUMBER IS THAT?

>> I DON'T KNOW, THESE ARE NOT NUMBERED.

I WENT TO SLIDE NUMBER - SLIDE NUMBER 21.

SO ON SLIDE NUMBER 21 THIS IS KIND OF OUR - IT IS THE YELLOW ONE.

THERE ARE MORE SLIDES ON THIS THAN PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED.
THIS IS WHERE WE DRILLING INTO THESE OPTIONS.
SO I THINK THAT IS A PART OF MY CONFUSION OF WHAT COST WHAT, IT IS NOT
THAT WE ARE JUST - IT IS NOT ADDITIVE.
NOT LIKE SCHEME ONE PLUS IN ADDITION EQUALS SCHEME TWO, YOU KNOW WHAT
I MEAN?

>> I DO.

>> THEY ARE INCLUSIVE OF A LOT OF DIFFERENT OPTIONS SO WHEN
YOU'RE LOOKING AT WHAT IS THE LEAST YOU CAN DO?
IT IS MORE OR LESS OPTION ONE AT THE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE LIKE BROAD
STROKES PRICE NUMBER, BUT WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT TRULY WHAT IS THE
BEST PLACE TO PUT THIS, THIS IS WHERE WE ARE STILL AT THE REALM OF IS
IT FEASIBLE?
SO WE'RE LOOKING AT CAN IT GO IN THESE OTHER PLACES?
YES, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE SO WE PICK NUMBER THREE BECAUSE IT WORKS
BETTER WITH EVERYTHING ELSE BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE ROOM IN TWO AND
NOW ONE IS A LITTLE CONSTRAINED.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND THE
COMMITTEE'S PREFERENCE WHICH IS TWO OR THREE ON THIS SLIDE.
IS THAT RIGHT COLETTE?

>> YES, BUT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I LEARNED IN THIS PROCESS
IS THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE.
SO THE NUMBERS ARE GOING TO FLUCTUATE DEPENDING ON DECISIONS THAT ARE
MADE AND THE BOARD HAS TO FIGURE OUT SOME MORE THINGS BEFORE ANY
ARCHITECT CAN MOVE FORWARD AND GIVE YOU A BETTER PLAN, A FULLY
DEVELOPED PLAN WITH FULLY DEVELOPED NUMBERS BECAUSE FOR EXAMPLE, HOW
MUCH SPACE DO YOU REALLY NEED?
DO YOU NEED ALL THE SPACE THAT YOU SAID YOU NEED?
IF YOU WENT BACK AND RETHOUGHT IT YOU THINK ABOUT 25 OR 50 YEARS INTO
THE FUTURE, SOME OF THE NUMBERS THE COMMITTEE HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS
NUMBERS.

WE REALLY NEED THIS MUCH SPACE?

IT IS A LOT OF SPACE.

AND IN MY OPINION YOU ARE NOT GOING TO GET TO THAT ON WEEKLY MEETINGS.
THERE IS TOO MUCH WORK TO BE DONE TO LEAVE IT TO AN AGENDA ITEM ON A
ONGOING MEETING.

YOU REALLY HAVE TO HAVE EITHER A COMMITTEE THAT DOES SOME MORE WORK
SPECIFICALLY ON THIS OR A FULL DAY RETREAT OR SOMETHING THAT IS GOING
TO GET YOU THE ANSWER THAT YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHTLY DESERVE IN ORDER
TO MOVE FORWARD.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: YEAH.

I WAS GOING TO SAY THAT UNTIL THEN, BUT I THINK AT THAT POINT I WOULD
LIKE TO SEE A SUBSET OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE REMAIN INTACT TO
REALLY PARTNER WITH US AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE NEXT, I THINK THE NEXT
PHASES IN THIS OVERALL PROCESS BECAUSE I DO THINK AS SEVEN NON-

ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSIONALS WE'RE GOING TO NEED ONGOING HELP - I MEAN WE'RE GOING TO GET ARCHITECTURAL HELP.

>> A LOT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE NOT ARCHITECTS FOR SURE.

>> I THINK WE ALSO NEED THAT SOUNDING BOARD - FIRST OF ALL, PEOPLE WHO CAN DEVOTE THE TIME TO DO THE DEEP DIVE BECAUSE TO YOUR POINT THIS IS NOT THE ONLY THING THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING OVER THE NEXT YEAR AS A BOARD, BUT ALSO I THINK FROM THE SOUNDING BOARD PERSPECTIVE AS WELL TO HAVE SOMEBODY THAT WE CAN KIND OF GET SOME ADDITIONAL INPUT AND ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVES IN, INCLUDING FROM SOME OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSIONALS FROM THE COMMITTEE.

I DO NOT WANT THE HIRED ARCHITECT TO BE THE ONLY ARCHITECTURAL PERSPECTIVE THAT WE GET.

>> I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT, EVEN THOUGH I FELT THEY WERE FABULOUS.

I THINK WHAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS COULD HELP YOU DO IS THEY COULD PROBABLY GENERATE A LIST OF NEXTSTEP QUESTIONS AND NEXT STEP ACTIVITIES, HAVING DONE THE WORK WE'VE DONE I THINK IT WOULD BE PRETTY EASY FOR US TO SAY, OKAY, YOU HAVE GOT THIS, HERE'S WHERE YOU NEED TO GO NEXT.

HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ADDRESS, FIGURE OUT HOW YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THEM AND THEN YOU WOULD BE IN A REALLY SOLID PLACE TO SAY, OKAY, - AND EVERYTHING IS PREDICATED ON THE POLICE MOVING INTO A DIFFERENT BUILDING, WHICH MAKES SENSE TO START WITH BECAUSE THEN THEY WOULD BE OUT OF HERE AND YOU COULD THEN HAVE THAT SPACE AND RENOVATE THAT SPACE BECAUSE THERE IS NOBODY IN IT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I THINK IN TERMS OF NEXT STEPS, RETAINING A SUBSET OF THE COMMITTEE IN SOME FASHION.

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT FORM THAT WOULD TAKE IS MY PREFERENCE. MORE COST ANALYSIS.

I MEAN, I WISH THERE HAD BEEN MORE TIME FROM THE COMMITTEE REGARDING COST AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THAT DID NOT HAPPEN, BUT I JUST THINK - I HAVE TO UNDERSTAND FROM A MUCH DEEPER PERSPECTIVE THAN SORT OF THE BROADER NUMBERS.

>> YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO COMPARE THIS OPTION WITH ANOTHER OPTION AND SAY, OKAY, IF MONEY WERE THE ONLY DRIVER WHAT DECISION WOULD I MAKE?

IF MONEY AND OTHER FACTORS WERE INCLUDED WHAT DECISION WOULD I MAKE? THAT IS WHERE YOU HAVE TO BUILD AND UP AND YOU WILL NOT BE THERE WITH THIS.

WHAT THIS TELLS YOU IS THAT YOU CAN GET THERE. YOU'RE JUST NOT THERE WITH THIS REPORT.

>> THE OTHER THING I WANT TO CALL OUT IN ADDITION TO REALLY BEING ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AGGRESSIVELY WITH THE POLICE STATION IS THE ISSUE OF SAFETY AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

THAT WAS REALLY NOT SOMETHING THAT I HAD THOUGHT ABOUT BEFORE, NOR THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED BACK IN JULY AND SO SAFETY FROM THE BOARD'S PERSPECTIVE I HAD NOT REALLY HAD IT CROSSED MY MIND, I THINK EVEN JUST IF WE HAD A FULL COUNCIL CHAMBERS LIKE WE DID EARLIER THIS EVENING AND EVERYBODY NEEDED TO GET OUT QUICKLY, THAT IS AN ADDITIONAL SAFETY CONCERN SO I WANT TO KNOW - I WOULD LIKE TO SOMEHOW PRESERVE WHAT YOU GUYS AS THE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTED AS SOME OF THE ENHANCEMENTS RELATED TO SAFETY.

FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO THESE NEXT STEPS. THOSE TWO THINGS RANK HIGH FOR ME MOVING FORWARD WITH THE POLICE STATION AND THEN RETAINING THE SAFETY PIECE THAT THE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTED FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS SPECIFICALLY.

>> SAFETY WAS A REAL CONCERN.
IT CAME UP CONSISTENTLY FROM PEOPLE.
YOU KNOW, WE CERTAINLY HEARD IT FROM STAFF, BUT THAT EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO FEEL SAFE AND THIS BY NATURE OF ITS DESIGN IS NO LONGER A SAFE SETTING.
YOU CANNOT GET OUT EASILY IF THIS ROOM IS FULL.
THE STAIRS ARE TRICKY IF EVERYBODY IS IN A PANIC.
IT DOES NOT WORK WELL.

YOU KNOW, I THINK THERE WERE THOUGHTS OF NEEDING TO BUILD A SECOND EXIT SO BOARD MEMBERS COULD GET OUT WITHOUT HAVING TO GO THROUGH A POTENTIALLY ANGRY GROUP OF PEOPLE.
AND AT THE SAME TIME I THINK IT WAS TRYING TO BALANCE THAT CONCERN WITH ALSO WANTING TO INVITE PEOPLE IN MAKING SURE THAT THEY FELT WELCOME AND YOU DO NOT WANT TO OVER EVALUATE SAFETY BECAUSE OF THE MOMENT IN TIME WE HAPPEN TO BE IN WHERE SAFETY IS CLEARLY A CONCERN FOR EVERYBODY EVERY DAY, EVERYWHERE THEY GO BECAUSE IT IS SUCH A HEIGHTENED ISSUE RIGHT NOW IN OUR CULTURE.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: ABSOLUTELY.
SO THOSE ARE MY THREE INITIAL POINTS MOVING FORWARD WITH THE POLICE STATION, GETTING A LOT MORE DETAIL ON COST AND MAINTAINING SAFETY IS A PRIMARY CONCERN THAT THE OPTIONS FOR CHAMBERS.

>> THE COMMITTEE WOULD AGREE WITH ALL OF THOSE.

>> PLEASE COME UP TO THE MICROPHONE.

>> I JUST WANTED TO CIRCLE BACK - - SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I WANTED TO CIRCLE BACK TO TRACY ROBINSON'S FIRST QUESTION, WHICH WAS THERE IS THE ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE AND THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE AND SOMETIMES IT IS FUZZY.
ONE OF THE THINGS I WILL HAPPILY PASS IT BACK TO MEG, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE OUGHT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY KNOWS I THINK EVERYBODY IN OAK PARK KNOWS THIS, BUT I'M SURPRISED WHEN PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW IS THAT THIS BUDDY, PART OF ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE COMES FROM OAK PARK'S EFFORTS TO BE A RACIALLY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY OF HOUSING THAT WAS PUT HERE FOR THAT REASON, KIND OF PROUDLY AS LIKE WE ARE GOING TO PUT IT -

NOT WHERE THE OLD VILLAGE HALL WAS, WHICH IS BY FAIRGROUNDS COFFEE NOW, BUT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE IT TO A DIFFERENT PART OF TOWN THAT IS FACING THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES OF THE 1960S.

WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT THERE AND SHOW EVERYBODY THAT WE ARE WELCOMING ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO LIVE HERE.

WHETHER OR NOT THOSE IDEALS TURNED OUT TO BE TRUE IS DEBATABLE, BUT THE HISTORICAL FACT IS THAT OAK PARK TOOK VERY RADICAL POSITIONS ABOUT HOUSING AND ABOUT RACE IN THE 70s AND EVEN NOW WITH THE HOUSING CENTER, THIS BUILDING WAS PART OF THAT.

SO WHEN THE EFFORT WAS MADE IT TO PUT THIS BUILDING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER THERE ARE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUIRES YOU TO GO INTO AND THERE WAS CONVERSATION THAT THIS BUILDING IS COOL ENOUGH ARCHITECTURALLY TO BE ON THE REGISTER FOR THAT, BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAID, ACTUALLY WE THINK THE ACTUAL HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE COMES FROM ITS ROLE IN OAK PARK'S EVOLUTION AS A PLACE OF PROGRESSIVE HOUSING AND RACIAL INTEGRATION.

I JUST WANTED THAT TO BE ON THE RECORD BECAUSE THAT'S A KEY DISTINCTION ABOUT THIS BUILDING THAT NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE IN MY OPINION NOW.

SO THANK YOU.

>> I DO HAVE ONE OR TWO QUESTIONS FOR LUCIA TO MOVE FORWARD AND STAFF MIGHT AS WELL WITH EACH TRUSTEES INFORMATION. WITH THE EXPEDIENCY OF A POLICE STATION YOU ARE NOT GETTING TIED INTO HOW YOU MIGHT ANSWER THIS, BUT DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A PREFERENCE OVER ON THIS LOT VERSUS SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE COMMUNITY?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I THOUGHT WHERE WE LANDED AND THIS IS WHAT I WOULD PREFER IS NOT IN THIS STRUCTURE.

SO WHEN I SAY SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE COMMUNITY I THINK EVEN THE PARKING LOT, THE GRASSY KNOLL, IF THAT IS INCLUDED TO SOMEONE ELSE IN THE COMMUNITY I WOULD SAY YES.

>> OKAY, SO YOU DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE A PREFERENCE OVER - IN THIS LAND THAT WE CURRENTLY OWN VERSUS SOMEPLACE ELSE IN THE COMMUNITY. GREAT.

THEN REALLY QUICK, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THAT WE ONLY HAVE ONE EXIT I HAD GOTTEN ONE OR TWO PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT IS WHY IS IT THAT THAT RAMP GOING TO THE COURTYARD IS NOT REALLY FEASIBLE TO BE USED?

I KNOW THE ANSWER, BUT IF SOMEONE COULD SHARE IT FOR THE PUBLIC LISTENING AND THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

>> IS GROSSLY UNSAFE.

>> IT IS VERY UNSAFE.

SO FOR THE RECORD.

>> THE SLOPE IS OFF AND IT'S NOT APPROPRIATE FOR USE OF A WHEELCHAIR.

>> YES.

IT WOULD BE VERY UNSAFE.

THANK YOU FOR THAT.

AND IT DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIORITIES THAT YOU COULD SPEAK TO RIGHT NOW THAT WOULD HELP WITH THE COST ANALYSIS INFORMATION THAT MIGHT COME BACK?

ON WHAT YOU SEE AS AREAS FOR REHABILITATION OF THE CURRENT BUILDING?

>> THE PRIORITIES WOULD BE I THINK ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY, THOUGH I UNDERSTAND FROM JLK THAT THOSE ARE EMBEDDED IN THE \$30 MILLION?

YES.

SO YES, BUT THAT IS ALREADY BAKED INTO THAT NUMBER.

>> ACCESSIBILITY IS SOMETHING THAT AT THIS POINT YOU DO NOT WANT TO DISREGARD.

>> THAT IS RIGHT.

ACCESSIBILITY, SAFETY, AND THEN THE BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, MEANING SORT OF THE END OF LIFE - THOSE THINGS.

THOSE THINGS WE REALLY NEED TO BE IN THIS BUILDING AND FUNCTION IN THIS BUILDING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MHM.

OKAY.

TRUSTEE PARAKKAT, GO FOR IT.

>> CAN WE JUST TALK ABOUT REALLY QUICKLY THE CLARIFICATION ON THE STAGES OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND HOW IT RELATES TO COST ESTIMATION? RIGHT NOW WE ARE IN THE CONCEPTUAL RUNS PRETTY WELL ORDER OF MAGNITUDE NUMBERS THAT WE GOT FROM FGM, WE GOT THEM FROM JLK IN ORDER TO GET MORE REFINED NUMBERS WE NEED TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT STAGE OF THE PROJECT, WHICH IS SCHEMATIC DESIGN, WHICH WOULD BE THE NEXT STAGE, HOWEVER WE PAUSED ON THAT SO WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY A PATHWAY, AN OPTION FOR SCHEMATIC DESIGN AROUND WHICH WE COULD ACTUALLY WORK WITH A FIRM TO GET MORE REFINED COSTS.

SO ROB YOU CAN ADD TO THAT.

>> ONLY IN THE SENSE OF - NOT EVEN NECESSARILY GETTING TO THE STAGE OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN, BUT WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO FLUSH OUT CONCEPTUAL NUMBERS WITHOUT GETTING FEEDBACK FROM THE BOARD ON PRIORITIES AND SPECIFICS AROUND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. SO WE NEED TO START HONING IN ON SOME OF THE SPECIFICS AND DETAILS AND PRIORITIES IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO REFINE THOSE NUMBERS FURTHER BECAUSE AND MAYBE MEG CAN SPEAK TO THIS, THE \$30 MILLION IS GOING TO ADDRESS ADA ISSUES AND INCLUSIVITY ISSUES IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN A \$40 MILLION BUILDING OR A \$50 MILLION BUILDING. SO YOU NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF THAT THAT IT'S NOT JUST LIKE A CHECKBOX NECESSARILY.

THE PRIORITIES WILL DICTATE SOME OF THE PROJECT COSTS AND SCOPE. WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THAT?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YEAH, I JUST DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THE IDEA THAT WHEN YOU ARE IN THE CONCEPTUAL ROUNDS THEY ARE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE ESTIMATES, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE PARTIES ARE. UNTIL YOU GET TO THE NEXT STAGE. SO IF STAYING IN THE CONCEPTUAL REALM AND DEBATING PRIORITIES TAKES US UNTIL THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WE WILL STILL BE AT THIS STAGE VI MONTHS FROM NOW.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I APPRECIATE THE CLARIFICATION WOULD UNDERSTAND IT'S A STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS. I THINK THERE'S JUST SOME CLARIFICATION NEEDED I THINK FOR THE COMMUNITY'S SAKE WHY ARE WE NOT TALKING ABOUT MORE DETAILED NUMBERS? THAT IS REALLY THE ANSWER. THERE'S A REASON WHY WE ARE NOT. MY POINT WAS MORE IT WAS NOT A CRITICISM THAT WE WANT BECAUSE I KNOW WHY WE ARE NOT YET. MY POINT WAS ONLY JUST THE LEVEL OF DETAIL IN THE COST ANALYSIS, AS DETAILED AS THAT CAN BE AS WE KIND OF WORK THROUGH AND GET TO THAT IS WHAT IS GOING TO BE REALLY HELPFUL FOR ME BECAUSE I WILL LIKELY WANT TO SLICE IT VERY FINELY AND IF THIS COST \$1 MILLION AND THIS COST \$3 MILLION AND THEY WANT TO KNOW, HOW CAN WE GET SORT OF A MERGER OF THE TWO THAT ONLY TAKES US TO 2 MILLION. I WANT TO BE THAT PRECISE IN MY FEEDBACK FOR COST, BUT THE ONLY WAY I CAN DO THAT IS IF I GET THAT DETAIL ONCE WE GET TO THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE PRESENTATIONS AND SITTING HERE I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO ALL OF IT WITH A LOTTA FASCINATION AND SOME FRUSTRATION. I WILL KIND OF TALK TO BOTH ASPECTS OF MY EMOTION. LAST YEAR, JULY 5 IS WHEN MAJORITY THE BOARD DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SCHEMATIC FOR THE THAT DEMOLISH AND REBUILD OPTION. OPTION FOUR AS IT IS FAMOUSLY CALLED. I VOTED AGAINST HIS CHOICE BECAUSE BY DOING THAT WE COUPLED THE DECISION OF THE POLICE STATION WITH THIS ANALYSIS, RIGHT? THERE'S A RESULT OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH VERY CRITICAL AND IMPORTANT NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH IS THE POLICE STATION, WHICH EVERYBODY HERE AGREES THE UPGRADE OF THE POLICE STATION AND WE SPENT TIME OVER THE LAST 10 MONTHS OR SO EXPLORING THE GOOD TO HAVE. THAT IS THE FRUSTRATING PART FOR ME. THIS HAS IMPACTED OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN POLICE OFFICERS. PLEASE EXIT INTERVIEWS SUGGEST THAT THE FACILITY IN - - CONTRIBUTE FACTOR AS TO WHY WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN STAFF. I'M NOT SAYING IT IS THE ONLY FACTOR, BUT IT IS EXTRUDING FACTOR.

THAT IS DEFINITELY PUT US AT RISK FROM A COMMUNITY SAFETY STANDPOINT SO I WANT TO PREFACE THAT.

10 MONTHS LATER WE ARE HEARING THIS AND THAT IS THIS ENTIRE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN FASCINATING FOR ME NOW I HAVE LEARNED A WHOLE LOT.

GOALS FROM JLK AS WELL AS THE FACILITIES COMMISSION AND THE FORMATION OF BOTH FACILITIES COMMISSION AND THE JLK ASSESSMENT CAME AFTER JULY 5, A MONTH LATER WE HAD TO PAUSE THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN AND INSTITUTE IS BASED ON SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY PUSHBACK ON THE WHOLE DEMOLISH AND REBUILD OPTION.

AND I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE DEMOLISH AND REBUILD IS OFF THE TABLE AND WE ARE SAYING THAT IT IS FEASIBLE VERY MUCH SO, IN FACT THAT IS THE OVERWHELMING SENSE IS THAT THE RENOVATION IS THE PREFERABLE OPTION.

SO THAT IS GREAT.

SO WHEN BOTH OF THESE ENTITIES WERE CONSTITUTED IS THAT I MENTIONED THIS AT THAT TIME AS WELL IS IT IS NO REFLECTION ON THE CAPABILITIES AND EXPERTISE OF THE TEAMS INVOLVED.

IT'S MORE THAT I HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE INPUTS COMING INTO THOSE PROCESSES AND ALSO THE QUESTIONS THAT WE ARE ASKED OF THESE ENTITIES. THAT WAS MY CHALLENGE IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT THESE TWO ENTITIES.

AND I VOTED NO AT THAT POINT BECAUSE I FELT THERE WAS SOME LEVEL OF BIAS INTRODUCED, BUT I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THE REPORT AND THE RESULTS OF WHAT HAS COME OUT FROM THERE SO I WILL BE THE FIRST ONE TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR IT.

I THINK THERE IS A LOT OF DILIGENCE THAT HAS GONE INTO IT.

IT IS VERY EVIDENT AND I HAVE NOTHING BUT - I WATCHED ALL OF THE MEETINGS.

SO THERE IS A LOT THAT HAS GONE INTO IT SO I APPRECIATE THAT.

NOW WHICH ACTUALLY GETS US BACK TO JULY 5, WHICH IS WE HAD THIS DECISION WE DO NOT HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF DETAILS AS WE WERE JUST DISCUSSING IN TERMS OF MAKING A DECISION WE DO NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL PEACE LEFT, BUT WHAT IT DOES DO IS IT GIVES US A CLEAR (WORD?) OF THE POLICE STATION NOW THAT WE DELAYED IT FOR 10 MONTHS, NOW WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE ON THAT WITH THE RIGHT LEVEL OF DILIGENCE E. THERE IS NOTHING STOPPING US FROM MOVING THAT FORWARD AND OBVIOUSLY THAT IS A WHOLE STREAM OF WORK BY ITSELF WHERE WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE COST ASPECT OF IT, THE DESIGN ASPECT OF IT AND THEN EXECUTION OF IT.

SO THERE'S A WHOLE BODY OF WORK THAT CLEARS THE PATH FOR US TO GO DOWN THAT ROUTE.

SO FROM MY PERSPECTIVE THAT IS A BIG PRIORITY FOR MOVING FORWARD.

SO THAT IS ONE.

ON THE VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION PIECE.

I DO AGREE THAT ADDRESSING THE ACCESSIBILITY PIECE IN THE SAFETY PIECE ARE THE MOST CRITICAL ONES.

SO I WOULD SAY THEY ARE REALLY IMPORTANT AND I DO NOT TAKE THEM LIGHTLY, I TAKE THEM VERY SERIOUSLY, HOWEVER I WOULD LIKE US TO SEE IF WE CAN BE MORE COST-EFFECTIVE WITH IT.

SO TO THE POINT THAT DAN WAS MAKING ABOUT - WHAT WAS THAT? MODESTLY AND CREATIVELY.

I KNOW THAT WE HAD VERY LIMITED TIME TO DO THE ANALYSIS THAT YOU GUYS DID.

AGAIN, A LOT WAS DONE, BUT I THINK WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THIS MORE CREATIVELY AND MORE MODESTLY BECAUSE WE ONLY HAVE A STRUCTURE THAT HAS ALL OF THE ATTRIBUTES THAT MEG, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT.

HOW CAN WE LOOK AT THAT MORE CREATIVELY AND COST-EFFECTIVELY?

WE HAVE TIME ON OUR SIDE BECAUSE HERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A SET OF GOOD TO HAVE NEEDS.

IT IS NOT LIKE THE POLICE STATION.

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THAT TIME, ESPECIALLY NOW IF THE POLICE STATION HAS TO BE MOVED OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS TO BE MOVED OUT AND WE HAVE TO CREATE THAT SPACE SO WE CAN MANAGE THE RENOVATION EFFECTIVELY WITHIN THE SPACE, WE HAVE TIME ON OUR SIDE. LET'S USE THAT TIME TO CREATIVELY AND MODESTLY ARRIVE AT SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT LAND ON THE COMMUNITY LIKE A TON OF BRICKS.

SO WE CAN PHASE IT OUT, WE CAN DESIGN IT, WE CAN WRITE TO SIZE IT, DO ALL THE THINGS THAT WE WANT AND TO EVERYBODY'S SATISFACTION AND ARRIVE AT SOMETHING THAT IS NOT COST PROHIBITIVE FOR A COMMUNITY THAT IS ALREADY BURDENED BY MULTIPLE PROJECTS AS COLETTE WAS MENTIONING.

SO MULTIPLE LARGE

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PROJECTS AND MANY MORE THAT ARE NECESSARY AND ARE COMING IN OUR FUTURE.

THIS IS ALL GOING TO LAND AT THE SAME TIME.

SO THAT WOULD BE MY SECOND PRIORITY, WHICH IS HOW DO WE WRITE TO SIZE IT, THINK ABOUT IT MODESTLY AND CREATIVELY, AND HOW DO WE PHASE IT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME SO IT FACTORS IN ALL THE OTHER COSTS AND EXPENDITURES THAT THIS COMMUNITY HAS TO GO THROUGH OVER THE NEXT NUMBER OF YEARS THAT WERE TALKING ABOUT.

SO THAT IS TWO AND THEN THE THIRD ASPECT IS I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS TRUE, BUT I'VE HEARD AS A HISTORIC BUILDING FOR RENOVATIONS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET GRANTS THERE ARE LOTS OF AVENUES FOR GETTING FUNDING FROM A RENOVATION PERSPECTIVE.

NOW I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS IS TRUE.

THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE HEARD, BUT I WOULD LIKE US TO EXPLORE THAT.

SO THE NEXT TIME WE TALK ABOUT THIS TOPIC THERE IS A COST ANGLE.

I.E., WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET THAT MONEY FROM INGLE IN TERMS OF GRANTS FOR HISTORIC BUILDING.

ARE THERE AVAILABLE OPTIONS THAT WE CAN CONSIDER SO WE'RE NOT JUST LOOKING AT THIS IS WHAT WE WILL SPEND, BUT THIS IS HOW WE WILL RAISE THE MONEY TO SPEND AS WELL.

SO IF THERE IS SOME ANALYSIS TO BE DONE, I DON'T KNOW, -

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I KNOW WE'RE TAKING FEEDBACK TONIGHT, BUT IT IS VERY COMPLEX AND I WANT TO SPEAK TO IT BECAUSE THINGS DO OCCUR IN STAGES.

WE ARE DEALING WITH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE NUMBERS AND BECAUSE OF THAT AND THE IDEA WHEN WE STARTED THIS IS THAT WE WANTED TO FRAME THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN A WAY WHERE THE BOARD COULD ACTUALLY SELECT AN OPTION OF PRIORITIES.

A PATHWAY THAT WOULD ALLOW THE STAFF TO EFFICIENTLY DO SOME IN-DEPTH FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND COME UP WITH A FINANCIAL STRATEGY INCLUSIVE OF IDENTIFYING MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES ON A SPECIFIC OPTION BECAUSE IF WE HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS, SEVERAL PRIORITIES THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AND THE BOARD IS NOT CONCLUSIVE ON WHICH DIRECTION IT WANTS TO GO, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET TO THE NEXT STAGE TO REFINE THE NUMBERS AND THEREFORE BASE OUR FINANCIAL PLANNING STRATEGIES ON IT.

I.E. AN EXAMPLE, YOU COULD BE TALKING ABOUT TWO PROJECTS.

SO YOU \$40 MILLION IN REHAB COSTS FOR THE VILLAGE HALL STRUCTURE AND I DON'T KNOW, ORDER OF MAGNITUDE NUMBERS, 70,000,040 POLICE STATION.

IF YOU SEPARATE THEM YOU MIGHT HAVE TWO SEPARATE PROJECTS.

IF YOU COMBINE THEM YOU HAVE ONE PROJECT AND THERE MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO COST EFFICIENCY.

LOOK AT AN ALTERNATIVE FINANCING PRESSURE AS OPPOSED TO TRADITIONAL BOND ISSUANCES.

THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS TO LOOK AT THIS AND THIS IS WHY IT IS SUPER IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK TOWARDS FIGURING OUT WHICH DIRECTION THE BOARD WANTS TO GO SO THAT WE CAN BE CREATIVE AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PATHWAY OR A FINANCIAL STRATEGY THAT CORRESPONDS WITH THE PRIORITY BECAUSE LET'S SAY IT IS JUST A PLEA STATION, MAYBE IT IS NOT A P3 FINANCING OR FLEXIBLE FINANCING TERMS, IT IS A TRADITIONAL BOND ISSUANCES AND IT'S A TRADITIONAL DESIGN BID AND BUILD AS OPPOSED TO GETTING A TEAM TOGETHER THEY COULD ACTUALLY BRING SOME CAPITAL TO THE PROJECT AND LOWER THE COSTS FLEXIBLE TERMS AND SO FORTH.

WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN INTO THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL BECAUSE WHAT WE STARTED WITH OUR PREMISE IS LET'S FIGURE OUT WHICH DIRECTION THE BOARD WANTS TO GO SO WE CAN USE THE STAFF OR CONSULTING EXPERTISE EFFICIENTLY NO ADVISORS TO CRAFT A FINANCIAL STRATEGY AROUND THAT SPECIFIC OPTION. I WANTED TO SPEAK TO THAT NIGHT.

I WAS HOPING WE GET THE FEEDBACK, BUT I DO REALIZE IN THIS SECTION THAT WE MIGHT HAVE TO CLARIFY A FEW THINGS AS WELL BECAUSE YES, THIS IS A BIG PROJECT.

THE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED THAT AND THEY WENT TO THE PROCESS AND I UNDERSTAND IN THE END IT IS EXPENSIVE IF YOU WANT TO DO BOTH. SO PRIORITY MAKING IS ESSENTIAL, BUT A SPECIFIC PATHWAY THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO SPEND THE TIME AND DO DUE DILIGENCE OR THE FINANCIAL PLANNING AND IDENTIFY THE OPTIONS I THINK IS SUPER HELPFUL FOR US AND THAT'S WHY WE WANTED TO STOP AND GET BACK AND GET A BETTER SENSE OF WHERE YOU ARE HEADED ALLOW FOR THE APPROPRIATE MANNER TIME FOR YOU GUYS TO REFLECT ON IT SO THAT WHEN WE COME BACK WE CAN START TO FUNNEL IN AND NARROW - HOPEFULLY NARROW DOWN ONE OPTION WHERE WE CAN ANSWER WHERE THOSE QUESTIONS ARE BEING RAISED TONIGHT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I GET THAT.

I THINK THAT IS VALID.

THE POINT I WAS MAKING WAS TO MAKE THAT DECISION.

SO TO PLAY THAT SCENARIO, IF WE'VE BEEN GETTING \$25 MILLION IN GRANT MONEY FOR A HISTORIC REGISTERED SITE RENOVATION, THEN MY DECISION TO MAKE A \$30 MILLION INVESTMENT ON IT IS GOING TO BE A LOT EASIER THAN IF YOU COME BACK AND SAY WE ARE GOING TO GET \$2 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDING OR THE OPTION DOES NOT EXIST.

SO IF YOU SAY WE WILL GET 50 MILLION THEN THE DECISION IS VERY DIFFERENT.

THAT GRANT MONEY FOR A HISTORIC REGISTERED BUILDING FROM A RENOVATION PERSPECTIVE CAN DETERMINE WHAT THE BURDEN OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS ON THE COMMUNITY.

SO THAT IS WHY I'M PLACING JUST THAT ASPECT OF FINANCING.

THE ASPECT OF FINANCING IS IMPORTANT FOR THE DECISION IN TERMS OF THE CHOICE OF OPTIONS, EVEN AT THE CONCEPTUAL LEVEL.

>> IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS AND SO FORTH, CERTAINLY WE CAN DO THAT.

I WILL TELL YOU THAT WE WILL BE EXPLORING EVERY, EVERY, EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK DOWN THE COST.

IF IT IS A HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT, AGAIN, THEY JUST REFERENCED IF YOU DECIDE TO GO AND CREATE ONE PROJECT AND YOU HAVE A BIG NUMBER WE WANT TO LOOK BEYOND TRADITION AND SEE IF THERE ARE WAYS TO BRING DOWN THE BORROWING COST DO SOME OTHER FLEXIBLE THINGS TO LESSEN THE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY.

THERE WILL BE NO CREATIVITY SPARED IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN FINANCE THIS PROJECT.

WE JUST NEED THE PROJECT.

>> THAT IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE WE FACE WITH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES IS GRANTOR'S WANT TO GIVE MONEY TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE A PROJECT THAT IS READY TO GO.

SO IF WE ARE STILL AT THE CONCEPTUAL STAGE AND WE CANNOT DECIDE WHICH DIRECTION WE WANT TO GO WE DON'T HAVE A PROJECT TO GIVE OR TO PRESENT.

>> I'M NOT EXPECTING THE GRANTORS TO GIVE US THE MONEY. I'M JUST SAYING IS THAT AN AVENUE.

IF SO, WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF EXPLORATION OF THAT AVENUE?
JUST A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF IS THAT EVEN A POSSIBILITY?
MAKE IS GRANT MONEY A POSSIBILITY FOR A PROJECT LIKE THIS?

>> THERE IS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY FOR LOOKING GRANT MONEY.

I THINK THE RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE HOW MUCH CAN YOU GET FOR A HISTORIC RESTORATION AND ALWAYS PURSUE - WE'VE HAD MORE SUCCESS EVEN LOOKING AT ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS AND THAT SORT OF THING FROM THE GOVERNMENT THEN ONLY HANG YOUR HAT ON THE FACT THAT THIS IS A HISTORIC BUILDING. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR GRANTS YOU SHOULD CAST THE NET WIDE AND LOOK AT WAYS THAT YOU CAN FIND MONEY.

>> MET WITH A PUBLIC BUILDING SO MUCH, BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE A GOOD TAX ACCOUNTANT TO FIGURE THAT OUT.

IT INVOLVES CREATING - I AM ON THIN ICE WHEN I'M SUGGESTING THIS. I WILL SAY THIS, CONSULT A TAX ATTORNEY AND FIGURE OUT THE CORRECT MECHANISM BY WHICH A GOVERNMENT OR A NONPROFIT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT CAN CREATE AN ENTITY TO MONETIZE TAX CREDITS.

IT IS POSSIBLE AND WE GOT \$70 MILLION FOR A MAC HEALTHCARE BECAUSE THEY CAN MONETIZE QUICKLY.

THAT'S AN AREA OF EXPERTISE THAT I'M AWARE EXIST, BUT YOU SHOULD LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY RED FLAGS IS NOT RED FLAGS REALLY, BUT ANY NO GO WITH THE FACT THAT THIS IS A GOVERNMENT AND CITY-OWNED PROPERTY OR VILLAGE ON THE PROPERTY, BUT OFTEN YOU HAVE TO LEASEBACK AND CREATE ENTITY AND OTHER KINDS OF - IT IS VERY COMPLICATED AND I AM ABOVE MY PAY GRADE.

YOU SHOULD LOOK INTO IT.

>> TO THAT POINT WE ARE LOOKING INTO TRYING TO GET SOMEBODY ON BOARD FOR THE MEETING IN MAY AS AN INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL CONSULTANT THAT CAN EVALUATE DIFFERENT OPTIONS AND TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT DIFFERENT FINANCING MODELS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE BASED ON THE SIZE AND THE TYPE OF PROJECT THAT WE ARE PROPOSING AS MANAGER JACKSON MENTIONED A NEW FACILITY MAY GARNER DIFFERENT ATTENTION FROM P3 GROUPS WEARS A BUILDING RENOVATION MIGHT HAVE TO LOOK AT SOMETHING MORE LIKE PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTING AND WHAT THOSE THINGS LOOK LIKE AND THE IMPACTS - WE DO NOT HAVE THE EXPERTISE YET, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO GET THAT IN PLACE SO AT A HIGHER LEVEL WE CAN PRESENT THOSE PERSPECTIVES AT A NEXT MEETING.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THE ONLY THING I'M TRIED TO SAY IS UNDERSTANDING THE ONCE IS ONE THING, BUT OUT OF THOSE WANTS, WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS THAT EXIST SHOULD BE PART OF THAT SAME DISCUSSION.

SO LOOKING AT BOTH SIDES OF IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION, IN ADDITION TO GETTING TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF DETAIL, TRUSTEE ROBINSON WAS MENTIONING.

WE NEED A LOT MORE DETAIL AROUND SOME OF THE SPECIFICS AND WHY WE'RE DOING WHAT WE'RE DOING.

SO THE COMBINATION IS WHAT I'M HOPING FOR.

THE THREE THINGS IS THE POLICE FACILITY MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT.
WE HAVE ENOUGH TO GO FORWARD WITH THAT AT THIS POINT.
A SECOND THING IS LOOKING AT THE BASE REQUIREMENTS OF SAFETY,
ACCESSIBILITY AND SOME SUSTAINABILITY RELATED ASPECTS OF THIS BUILDING
RENOVATION AT THIS POINT.
WITH THE COST OPTIONS BE MORE CREATIVE AND MODEST WITH OUR OPTION
ANALYSIS AND THEN FINANCING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT THE RENOVATION.
WHAT IS AVAILABLE OUT THERE THAT IS NOT JUST TAXPAYER DOLLARS OR LOWER
DEBT.
SO LOOKING AT THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
THAT IS ALL I HAD.
THANKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.
SO YOUR PRIORITY IS THE POLICE STATION, VILLAGE HALL WILL GREATLY
DEPEND ON CREATIVITY AND FUNDING, AND SETTING SOME PRIORITIES,
ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY.
OKAY.
NEXT?
VERY GOOD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR TIME AND EVERYTHING YOU PUT INTO THIS.
I KNOW IT HAS BEEN A FAIRLY LONG PROCESS AND DEFINITELY TAKES A LOT OF
TIME SO I DO APPRECIATE IT.
THAT SAID I'M GOING TO BE UNCONVENTIONAL ON THIS.
I LIKE THE WORK THAT WAS DONE.
I DO NOT LIKE THE PRICE TAG THAT COMES WITH IT AND THAT IS WHERE -
THAT MAKES THESE DECISIONS BOTH EASY AND HARD FOR ME.
I THINK EASY BECAUSE WHEN I LOOK AT THE COST OF THE RECOMMENDED OPTION
FROM THE COMMITTEE, WHICH I THINK THE RECOMMENDED OPTION IS NICE.
THE COST WAS APPROACHING \$60 MILLION, WHICH THEN GETS PAIRED WITH
OPTION TWO, WHICH IS BUILDING A NEW POLICE STATION ON THE NEW SITE
WHERE THAT COST WAS AROUND \$70 MILLION.
SO WHEN YOU PUT THAT TOGETHER WE ARE AT \$130 MILLION, WHICH IS NOW THE
COST OF OPTION FOUR, WHICH IS REBUILD VILLAGE HALL AND POLICE ON
EXISTING SITE, WHICH STARTS AT \$132 MILLION.
SO WHEN I LOOK AT THE FEASIBILITY OF WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
SPENDING, ALL THESE NUMBERS NOW ARE VERY MUCH IN THE SAME BALLPARK WE
OBVIOUSLY HAVE COMPROMISES WITH BOTH OPTIONS.
LIKE THERE IS A HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE THAT WE RETAIN BY DOING A
REBUILD, WHICH I THINK IS IMPORTANT TO A LOT OF FOLKS.
THERE IS A FLEXIBILITY THAT WE ARE ABLE TO GAIN BY LOOKING AT
SOMETHING AS A CLEAN SLATE AND STARTING OVER.
AND THE DELTA BETWEEN THOSE IS SO SMALL THAT IT REALLY MAKES IT HARD
FOR ME TO LAND - I WAS HOPING WHATEVER CAME BACK FROM THE COMMITTEE
WOULD HAVE A LOWER PRICE TAG ON IT, HONESTLY.

IT JUST WOULD MAKE THIS DECISION A LITTLE BIT EASIER, BUT LOOKING AT 130 VERSUS \$140 MILLION, TO ME THOSE ARE THE SAME NUMBERS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE BECAUSE ALSO LOOKING AROUND OAK PARK AND FACILITY UPGRADES, THE WAY THEY DEVIATE, THAT IS WITHIN THAT MARGIN OF ERROR THAT I HAVE SEEN.

56 OR SOMETHING.

44 MAYBE?

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>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THIS IS CONFUSING AND SAID OF THE REPORT BECAUSE PAGE 80 IT SAYS PREFERRED SCHEME AND I HAVE TWO A AND 2B AND ITS - - IN AT 2B IT IS 57 AND 49 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS.

>> TOO MANY SCHEMES.

I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

>>ROB SPROULE: I'M NOT SURE WE NEED TO CLARIFY, BUT YES, THEY ARE ALL VERY EXPENSIVE.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LARGE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE NUMBERS.

SO LET ME SWITCH THEN AND ASK YOU A QUESTION.

CAN WE TALK ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN - WHAT ARE WE LOSING FROM THE 54-\$57 MILLION SCHEME LOOKING AT VERSUS THE \$40 MILLION SCHEME THAT IS THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION?

WHAT IS THE DELTA ON WHAT WE ARE MISSING AND WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD THAT WE WILL WANT TO ADD THOSE BACK?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY LIKELY.

>> THE ORIGINAL WAS SCHEME TWO AND THEY NEEDED TWO EIGHT FROM THE PREFERRED SCHEME WE PAIRED THAT DOWN EVEN FURTHER.

SO 2B IS A SMALL ADDITION AND FROM THERE WE STILL SAID, OKAY, LET'S CONTINUE TO PAIR THAT BACK.

YEAH, IT IS A SCHEMA FOUR ALMOST AT THIS POINT.

SO WHAT THIS DOES IS THIS INSTEAD OF HAVING THREE LEVELS OF FUNCTIONAL SPACE WHERE YOU HAVE A BASEMENT WITH CONFERENCE ROOMS AND RESTROOMS AND FIRST FLOOR WITH CONFERENCE ROOMS AND A LOBBY AND RESTROOMS AND A MEZZANINE LEVEL WITH MORE CONFERENCE ROOMS OR OTHER SPACES, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RIGHT.

AND YES, IN THIS PREFERRED SCHEME WE SAID WHAT IS THE SMALLEST IT CAN BE TO MAKE IT FUNCTIONAL AND THAT IS PUTTING THE LOBBY ON THAT MAIN LEVEL.

ADDING IN A COUPLE OF RESTROOMS THAT ARE MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, HAVING THE STAIR RAMP TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE LOWER LEVEL AND IN THE BASEMENT LEVEL THERE IS NO PROGRAMMING AT ALL.

WHEREAS IN THE PREVIOUS SCHEMES WE WERE THINKING OF WHAT OTHER OPTIONS CAN FIT IF YOU MAKE THIS A FULL THREE-STORY THING.

SO NOW REALLY WE ONLY HAVE A ONE STORY WITH AN ATRIUM ABOVE AND NOTHING BELOW.

>> IT IS MUCH PAIRED DOWN AND THAT COMES DOWN TO THIS CONCEPT OF LEAN OR A MODEST APPROACH.
WE ARE TRYING AS MUCH IS POSSIBLE TO BE AS MODEST WITH ANY ADDITION WE TRIED TO PUT ON THIS BUILDING.
SO WHERE THE ORIGINAL SCHEME ONE, RETAIN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, MAKE A SMALL MOVE ON THE BUILDING.
THAT WAS KIND OF NOT - IT WAS NOT DESIRABLE BECAUSE WE STILL NEEDED A BETTER FRONT DOOR.
YOU NEEDED A BETTER THIS AND THAT.
YOU NEEDED BETTERMENT IN THE BUILDING TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT I THINK AS FAR AS BEING MODEST OR SMALL IN THE APPROACH, SOMETHING WE DID AT THE END, TRY TO EMBRACE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE THESE SCHEMES IN COLLECTION OF IDEAS ONE, COLLECTION OF IDEA TWO, COLLECTION OF IDEA THREE THEY ARE NOT DISCRETE SCHEMES AND THEY ARE NOT ADDITIVE.
THEY JUST EXPLORE DIFFERENT IDEAS AND WE LINK THEM TOGETHER.
THAT IS THE GOAL OF THAT, BUT THEY'RE NOT MEANT TO BE SELECTED OR THE BEST ONE.
THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN EACH OF THEM THAT COULD BE INCLUDED HERE, COULD BE INCLUDED THERE AND IT'S TRULY AN EXPLORATION OF THE POSSIBLE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: TOTALLY GET IT.

YOU HAVE A BUCKET AND YOU THROW EVERYTHING INTO IT.

>> EXACTLY.

PUT EVERYTHING IN THE POT, ANYWAY WHEN WE GET TO THE PREFERRED SCHEME AND LOOK AT IT AND DRILL DOWN INTO IT LIKE OKAY, WHILE CLEARLY IT IS SO EASY TO BUILD NEW BUILDINGS.

I CANNOT TELL YOU.

WHY I AM A PRESERVATIONIST, I HAVE NO IDEA.

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING EASY AND PLAIN YOU BUILD YOUR BUILDING.

WITH THIS WE LOOKED AT WHAT REALLY DOES THIS EXISTING BUILDING HAVE A HARD TIME WITH?

AND ONLY PUT THAT INTO AN ADDITION AND WHAT IT HAS A HARD TIME WITH IS SIGNALING WHERE THE HELL DO YOU COME IN TO THIS BUILDING?

SORRY, IT IS LATE.

WHERE DOES ONE ENTER THIS BUILDING AND WHERE IS THE DROP OFF AND HOW DO YOU MOVE THROUGH IT?

FROM A POINT OF SECURITIES SO AT A SEPARATE ENTRANCE YOU COME IN AND CHECK IN AND THERE IS A GATE OF NO FRIENDLY FACE PRETTY SWIPE YOUR CARD AND DO WHATEVER AND YOU GET ONE POINT OF ENTRY TO THIS BUILDING. THAT IS KEY AND IT MAKES SENSE AND YOU CAN GET THERE IN A WHEELCHAIR, WHATEVER YOUR MOBILITY AND YOU CAN MOVE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING WITH AN ELEVATOR.

THIS ADDITION HERE HAS THIS THING CALLED STAIR RAMP AND SO THAT IS BIGGER, TAKES UP MORE SPACE IN THIS WHOLE IDEA OF WHAT YOU GET FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND WHAT YOU GET FOR INCLUSIVITY.

IF YOU WANT TO OBEY THE LETTER OF ADA - - IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE A SPIRIT OF INCLUSIVITY, WHICH MEANS EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO COME DOWN THE EXACT SAME PATHWAY TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS YOU PUT SOMETHING THAT HAS A RAMP IN THE STAIR COMBINED THAT IS MORE OF AN ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENT THAT SAYS MATTER WHO YOU ARE, NO MATTER HOW YOU GET DOWN TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS YOU ARE WELCOME HERE WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PATH SO THAT IS MORE OF A SYMBOLIC GESTURE, TAKES MORE ROOM IN HERE JUST AS A PLACEHOLDER FOR AN ARCHITECTURAL IDEA THAT WILL COST SOME MONEY, THERE IS ERECTING ONE HERE THAT SAYS STAIR RAMP.

SO THAT IS THE IDEA OF IF YOU WANT THE SPIRIT OF INCLUSION, IT COST MORE BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, WHERE TO SING IT IS POSSIBLE TO PUT IT THERE AND IT WILL PROBABLY COST MONEY.

THAT IS THE LEVEL OF THE STUDY.

IS IT FEASIBLE?

SO IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO SAY WHAT COULD THIS BE CHEAPER?

YES.

THAT IS WHERE THE HARD DECISIONS COME IN.

SO WE ARE NOT READY TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS BECAUSE WHEN I AM DOING - BUT SAY IN THIS WORLD WHERE SOMEONE TAKES - THESE ARE BLOBS ON A PLANE.

THEY REFLECT DECISIONS WE MADE, THEY REFLECT HOW BIG THESE OFFICES ARE, HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN FIT THERE AND DIFFERENT WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS.

AN EXPANSION FACTOR FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS OR 20 YEARS AND USE OF THIS BUILDING LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE HERE IN OAK PARK SO IT DOES REFLECT, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A LOBBY AND YOU CANNOT TELL THERE IS MY OFFICE, ETC. IT DOES NOT MATTER, THERE IS ENOUGH SPACE FOR IT.

SO REALLY LOOKING AT WHAT IS POSSIBLE HERE?

THE NEXT ITERATION IS GOING TO GET US TO THE PLACE WHERE WE KNOW WHAT KIND OF SPACE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

WE KNOW SPECIFICALLY - WE KNOW THE SPECIFICS AND WE CAN ONLY START SPENDING MONEY, BUT SAVING MONEY.

WE'RE NOT AT THE PLACE WHERE WE'RE SAVING MONEY AT BECAUSE WE CANNOT MAKE REAL DECISIONS.

THIS IS ALL CONCEPTUAL.

ALSO IS ANY NEW BUILDING AT THIS STAGE.

SO I LISTENED TO THIS AND I UNDERSTAND BECAUSE IT IS A POINT OF FRUSTRATION, WHICH I CAN TELL BECAUSE WE'RE SO CLOSE, YET SO FAR BECAUSE WE HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW THE BUILDING WOULD BE AND WE ONLY HAVE LOOSE FIGURES, BUT THAT IS - WE HAD THIS MUCH TIME AND THIS MUCH EFFORT PUT INTO IT TO GIVE THAT INFORMATION.

THE NEXT STAGE WILL GIVE THOSE HARDER - THE ABILITY TO ANSWER HARDER QUESTIONS, WHICH ARE ABOUT - THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY HOW CAN I ADD TO THIS BUILDING OR PROJECT, IT'S HARD QUESTIONS OF VALUE ENGINEERING.

THAT IS A HARD THING TO DO, WHICH IS A NICE WAY OF SAYING TAKE STUFF OUT AND MAKE IT COST LESS.

SO WE DON'T KNOW THAT YET.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CORY, I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS MORE COMPLICATED, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THESE ARE ALSO, THIS IS ONE WAY WE CAN ADDRESS WHAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED AS FEASIBLE. WHEN WE HIRE AN ARCHITECT THEY MAY HAVE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT IDEAS AND HOW TO HELP US REACH WHAT ARE OUR PRIORITIES. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I ASKED THE QUESTIONS. THE ANSWER TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION OF, YES, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE TAKEN OUT IN ORDER TO COME UP WITH A LOWER DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR SCHEME TWO ARE THINGS THAT IF WE ARE STILL GOING TO PRIORITIZE HAVING A SECOND-FLOOR BATHROOM FOR STAFF THAT WORK HERE. COMPLETELY BEING ALIGNED WITH OUR VALUES ON INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY THEN THE TRUTH IS WE MAY FIND OURSELVES PUTTING THOSE THINGS IN.

SO YOUR STATEMENT OF - IN ALL REALITY IF WE'RE LOOKING AT A POLICE STATION AND REHABBING VILLAGE HALL TO MEET OUR NEEDS - IT WILL LIKELY COST CLOSE TO A NEW BUILDING THAT IS JUST A REALITY.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE - -

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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO NOT ADDRESSING VILLAGE HALL IN MY MIND IS REALLY NOT AN OPTION UNLESS WE WANT TO BE COMPLETELY HYPOCRITICAL ON THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AS IMPORTANT TO US. THERE IS ONE BATHROOM FOR STAFF AND ONE BATHROOM FOR THE PUBLIC IN THIS BUILDING.

YES.

OKAY, THE PLEAS TO PERMIT, WHICH I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO.

YOU CAN, IT IS IN THE LOBBY.

STILL IS A PERSON WHO SPENDS A DECENT AMOUNT OF TIME HERE IN NEEDING TO WALK CLEARLY AROUND, - I THINK WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO DECIDE IS WHAT ARE WE PRIORITIZING?

DO WE WANT TO INVEST IN THE HISTORICAL NATURE OF THIS BUILDING?

IF SO, FINE, THAT IS WONDERFUL, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS POSSIBLE, BUT IF YOU WANT TO SET A BUDGET AND JUST SAY VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, WE ARE GIVING YOU \$95 MILLION, MAKE IT HAPPENED, IT IS EITHER GOING TO BE A TEMPORARY BAND-AID FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS PLUS A NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WE'RE GOING TO END UP NEEDING TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CHANGES BEFORE THAT 50 YEAR MARK, MAYBE IT IS 20 YEARS IN THE NEW VILLAGE HALL AND IT'S A NEW POLICE STATION OR - THE WAY TO STICK TO A TIGHT BUDGET IS UNFORTUNATELY A NEW BUILDING.

THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD IS GOING TO BE INVESTING IN THIS BUILDING, THEN WHERE ARE UNFORTUNATELY GOING TO BE DEALING WITH A PRICE TAG AS - WITH MORE INFORMATION AFTER WE MAKE THE DECISION THAT THIS IS A PRIORITY ENOUGH TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION.

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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NOT SURE IF THAT'S HOW WE SHOULD BE MAKING THE DECISION JUST YET.

[INDISCERNIBLE] QUOTES ONE THING TO POINT OUT IS THAT TWO THINGS THROUGHOUT A PROJECT AND SCHEDULE AND BUDGET.

ONE THING THIS BUILDING BUYS YOU IS TIME.

SURE, IF YOU WANT TO SAY MAGICALLY TOMORROW YOU HAD ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE TWO NEW BUILDINGS, THAT IS GREAT, BUT WHEN I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS AND TRYING TO THINK ABOUT HOW DO YOU ACTUALLY DO THIS?

WHAT IS THE PATHWAY TO GETTING THIS DONE?

THAT IS WHY WE STARTED THINKING ABOUT HOW DO YOU ACTUALLY DO THIS WHAT DOES THIS GIVE YOU?

SO YOU HAVE A VILLAGE HALL.

THE PROBLEM WITH VILLAGE HALL RIGHT NOW IS THAT IT IS STRAINED BECAUSE IT NEEDS SOME PROTECTION.

IS THIS AND THAT, IT NEEDS A LOT OF THINGS.

BUT IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE REBUILT TODAY THE DOES NOT NEED TO BE REBUILT TOMORROW.

IT NEEDS THESE MAINTENANCE ITEMS TAKING CARE OF OVER THE NEXT ABOUT 10 YEARS.

AND MAYBE YOU HAVE TIME TO SPEND IN TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT IN TIME TO RAISE MONEY.

THE OTHER THING OF TIME TO DO IS SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE POLICE STATION, WHICH IS A MAJOR PROBLEM, BUT THEN WHENEVER DEALING WITH A BUILDING LIKE THIS IT ONLY HAS SOME SPACE, ONLY HAS SO MUCH ROOM AND THAT IS WHAT IT HAS, BUT IF YOU TAKE OUT THE HALF OF THE PROGRAM HERE AND REMOVE HALF OF THE USERS IN THE BASEMENT IN THE LOWER LEVEL YOU SUDDENLY HAVE A LOT MORE SPACE IN THIS BUILDING AND YOU CAN BREATHE A LITTLE BIT EASIER SO IF WE TAKE CONFERENCE ROOMS AND WE TAKE SOME PROGRAM AND PUT IT DOWN INTO THE BASEMENT WE ARE ABLE TO PUT IN BATHROOM SOME ARE DIFFERENT.

WE COULD PUT IN AN ELEVATOR, WE CAN MAKE IT EASIER TO USE.

DO WE HAVE TO HAVE EVERY SINGLE BELL AND WHISTLE DONE IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS?

NO.

THIS CAN BE A PATHWAY.

OFTEN WITH EXISTING BUILDINGS, VIA A PRIVATE HOME, A VILLAGE HALL, WHATEVER IT IS, WHAT YOU DO OR WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST ONE WOULD DO IS YOU MAKE A MASTER PLAN THIS IS WHERE WE WANT TO BE IN 10 YEARS YOU SAY, HOW ARE WE GET IN THERE?

WHAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO DO IS MAKE A LOT OF - I WOULD VIRTUE, NOT MAKE A LOT OF DECISIONS LIKE WE NEED AN ELEVATOR WERE GOING TO STICK ONE HERE BECAUSE IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TODAY NOT HAVE THAT BE PART OF A

PLAN THAT SAYS, BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE HERE WE'RE GOING TO NEED ONE OVER HERE SO THE FIRST ELEVATORS HERE IN THE SECOND ONE IS HERE OR WITH BATHROOMS WE HAVE TO RENOVATE THESE DOWN HERE WITH THE COLUMN AND WITNESS ASSOCIATED WITH IT, PUT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE, BUT ALWAYS BE GUIDED BY THE MASTER PLAN.

THAT GOES FOR MAINTENANCE AS WELL.

THERE ARE THINGS TO DO FIRST ON THIS BUILDING, SECOND, THIRD FOURTH AND THE SYSTEMS NEED HELP, BUT THE WATER ISSUES, DEAL WITH THE WATER FIRST, KEEP IT UP.

TO DEAL WITH THE ROOF FIRST, KEEP IT UP.

GET THE SYSTEMS AND TRY TO FIND SYSTEMS THAT MAKE YOU MORE EFFICIENT SO THEY SAVE OPERATING DOLLARS AND SAVE THE MONEY WHERE YOU CAN BECAUSE THE MORE EFFICIENT BUILDING IS GOING TO SAVE YOU MONEY ANYWAYS.

SO IF YOU GET ON A PATHWAY, THAT IS WHERE MODESTY COMES IN IS THAT I HAVE A VISION AND I NEED TIME TO GET THERE, BUT I HAVE ALL THIS TIME BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO FREE THE BASEMENT IN ORDER TO MAKE THOSE THINGS HAPPEN.

SO JUST WANTED TO ADHERE, I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M BATTLING ON ABOUT THIS, BUT THERE'S A PATHWAY FORWARD TO MAKE IT REASONABLE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GO AHEAD.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO DETAIL, BUT THERE ARE FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THAT STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS OVER TIME.

FOR EXAMPLE, JUST TO MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT POSITION WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THIS LAST YEAR TO THE VILLAGE HALL, NOT EVEN THE BASEMENT, WE ARE TALKING UPWARDS OF A \$15 MILLION PRICE TAG JUST TO MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT POSITION OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

SO IF THE PLEAS MOVE OUT AND WE HAVE AN EMPTY BASEMENT, DOES IT STAY EMPTY OR IS THAT ANOTHER 15 MILLION TO REPROGRAM THAT SPACE SO HOW DO YOU FINANCE THAT OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD OF TIME?

THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF CONSIDERATIONS, THAT TIME DIMENSION IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT.

IS IT 10 YEARS OR 30 YEARS?

SO JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT IS PART OF THE CONTEXT.

>> (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: IF WE DON'T LIKE WHAT WE HEAR WE CAN GO IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.

THAT IS WHY PEOPLE ELECTED US.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I WOULD ADD YOU INTEGRATE THAT WITH THE STAFF'S EXPERTISE IN THE CONSULTING ADVICE AND ALL OF OUR EXPERTISE, BUT WE DEVELOP IN PROJECTS LIKE THIS WOULD NOT BE THE FIRST TIME I WAS INVOLVED IN A LARGE DEVELOPING PROJECT.

I'M ACTUALLY BRINGING SOME OF THAT PERSPECTIVE TO THIS PROJECT AND EVEN A CIVIC STRUCTURE DURING MY TIME IN LONG BEACH WE WENT THROUGH A P3 DEVELOPMENT, ONE OF THE LARGEST ONES WORLDWIDE.

SO WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THOSE THINGS.

IN FACT, ROB WILL TELL YOU THAT YEAH, IF WE EVEN DO A MAJOR RENOVATION WE'RE NOT NECESSARILY FREE FROM HAVING TO RELOCATE STAFF DURING THE STAGE RENOVATIONS THE STAGES THAT MEG WAS TALKING ABOUT.

WE MAY HAVE TO RELOCATE STAFF AND BEAR THOSE COSTS EVEN WHEN WE'RE REPLACING A ROOF AND DOING SOME OF THOSE MAJOR RENOVATIONS OVER TIME. SO WE'RE CONSIDERING ALL OF THOSE THINGS.

WE'VE JUST GOTTEN INTO THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL BECAUSE WE'RE IN A CONCEPTUAL GROUND TRYING TO PICK A DIRECTION.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>> I WANT TO GO BACK THERE AGAIN.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE FOR THE PREFERRED OPTION AND WHICH ONE OF THESE IS IT?

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OKAY.

SO IT IS NOT IN THE ACTUAL PRESENTATION.

>> HERE IT IS.

>> OKAY, SO THAT ONE.

\$41 MILLION.

GOT IT.

LET ME JUST UPDATE MY MATH HERE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE AND I DO WANT TO GIVE IT RIGHT BACK TO YOU CORY BECAUSE I WANT TO STAY ON TRACK AND NOT TAKE YOUR TIME AWAY, BUT FACILITIES COMMITTEE WAS ONLY TASKED WITH LOOKING AT HOW VILLAGE - HOW WE WOULD IMAGINE THIS PROJECT WITH VILLAGE HALL.

WE WERE NOT TASKED WITH THEN HOW DOES A NEW POLICE STATION AND WHERE IS IT, AND DOES THAT CHANGE SOME OF WHAT - IF WE WERE TO PUT THE POLICE STATION ON THIS PROPERTY, OKAY?

AND HAVE IT STEM OFF OF THE BACK END OF OUR BUILDING IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM, THEN THAT COULD POTENTIALLY TAKE THE PLACE OF THE SMALL BUILDING THAT IS ATTACHED, THAT IS CURRENTLY WHERE THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE IS SAYING WOULD SOLVE OUR PROBLEM WITH AN ENTRANCE.

SO AGAIN THAT IS JUST AN EXAMPLE THAT I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO GO DOWN A RABBIT HOLE ON ON HOW THE NUMBERS WOULD POTENTIALLY CHANGE AGAIN. BUT TRUSTEE PARAKKAT IS ALSO RIGHT IN - - BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO ANOTHER PERSON IS EACH OPTION HAS OTHER UNDERLYING COSTS LIKE - THAT ARE NOT LIKE DO WE NEED TO MOVE STAFF OR FINANCIAL EXPERTS THAT ARE VILLAGE MANAGER WOULD BRING IN TO HELP US WITH THOSE NEXT QUESTIONS.

SO WE WANT TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO REMEMBER TO THINK ABOUT THIS LONG TERM.

AND WE STILL WILL HAVE POWER TO MAKE A BUDGET AND WORK TO STAY IN THOSE RESTRAINTS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

>> I WILL JUST REITERATE THE NEED FOR A MASTER PLAN.

FOR EXAMPLE - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF HOW ARE THESE POTENTIAL BUILDINGS GOING TO RELATE TO EACH OTHER NEEDS TO BE PLANNED FROM THE GET GO SO IT MAKES SENSE.

YOU DO NOT WANT TO BUILD AN ADDITION THAT DOES NOT WORK WITH WHATEVER ELSE YOU PUT ON THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY AND I WILL SAY THAT THERE WERE VOICES IN THE COMMITTEE WHO WERE VERY MUCH IN THE SCHOOL OF, DO THE REQUIRED REPAIRS NOW AND NOT PUT THE BIG PRICE TAG OUT THERE WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT POLICE.

YOU KNOW, YOU DO NOT WANT TO TAKE THE HUMONGOUS, BIGGEST NUMBER YOU CAN COME UP WITH AND TAKE THAT TO THE PUBLIC RIGHT AWAY BECAUSE YOU COULD MAKE A CLEAR CASE FOR WHY THE POLICE NEED A NEW BUILDING.

A CASE THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN UNDERSTAND.

WILL POTENTIALLY BUY INTO, ESPECIALLY IF YOU TALK ABOUT IT IN TERMS OF HOW YOU LOOK AT POLICING AND WHAT A NEW BUILDING CAN OFFER US OPPORTUNITIES TO DO IN INTERVIEWING CHILDREN PRIVATELY FOR EXAMPLE THAT WE CANNOT DO IN OUR CURRENT BUILDING.

THERE IS A CELL THAT I THINK YOU CAN SUCCESSFULLY MAKE AND THEN DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO HERE AND I THINK YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, THERE IS NO PRESSURE HERE.

YOU HAVE TIME TO DO THESE THINGS IN A STEPWISE MANNER AS YOU CAN AND HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I WILL SAY THAT WE DO HAVE THE TIME WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE STAY IN THIS BUILDING.

IF THE WILL OF THE BOARD IS TO GO IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.

>> I DO WANT TO SAY CLEARLY, THE COMMITTEE'S CHARGE IS IS IT FEASIBLE TO STAY IN THIS BUILDING AND THE FUNCTIONS WORK IN THE SPACE BECAUSE ULTIMATELY IN THE END WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS FUNCTION AND THE ANSWER WAS YES.

WE WERE NOT CHARGED WITH SHOULD YOU STAY IN THE BUILDING.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: RIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BEFORE YOU ASKED THAT QUESTION, A MOTION TO GO BEYOND 10:00 P.M.

>> MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CORY, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT I AM IN NO WAY ADVOCATING THAT WE TEAR THIS BUILDING DOWN.

EVEN IF WE WERE TO BUILD A COMPLETELY NEW VILLAGE HALL AND A COMPLETELY NEW POLICE STATION I WOULD ADVOCATE THAT WE BUILD IT SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE -- WE ARTY OWN IT, IT IS PAID OFF. AGAIN, NO TIME CONSTRAINT TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH IT AND LAND IS A LITTLE MORE CHEAPER THAN KNOCKING A BUILDING DOWN SO WE COULD FIND A PLACE TO PUT A NEW -- IF WE HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO PUT A NEW POLICE STATION WE CAN FIND A PLACE TO PUT A NEW VILLAGE HALL. FOR ME A LOT OF THIS IS ABOUT OPPORTUNITY COST. YOU DO NOT GET THE OPPORTUNITY SPEND UPWARDS OF \$100 MILLION ON MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONALITY, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT EVERY OTHER YEAR.

THIS IS A GENERATIONAL THING.

SO IF WE HAVE A BUDGET OF \$100 MILLION, HOW CAN WE SPEND THAT TO ADDRESS THE FUNCTIONALITY WE NEED OUT OF THE VILLAGE HALL, THE FUNCTIONALITY WE NEED OUT OF THE POLICE STATION AND WHAT ELSE COULD WE PUT IN THERE THAT GIVES US ADDITIONAL VALUE FOR THIS COMMUNITY THAT WOULD LAST FOR AN ADDITIONAL 50 YEARS FORWARD-LOOKING AND EXPRESSIVE EYES OF THIS BOARD AND THIS COMMUNITY AS IT IS NOW VERSUS 50 YEARS PRIOR.

THAT IS HOW I SHAPE MY DELIBERATION AROUND THIS ISSUE AND NOT SO MUCH SHOULD WE OR SHOULD WE NOT KNOCK THIS BUILDING DOWN OR SHOULD WE OR SHOULD WE NOT -- WHERE SHOULD WE PUT THE POLICE STATION -- WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SPENDING A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY, WHAT IS THE ABSOLUTE BEST VALUE THAT WE CAN GET FOR IT?

THAT ADDRESSES EVERYTHING WE'RE LOOKING TO GET AND WHATEVER ELSE WE CAN THROW IN THERE, TOO, THAT SYMBOLIZES WHAT OAK PARK IS TODAY, IN 2024 AND GOING FORWARD FOR THE NEXT 50-100 YEARS.

>> (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YEAH, AND THAT IS FAIR, BUT THAT ENDS UP COSTING US ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT THEN IF WE MOVE VILLAGE HALL FUNCTIONALITY FROM THIS BUILDING WITH THE POLICE STATION SOMETHING BRAND-NEW WE WOULD SPEND ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY AND WOULD GAIN A WHOLE LOT MORE FLEXIBILITY IN MAKING THAT MARK AS WELL SO THAT'S ALSO A CONSIDERATION OF MINE.

I DO THINK WHATEVER HAPPENS LIKE THIS BUILDING, THERE'S A LEVEL OF UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE THAT HAS TO HAPPEN TO THIS FACILITY AND THE SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE DO WITH IT IF WE DECIDE THAT THIS BUILDING WILL BE REPURPOSED INTO SOMETHING ELSE.

I DON'T KNOW.

I DO NOT WANT TO SPEND CALL IT -- CURRENT METHODS \$112 MILLION ON A NEW POLICE STATION IN THE NEW VILLAGE HALL AND THAT IS IT.

IT FEELS LIKE THE VALUE PROPOSITION THERE FOR ME IS NOT THERE.

LIKE I DO NOT KNOW WHAT I AM GAINING FROM THAT.

I LOOK AROUND FOR OTHER COMMUNITY -- AND IT IS FAR LESS THAN THIS AND SO I KNOW INFLATION AND THE PANDEMIC AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND ALL

THOSE THINGS, BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS WE BUILT VANTAGE FOR LESSON \$100 MILLION.

VANTAGE HAS (NAME?), IT HAS A PARKING GARAGE, IT HAS A HOSPITAL AND IT HAS 20 ODD STORIES OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

IF WE COULD BUILD A VANTAGE LIKE BUILDING AND GET VILLAGE HALL A POLICE STATION, A RESTAURANT, SOME COMMERCIAL, SOME RESIDENTIAL, A PARKING LOT FOR SOMEWHERE AROUND \$120 MILLION THAT IS A MUCH BETTER VALUE TO ME AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF SUCH A THING IS POSSIBLE.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE WHETHER SUCH A THING IS POSSIBLE.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THE TIMING, KEVIN.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: NO WORRIES.

ALL THAT JUST DEPENDS ON WHICH DIRECTION.

SO IF IT IS THAT DIRECTION WE WOULD TRY TO MAXIMIZE VALUE I THINK OUTSIDE OF TRYING TO INTEGRATE USES LIKE YOU ARE DESCRIBING, THE ONE THING THAT DOES ADD VALUE IS TO NOT REPEAT THE SITUATION WHERE WE ARE DEALING WITH THIS 40 YEARS LATER AND SO WE WILL BE TRYING TO EXTEND THE LIFECYCLE OF THIS BUILDING SO THIS INVESTMENT IS NOT EVEN CONTEMPLATED FOR THE NEXT 70-80 YEARS SO THAT IS ONE THING THAT LENDS ITSELF TO A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODEL, BUT THAT IS BIG VALUE. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT?

TAKING A TRADITIONAL APPROACH AND YOU ARE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION AGAIN 45-50 YEARS OR LESS AGAIN, RIGHT?

IN TERMS OF TRYING TO INTEGRATE USES, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE LEFT TO THE NEXT STAGE IN TRYING TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OR WHAT HAVE YOU, BUT PRINCIPALLY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OUR CIVIC STRUCTURES. MEAN I CANNOT FORESEE A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE COMMERCIAL USES AND INTEGRATED WITH.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I HEAR YOU ON THAT, BUT BEFORE THE PANDEMIC YOU COULDN'T HAVE TOLD ME THAT PEOPLE ARE SELLING COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN DOWNTOWN CHICAGO FOR HALF OF WHAT THE BOTTOM FOR.

SO WHEN I LOOK AT THINGS LIKE THAT, THE MARKET HAS CHANGED TREMENDOUSLY AND IN 20 YEARS DO WE STILL HAVE AS BIG OF A TEAM WORKING OUT OF VILLAGE HALL AS WE HAVE NOW?

I DON'T KNOW.

>> MEAN IT IS COMPARABLE, BUT I THINK AS WE MOVE INTO THE NEXT STAGES OF PLANNING OF THE PROJECT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WILL BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD IS OUR TECHNOLOGY SITUATION AND HOW THAT RELATES TO WHETHER WE MOVE OR DO ANYTHING, THE BOARD DECIDES TO STAY STATUS QUO WE STILL HAVE TO LOOK AT UPGRADING OUR TECHNOLOGY SO WE CAN PERFORM BETTER AND ADAPT TO THE MODERN SITUATION, WHICH COULD IN FACT IDENTIFY A NUMBER OF POSITIONS THAT COULD MAYBE WORK REMOTELY AND CREATE MORE SPACE OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT ANALYSIS IS ACTUALLY GOING TO OCCUR CONCURRENT WITH ANY OPTION THAT YOU GUYS MIGHT CHOOSE.

WHETHER STATUS QUO, YOU WANT TO GO BIG WE WANT TO WAIT ON THIS AND DO A POLICE STATION WE WOULD NEED TO DO THAT ANALYSIS AND FROM THAT ANALYSIS WE EXPECT TO TRY TO IDENTIFY SOME EFFICIENCIES.

>> I WILL LEAVE IT THERE AND I THINK YOU WILL GET WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS, BUT HAVE A DECISION TO SHARE, OTHER THAN WHAT I JUST SHARED.

>> NEW POLICE STATION, BIGGEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK AND FUNCTION.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AND PROJECTING OUR VALUES INTO THE FEATURE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GOT IT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO THANK YOU AS EVERYONE ELSE HAS SAID, THE REPORT, THE PRESENTATION WERE ALL VERY HELPFUL AND THE COMMENTS YOU SHOULD TONIGHT HAVE BEEN REALLY HELPFUL IN THINKING ABOUT THIS AND I THINK THAT ONE OF THE DISCUSSIONS EARLIER TONIGHT THAT WAS REALLY HELPFUL FOR ME AS I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS IS THINKING ABOUT HOW THESE DIFFERENT PRICE POINTS SORT OF REFLECT HOW WE LIVE INTO OUR VALUES DIFFERENTLY.

THE RETAINED PRICE POINT, EVERYTHING BECOMES ACCESSIBLE AND WE DEAL WITH THE MAINTENANCE, WE DEAL WITH REPLACING THE GLASS, BUT IT BECOMES ACCESSIBLE IN SORT OF A DISCONNECTED - SOMEBODY IN A WHEELCHAIR HAS A DIFFERENT PATH OF ACCESS FROM SOMEONE WHO IS MOVING ON THEIR OWN 2 FEET AND CAN USE A STAIRCASE.

THAT IS SORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY UNDER THE SCHEME ONE AND I KNOW YOU HATE THE SCHEME TERMINOLOGY BECAUSE IT IS GOTTEN A LITTLE CONFUSING HERE TONIGHT.

AND I DO APPRECIATE WITH THE RECOMMENDED SCHEME, AND SORT OF HOW IT IS DOUBTFUL BOTH ON BUDGET AND ON HOW IT BRINGS FOLKS INTO THE SPACE.

I ALSO VERY MUCH LIKED SOME OF THE STUFF THAT WAS IN SCHEME 2B IN THAT GLASS ENCLOSURE WHERE A LOT OF SORT OF THE CUSTOMER FACING SERVICES WERE IN THE ADDITION SO THAT THAT MAKES AS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE FIRST FLOOR AND THE MEZZANINE, VERY MUCH OFFICE SPACE WHERE FOR STAFF IT IS GOING TO BE MORE FUNCTIONAL AS PURE OFFICE SPACE BECAUSE HE WILL NOT HAVE CUSTOMERS MOVING AROUND STAFF WORKSPACES IN THE SAME WAY.

SO I THINK AS HAS BEEN NOTED MANY TIMES TONIGHT, THERE'S STILL A LOT OF DECISIONS TO BE MADE AS WE MOVE FROM THIS CONCEPTUAL STAGE FORWARD AND I THINK THAT ONE THING THAT IS CLEAR TO ME COMING OUT OF THIS AND TO BE FAIR I WAS NOT IN THE MAJORITY THAT HAD ORIGINALLY VOTED FOR OPTION FOUR I THINK IT WAS CALLED BACK IN JULY OF LAST YEAR, BUT WHAT HAS BECOME CLEAR I THINK IS THIS IS NOT JUST FEASIBLE, IT IS MORE COST-EFFECTIVE THAN THE OPTION FOUR OPTION BECAUSE OPTION FOUR YOU WERE LOOKING AT A LOW-END BUDGET OF \$133 MILLION FOR REBUILD VILLAGE HALL AND POLICE ON THE EXISTING SITE.

THAT IS TEAR DOWN AND REBUILD.

OPTION TWO, WHICH WAS JUST BUILT A NEW POLICE STATION ON A NEW SITE, LOW-END WAS \$67 MILLION AND SO THAT MEANS THAT THE DELTA THERE IS ANOTHER \$66 MILLION.

SO OPTION 2B IS \$16 MILLION CHEAPER THAN THAT DELTA.
THE PREFERRED SCHEME IS \$26 MILLION CHEAPER THAN THAT DELTA.
BOTH OF WHICH ACCOMPLISH A TRULY INCLUSIVE APPROACH TO VILLAGE GOVERNMENT, BOTH OF WHICH CREATE THE SPACE WE NEED.
WE WILL HAVE TO AS WE MOVE FROM CONCEPTUAL TO SCHEMATIC DESIGN AND ACTUALLY ENGAGE SOMEONE FOR THAT DESIGN WORK WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME REAL DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE, BUT I ALSO THINK ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING FOR EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND IS FROM THIS WE ARE LOOKING AT \$30 MILLION TRULY IS A BARE MINIMUM OF GETTING THIS VILLAGE HALL TO WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE TO FUNCTION INTO THE FUTURE. THAT IS THE TALKPOINT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.
THAT IS STOPPING WATER FROM GETTING INTO THE SPACE.
THAT IS MAKING THIS THE KIND OF SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE THAT WOULD BE A PROJECTION OF VILLAGE VALUES INTO THE FUTURE, EVEN IF IT IS NOT THE IDEAL PROJECTION THAT WE HAVE FROM EITHER THE RECOMMENDED DESIGN OR MAYBE IF 2B IS A GOLDPLATED VERSION OF THE RECOMMENDED DESIGN OR MAYBE IT IS JUST SILVERPLATED 2A, DOES NOT MATTER.
SO I DO NOT HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF DIRECTION OTHER THAN I THINK WE ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
AND THAT WE - NO.

THE PRODUCT OF THIS PROCESS INFORMS US THAT OPTION AT FOUR WAS NOT THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE APPROACH DOES NOT NECESSARILY GET US MORE EFFECTIVELY TO WHAT WE NEED IS A VILLAGE.

I THINK THIS IS - WHETHER IT IS 16 MILLION OR \$26 MILLION THAT WE ARE SAVING BY DOING IT THIS WAY AND TO RAVI'S POINT, I THINK IT IS FAIR TO NOTE THAT THAT IS HARD BECAUSE, THAT IS CONSTRUCTION COST.

THERE'S A LOT OF ADDITIONAL COSTS AND A TEAR DOWN AND REBUILD APPROACH THAT ARE NOT EVEN GOING TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THAT.

AND SO I THINK THAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT THEY THINK THE FACT THAT IT ALLOWS US TO TAKE A PHASED APPROACH IS REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE CAN - WE CAN HAVE THE LEAST POSSIBLE DISRUPTION TO VILLAGE SERVICES.

WE CAN SORT OF MAINTAIN OUR POSITION ON SITE WHILE WE DO THE POLICE STATION, WHETHER IT IS ACROSS THE PARKING LOT ON THE GREEN SPACE THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS OR SOMEWHERE OFF OF THIS CURRENT PREMISES IT ALLOWS US TO DO THAT AND THEN REPROGRAM THE SPACE IN THE BASEMENT SUCH THAT WE CAN CHECK THESE BOXES OFF IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE WAY POSSIBLE WHILE CONTINUING TO DELIVER SERVICES AT A HIGH LEVEL IN THE VILLAGE.

SO I APPRECIATE THE APPROACH WE HAVE TAKEN.

I CANNOT TELL YOU THAT I HAVE A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS, BUT I THINK THAT THIS IS A GOOD DIRECTION.

>>ROB SPOULE: WE WILL BE PREPARING ANALYSIS COMPARING THE EXISTING OPTION FOUR COMPARED TO WHAT WE ARE SEEING TONIGHT FOR THE NINTH.

I DO NOT THINK, TO REITERATE THE SAME STATEMENT WE MADE EARLIER, THESE ARE ALL VERY HIGH LEVEL CONCEPTUAL COSTS, ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE.

DOES NOT NECESSARILY APPLIES TO APPLES IN TERMS OF EXISTING OPTION FOUR WITH WHAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TONIGHT.

A COUPLE OF QUICK EXAMPLES OF THAT IS OPTION FOUR WAS PRESENTED LAST YEAR INCLUDED UNDERGROUND PARKING AS PART OF THE PACKAGE ORDER TO ADDRESS PARKING NEEDS, COST FOR PARKING HAVE NOT BEEN EVALUATED AS PART OF THIS COST.

OPTION FOUR ALSO AS AN ILLUSTRATION PRESENTED THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL SPACE BECAUSE BY PROPOSING TO MOVE THE BUILDING AND BUILD A NEW BUILDING CLOSER TO MADISON THERE WAS THE OPPORTUNITY THEN TO BUILD OUT COMMERCIAL SPACE THAT COULD THEN BE RENTED FOR POSSIBLE REVENUE SO THERE WAS ADDITIONAL SQUARE FOOTAGE PUT INTO THAT MODEL THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY CAPTURED HERE SO THERE IS DIFFERENT PROGRAMMING THAT HAPPENS WITH THOSE THINGS SO IT'S NOT NECESSARILY - I JUST DO NOT THINK THE BOARD SHOULD SAY WHEN OPTION IS \$16 MILLION MORE THAN ANOTHER OPTION.

THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS STILL IN PLAY THAT CAN IMPACT COST ON BOTH MODELS.

SO WE WILL BE TRYING TO CAPTURE THAT THE NEXT MEETING AND TRY TO GIVE YOU AS MUCH OF A COST OR PROS AND CONS KIND OF PERSPECTIVE AS WE CAN BECAUSE EVEN AT THAT COST BENEFIT WE HAVE SOME OF THOSE NUMBERS, BUT THEY ARE STILL VERY HIGH LEVEL THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPOTS YOU DECIDE TO PUT IN A PARKING GARAGE CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT THE COST OF THE GARAGE.

THE A LOT OF THINGS THAT CAN GO INTO IT SO WE WANT TO CAUTION THE BOARD AGAIN SAYING, LET'S GO THIS DIRECTION BECAUSE IT IS \$16 MILLION CHEAPER THAN THE OTHER OPTION.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SURE, THOUGH I WOULD NOTE THAT THOSE ARE THE COSTS YOU PUT IN OPTION NUMBER FOUR IF WE ARE PUTTING THE POLICE STATION SOMEWHERE ELSE AND WE - SO THERE ARE FEWER PEOPLE IN THIS BUILDING WE WILL PROBABLY NOT NEED A WHOLE LOT MORE PARKING THAN WE ALREADY HAVE WITH BOTH VILLAGE HALL IN THE POLICE STATION HERE.

>> DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU PUT THE POLICE STATION.
THAT IS WHAT I MEAN.

SO THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT GO INTO THOSE NUMBERS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: UNDERSTOOD.

SO I GUESS WITH ALL THAT SAID - I KNOW THAT VICKI IS TAKING NOTES. SO THE POLICE STATION IS A PRIORITY AND SO ONE OF THE REASONS I DO LIKE THIS APPROACH IS SEQUENCING ELEMENT AND FOR ME I THINK THAT WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WHICHEVER SCHEME WE ARE LOOKING AT, REALLY HIGHLIGHTING NOT JUST ACCESSIBILITY, BUT INCLUSIVITY IN THE DESIGN AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE DESIGN OR TWO OF THE THINGS THAT I WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE PUTTING A VERY FINE POINT ON IT AND IT IS ONE OF THE

REASONS WHY I LIKED THE 2B APPROACH BECAUSE EVERYONE IS EASILY ABLE TO ACCESS THAT CUSTOMER FACING SPACE IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.

I DON'T KNOW AS WE GET INTO DESIGN, MELDING THE 2B APPROACH OF A CUSTOMER FACING LOBBY IN THE TRANSPARENT SPACE WITH THAT STAIR RAMP THAT LEADS TO - THAT ALL COMES INTO DESIGN, BUT I THINK THAT IS - THAT IS WHERE MY INSTINCT GOES AND THEN THE ONE OTHER THING I WOULD HIGHLIGHT AS WE TALK ABOUT THIS VERSUS A REBUILD NO THINK ON MAY 7 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE DATA AROUND IT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT BECAUSE IT IS ALMOST ALWAYS GOING TO BE THE CASE THAT THE GREENEST BUILDING YOU HAVE IS THE ONE YOU HAVE AND IF WE CAN MORE COST-EFFECTIVELY GET THIS BUILDING TO A PLACE WHERE IT IS GOING TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND IT SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD BE VERY HARD TO JUSTIFY FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE BUILDING AN ENTIRELY NEW STRUCTURE IN ITS PLACE.

THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF CAPTURED CARBON IN THE CONSTRUCTION THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE HERE THAT WE WOULD JUST BE THROWING OUT IF WE TORE DOWN AND REBUILT.

SO I THINK THAT IS WORTH HIGHLIGHTING AS WE ARE SORT OF STACKING UP THE RETAINING OR IMPROVING THE STRUCTURE VERSUS A MORE OPTION FOUR APPROACH IS IT IS GOING TO BE GREENER WHETHER YOU ARE LOOKING AT A 10 YEAR HORIZON OR A 50 YEAR HORIZON TO SIMPLY MAKE THIS BUILDING MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY THAN IT WOULD BE TO TEAR IT DOWN AND REBUILD. EMBODIED CARBON, I AM NOT UP TO SPEED.

I JUST KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF CARBON.

[INDISCERNIBLE]

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I THINK THAT IS EVERYTHING I'VE GOT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXCELLENT RITA SUSAN, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR COLLEAGUES?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: SURE.

I'M HAVING A LITTLE DIFFICULTY GETTING MY HEAD WRAPPED AROUND THIS WITHOUT US DISCUSSING OR MAKING DECISIONS ON THE POLICE STATION.

I DO NOT SEE HOW THOSE - HOW WE CAN MAKE A DECISION ON THIS WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH POLICE STATION.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH IT?

WHERE IS IT GOING TO GO?

SO THAT IS CHALLENGING ME.

AND I GUESS JUST SO VILLAGE STAFF UNDERSTAND MY PERSPECTIVE ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASPECT.

PERSONALLY, SPEAKING PERSONALLY OF THINGS THAT MOVE ME IN LIFE.

MUSIC MOVES ME, OR MOVES ME.

ARCHITECTURE DOES NOT MOVE ME THE SAME WAY.

IT SIMPLY DOESN'T AND I LED A CONFERENCE LAST WEEK AT UIC AND WAS WELCOMING PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE SO I DID BACKGROUND WORK ON THE CIRCLE CAMPUS AND BACKGROUND READING ON ARCHITECTURE BECAUSE IT IS SO

INCREDIBLY UGLY AND AWFUL TO EXPERIENCE AS A STUDENT OR FACULTY, I LEARNED THAT IT IS CALLED BRUTALIST ARCHITECTURE.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY BRUTAL AND SO IT WAS SO CLEAR TO ME THAT THIS WAS AN ARTISTIC EXPRESSION, AND MAN'S DREAM OF HIS ARTISTIC EXPRESSION WITHOUT ANY CONSIDERATION OF THE STUDENTS THAT WOULD BE USING THE BUILDING.

SO ILLUSTRATES FOR ME A LOT OF ASPECTS OF ARCHITECTURE OF OLDER BUILDINGS THAT WERE PREDOMINANTLY DESIGNED BY WHITE, ALWAYS DESIGNED BY MEN AS THEIR ARTISTIC EXPRESSION.

HOW MUCH WERE THEY CONSIDERING THE PEOPLE THAT WERE GOING TO WORK IN THE SPACE AND THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD VISIT THE SPACE?

SO ALL THAT TO BE SAID, THERE'S NOT A LOT I LIKE ABOUT THIS BUILDING. IT CREEPS ME OUT, FRANKLY.

A LOT OF THE DESIGN.

SO I RESPOND MUCH MORE TO THE WARMTH OF A ROOM AND THE LIGHT MAY FIND THIS INCREDIBLY COLD UGLY BUILDING.

JUST SO YOU KNOW THAT IS WHERE I AM ON IT.

ONCE AGAIN, I CANNOT HAVE AN OPINION ON THESE WITHOUT US HAVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION.

CLEARLY SCHEME ONE IS OUT BECAUSE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CANNOT STAY DOWNSTAIRS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU ARE SAYING SOMETHING WITH THAT IN ITSELF. KEVIN?

>> SO MAINTAINING A PORTION OF THE POLICE SERVICES IN THE BUILDING, NOT THE ENTIRE POLICE STATION IN THE BASEMENT. RIGHT.

THE SHOOTING RANGE, RECORDS, FLEXIBLE TRAINING SPACES, EVIDENCE. VERY SIMILAR - THE CONSTRAINTS FOR THIS PROJECT WERE BASICALLY THE IDEA OF THE ORIGINAL, THROW ANOTHER OPTION OTHER OR NUMBER OTHER. OPTION ONE, WHICH IS A SMALL-SCALE POLICE STATION WITH SOME OF THE SERVICES MAINTAINED WITHIN THE BUILDING.

SO THAT WAS THE BALLFIELD THAT THE THOUGHT PROJECT WAS ESTABLISHED ON. THAT IS WHERE THAT SCHEME ONE HERE COMES INTO PLAY.

HE TRIED TO MEET THAT ASPECT OF THE CONSTRAINTS, BUT WHAT THEY FOUND IN THE COMMITTEE KIND OF LEANED TOWARDS WAS MOVING THEM OUT CREATES MORE FLEXIBILITY WITH THE SPACE SO THAT MEANS THEN WERE LOOKING AT A FULL-SCALE, FULL-SIZE, FULL-SCALE POLICE DEPARTMENT SOMEPLACE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THAT MOVEMENT WITHIN THE BUILDING.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>ROB SPROULE: YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT JUST LEAVES ME AND I AM GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT YOU ARE GOING TO PROVIDE WITH THE NEXT STEP SO WE UNDERSTAND.

I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I DID GROW TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF THIS BUILDING MORE THROUGH THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE PROCESS.

I AM STILL FINDING MYSELF - IT IS IMPORTANT TO ME THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO PRESERVE THIS BUILDING THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY DOING WHAT WE NEED TO DO SO THE WORK WE'RE DOING HERE IS MASHING OUR VALUES.

SO LIKE TRUSTEE STRAW, THE ACCESSIBILITY, THE INCLUSION, THE FACILITIES FOR OUR STAFF TO FEEL SAFE, TO WORK, ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE IMPORTANT AND SO I AM GOING TO STILL BE A LITTLE BIT EVALUATING WHEN YOU COME BACK TO US, AND TRY TO HAVE MY MINDSET FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS.

AND I MEAN I CAN GET A LITTLE BIT EXCITED ABOUT SKYLIGHTS IN THE COURTYARD FOR A COUNCIL CHAMBERS DOWNSTAIRS.

I CAN IMAGINE ALL THOSE THINGS SO THE PROCESS REALLY HELP ME IN THE WORK OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE REALLY HELPED ME. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION AT THE END.

SO I'M GRATEFUL THAT TONIGHT WE ARE TAKING IN ALL THE INFORMATION AND ARE GOING TO PROCESS IT AND HOPEFULLY COME BACK WITH WHAT ARE WE GIVING UP WITH SOME OF THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS AND THAT TO ME IS ABOUT THE NEXT 50 YEARS.

MHM.

OKAY.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

THE BIRD INTO THE COMMUNITY DEFINITELY DOES MATTER TO ME.

I THINK I LIKE WHEN IT COLETTE WAS SAYING MASTER PLAN.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS REALLY BEEN ASKING US FOR WITH SOME OF OUR MAJOR COSTLY DECISIONS IS TO PLAN FOR THEM.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT IS POSSIBLE WITH ENTERTAINING PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

WHETHER IT IS GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS AND SHARING SPACE.

ALL THAT GOES INTO RESPONSIBLE FISCAL SPENDING.

AND RATHER THAN MAKE MY DECISION ON WHAT THE FINAL COST IS BECAUSE I DO - BECAUSE I DO TRUST THAT WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR AS MANY GRANTS ON ANYTHING WE CAN AS POSSIBLE AND SO I JUST WANT TO REALLY LEARN FROM WHAT FINANCIAL PLAN POLICIES WE CAN HAVE THAT WOULD MAKE THE DECISION THAT WE ARE MAKING NOT COST MORE MONEY DOWN THE ROAD.

YOU KNOW?

SO IF WE JUST DO THE BARE BONES NOW AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO FIND OURSELVES DEFERRING MORE AND DOWN THE ROAD WE'RE GOING TO FIND OURSELVES BEFORE WE ARE DONE PAYING FOR THIS NEEDING TO ADD MORE DEBT, MAYBE NOT THIS BOARD, MAYBE IT IS THE NEXT BOARD, BUT IT IS STILL GOING TO END UP AFFECTING THE SAME PEOPLE THAT POTENTIALLY IT WOULD IF WE FOUND OURSELVES GOING WITH THE HIGHER PRICE TAG AND JUST PUTTING IT FURTHER OUT INTO THE FUTURE, BUT NOT NEEDING TO CONTINUE TO ADD MORE TO THAT PRICE TAG.

MAKE SENSE?

SO THAT IS SOME OF WHAT I'M STILL GOING TO BE DIGESTING WHEN YOU COME BACK TO US AFTER - HELPING US ENVISION HOW THIS BUILDING WORKS FOR THE COMMUNITY OVER TIME AND OUR OPTIONS.
YES?

>> SOMETHING YOU SAID MADE ME REMEMBER SOMETHING THAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT.

SO ONE OF THE THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIS MAINTENANCE COSTS. THE INTO SPITTED MAINTENANCE COST OF THIS BUILDING OVER TIME VERSUS ANTICIPATED MAINTENANCE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS OVER TIME BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK MUNICIPALITIES OFTEN DO IS THINK ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND DO NOT THINK ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE COSTS. SO WHERE BUILDING LOTS OF THINGS AROUND THIS VILLAGE. WE'RE GOING TO BUILD SOME SORT OF FRANKENSTEIN SCHOOL (WORD?) DOWN THE STREET.

LIKE THOSE THINGS COST ONE THING TO BUILD, BUT THEN THEY ALSO COST MONEY OVER TIME ACTUALLY MAINTAIN I THINK WE'VE DIFFERED A LOT OF MAINTENANCE HERE.

THERE WAS A LOT OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE THAT WAS DONE AT THE SCHOOL. SORRY SCHOOL, YOU ARE CATCHING STRAYS TONIGHT.

WE DON'T OFTEN BUDGET AND BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT WHAT THOSE COSTS LOOK LIKE SO WE END UP IN THIS POSITION WHERE WE ARE NOW WHERE WE HAVE ONE BATHROOM AND WE NEED A NEW ROOF AND WE HEAR WATER AND ALL OF THESE OTHER SORTS OF THINGS BECAUSE NO ONE BAKED MAINTENANCE INTO THE ACTUAL BUDGET SO THAT THIS BUILDING WOULDN'T GET INTO THE CONDITION IT IS NOW.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIS MAINTENANCE COSTS PRESENTED ALONG WITH THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT THE TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP IS FOR WHATEVER DECISION WE MAKE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I JUST WANT TO BE FAIR, IT IS NOT THAT PREVIOUS BOARDS DIDN'T MAINTAIN.

WE'VE HEARD THIS BUILDING IS ACTUALLY IN SOLID SHAPE.

THEY JUST DID NOT DO THE THINGS TO IT THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE - AS OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHANGE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE.

>> I WOULD OFTEN SAY IT IS ONLY A REALLY GOOD BUILDING - - THE COUNTER ARGUMENT IT'S ONLY A VERY STRONG BUILDING THAT I CAN AFFORD TO BE IGNORED AND THAT WAY BECAUSE I SEE BUILDINGS ALL THE TIME - IF YOU HAVE A BADLY BUILT BUILDING AND YOU HAVE TWO DIFFERENT MAINTENANCE AND MAKE CHOICES, THIS BUILDING ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE THOSE CHOICES. THAT IS THE COUNTERARGUMENT TO THAT.

STRONG BUILDING IS GOING TO SEE YOU THROUGH.

I MEAN THIS BUILDING IS 50 YEARS OLD AND WE HAVE NOT CHANGED A LOT ABOUT IT SO - SURE THINGS NEED TO CHANGE GRADE WILL HAVE COMPUTERS NOW.

IT COULD BE ARGUED THE THING ABOUT TECHNOLOGY - TECHNOLOGY IS GOING TO ALLOW THIS BUILDING TO BE EVER MORE USEFUL IF YOU'D DOWNSIZE NOBODY HAS - NOBODY HAS PAPER.

>> ALL OF THAT STUFF WAS DEFERRED, BUT IT'S NOT THAT SOMETHING - NOT THAT THE BUILDING IS FALLING APART.

>> NOW.

- NO.

[LAUGHTER]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: - - WE DO NOT NEED TO BELABOR ANY OF THIS, BUT SINCE WE'VE STARTED THIS PROCESS AND I AM JUST THAT MUCH MORE AWARE EVERY TIME WE HAVE SOMEBODY WHO STRUGGLES TO COME DOWN THE STAIRS OR ALMOST FALLS OR I JUST AM. SO THAT IS JUST NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ME. IT IS COMPLETELY HYPOCRITICAL TO ALL THAT WE OTHERWISE CLAIM WE ARE ABOUT.

OKAY.

SO THANK YOU, EVERYBODY AND I REALLY - GREAT JOB.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE MORE CONFUSED, BUT I AM CONFIDENT, I AM CONFIDENT, ROB, THAT BECAUSE WE WILL CRAFT THE INFORMATION THAT COMES FORWARD RESPONSIVE TO WHAT WE HEARD FROM OUR COLLEAGUES THAT WE WILL HAVE A PATH FORWARD AT THE MAY 7 BOARD MEETING.

AND WE JUST KNOW THAT THIS IS A BIG DECISION.

SO I DO ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO REALLY SIT WITH IT AND THINK AND HAVE MORE QUESTIONS AND YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF WEEKS YOU CAN REACH OUT TO STAFF IF THERE IS ANYTHING ADDITIONAL THAT YOU REALLY WANT TO DIGEST MORE OF THE WHAT IF POTENTIALLY IS TOTALLY FINE TO REACH OUT.

OKAY?

OKAY, - YOU KNOW, WE REALLY HAVE QUITE A BIT THAT WE WOULD CONTRIBUTE IN CALL TO THE CLERK TONIGHT.

IF WE CAN MUSTER UP A LITTLE BIT AND HAVE THE ENERGY.

I DO NOT WANT TO STEAL THE WORK THAT YOU PUT INTO THIS, BUT WE LOST THE COOK COUNTY CLERK THIS LAST WEEK KAREN YARBOROUGH AND SO I EXTEND MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HER AND HER FAMILY AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO CLERK WATERS.

>>CLERK: SO I WANT TO READ THIS STATEMENT FROM THE CLERK IN THE MORNING, COOK COUNTY CLERK, LEADER OF DISTINCTION AND INTEGRITY IS WITH PROFOUND SADNESS THAT THE COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES THE DEATH OF CLERK KAREN A YARBOROUGH, EIGHT EDUCATED LEADER AND PUBLIC SERVANT WHO WAS SERVING HER SECOND TERM AS THE ELECTED CLERK OF COOK COUNTY AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING. CLERK YARBOROUGH PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON SURROUNDED BY HER HUSBAND AND FAMILY AFTER BEING HOSPITALIZED LAST WEEK.

WE'VE LOST ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE ARENA IN COOK COUNTY AND IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND WILL NEVER BE QUITE THE SAME SAID CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK GILES.

CLICK YARBOROUGH BROUGHT UNIQUE SPIRIT, ENERGY AND COMPASSION TO HER ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND SHE USED THOSE GIFTS TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN ALL OF US.

SHE WILL BE MISSED BEYOND MEASURE.

CLERK YARBOROUGH AND HER HUSBAND HENDERSON WERE LONGTIME MAYWOOD RESIDENTS AND ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY.

HER FAMILY RELEASED TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.

KAREN YARBOROUGH WAS A WIFE, MOTHER, SISTER, AUNT AND MENTOR TO EVERYONE WHO MET HER.

SO MANY OF US STAND ON HER SHOULDERS AND ARE ACTIVELY WORKING PATHWAYS THAT SHE FORGED.

AS A PUBLIC SERVANT SHE HAD THE COURAGE TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF ISSUES THAT WERE NOT ALWAYS POPULAR, BUT SHE KNEW THEM TO BE RIGHT.

SHE WAS A CHAMPION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND A DEFENDER OF THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES FOR THE BETTER.

PRIDE IS TOO SMALL OF A WORD OF WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE HER AS PART OF OUR FAMILY.

DURING HER TENURE AS CLERK, YARBOROUGH IS CREDITED WITH MAKING SWEEPING CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE OFFICE INCLUDING A COMPLETE MODERNIZATION OF ELECTION VOTING EQUIPMENT AND ENHANCEMENTS TO THE ENTIRE VOTING PROCESS FOR SUBURBAN VOTERS.

DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN 2020 SHE SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED A FIRST OF ITS KIND GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATION BY ASSUMING ALL DUTIES OF THE FORMER COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

THE CLERK'S STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO ACCURACY, EFFICIENCY, ADVOCACY AND CYBERSECURITY RESULTED IN GROUNDBREAKING INITIATIVES IN PROGRAMMING AND TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE IMPACT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME SAID GILES.

WHEN SHE WAS ELECTED IN 2018, KAREN YARBOROUGH BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN IN THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO SERVE AS A COOK COUNTY CLERK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SHARING THAT WITH US, CHRISTINA.

I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU PUT TO THE STATEMENT, KAREN YARBOROUGH IS AMAZING STRONG, SENSITIVE, SUPPORTIVE WOMAN.

THANK YOU.

DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU WANTED?

I KNOW YOU TALKED ABOUT (WORD?) EARLIER.

>>CLERK: I CAN DO THAT ON THURSDAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK I'M FORGETTING THAT WE ARE MEETING TWICE THIS WEEK.

TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: NOTHING.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I JUST WANT TO BRIEFLY SPEAK TO THE PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT WE HAD EARLIER TONIGHT BECAUSE I WANT TO SAY - I HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING AND I HAVE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME READING ABOUT AND THINKING ABOUT THE HORRIBLE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS THAT IS ONGOING. I HAVE BEEN READING ALL OF THE EMAILS THAT HAVE BEEN COMING INTO US, BOTH FROM FOLKS WHO HAVE LOVED ONES IN GAZA AND ARE HURTING AND SEEING JUST HORRIFIC SCENES OF VIOLENCE IN THEIR STREETS AND IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS AND FROM MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SCARED BY THE RISING TIDE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN AMERICA AND BY THE WAY THAT IS REALLY IDENTITY AND JEWISH IDENTITY HAVE AT TIMES BEEN TIED TOGETHER SUCH THAT SOMETIMES WHEN POSITIONS ARE TAKEN REGARDING ISRAELI POLICY IT CAN BE VIEWED AS AN ATTACK ON JEWISH PEOPLE AND JEWISH IDENTITY AND THEY DO NOT HAVE AN ANSWER AND I HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THIS. PERSONALLY I WANT TO SEE PEACE.

I WANT TO SEE THE KILLING STOP.

I WANT TO SEE HOSTAGES RETURN.

I WANT TO SEE HAMAS OUT OF POWER.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS I WANT TO SEE PERSONALLY AND AT THE SAME TIME AND NO POINT DURING MY CAMPAIGN DID ANYONE ASK ME A QUESTION ABOUT FOREIGN POLICY.

IT IS NOT SOMETHING I RAN ON.

IT IS NOT SOMETHING I SPENT MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT BEFORE I RAN. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN A POSITION AS ELECTED OFFICIALS ANYONE HAS COME TO ME ASKING ME ANYTHING ABOUT FOREIGN POLICY AND HUMANITARIAN CRISES GOING ON OVERSEAS AND THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OVER THE HISTORY OF WHAT OAK PARK HAS PASSED RESOLUTIONS ABOUT MANY OF THE RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE DISCUSSED RESOLUTIONS WHERE WE WERE TAKING SPECIFIC POLICY ACTIONS IN OAK PARK REGARDING WHAT DATA WE WOULD WORK WOULD NOT SHARE WITH ICE.

WHAT WE WOULD OR WOULD NOT DO REGARDING ABORTION ACCESS OR FOLKS WHO HAD BEEN CRIMINALIZED FOR CHOICES THEY MADE WITH THEIR BODIES.

I DID NOT PREPARE A STATEMENT.

I'M NOT READING OFF SOMETHING SO I APOLOGIZE IF ANY OF THESE WORDS ARE COMING OUT WRONG.

I'M TRYING TO SPEAK FROM MY HEART.

I WANT TO SEE THE VIOLENT END.

THAT IS A SENTIMENT THAT I FEEL ABOUT ALMOST EVERY WAR AND EVERY CRISIS I SEE, BUT THIS ONE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY DEVASTATING TO WATCH AND I KNOW PEOPLE FROM COLLEGE WHO ARE LIVING IN GAZA AND I DO UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAD HALF A ROOM FULL OF FOLKS WHO ARE DEEPLY PASSIONATE ABOUT SEEING A CEASE-FIRE AND I UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAD HALF A ROOM OF PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH WHAT A STATEMENT BY VILLAGE GOVERNMENT WOULD MEAN TO THEM AND SO WE DID HAVE CONVERSATIONS. THERE CERTAINLY WAS NOT A WILL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A RESOLUTION.

I CERTAINLY WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTINUE IN CONVERSATION ABOUT WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO IN MY ROLE AS AN INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN TO LEND ANY VOICE TO MAKING PEACE HERE IN OAK PARK AND ELSEWHERE, BUT BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOUR VOICES WERE NOT HEARD THAT YOUR COMMENTS WERE NOT VALUED OR VALUABLE.

YOU KNOW, IT MEANS THAT THERE CERTAINLY WERE NOT FOUR VOTES ON THIS BOARD FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH A RESOLUTION AND YOU MAY FIND FOLKS WHO INDIVIDUALLY MAY BE WILLING TO HELP OUT, REACH OUT AND HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH US IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

SUSAN?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU.

TONIGHT I GUESS I WOULD SAY WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT MEETING I'VE ATTENDED.

I SAW OAK PARK WAS AT THEIR WORST.

THEIR TREATMENT OF PEOPLE WHO REASONABLY DISAGREED WITH THEIR POSITION WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND ACCUSATIONS AT US THEY BOARD, AS IF WE ARE NOT HORRIFIED BY THE DEATHS IN GAZA, AS IF WE DO NOT CARE ABOUT OUR PALESTINIAN RESIDENTS.

IT WAS FRUSTRATING, MADDENING AND JUST SAD.

I LEAVE THIS MEETING WITH A VERY HEAVY HEART.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: PASS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: RAVI?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I WILL SWITCH TOPICS.

WHEN I FIRST CAME TO OAK PARK PROBABLY A HANDFUL OF WOOD IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OVER THE LAST 17 OR 18 YEARS I HAVE SEEN THAT GO OVER 500.

SO THE REASON I RAN FOR ELECTED OFFICE WAS MY ATTEMPT AT TRYING TO BE INCLUDED NOTHING TO BE INCLUDED YOU NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN YOU NEED TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

THAT IS WHAT GOT ME TO THIS PLACE PRETTY TODAY WITH THIS HOLI PROCLAMATION WE DID, I'M SO HAPPY AND THRILLED WITH THAT THAT PAVES THE WAY FOR INCLUSION FOR MORE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

SO THAT IS REALLY, REALLY EXCITING AND FOR ME HAVING GONE THROUGH THIS JOURNEY MYSELF - AT ITS CORE HOLI IS ABOUT UNITY.

YOU ARE PLAYING WITH COLORS AND COLORS MASKED ALL OF OUR DIFFERENCES. WHETHER IT IS RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL IDEOLOGICAL, WHATEVER.

IT MASKS FOR THAT AND COMES TOGETHER IN CELEBRATION AND THAT ASPECT OF IT IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO CORRELATE WITH WHAT I SAW UNFOLD IN THE MEETING IN TERMS OF THE COMMENTS AND WANTING THE COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND HAVE REASONABLE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW WE CAN SET ASIDE OUR DIFFERENCES AND WORK TOWARDS SOME COMMON GOALS AND I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING HOLI WITH EVERYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY THIS WEEKEND.

SO REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.

SO THAT IS ONE.

THE SECOND ONE IS ACTUALLY EID IS EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU ARE IN THE WORLD.

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYBODY, ESPECIALLY OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS, PEOPLE OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH, A VERY HAPPY EID, SO (WORD?) TO EVERYBODY.

THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

I THINK I SAID PLENTY EARLIER.

OKAY, SECOND THOUGHT.

ALSO WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR ANYTHING IN JUMPING THE GUN ON MY STATEMENT THAT CONTRIBUTED TO WHAT HAPPENED, ALTHOUGH I THINK THAT - ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>> SO MOVED.

>> ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

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