

\*\*\*\*\*DISCLAIMER\*\*\*\*\*

THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNEDITED DRAFT TRANSLATION. THIS TRANSCRIPT MAY NOT BE VERBATIM, HAS NOT BEEN PROOFREAD AND MAY CONTAIN ERRORS. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE SPEAKER(S) FOR ANY CLARIFICATION.

THIS TRANSCRIPT MAY NOT BE COPIED OR DISSEMINATED UNLESS YOU OBTAIN WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE OFFICE OR SERVICE DEPARTMENT THAT IS PROVIDING CART CAPTIONING TO YOU.

THIS TRANSCRIPT MAY NOT BE USED IN A COURT OF LAW. -DH

\*\*\*\*\*DISCLAIMER\*\*\*\*\*

[CAPTIONS ON STANDBY]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO WONDERFUL TO SEE EVERYBODY.  
I THINK WE ARE WAITING ON ZOOM.  
MHM.  
HE IS HERE?  
OKAY.  
6:36 PM AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD ORDER.  
CHRISTINA, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?  
>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.  
>> HERE.  
>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.  
>> HERE.  
>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.  
>> HERE.  
>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.  
>> HERE.  
>> TRUSTEE STRAW.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IS HE HERE?  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE STRAW, YOU ARE HERE?  
TRUSTEE STRAW IS PARTICIPATE IN REMOTELY WITHIN OUR PROTOCOLS AND THEN I AM ALSO HERE.  
ANYBODY ELSE?  
>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.  
>> ABSENT.

>> HOW ABOUT THAT.  
AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN?  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.  
>>TRUSTEE STRAW: TRUSTEE STRAW IS HERE.  
>> TRUSTEE WESLEY FOR THE RECORD.  
>> HERE.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD.  
I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS IT IS PRESENTED.  
>> SO MOVED.  
>> SECOND.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?  
>> AYE.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY THAT IS THE AGENDA.  
WE ARE MOVING TO NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING.  
WE CAN GO STRAIGHT TO OUR EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE AND KIND OF START  
WITH THE NON-AGENDA.  
WE HAVE NON-AGENDA?  
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 6, 2024 REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.  
>> SO MOVED.  
>> SECOND.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.  
ALL IN FAVOR?  
>> AYE.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED.  
SO MY AGENDA SEEMS TO BE SLIGHTLY OUT OF ORDER.  
ARE WE GOING TO GO TO THE EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS?  
>>VILLAGE MANAGER: LET'S DO THAT.  
BEFORE WE START THE MEETING LET'S JUMP INTO THE EMPLOYEE SERVICE  
AWARDS AND JUST PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF  
THE AUDIENCE, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO RECOGNIZE OUR  
EMPLOYEES HERE IN THE VILLAGE FOR ALL OF THEIR COMMITMENTS.  
SO TONIGHT WE ARE GOING TO BE RECOGNIZING EMPLOYEES FOR SERVICE IN THE  
CATEGORIES OF FIVE YEARS, 10, 15, 20, 25, AND NOT 30, BUT 35 YEARS.  
JUST REALLY QUICKLY, I JUST WANT TO GIVE MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL  
THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE BEING RECOGNIZED TONIGHT, IN ADDITION TO THEIR  
FAMILY MEMBERS FOR ALLOWING THEM TO MAKE THESE SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS  
TO OUR VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY.  
WANT TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR SERVICE  
TO THE VILLAGE AND THE COMMUNITY AND MAKING A WORK ENVIRONMENT, A  
PRODUCTIVE PLACE TO WORK AND ALSO GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE  
THINGS THAT WE DO DAY IN AND DAY OUT TO MAKE OAK PARK THE BEST  
COMMUNITY THAT IT CAN BE.  
SO WITH THAT PREAMBLE, WHAT I AM GOING TO ASK EACH PERSON TO DO, WE  
WILL GO THROUGH CATEGORY BY CATEGORY, IS THAT WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED

IS TO COME DOWN AND GET YOUR AWARD AND WE WILL TAKE - I THINK WE WILL TAKE A PHOTO YOU WILL SHAKE HANDS WITH EACH ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND GO BACK TO YOUR SEAT.

I'M GOING TO ASK DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER LISA SHELLEY TO HELP ME WORK THROUGH THIS.

STARTING WITH FIVE YEARS, THE FIRST PERSON WOULD BE CAMERON DAVIS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NOW.

OKAY, MELISSA DEJESUS VASQUEZ, LAW DEPARTMENT.

OKAY, ALEJANDRO HARDAWAY.

SEAN KEANE, DEVELOP AND SERVICES.

- DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

OKAY SO THAT WILL CONCLUDE RECOGNITION FOR FIVE YEARS.

IF THERE IS ANYBODY ELSE HERE THAT WE HAVE NOT ACCOUNTED FOR FOR FIVE YEARS, - WE HAVE ONE MORE?

GREGORY OSTRAND.

OKAY MOVING ON TO 10 YEARS, PAUL STEPHANIDES.

I THINK THAT CONCLUDES OUR HONOREES FOR 10 YEARS TONIGHT, UNLESS THERE IS SOMEBODY ELSE HERE THAT WE DID NOT ACCOUNT FOR.

10 YEARS?

MOVING ON THE 15 YEARS, VANETTA LOGAN, VILLAGE MANAGER'S OFFICE.

OKAY, 20 YEARS.

DEANGELA BOSTON, PUBLIC WORKS.

OKAY, MIKE BRUCE.

OKAY, TOM FULTON.

PUBLIC WORKS.

OKAY, JACOB GLOODT, FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OKAY, THOMAS MAZUR, FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OKAY, WILLIAM TOWLER, FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OKAY, THAT CONCLUDES 20 YEARS AND NOW WE ARE MOVING ON THE 25 YEARS.

STEVEN CHERVINKO, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

OKAY, KEVIN FADDEN, FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OKAY, WE HAVE MARY KINDRED FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NOW I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THERE IS SOMEWHAT OF A NUANCE HERE.

MARY, SHE HAS BEEN WITH THE VILLAGE, SHE'S HAD SOME STANDS WITH THE VILLAGE THAT LEAD TO 25 YEARS - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

OKAY, ANDREA MANCE, ADJUDICATION.

OKAY, ALVIN NEPOMUCENO.

OKAY, I THINK THE LAST PERSON FOR 25 YEARS IS MISS DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER, LISA SHELLEY.

OKAY LASTLY TONIGHT 35 YEARS, - IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN 17.

MAY BE.

THOMAS GLENN.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THAT CONCLUDES OUR SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD FOR TONIGHT FOR 2024.

WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK EVERYBODY FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT AND EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION FOR ALL THE EMPLOYEES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NOW WE CAN GO TO NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT. NONE?

>>CLERK: THERE IS NONE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GOOD.

CONGRATULATIONS, EVERYBODY.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

HAVE A WONDERFUL EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

SO FIRST UP ON THE REGULAR AGENDA IS OUR VILLAGE MANAGERS REPORT.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, WE HAVE A COUPLE ITEMS TO UPDATE YOU ON TONIGHT.

WE ARE GOING TO START WITH OUR GRANTS PROCESS, AS YOU MAY RECALL LAST YEAR WE HIRED A CONSULTANT TO HELP US WITH NOT ONLY PROSPECTING FOR NEW GRANTS, BUT ALSO HELP US TO BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE INTERNALLY IN ORDER TO MANAGE THE PROCESS MORE EFFICIENTLY, PUT US IN A POSITION OF STRENGTH OF GOING AFTER GRANTS AND SO AHMAD, DEBBIE VILLAGE MANAGER, AHMAD ZAYYAD HAS BEEN LEADING THIS EFFORT IN WORKING WITH METRO STRATEGIES.

TONIGHT HE WANTS TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS ONE.

WE THINK THIS WILL HELP US MOVING FORWARD IN SEEKING GRANTS AND MANAGING OUR GRANTS AND LEVERAGING OUR LOCAL RESOURCES TO DO MORE.

AHMAD?

>> THANK YOU VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

I WANT TO PUT IN A FORMAL REQUEST THAT I THINK WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THREE-YEAR SERVICES BECAUSE MY THREE YEARS HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE, I GOT IT.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

AHMAD ZAYYAD, DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER.

I'M THRILLED ACTUALLY TODAY TO INTRODUCE THIS ITEM AND OUR STRATEGIC PARTNER, METRO STRATEGIES GROUP WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US IN THIS GRANT FUNDING PROCESS TODAY BOTH VILLAGE STAFF AND METRO STRATEGIES WILL PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE VILLAGE BOARD SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED THUS FAR.

THIS PRESENTATION WILL UNVEIL A WHOLE STRATEGY DRAFTED BY OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BY STREAMLINING OUR - - INTERNAL GRANT WRITING PROCESS.

THIS IS TO ENHANCE THE SUCCESS RATE.

THE FRAMEWORK WE DEVELOP ENCOMPASSES KEY COMPONENTS SUCH AS PREPLANNING, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COLLABORATION, DOCUMENTATION, ALL WITH THE OVERARCHING GOAL OF OPTIMIZING RESOURCES, UTILIZATION AND

ENSURING A MORE COHESIVE AND SUCCESSFUL GRANT WRITING AND MANAGEMENT PROCESS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR PRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GO/NO GO PROCESS FOR GRANT SUBMISSION.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT VILLAGE PROJECTS.

INSIGHTS AND DEMONSTRATION OF HOW OUR INITIATIVES ALIGN WITH THE 2020 24 VILLAGE GOALS.

THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC MEASURES ORGANIZATION ASPIRES TO CREATE MORE EFFICIENT COLLABORATIVE AND STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNAL GRANT WRITING.

THIS GREENLINE PROCESS IS DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO SAVE TIME AND RESOURCES, BUT ALSO TO SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF SECURING FUNDING FOR IMPACTFUL PROJECTS, THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS AND SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

WITH THAT SAID, LET ME INTRODUCE SEMA, A PRINCIPAL WITH METRO STRATEGIES GROUP BRING EXPERTISE IN PROGRAM PLANNING, DEBONING, EVALUATION AND FUNDING WITH A REMARKABLE TRACK RECORD OF SECURING ALMOST 40 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

SEMA PLAYS A PIVOTAL ROLE IN OUR COLLABORATION EFFORT TO ACHIEVE GOALS SET BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

WITH THAT, SEEMA.

>>SPEAKER: THINK YOU DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER AHMAD ZAYYAD. I FEEL LIKE ANYTHING I SAY WILL BE ANTI-CLIMATIC AFTER THAT INTRODUCTION.

I KNOW IT WILL BE MORE NUTS AND BOLTS, HOPEFULLY NOT TOO DRY. SO JUST TO GET STARTED I WILL TRY TO KEEP THIS UNDER 10 MINUTES.

I KNOW THERE MIGHT BE QUESTIONS.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU ALL HAVE TIME TO HAVE THOSE QUESTIONS.

IN TERMS OF WHAT I WANT TO COVER OVER THE NEXT FEW MINUTES IS I'M GOING TO PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION OVER THESE FOUR CORE AREAS.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SOME OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE SINCE WE CAME ON BOARD SINCE EARLY LAST FALL.

GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF AN INSIDE VIEW OF OUR GRANT TRACKING LOG JUST A QUICK LOOK AT HOW WE APPROACH AND TRACK GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND LEAD TO NEXT STEPS AND OUTCOMES AND HOW THEY MIGHT DIFFER DEPENDING ON THE PROGRAM AND PROJECT.

I WILL RUN THROUGH A FEW EXAMPLES JUST TO SHOW YOU HOW THAT WORKS. WE DEVELOPED A FAIRLY SIMPLE GO/NO GO THAT MANAGER ZAYYAD LED 2 TO STREAMLINE - - THE BOARD APPROVAL AND SO YOU HAVE WHAT YOU NEED TO ASK THE QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT BE A LITTLE MORE CRITICAL AND GIVE YOU THAT INFORMATION UP FRONT.

AND THEN CLOSING WITH SOME OF THE MAIN PROJECTS WE'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW AND WORKING WITH STAFF AND THE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES WHERE WE WILL BE WORKING ON, WHICH ARE MAY BE GOING THROUGH A GO/NO GO PROCESS.

SO VERY QUICK SUMMARY OF KIND OF WHERE WE STARTED WHEN WE CAME ON BOARD IS REALLY MEETING WITH EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS THROUGH ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS AND THE GOAL OF MEETING AT THAT POINT IS THAT WE DID HAVE A FULL DEPARTMENT, A FULL STAFF MEETING AND MOVING ON TO KIND OF ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS EXPLAINING WHAT WE DO AND HOW CAN WE HELP, RIGHT? THE GOAL OF THOSE MEETINGS WAS TO UNDERSTAND, WHERE THE KEY PRIORITIES AND PROJECTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND STAFF ARE LOOKING AT AND WANT TO KIND OF ADVANCE WHAT SOME OF THOSE ISSUES RELATED TO GRANTS MIGHT BE AND WHERE CAN WE BEST HELP SUPPORT THEM.

A DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS. SOME ON THE WRITING SIDE, SOME ON THE RESEARCH SIDE AND SOME ON A POINT SITE.

SO UNDERSTANDING WITH THOSE ISSUES AND NEEDS ARE.

BASED ON THOSE MEETINGS WE DEVELOP PROJECT PRIORITY LISTS.

MOSTLY THOSE ARE MORE COMPREHENSIVE FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE MULTIPLE PROJECTS THAT THEY'RE LOOKING AT.

SO IDENTIFYING THOSE, WHERE ARE THEY IN THEIR PLANNING STAGE STARTING THAT GRANT RESEARCH AS WELL AND WE WILL WALK THROUGH HOW THAT WORKS. AND THEN FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS TO TALK ABOUT, OKAY, YOU TALKED ABOUT THIS PROJECT, WHERE ARE WE?

ARE WE READY?

IS IT A TWO YEAR TIMELINE, JUST IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING WHERE WE FOCUS EFFORTS.

WHERE THE DEPARTMENTS AND STAFF WILL FOCUS EFFORTS TO GET TO THE POINT OF BEING GRANT WRITING OR READY TO APPLY FOR GRANTS.

BASED ON SOME OF THE INPUT WE ALSO DEVELOPED A DRAFT GO/NO GO PROCESS. SO WE DEVELOPED A DRAFT PROCESS AND WE HAD A WORKING SESSION WITH ALL THE STUFF WE MET WITH TO GET THEIR INPUT, LOOK AT THIS WORK, WHAT DO YOU THINK AND BASED ON THAT WE REFINE IT AND THAT IS WHAT I'M GOING TO SHARE WITH YOU THIS EVENING.

THE REMAINING WORK IS JUST WHAT IS ONGOING.

SO WE PROVIDE NOTIFICATIONS OF UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES, PROJECTS.

WE HELP STAFF DETERMINE PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND WORK THROUGH THOSE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY REQUIREMENTS AND AS WE ARE ROLLING OUT THE GO/NO GO PROCESS AND HELPING THEM WITH THAT GUIDANCE.

ALMOST LIKE A TESTING PHASE MAKING SURE THAT IT IS WORKING THE WAY IT NEEDS TO.

SO DIVING A LITTLE BIT INTO KIND OF THE GRANT RESEARCH THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING.

IT IS MOSTLY - THE BULK OF THAT IN TERMS OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES IN THOSE PROJECTS FALL INTO THESE TWO MAIN AREAS OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

SO TYING IN THE BOARD GOAL FOUR.

VIBRANT, DIVERSE, CONNECTED NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE SUSTAINABILITY RELATED INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS.

SO TYING INTO THE BOARD GOAL NUMBER FIVE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY AND THERE'S A LOT OF OVERLAPS.

IT'S NOT THAT PUBLIC WORKS OR SUSTAINABILITY BECAUSE SOME OF THESE PROJECTS ARE REALLY CROSS DEPARTMENTAL, TOO.

IT CAN BE OVERLAPPED.

THE ONE KEY AREA BEYOND THAT PIECE LIKE IDENTIFYING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES AND MATCHING THEM TO THE PROJECTS IS WORKING WITH STAFF AND HELPING THEM UNDERSTAND THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND THINKING THROUGH THE FEASIBILITY OF APPLYING THE READINESS OF SOME OF THE PROJECTS AND THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE FEDERAL GRANTS WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND INFLATION REDUCTION ACT THERE IS LITERALLY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN NEW PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING AND MUNICIPALITIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

THERE IS A PERCEPTION THAT THIS MONEY IS VERY EASILY AVAILABLE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS APPLY.

THE REALITY IS THAT MANY OF THESE FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON DISK MANAGED COMMUNITIES AND/OR NEED TO BE LARGE-SCALE IN LARGE IMPACT.

AND IT'S LIKE ACROSS-THE-BOARD EVERYBODY GETS SO EXCITED WHEN IT'S LIKE OH, WE CANNOT APPLY, YOU KNOW?

IT IS VERY DISAPPOINTING.

SO WE PROVIDE THE GUIDANCE IN TERMS OF INKING ABOUT IF YOU HAVE AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IS IT WORTH PURSUING.

SOMETIMES IT'S JUST NOT A GOOD FIT, BUT OTHER TIMES THERE MIGHT BE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH OTHERS AND JUST COORDINATE AND COLLABORATE SO IT'S REALLY THINKING IS THROUGH AND SOME OF WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON IN TERMS OF THE CURRENT PROJECTS THAT IS WHAT WE ARE DOING TO TAP INTO THAT LARGER FUNDING AND REALLY POSITION OAK PARK'S PRIORITIES AND ALIGN THEM WITH COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS.

SO JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT, HERE ARE AREAS WHERE WE CAN REALLY HELP STAFF AND WE DO HELP STAFF AND IT SAVES THEM TIME IN TRYING TO FIGURE SOME OF THESE THINGS OUT ON A FUNDING OPPORTUNITY COMES UP.

WE KNOW WHO TO CALL, WE KNOW WHO TO ASK, WHO TO TALK TO AND WE KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS TO ASK SO WE ARE NOT STARTING FROM SCRATCH.

GOING STRAIGHT TO THAT AND IT'S LITERALLY A MATTER OF A FEW MINUTES OUT OF OUR DAY.

SO RATHER THAN STOP SPENDING TIME TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT SO WE CAN QUICKLY GIVE THAT ADVICE AND EITHER WE ARE NIPPING IN THE BUD LIKE THIS IS NOT GOING TO GO ANYWHERE WHERE LIKE OKAY, THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT AND TALK ABOUT.

SO GETTING THE INFORMATION TO FIGURE OUT THE NEXT STEPS.

SO WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME ACROSS OUR DESK ALL THE TIME.

WE KNOW WHICH ONES MAKE SENSE FOR THE VILLAGE.

MIGHT BE SOME THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY PASS ON AND WE DON'T WANT TO WASTE OUR TIME THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE, BUT THEN THERE'S ALSO OPPORTUNITIES STAFF GET IN THE FORWARD TO US AND THEY MIGHT BE GETTING THEM.

SOME OF THEM THEY MIGHT BE GETTING THEM FROM STATE AGENCIES, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

WE CAN DO A PRETTY QUICK TURNAROUND.

LIKE THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

WE ARE AWARE OF IT OR IF WE ARE NOT AWARE OF IT WE BRING UP WHAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT OR NO, YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE.

I'M SORRY OR DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO APPLY FOR IT.

WE CAN IDENTIFY THOSE KEY RED FLAGS.

THIS IS REALLY JUST WALKING THROUGH.

I WILL NOT GO THROUGH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE, BUT IT IS SELECT NOTICES AND RESEARCH WE HAVE DONE SINCE WE STARTED JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW OUR WORK PLAYS OUT AND HOW WE ARE TRACKING FROM IDENTIFYING SOMETHING TO NEXT STEPS.

I WILL POINT OUT A COUPLE OF THE EXAMPLES FROM HERE.

SO THE FIRST ONE IS HUD PRO HOUSING.

THIS IS A FAIRLY NEW PROGRAM THAT THE VILLAGE COULD BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR AND POTENTIALLY COME UP WITH A PROJECT TO APPLY FOR.

WE HAVE REVIEWED IT WE REALLY DID NOT THINK IT MADE SENSE.

WE DID NOT RECOMMEND PURSUING AND COMING UP WITH A PROGRAM POTENTIALLY TO GO FOR THAT BECAUSE THE FOCUS WAS LARGER IMPACT AND CLAPBOARD OF EFFORTS AND SOMETIMES FUNDERS DO NOT SAY THAT.

THEY DON'T SAY, WELL WE DON'T THINK MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD APPLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE YOU AS AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT, RIGHT?

DOES READING BETWEEN THE LINES.

IT APPLIED FOR THE ENTIRE REGION WORKING FOR THE COUNTIES AND THEY GOT THE MONEY, THEY HAVE \$10 MILLION IN FUNDING THAT THEY WILL BE SPENDING OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS ROLLING OUT SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING RELATED HOUSING READINESS PLANS.

THERE MIGHT BE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE THAT WORK AND POTENTIALLY MUTUALLY WORK WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE COUNTY AND REGIONAL LEVEL THAT FURTHERS THE VILLAGES GOALS, TOO.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS TO TAP INTO SOME OF THIS.

ANOTHER ONE WE IDENTIFIED LAST FALL WAS THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RESPONSE PROGRAM AND THIS ONE STUCK IN OUR MIND AS MAY BE A GOOD FIT FOR THE ALTERNATIVE CALLS FOR SERVICE INITIATIVE THAT THE VILLAGE HAS RECENTLY STARTED AND UNDERTAKEN.

THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THAT POINT SO CLICK OKAY, LET'S MONITOR FOR OUR 2024 - JUST GOT RELEASED LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO SO WE WILL BE PICKING THAT UP.

IT IS LITERALLY FIGHTING THOSE.

YES, THERE MIGHT NOT BE AN OPEN OPPORTUNITY, BUT WHEN IT IS WE WILL DIVE INTO THAT.

SOME OF THE LAST ONES ARE ONES THAT ARE IN THAT GO/NO GO PROCESS. WORKING WITH STAFF, SOMETIMES THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED THE OPPORTUNITY AND IN OTHER CASES I'VE SENT THEM THE OPPORTUNITY.

AS THIS IS A PROJECT AND THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD FIT.

BASED ON WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT, BASED ON THE PRIORITIES, GOING THROUGH THE GO/NO-GO PROCESS.

ONE OF THEM I THINK IS ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY.

THAT IS AN EXAMPLE, ONE OF THOSE OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS.

SO NEXT IS JUST A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE GO/NO-GO PROCESS AND I WILL NOT SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON IT AND I CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS.

WHY HAVE IT?

IT IS A FRAMEWORK TO HELP DECIDE, SHOULD WE APPLY OR SHOULDN'T WE APPLY, CREATING A MORE STANDARDIZED APPROACH MORE OF AN OBJECTIVE APPROACH.

IT'S VERY EXCITING TO SEE A GRANT OPPORTUNITY OUT THERE IN A WAY THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH A PROGRAM AND WE COULD GET THIS FUNDING, BUT SHOULD YOU?

SO IT IS COMING UP WITH A PROCESS TO THINK THAT THROUGH.

AND REALLY HELPING RAISE THE MOST COMPETITIVE PROJECTS AND APPLICATIONS TO THE TOP.

THAT IS EASY TO SAY AND JUST FIGHT IN THE ONES THAT ARE QUESTIONABLE, OKAY, WHAT DO WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT?

IS THIS SOMETHING WORTH PURSUING?

DO WE NEED TO DO MORE LEGWORK BEFORE WE GET TO THE APPLICATION?

AND THEN THE ONES THAT DO NOT MAKE SENSE TO PURSUE AND THOSE KIND OF A COLLECTIVE REVIEW OF THAT AND IT HELPS WITH THE DECISION-MAKING AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THAT.

SO WHAT IT ESSENTIALLY ENTAILS IS A VERY SIMPLIFIED SCORING PROCESS, THE THRESHOLD CRITERIA BEYOND.

THE PROJECT IS ELIGIBLE AND THE VILLAGES ELIGIBLE.

WE ADDED A THRESHOLD CRITERIA WITH THE INPUT OF STAFF, THIS WAS NOT COMING AND MY RECOMMENDATION.

IT WAS STAFF THAT REALLY THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.

IN TERMS OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT CRITERIA WITHIN, STRATEGIC FIT, FINANCIAL AND GRANT MANAGEMENT RELATED ITEMS, CAPACITY AND READINESS AND COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT.

STRATEGIC FIT HAS FOUR CRITERIA BASED ON STAFFS INPUT, THE THOUGHT WAS AT LEAST TWO OF THOSE CRITERIA OUT OF FOUR NEED TO BE MET TO GO ANY FURTHER.

IF YOU ARE NOT MEETING IN TWO OF THOSE FOUR THEN WE SHOULD NOT APPLY FOR THAT GRANT AND THAT IS RELATED TO THE BOARD ADOPTED PLAN, IT'S A COORDINATED SERVICE, IT'S A DOCUMENTED COMMUNITY NEED.

KEY THINGS THAT SHOULD BE IN PLACE WHEN YOU ARE APPLYING FOR FUNDING.

ESSENTIALLY WE ARE CHECKING OUT THE CRITERIA THAT WE ARE MEETING WITHIN THESE FOUR CATEGORIES.

THAT SCORE WILL AIM INTO ONE OF THREE BUCKETS.

ONE IN THE HIGHER RANGES YES, YOU SHOULD APPLY.

AT THE MIDDLE RANGE IS THERE ARE SOME QUESTION MARKS.

THE CRITERIA GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHERE YOU SHOULD FOCUS EFFORTS AND THE LOW SCORE RANGES WE REALLY SHOULD NOT APPLY IF THERE'S A DECISION TO APPLY, THEN IT NEEDS TO BE THIS IS MAY BE A VERY URGENT NEED THAT HAS JUST COME UP AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

THAT MIGHT BE THE JUSTIFICATION.

SO THE PROCESS THAT STAFF WOULD GO THROUGH IS COMPLETING THAT CHECKLIST.

IF THEY WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GETTING APPROVAL TO COMPLIED, APPROVING A SUMMARY FORM, DOING APPROVAL AND CONSENSUS AT A DEPARTMENT LEVEL, VILLAGE MANAGERS OFFICE LEVEL AND ASSUMING DOCUMENTATION AND ULTIMATELY COMING TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AND YOU KIND OF HAVE THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE AT THAT POINT, LETTING YOU ASK OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT BE A LITTLE MORE IN DEPTH IF YOU NEEDED TO IN TERMS OF IMPLICATIONS AND IN TERMS OF APPLYING FOR THOSE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND THE PROJECT ITSELF.

AND WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH, BUT THE VILLAGE WOULD TRY TO ACCOMPLISH AND WHAT THOSE OUTCOMES ARE.

SO LAST SLIDE, THIS IS WHERE WE ARE AT RIGHT NOW WITH SOME OF THE KEY FOCUS AREAS ON PROJECTS AND GRANTS.

OF THE THREE MAIN ONES ARE KIND OF SUSTAINABILITY RELATED.

THE BIGGEST ONE I'M SURE YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF IS CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS, IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.

THOSE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL, BEGINNING OF APRIL.

THAT IS A CHALLENGING ONE BECAUSE AGAIN, THE VILLAGE IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, BUT IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE FOR A SINGLE MUNICIPALITY TO APPLY FOR IT SO WE ARE TALKING AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, THE MAYOR'S CAUCUS, WORKING THROUGH THE PROCESS OF HOW WE CAN BE PART OF A COALITION APPLICATION WORKING WITH THE C4 CLOUD OF AS WELL AS THAT PROCESS AND WE KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AND WHAT THE COALITION APPLICATION LOOKS LIKE MAKING SURE THAT THE VILLAGES PRIORITIES CAN BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THAT SO WE WILL TRY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

THE OTHER ONE IS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CODE IMPLEMENTATION AND ASSISTANCE.

THAT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH STAFF AND REALLY THINK ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY.

WE DON'T WANT TO LET THIS OPPORTUNITY GO, IT'S NOT THE GREATEST MATCH, THE AGENCY - I SHOULD SAY, LET ME REPHRASE THAT, THE AGENCY IS STILL WORKING THE GUIDANCE OUT SO IT'S DIFFICULT TO ASSESS WHETHER THIS IS A GOOD FIT OR NOT, BUT IT IS PROMISING.

SO WE HAVE GONE TO THAT FIRST REQUIRED STAGE OF SUBMITTING A CONCEPT PAPER AND THE NEXT STEP WILL BE GETTING FEEDBACK FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND HOPEFULLY MORE CLEAR GUIDANCE FROM THE AGENCY AS WELL REGARDING APPLICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS AND ALL OF THAT.

AT THAT POINT IT WOULD GO THROUGH THAT GO/NO-GO APPROVAL.

THE THIRD BIG ONE IS ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT VOUCHER PROGRAM.

OAK PARK HAS AN ALLOCATION, BUT OAK PARK HAS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION SO WE WILL SUPPORT GETTING THE APPLICATION IN.

THAT PROGRAM WOULD HELP THE VILLAGE ADVANCE THE WORK NEEDED FOR ESTABLISHING BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS SO IT'S ESSENTIALLY A TECHNICAL ASSISTANT SPENDING OPPORTUNITY AND THERE ARE VARIOUS KIND OF BLUEPRINTS OR THINGS THAT FRAMEWORK TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FOLLOW AND ADVANCE THEIR ENERGY-RELATED AND CLIMATE GOALS.

NONE THE REST ARE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE COME OUR WAY AND WHERE STAFF ARE EVALUATING AND SOME OF THESE ARE GOING THROUGH THE GO/NO-GO PROCESS AND POTENTIAL APPLICATION PROCESS TWO.

I'M GOING TO STOP THERE I GUESS IF I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT I MAY BE HAVE NOT TALKED ABOUT OR ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT WHAT I'VE SAID, HAPPY TO DO THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: 50 PARAKKAT?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THANK YOU SIMA FOR THAT.

IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE STREAMLINING THE PROCESS AND MAKING IT MORE EFFECTIVE BY LOOKING AT THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE GO/NO-GO PROCESS.

I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS.

ONE IS HOW DO YOU MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS, WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA OR THE MEASUREMENT METRICS THAT ARE TYPICALLY USED FOR A GRANT PROCESS.

>> DO YOU MEAN IN TERMS OF SUCCESSFUL AWARDS OR APPLICATIONS?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: IT COULD BE IF I COMPARE THAT TO ANY FIELD. DO YOU HAVE A SET OF METRICS THAT YOU DEFINE A SALES PROCESS BY? IT COULD BE THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS THAT YOU PURSUE VERSUS THE NUMBER OF POSITIVE OUTCOMES THAT YOU GET, RIGHT?

IT COULD BE SOMETHING AROUND THE (WORD?) OF THE PROCESS.

THERE ARE METRICS LIKE THAT, I'M WONDERING IF THERE ARE METRICS LIKE THAT THAT WE CAN GET ON A ONGOING BASIS TO SEE HOW EFFECTIVE OUR PROCESS ACTUALLY IS?

>>SPEAKER: THAT IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION AND I WOULD SAY POTENTIALLY YES I THINK THOSE METRICS MIGHT BE KIND OF MORE ILLUSTRATIVE OR INDICATED IN THE LONGER TERM, RIGHT? SO YOU COULD DO LIKE A WIN RATE TYPE OF THING.

PART OF INCREASING THAT WIN RATE IS BEING STRATEGIC ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU GO FOR AND THEN THERE IS ALWAYS, YOU KNOW, IN THE GRANTS WORLD, YOU CAN APPLY FOR THE BEST PROJECT. WE APPLIED FOR A FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION LAST YEAR AND IT WAS RATED HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IN EIGHT OUT OF EIGHT SELECTION CATEGORIES, CRITERIA.

IT COULD HAVE BEEN FUNDED AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN FUNDED, BUT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH MONEY.

THERE WAS A POLITICAL ASPECT FOR THAT ONE, WHICH SOMETIMES HAPPENS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.

NOT ALL OF THEM.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT CAN PLAY INTO IT, BUT OVER THE LONG-TERM POTENTIALLY YOU COULD HAVE THAT AND I THINK IT'S THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT - ALSO LIKE THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CALCULATE IS, WHAT IS THE COST OF THE AVOIDED TIME APPLYING FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE APPLYING FOR, RIGHT?

THAT MIGHT NOT BE MEASURABLE.

YOU MIGHT HAVE TO BALANCE IT BETWEEN SOME SORT OF QUANTITATIVE VERSUS QUALITATIVE PEACE.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: ALSO OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE SHOULD HAVE PURSUED THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH THE GOALS, BUT WE DID NOT. WE DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO.

SO COMPARISONS WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND THEIR GRANT SUCCESS RATES AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

ANYWAY, SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT FOR THE FUTURE.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD POINT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THE SECOND THING IS MORE ABOUT THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PROCESS.

THERE I SEE SEVERAL IMPORTANT STEPS TO MAKE IT EFFICIENT.

WONDERING FROM A TECHNOLOGY USE PERSPECTIVE, I HAVE BEEN IN SEVERAL SITUATIONS WHERE PEOPLE ARE USING GENERATIVE AI FOR GRANT WRITING AND GRANT WRITING WELL.

ARE WE CONSIDERING THOSE PROCESSES IN OUR GRANT WRITING PROCESS?

>>SPEAKER: I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP.

THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE GRANT WORLD, THE USE OF AI IN THE INDUSTRY.

EVEN OUR SERVICES BEYOND GRANTS.

THAT IS SOMETHING WHEN WE STARTED, I WILL BE HONEST, THAT WAS NOT ON MY RADAR, BUT I THINK IT IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING WE SHOULD LOOK AT AND HOW DO YOU USE IT IN A WAY THAT STAYS TRUE - WITHOUT DISTORTING ANY FACTS OR THE USE OF STATISTICS.

THERE IS DEFINITELY OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THAT AND TO HELP STAFF SAVE SOME TIME, TOO.

THAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN ACTUALLY LOOK AT AS A NEXT STEP, ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IS EVEN TEMPLATES AND WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN TO

THAT POINT, BUT POTENTIALLY TEMPLATES THAT COULD BE DONE BY A CONSULTANT OR STAFF, BUT WITH THE USE OF AI.

THAT REALLY HELPS CREATE THAT.

I THINK AI CAN DO A LOT OF THINGS THAT HELPS.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: EVEN FROM A RESEARCH PERSPECTIVE.

THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS I HAD, SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN TAKE THE METRICS ASPECT AND THE EFFICIENCY ASPECT AS WE COME BACK TO THE BOARD ABOUT HOW WE ARE PROGRESSING IN THE GRANT WORLD, THOSE COULD BE THE FOCAL POINT OF THE DISCUSSION SAYING, OKAY, WE WERE AIMING FOR 80% OR 40% EFFICIENCY THAT IS WHERE WE GOT TO.

SO THINGS LIKE THAT WOULD HELP US AT LEAST HAVE A MENTAL MODEL OF, OKAY, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING FOR AND THIS IS THE GOAL.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

AGAIN, WE CAN DEFINITELY TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND HOW THAT WOULD PLAY OUT FOR THE LONGER TERM.

ONE OF THE THINGS WITH AI IS AT AN INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT AS A FIRM BEFORE WE GO DOWN.

WE NEED A POLICY, RIGHT?

SO WHEREVER YOU ARE EMPLOYING IT, THERE MIGHT NEED TO BE AN ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY OR APPROACH FOR THAT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THANK YOU, THAT IS ALL I HAD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WHEN YOU SAY "LARGER IMPACT" IS THAT A GRANT CRITERIA YOU ARE SEEING OR SAYS SOMETHING YOU ARE ASSESSING FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THINGS LIKE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE GRANT?

>> PRIMARILY FOR ALL THE NEAT PROGRAMS IN THE FEDERAL FUNDING IS ONE OF THE BIG THINGS.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS THAT ARE OUT THERE.

IS THE IMPACT IN TERMS OF QUANTITATIVE IMPACTS.

GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION.

SO FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE AND JUST KIND OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED AND THE SCALE.

THERE ARE PIECES LIKE A LOT OF AGENCIES IF THEY ARE USING THIS FUNDING OR GIVING THIS FUNDING THEY WANT TO SEE THINGS THAT ARE SCALABLE, REPLICABLE.

SO THERE'S A LOT OF LEGWORK INVOLVED IN SOME OF THOSE AGENCIES AND WHAT THEY ARE PUTTING OUT IN TERMS OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THAT WAS MY NEXT QUESTION.

IT'S NOT JUST RELATED TO POPULATION THEN?

NECESSARILY?

>> NOT NECESSARILY.

LIKE THE CPRG IS A GREAT EXAMPLE.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY.

I'M NOT SURE, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, WHAT IS THE ONGOING RELATIONSHIP IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ONE AT ALL WITH METRO STRATEGIES LOOK LIKE?

WE'VE HAD THIS ASSESSMENT, ARE YOU APPLYING FOR GRANTS FOR US? ARE YOU GIVING US A SORT OF A PROCESS TEMPLATE AND THEN WE JUST TAKE THAT FASCIST OPTICS AND APPLIES ON THEIR OWN? THIS NOT SURE WHAT THE NEXT STEPS ARE NOW THAT WE HAVE THIS OVERVIEW.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PART OF THE NEXT STEPS I THINK IS JUST TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROCESS.

THIS IS A REALLY GOOD PROCESS, BY THE WAY.

FAMILIAR WITH IT AND I THINK IT ENHANCES WHAT I'M FAMILIAR WITH IN MY LAST SITUATION WHERE WE ARE ABLE TO DEFINE A PROCESS TO MAKE IT EFFICIENT AND MAKE SOME DECISION POINTS TO DETERMINE WHAT WE SHOULD PURSUE AND WHAT WE SHOULD AND PURSUE AND THEREFORE SAVE STAFF TIME AND STRATEGICALLY DIRECTED STAFF RESOURCES TO THINGS THAT WE COULD BE SUCCESSFUL AT AND ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE BOARD'S GOALS.

I THINK THE PROCESS IN ITSELF IS A WIN AND SO WE WILL SORT OF MAKE THIS A PART OF OUR ADMINISTERED PROTOCOLS.

THAT IS HELPFUL.

THINK CERTAINLY WE WILL CONTINUE TO RELY ON THIS IN THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR METRO STRATEGIES TO APPLY FOR GRANTS THAT ARE IN STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT WITH OUR GOALS SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THEM FOR THAT PURPOSE AS WELL.

I'M NOT SO SURE - THE AGREEMENT EXPIRES.

I THINK IT IS A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT.

>> VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON IS CORRECT, IT IS A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT THAT EXPIRES IN JULY.

THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY IS TO PRESENT THE WORK, THE GOOD WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING WITH METRO STRATEGIES TO THIS POINT SO WE CAN ALSO GET A GAUGE ON THE BOARD'S INTEREST IN CONTINUING THE RELATIONSHIP SO WE CAN COME BACK TO THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE AND CONTINUE THAT RELATIONSHIP PAST THE EXPIRATION OF THE ONE YEAR.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WE ARE NOT AT THE ONE YEAR MARK YET, RIGHT?

>> HAVE SOME TIME.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WHAT OTHER THINGS COULDN'T METRO STRATEGIES PROVIDE THEN IN THE NEXT, I DON'T KNOW, FIVE MONTHS OR SO?

>> PART OF IT IS KIND OF MOVING FORWARD ON THE BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE COME UP MORE RECENTLY.

WHETHER IT IS WORKING - SO YOU ASKED, WOULD WE PLAY, WOULD WE GIVE TEMPLATES TO STAFF?

IT'S A COMBINATION OF WHAT MAKES THE BEST SENSE FOR THE VILLAGE AND VALUE FOR SERVICES, RIGHT?

YES, WE ARE THERE TO HELP APPLY FOR THE GRANTS AND WE WILL BE HELPING WITH SOME OF THESE AS WELL.

IN SOME CASES, SOME DEPARTMENTS ALREADY HAVE IT DOWN TO A LITTLE BIT OF A SCIENCE WHERE THEY HAVE THEIR PROCESS AND THEIR SUMMONING APPLICATIONS AND IT IS WORKING FOR THEM.

IT'S ABOUT HOW DO WE MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCIES AND MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT - WE ARE BEING VERY OPTIMAL IN HOW WE USE OUR TIME TO THE BEST.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THE DETAILS OF THAT I LEAVE TO THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND STAFF, BUT IT CERTAINLY SEEMS IF WE HAVE TIME ON THE CLOCK WITH YOU THAT THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP IS WE HELP LEVERAGE YOUR EXPERTISE, YOUR FIRM'S EXPERTISE IN THE ACTUAL APPLICATION PROCESS, SUBMITTALS, DOCUMENTATION.

I AM NOT VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE GRANT WRITING WORLD, BUT I KNOW IT IS A LOT IN GRANT WRITING ITSELF IS SORT OF A NICHE TYPE OF WRITING. SO YEAH, IT SEEMS TO ME, LIKE I SAID, IF WE STILL HAVE TIME WITH YOU THAT THAT SEEMS LIKE THE NEXT STEP THAT I CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES.

AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT.

I THINK I APPRECIATE THE INPUT BECAUSE I THINK IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO HAVE THAT SERVICE IN PLACE IS A CITY AND THE SO I THINK WE HAVE APPROPRIATELY PRIORITIZED CREATING A PROCESS THAT CAN LIVE ON FOR HOWEVER LONG THAT PUTS US IN A POSITION OF STRENGTH IN TERMS OF HOW WE GO AFTER GRANTS IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, BUT YES, THE NEXT STEP TWO HAVE THE ACTUAL SERVICE OF ACTUALLY HELPING TO APPLY FOR THOSE GRANTS I THINK WILL BE BENEFICIAL AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT BACK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION.

VERY INFORMATIVE.

I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT - I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. ONE COMMENT I WANT TO MAKE IS SOMETHING I HAVE ECHOED BEFORE PREVIOUSLY ABOUT THE ROI.

IT LIKE FOR ME I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO THROW AS MUCH MONEY I GRANT WRITING AS POSSIBLE AS LONG AS THE ROI IS POSITIVE.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT COME BACK WHENEVER - IF THIS COMES BACK AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT COME BACK WITH THAT ROI SO WE CAN ENGAGE WITH THAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

I AM EXCITED FOR SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY THE CLAPBOARD OF ONE'S.

SO THANK YOU AND I DO FULLY APPRECIATE HOW STREAMLINED - HAVING A PROCESS LIKE THIS HELPS US PREPARE AND BE COMPETITIVE WITH THESE GRANTS AND PRIORITIZE OUR TIME WISELY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, SO VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, I THINK WE ARE GOING TO I NOW?

>> WE HAVE ONE OTHER UPDATE, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

IT IS A QUICK ONE.

MERCY DECLARATION IS GOING TO EXPIRE ON FAIRBURY 29TH NEXT WEEK. THE STAFF HAS BEEN ACTIVELY WORKING TOWARDS FINALIZING LOGISTICS AROUND THE MOVE FROM THE CARLTON AND THE YMCA TO THE EMERGENCY SHELTER AT SAINT EDMONDS SO WE WANT TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THAT AND IT WILL BE FAIRLY BRIEF, BUT WE JUST WANTED TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. THANKS.

LISA?

>> GOOD EVENING, LISA SHELLEY, DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER.

AS MANAGER JACKSON SAID I WILL GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF OUR EMERGENCY SHELTER AND I WILL ALSO BE BACK MOMENTARILY WHEN WE START THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS AGREEMENT.

THE FIRST, JUST TO RECAP, FOR EVERYONE, LAST WEEK VILLAGE BOARD HELD TWO MEETINGS ON FEBRUARY 13 AND 15TH TO REVIEW AND ULTIMATELY APPROVED VARIOUS AGREEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE \$1.9 MILLION GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS FOR A NEW NON-VILLAGE OPERATED EMERGENCY SHELTER IN OAK PARK FOR THE REASONS DUE TO OUR EMERGENCY SHELTER AT TWO LOCATIONS IS COMING TO A CLOSE NEXT WEEK.

SO THIS NEW SHELTER PROVIDES ADDITIONAL TIME FOR THE MIGRANTS TO HAVE A PLACE TO STAY DURING THE COLDER MONTHS, WHICH IS STILL CURRENTLY HAPPENING THROUGH THE MONTH OF MARCH, BUT ALSO OFFERS ADDITIONAL TIME FOR THOSE MIGRANTS IN OUR CARE TO MAKE CONNECTIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

LAST WEEK THE VILLAGE BOARD ALSO APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS FOR A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR \$300,000 TO BE USED FOR TEMPORARY RENT OR LEASES, ALSO GRANTED BY THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS FOR RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH JUNE 2024.

THE VILLAGE ALSO LAST WEEK, VILLAGE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO PREPARE AN AGREEMENT, ANOTHER AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$150,000 IN GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE LIKE YOU SAID THAT WILL COME UP SHORTLY FOR THE REGULAR AGENDA.

IMPORTANTLY I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF UPDATE ABOUT NEXT WEEK. IN LESS THAN ONE WEEK AT THE VILLAGE EMERGENCY SHELTER SITES AT THE CARLTON HOTEL AND THE YMCA WILL CLOSE.

THOSE NEW ARRIVALS WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO OPT IN TO THE NEW EMERGENCY SHELTER RUN BY THE WESTSIDE SERVICE CONNECTOR DOING BUSINESS AS THE OAK PARK FAMILY TRANSITION SHELTER AND THEY CAN STAY UNTIL JUNE 30, 2024.

THE VILLAGES EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER WILL ASSIST WITH THOSE MOVES TO THE NEW SHELTER NEXT WEEK AS WAS DONE WHEN WE ORIGINALLY MOVED THEM TO OUR EMERGENCY SHELTER.

STAFF REMAINS IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS AND THE RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS TO COORDINATE DURING THESE MOVES.

WITH MOST RECENT UPDATE TODAY FROM THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS THE VILLAGE ADDICTS IS THAN 100 INDIVIDUALS WILL BE MOVING POTENTIALLY TO THE NEW EMERGENCY TEMPORARY SHELTER, HOWEVER, THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS IS STILL VERY ACTIVE AND HEAVILY WORKING DURING THIS TIME, THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK TO POTENTIALLY STILL REDUCE THAT NUMBER TO A EVEN LOWER NUMBER IS A FURTHER WORK TO RESETTLE INDIVIDUALS ON A ONGOING BASIS.

SO WITH THAT WE WANTED TO EDGE ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT CORRELATION GOING ON WITH ALL OF OUR PARTNERS SO THIS IS THE INDIVIDUALS AT THE YMCA, OUR PARTNERS AT THE CARLTON HOTEL, HOUSING FORWARD, FOOD SERVICE PROVIDERS ALL TO COORDINATE THESE MOVES NEXT WEEK AS I JUST DESCRIBED THEN WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITH THE NEW SHELTER ORGANIZERS AS THEY WORK TO WELCOME THOSE INDIVIDUALS NEXT WEEK AS WELL AND WITH THE COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONS AS I MENTIONED BEFORE AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO RESETTLE, EVEN THROUGH MID-MARCH, EVEN IF SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE RELOCATED TO THE NEW SHELTER THEY WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH EACH OTHER ON RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS AT THAT SITE.

I THINK THAT CONCLUDES PRETTY MUCH OUR PORTION FOR THIS AND THEN I WILL BE BACK WHEN WE REVIEWED THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM, BUT ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE MOVES THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING NEXT WEEK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU, LISA.

APPRECIATE THAT.

I HAVE ONE QUESTION, THE FINANCIAL SUMMARIES AS WE HAVE - THE BOARD HAS \$2.694 MILLION IN GRANTS AND \$650,000 ALLOCATED FROM A GENERAL FUNDS.

THAT IS THE TOTALITY OF OUR SPENDING FOR THIS PROGRAM CURRENTLY, RIGHT?

OR AT LEAST OUR ALLOCATED?

>> THE ALLOCATED AMOUNTS THAT WERE SET ASIDE.

>> THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL GRANTS OUTSTANDING OUTSIDE OF THIS POT OF MONEY OR ANY OTHER ALLOCATIONS, CORRECT?

>> NOT AT THIS TIME.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I THINK THE VILLAGE DID A FANTASTIC JOB WITH THE MOVE FROM A GOOD SHEPHERD TO CARLTON AND THE YMCA SO I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THAT SAME CALIBER OF MOVE WILL HAPPEN THIS TIME.

I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS TO THE FAMILIES ARE DONE AND TRANSLATED BY THE VILLAGES TRANSLATION FIRM OR PERSON, WHOMEVER WE HAVE ENGAGED.

WE ARE FULLY IN CONTROL OF THAT COMMUNICATION TRANSLATION, CORRECT?

>> YES, WE DO HAVE TRANSLATORS THAT WILL BE THERE WHEN WE MOVE JUST IN CASE THEY HAVE QUESTIONS OF US.

ALSO WHAT I DID NOT MENTION IS THIS WEEK WE HAVE DONE THIS IN THE PAST.

WE HAVE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS SET UP WITH FAMILIES WHO HAVE ANY LAST MINUTE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR OPTIONS AND IN THOSE MEETINGS WE DO HAVE OUR TRANSLATORS PRESENT AS WELL AS OUR OFFICE OF DEI IS ALSO PRESENT THERE AS WELL SO IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WHATSOEVER WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT OUR TRANSLATORS ARE PROVIDING US THE INFORMATION SO WE CAN APPROPRIATELY RESPOND.

>> OKAY, THAT IS VERY HELPFUL.

JUST TO MINIMIZE CONFUSION, NERVOUSNESS, ANY WORRY FROM - AND JUST A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE THEY ARE GOING, THE LENGTH OF TIME.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT - AND I'VE NO DOUBT THAT YOU GUYS HAVE THAT COVERED, BUT JUST TO REAFFIRM THAT AS WE ARE DISCUSSING IT THAT IS BEING DONE AND WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF SENSITIVITY TO ENSURING THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS ARE CLEAR AND TRYING TO WARD OFF ANY OF THAT KIND OF, YOU KNOW, LIKE I SAID, CONFUSION, ANXIOUSNESS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

THE OTHER THING IS I KNOW THERE ARE FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING MOVED TO SAINT EDMONDS AND SO THAT IS ALL BEING COORDINATED SORT OF THAN UNDERSTANDING OF SCHOOL HOURS AND ALL OF THAT?

>> THAT IS CORRECT.

JUST FOR EXAMPLE, ANYBODY WHO IS LEAVING FOR SCHOOL - WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THOSE CHILDREN GET OFF TO SCHOOL FIRST AND THOSE FAMILIES OF PRIORITY BEING MOVED SO THEY ARE AT THE NEW LOCATION WHEN THE SCHOOLCHILDREN COME HOME.

>> FANTASTIC, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

JUST CHECKING IN WITH TRUSTEE STRAW.

ANY QUESTIONS?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: NO QUESTIONS, THANK YOU.

>> THERE ARE TWO PIECES OF NEXT STEPS THAT I DID NOT MENTION. NEXT STEPS, THE VILLAGE BOARD WILL ANTICIPATE GRANT AGREEMENT NOW FOR LEGAL SERVICES THAT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT GRANT THAT I MENTIONED FROM THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS THAT WILL BE COMING UP NEXT AND THEN WE WILL CONTINUE CONVERSATIONS WITH GRACE EPISCOPAL ABOUT OUR SINGLE MEN THAT ARE LOCATED THERE AND SORT OF THEIR TIMING AND NEXT STEPS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS, TOO.

AFTER THIS WEEK THAT IS THE NEXT FOCUS.

>> THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE.

IT IS MUCH APPRECIATED AND FOR ALL THE HARD WORK GOING INTO THIS CONTINUED RESPONSE.

TO AID OUR RESETTLEMENT.

OF MIGRANTS.

SO NOW WE WILL GO TO ITEM I. I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TO FUND A SHORT-TERM RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGES TEMPORARY SHELTER PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PRISONS GIVEN INTEREST TO MEMBERS, THIS RESPONSE TO IT AND ADOPTED A MOTION ON FERRY 13TH TO BRING AN AGREEMENT BACK FOR COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST WITH SETTLEMENT EFFORTS, SPECIFICALLY WITH THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS.

DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER LISA SHELLEY IS HERE TO HELP ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

WE ALSO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS THAT CAN ASK ANY QUESTIONS.

>> GOOD EVENING AGAIN, AS MANAGER JACKSON SAID, THIS IS A RESPONSE TO YOUR CONVERSATION LAST WEEK.

THE AGREEMENT COMING FORWARD AND WE ALSO HAVE AISHA WAS HERE FROM THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS WHO CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

THIS IS WRITTEN VERY MUCH IN THE SAME WAY AS THEY CONTRACT THROUGH THE FUNDING THROUGH THE GRANT.

METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS.

SO THOSE SAME SAFEGUARDS ARE IN PLACE AND IN PROCESS.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS.

AISHA, REALLY NICE TO SEE YOU THIS EVENING.

ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD?

>>SPEAKER: FIRSTLY, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

IT IS REALLY AMAZING WHAT WE CAN DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND JUST KNOW THAT - I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW THE BUDGET, IT IS EXTREMELY SIMPLE.

IT IS ONE LINE ITEM SO WE ARE WORKING VERY DILIGENTLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MAINTAIN THIS HIGH LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY AND MY ROLE AS VICE PRESIDENT I WILL MAKE SURE THAT THAT ABSOLUTELY STAYS THE CASE AND WE ARE REALLY EXCITED THAT WE CAN BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THAT MANY MORE PEOPLE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD?

TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THANK YOU FOR THE BUDGET, WE JUST GOT IT.

SO I TOOK A VERY QUICK LOOK AT IT, BUT HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT IT, BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

I HAVE THE SAME CONCERNS THAT I RAISED ON THE FEBRUARY 13 MEETING SO I WILL NOT REPEAT THEM, BUT I DID - I WAS NOT SURE IF YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER ONE QUESTION THAT I HAD - I GUESS IT IS TWO QUESTIONS. THE LEASES ARE 6-12 MONTH LEASES OR IS IT REALLY JUST LANDLORDS BEING INTERESTED IN 12 MONTH LEASES?

>> 12 MONTH LEASES.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WHAT IF THE LEASE PERIOD IS NOT FULFILLED FOR ANY REASON.

OR THE FAMILY DECIDES TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION ON THEIR OWN OR THE LANDLORD IS NOT PROVIDING WHAT WAS EXPECTED ON THEIR END.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THOSE INSTANCES.

IS THERE A CONTINGENCY FOR LEASES THAT ARE NOT ABLE TO BE FULFILLED? SO THEY ARE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE, RIGHT?

YEAH.

I'M WONDERING IF YOU CAN SPEAK TO THAT AT ALL OR IF THAT IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE CONSIDERED AND THOUGHT ABOUT?

>>SPEAKER: THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION BETTER SO I DON'T WANT TO MISSPEAK, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IS THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE LOCKING OURSELVES INTO A CONTRACT UPFRONT, BUT I CAN GET AN ANSWER TO YOU FOR SURE.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: SO IF A FAMILY FOR EXAMPLE DECIDED TO LEAVE FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR EXAMPLE IN ANOTHER LOCATION, WE WOULD JUST SORT OF LOSE?

SO THERE WOULD BE A SUBSTITUTION?

>> I CAN FIND OUT THE ANSWER FOR YOU.

>> THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL AND I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE STUFF IS BEING WORKED OUT SORT OF AS WE ARE GOING ALONG, BUT IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME THAT IS CERTAINLY MAY BE THE CASE THAT LEASES MAY NOT BE FULFILLED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.

>> THAT IS A GREAT POINT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I DID NOT KNOW IF THERE HAD BEEN SOME THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT A CONTINGENCY PLAN MIGHT LOOK LIKE IN THOSE INSTANCES OR NOT EVEN SURE HOW FLEXIBLE THESE LEASE AGREEMENTS ARE.

WHETHER THERE WOULD EVEN BE THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONTINGENCY PLAN GIVEN A LEASE THAT IS SIGNED AND THEN PAID FOR 12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE. OKAY, THAT IS IT FROM ME.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE WESLEY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THIS IS ACTUALLY NOT FOR YOU, BUT HI.

GOOD TO SEE YOU.

>> YOU TO.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: IN THE LEASE AGREEMENT SECTION 5.1, GRANTEE SHALL PROVIDE THE VILLAGE WITH, LEASES THAT SHOULD ONLY BE WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PART OF THE VILLAGES TEMPORARY SHELTER PROGRAM. DOES THIS INCLUDE THE GRACE FOLKS OR IS A SEPARATE?

I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT THAT, THE CONGREGATION WAS HAPPY TO INCLUDE THEM, BUT JUST WANT TO SEE IF THIS LANGUAGE ALLOWS THEM TO INCLUDE. I DON'T KNOW IF WE MADE A DECISION ON THAT, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF WE WOULD HAVE TO REWRITE THE AGREEMENT IF WE ARE MAKING A DECISION.

>> I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANYTHING THAT PROHIBITS THE GRACE INDIVIDUALS.

WE TALKED QUITE A BIT WITH UNITY OF CONGREGATIONS AND THEIR STATUS AND WE DO TALK ABOUT THE GRACE INDIVIDUALS.

RIGHT NOW THEY ARE FOCUSING ON THERE ARE SOME SINGLE MEN AT THE YMCA SO THEY ARE FOCUSING ON IN THE NEXT WEEK HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE A PLACE AND THEY WOULD MOVE ON TO THE OTHERS, BUT BECAUSE IF YOU'RE ASKING IF THERE'S ANYTHING SPECIFIC IN THE LANGUAGE THAT WOULD EXCLUDE GRACE, I BELIEVE THE ANSWER IS NO.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: I WROTE IT SO IT IS BROAD-BASED. ANYBODY WHO IS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE AND ANY KIND OF TEMPORARY HOUSING THAT THE VILLAGES PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES SO IT DOES NOT HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WASN'T THE SURE WITH THE WAY I READ IT. THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GO AHEAD, TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I THOUGHT THE WAY IT WAS WRITTEN, IT WOULD EXCLUDE THE GRACE BECAUSE IT SAYS THE VILLAGE - RESIDING IN THE VILLAGES TEMPORARY SHELTER PROGRAM, BUT.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THE PROGRAM IS BROAD ENOUGH.

>> IT IS INTERPRETED BROADLY ENOUGH?

>> WE CONSIDER GRACE PART OF THE PROGRAM.

EACH SITE IS SET UP DIFFERENTLY, BUT ORIGINALLY THAT WEEK PLACED DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS AT THOSE THREE SITES.

THAT IS CONSIDERED PART OF OUR PARTICIPATION.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IS IT SAFE TO ASSUME NOW THAT WE MIGHT GET MORE UPDATES REGARDING THAT BECAUSE THE END DATE RIGHT NOW IS MARCH 15 SO I UNDERSTAND IN THE WAY THAT YOU INTRODUCED THIS ITEM, WE HAVE THIS IMMEDIATE NEED FOR NEXT WEEK AND A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO REMAIN IN CONVERSATION WITH GRACE ON THE SINGLE MEN.

I DON'T MEAN TO KEEP SAYING SINGLE, BUT THE INDIVIDUAL MEN THAT ARE AT GRACE.

OKAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND EXCELLENT QUESTIONS.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THIS EVENING?

OKAY, VERY GOOD.

THEN CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> NO.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> NO.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> NO.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES GREAT MOTION CARRIES AND WE ARE MOVING TO REGULAR AGENDA ITEM AT HER AGE, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 12-7-8 AND CHAPTER 23A, ARTICLE 4 OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE TO ADOPT A TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY RENTAL UNIT TAX SURCHARGE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, MOTION BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE WESLEY.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES, TRUSTEE - I'M SORRY, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, PROUD TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW DIRECTOR IN - - AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR BRANDON CRAWFORD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ITEM FOR OVER A YEAR.

WE HELD A COUPLE STUDY SESSIONS THE BOARD PROVIDED THE MOST RECENT DIRECTION IN OCTOBER TO LOOK AT A 3 1/2% TAX ON THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX AND THE BOARD SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED A MOTION, I THINK ON FEBRUARY 6 OF THIS YEAR JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO TO PROVIDE US DIRECTION TO GO BACK AND LOOK AT AN OPPORTUNITY TO OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, SPECIFICALLY A 3 1/2% CONSIDERATION ON JUST SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND NOT HOTELS.

SO TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION WILL GIVE YOU BACKGROUND ON WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, BUT ALSO OFFER STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND THE ITEM ITSELF DID OFFER ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 6. WITH THE INTRODUCTION I WILL TURN OVER TO EMILY AND BRANDON TO WALK US THROUGH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU MANAGER JACKSON.

GOOD EVENING, I AM EMILY EGAN, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR AND TONIGHT WE WILL GO OVER A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS AGENDA ITEM.

SO SEVEN BULLET POINTS HERE.

I WILL GO OVER THE FIRST THREE, A LITTLE BIT OF A SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY FOR THIS.

I WILL TURN OVER FOR BRANDON FOR THE FORECASTED HOTEL/MOTEL ANALYSIS AND ALSO MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL AND THEN I WILL COME BACK WITH STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND WE ARE BOTH AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

JUMPING RIGHT IN, EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, REALLY THIS IS JUST TO HIGHLIGHT SOME HISTORY FOR THE RECENT HOUSING TRUST FUND REVENUE SOURCES.

THESE THREE PROJECTS HERE, THOSE ACTUALLY WERE NOT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS, BUT THEY DID CONTRIBUTE A FEE IN LIEU OF THOSE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS.

AND CURRENTLY THERE ARE NOT ANY PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS HOUSING TRUST FUND.

SO I WILL TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOUSING TRUST FUND ACTION TO DATE, BUT THIS IS SPECIFICALLY HOW IT RELATES TO THIS AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION AT THE VILLAGE BOARD LEVEL.

SO VERY BRIEFLY, JUST AS A REFRESHER, WE STARTED THIS AGENDA ITEM WITH A STUDY SESSION ON VIBRATE 13, 2023.

THE PREFERRED OPTIONS THAT WERE PRESENTED ARE BOTH THE INCREASE IN THE HOTEL/MOTEL AS WELL AS THE DEMOLITION TAX.

NEXT ON OCTOBER 30 WE DID RECEIVE DIRECTION TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE THAT DEMOLITION PERMIT FEE TO FUND THE ALLOCATED TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, AS WELL AS DIRECTION TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER THE HOTEL/MOTEL INCREASE FROM 4% TO 7.5%.

AND THEN IN - ON DECEMBER 4, 2023, THERE WERE SOME AMENDMENTS TO THAT DEMOLITION FEE.

SMALLER ITEMS LIKE GARAGES, SHEDS, ETC., THOSE WOULD GO TO THE TYPICAL PERMIT FEE THAT GOES TO THE GENERAL FUND, BUT ANYTHING LARGER THAT IS OUTLINED IN THE FIRST BULLET POINT THERE, LARGER STRUCTURES, PRIMARY STRUCTURES, THOSE RECEIVE THE FEE OF \$5000 THAT IS COMPLETELY ALLOCATED TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

AND AS MANAGER JACKSON MENTIONED ON FEBRUARY 6, THE BOARD RECEIVED A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION IN REGARDS TO THE HOTEL/MOTEL, AS WELL AS SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX RATES AND WE WERE ASKED TO PREPARE MULTIPLE OPTIONS FOR REVIEW AND TONIGHT WE ARE BRINGING OPTION A AS WELL AS OPTIONS B THROUGH SIX FOR CONSIDERATION.

NOW I WILL TURN IT OVER TO BRANDON TO TALK ABOUT THE REVENUE MODELING AS WELL AS MORE OF THE DATA SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT SHORT-TERM RENTAL LICENSE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: @THANKYOU.

>> THANK YOU, EMILY.

I WILL KEEP US ROLLING HERE.

SO IN FRONT OF YOU GUYS RIGHT NOW WE HAVE THE CURRENT HOTEL/MOTEL TAX RATES FOR A FEW COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE CHICAGOLAND AREA.

AS YOU CAN SEE HERE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW WE HAVE THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AT 4%.

SHOULD THE BOARD DECIDE TO INCREASE THE RATES TO 7.5%, WHETHER THAT BE THROUGH OPTION A OR ANY OF THE SCENARIOS IN B ONE THROUGH SIX.

THAT WOULD PUT US BETWEEN EVANSTON AND SKOKIE AT 7.5%.

MOVING TO THE ACTUAL FORECASTER.

CURRENTLY WE HAVE A FEW CONTRIBUTORS AND ONE LARGE PETITIONER.

SO THE VILLAGE REALIZED \$225,000 IN REVENUE IN 2022 AND APPROXIMATELY \$250,000 IN REVENUE IN 2023.

AGAIN, THIS IS THROUGH THAT 4% EXISTING RATE, CURRENTLY 100% OF THOSE FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

SO THOSE CONTRIBUTORS INCLUDE ONE HOTEL, ONE BED AND BREAKFAST AND 120 SHORT-TERM RENTALS.

THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR ONE ADDITIONAL HOTEL THAT WILL BEGIN OPERATION IN JANUARY 2026.

THAT HOTEL IS ACCOUNTED FOR IN OPTIONS B1, THREE, AND FIVE, I'M SORRY, LET ME REPHRASE THAT.

THEY COUNTED IN OPTIONS B2, FOUR, AND A SIX IN THE MODEL WE GET TO IN A MINUTE.

THE VILLAGE IS CURRENTLY FUNDING VISIT OAK PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,042 FOR 2024.

THAT IS 81% OF THE FORECASTED REVENUE OR I'M SORRY, OF THE REVENUE GENERATED IN 2023.

IN 2022 THAT AMOUNT WAS \$175,000.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS MODEL WE ARE KEEPING A CONSISTENT MODEL OF \$209,042 OVER THE PERIOD.

SO THIS SLIDE IS SOMETHING THAT CAME OUT OF SOME OF THE TRUSTEE COMMENTS THAT WE WENT THROUGH ON 6 FEBRUARY.

SO AS IT RELATES TO OUR DEI ASSESSMENT, WE WANTED TO JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THIS OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE AND SEE WHO OWNED AND OPERATED THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS THAT EXIST WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

AS STATED THERE ARE 120 ACTIVE LICENSES.

THERE ARE 20 OPERATORS TO OPERATE TWO OR MORE UNITS.

SO OF THESE MULTI-LICENSE ENTITIES THEY OPERATE A TOTAL OF 66 UNITS IN AGGREGATE AND THOSE ARE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE.

OF THOSE 66 UNITS, 27 ARE LICENSED BY NONRESIDENTS OF OAK PARK.

I WILL QUALIFY THAT A LITTLE BIT.

THE WAY THAT WE HAD TO COME TO THAT CONCLUSION IS BY REVIEWING APPLICATION MATERIALS AND THE SEEING WHAT ADDRESS THEY PROVIDED ON THEIR LICENSE APPLICATION.

IF THEY PROVIDED A MAILING ADDRESS OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE WE COUNTED THEM AS A NONRESIDENT AND IF THEY PROVIDED A MAILING ADDRESS WITHIN THE VILLAGE, WE CONSIDER THEM RESIDENT FOR THE SAKE OF THIS EXERCISE.

WE WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE TO SEND FOLKS OUT TO VERIFY WHETHER OR NOT THEY RESIDE AT THE PROPERTY TO MAKE THAT CONFIRMATION.

GENERALLY SPEAKING INDIVIDUALS USE - THE APPLICATION REFLECTED AN ADDRESS THAT WAS THE SAME AS THE PROPERTY.

SO WE CAN TAKE A DEEPER DIVE INTO THAT IF THERE IS AN APPETITE, BUT THAT IS KIND OF SURFACE LEVEL READ.

SO 37 OF THE TOTAL 127 UNITS ARE LICENSED BY NONRESIDENTS. THAT IS 31% OF THE TOTAL AND THAT INCLUDES THE 27 MULTI-LICENSED OPERATORS AND 83 OF THE 120 R 69% GAVE AN ADDRESS IN THE VILLAGE. SO THE MEETING OPERATOR HOLDS 2.5 LICENSES AND THE LARGEST OPERATOR HOLDS 15 LICENSES AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED A FOREST PARK MAILING ADDRESS ON THEIR APPLICATION MATERIALS.

SO THIS CHART JUST BREAKS DOWN THE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE AND A VISUAL REPRESENTATION SO YOU CAN SEE OWNER A, BY FAR OUR LARGEST MULTI-LICENSE OPERATOR AND HOLDS 23% OF THOSE MULTI-LICENSES.

WE CAN KIND OF PARSE THAT A LITTLE BIT MORE IF THERE IS DESIRE.

MOVING ON TO THE MODEL, JUST HIGH-LEVEL STUFF I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO COME BACK TO THIS IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, BUT ALL OPTIONS ASSUMED AN ANNUALIZED REVENUE ESCALATION OF 1%.

SO THE SUCCEEDING YEAR REVENUES WE FORECASTED TO INCREASE BY 1% OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR.

100% OF THE FUNDS GENERATED THROUGH THE EXISTING 4% RATE WOULD STAY WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND.

ANY INCREASE OVER THAT 4% WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

AGAIN, THAT IS ACROSS ALL SEVEN OPTION SCENARIOS.

WHETHER IT IS A INCREASE OF 1% PER YEAR OR IF WE GO STRAIGHT TO 7.5%, HOWEVER WE PARSE IT, ANY INCREASE OVER THAT 4% IS GOING INTO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO VISIT OAK PARK WOULD STILL COME THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND.

ALL OPTIONS ASSUMED THAT THAT FUNDING WOULD CAP OUT AT THE BUDGET OF \$209,000.

100% OF THE FUNDS AS I SAID WOULD BE GENERATED OVER THE 4% ARE GOING TO THE HTF AND JUST A REMINDER, ANY ODD OPTIONS.

THOSE ARE ASSUMING NO ADDITIONAL HOTEL AND EVEN OPTIONS ASSUME THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL HOTEL BEGIN OPERATIONS IN 2026.

SO ALL OF THAT SAID, THIS IS KIND OF WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT.

YOU CAN SEE HERE THE BLUE LINE OR BLUE BAR, THAT IS REPRESENTING THE 4%.

THE RED BAR IS REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OVER THAT 4%.

ULTIMATELY THE 3.5% AND GREEN IS THE TOTAL REVENUE.

SO OPTION A, WHICH IS TOM'S PREFERRED OPTION ONLY REFLECTS SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN BOTH OTHER OPTIONS REFLECT THE OPERATIONAL HOTELS AND ANY FUTURE HOTEL AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS.

WITH THAT I CAN HAND IT BACK OVER TO EMILY BRIEFLY.

TO CLOSE US OUT HERE.

>> THANK YOU, BRANDON.

JUST TO CONCLUDE, STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION IS OPTION A AND THAT IS JUST FOR THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND THE ANALYSIS THAT GRANT HAD PROVIDED IN TERMS OF THE LICENSES FOR THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS, THAT DEI ASSESSMENT AND THAT REVIEW, THAT IS PART OF WHAT IS CONTRIBUTING TO STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR OPTION A AS WELL AS IT IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH PREVIOUS DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE BOARD.

SO AGAIN, THAT IS THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION, BUT OF COURSE IN THE MEMO THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES FOR BOARD DISCUSSION.

AND WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY, I WANTED TO CLARIFY ONE THING.

YOU MENTIONED VISIT OAK PARK.

THERE IS ALSO IN THE NAME, WHICH ONE IT IS IS ESCAPING ME RIGHT NOW. THERE IS ALSO A PARTNER AGENCY WHOSE FUNDING POLES DIRECTLY FROM THE TRUST FUND, THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHAT AGENCY THAT IS?

IT MIGHT BE, AND BLANKING ON THE NAME, DO YOU KNOW WHICH ONE IT IS MY.

>> - - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, IT IS THE OAK PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW THE DOLLAR AMOUNT?

>> \$35,000.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THANK YOU.

GIVEN THAT WE HAVE A PARTNER AGENCY PULLING CONSISTENTLY FROM THE TRUST FUND, MAKE SENSE TO ME THAT WE HAVE A TAX INCREASE, JUST THE INCREASE GOING INTO THE TRUST FUND TO OFFSET THAT AND ALLOW THE TRUST FUND THE LEEWAY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS LIKE IT DID THE FIRST YEAR THAT WE DID THAT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT PROCESS IS BEING TWEAKED A LITTLE BIT.

I WANTED TO JUST CLARIFY THAT, THAT WE DO HAVE MORE THAN JUST HOUSING PROGRAMS BEING PAID FOR OUT OF THIS FUND.

WE ARE ALSO PAYING FOR A PARTNER AGENCY RELATIONSHIP OUT OF THIS FUND. SO THAT TO ME PROVIDES A NICE SYMMETRY TO MATCH THE TAX WITH A PARTNER AGENCY AND ALL THE OTHER PARTNER AGENCIES ARE COMING DIRECTLY FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

CORRECT?

YES, RIGHT.

SO THIS IS ONE OUTLIER WHERE WE HAVE THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A TRUST FUND.

SO THAT TO ME PROVIDES A NICE SYMMETRY.

I AM SUPPORTIVE OF OPTION A, RIGHT?

THIS IS TAX RECOGNITION.

AM SUPPORTIVE OF OPTION A WHERE WE JUST DO THE SURCHARGE FOR THE STR'S AT THIS POINT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?  
TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: GREAT FIRST PRESENTATION FROM ALL OF YOU.  
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS.  
I HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN A LITTLE SKEPTICAL ABOUT THIS WHOLE  
THING ON THE BOARD SO I WILL ASK A FEW QUESTIONS.  
THIS ISSUE, PRICE TO BALANCE A FEW DIFFERENT PIECES IN THE COMMUNITY.  
SO ONE IS THE IMPACT THAT (WORD?) HAS ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK.  
HOW IT TAKES AWAY FROM THE MARKET AND THEREBY KIND OF WORKING CROSS  
PURPOSES WITH OUR GOAL OF CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THERE IS THE  
ECONOMIC ENABLEMENT THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT PROVIDES.  
IT MEANS PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM OUTSIDE IN THEIR SPENDING DOLLARS IN  
THE COMMUNITY, OUR ECONOMY IS ENABLED AND THEN OUR TEMPORARY NEEDS.  
SO IN THE SINGLE HOTEL WE HAVE WE HAVE X NUMBER OF CAPACITY.  
IS THAT SUFFICIENT FOR MY UNDERSTANDING.  
IT HAS A SPECIFIC OCCUPANCY RATE AND THEN DO WE NEED ADDITIONAL STOCK  
IN THE MARKET AND HOW MUCH DO WE NEED.  
THAT IS ANOTHER VARIABLE.  
THERE IS A QUESTION OF FAIRNESS ACROSS ENTITIES AND HOW WE THINK ABOUT  
THAT SO THAT IS SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW.  
SO I THINK YOUR ANALYSIS AROUND OWNERSHIP STRUCTURES, THAT GIVES ME A  
LOT OF COMFORT BECAUSE THAT IS A VARIABLE IN MY HEAD BECAUSE THAT'S A  
LOT OF ANECDOTAL INFORMATION SUGGESTS THAT THE OWNERSHIP WAS IN SOME  
CASES SINGLE MOMS OR SOMEONE IN THE COMMUNITY TRYING TO SEEK OUT A  
LIVING LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY.  
THAT IS NOT WHAT YOU ARE SEEING OF THE DATA, CORRECT?

>> MAJORITY OF MULTI-LICENSE OPERATIONS OPERATE OVER HALF OF THE  
SHORT-TERM RENTALS HERE.

>> SO THERE MAY STILL BE A FEW, PROBABLY A MINORITY, BUT STILL  
MAY BE AN IMMEDIATE VIEW.  
SO THAT WAS PART OF TRYING TO BALANCE THE EQUATION ACROSS THE  
DIFFERENT PIECES.  
THE SECOND PART OF MY CONCERN WAS AROUND THE INCREASE FROM 4% TO 7.5%  
IN A SINGLE GOAL, RIGHT?  
SO HERE I DO SEE THE COMPARABLES THAT YOU HAVE, BUT I'M NOT SURE, I'M  
NOT 100% SURE THAT THOSE ARE TRULY COMPARABLE AND THROUGH IMPACT -  
WHETHER IT IS 3.5% AND WHAT THAT WILL BE.  
SO IN TERMS OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL, CREATING THE COMPOSITION  
THAT WE WANT FROM IT.  
SO ANY REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION?  
BECAUSE COMFORTABLE WITH 3.5% JUMP?

>> YES, AND I THINK IT HELPS ILLUSTRATE PEER COMMUNITIES AND WHAT  
THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH FOR THAT RATE.  
SO YES, I AM, YEAH.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT?  
THE THIRD ASPECT OF IT IS IN TERMS OF THE ALLOCATION.  
IS IT BETTER TO MOVE THE INCREASE, WHATEVER THE INCREASE HAPPENS BE,  
THE 3.5% INTO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND OR IS IT BETTER TO ROUTE IT  
THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND INTO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: I THINK YOU HAVE TO DIRECT IT IN THE  
ORDINANCE, WHICH WAY IT IS GOING TO GO, SO THAT IS THE WAY I HAVE  
DRAFTED IT SO GOES DIRECTLY TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.  
I THINK OTHERWISE IT WOULD GET A LITTLE CONVOLUTED.  
YOU HAVE TO BE EXPLICIT IN THESE TYPES OF ORDINANCES WHERE IT IS GOING  
BECAUSE YOU ARE TRYING TO MATCH A PURPOSE THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO  
HAVE THE MONEY GO DIRECTLY TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND SO IT SUPPORTS.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THE REASON I ASK IS THE REST OF THE 209,000  
GOES TO THE GENERAL FUND AND THEN TO THE VISIT OAK PARK AND GETS  
ALLOCATED OUT FROM IT AND THAT WE ARE HOLDING STEADY.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: BECAUSE THE CODE REQUIRES A CURRENTLY TO GO  
TO VISIT OAK PARK.  
AND THAT YOU ARE AMENDING THAT - YOU WOULD BE AMENDING THAT PART OF  
THIS ORDINANCE TO EXPAND WHERE IT CAN GO BECAUSE RIGHT NOW TECHNICALLY  
IT HAS TO GO TO VISIT OAK PARK UNDER YOUR CURRENT CODE PROVISION.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: OKAY.  
I THINK THOSE ARE ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAD.  
I STILL REMAIN JUST A LITTLE SKEPTICAL.  
THANK YOU, I WILL LISTEN TO THE REST OF THE QUESTIONS AND DECIDE.  
THANKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OPTIONS BEFORE  
US?  
I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED FOR THIS OPTION TO BE CONSIDERED.  
MAYBE RATHER THAN WAIT UNTIL THE END I WILL SHARE A FEW OF MY THOUGHTS  
AND TURN IT BACK OVER THE TRUSTEES FOR THE CONTINUED DIALOGUE AND  
FEEDBACK.  
SO THE REASON THAT I APPRECIATE OPTION A IS MY PERCEPTION IS THAT THE  
AIRBNB, SHORT-TERM RENTALS ARE MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTING OUR AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING STOCK, MORE SO THAN THE TRADITIONAL HOTEL/MOTEL.  
TYPICALLY IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT YOUR HOTEL/MOTEL TAX IS UTILIZED FOR  
TOURISM BENEFITS, FOR ECONOMIC VITALITY AND WE ARE GOING THROUGH A  
STUDY FOR THAT PURPOSE RIGHT NOW AND SO IN CONSIDERING THAT NOT YET  
KNOWING HOW WE MIGHT WANT TO COMMIT DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC  
VITALITY PLAN, I WOULD NOT WANT TO KIND OF CRIPPLE US OR, YOU KNOW,  
FROM LATER ON COMMITTING THAT HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FROM THE TRADITIONAL  
HOTEL FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
I COULD SEE IN ANOTHER YEAR OR SO REVISITING THAT PORTION, BUT IT IS  
MUCH EASIER TO ADD TAX THAN IT IS TO ROLL IT BACK.  
SO IF WE WERE TO PUT THE ENTIRE INCREASE SOLELY FORWARD IN BOTH AREAS  
FOR THE HOTEL/MOTEL IN THE SHORT TERM RENTAL INTO THE AFFORDABLE

HOUSING TRUST FUND AND AFTER WE HAVE THAT ECONOMIC VITALITY PLAN DECIDE THAT WE WANT TO SEE SOME DOLLARS AND WE TRY TO MATCH REVENUE WITH WHERE WE WOULD WANT TO SPEND IT AND HAVE IT KIND OF MAKES SENSE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE BUSINESS WE WOULD BE TAXING, USUALLY WHEN YOU DO THAT YOU SEE IT - LIKE IN OTHER COMMUNITIES YOU SEE A INCREASE IN HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR SAY BUILDING A CONFERENCE CENTER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND SO THAT CAN BE A LITTLE MORE APPROPRIATE, RIGHT? IF WE WERE NOT GOING THROUGH THIS STUDY, MAYBE IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE RAISED MY CONCERN HERE, BUT IT FEELS LIKE WE CAN MAKE THAT DECISION AND WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

SO WE STILL WANT TO RAISE HOW MUCH MONEY WE SEE GOING INTO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, BUT TO TAKE THE ONE PIECE THAT WOULD BE THE LOGICAL REVENUE SOURCE FOR AN ECONOMIC VITALITY PLAN AND COMMIT TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND WHEN IT DOES NOT DIRECTLY AFFECT OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOES NOT SEEM LIKE SOMETHING WE WANT TO NECESSARILY COMMIT TO AT THIS TIME AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT DIFFERENCE IS NOT SIGNIFICANT TO AT LEAST FINISH OUT THIS YEAR AS AN OPTION A SO WE STILL HAVE THAT TIME TO CONTINUE TO EVALUATE AS WE HAVE THIS ECONOMIC VITALITY PLAN. SO THOSE WERE MY THOUGHTS AT THIS TIME.

>> IF I MAY ADD ON ONE ITEM, YEAH, STAFF ABSOLUTELY WILL CONTINUE TO BRING FORWARD THROUGH VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE BUDGETING PROCESS CERTAINLY ADDITIONAL OPTIONS TO FUND THIS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.  
ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?  
TRUSTEE WESLEY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WELCOME.  
FIRST PRESENTATION, RIGHT?  
CONGRATULATIONS.  
YOU DID AN AMAZING JOB.  
I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.  
I HAVE A COUPLE COMMENTS.  
GOING TO LET YOU OFF A LITTLE EASY TONIGHT.  
MAINLY I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE REASON THAT I'M GOING TO VOTE "YES" FOR STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION OF OPTION A AND THAT IS BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE A DENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS TO ADD HOUSING AT SCALE.  
WE NEED LOTS AND LOTS OF UNITS.  
THE PROBLEM I HAVE IS THAT WE DID ACTUALLY ATTEMPT THAT AND WE DID REALLY GOOD AT IT.  
SO FOR THE FIVE YEARS BETWEEN 2016 AND 2021 WE ADDED 1068 UNITS.  
10% OF THE HOUSING UNITS THAT WERE ADDED IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD, BUT WE NOW HAVE 120 AIR B&B LICENSES.  
SO 11.5% OF THOSE HOUSING UNITS WE ADDED ARE NOW GOING TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS SO KNOCK THOSE OFF THE BOARD.

IT IS REALLY HARD TO ADD SCALE WHEN WE ARE TAKING SCALE OFF AND I THINK IN ORDER TO OFFSET SOME OF THAT WE NEEDED TO HAVE A FUNDING MECHANISM SUCH AS THIS ONE THAT CAN PULL SOME OF THAT MONEY BACK AND REDISTRIBUTE IT IN TERMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TYPE SERVICES.

FOR ME THIS IS ABOUT - WE HAVE TO ADD MORE, MORE, AND MORE HOUSING UNITS IN ORDER TO GET AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT SCALE, BUT WE ALSO IF WE ARE GOING TO ALLOW AIR B&B'S, I DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THEM, BUT IF WE ARE GOING TO DO THAT AND THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE 11 ANIMALS 12% OF THE HOUSING UNITS THAT WE HAVE THEN WE SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF THAT BACK, TOO.

THAT IS KIND OF WHERE I AM ON THIS AND I AM FULLY IN SUPPORT OF OPTION A, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION AND WELCOME ABOARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I AM FULLY IN SUPPORT OF OPTION A FOR ALL THE REASONS OUTLINED BY STAFF AND BECAUSE IT IS SUPPORTED BY YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND THE OTHER QUESTIONS?

TRUSTEE STRAW?

CHECKING IN.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I'M CURIOUS LOOKING AT THESE OPTIONS, DID YOU DO AN ANALYSIS OF IF WE DID JUST - IF WE DID OPTION A WITH THE GRADUAL INCREASE?

I BELIEVE ALL THE OPTION B OPTIONS ARE THE GRADUAL INCREASE ON THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX AS OPPOSED TO GRADUAL INCREASE ON THE SHORT TERM RENTAL.

IS THAT CORRECT?

>> YES.

WE DID TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

ULTIMATELY IT WAS DEEMED TO BE OF NO VALUE TO DO A GRADUATED INCREASE ON THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS JUST BECAUSE THE POOL IS SO MUCH LARGER, THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS PER LICENSEE ARE SO MUCH SMALLER.

IT WAS VERY NEGLIGIBLE.

THE SAVINGS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE FROM A GRADUATED INCREASE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I THINK THAT BECAUSE A LOT OF THE FOLKS DO HAVE TWO OR FEWER UNITS, THEY ARE GOING TO FEEL THE IMPACT OF WHAT IS FUNCTIONALLY - IS ALMOST A DOUBLING OF THEIR TAX.

THEY ARE GOING TO FEEL THAT A LITTLE MORE KEENLY I KNOW AS WAS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY, THE WAY IT OPERATES WITH AIRBNB IS IT IS A DIRECT PASS THROUGH TO THE CONSUMER, RATHER THAN AT NECESSARILY COMING OUT OF THE BOTTOM LINE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS WHO IS LISTING THE UNIT.

YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT TRUSTEE PARAKKAT IS A VALID POINT THAT WE DO NOT NECESSARILY KNOW WHAT THE IMPACT IS GOING TO BE OF THIS SIGNIFICANT OF AN INCREASE.

I AM VERY COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT TRUSTEE WESLEY IS SAYING AT THE SAME TIME THAT, YOU KNOW, THESE UNITS ARE UNITS THAT OTHERWISE MIGHT BE LONG-TERM RENTALS AND GIVEN THAT, THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT POLICY ARGUMENT FOR A DIFFERENTIATED TAX BETWEEN THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX IN THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS.

I AM VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THAT AND SO ULTIMATELY I WILL BE VOTING IN SUPPORT OF WHATEVER THE BOARD ENDS UP WITH TONIGHT, BUT I DO THINK IT IS WORTH CONSIDERING, EVEN IF IT IS NOT A HALF-POINT A YEAR, BUT MAY BE INCREASING BY 150 BASIS POINTS IN THE FIRST YEAR, 100 BASIS POINTS IN THE NEXT YEAR AND 100 BASIS POINTS IN THE THIRD YEAR JUST SO THAT IT IS MORE GRADUAL AND WE SORT OF HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE DATA TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT IT IS NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE AIRBNB OWNERS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHERS ON THE BOARD THINK ABOUT THAT AND IF THERE IS NOT AN APPETITE FOR THAT KIND OF GRADUATED APPROACH, I UNDERSTAND THAT AND I'M FINE WITH THAT, BUT I DO THINK TRUSTEE PARAKKAT HAS A FAIR POINT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SURE.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I HAVE BEEN A PROPONENT OF THE GRADUATED OPTION JUST TO GAIN DATA AND GET MORE CLARIFICATION ON THE DECISION. SAYING THAT I THINK MY COLLEAGUES MAKE COMPELLING ARGUMENTS AND I HEAR ALL OF THAT AND ALL OF THEM IN ISOLATION AND THE ANALYSIS THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED HAS GOTTEN ME A LITTLE MORE COMFORTABLE, BUT IT IS NOT GOTTEN ME ALL THE WAY TO MAKING THAT DECISION. I WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW, I AM STILL A "NO", BUT HAVING SAID THAT I HOPE THIS WORKS EXACTLY AS YOU ARE RECOMMENDING AND AND IT WORKS REALLY WELL FOR US AND THAT MY APPREHENSIONS ARE MISPLACED. THAT IS MY GENUINE HOPE FOR THIS, BUT YOU KNOW, BASED ON THE DATA AVAILABLE I AM NOT ALL THE WAY THERE IN TERMS OF MAKING THAT DECISION IN TERMS OF THAT LEVEL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JUST A QUESTION, IF WE CIRCLED BACK TO ANY OF THE AIR B&B OWNERS, IF THEY RAISE CONCERN AT THE INCREASE THEN CAN YOU DESCRIBE OR CAN YOU KIND OF RECAP FOR US WHAT IT MEANS BY PASS THROUGH FOR JUST EDUCATION TO OUR COMMUNITY?

>> SURE.

I KNOW INITIALLY OUTREACH WAS DONE TO THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL COMMUNITY. A LOT OF THE RESPONSE - WE DID NOT RECEIVE A LETTER RESPONSE FIRST AND FOREMOST, BUT THE RESPONSE WE DID WAS JUST ASKING CLARIFICATION ABOUT THIS TAX, ALMOST AS IF THE OPERATORS MAY HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF THIS TAX AND WAS THE INITIAL OUTREACH.

I'VE NOT HEARD OF ANY ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK SINCE THAT AND THE DISCUSSION CONTINUES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPER ON THIS ITEM AND THE POTENTIAL INCREASE, YET I DID NOT RECEIVE ONE EMAIL FROM ONE AIRBNB OWNER EXPRESSING CONCERN.

ONCE THEY UNDERSTOOD THE PASS-THROUGH THAT IT IS NOT MONEY COMING OUT OF THEIR POCKET.

, BUT I DO STILL HAVE CONCERNS THAT IF YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR AND YOU HAVE A BUDGET TO STAY ON WITH YOUR TRAVELING, BUT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT, WE SAW SOME CASH AT SOME POINTS IN ONE OF THE PRESENTATIONS, LIKE WITH THE DOLLAR AMOUNT WOULD BE, JUST WITH SOME QUICK GOOGLING, AIR B&B IN OAK PARK IS ANYWHERE FROM \$135-\$165.

SO WITH 7% OR ADDITIONAL 4.5% WOULD BE LIKE FIVE DOLLARS, RIGHT?

>> I DON'T RECALL THE NUMBERS OFFHAND.

HAPPY TO PROVIDE THEM IF DESIRED, BUT THE SAVINGS FOR INDIVIDUAL OPERATORS OR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS TO TENANTS AT AIR B&B IS WASN'T NEGLIGIBLE, BUT IT DID COMPOUND FOR US AS A MUNICIPALITY WHEN WE WENT TO GO PUT THOSE FUNDS TO WORK ON DELIVERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DO THINK THE BENEFIT TO OUR COMMUNITY OF WHAT WE COULD DO WITH THOSE DOLLARS AND PARTICULARLY WHEN I LOOK AT THE MAP AS TO WHERE THE AIRBNB'S ARE, THEY ARE IN OUR MORE AFFORDABLE AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY.

AND AGAIN, EVERYBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE A LIVING.

SO I'M NOT INTERESTED IN PREVENTING AIRBNB'S IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT I DO FEEL A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT THAT REALITY.

WHEN - PARTICULARLY WHEN I LOOK AT THE MAP AND SO I AM VERY COMFORTABLE WITH ITEM A AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS.

IF THERE IS NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, PERHAPS WE ARE READY TO TAKE A VOTE? ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: NOT A QUESTION, MORE OF A COMMENT.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR FIRST PRESENTATION AND KNOWING THESE NUMBERS OFFHAND.

APPRECIATE AT ALL.

I AGREE WITH BRIAN AND TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

I THINK UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE WANT TO SEE AS WELL AS TRUSTEE WESLEY, WHAT WE WANT TO SEE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO BE AVAILABLE, BUT I'M NOT AGAINST PEOPLE MAKING A LIVING FOR THEMSELVES EITHER, BUT IF THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REVISIT THIS AND UNDERSTAND IF THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN DO IN THE FUTURE TO BRING SOME - RECOUP SOME DOLLARS IF THERE ARE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT INTO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, THEN I AGREE THAT IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE REVIEWING AND CONSISTENTLY LOOKING AT, BUT ALSO WHAT THIS IMPACT IS TO OUR SHORT-TERM RENTERS.

I AGREE, JUST DEFINITELY THINKING THAT THERE COULD BE SOME OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE FOR US TO LOOK AT THESE NUMBERS HARDER, BUT ALSO TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IMPACT IS BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING DOES LOOK TO ME FIND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AN OPTION A, BUT WHO CAN TELL?

I KNOW WE HAVE THE GENTLEMAN WHO CAME IN AND TOLD US THE STORY OF WHAT HE TRULY TAKES HOME AT THE END OF THE DAY IN THE CONCERN THAT WAS IN THAT IN HIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, BUT IT DOES LOOK LIKE, LIKE 15-20% OF THESE STOCK GOES TO SOMEBODY OVER IN FOREST PARK.

YOU KNOW, I THINK ONLY TIME WILL TELL HOW THAT TRULY AFFECTS JUST THE INDIVIDUAL PERSON AND KNOWING THE DATA I GAVE US WAS REALLY GOOD FOR US TO LOOK BACK ON AND MONITOR.

SO I WOULD SAY FOR THE SHORT-TERM - FOR THE SHORT-TERM AND THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL SITUATION I'M OKAY WITH OPTION A, BUT I DO WANT THAT TO BE SOMETHING THAT WE CHECK BACK IN ON IN SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR TO UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT BETTER.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

GO AHEAD, TRUSTEE WESLEY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY IF IT HELPS I WILL SECOND TRUSTEE ENYIA'S REQUEST TO BRING THIS BACK IN SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXACTLY WHERE I WAS GOING.

THANK YOU.

I THINK WHAT THAT IS SAYING IS - I THINK WE TYPICALLY DO IN OUR PROCESS IS EVALUATE WHAT THIS REALLY IS DOING FOR US AND I THINK WHEN WE HAVE THAT CONVERSATION, IF THERE IS ANY STAKEHOLDERS HERE, THAT IS OVERLY BURDENSOME TO ANY OF THOSE OWNERS WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE THAT AS PART OF THE PACKAGE, ALL OF THE INFORMATION BROUGHT BACK TO US AND WE KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE THIS YEAR, IT IS ONE OF OUR BOARD GOALS TO CONTINUE IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES, NOT JUST FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, BUT ACROSS THE BOARD.

SO VERY GOOD.

JUST LOOKING AROUND.

GOOD?

OKAY, CLERK WATERS?

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> NO.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU, MOTION PASSES.

WE DID NOT APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE - I HAVE EVER DONE THAT BEFORE.  
I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS IT IS  
WRITTEN?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU BRIAN FOR YOUR HEAD'S UP ON THAT BY  
THE WAY.

MOTIONED BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND I THINK CHIBUIKE MIGHT HAVE BEAT YOU  
OUT A LITTLE BIT.

TRUSTEE ENYIA FOR THE SECOND GRADE ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: ROLL CALL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE.

I AM TOO EXCITED THAT WE ARE ON TIME.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

EXCELLENT.

WE HAVE CALLED TO THE BOARD AND CLERK THIS EVENING.

CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US OFF?

>>CLERK: JUST REALLY QUICKLY WANTED TO REMIND OAK PARK THAT  
SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY CAN BEGIN EARLY VOTING ON MONDAY, MARCH 4. IT  
WILL RUN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK THROUGH MONDAY, MARCH 18, HOWEVER, PLEASE  
REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO VOTING AT VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19,  
WHICH IS ELECTION DAY.

THAT IS THE DATE YOU WILL GO TO YOUR POLLING PLACE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE VILLAGE FOR  
PUTTING ON A GREAT BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT AT THE 19TH-CENTURY CLUB.  
I THINK STAFF DID A WONDERFUL JOB.

IT WAS A REALLY GOOD REPRESENTATION OF HISTORY, CULTURE, MUSIC, DANCE.  
ALL OF THAT WRAPPED INTO ONE.

THANK YOU DOCTOR WALKER AND TEAM FOR PUTTING THAT TOGETHER.  
JUST REALLY APPRECIATE THAT AND THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR VILLAGE  
STAFF, ALL OF YOU, LISA SHELLEY, EVERYONE WHO HAS DONE THEIR YEARS OF  
SERVICE HERE.

I THINK IT GOES WITHOUT QUESTION TO SAY THAT YOU ALL JUST DO AN  
AMAZING JOB AND WE ARE SUPER LUCKY TO HAVE ALL OF YOU TO SEE 35 YEARS  
OF WORK AND IN AHMAD'S CASE, THREE YEARS.

WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL.

IT REALLY DOES MEAN A LOT AND I CANNOT SAY IT ENOUGH.

YOU ARE ALL WHAT MAKES OAK PARK SPECIAL.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I WAS GOING TO SAY THE SAME.

AS CHIBUIKE DID A SHOUT OUT TO DOCTOR WALKER AND HER STAFF FOR THE  
CELEBRATION.

THE ARTS, THE DANCE, THE MUSIC, IT WAS REALLY MOVING AND JUST A  
FANTASTIC CELEBRATION.

THANKS.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YEAH, I WILL SECOND THE SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF THE  
STAFF ON THE YEARS OF RECOGNITION.

THIS IS TRULY AN AMAZING LIST AND SOME FOLKS HERE, 35 YEARS, 25 YEARS  
IS AMAZING.

JUST A SHOUT OUT AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL OF YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD  
WORK AND LOYAL SERVICE TO THIS VILLAGE THAT WE ALL HOLD SO DEAR AND  
THEY DO NOT GET TO TELL AIDEN TO GO TO BED BECAUSE IT IS NOT HIS  
BEDTIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: YEAH.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STAFF MEMBERS WHO WERE RECOGNIZED THIS  
EVENING.

WITHOUT STAFF OUR IDEAS ARE JUST IDEAS.

THEY DO NOT REALLY GET IMPLEMENTED THEY DO NOT COME TO LIFE WITHOUT  
STAFF.

SO I AM ALWAYS HUGELY GRATEFUL TO STAFF FOR ALL THAT THEY DO FOR US,  
WHICH IS ENORMOUS.

SO IT IS GREAT TO TAKE SOME TIME IN OUR MEETING TO RECOGNIZE THEM.

SO DOCTOR WALKER DID NOT DISAPPOINT WITH THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT  
THIS YEAR.

IT WAS PHENOMENAL AND IT JUST LIKE LAST YEAR, BUT NOT THE SAME AS LAST  
YEAR.

IT IS IMPRESSIVE THAT IT WAS EQUALLY PHENOMENAL, YET DIFFERENT.

SO I SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO CALL OUT THE SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCE.

FOR ME, THAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT.

I'M THE MOTHER OF TWO SPOKEN WORD ARTISTS WHO WENT TO COLLEGE ON SPOKEN WORD SCHOLARSHIPS.

SO IF YOU THINK THAT IS NOT A THING.

IT IS A THING.

SO IF YOU HAVE A BUDDING SPOKEN WORD ARTISTS, FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME AND I CAN SHARE WITH YOU HOW WE GOT TWO KIDS THROUGH COLLEGE THROUGH THAT ARTFORM.

THAT ARTFORM IN PARTICULAR IS THE NATURE OF THE ARTFORM ITSELF, JUST LIKE THE OTHER ART FORMS THAT WERE THERE.

FOR ANYONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT SPOKEN WORD IS, IT'S A SELF AUTHORED POETRY WRITING THAT IS PERFORMED AND SO THAT IS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSIVE THAT IT IS MEMORIZED AND PERFORMED AND ALSO THAT IT USUALLY IS A REFLECTION OF THE POET'S OWN LIFE EXPERIENCE.

SO THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF BRAVERY THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE SPOKEN WORD PIECES.

SO IT IS ALWAYS SO AMAZINGLY IMPRESSIVE TO ME THAT PEOPLE HAVE THAT TALENT, BUT IT HAS GOT ITS ORIGINS FROM THE MORAL STORYTELLING HISTORY THAT IS EMBEDDED THROUGHOUT THE TRADITIONS OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA. IT IS NOT JUST SUBJECT MATTER RELEVANT AND APPLICABLE TO THE BLACK HISTORY EVENT, BUT ALSO THE ARTFORM ITSELF I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT GETS ITS PROPER RESPECT AND PLACE AND SORT OF THE CULTURES IN THE ORAL HISTORY TRADITIONS OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA CULTURES, AND OF COURSE INFLUENCES FROM HARLEM RENAISSANCE ERA, HIP-HOP CULTURE, IT IS CERTAINLY VERY APPROPRIATE FOR THIS SORT OF EVENT THAT WE HAVE AND FOR ME WAS THE HIGHLIGHT.

SO THANK YOU AND THANK YOU TO THE SPOKEN WORD ARTISTS WHO PERFORMED.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I THINK IT IS A CONSISTENT THEME TODAY. DEFINITELY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE MILESTONE AWARD WINNERS, BUT TO ALL STAFF, RIGHT?

I THINK SPECIFICALLY IT IS THERE, BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE BETWEEN THOSE MILESTONES WHO ALSO DESERVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

SO AS LUCIA WAS POINTING OUT, WITHOUT YOU GUYS IT IS DIFFICULT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY EFFECTIVELY AS WE DO.

SO I APPRECIATE THAT AND THANK YOU, AND EVEN FOR THE NEW FOLKS COMING IN, AND IT IS APPRECIATED BECAUSE I KNOW THAT BECAUSE AHMAD WANTS A THREE-YEAR ONE AT THIS POINT.

IT COUNTS FOR SOMETHING.

GENUINELY, THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY THE SECOND THING I WAS ALSO FORTUNATE TO BE A PART OF THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS AND NO TWO WORDS ABOUT IT.

GREAT JOB BY DOCTOR WALKER AND TEAM.

I THINK THE PROGRAMMING WAS TOP-NOTCH.

I THINK IT IS EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR IN MY VIEW.

OSCAR WAS GOOD, BUT NOW WE HAVE A DIFFERENT BENCHMARK SO THIS WAS REALLY COOL.

THE ONLY OTHER THING I WOULD ADD IS OUR FIRST BUY THE BURBS RESTAURANT WEEK IS COMING UP AND THE LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY, ENDING UP IN BY TONIGHT, WHICH IS THE ONE THAT IS ORGANIZED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE 19TH-CENTURY CLUB, THE SAME VENUE.

WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO COME IN AND BE A PART OF ALL OF THAT SO WE CAN ENABLE OUR ECONOMY THROUGH THOSE ACTIVITIES.

WE ARE STARTING OFF WITH BUY THE BURBS, SO IT'S GREAT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR ALL THOSE RESTAURANTS.

THANKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE STRAW?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I APOLOGIZE THAT I AM NOT THERE IN PERSON TO HAVE SHAKEN EVERYBODY'S HAND FOR REACHING THE LANDMARKS YOU HAVE IN YOUR SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE.

I THINK THAT ACTUALLY HAVING A FIRST PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD TONIGHT ON THE SAME NIGHT WHEN WE WERE RECOGNIZING SO MANY LANDMARKS IN SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE IS JUST AN EXCELLENT - AN EXCELLENT SORT OF - I'M NOT COMING UP WITH THE RIGHT WORD, BUT IT REALLY HIGHLIGHTS BOTH, YOU KNOW, HOW VALUABLE NEW VOICES ARE AND HOW VALUABLE ALL OF THE EXPERIENCE AND THE LONG YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE ARE AND IT IS JUST SO EXCITING TO BE A PART OF THAT.

I ALSO, YOU KNOW, I VERY MUCH ENJOYED THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING THIS WEEKEND AND THERE WAS A PERIOD OF THE PROGRAMMING WHERE I COULD NOT STAY IN MY SEAT AT THE TABLE, I HAD TO STAND AT THE BACK BECAUSE THE MUSIC WAS SUCH THAT I COULDN'T STOP MY FEET FROM MOVING.

SO I HAD TO STAND UP AND THE CROWD HAD FOLKS OF EVERY AGE AND THE SEEING HOW FOLKS OF EVERY AGE SORT OF INTERACTED WITH THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING FROM SOME OF OUR YOUNGEST PARTICIPANTS WHO ALSO COULD NOT KEEP THEIR FEET FROM MOVING, TO SOME OF OUR OLDER PARTICIPANTS WHO - FOR WHOM THE RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS ALL THE MORE POIGNANT BECAUSE OF HOW RECENT SOME OF THE BLACK HISTORY MONUMENTS, LANDMARKS THAT WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR.

IT WAS REALLY MEANINGFUL THAT IT WAS SO MUCH OF A INTERGENERATIONAL CELEBRATION AS WELL.

SO I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR STAFF PUTTING THAT CELEBRATION TOGETHER AND GETTING TO BE A PART OF THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

CLERK WATERS?

>>CLERK: I WANT TO PIGGYBACK OFF OF IT TRUSTEE STRAW'S COMMENTS IN TERMS OF THE YOUNGEST ENJOYING THEIR TIME THERE.

I JUST WANT TO SAY AS A SINGLE PARENT, I FELT THE LOVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE VILLAGE THAT I THINK WE ALL HOLD DEAR HERE IN OAK PARK.

MY DAUGHTER WAS TRULY ALLOWED TO BE A 2 1/2-YEAR-OLD IN THAT ROOM THAT DAY WHILE I REGISTERED VOTERS AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THAT IS WHAT

WE ARE ALL TRULY HERE FOR SO I JUST WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH I AM GRATEFUL TO DOCTOR WALKER AND THE DEI TEAM, (NAME?), CASSANDRA, FOR CREATING A SPACE IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE I FELT SAFE AND MY DAUGHTER FELT SAFE TO BE WHO SHE IS.

I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MY FAMILY, MICHAEL, CHRISTIAN, AND MY MOM CARMEN, AND MY DAUGHTER ALAYNA WHO ALL VOLUNTEERED FOR THE EVENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW.

THANK YOU DOCTOR WALKER, CHALANDA, CASSANDRA, FOR A VERY MEANINGFUL - TO CONCENTRATE ON THE ARTS WAS TRULY PROFOUND. SO THANK YOU.

AND TO EVERYONE ELSE WHO WAS INVOLVED AS WELL.

ALSO, CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO ALL OF THE - THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED RECOGNITION THIS EVENING.

I LOVE COMING INTO MY OFFICE HERE AT VILLAGE HALL AND THE SAYING HELLO TO EVERYBODY AS I WALK IN.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT EVERYBODY HAD AND THEIR IDEAS IN HELPING US WITH ACCOMPLISHING OUR GOALS, BUT THEY SHARE THEIR INVESTMENT HERE IN OUR VILLAGE AND SO THANK YOU ALL.

MHM.

I DO ALSO SECOND TRUSTEE PARAKKAT'S ENDORSEMENT FOR BIKE NIGHT. IT IS ALWAYS A GOOD TIME.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THE ONE THING I MISSED AND I GOT THE OPPORTUNITY AND I WAS INVITED TO BE ON A PANEL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, THEIR CIVIC SERVICE DAY.

SO THEY HAVE THIS EVERY YEAR AND IT WAS GREAT TO TALK TO THE YOUNGSTERS BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CIVIC LANDSCAPE.

THERE'S ROLES OF VOLUNTEERING THAT EACH OF THEM HOW TO DO DURING THEIR PROGRAM AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

IT WAS A GREAT TIME HAVING THAT CONVERSATION WITH THEM.

THIS ONE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL THE TEACHERS THAT ORGANIZED THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SAME.

CHRISTINA AND I WERE ALSO THERE AND IT WAS A GREAT EVENT AND I APPRECIATE IT.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR CONTINUING TO INVITE US EVERY YEAR.

AND THEN ALSO, THIS IS A LITTLE LATE NOTICE, BUT IF ANYONE IS WILLING TO HELP GET THE WORD OUT ON FACEBOOK, IT IS NOT MY STRENGTH OF THE SARAH'S INN HAS A USE OF VOICE AWARDED DUE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING WITH POETRY, WITH VIDEO, WITH SPOKEN WORD, THEN YOU CAN GO TO SARAH'S INN.org OR SARAHSINNTV.org TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT POTENTIAL \$2000 AWARD.

OKAY.

SO I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTIONED BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECONDED BY  
TRUSTEE STRAW.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE..

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HAVE A GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY.