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[CAPTIONS ON STANDBY]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME.

WE WILL BE LEAVING YOU SOON.

IT IS 6:33 PM AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD ORDER.

CLERK WATERS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> HERE.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

PAUL FOR THE VERY LAST TIME IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DO WHAT?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IS PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (21), STUMBLING LAST TIME.

IN PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

ALL IN FAVOR?

NO, CLERK WATERS.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES. WE WILL SEE YOU ALL IN ABOUT 25 MINUTES.

THANK YOU.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: - -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME BACK, EVERYBODY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US.

IT IS 7:01 PM AND I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE THIS REGULAR MEETING OF VILLAGE BOARD TO ORDER.

CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> HERE.

>> PRESIDENTS, AND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: 19 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 9, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.

MOTION, PLEASE,

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AT THANK YOU TRUSTEE WESLEY AND THEN TRUSTEE STRAW SECONDED.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HEARING NO NAY'S, MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED. CLERK WATERS, ANY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING?

>>CLERK: YES WE DO.

STUART?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS STUART BARNES JEMISON, MY FAMILY AND I ARE 25+ YEAR RESIDENCE OF THE 1000 BLOCK OF SOUTH RIDGELAND AVENUE AND - - I AM NOT OFFICIALLY SPEAKING ON THEIR BEHALF TONIGHT.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY THIS EVENING TO BRIEFLY SHARE MY REFLECTIONS AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

I ATTENDED THE MEETING ON JUNE 18 TO LISTEN AND LEARN.

I CAME AWAY FROM THAT MEETING MORE INFORMED ABOUT THE ISSUES AND DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO ENTITIES AND I ALSO CAME AWAY WITH SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD.

FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY OBSERVATIONS OF THE DIALOGUE THAT EVENING.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEARD A RESPECT FOR AND THE COMMITMENT TO AT LEAST THE MISSION OF THE HOUSING CENTER AND ITS CENTRALITY MAKING OAK PARK WHAT IT IS TODAY.

I ALSO HEARD AND RESPECTED THE SUGGESTION THAT THE HOUSING CENTERS METHODS, IF NOT ITS MISSION NEED TO BE OBSERVED FOR TODAY'S OAK PARK. I HEARD AND SHARE YOUR CONCERN FOR THE CENTERS REPORTING AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT.

FROM THE HOUSING CENTER STAFF KNOWS WHO SPOKE ON ITS BEHALF THAT EVENING, I HEARD A WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN SOME ACCOUNTABILITY. MOST OF THE TIME I FELT VERY HOPEFUL THAT THIS ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED AMICABLY AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE VILLAGE AND ITS RESIDENTS.

WHAT I DID NOT HEAR IN THE PUBLIC COMMENTS OR IN THE TRUSTEE DISCUSSION THAT EVENING WAS ANY DISRESPECT OF INDIVIDUALS ON EITHER SIDE.

UNTIL IT WAS BROUGHT UP COMPLETELY UNEXPECTEDLY BY A COUPLE OF PARTICIPANTS.

IT WAS CLEAR TO ME THAT THIS CONFLICT IS A HISTORY THAT THE REST OF US IN ATTENDANCE WERE NOT AWARE OF AND FRANKLY DID NOT NEED TO KNOW ABOUT.

I BELIEVE THE FUTURE OF THE HOUSING CENTER IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH THAT WE NEED TO MOVE BEYOND ANY PERSONALITY CONFLICTS TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE.

I BELIEVE WE ALL NEED TO COMMIT TO GIVING HOUSING CENTER THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES, WITH A MUTUALLY AMICABLE RESOLUTION IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE AND TO PUT PERSONALITY ISSUES ASIDE. TO THAT END, I HUMBLY SUGGEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY TASK FORCE TO WORK ON THIS ISSUE AND I WOULD OFFER MYSELF AS A RESOURCE FOR SUCH A TASK FORCE.

SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'RE DOING.

I REMAIN A PROUD RESIDENT OF OAK PARK COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE AS A DIVERSE, INCLUSIVE AND INTEGRATED COMMUNITY THAT CAN AND SHOULD REMAIN A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS THIS EVENING. ANY OTHER NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT?  
CLERK WATERS?

>>CLERK: NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF.  
I JUST ASKED THE QUESTION ONLINE THOUGH.  
WE HAD QUITE A FEW JOIN US ON ZOOM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE INTERRUPT IF NEED BE AFTER.  
AFTER OUR NEXT AGENDA ITEM.

TONIGHT IS - BEFORE VILLAGE MANAGERS REPORT, A BITTERSWEET EVENING WHERE WE ARE SAYING GOODBYE TO A TREASURED VILLAGE MANAGER IN PAUL STEPHANIDES - VILLAGE ATTORNEY!

I HOPE WE CAN ALL LAUGH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT WAS A QUICK PROMOTION.  
OKAY.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: YOU CAN DEMOTE ME NOW.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU CAN SAY THAT ALOUD, TRUSTEE ROBINSON.  
I APPRECIATE IT.

SO WITH THAT THOUGH, I WILL ASK CLERK WATERS TO START US OFF.

>>CLERK: IN APPRECIATION OF PAUL STEPHANIDES, VILLAGE ATTORNEY, 2013 - 2024.

PAUL STEPHANIDES HAS SERVED THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WITH HONOR AND EXCELLENCE AS VILLAGE ATTORNEY FROM SEPTEMBER 2013 UNTIL JULY 2024.

>> PAUL JOINED THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IN 2013 WITH EXPERTISE IN REAL ESTATE, LAND USE AND ZONING, LITIGATION, CONSTRUCTION LAW, ELECTION LAW, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW, PROSECUTION AND COUNSELING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD AND COMMISSIONS AS A PARTNER WITH CHICAGO-BASED LAW FIRM, ROBBINS, SCHWARTZ, NICHOLAS, LIFTON AND TAYLOR LTD.

>> PRIOR TO JOINING ROBBINS, SCHWARTZ, NICHOLS LIFTON AND TAYLOR 2005, PAUL WAS A - - NAPERVILLE, A POSITION HE GOT IN 1992. HE ALSO SERVED AS ASSISTANT GENERAL ATTORNEY WITH THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT.

>> PAUL'S FAST EXPERTISE BENEFITED THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR SIGNIFICANT RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT,

APPRECIATE THAT, TIF MANAGEMENT, UNION NEGOTIATIONS, LITIGATION, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS, CONTRACTS, SUPPORT OF STATE, FEDERAL AND COUNTY GRANTS, FOIA, ELECTION MATTERS, AND LEADING PROGRESSIVE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES THAT REMAIN THE GOLD STANDARD FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IN AREAS OF LIQUOR, ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT, POLICING, HEALTH, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SUSTAINABILITY AMONG MANY OTHERS.

>> PAUL IS EXTREMELY WELL REGARDED AMONGST HIS COLLEAGUES AND PEERS IN MUNICIPAL LAW AND THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK. PAUL'S CURRENT HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE STATE CHAIR AND REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT OF THE ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, AND CHAIR OF THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE HOME RULE ATTORNEYS COMMITTEE.

>> PAUL HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR ALL OAK PARK IS DURING HIS TIME AS VILLAGE ATTORNEY WITH THE HIGHEST WORK AND ETHICAL STANDARDS. HIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF MUNICIPAL LAW AND THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE HAS PROVIDED A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS TOO MANY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND VILLAGE MANAGERS.

>> IN ADDITION TO PAUL'S PROFESSIONALISM AND ADVANCED EXPERTISE, PAUL HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH AND AS A FRIEND TO MANY PAST AND PRESENT VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS PROPOSE LEAVENED PASSION FOR MUSIC, PLAY GUITAR AND SINGING IS INFECTIOUS AND BECOME A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE ONE ANOTHER OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE.

>> IS A COLLEAGUE AND MENTOR TO MANY, PAUL HAS PROVIDED CONSISTENT, INFORMED, AND THOUGHTFUL ADVICE WITH AN OPEN DOOR POLICY. PAUL LEAVES A LASTING IMPACT THE LEGACY ON THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TO BE ADMIRERD AND APPRECIATED ON THIS DAY FORWARD. HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY. WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST, PAUL.

[APPLAUSE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PAUL I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE TRUSTEE TAGLIA, ANDREA (NAME?), TRUSTEE COLETTE LUECK IN THE AUDIENCE AND FORMER TRUSTEE MARK (NAME?) AND FORMER VILLAGE ATTORNEY, RAY (NAME?).

I WOULD WELCOME IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY WORDS AND LIQUOR CONTROL REVIEW BOARD CHAIR, SARAH CORBIN, SPECIAL CONNECTION TO THE NEXT MOMENT. THIS IS PAINTED BY TONY MARINO, SARAH'S FATHER, A LOCAL ARTIST THAT HAS BEEN HANGING IN MY OFFICE FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND PAUL HAS ADMIRERD IT AND WE ARE SENDING IT HOME WITH HIM TODAY. I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL HAVE A PHOTO MOMENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PAUL, WHY DON'T YOU TELL PEOPLE WHO THAT IS?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: SO YOU MENTIONED ABOUT GUITAR PLAYING AND SO FORTH, THAT IS WORN Z VONDA, ONE OF THE GREATEST SINGER SONGWRITERS OF ALL TIME AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN IS RIGHT, I HAVE ADMIRERD THIS, LIKE WHO PAINTED THAT?

OH SARAH'S FATHER, THAT IS AMAZING!

AND IT IS JUST WONDERFUL AND I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH.

WHAT AN HONOR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WARREN Z VON - LAWYERS, GUNS, AND MONEY.

[LAUGHTER]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT.

I THINK WE ARE ALL GOING TO COME OUT AND IF THE PAST TRUSTEES WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US WE WILL TAKE A PICTURE WITH PAUL.

YOU GUYS GO IN THE MIDDLE AND WE STAND UP.

WHAT DO YOU SAY, JOE?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: SPEECH!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANYTHING, PAUL?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: I CAN BE A MAN OF FEW WORDS.

JUST SO THE BOARD MEETING DOES NOT GO TO HIM, BUT I WANT TO SAY A FEW THINGS.

WANT TO SINCERELY THANK VILLAGE PRESIDENT SCAMAN FOR THIS HONOR FOR THE PAINTING AND ALL OF THE PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT ARE HERE WERE THAT ARE NOT HERE.

THEY HAVE ALL BEEN WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH AND FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR AND PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF OAK PARK.

I WANT TO THANK VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON AND ALL THE STAFF MEMBERS HERE WERE THAT ARE NOT HERE THAT I HAVE WORKED WITH IN THE PAST.

EVERYBODY HAS BEEN WONDERFUL.

IT IS A GREAT STAFF, GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE HERE.

YOU HAVE ALL BEEN GREAT TO WORK WITH.

I WANT TO THANK MY WIFE HERE FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT.

SITTING THERE WITH COLETTE.

YOU HAVE BEEN SO GREAT TO WORK WITH.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST.

THANK YOU.

[PAUSE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO PAUL, I AM ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT EVERY TRUSTEE YOU HAVE EVER WORKED WITH SHARES THE ADMIRATION THAT WE DO FOR YOU THIS EVENING.

LISA SHELLEY HAS A STATEMENT FROM MAYOR (NAME?) WHO COULD NOT JOIN US THIS EVENING.

>> GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT SCAMAN, BOARD MEMBERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

AS FORMER MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, I HAVE HAD THE DISTINCT HONOR OF WORKING WITH MANY DEDICATED VILLAGE STAFF MEMBERS OVER THE YEARS.

TODAY I WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOMEONE TRULY EXCEPTIONAL, OR VILLAGE ATTORNEY, PAUL STEPHANIDES WHO IS LEAVING US FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. PAUL AND I WORKED TOGETHER FOR EIGHT YEARS AND DURING THAT TIME I CAME TO THINK OF HIM AS "NO DRAMA PAUL".

ALTHOUGH THAT WAS NEVER HIS OFFICIAL NICKNAME IT PERFECTLY CAPTURES HIS Demeanor AND APPROACH TO HIS WORK.

PAUL'S ETHICAL, SMART AND HARD-WORKING AND ON BEHALF OF THE PREVIOUS VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS AND OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY I WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO YOU, PAUL, FOR YOUR UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE VILLAGE.

FROM A SELFISH PERSPECTIVE, I WISH WE COULD HAVE KEPT YOU HERE LONGER, BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IN YOUR CAREER.

AS WE ALL KNOW, SERVING THE PUBLIC REQUIRES TOTAL COMMITMENT, NOT JUST FROM THE PUBLIC SERVANT, BUT ALSO FROM THEIR FAMILY SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN THINKING PAUL'S WIFE, (NAME?), AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND SACRIFICES.

PAUL'S ROLE AS THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY WAS HIS DREAM JOB AND IT ENDED UP BEING OAK PARK STREAM AS WELL.

HIS PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAW AND THE SIGNIFICANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN INVALUABLE.

WHEN HE DID NOT KNOW AN ANSWER HE DILIGENTLY RESEARCHED AND WORKED TIRELESSLY TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT BENEFITED OUR VILLAGE.

HIS PERSONAL QUALITIES AND VALUES OF HONESTY AND RESPECT WERE EVIDENT IN HIS APPROACH TO HIS WORK AND HOW HE PROTECTED THE TAXPAYERS OF OUR GREAT VILLAGE.

PAUL, YOU REMIND ME OF A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE IN THE WAY YOU HANDLE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

AS COMPLEX AS YOUR JOB WAS YOU MADE IT LOOK EASY.

YOU ARE ALWAYS PREPARED, NEVER FRUSTRATED AND NEVER OVERWHELMED.

OVER THE EIGHT YEARS I WORKED WITH YOU I'VE SEEN YOU CLOSE YOUR DOOR OR ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND FOCUS ON DELIVERING YOUR BEST.

YOU NEVER BLAMED OTHERS OR SPOKE NEGATIVELY OF OTHERS.

YOU HAVE CONSISTENTLY GIVEN US YOUR BEST AND THAT IS WHAT WE CAN ASK FOR.

I AM ANEMIC, AM SORRY THAT I CANNOT BE IN PERSON TONIGHT TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE.

PAUL, I LOVE YOU AND WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR NEXT ENDEAVOR, YOUR LEGACY HERE IN OAK PARK WILL BE REMEMBERED FONDLY AND WITH GREAT RESPECT.

THANK YOU, PAUL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU FOR READING THAT, LISA. APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH AND FOR ALL THAT ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH US, I SO APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE HERE.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS. WE HAVE THREE ITEMS TONIGHT ON THE VILLAGE MANAGERS REPORT. JUST CONCISELY, UNMASKING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE MAJOR STORM EVENT THAT WE HAD LAST NIGHT. AFTER THAT WE WILL TALK IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JULY AND AUGUST CALENDAR.

WE WILL ACCEPT THOSE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS AND THEN WE WILL END VILLAGE MANAGERS REPORT WITH A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LED REPARATIONS TASK FORCE.

ROB?

>> GOOD EVENING, ROB SPROULE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. SO THE LAST 24 HOURS HAVE BEEN PRETTY EXCITING. SO JUST SO WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE, AT APPROXIMATELY 9:15 PM LAST NIGHT THE VILLAGE, LIKE MOST OF THE LARGER CHICAGOLAND AREA EXPERIENCED SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS AND TORNADOES. THE COUNT IS UP TO FIVE CONFIRMED AND THEY THINK IT WILL KEEP GROWING. THE VILLAGE EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT RAIN AND HIGH WINDS THAT RESULTED IN DOWNED TREES, DOWNED POWER LINES AND SIGNIFICANT TREE DEMONSTRATED AS WELL AS THE VILLAGE WIDE IMPACTS, THE VILLAGE - - MADISON AND HARRISON, SORRY. THAT IS AN AREA EXPANDING THE ENTIRE WAY FROM ABOUT OAK PARK AVENUE ALL THE WAY TO AUSTIN. REALLY SIGNIFICANT TREE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE AREA. SO WE SAW THERE ARE MULTIPLE TREE FAILURES IN DOWNED POWER LINES THAT BLOCK STREETS AND CAUSED DAMAGE TO BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY. PUBLIC WORKS STAFF, ALONG WITH OUR FELLOW FIRST RESPONDERS, POLICE AND FIRE RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY LAST NIGHT. PUBLIC WORKS STAFF LED BY THE FORESTRY DIVISION INCLUDING FORSTER GRANT JONES, CREW CHIEF JASON A MACHEN FORESTRY TECH TWO, BJ FARMER WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT TO CLEAR AND OPEN STREETS AND RESOLVE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS. OVER THE LAST 22 HOURS 16 THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF, ALONG WITH THE HELP OF OUR FORESTRY CONTRACTORS A AND B LANDSCAPING TREE SERVICE AND IT DAVIDSON TREE CARE HAVE CLEARED AND OPENED AT 10 STREETS THAT WERE BLOCKED BY DOWNED TREES, REMOVED MULTIPLE TREES FROM PRIVATE STRUCTURES.



RESULTED NUMEROUS DANGEROUS SITUATIONS INCLUDING HANGING BRANCHES AND TRIPOD TREES, BUT THE WORK GOES ON.

THIS IS A CONTINUOUSLY EVOLVING SITUATION.

TOMORROW WE WILL FOCUS ON ANY FINAL BLOCKED OR PARTIALLY BLOCKED STREETS.

ANY FINAL TREES RESTING ON PRIVATE STRUCTURES.

AT THAT TIME WE WILL BE TRANSITIONING TO A MORE SYSTEMATIC PROCESS WHERE WE WILL BE GOING STRAIGHT PASTRY, PRIMARILY FOCUSING ON THE AREA OF HIGH-INTENSITY DAMAGE.

IN ADDITION TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR PRIVATE CONTRACTORS, STAFF HAVE REACHED OUT TO THE COOK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO INQUIRE WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL MANPOWER OR EQUIPMENT THEY CAN LEND US UP TO SPEED UP THE CLEANUP PROCESS AND WE WILL HEAR FROM THEM TOMORROW.

WE EXPECT THE CLEANUP TO EXTEND INTO THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS AT A MINIMUM AND ASK FOR THE PATIENCE OF THE BOARD AND THE RESIDENCE AS WE WORK TO CLEAN UP AFTER THE SIGNIFICANT WEATHER EVENT.

HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM FOR THE VERY EXTENSIVE WORK OVER THE LAST 24 HOURS.

WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFULLY COMPETENT AND TALENTED PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SO PLEASE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO YOUR STAFF AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I KNOW THERE WERE NATURAL GAS LEAKS AFTER THE STORM.

HAVE ALL OF THE SITUATIONS BEEN RESOLVED?

>> YES, TO MY UNDERSTANDING, NIGHT CORE WAS ON SITE LAST NIGHT AND WE DID HAVE SOME FULLY UPROOTED TREES WHERE THE ROOT PLATE, IN ADDITION TO JUST THE TRUNK CAME OUT OF THE GROUND AND PULLED SOME SERVICES TO WE DO HAVE SOME STREET LIGHTING ELECTRICAL WORK AND NATURAL GAS LINES THAT WERE IMPACTED BY THAT. THANKFULLY ALL OF OUR FIBER NETWORK REMAINED INTACT SO THAT IS A NICE PLUS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THANKS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK.

IT IS QUITE A STORM.

WE HAD A TREE DOWN IN OUR BACKYARD TAKING DOWN A FENCE.

IT WAS A BIG DAY FOR US.

SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PUTTING IN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE WESLEY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ROB BEFORE YOU GO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AND PLEASE TELL YOUR STAFF THE SAME.

JUST RIDING AROUND THE VILLAGE FROM THIS MORNING TO THIS AFTERNOON I SAW A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT WAS THERE WHEN I GRABBED COFFEE THIS

MORNING VERSUS WHAT WAS THERE WHEN I CAME INTO THIS MEETING SO IT IS DEFINITELY APPRECIATED.

JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, VERY GOOD.

JUST PAUSING FOR A MOMENT.

GOOD?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WE CAN MOVE ON TO CALENDARS.

WE HAVE UPDATED THE CALENDARS FOR JULY AND AUGUST.

WE HAVE TWO REMAINING MEETINGS IN JULY.

JULY 23 AND JULY 30 SO THE TOPICS ARE LISTED ON THE CALENDAR.

WE DO TAKE A BREAK AFTER THE 30TH AND WE COME BACK FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST WE COME BACK THE END OF AUGUST AND WE HAVE ONE MEETING IN AUGUST ON AUGUST 27.

SO IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THE ITEMS REFLECTED IN THE CALENDARS I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE THEM NOW.

OR ANYTHING NOT APPEARING ON THE CALENDARS.

>> ARE WE NOT HAVING ANOTHER FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING BEFORE THE BUDGET KICKOFF MEETING?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: ACTUALLY WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE IT, BUT I CANNOT SAY THAT WE WILL NOT.

I THINK THAT WE WERE INTENDING ON ALLOWING THE BREAK TO KIND OF TAKE PLACE IN AUGUST.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THE REASON WHY I ASK IS THAT THE LAST ONE THERE WAS A LOT OF CONVERSATION AROUND THE REVENUE POLICY AND THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN THAT AND THE LEVY POLICY AND SO I THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME TAKEAWAYS FOR INTERIM CFO TO COME BACK ON AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO AT LEAST LOOK AT THE REVENUE POLICY AND HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT IT SINCE THOSE SEEM TO BE THE TWO BIG PILLARS IN OUR UPCOMING BUDGET CYCLE.

I DON'T KNOW, I HAVE NOT CHECKED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, BUT THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS ABOUT CONSIDERING AT LEAST HAVING THE COMMITTEE LOOK AT THAT REVENUE POLICY.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THAT IS GREAT INPUT AND I THINK MAYBE LOOKING AT THE BALANCE OF JULY THERE IS OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. OF COURSE IF WE CANNOT DO IT IN JULY, IF THE MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ARE WILLING TO MEET IN AUGUST WE WILL BE HERE READY TO DO THAT AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT FIRST BUDGET MEETING FOR THE BOARD IS REALLY INFORMATIVE ABOUT A TIMELINE AND A PROCESS, RIGHT? SO IF NEED BE WE COULD MAYBE SQUEEZE SOMETHING IN RIGHT AFTER THE AUGUST BREAK FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN AUGUST?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: OH YEAH, ABSOLUTELY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

MOVING FORWARD WITH THE VILLAGE MANAGERS REPORT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THANK YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN.  
I WILL ASK DOCTOR WALKER TO COME UP AND INTRODUCE THE NEXT TOPIC  
RELATED TO THE REPORT OUT FROM THE REPARATIONS TASK FORCE.  
DOCTOR WALKER?

>>DR. WALKER: GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.  
MY NAME IS DOCTOR DANIELLE WALKER AND I AND THE CHIEF DIVERSITY,  
EQUITY, INCLUSION OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND I WELCOME  
TONIGHT THE COMMUNITY LED REPARATIONS TASK FORCE, JUST AS AN OVERVIEW.  
THE CONVERSATIONS FOR REPARATIONS FOR THE BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
COMMUNITY IN OAK PARK BEGAN WITH A PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS THAT ARE  
PRESENTING TONIGHT BACK IN FEBRUARY 22ND, 2021.  
SINCE THAT TIME THEY HAVE, YOU KNOW, WORKED ON HAVING THIS TASK FORCE  
PARTNERING WITH DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY TO DEVELOP, YOU KNOW, REALLY  
THOUGHTFUL PROCESS OF ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY AROUND REPARATIONS AND SO  
THEY WERE ABLE TO FINALIZE THE REPORT EARLIER THIS YEAR.  
I CANNOT BELIEVE IT.  
MONTHS HAVE BEEN FLYING BY, BUT HERE WE ARE IN JULY AND SO REALLY WANT  
TO WELCOME THEM TONIGHT THAT THEY WILL PRESENT THE REPORT THAT  
DEMONSTRATES A PASSION AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF OAK PARK AND STAFF  
LOOKS FORWARD AT A FUTURE DATE TO HAVE FURTHER CONVERSATIONS ON THIS  
ITEM.  
SO WITH THAT, CHRISTIAN AND NANCY?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HOW MANY PUBLIC COMMENT DO WE HAVE ON THIS?  
THREE?  
CHRISTIAN, MAYBE IT'S OKAY IF WE LISTEN TO THOSE FIRST SO YOU CAN  
RESPOND TO ANYTHING YOU HEAR IN PUBLIC COMMENT THAT MIGHT ALSO BE  
HELPFUL FOR ALL.  
THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: MISS WEATHERMAN?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING.  
MY NAME IS BETTY (NAME?) AND I LIVE AT 536 S. LYMAN AND I HAVE LIVED  
IN OAK PARK FOR OVER 30 YEARS.  
I AM A RETIRED DISTRICT 97 TEACHER.  
HERE TONIGHT TO REPRESENT EUCLID AVENUE, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WHERE  
I AM A LONG-STANDING MEMBER.  
I SING IN THE CHORUS AND I SERVE ON EUCLID'S - I KNEW I WAS GOING TO  
MESS IT UP.  
REPARATION WORKING GROUP.  
MAYBE YOU HAVE SEEN OUR BANNER.  
JESUS WAS RADICALLY INCLUSIVE.  
OUR CHURCH MISSION AND MODEL IS, " OF GOD, LIVE GREEN, LIBERATE ALL".  
THE EUCLID REPARATION WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED SEVEN YEARS AGO TO  
EDUCATE OURSELVES ABOUT HISTORIC HARMS.  
HOW SOME BENEFIT FROM THEM AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO CHANGE THE PATTERN.

OUR CONGREGATION HAS BEEN HONORED TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE OAK PARK REPARATION TASK FORCE THAT HAS DONE A TREMENDOUSLY DIFFICULT AND EMOTIONALLY EXHAUSTING WORK TO UNCOVER HIDDEN OAK PARK HISTORY AND DOCUMENT PAST INJUSTICES AND CONTINUE TO HARM PRACTICE IN OUR VILLAGE. NOW, HOW THEY HAVE COME TO THE TABLE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THAT HARM AND BEGIN THE JOURNEY OF REPAIR.

THEY ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE TO CONGREGATIONS TO HELP FUND SEED MONEY FOR BLACK CHURCHES SEEKING TO ESTABLISH IN OUR VILLAGE.

OAK PARK HAS MADE A NAME FOR ITSELF AS A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY IN FAVOR OF INTEGRATION AND EQUALITY AT A TIME WHEN IT REDLINING AND RACIAL INTIMIDATION WAS OFTEN USED TO MAINTAIN SEGREGATION.

THIS IS A PIVOTAL MOMENT BECAUSE NOW OUR COMMUNITY HAS THE HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE SHORTCOMINGS OF PAST EFFORTS AND FIND A WAY FORWARD THAT WOULD POSITIVELY AND POWERFULLY IMPACT ALL OAK PARK CITIZENS, AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWING MOVEMENT OF REPARATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL TAKE SERIOUSLY, THE EXCELLENT WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE OAK PARK REPARATION TASK FORCE AND IN THE COURAGEOUS SPIRIT OF HEALING, ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE VILLAGE BOARD. AS CORNELL WEST SAID IT SO WELL, JUSTICE IS WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE IN PUBLIC.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS DOT LAMPSHADE ROACH AND I'M GRATEFUL TO BE WITH YOU ALL TONIGHT.

I WAS BORN IN AUSTIN, COMMUNITY OF AUSTIN AND MOVED TO OAK PARK WHEN I WAS 10 WHEN MY MOM TOOK A JOB TEACHING AT LONGFELLOW.

I LIVE HERE NOW WITH MY PARTNER IN CHILDREN AND I AM HERE TO THANK AND SUPPORT THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF THE OAK PARK REPARATIONS TASK FORCE OVER THESE YEARS.

I ALSO WANT TO SPECIFICALLY HONOR MICHELLE (NAME?), BILL WASHINGTON, DOUG DIXON, LYNETTE (NAME?), SHARON HOLMES, PAT BRANTLEY, COURTNEY WHITE, BETTY (NAME?) AND MORE FROM THE EUCLID FAMILY FOR THEIR TIME AND EMOTIONAL LABOR AS A BLACK PERSON'S PARTICIPATING IN AND HELPING CREATE PROCESSES FOR REPARATIONS.

AS PART OF A MULTIRACIAL GROUP THAT EBBED AND FLOWED.

BEING REAL FOR A MOMENT, THE PROCESS AROUND REPARATIONS IS HARD.

IT IS STILL EVOLVING, IT IS FAR FROM RIGHT.

QUITE FAR FROM SUFFICIENT.

WHEN THINKING OF CHARITY AND ALMSGIVING'S, WHICH ARE IMPORTANT PARTS OF MANY COMMUNITIES AND THEIR BEAUTIFUL WAYS TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER, REPARATIONS ARE NOT CHARITY, NOR DONATIONS.

THEY ARE OLD.

TAKING STEPS FORWARD AND TRUTH AND HUMILITY ARE PARAMOUNT.

WHILE ALSO ADVOCATING FOR REPARATIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, EMAILING OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL HR 40 FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WE ARE HERE TO RESIST DETOURS, DERAILEMENTS AND (WORD?). WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT THE DETOURS ARE AND THEY BEEN REPEATED SO MUCH THAT THEY BECOME THE DOMINANT NARRATIVE PART OF THE REASON WE HAVE NOT ACTUALIZED REPARATIONS.

WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE TALKING POINTS.

WE DO NEED MORE DIALOGUE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

MANY GROUPS HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE HARMED BY WHITE SUPREMACY, IN PARTICULAR INDIGENOUS NATIONS AND REPETITIVE ACTIONS ARE NEEDED IN THOSE COMMUNITIES AS WELL.

YES, YES, YES.

TONIGHT, MAY WE REMAIN FOCUSED ON WHAT IS POSSIBLE REGARDING REPARATIONS FOR HARMS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY OF OAK PARK THROUGH FINANCIAL, RELATIONAL AND SYSTEMIC REPARATIVE ACTIONS.

THIS IS COLLECTIVELY CHALLENGING AND WILL BE COLLECTIVELY HEALING AS PART OF OUR COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A JUST COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

THANK YOU TRUSTEES AND STAFF FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN LEADING THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: LISA?

LISA IS ON ZOOM.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: I AM A (NAME?) AND ON BEHALF OF THE ANCESTORS AND THE PEOPLE WHO DECIDED TO TAKE THE OCEAN AND MAKE US COME TO THE SHORES OF AMERICA AND TO CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE DONE THIS WORK, I SAY (WORD?).

BECAUSE THERE WAS A TIME WHEN A BLACK MAN LIKE ME COULD NOT STAND BEFORE PEOPLE AND SAY WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY.

I WOULD BE HUNG.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY, BUT WE HAVE SO FAR TO GO AND WHAT IS IT ABOUT THE WORD "REPARATIONS" THAT JUST SHAKES THE BONES OF WHITE PEOPLE? WHY DOES THAT WORD "REPARATIONS" - WHY DOES THAT - WHY DO I HAVE TO SEARCH MY SOUL TO SEE WHY THAT WORD - JUST THAT ONE WORD, REPARATIONS, REPAIR THE HARM WHICH YOU HAVE DONE.

THERE WAS A HARM DONE AND THIS IS NOT ANYTHING NEW.

REPARATIONS IS NOT NEW.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GAVE REPARATIONS TO THE SLAVEOWNERS - THEY SAID TO THE SLAVEOWNERS, WE ARE SORRY MASTER THAT YOUR SLAVES GOT TO WORK.

THIS IS NOTHING NEW.

REPARATIONS IS NOT NEW.

THE JAPANESE FAMILIES GOT REPARATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

FOR THE INTERNMENT.

THE FAMILIES OF 9/11 GOT REPARATIONS.

SO WHY DO WE HAVE TO KEEP TALKING AND I WORKED WITH HIM, BUT I GET EXHAUSTED.

I GET TIRED RAISING 10 KIDS, GOING TO SCHOOL MYSELF, TRYING TO GET A DEGREE.

I'M NOT LIKE YOU.

I GET TIRED.

YOU ARE A DIFFERENT KIND.

RAISING 10 KIDS, COOKING, GOING TO EVERY PROGRAM AFTER SCHOOL THAT THEY GO INTO, GOING TO WORK, COMING HOME AND THEN YOU WANT ME TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND TALK TO YOU ABOUT REPARATIONS, WHEN YOU KNOW. YOU KNOW.

9-1-1 THE FAMILIES WERE GIVEN REPARATIONS.

THE HOSTAGES HELD IN IRAN WERE GIVEN REPARATIONS SO THIS IS NOT ANYTHING NEW, BUT WHAT IS IT ABOUT BLACK AMERICANS WHEN WE SAY, IT IS TIME TO PAY THE CHECK, THE ONE THAT DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING SAID CAME BACK INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.

WE KNOW YOU HAVE THE MONEY NOW.

WRITE THE CHECK.

WE KNOW YOU HAVE THE MONEY NOW BECAUSE WE SEE IT BECAUSE I HAVE A LIST OF STUFF.

UKRAINE, \$12 BILLION.

THIS IS AID THAT WE GIVE TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

ISRAEL, \$3 BILLION.

ETHIOPIA, \$2 BILLION.

AFGHANISTAN, YEMEN, EGYPT, JORDAN.

WHAT IS ALL THIS NOISE IN MY CUPE TO STOP THE SPREAD OF NIGERIA, SOMALIA, WE GIVE THESE PEOPLE AID, BUT HERE AT HOME WE CANNOT HELP OUR OWN PEOPLE.

I GUESS THAT IS MY TIME.

I DID NOT MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOUR BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: LISA?

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: I CAN, THANK YOU.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS LISA SHELTON AND I HAVE BEEN AN OAK PARK RESIDENT FOR ABOUT NINE YEARS.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THIS IS VERY INTERESTING DIALOGUE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING THIS SESSION, DOING THE RESEARCH AND PRESENTING THESE FINDINGS.

I HOPE AND EXPECTATION IS THAT IT WILL BE MORE THAN JUST INFORMATION, THAT IT WILL LEAD TO MORE CHANGE, MORE OUTCOMES, BETTER OUTCOMES IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR.

PERSONALLY I FEEL THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE DONE FOR THE PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS NEED ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

SEEING WHAT WAS DONE FOR THE IMMIGRANTS, TO SOMETHING LIKE HALF A MILLION. IT DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE MORE THAN A CONVERSATION FOR BLACK PEOPLE AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT BEING SO.

>>CLERK: THANK YOU.

SHEILA (NAME?).

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS SHEILA (NAME?), NORMALLY PUBLIC SPEAKING IS NOT A CHALLENGE FOR ME, BUT THIS ISSUE IS VERY PERSONAL.

I'VE BEEN LIVING IN OAK PARK FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS AND I WANTED TO SHARE SOME HISTORY FROM MY FAMILY.

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I'M ONE OF 501ST COUSINS.

THAT IS THE 29 OF 30 KIDS, MY MOM IS THE 10TH OF 17.

A LARGE NUMBER OF US ARE IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA.

VERY FEW OF US ACTUALLY LIVE IN OAK PARK AND THE REASONS ARE WHY? BETWEEN 1966 AND 1978 WE HAD SOME HORRIFIC ISSUES.

ONE, AN UNCLE HAD MONEY TO BUY A HOME AND WAS REFUSED THAT HOME AND THEN FOLKS CAME TO HIM AND SAID, WE HAVE WHITE FOLKS I CAN STAND IN FOR YOU AND PURCHASE THE HOUSE AND THEN YOU LATER BUY IT FROM THEM. THEY REFUSED.

ANOTHER RELATIVE CAME IN FROM THE VIETNAM WAR DECIDED HE WANTED TO HAVE AN APARTMENT IN OAK PARK HAD DONE ALL THE THINGS THAT WAS NEEDED, BUT THE NEIGHBORS WERE IN UPROAR THAT HE WAS COMING AND SO THEY TOLD HIM A FEW DAYS BEFORE HE WAS TO MOVE IN THAT HE COULD NOT.

IT TOOK HIM OVER A YEAR TO GET THE RESTITUTION FOR HIS MONEY THAT WAS PUT OUT.

I HAD ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER TO GO THROUGH SOME PAIN AND CHALLENGES AND I WAS NOT PRIVY AND I HAVE NOT BEEN PRIVY TO LIST AND GIVE NAMES.

WE CAN - - THAT IS BECAUSE OF THE PAIN AND TRAUMA THAT HAS EXISTED DUE TO MOSTLY POLICE INTERROGATION.

I HAD AN UNCLE IN MISSISSIPPI, CAME TO CHICAGO AND WAS ENJOYING HIMSELF NEAR THE BORDER OF OAK PARK AND WAS ACCOSTED AND STOPPED BY SOME WHITE POLICEMAN AND SO HE WAS BEATEN BRUTALLY.

THERE WERE ONE POLICEMAN THAT WERE FROM THE OAK PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT.

TWO OTHERS WERE FROM THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SO THEY BEAT HIM, THE OAK PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE IN THE CHICAGO POLICE CAME UP WITH SOME TRUMPED UP CHARGES, CONTINUED TO BEAT HIM AND TO THIS DAY HE IS NOW DEALING WITH ALZHEIMER'S.

HIS GRANDDAUGHTER HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A HOME RECENTLY I WAS HOPING THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND WOULD MOVE TO OAK PARK, BUT SHE SAID, I WAS ROBBED, COUSIN AND I DID NOT TELL THE POLICE BECAUSE I WAS

FEARFUL THAT NOTHING WOULD HAPPEN AND I DID NOT WANT OUR FAMILY HISTORY TO COME BACK AND BE A CONCERN.  
MY MOTHER IS STILL NERVOUS THAT I AM SHARING OUR FAMILY TRUTHS TODAY. FOR FEAR OF REPERCUSSIONS.  
I HAVE BEEN IN OAK PARK 10 YEARS AND I SERVE ON A COMMISSION AND MY DAUGHTER AND MY HUSBAND ARE CONSTANTLY RECEIVING STAIRS AND LOOKS JUST WALKING AROUND IN 2024.  
I JUST TODAY BECAUSE MY HUSBAND IS FROM KENYA AND I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE IN CHICAGOLAND AREA AND WHENEVER I DRESS IN MY NATIVE DRESS I GET THE SAME STAIRS.  
IT IS RIDICULOUS.  
IT IS PAINFUL.  
BUT I NEEDED TO SHARE OUR HISTORY MAY NEEDED TO SHARE WHAT IS HAPPENING TO US.  
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW THAT THESE THINGS NOT ONLY EXISTED IN THE PAST, BUT CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE.  
I DON'T HAVE ALL OF THE SOLUTIONS.  
I'M A PROJECT MANAGER AND THAT IS NORMALLY THE THINGS I DO, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO MAKE SOME CHANGES.  
I JUST NEEDED TO BE HEARD.  
SORRY FOR BEING EMOTIONAL, BUT I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH TO SPEAK?

OKAY.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

CHRISTIAN?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: GO AHEAD, DOCTOR WALKER.

OKAY.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: AS CHRISTIAN IS COMING UP, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS CUT ACROSS.

SO JUST AS PART OF THE INTRODUCTION I WANT TO REMIND THE TRUSTEES THAT THIS ITEM DID APPEAR ON OUR AGENDA BACK IN JULY 2022.

WE DISCUSSED IT AND WE HAD INVITED GUESTS AND FROM EVANSTON TO COME AND PRESENT ON THEIR REPARATIONS PROGRAM AND ALL OF THEIR EFFORTS FACILITATED BY VILLAGE ATTORNEY PAUL STEPHANIDES AND WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A BRIEF DISCUSSION AND GET BOARD DIRECTION ON HAVING US FOLLOW UP AND DOING SOME RESEARCH AND SO FORTH.

SOME OF THAT RESEARCH IS COMPILED AND ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS BUT AS PART OF THE AGENDA ITEM SO I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN ENGAGED ON THIS ITEM PREVIOUSLY AND HAS PROVIDED DIRECTION TO THE STAFF AND STAFF SUPPORTS THE EFFORT AND INTENDS TO FOLLOW UP ACCORDINGLY AFTER TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION.

CHRISTIAN?

>> THANK YOU.



BEFORE I HANDED OVER TO NANCY TO KICK US OFF, WHAT TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS FOR BEING HERE THIS EVENING MAY ALSO DO WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY THAT EXPENDED EMOTIONAL ENERGY TO COME UP HERE AND SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND FAMILY HISTORY AS WELL.

I ALMOST WISH WE WOULD HAVE GONE FIRST BECAUSE IT WILL BE A LOT HARDER TO GET THROUGH NOW.

THANK YOU.

I DO WANT TO GIVE A QUICK DISCLAIMER THAT WE ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THIS PRESENTATION TO BE 50 MINUTES AND THERE HAD BEEN A COMMUNICATION THAT IT NEEDS TO BE UNDER 15 SO WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP THIS UNDER 30 MINUTES TODAY, BUT APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE IF IT DOES NOT FLOW OR IF THERE ARE HICCUPS AND I DID NOT KNOW IT WAS GOING TO BE PAUL'S LAST DAY SO I WOULD SAY TWO THINGS.

IT PERSONAL THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIENDLY FACE ON WHAT I REMEMBER WAS A COLD DAY KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR WHEN IS CAMPAIGNING FOR AC ON THIS BOARD.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING ME ENCOURAGED THAT DAY AND ALSO THANK YOU FOR MEETING WITH THE TASK FORCE A FEW YEARS AGO TO GIVE US YOUR LEGAL OPINION ON THE STATE OF REPARATIONS AT A LOCAL LEVEL.

THANK YOU AND WISH YOU THE BEST.

>>SPEAKER: ALL RIGHT, LET'S SWITCH PRETTY GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

MY NAME IS NANCY ALEXANDER.

THIS IS CHRISTIAN HARRIS AND WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE OAK PARK REPARATIONS TASK FORCE AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO IS IN ATTENDANCE THIS EVENING FOR COMING OUT.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU TONIGHT ABOUT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPARATIONS.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE IN THE REPORT, HISTORICAL HOMES, I BELIEVE IT IS UP THERE.

HISTORICAL HARMS DONE TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY OF OAK PARK, ILLINOIS AND SUGGESTED REPAIRS AND THAT CAN BE ACCESSED ACTUALLY, I AM HOPING - HOW DO I ADVANCE THIS?

OH, THERE WE GO.

THAT CAN BE ACCESSED IF YOUPOINT YOUR PHONE CAMERA TO THAT.

ALL RIGHT.

SO THIS PICTURE IS A PICTURE OF WHAT IS TODAY CALLED WESTGATE.

YOU'LL NOTICE THAT IT IS ENGLISH TUTOR IN THEME.

THIS AREA DOWN HERE - I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE THAT, BUT OVER BY THE TARGET, THIS IS WHERE MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH HAD BEEN WHEN THE STREET WAS CALLED WILLIAMS STREET.

AND THIS IS WHAT MT. CARMEL LOOKED LIKE ON WILLIAMS STREET AND I WILL BE REFERRING BACK AND FORTH TO THESE PICTURES.

NOW AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE LIVED IN OAK PARK LONG BEFORE IT WAS INCORPORATED IN 1902 AND LATER THAT YEAR THEY HAD PURCHASED A LOT ON CHICAGO AVENUE WEST OF KYLER, UPON WHICH THEY HOPE TO CORRECT MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

THE VILLAGE ACTUALLY, THE VILLAGE BOARD ACTUALLY ISSUED A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THAT LOT, HOWEVER THE WHITE NEIGHBORS REJECTED THE IDEA, GOT THE VILLAGE BOARD TO RESCIND THAT PERMIT, THAT BUILDING PERMIT AND BOUGHT THE LOT BACK FROM THE CHURCH, WHICH THEN RELOCATED TO WILLIAMS STREET AND DIRECTED THIS BUILDING ON WILLIAMS STREET, WHICH IS TODAY KNOWN AS WESTGATE.

THAT WAS THE BLACK SECTION OF TOWN AT THE TIME.

ON THE SIDE OF WHAT IS TARGET, THE EMERSON BUILDING ON WESTGATE STREET, MT. CARMEL BUT THIS BUILDING AND IT FLOURISHED UNTIL CHRISTMAS DAY 1998 WHEN IT WAS MYSTERIOUSLY FIREBOMBED.

THERE WAS NO POLICE REPORT, THERE WAS NO FIRE INVESTIGATION, THERE IS NO DEED OF SALE FOR THE BURNT OUT LOT THAT WE CAN FIND AND WE REALLY LOOKED.

THE ENTIRE STREET WAS RAISED IN 1930 TO COMMERCIALY REDEVELOP THE AREA AND WAS RENAMED WESTGATE STREET AND THAT IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE PRETTY MUCH TODAY.

OKAY?

THIS LAND WAS REDEVELOPED AND IN RENAMING IT WESTGATE, HE RAISED ALL EVIDENCE OF ITS FORMER BLACK INHABITANTS.

THIS LAND HAS FED VILLAGE TAX COPPERS FOR OVER 100 YEARS AND IS SOME OF THE MOST VALUABLE LAND IN THE VILLAGE.

NOW AFTER 1930 OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS BLACK RESIDENTS IN OAK PARK DECLINED PRECIPITOUSLY ALTHOUGH THERE WERE ALWAYS AT LEAST 50 BLACK RESIDENTS ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS RECORDS.

IN 1950 DOCTOR PERCY AND ANNA JULIAN ESTRADA PURCHASED AT THEIR HOUSE AT EAST AND CHICAGO AVENUE.

THEY FOUGHT THE WATER COMMISSIONER TO GET THEIR WATER TURNED ON AND THEY WERE FIREBOMBED TWICE BEFORE THEY WERE ABLE TO MOVE IN.

THEIR DAUGHTER, FAITH JULIAN - EXCUSE ME, STILL RESIDES IN THAT HOUSE AND THE OTHER BLACK FAMILIES WHO MOVED INTO OAK PARK IN THE MID-1960S, THAT WOULD BE THE ROBINETTE'S, THE RAIDS, THE REGISTERS, THEY ALL USE STRAW BUYERS WHO WERE AS IT WAS EXPENDED EARLIER THIS EVENING, WHITE PEOPLE WHO, BY ARRANGEMENT, BUT FOR AND THEN RESOLD A PROPERTY TO A BLACK PURCHASER.

SO ALL OF THOSE FAMILIES USED STRAW BUYERS TO SUBVERT REDLINING AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION UNTIL FAIR HOUSING PASSED IN OAK PARK IN 1968. NOW EMBRACING FOR HOUSING, WHY OAK PARK - IS WELCOMING, PRODUCTIVE, DIVERSE, PIONEERING, IGNORING THE RACIAL INSULTS OF THE MOVIE AND MEMOS THAT INFORMED WHITE HOMEOWNERS ON A BLOCK THAT THERE WAS A BLACK FAMILY ABOUT TO MOVE IN OR THE (WORD?) OF BLACK RENTERS TO CERTAIN AREAS OF A PRODUCT BY THE RESIDENTIAL CORPORATION.

BECAUSE THE JULIAN FAMILY WORKED COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL LEVELS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ACCESS, MANY PEOPLE ERRONEOUSLY BELIEVE THAT AT THE JULIAN'S WERE THE FIRST BLACKS IN THE VILLAGE.

THEY WERE NOT.

THE PASSAGE OF TIME HAS ERASED THE MEMORY OF EARLIER BLACK COMMUNITY. NOW THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS CLAIMED A VERY FLATTERING AND ILLIBERAL STORY OF RACIAL EQUALITY IN HONORING DOCTOR JULIAN WITH A MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMED IN HIS HONOR, A BUS OUTSIDE OF OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY. THEIR STORIES OFTEN INVOKED AS AN EXAMPLE OF OAK PARK LIBERALISM AND RACIAL PROGRESSIVISM, BUT IF ONE LOOKS AT THE DOCUMENTED HISTORY, REALITY IS QUITE DIFFERENT.

THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SUCCESSFULLY USES THIS CONTRIVED IMAGE TO PROMOTE SELF, REACH OUT TO NEW RESIDENTS, DISTINGUISH ITSELF FROM OTHER SUBURBS.

HAS THE JULIAN FAMILY ACTUALLY BEEN COMPENSATED FOR THE USE OF THIS ALTERED STORY?

TODAY, FAITH JULIAN STRUGGLES TO PAY THE TAXES ON HER FAMILY'S HOME, DESPITE DOCTOR JULIAN'S VENTING MULTIPLE CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS THAT ARE STILL IN USE TODAY AND HAVE MADE IT PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

THEN THERE IS THE ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE'S INTERFERENCE WITH THE SALE OF A FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST IN 1988 TO A BLACK CONGREGATION THAT HAD OVER 100 MEMBERS, INCLUDING THEIR PASTOR LIVING IN OAK PARK AT THE TIME OF THE INTENDED PURCHASE.

THE BOARD USED THEIR - EXCUSE ME, THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO PUT IN A SLIGHTLY HIGHER BID FOR THAT PROPERTY. FOR WHICH THEY HAD PASSED ON BUYING JUST SIX MONTHS EARLIER.

THINK ABOUT THAT.

SOMETIMES ON THE FIRST - ON 19 JANUARY IN 1988, THE CHICAGO DEFENDER THAT SAME SUNDAY REPORTED THAT A VILLAGE BOARD MEMBER HAD SAID "TOO MANY BLACK FACES".

THAT WOULD SQUARE AWAY SHOPPERS FROM - - WHITE DEMAND FOR SERVICES. THE CHURCH WAS EVENTUALLY SOLD TO A REAL ESTATE AGENT WITH CASH WHO WANTED TO SAVE THAT BUILDING.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST AT OAK PARK AVENUE AND ONTARIO.

SHE JUST WANTED TO SAVE THE BUILDING FOR WHOM OR WHAT I'M NOT SURE. IN 2020 SHE RESOLD THE BUILDING TO THE WHITE PASTOR NEW CHURCH IN A TRANSACTION THAT SHE CALLED "A PERFECT BID".

THE VILLAGE WAS FEDERALLY INVESTIGATED FOR THE INCIDENT, FURTHER INTERFERENCE IN 1988 AND THEY WERE FOUND NOT IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL HOUSING LAW.

HOWEVER, THE NAACP AND RALPH (NAME?) OF CORE AND MANY OTHER BLACK OAK PARKERS DISAGREED.

THE RACIAL FALLOUT FROM THESE EPISODES CONTINUES TO HAUNT BLACK OAK PARK.

SO THIS IS A SUMMARY OF BASICALLY WHAT I JUST EXPLAINED TO YOU. THESE ARE THE REASONS WHY WE ARE HERE TO DISCUSS REPARATIONS BECAUSE OF THE HARMS CAUSED BY THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK. CHRISTIAN, ARE WE READY?

>>SPEAKER: LEAVE THIS UP FOR JUST A SECOND.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO NANCY FOR GOING THROUGH THE HARMS, NO IT IS NOT EASY SPEAKING ABOUT THE HARMS OF OUR ANCESTORS AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THAT ONTO ME.

ALL THE DIFFERENT -- BLACK DESCENDENTS OF EMANCIPATED AMERICANS AND BLACK PEOPLE IN GENERAL, ONE MAY ASK WHY WE MAY HAVE CHOSEN SPECIFICALLY REPARATIONS AS A REMEDY?

THERE ARE FOUR MAIN REASONS.

ONE IS THAT RACIAL INEQUITY INITIATIVES FALL SHORT IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN AN AMAZING PUSH TO THINK ABOUT OUR SOCIETY MORE EQUITABLY.

THIS PUSH HAS CALLED ON US TO STOP THINKING SOLELY IN TERMS OF EQUALITY OR GIVING EVERYONE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES, AND INSTEAD GIVING INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES WITH THE UNIQUELY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THE REPARATIONS TASK FORCE BELIEVES THAT THE SHIFT TOWARDS EQUITY HAS BEEN VERY BENEFICIAL, HOWEVER, THE REALITY IS EQUITY CALLS US TO MAKE CHANGES GOING FORWARD.

CALLS US TO LOOK AT WHY A SITUATION IS THE WAY IT IS AND HOW WE ADDRESS IT IN THE FUTURE.

WHILE THIS IS GREAT IT DOES NOTHING TO ACTIVELY REPAIR THE HARMS OF THE PAST.

HOW CAN WE TRULY BUILD AN EQUITABLE ECONOMIC FUTURE FOR BLACK PEOPLE WHEN MANY OF THE LAWS, SYSTEMS AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY EXTRACTED WEALTH FROM THE BLACK COMMUNITY STILL EXIST WITH NO SIGNS OF CHANGING.

WE MUST LOOK BACK TO REPAIR THE HARM.

TWO, AS WAS ALREADY SAID TO KNOW, AMERICA BELIEVES IN REPARATIONS. THOSE ARE ALL SENTIMENTAL AROUND REPARATIONS IS THAT IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN IN THIS COUNTRY, HOWEVER, ARE HISTORIES TOTALLY DIFFERENT TALE. IN ADDITION, JAPANESE-AMERICANS RECEIVED \$1.6 BILLION IN REPARATIONS AFTER WORLD WAR II.

IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, 2024 LAST MONTH, HARVARD PUBLISHED A REPORT OUTLINING THE MANY INSTANCES IN WHICH WHITE AMERICANS HAVE RECEIVED REPARATIONS FROM COAL MINERS RECEIVING COMPENSATION AFTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH BLACK LUNG TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM, TO FARMERS WHOSE CROPS HAVE GONE BAD IN MANY MORE INSTANCES AS WELL.

LASTLY, IN 2021 THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION APPROVED MILLIONS IN REPARATIONS FOR GUAM.

THREE, THIS NATION NEEDS A REPARATIVE APPROACH.

WE ARGUE THAT A REPARATIVE PROCESS IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS COMMUNITY NEEDS.

WE NEVER ADJUST THE TRUE HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY, NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED IT PUBLICLY UNTIL THE TASK FORCE WORKED, NEVER APOLOGIZED, NEVER ENSURED THAT THEY REPEAT - - FOUR, NOTHING ELSE HAS WORKED.

AMERICA HAS BEEN SELECTIVE AND INCONSISTENT IN TRYING TO INCREASE THE HEALTH, SOCIAL CAPITAL AND A BLACK DESCENDENTS OF EMANCIPATED AMERICANS UNTIL 1865.

NOTHING HAS WORKED, STAGGERING WEALTH STILL EXIST BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK AMERICANS, HOME VALUES IN BLACK COMMUNITIES DO NOT RISE AS FAST AS OTHER COMMUNITIES.

LIFE EXPECTANCY, LIKE MORTALITY RATES AND MANY MORE SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITIES EXIST WITH NO DATA POINTS POINTING TOWARDS POSITIVE TRENDS.

THIS TIME FOR A NEW APPROACH.

THIS COUNTRY IS NEVER EXISTED WITHOUT LIKE PEOPLE BEING AT THE SOCIOECONOMIC BOTTOM.

SHIFTING THIS DYNAMIC WILL CREATE AN AMERICA WE HAVE NEVER SEEN AND THE LAWS, POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE PERPETUATED INEQUALITY WILL HAVE TO CHANGE.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I WILL SHIFT GEARS NOW AND TALK ABOUT OUR ASKS FOR THIS EVENING. WE WERE INSTRUCTED BY VILLAGE STAFF TO COME WITH SOME SPECIFIC ASKS AND I WILL SHIFT GEARS TO THOSE NOW.

WE DO WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND ADDRESS OUR INDIGENOUS BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND FAMILY FOR WHOM MANY OF US BLACK PEOPLE HAVE A SHARED LINEAGE.

WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY AND ITS CONTINUED FIVE REPARATIONS AND WE HAVE HEARD THAT SOME PEOPLE THINK REPARATIONS SHOULD HAPPEN FIRST FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND THEN BLACK PEOPLE, WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE SENTIMENT IS MISGUIDED FOR A FEW REASONS.

MANY INDIGENOUS TRIBES OWNED ENSLAVED PEOPLE AND PARTICIPATED IN THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE.

FOR A NUMBER OF FACTORS, MANY BLACK INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HAVE A SHARED LINEAGE.

THREE, THE DISPARITIES WE SEE BETWEEN BLACK-AND-WHITE COMMUNITIES THAT AFFECT LIFE EXPECTANCY, INTERNAL MORTALITY RATES, SAFETY AND MORE ARE URGENT AND LIFE-THREATENING.

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY.

FOUR, WHILE WE BELIEVE ALL OF THIS IS TRUE, WE ENCOURAGE THE VILLAGE BOARD TO WORK WITH THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY TO DETERMINE WHAT IS FAIR FOR THEM.

NEXT, WE WANT TO ADDRESS THE IDEA OF FEDERAL REPARATIONS AND LOCAL REPARATIONS.

THERE ARE SOME THAT DON'T THINK THAT THIS SHOULD HAPPEN AT A LOCAL LEVEL AND ONLY AT A FEDERAL LEVEL.

TO THAT WE THINK THERE ARE HARMS THAT - - AS NANCY AND LINDA AND/OR ALLOWED BY THE GOVERNMENT BODY THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE HERE.

THE RIFT THAT WAS GREETED WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY WAS PUSHED OUT OF OAK PARK CORRELATES DIRECTLY TO THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY SEGREGATED OAK PARK THAT WE SEE TODAY.

THIS COMMUNITY NEEDS TO HEAL AND IT NEEDS TO BE DONE ON A LOCAL, INTERPERSONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL.

NEXT I WILL SHIFT GEARS TO OUR ASK AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE ASKING THIS EVENING WE WERE DIRECTED BY VILLAGE STAFF TO COME WITH SPECIFIC ASKS THIS EVENING SO WE WILL OUTLINE THOSE NOW.

WHILE WE ENCOURAGE THIS VILLAGE BOARD AND ALL OTHER TAXING BODIES TO ENACT, THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR REPORT.

WE COME WITH AS FEW SPECIFIC REGULATIONS THAT THE BOARD CAN MOVE ON IMMEDIATELY.

FIRST IS FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ISSUE AN APOLOGY TO BLACK RESIDENTS PAST AND PRESENT FOR THE POLICIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES THAT HARM THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND COMMIT TO DOING A FULL ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT POLICIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES THAT HARM BLACK RESIDENTS IN EQUITABLY.

>>SPEAKER: AN APOLOGY IS THE VERY FIRST THING, PLEASE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE THE BOARD TO PARTNER WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO CREATE LOW DOWN PAYMENT - LOW INTEREST LOANS AND DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR BLACK RESIDENTS AND OTHER HOUSING RELATED SERVICES TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE RESIDENTS, BLACK RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK PRIORITIZE, PARTICULARLY IF THEY HAVE BEEN HERE QUITE A WHILE. CHRISTIAN?

>>SPEAKER: WE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT HOW WE MAKE THIS WORK SUSTAINABLE AND GIVEN SOME OF THE RECENT CHALLENGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ENACTING REPARATIONS PROGRAMS, WHILE THAT LITIGATION PLAYS OUT, OUR ASK IS FOR THE BOARD TO COMMIT 50% OF ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE INCLUSIONARY ZONING FUNDS TO THE PROCEDURAL AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOUNDATION, WHICH WE WILL TALK MORE ABOUT A LITTLE BIT LATER.

FUNDING WILL BE SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR HOUSING RELATED PROGRAMMING OR THE RESTORATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM.

IN THE INTEREST OF TIME I WILL NOT GO INTO DETAIL ON THAT, BUT HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OF THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE ANY ON RESTORATIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS.

>>SPEAKER: ADDITIONALLY WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD TO PURCHASE THE PERCY JULIAN FAMILY HOME FROM THE JULIAN'S.

WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PRIVATE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY, WHICH IS TAX DISTRESSED RIGHT NOW AND THERE IS JUST SO MUCH LOCAL HISTORY IN THAT BUILDING. WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE IT FALL INTO A PRIVATE DEVELOPERS HANDS WHO MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY OR THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT PROPERTY SO WE ARE ASKING THE VILLAGE TO OBTAIN THE BUILDING, SIMILARLY TO HOW THEY OBTAIN A SHADY MANSION OR PLEASANT HOME. WE ARE ASKING THAT THE VILLAGE OBTAINED THAT PROPERTY AND AGREED THAT FAITH JULIAN CAN STAY IN THAT PROPERTY AS LONG AS SHE WANTS. AND THAT WE WILL THEN USE THAT PROPERTY, EXCUSE ME, THAT THE FOUNDATION WILL THEN USE THE PROPERTY TO CREATE A BLACK INTERCULTURAL CENTER AND SPACE FOR ALL OF OAK PARK. NOT JUST FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN OAK PARKERS.

>>SPEAKER: I WILL QUICKLY WALK YOU THROUGH THE ONE-PAGE FOR THE PROCEDURAL AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOUNDATION. PROCEDURAL AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOUNDATION WILL BE A 5013 SEED CHARITABLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND OUR MISSION IS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND RESOURCES TO REPAIR THE EFFECTS OF SKIN NATION AND RACISM AGAINST THE BLACK COMMUNITY OF OAK PARK AND WE DO THIS BY PRESERVING THE HISTORIC PROCEDURAL IN-HOME, ELEVATING BLACK VOICES, IMPLEMENT AND REPARATIVE PROGRAMMING AND ADVOCATING FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE-BASED APPROACH TO HEAL COMMUNITY WOUNDS AND CHART AN EQUITABLE PATH FORWARD. OUR STRATEGIC PARTIES ARE TO PRESERVE AND BE CUSTODIANS OF THE PERCY JULIAN HISTORIC HOME, HONOR AND UPLIFT THE LEGACY OF PERCY JULIAN, HIS DESCENDENTS IN ALL BLACK RESIDENTS WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY OR CURRENTLY BASED HIS COMMISSION AND RACISM. FUNDED REPARATIVE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES AND OAK PARK AN ADVOCATE FOR POLICY AND FUNDING FOR REPARATIVE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVES IN THE OAK PARK COMMUNITY, WHETHER THAT BE TAXING BODIES FOR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS. WE DO SEE THIS - I WILL WALK YOU BRIEFLY THROUGH THE BUDGET, DRAFT BUDGET AS WELL. OUR STARTUP FUNDS FOR THIS WILL BE \$350,000, WHICH WE ARE ASKING THE VILLAGE TO COMMIT. FUNDS ARE TO HIRE A FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND TWO YOUTH INTERNSHIPS AND IT WILL ALSO COVER 5013C FILING BECAUSE IN THE \$250,000 FROM WHAT IS CURRENTLY IN THE INCLUSIONARY ZONING FUND AS WELL AS FUTURE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE RESTORATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM. IF FUNDING IS APPROVED TONIGHT OUR NEXT STEP IS TO OFFICIALLY INCORPORATE THE PERCY JULIAN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM IS A 5013C NONPROFIT, HOWEVER WE HAVE SEVERAL SPONSORS THAT CAN RECEIVE FUNDS IMMEDIATELY TO ALLOW US TO COVER ANY FILING INFORMATION COSTS.

IDEALLY WE WOULD LIKE FAITH JULIAN'S INPUT AND APPROVAL AND FOR HER TO BE A FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION SO WE WILL CONTACT HER ABOUT ALL OF THAT, MAKE SURE WE HAVE HER BUY IN, HOWEVER, SHOULD SHE OR THE JULIAN FAMILY NOT WANT TO LEND THEIR NAME TO THIS INSTITUTION WE HAVE AN ALTERNATE NAME OF THE OAK PARK REPARATIVE JUSTICE INSTITUTE.

AFTER WE HAVE INCORPORATED WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF REPAIR.

>>SPEAKER: IT TO SUMMARIZE, WE NOTE THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD HAS ALREADY SPENT ABOUT \$350,000 ON MIGRANTS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE MIGRANTS THAT APPEAR IN THIS COMMUNITY AND WE WONDER WHAT WILL THE VILLAGE COMMIT TO ITS RESIDENT VOTING TAXPAYING AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS?

WELL THE VILLAGE IN FACT CHOOSE TO REST ON ITS MORALS OR WILL YOU CHOOSE, IN FACT, TO BE A LIGHTHOUSE GOING FORWARD IN SUPPORT THIS GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING AND ESTABLISH PUBLIC POLICY TO BUILD A TRULY RACIALLY INTEGRATED OAK PARK?

>> IN CONCLUSION, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO OUR PRESENTATION. AS WE PREPARED FOR THE PRESENTATION WE CANNOT HELP, BUT THINK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS BOARD.

THE FIRST MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE TO PASS OPEN HOUSING.

ONE OF THE FIRST MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTRY TO TAKE COVID-19 SERIOUSLY AND ISSUE A SHELTER IN PLACE OR DISPUTED FUNDING OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER TO COMBAT RACISM AND PREVENT WHITE FLIGHT AND MANY MORE INSTANCES WHERE THE BOARD WAS AHEAD OF THE CURVE IN OUR LONG FIGHT TOWARDS CREATING A MORE PERFECT UNION.

THIS BOARD ONCE AGAIN HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE AHEAD OF THE CURVE, BE CHAMPIONS FOR EQUALITY, EQUITY AND JUSTICE AND AM SO EXCITED TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE. THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SPOON THANK YOU NANCY AND KRISHAN FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

I WILL OPEN IT UP TO THE BOARD FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, JUST A REMINDER WE HAVE DOCTOR WALKER, PAUL STEPHANIDES AND - - WORKING ON THIS ITEM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THIS EVENING WE WILL BRING THE DISCUSSION TOGETHER AFTER WE HEAR EVERYBODY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

DOCTOR WALKER?

>>DR. WALKER: GOOD EVENING AGAIN, AND THANK YOU TO THE TREMENDOUS MENTAL WORK THAT THE TASK FORCE HAS PUT FORTH AND REALLY BRINGING TO ATTENTION MANY IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF OUR OAK PARK HISTORY.

AND SO JUST BEING BRIEF AROUND THE MEMO THAT WAS ATTACHED TO THIS AGENDA ITEM TONIGHT OF RECOGNIZING THAT, AGAIN, JUST LIKE THE ONGOING



CONVERSATIONS THAT ARE HAPPENING ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND MANY LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND REPARATIONS.

SO THE THINGS THAT STAFF CONTINUES TO DO IN RESPONSE TO BOARD DIRECTION IS AROUND CONTINUING WITH EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS WITH A COMMUNITY AROUND REPARATIONS AND THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE SET TO KICK OUT HERE IN FALL, 2024.

THE PURPOSE OF THE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS IS TO BUILD UPON THIS TREMENDOUS WORK THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AND CONTINUE TO ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH IS ON PAR WITH A LOT OF COMMUNITIES, AGAIN, WORKING THROUGH, TALKING AND ENGAGING AS WE ARE BUILDING THE STEP FORWARD FOR THIS CONVERSATION OF RACIAL EQUITY, RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE OAK PARK COMMUNITY.

SORRY.

WANT TO MAKE SURE I CAPTURED EVERYTHING.

AND THEN IN RESPONSE, IN THE REPORT WE ALSO STATE THAT STAFF, MYSELF, PAUL, HAVE REVIEWED FROM THE REPORT FROM THE REPARATIONS TASK FORCE AND AS ALREADY STATED, IT PROVIDES EXCELLENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF OAK PARK AND BRINGS ATTENTION TO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS THAT HAVE AFFECTED BLACK OAK PARKERS.

THE LIST OF RECOMMENDED REPAIRS PERTAINING TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS SEVERAL ITEMS THAT STAFF IS EITHER COMPLETED OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING ON AND SO IN THE REPORT THEY DO PROVIDE, AGAIN, SEVERAL ITEMS THIS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN WITHIN WHAT THEY WERE INITIALLY THINKING OF FOR EXAMPLE LIKE HIRING A REPARATIVE JUSTICE CONSULTANT.

SO A LOT OF THIS WORK PREDATES ME BEING HIRED AND SO THOSE ARE JUST SOME OF THE EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE LISTED IN THE REPORT AS IT RELATES TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

EITHER WE HAVE DONE OR ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF DOING SO AS IT RELATES TO OUR WORK AROUND RACIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE.

SO AGAIN, AS VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON STATED, MYSELF, PAUL, RASHIDA JACKSON ARE HERE ON THE STAFF SIDE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

BUT AGAIN, WE DO ANTICIPATE HAVING A FURTHER BOARD DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE DATE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GO AHEAD, TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I WILL KICK US OFF, BUT I'M NOT INCLUDING MY SUMMARY THOUGHTS AND STATEMENTS.

JUST A QUICK QUESTION.

YOU TALKED ABOUT ONGOING WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING LOOKING AT REPARATIONS.

SO WHAT IS THAT WORK THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING?

>> EXCELLENT QUESTION AND PAUL IF YOU WANT TO JUMP IN AS WELL. SOME OF THE WORK IS ACTUALLY LOOKING THROUGH OUR VILLAGE RECORDS SO THIS HAS BEEN QUITE AN EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR ME.

AT THESE VERY OLD, REALLY THICK BOOKS THAT MYSELF AND PAUL HAVE ACTUALLY LOOKED THROUGH.

SO THAT WAS ONE ASPECT OF FURTHERING AND LOOKING THROUGH RECORDS TO BE ABLE TO HELP PROVIDE GUIDANCE AROUND AND BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH THE LEGAL BASIS FOR A REPARATIONS PROGRAM.

SO THIS IS SOME OF THE INITIAL WORK THAT PAUL, RASHIDA AND MYSELF WERE DOING.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: WHAT DID YOU FIND?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: WE HAVE TAKEN THE BOOKS THAT CLERK WATERS HAS KEPT IN THANK YOU TO CLEAR QUARTERS FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PROCESS. SO FAR IT IS A LOT OF INFORMATION.

IT IS REALLY PERFUNCTORY THINGS THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD, GOING BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FOUNDING OF OAK PARK TOOK.

IT DID LEND ITSELF TO THE REPARATIONS PROGRAM THAT EVANSTON HAS, BUT FURTHER STUDY HAS TO BE DONE.

AND OF COURSE THE REPARATIONS TASK FORCE HAS COME UP WITH INSTANCES, DIFFERENT INSTANCES THAT NEED TO BE LOOKED AT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: AM A LITTLE CONFUSED ABOUT THE AGENDA ITEM. DOES NOT SOUND LIKE WE'RE HAVING A DISCUSSION ABOUT REPARATIONS TONIGHT BECAUSE THE VILLAGE IS NOT PRESENTING ANYTHING TO US. ALL WE ARE HEARING FROM IS THIS?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THAT IS CORRECT.

LET ME ADD SOME MORE CONTEXT TO IT.

WE WERE INFORMED THAT THERE WAS AN INTEREST IN HAVING REPARATIONS TASK FORCE REPORT OUT ON THE FINDINGS OF THEIR WORK.

CERTAINLY WE HAD BEEN IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM EVEN PRIOR TO (WORD?) WITH US LITTLE WHILE AGO SO I THINK WE WERE FOLLOWING UP ON THAT AND PROVIDING A SPACE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TASK FORCE TO COME AND REPORT OUT ON THE FINDINGS OF ALL THE WORK THEY'VE DONE, RIGHT?

AND CERTAINLY IN JULY 2022 THE VILLAGE BOARD HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT REPARATIONS AND THAT DISCUSSION THERE WERE A COUPLE OF THINGS THERE, ONE, PROVIDING INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ABOUT WHAT IS THE LEGAL STANDARD FOR ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL REPARATIONS PROGRAM AND INVITING IN THE OFFICIALS FROM EVANSTON TO TALK THROUGH THEIR EXPERIENCE AND HOW THEY SET UP THEIR PROGRAM AND THE BASIS OF WHICH THEY DID THAT. SO OUR VILLAGE ATTORNEY PROVIDED INSIGHT TO THE TRUSTEES AT THAT TIME SO THE TAKE AWAY FROM THE CONVERSATION IS THAT VILLAGE STAFF WOULD SPEND TIME ACTUALLY CONDUCTING RESEARCH TO EITHER MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS AN ACTUAL LEGAL BASIS, CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING A REPARATIONS PROGRAM HERE IN OAK PARK.

SO THE MEMO TRANSMITTED BY THE STAFF AS IT RELATES TO THIS ITEM IS OUR ARTICULATION OF THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE SINCE THE LAST DISCUSSION WE HAD.

WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAD THAT INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION BEING PRESENTED TONIGHT WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT, YES, THERE WOULD BE SOME FOLLOW-UP BECAUSE THE REPORT IS COMPLETED, STAFF HAS ESSENTIALLY GONE AS FAR AS THEY CAN GO WITHOUT GETTING

FURTHER DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD AND WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION AND CERTAINLY IF THERE IS - WE ASSUME THAT THERE IS AN INTEREST IN FOLLOWING UP ON THIS AND THAT THERE WOULD BE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS AROUND THIS TOPIC AND WE WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE TASK FORCE TO MOVE THESE IDEAS TO FURTHER ANALYSIS AND BACK TO THE TABLE IN ORDER FOR YOU ALL TO WEIGH IN AND MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH DIRECTION YOU WANT TO GO, BUT TONIGHT WE ARE REALLY TRYING TO HONOR THE REQUEST FOR THEM TO COME AND PRESENT THE OUTCOME OF THE REPORT. WE WILL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE INFORMATION CONCURRENT WITH THE REPORT THAT REPRESENTED THE WORK OF THE STAFF FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. PAUL, IS THAT?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: GREAT.  
THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION.  
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.  
I WANT TO THANK THE WALK THE WALK TASK FORCE, THE REPARATIONS TASK FORCE FOR THEIR IN-DEPTH REPORT.  
IT WAS FANTASTIC, AS I HAVE SAID WHEN I'M IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH YOU.  
I AGREE IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT OUR VILLAGE RECOGNIZE THE SHAMEFUL PART OF OUR HISTORY AS WELL AS THE PARTS OF OUR HISTORY THAT WE ARE PROUD OF.  
IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD HAS - THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN COMPLICIT IN THE PAST.  
I DO NOT THINK THERE'S ANY ARGUMENT WITH THAT.  
THIS ISSUE FIRST CAME UP, I WAS LOOKING BACK IN THE WEDNESDAY JOURNAL. THEY CAME UP IN FEBRUARY 2021.  
SO THAT IS A LONG TIME AGO AND I WAS ON THE BOARD AT THAT TIME.  
I PROMOTED REPARATIONS.  
THERE WAS A SUGGESTION ON THE TABLE ABOUT HOW WE WOULD DEAL WITH REPARATIONS.  
THAT VILLAGE BOARD, MAJORITY DISAGREED AND THE DISCUSSION WAS SHORT AND SAID IT WAS A FEDERAL ISSUE.  
SO IT DID NOT MOVE FORWARD.  
THEN WHEN I WAS FIRST - THE TWO YEARS LATER THE NEW BOARD PUT ON ITS GOALS TO DISCUSS REPARATIONS.  
TWO YEARS WENT BY AND WE DID NOT DISCUSS REPARATIONS.  
YOU GAVE US YOUR REPORT IN FEBRUARY.  
THERE WAS SILENCE FOR MONTHS.  
I THINK I WAS THE FIRST TRUSTEE TO ACTUALLY READ THE REPORT AND REACH OUT TO YOU.  
SO I GUESS WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I FIND THIS VILLAGE FEEDBACK WHOLLY INADEQUATE.  
I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE ANSWERING OUR REQUEST TO HEAR FROM THE TASK FORCE, BUT IT WAS ON OUR VILLAGE GOALS TWO YEARS AGO AND WE DID NOT GET THROUGH IT IN THOSE TWO YEARS.

IT IS ON OUR VILLAGE GOALS AND AGAIN, WHAT WE HAVE HERE TONIGHT IS NOT ADEQUATE.

I WANT A PROPOSAL FROM THE VILLAGE STAFF OF HOW THIS VILLAGE - I WAS GOING TO SAY, PAY WHAT IS OWED.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO POSSIBILITY TO PAY WHAT IS OWED BECAUSE SO MUCH IS OWED, BUT HOW WE CAN TAKE THE FIRST STEPS IN COMPLYING WITH REQUESTS THIS COMPLYING IS NOT AN ADEQUATE WORD EITHER.

ADDRESSING REPARATIONS.

I CAN SAY THAT SIMPLY.

THE APOLOGY FIRST AND FOREMOST IS WAY OVERDUE.

THIS WAS ASKED FOR IN FEBRUARY.

COULD HAVE PUT IT ON THE AGENDA IN MARCH AND CHECKED THAT OFF THE LIST.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A FORMAL APOLOGY COME BACK TO US FOR A FORMAL VOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AS FAR AS COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL ASPECT.

I DO WANT TO HEAR WHAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE TO SAY.

IN 2021 WE SUGGESTED THAT THE NEW CANNABIS SHOPS, THE TAXES FROM THE SALES TAX FROM THE CANNABIS SHOPS ALL GO TOWARDS REPARATIONS.

WE THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN THE HOUR ONE SHOP JUST CLOSED SO WE SHOULD ALL BE SMOKING MORE PART.

COME ON, FOLKS.

I UNDERSTAND IT HAS REOPENED SO I WOULD LIKE TO REVISIT THAT, THAT ALL OF THE TAXES FROM THE SALES TAX FROM CANNABIS TAXES OR ANY OTHER TAXES THEY HAVE TO PAY FROM THE VILLAGE GO TOWARDS THIS REPARATIONS.

NOW IN YOUR PRESENTATION YOU HAD SAID THAT THE ICO FUNDS, THE FUNDS WOULD GO TO THE FOUNDATION IT WAS NOT CLEAR TONIGHT, YOU CLARIFIED IT WOULD GO TO A RESTORATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN PRETTY INTENTIONAL ABOUT USING THE HOUSING FUNDS TO GO FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS.

SO THAT IS SOMETHING I DID WANT CLARIFIED SO I WILL STOP THERE FOR NOW.

THANKS.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: JUST A QUICK CLARIFICATION, WILL MAKE SURE WE ARE CLEAR, THE LEGAL ADVICE HAS BEEN GIVEN AND I THINK THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE IS KIND OF WHAT PROVIDED THE FOUNDATION FOR THE LEGAL ADVICE SO I JUST WANT MAKE SURE IT'S CLEAR ABOUT WHAT IS BEING SAID IN TERMS OF FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT THE CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS.

>> CAN YOU CLARIFY?

I DO NOT FEEL I'VE BEEN GIVEN LEGAL ADVICE.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THERE'S THE POWERPOINT WITH THE AGENDA ITEM THAT I GAVE IN 2022.

I CANNOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHEN THAT WAS.

HIS GOING BACK TWO YEARS.

YEAH.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THE REASON THAT IS IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE WE ARE COMMITTED TO HELPING THE BOARD REACH ITS GOALS IN THE COMMUNITY REACH ITS GOALS AND SO WE SAID THAT WE WOULD DO THE RESEARCH TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A LEGAL BASIS.

WE DID HAVE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH EVANSTON.

WE UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW WITH THE CITY OF EVANSTON'S INITIATIVE AND IF THERE IS A LEGAL BASIS TO BE FOUND, WE HAVE NOT FOUND AT THIS POINT, THEN CERTAINLY WE WOULD BUILD ANY INITIATIVES ON TOP OF THAT, BUT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE INVESTED IN EQUITY AND RACIAL EQUITY IN PARTICULAR AND WE ARE MOVING STEADFAST IN THAT DIRECTION WITH SOME OF THE POLICY INITIATIVES THAT WE'RE LIFTING UP CONSISTENT WITH SOME OF THE SUGGESTED ITEMS THAT ARE IN THIS REPARATIONS REPORT WE HAVE HAD SOME RECENT DISCUSSIONS AROUND TRYING TO MOVE ON SOME OF THOSE ITEMS IN THOSE INITIATIVES I THINK WE ARE STILL INVESTED IN TRYING TO ADVANCE.

SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CLARIFIED THAT THIS PART OF THE CONTEXT THAT THERE IS THAT LEGAL BASIS THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IN TERMS OF TRYING TO BUILD A PROGRAM THAT WILL MATERIALLY REPRESENT A BASIS FOR AN OFFICIAL REPARATIONS PROGRAM, BUT IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE CANNOT MOVE FORWARD ON SOME OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS AROUND REPAIRING HARM AND, YOU KNOW, RESTORATIVE, YOU KNOW, INITIATIVES AND SO FORTH BECAUSE WE ARE COMMITTED TO THAT AND WE HAVE COMMITTED TO THAT IN OUR GOALS.

SO I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: JUST TO CLARIFY, THE FUNDING IS SIMILAR TO THE EVANSTON PROGRAM?

THAT WAS REALLY SORT OF THE POINT OF COMPARISON?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THAT IS RIGHT.

>> AND LESS INTERESTED IN EVANSTON PROGRAM.

I'M NOT JUST DID WHERE THE CALL RESPONSE IS A LEGAL CHALLENGE.

I DO NOT WANT TO ENGAGE IN ANY SORT OF PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT PASS LEGAL MUSTER AND SO I DO RECALL AND I DID READ YOUR LEGAL MEMO.

SO WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE LEGAL PERSPECTIVE AND GREAT LEGAL ADVICE FROM YOU, PAUL.

MOVING FORWARD WITH REPARATIONS ANALYSIS.

I THINK THAT'S REALLY THE FIRST STEP IN SO MY UNDERSTANDING, BUT THE POINT OF REFERENCE IS EVANSTON'S PROGRAM, I THINK THERE REALLY IS A LOT MORE WORK FOR US TO DO.

I'M ENCOURAGED THAT YOU SEEN, VILLAGE MANAGER JASON, THE THAT THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR US TO CONTINUE TO DO WORK ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE VILLAGE TAKE SOME OWNERSHIP HERE FOR THE PROCESS, RIGHT?

I DON'T EVEN WANT TO ENGAGE AND EVEN THINK ABOUT AN APOLOGY UNLESS WE FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE APOLOGIZING FOR AND WE CANNOT APOLOGIZE FOR SOMETHING THAT ANOTHER GROUP HAS IDENTIFIED.

THE APOLOGY THEN WOULD BE VERY DISINGENUOUS.

WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND AND WE ARE THE KEEPER OF THE RECORDS THAT I THINK CAN REALLY INFORM WHAT THAT PAST HAS BEEN WITH SIGNIFICANT DETAIL.

AND WE REALLY HAVE TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THAT PROCESS I THINK IS A VILLAGE AND SO I THINK MY REQUEST AT THIS POINT SORT OF UNDERSTANDING WHERE THE VILLAGE FINDINGS ORIGINATED FROM OR A LITTLE BIT MORE SPECIFIC.

YOU KNOW, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND FROM OUR DEI OFFICE IS WHAT FRAMEWORK SHOULD WE BE USING AS A LOCAL SUBURBAN MUNICIPALITY TO ASSESS WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN, BENEFITED FROM AND/OR ANY OTHER CRITERIA THAT YOU THINK IS RELEVANT FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

IT IS THE FRAMEWORK THAT WE SHOULD BE USING TO RECOGNIZE, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND ASSESS THOSE HISTORICAL HARMS?

I THINK THAT HAS TO BE THE FIRST STEP THAT AS A VILLAGE WE DECIDE WE ARE GOING TO DO, WE ARE GOING TO DRIVE THAT PROCESS.

WE ARE GOING TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF AND AT THE END OF THE DAY AN APOLOGY IS GOING TO BE BASED ON OR ANY PROGRAM, WHATEVER THE NEXT STEPS END UP BEING, THEY'RE GOING TO BE BASED ON THE WORK THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED TO DOING BECAUSE WE THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THAT I THINK IS WHERE I WANT TO DEI OFFICE TO START FROM MY PERSPECTIVE.

OBVIOUSLY I WANT TO HEAR FROM EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT I THINK THE ONLY STARTING POINT WHERE THIS PROCESS CAN HAVE INTEGRITY.

SO I WOULD LIKE FOR THAT - THE STARTING POINT.

I NOTICED THE MUNICIPALITIES THAT YOU LISTED IN YOUR MEMO, DOCTOR WALKER, NONE OF THEM WERE SUBURBAN MUNICIPALITIES.

THEY WERE ALL SORT OF AT THE CITY LEVEL AND HIGHER.

I WOULD BE CURIOUS WHETHER THERE IS MORE RESEARCH TO BE DONE WHERE THERE ARE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES ABOUT OUR SIZE, SORT OF LOCAL SMALLER SUBURBAN MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS BESIDES EVANSTON.

NO WOULD BE CURIOUS IF THAT IS TRUE, WHAT DID THAT PROCESS LOOK LIKE FOR THEM?

AND WHAT WAS THE FRAMEWORK THAT THEY UTILIZED TO ASSESS HISTORICAL HARM AND ALL THAT SORT OF WAYS THAT I JUST OUTLINED.

I THINK ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IS ONE, BUT, YOU KNOW, I WOULD REALLY LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU WHAT OTHER TYPES OF ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT BECAUSE I THINK BENEFITING FROM EVEN OTHERS ACTIONS - THAT CAN BE SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT, TOO. IT SORT OF SOUNDS LIKE SOME OF THAT HAS HAPPENED, EVEN JUST IN THIS REPORT FROM THE TASK FORCE.

SO I JUST DO NOT WANT TO LIMIT OUR PERSPECTIVE AND OVERVIEW.  
AND THEN SECONDLY, I THINK THE NEXT STEP THAT I WOULD LIKE TO VILLAGE  
AND STAFF PRIMARILY TO BRING BACK TO THE BOARD IS WHAT PROGRAMS  
OUTSIDE OF THE ONE THAT YOU DID THE COMPARISON AGAINST AN EVANSTON,  
WHAT EFFORTS OR PROGRAMS SHOULD WE DO?

I CERTAINLY AGREE THAT AN APOLOGY, A WELL-INFORMED APOLOGY IS I THINK  
REALLY THE STARTING POINT, BUT WE ARE NOT EVEN THERE YET, BUT BEYOND  
THAT, ARE THERE WAYS THAT WE CAN ENHANCE SOME OF OUR EXISTING  
PROGRAMS?

WE HAVE PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT AND ENERGY IN COLLABORATION WITH STAFF TO  
REALLY PUT FORTH A LOT OF I THINK VERY DELIBERATE PROGRAMS THAT REALLY  
DO GET AT EQUITY CONCERNS.

ARE THERE WAYS WE CAN ENHANCE THOSE?

CAN WE ADD TO THOSE?

ARE THERE NEW PROGRAMS OR NEW INITIATIVES THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER AS  
WELL?

OBVIOUSLY AN EXISTING PROGRAM THAT IS ALREADY IN MOTION I THINK IS A  
GOOD - I THINK THAT IS A LOGICAL PLACE TO START.

I WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR ABOUT WHAT IS MOTIVATING US HERE AND I DON'T  
WANT TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON IT, BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT AS SOMEONE  
WHOSE ANCESTORS TRACE THEIR ROOTS BACK TO PORTIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST  
BEFORE IT EVEN BECAME PART OF THE UNITED STATES, I REALLY DO BRISTLE  
AT THE COMPARISON WITH NATIVE AMERICAN REPARATIONS.

AND SO I DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO THAT BECAUSE I CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT  
TO DERAIL WITH THE VILLAGE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON, BUT I RAISE THAT TO  
SAY THAT I THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE THE RIGHT MOTIVATION HERE AND NATIVE  
AMERICANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN REPARATIONS IS NOT THE RIGHT  
MOTIVATION AND THAT IS NOT A MOTIVATION THAT I WOULD SUPPORT.

I WILL ALSO END WITH, YOU KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN TALK ABOUT THE JULIAN  
HOME AND WE AT THIS PORTABLE HAVE ALSO TALKED ABOUT HONORING THE  
JULIAN FAMILY.

I'M ALSO NOT IN FAVOR OF ANYTHING THAT TAKES AWAY THE AGENCY OF FAITH  
JULIAN.

ANY KIND OF PROGRAM HAS TO BE DONE IF IT IS TO INVOLVE HER HOMESTEAD,  
IT HAS TO START WITH A CONVERSATION WITH HER.

FIRST AND FOREMOST.

AND SO THAT IS MY INITIAL FEEDBACK HERE AND I AM INTERESTED TO HEAR  
WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE THINKS.

YOU FOR GIVING ME THE MICROPHONE AGAIN.

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT SEEING THE LEGAL PRESENTATION, PAUL.

I STICK WITH MY PRIOR COMMENTS THAT I THINK OVERALL I WAS HOPING FOR A  
LOT MORE FROM THE VILLAGE ON THIS, BUT I DID WANT TO CLARIFY SOMETHING  
ON YOUR LEGAL PRESENTATION, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE REPARATIONS  
PROGRAM AND COMPARING IT TO EVANSTON'S.

SO WHEN YOU SEE WHAT THE TASK FORCE HAS PROPOSED OR THEIR ASKED, DOES THAT, UNDER THIS DEFINITION REPARATIONS OR ARE WE TALKING ABOUT EVANSTON BASICALLY GIVING CASH.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

THE ASK OF THE TASK FORCE CAN BE ANALYZED DIFFERENTLY AND APART FROM WHAT I HAVE IN THAT MEMO.  
IN THAT PRESENTATION.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THIS IS YOUR OPINION ON IF WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING LIKE EVANSTON?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THE ASKS OF THE TASK FORCE ARE VERY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT EVANSTON HAS.

>> RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE ON THE APOLOGY.

I THINK APOLOGIES, IF YOU ASKED EVERYONE TO PROVE WHY THEY DESERVED AN APOLOGY, I DON'T THINK WE WOULD GET ALONG VERY WELL.

I DON'T NEED PROOF TO PROVIDE PROOF OF HARM IN WRITING TO PROVIDE APOLOGIES BEFORE JUST TO CLARIFY I'M NOT SAYING ANY HARM SHOULD BE PROVED UP.

AND SAYING THAT WE CANNOT HAVE AN APOLOGY THAT SAYS THAT THE REPARATION TASK FORCE SAID WE DID BAD THINGS SO WE ARE SORRY.  
YOU HAVE TO TAKE MORE OWNERSHIP THAN THAT.

YOU'RE TO SAY WE DID THE WORK TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE HISTORY WAS OF THIS COMMUNITY AND SINCE WE OWN THE RECORDS THEY VERY WELL MAY HAVE OTHER THINGS IN THERE THAT HAVEN'T BEEN UNCOVERED BY THE TASK FORCE THAT WE SHOULD BE ADDRESSING AN APOLOGY.

WE ARE THE ONES THAT KNOW THAT WE ARE THE ONES THAT SHOULD KNOW THAT. SO IT IS NOT AT ALL AND MAYBE GIVE ME A MOMENT TO CLARIFY, I WAS NOT AT ALL SAYING THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME SORT OF PROOF GIVEN.

I'M SAYING THAT WE HAVE TO DO OUR OWN WORK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF I CAN MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY, YOU ARE SAYING YOU WANT AN APOLOGY TO BE VERY SPECIFIC TO HARM THAT THE VILLAGE IS DONE AND YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO NAME IT THEREFORE WE REALLY NEED TO DO THE WORK SO WE CAN BE INCLUSIVE OF ALL THE HARM THAT HAS BEEN DONE.

THERE IS ZERO ARGUMENT THAT HARM HAS BEEN DONE BEFORE SURE, ABSOLUTELY.

I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

JUST A QUICK QUESTION.

DOES ISSUING AN APOLOGY THOUGH, PAUL, BEFORE WORKING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING REPARATIONS PROGRAMS AT ALL PUT US IN ANY KIND OF LEGAL VULNERABILITY?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: I DON'T THINK SO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: O'BRIEN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I DO THINK THAT WE SHOULD START DOING WHATEVER WORK WE NEED TO DO IN ORDER FOR US TO BRING FORWARD A RESOLUTION OF



THE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGING AND APOLOGIZING FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE GENERATIONAL HARM THAT THOSE ACTIONS HAVE CAUSED. WE SHOULD DO THAT WITH ALL DUE HASTE AND - BUT WE SHOULD DO THE WORK TO ENSURE THAT THAT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THAT APOLOGY IS SPECIFIC.

IT IS NOT JUST, HEY, WE ARE SORRY FOR WHATEVER WE DID.

WE MUST TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT OUR HISTORY IS WORKING WITH THE TASK FORCE, WORKING WITH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF RIVER FOREST AND OAK PARK AND OUR OWN RECORDS TO FULLY AND HONESTLY TALK ABOUT OUR HISTORY AND NOT JUST SHINE A LIGHT ON THE GOOD PARTS OF THE HISTORY.

I DO THINK THAT THIS BOARD HAS TALKED BEFORE ABOUT A STRONG INTEREST IN HOUSING PROGRAMS THAT WORK ON DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE.

I RECOGNIZE THE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES RELATED TO A RACE-BASED DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

I WOULD LIKE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN DESIGN SUCH A PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE GENERATIONAL WEALTH GAP THAT IS IN LARGE PART A RESULT OF RACIST HOUSING POLICIES HERE AND ELSEWHERE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA.

I THINK WORKING TOWARDS A DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE AND LOW-INTEREST PROGRAM THAT IS TARGETED TOWARDS GENERATIONAL WEALTH GAP ISSUES IS ABSOLUTELY SOMETHING IN LINE WITH THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CAN BE DONE IN A WAY THAT IS - THOUGHTFUL REGARDING THE LEGAL ISSUES TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT EXPOSING THE VILLAGE TO LEGAL RISK THERE.

I THINK THAT PRESERVING THE JULIAN HOME AND THE LEGACY OF THE JULIAN FAMILY IN OAK PARK IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL AND SHOULD BE DONE FIRST AND FOREMOST WITH THE INPUT OF FAITH JULIAN AND I KNOW STAFF HAS BEEN UNDERTAKING CONVERSATIONS.

STAFF AND FORMER TRUSTEES AND CURRENT TRUSTEES IN THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT HAVE ALL BEEN UNDERTAKING CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FAITH JULIAN AROUND HOW THAT SHOULD PROCEED AND I FULLY SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS CONTINUING.

I AM TRYING TO THINK.

I'M SURE THERE'S SOMETHING I AM MISSING THAT I WANTED TO MENTION, BUT I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE YEARS OF EFFORT THAT WENT INTO THIS REPORT AND TRULY HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WORK.

THIS IS JUSTICE THAT HAS BEEN DELAYED TOO LONG AND THUS DENIED.

WE CANNOT SIT ON OUR LAURELS.

WE CANNOT LET ANOTHER YEAR PASS WITHOUT HAVING DONE SOMETHING AND SO I DO THINK THAT AN OFFICIAL APOLOGY IS THE FIRST STEP AND WE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT IT IS FOLLOWED BY FURTHER STEPS.

I DO REMEMBER THE ONE OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT.

I KNOW WE WERE WORKING ON AN ONGOING RACIAL EQUITY ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT POLICIES AND ORDINANCES.

I WAS CURIOUS WHAT THE STATUS OF THAT IS GIVEN HOW THAT FITS IN WITH THE CONTEXT OF THE TASK FORCES RECOMMENDATION.

>> EXCELLENT QUESTION, TRUSTEE STRAW.

DEBRIS, ADDING TO VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON STATEMENTS AROUND WE ARE THINKING ABOUT BUILDING UP A RACIAL EQUITY INITIATIVE. THAT IS DEFINITELY A PATHWAY THAT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT ESTABLISHING A REPARATIONS PROGRAM OF HOW WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THAT BUILDING INTO OUR RACIAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN AND SO WITH THE ASSESSMENT THAT HAS CONCLUDED WE PROVIDE SOME REALLY GREAT INSIGHT AND OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY TASK FORCE LIKE THIS ONE TO PROVIDE INITIAL INPUT AND CULTIVATE A PLAN AROUND THIS. WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR HOUSING NEEDS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, BUT AGAIN, IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT BEING WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF BEING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT PROGRAM, THEN THAT IS AGAIN A FURTHER ONGOING CONVERSATION IN RESEARCH - - THAT IT DOES NOT DERAIL OUR INITIATIVES THAT WE CAN BUILD INTO THE ACTION PLAN. SO I THINK IT COMES DOWN TO INTENT AND TERMINOLOGY AND THE INTENDED OUTCOMES AND WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR TO ENSURE THAT THEIR POPULATIONS ARE GETTING THE NEEDED SUPPORT IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE THINGS YOU BROUGHT UP SUCH AS GENERATIONAL WEALTH.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: YEAH, AND I THINK SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT SPECIFICALLY TALKED TO IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC ORDINANCES WHERE IT WAS TIME TO ADDRESS THEM AND ALTER THEM AND I KNOW THAT WAS SOME OF THE WORK THAT WAS ONGOING AND SO DEFINITELY I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE THERE AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT ASPECT OF THE RACIAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN. THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO NEXT?  
TRUSTEE WESLEY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I USUALLY SAVE MINE FOR LAST - MOST OF YOU KNOW WHY.

I WILL JUMP IN HERE NOW.

THERE ARE A FEW OF US HERE TODAY.

SO PAUL, WANT TO ASK A QUESTION ABOUT - AND SO, THE LEGAL ASPECT OF THIS.

SO WE KNOW THAT WE THINK THAT EVANSTON'S PROGRAM IS LEGAL, EVEN THOUGH IT HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE, RIGHT?

IN GENERAL, RIGHT?

WE DON'T KNOW, BUT THE PAST ONE, IT STOOD FOR WELL AND IS BEING CHALLENGED, WE DON'T KNOW, RIGHT?

IS THE BEST WE HAVE GOT?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: IT IS THE BEST AND PREMATURE ONLY IN THE UNITED STATES.

>> WHEN YOU DID YOUR EVALUATION OF THINGS IN OUR HISTORY THAT MIGHT FIT THE STRICT STANDARDS OF THIS, DID YOU ONLY LOOK AT IT THROUGH THE LENS OF EVANSTON'S PROGRAM?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: YES.

SO THAT IS WHERE I WAS SAYING, THE ASKS OF THE TASK FORCE IS DIFFERENT THAN EVANSTON'S PROGRAM AND WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT. TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ALSO.

I WILL TALK ABOUT SOME STUFF THAT IS SIMILAR TO EVANSTON AND IT MAY NOT ALL BE THE SAME, BUT WHAT I THINK MY OPINION IS STUFF THAT STANDS UP TO THE SCRUTINY OR AT LEAST I WOULD LIKE TO CHALLENGE IT TO SEE. SO FOR ME, A LOT OF THIS IS HISTORY AND ZONING IN OAK PARK AND THIS IS STILL SOMETHING THAT PERSISTS TODAY.

IT LITERALLY TODAY AS WE SIT HERE WE HAVE EXCLUSIONARY ZONING IN OAK PARK AND THAT CONTRIBUTES TO SEGREGATION, LACK OF RACIAL INTEGRATION. IT KEEPS BLACK FAMILIES FROM MOVING INTO THE VILLAGE, SO ON AND SO FORTH.

I HAVE SAID THIS, BUT I WILL GET BACK TO THAT.

I WANT TO START HERE AT THE BEGINNING BECAUSE AS THE TASK FORCE MENTIONED, MT. CARMEL HAD THEIR LIVING PERMIT ASCENDED, LEADING TO A LOSS OF WEALTH AND IN 1928 THEY ALSO - THERE WAS AN UNSUBSTANTIATED, UNINVESTIGATED FIRE.

IT JUST HAPPENED TO HAPPEN AND THAT LED TO AN UNCOMPENSATED LOSS OF LAND.

BOTH OF THESE THINGS ARE VERIFIABLE.

BUILDING ON THAT, IN 1917 THE SUPREME COURT OUTLAWED RACE-BASED ZONING AND THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE EVERYTHING HAPPENS IN OAK PARK AFTER THAT BECAUSE OF LARGELY THIS DECISION AND SOME PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS THAT HAPPENED IN OAK PARK BACK DURING THIS TIME.

SO IN 1921 OAK PARK BECOMES ONE OF ONLY 27 COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY TO IMPLEMENT ZONING.

NOT ONLY DID WE PIONEERED A HOUSING ORDINANCE, WE PIONEERED ZONING AS WELL.

BOTH ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM.

HOW CAN SUCH A SMALL TOWN END UP GROUND ZERO FOR ALL KINDS OF RACIST REAL ESTATE BASED TACTICS IS BEYOND ME, BUT HERE WE ARE.

I WILL NOTE THAT IN THE ARTICLE THAT I READ THE QUOTE SAYS THE ORDINANCE WAS ONE OF THE MOST STRICT BUILDING CODES IN THE NATION. TARGETED AT APARTMENTS.

IN 1945 THROUGH 1948, A GUY NAMED HARLAN (NAME?) CAME TO OAK PARK AND WORKED WITH THE VILLAGE.

IF YOU HAVE EVER HEARD OF HARLAN (NAME?), HE WORKED WITH FERGUSON ST. LOUIS IN 1919 AND HARLAN IS A QUOTE FROM THEM, HE SAID THE 1919 ST. LOUIS PLAN WAS TO PRESERVE THE MORE DESIRABLE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND TO PREVENT MOVEMENT AND TO FIND A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR COLORED PEOPLE.

THAT IS WHAT HE SAID IN 1919 WHEN HE CREATED THE ZONING PLAN IN ST. LOUIS, WHICH HAPPENS AFTER 1917, SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN RACE-BASED COVENANTS.

SO WE ALL KNOW THAT FROM THERE, ALL COMMUNITIES FROM THE ASSISTANCE OF (NAME?) MOVED TO THIS ZONING ORDINANCE STYLE OF DISCRIMINATION, WHICH THEY USED VIA ECONOMICS TO CREATE DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION. NOW HARLAN (NAME?) HAPPENS TO BE THE GUY WHO DID THE 1947 REZONING OF OAK PARK'S ZONING ORDINANCE.

NOT ONLY DID WE BECOME ONE OF THE FIRST COMMUNITIES IN THE NATION TO CREATE ZONING AND IMPLEMENT ONE OF THE MOST STRICT ZONING ORDINANCES AGAINST DEPARTMENTS AND THEN WE GO AND HIRE THE GUY WHO LITERALLY PIONEERED RACE-BASED ZONING IN THE UNITED STATES AND SAID, HEY, COME MAKE THIS WORSE!

ANYTHING IN THERE THAT WE CAN USE, PAUL?

BECAUSE I AM FEELING LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF SPECIFICS HERE AND I THINK A LOT OF THIS STAND STRICT SCRUTINY BECAUSE THESE ARE THINGS WE DOCUMENTED AND ITEMS THAT I PULLED IT DIRECTLY OUT OF THE NEWSPAPER OR PEOPLE PULLED DIRECTLY OUT OF THE NEWSPAPER AND HANDED TO ME AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THAT NOW.

YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WHEN I WAS THINKING ABOUT REPARATIONS AND THINKING ABOUT WHERE WE WERE GOING WITH THIS, THIS TO ME IS THE MOST ROCKSOLID CASE FOR THE TRANSFER OF WEALTH FROM POTENTIAL BLACK COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS WELL AS BLACK COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE VILLAGE AND THEN OTHER NONBLACK COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

THAT SEEMS LIKE A STRAIGHTFORWARD CASE FOR REPARATIONS.

I WILL MOVE ON HERE BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO HAVE THIS MEETING TAKE FOREVER BECAUSE I HAVE A LOT OF THIS.

IT IS ACTUALLY REALLY, REALLY BAD.

YEAH, IT IS REALLY BAD.

THE HISTORY OF ZONING IN OAK PARK.

IT IS HORRIBLE.

BECAUSE IT DOVETAILS INTO HISTORIC PRESERVATION, WHICH YOU KNOW IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TOPICS TO RANT ABOUT BECAUSE IT HAS ALSO BEEN CREATED FROM THE DESIRE TO SEGREGATE AND CREATE RACE-BASED SEGREGATION IN OAK PARK IN AN AREA WHERE YOU CANNOT DO IT BASED ON RACE EXPLICITLY.

HOWEVER, THERE IS MORE THAT WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT, PERCY JULIAN HERE A LITTLE BIT.

HERE WE GO.

HERE IS A QUOTE FROM AN ARTICLE.

WHILE WORKING AT GLIDDEN, PERCY JULIAN PURCHASED A HOME NO BARGAIN BEFORE HE MOVED IN, THE DAY BEFORE THINGS GOING ON NOVEMBER 22, SOME OF THE NEIGHBORS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT WELCOME BY THROWING A FIRE BOMB INTO HIS HOUSE.

THIS WAS 11 MONTHS AFTER PERCY HAD BEEN GIVEN THE CHICAGOAN OF THE YEAR AWARD BY THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES.

THE RACISM AND FIRE BECAME A PR DEBACLE FOR OAK PARK THEY WANTED TO BE KNOWN FOR THEIR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY, WHICH IS WEIRD BECAUSE AT THIS TIME THEY WERE A 1% BLACK COMMUNITY OR LESS THAN 1% BLACK COMMUNITY,

BUT THEY WANT TO BE KNOWN FOR THEIR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY SO THEY TRIED TO BURY THE STORY, BUT TIME MAGAZINE PICKED UP THE STORY, EXPOSING RACISM ERECTED TOWARDS PERCY JULIAN. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REFUSED TO PROTECT HIM AND SO PERCY HAD TO HIRE PRIVATE GUARDS.

PERCY EVEN HAD TO TAKE UP GUARD DUTY AND HE WOULD STATION HIMSELF - I GET A LITTLE EMOTIONAL WITH THIS PART BECAUSE IT IS CRAZY. HE WOULD STATION HIMSELF UNDER A TREE IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE WITH A SHOTGUN.

HIS SON ASKED HIM WHY HE WAS SITTING UNDER A TREE WITH A SHOTGUN AND HE HAD TO EXPLAIN THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT DID NOT WANT HIM THERE.

SO AGAIN, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF VILLAGE COMMITTED ACTION, REFUSING TO PROTECT SOMEONE BECAUSE THEY ARE BLACK AFTER THEIR HOUSE HAD BEEN FIREBOMBED.

HIS HOUSE WAS FIREBOMBED TWICE, NOT JUST ONCE, TWICE.

TO THE POINT WHERE HE LITERALLY HAD TO GET A SHOTGUN AND SIT UNDER A TREE WITH HIS SON TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY.

THAT IS RIDICULOUS.

ALSO I THINK WOULD PASS STRICT SCRUTINY.

SO MY POINT HERE IS JUST THAT I THINK THERE IS MORE WE CAN DO HERE TO UNCOVER SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF ACTION THAT THIS VILLAGE HAS TAKEN AGAINST BLACK FOLKS THAT WOULD JUSTIFY REPARATIONS AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE TO JESSE ROBINSON POINT, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE ACTIONS SPECIFICALLY ENUMERATED AND ANY APOLOGY WE MAKE BECAUSE A GENERAL APOLOGY JUST FOR COMMITTING ACTS OF HARM AFTER 100 YEARS OF HARMFUL ACTIONS I DON'T THINK IS SUFFICIENT AND THE DATA IS OUT THERE TO PROVE THE THINGS WE DID.

WE LITERALLY HIRED THE GUY THAT INVADED RACIST ZONING TO REZONE OUR VILLAGE.

SERIOUSLY?

IS ANYBODY EVER GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT?

1968 FAIR HOUSING ACT.

I HEAR ABOUT THAT ALL THE TIME.

REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

I HEAR ABOUT THAT ALL THE TIME.

HARLEM NAME, ONLY HEARD OF HIM IN CONTEXT TO EVERY OTHER VILLAGE, EVERY OTHER PLACE.

SEATTLE, ST. LOUIS, NEVER HEARD ABOUT HIM BEING LITERALLY HERE IN OAK PARK.

RE-ARCHITECTING ZONING IN THIS VILLAGE.

RIDICULOUS!

DO WE BURY EVERYTHING THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

IS THAT WHAT WE DO HERE?

IT IS MADDENING.

WHERE WAS I?

I THINK ULTIMATELY THAT THERE IS A LOT OF WORK HERE FOR US TO DO.  
SORRY, REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

THIS ONE IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT TEARS ME UP BECAUSE I DON'T THINK  
OAK PARK EXISTS WITHOUT THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER, HOWEVER, LOVE THE  
STUFF THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER DID, EVANSTON IS PAYING REPARATIONS  
FOR.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS PRACTICE INFORMAL RACIAL ZONING.

STEERING BLACK HOUSEHOLDS TO EVANSTON WHILE RESTRICTING THEM FROM  
OTHER AREAS.

SOUND FAMILIAR?

I MEAN, IN 1919 EVANSTON PASSED AN ORDINANCE THAT IS ON EVERY BLOCK  
ARE BLACK PEOPLE LIVED OUTSIDE OF THE WEBSITE FOR COMMERCIAL USES.  
DID YOU KNOW THAT WHEN THE FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE, THERE'S A CARVEOUT  
THAT ALLOWS THE VILLAGE TO DESIGNATE ANY BLOCK THEY WANT IS EXEMPT  
FROM THE ORDINANCE?

THAT SOUNDS PRETTY SIMILAR TO THIS.

I THINK I HAVE SAID ENOUGH.

THERE IS A LOT HERE AND WE NEED TO DIG MORE.

IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS WE NEED TO DIG MORE AND I THINK THE  
EVIDENCE IS HERE.

I THINK WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO, I'M SORRY, PAUL, THAT YOU WILL NOT BE  
HERE TO HELP WITH THIS.

BECAUSE I REALLY THINK YOU WOULD HELP US GET THROUGH THIS IN A WAY  
THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THIS VILLAGE.

YEAH, I THINK THERE IS A LOT MORE HERE AND OBVIOUSLY I SUPPORT THE  
CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF THIS.

THE UNEARTHING OF VARIOUS SPECIFIC INCIDENTS THAT ARE LITTERED IN OUR  
PAST AND MOVING FORWARD FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: FIRST AND FOREMOST, WANT TO THANK CHRISTIAN  
HARRIS, DOCTOR WALKER, SO MUCH HARD WORK OVER THE YEARS.

I HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HEAR THE FULL VERSION AND GET THE, YOU  
KNOW, FULL WEIGHT OF WHAT IT MEANS, NOT JUST THE FULL WEIGHT, BUT TO  
HEAR IT, TO HEAR THE STORY OF WHAT IT MEANT TO BE BLACK AT THAT PERIOD  
OF TIME AND GO THROUGH WHAT PEOPLE WERE GOING THROUGH.

WE TALK ABOUT OUR STRUGGLES TODAY MIKE, MAN, IS INSANE TO KNOW WHAT  
PEOPLE WENT THROUGH BEFORE US, OUR ANCESTORS WENT THROUGH BEFORE US.

I CONTINUOUSLY THINK OF THIS AS THE MOST UNAPPRECIATED GIFT TO GIVE US  
IS THERE HARD WORK AND IT NEVER BACKING DOWN AND BUILDING UP THESE  
GENERATIONS OF RESILIENCY, BUT IT ALWAYS COMES BACK TO THERE IS STILL  
MORE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BESIDES JUST WORKING HARD.

THERE IS WHAT IS OLD AT THIS PERIOD OF TIME AND UNDERSTANDING IN OUR  
CONVERSATIONS HEARING FROM THE REPARATIONS TASK FORCE, WALK THE WALK,  
THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE.

THAT IS WHAT I SAID THE FIRST TIME.

YOU HAVE TO HAVE MORE IN HERE.

WE NEED TO KNOW ALL THE AVENUES AND WAYS IN WHICH WE WERE NOT GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES.

I THINK ONE OF YOU ASKED, IS THIS GOING ON ANYWHERE ELSE?

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

THAT IS ANOTHER PLACE THAT IS GOING THROUGH THE SAME PROCESS AND FOR THEM IT TOOK OVER TWO YEARS JUST FOR THEM TO GET TO ALMOST A POINT WHERE WE ARE SIMILAR.

ASSEMBLY TOLD ME, CHIBUIKE, THIS IS WHERE EVERYTHING MOVES SLOWER THAN YOU WANTED TO.

FOR ME, THIS HAS JUST BEEN A TASK TO WAIT BECAUSE IT FEELS LIKE, CAN'T WE JUST DO SOME OF THESE THINGS BEFORE - SOME PEOPLE DON'T EVEN GET TO REALIZE THE STUFF THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR.

BECAUSE I DO NOT THINK THAT IS FAIR IN THAT POSITION BECAUSE LIKE WE SAID, THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER SITUATIONS AND I AM NOT TRYING TO OVERSTEP ANYTHING, BUT WE ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO LOOK AT IT IN CERTAIN OTHERS, BUT WE ALWAYS END UP FALLING SHORT IN FIGURING OUT, HOW DO WE MAKE THIS RIGHT?

SO THAT IS WHERE I APPRECIATE LOOKING AT THE LEGAL STANDPOINT BECAUSE IF WE DON'T DO IT LEGALLY IT IS NOT GOING TO WITHSTAND SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET IT RIGHT AND WE TASK PAUL AND THE REST OF THE STUFF TO LOOK AT THINGS LIKE THIS.

TO LOOK AT THE UNJUST ORDINANCES, ALL THE DIFFERENT THINGS BECAUSE WE KNOW THERE IS SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST ONE THING THAT MAKES THIS SO HORRIBLE IN HISTORY IN THE TIME IT HAS HAPPENED.

WE HAVE SEEN SOME THINGS CHANGE THAT WE DID NOT HAVE BEFORE.

WE DID NOT HAVE AN EQUITY DIRECTOR.

WE DID NOT HAVE A BLACK VILLAGE MANAGER.

WE DID NOT HAVE A LOT OF THESE THINGS BEFORE WE HAD THIS FIRST CONVERSATION SO I THINK WE ARE MAKING THE STEPS.

OTHER QUICK ENOUGH?

NO, BUT I DEFINITELY KNOW IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE'RE WILLING TO STOP MOVING FORWARD WITH.

I THINK ALL OF US ARE COMMITTED TO WANTING TO SEE WHAT THAT IS MAKING SURE IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS MORE - I THINK MORE FITTING THAN WHAT I SEE IN EVANSTON.

MY MIND WHEN I SAW THAT I DID NOT THINK THAT WAS ENOUGH NO THINK WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT AND I KNOW WE CAN WITH THE HELP OF EVERYBODY ELSE.

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT - YOU CAN JUST MAKE IT HAPPENED. NO, THE BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW THESE THINGS AND WE DID KNOW THE AVENUES IN WHICH PEOPLE WERE WRONG BECAUSE WHAT IF THERE IS SOMETHING WE MISSED?

WHAT IF THERE IS A CERTAIN DEMOGRAPHIC WITHIN THE DEMOGRAPHIC THAT WE MISSED?

THE SINGLE MOTHER WHO DOES NOT GET THE ASSISTANCE SHE NEEDS. THAT IS A CONTINUOUS THING WE SEE IN OAK PARK OR SOMEONE WHO LIVES BELOW THE POVERTY LINE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATIONS OF DISENFRANCHISEMENT IN THEIR FAMILY. THERE IS SO MUCH THAT GOES ON THAT WE ARE HEARING THE STORY OF SHEILA'S FAMILY.

THESE THINGS ARE REAL THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO PEOPLE AND IT HURTS TO HEAR IT, SAME WITH CORY, I'VE BEEN IN THAT POSITION IN MY HOUSE, DOING THE SAME THING.

HAD SOMEONE TRYING TO BREAK IN MY HOME, SITTING THERE FOR HOURS AND LIVING THROUGH THAT AND BEING UP UNTIL 2:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING BY YOUR DOOR.

I KNOW HOW THAT FEELS.

SO I'M TELLING YOU THAT THERE IS TRAUMA THAT PEOPLE LIVED THROUGH FOREVER BECAUSE WHAT HAS HAPPENED THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

AND WE NEED SOMETHING TO CHANGE.

SO I KNOW THAT THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND THROUGH WORKING WITH YOU ALL TO KEEP US ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH THESE ACTIONS, THROUGH THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN MAKING SURE THIS IS NOT WHERE IT STOPS.

LIKE I SAID, THERE ARE OTHER PLACES WORKING ON THIS, BUT THERE'S ALWAYS A HURDLE.

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING THAT GETS IN THE WAY AND WE ARE WORKING THROUGH THE FAITH JULIAN SITUATION AS WELL AS MAKING SURE THE STUFF GETS DONE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER BECAUSE SOME OF THESE DREAMS WILL NEVER BE REALIZED IF THAT TRAIN KEEPS GOING AS SLOW AS IT IS GOING. SO I DO WANT TO CONTINUE TO, YOU KNOW, LISTEN TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT ALSO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP OUR FOOT ON THE PEDAL AND NOT SLOW DOWN OR BECOME COMPLACENT.

I KNOW WE CAN GET THESE THINGS DONE IF WE START TO SET REALIZED TIMELINES FOR OURSELVES AND SAY, OKAY, THIS IS WHERE WE HOPE TO BE IN THREE MONTHS, HOW DO WE UTILIZE ALSO THE REST OF OUR INTERNAL MECHANISMS AND HAVE THE REPARATIONS TASK FORCE WORKING WITH OUR CRC AND MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE HOLDING EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE HERE IN VILLAGE GOVERNMENT AND PUSHING FORWARD FOR A FUTURE WITH THOSE WHO NEED THE HELP GET THE HELP THEY NEED.

WE ARE HEARING ALL OF THESE STORIES OF THIS HAPPENED IN HOUSING BACK THEN, BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE STILL BEING DENIED HOUSING TO THIS DAY THAT HAVE STORIES THAT YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE AND WE ARE STILL HOLDING OUR HATS ON, BUT WE ARE OAK PARK, BUT I CAN TELL YOU STORIES OF THIS HAPPENING TO PEOPLE JUST WEEKS AGO.

THIS HAS NOT ENDED BECAUSE WE SAID WE ARE THIS VILLAGE OF EQUITY. WE HAVE TO WALK THE WALK IF WE ARE GOING TO MAINTAIN THIS EQUITY LINE THAT WE LIKE TO TELL OURSELVES, BUT AM APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE HARD WORK.



I HOPE YOU ALL DO NOT FEEL THAT WE ARE GOING TO LET THIS DOWN FOR YOU ALL.

I KNOW WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PUSH THIS FORWARD.

SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND LIKE I SAID, I KNOW CHRISTIAN HAS A FULL VERSION OF THIS IF YOU DID NOT GET TO GET THAT ALL IN.

SO I ASK YOU TO REACH OUT AND ASK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE SO MUCH TIME HAS GONE INTO THIS INTO THE CHURCH THAT TOOK ON WANTING TO FUND THIS MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE CONVERSATIONS THROUGH DOMINICAN, THANK YOU ALL AND I APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU ALL IN THE VILLAGES THAT SUPPORT THIS.

I REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND I KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO TAKE TIME TO GET THIS RIGHT.

>> AS I HAVE HEARD MY COLLEAGUE SPEAK, IT SEEMS LIKE ONE THING WE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER IS WHETHER IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO PUT A GRANT OUT FOR A HISTORIAN TO DO A STUDY OF OUR PRIMARY SOURCE RECORDS IN ADDITION TO WORKING WITH ALL THE RECORDS THAT THE TASK FORCE HAS ON EARTH AND PUT TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY WITH THOSE PRIMARY SOURCE RECORDS THAT TRUSTEE ROBINSON WAS REFERRING TO THAT COULD BE CONNECTED TO THAT APOLOGY, WHERE WE ARE SAYING, HERE IS ALL OF THE HARM THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY.

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT ADDITIONAL STUDY - OBVIOUSLY AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF STUDY HAS GONE INTO THIS ALREADY GONE INTO THIS UNCOMPENSATED WORK AND WE DO NOT WANT TO BE PUTTING ANY MORE BURDEN ON THE COMMUNITY IN THAT WAY, BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT FOLKS ARE SAYING THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE STUDY OR THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE LEGAL JUSTIFICATION, PAYING FOR SOMEONE OUTSIDE IF WE DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY ON STAFF TO DO THAT PRIMARY RECORD REVIEW TO PROVIDE THAT LEGAL JUSTIFICATION AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR A REPARATIONS PROGRAM IS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD CERTAINLY BE WILLING TO CONSIDER.

>> THANK YOU CHRISTIAN, THANK YOU, NANCY.

I WISH I COULD HAVE HEARD THE ENTIRE PRESENTATION.

I DO REMEMBER LOOKING THROUGH THE ENTIRE REPORT WHEN IT WAS FIRST SENT TO US INITIALLY.

CAMILLE WAS AN INTERN IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE WHEN SHE WAS WORKING ON COMPILING INFORMATION AND WE SPENT SEVERAL WEEKENDS HERE TOGETHER, SHE AND I AND SHE MAY BE DOING OTHER WORK IN OUR OFFICE AND HER DOING HER THING SO I DO NOT TAKE ANY CREDIT.

WE WERE WARNED EARLY ON THAT THAT LEVEL OF RESEARCH DOES TAKE - IT TOOK EVANSTON AT LEAST TWO YEARS TO COMPILE ALL OF THAT RESEARCH.

SORRY?

LONGER THAN THAT?

>> (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO IDENTIFY ALL THE HARM AND THAT SOME OF THE LEGAL CHALLENGES WITH REPARATIONS IS THAT THE RESPONSE - THE MONEY PAID OUT NEEDS TO BE

CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE HARM AND SO WHETHER IT IS IN EVANSTON LIKE PROGRAM OR IF IT IS FOUND THAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT SOMETHING, AND ADDITIONAL OR DIFFERENT LIKE I REALLY DO WANT TO RESPOND TO TRUSTEE WESLEY AND THE ZONING CONVERSATION THAT IS OVERDUE.

I DO WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT AND I DO REMEMBER HIS NAME, BUT I'VE NO IDEA OF ALL THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXIST WITH WHAT IT IS THAT HIS WORK WAS REALLY TRULY ABOUT.

I DO KNOW THAT WE DO HAVE A TENDENCY HERE IN OAK PARK TO PUT ROSE-COLORED GLASSES ON THE HISTORY OF OUR ACTIONS AND I HAVE AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND AS VILLAGE PRESIDENT OF NO PROBLEM APOLOGIZING FOR THESE THINGS, BUT I DO WISH FOR MY APOLOGY TO BE GENUINE, ALWAYS AND ABSOLUTE, AND CLEAR.

AND CLEAN.

SO I WOULD WANT TO WORK WITH STAFF, WORK WITH THE TASK FORCE. LOOKING AT YOUR NEXT STEPS FROM THE MEMO WITH STAFF, YOU TALK ABOUT THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION SESSIONS AS EDUCATION ABOUT REPARATIONS AND SEEKING COMMUNITY INPUT WHILE WE DO THIS REVIEW.

SO, YOU KNOW, I ACTUALLY AM INTERESTED IN, HOW IS IT THAT WE - WHAT CAN THE BOARD DO TO ASSIST WITH THE RESEARCH ASPECT?

YOU KNOW, BRIAN'S RECOMMENDATION IS INTERESTING.

IT IS ONE I DID NOT THINK OF.

I DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE OTHER TALENTED PEOPLE IN TOWN WITH THE MUSEUM, WE HAVE BEEN TEACHING MUCH ABOUT OUR HISTORY AND OAK PARK THROUGH THEIR ADVANCE FOR A LONG TIME AND SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE STAFF TO COME BACK TO US WITH THE BUDGET ASK OF HOW WE CAN ASSIST IN A TIMELINE OR AT LEAST THAT FRAMEWORK, WHATEVER IT MAY BE TO COMING BACK WITH THE ACTUAL HISTORY OF OAK PARK.

FOR?

SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE APOLOGY, SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH DIRECT PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

SO WE CAN ALSO AT THE SAME TIME RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE - WE SPEAK A LOT ABOUT RACIAL EQUITY SO WE CAN STILL BE - THERE ARE DEFINITELY ONES WE KNOW NOW.

I GET THAT.

AND SO THAT IS MAYBE ANOTHER ASK THE STAFF TO COME BACK WITH.

THE INSTANCES WE DO KNOW AND WOULD PASS A STRICT TEST, LEGAL TEST, CAN WE MOVE FORWARD WITH SOME OF THAT NOW?

ESPECIALLY SINCE MUCH OF IT IS ALREADY ALIGNED WITH OUR BOARD GOALS.

THE DOWN PAYMENT PROGRAM IS ONE WE HAVE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT.

ASSISTING OUR BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES IS ONE WE'VE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE IN THE PAST AS WELL.

BOTH OF THOSE THINGS I THINK ARE ONES THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN.

AS FAR AS THE FAITH JULIAN HOME, I HAVE HEARD MANY MICHAEL IS NOTED THAT THE FIRST STEP IS WORKING WITH FAITH JULIAN.

I AM COMMITTED TO THAT.

I DO COMMUNICATE WITH HER.

SO DOES - AS BRIAN NOTED, TRUSTEE ENYIA.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON ALSO HAS A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH HER AND I ALWAYS LIKE TO SHOW THE RESPECT THAT TRUSTEE TAGLIA HAS BEEN CHAMPIONING PRESERVATION OF THE HOME AND CARE FOR FAITH SINCE HIS EARLY YEARS IN OFFICE.

AND WHAT FAITH HAS COMMUNICATED TO US AS SHE WOULD LIKE WITH HER HOME IS CLOSE TO WHAT YOU ARE SUGGESTING, BUT NOT EXACTLY THE SAME.

SO JUST AS YOU UNDERSTAND, WHAT ARE HER WISHES.

AND SO TO GO BACK TO YOUR LIST OF ASKS, THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO DO REALLY QUICK.

CAN WE PUT THAT BACK?

THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

NOAH, MY EYESIGHT IS NOT GREAT.

THANK YOU.

AND SO THOSE CONVERSATIONS WITH PERCY JULIAN OR WITH FAITH JULIAN AND I WILL SAY THAT SHE OFTEN SPEAKS TO ME ABOUT HER MOTHER'S LEGACY AS WELL.

AND SHE WAS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO HAVE A PHD IN SOCIOLOGY.

WE UNDERSTAND, THANK YOU.

NOW, I UNDERSTAND.

APPRECIATE IT.

PLEASE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: SORRY, PRESIDENT SCAMAN, I HAVE ONE MORE THING THAT I LOST THREAD ON EARLIER, BUT THIS IS PICKING UP ON WHERE THE TASK FORCE TALKED ABOUT THE CHURCH, THE UNITED FELLOWSHIP ON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CHICAGO.

UNITY, SIDE.

IT SAYS UNITY, SORRY.

SO THIS IS AN ARTICLE FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES, JANUARY 25, 1988.

BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN 1987, THE UNITY FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO MADE AN OFFER ON A CHURCH HERE IN OAK PARK.

FINAL OFFER WAS \$500,000 WITH A \$60,000 DOWN PAYMENT SINCE 1988.

A LOT OF MONEY.

LESS THAN A WEEK LATER - THIS IS A QUOTE, LESS THAN A WEEK LATER THE ALL-WHITE VILLAGE BOARD CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE MATTER AND VOTED TO URGE A LOCAL DEVELOPING CONCERN TO BUY THE BUILDING INSTEAD IN THE COMPANY ONLY OFFERED \$5000 MORE THAN THE BLACK CHURCH AND SAID THEY ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT THEY WOULD DO WITH THE BUILDING.

JUST WANT TO ADD THAT CONTEXT TO YOUR EARLIER COMMENTS HE MADE AND I KNOW YOU WERE TRYING TO CONDENSE YOUR PRESENTATION OUT OF CONCERN FOR OUR BREVITY AND I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE COMMUNITY UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE MORE EXPANDED CONTEXT AROUND THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT BECAUSE I WILL QUOTE SOME MORE ITEMS HERE FROM THIS ARTICLE BECAUSE THIS IS ALSO DISGUSTING.

AT THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING, SOME MEMBERS EXPRESSED FEAR TO LARGE NUMBERS IN THIS IS TO YOUR POINT EARLIER, AT THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING, SOME MEMBERS EXPRESSED FEAR TO LARGE NUMBERS OF BLACK CHURCHGOERS WITH THE BUSINESS DISTRICT A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. I WILL SKIP THIS QUOTE BECAUSE IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER. BUT IT SAYS HERE, UNDER PRESSURE FROM RESIDENTS, MERCHANTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS, THE BOARD PUBLICLY APOLOGIZED AND THIS IS 1988. THE BOARD CAME OUT - AND ALL WHITEBOARD AND APOLOGIZE TO THOSE WHO PERCEIVED, PERCEIVED TO THE BOARD'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY AS RACIALLY MOTIVATED. IT ALSO WITHDREW ITS SUPPORT FOR THE OAK PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS OFFER.

SO WITH THE PRESSURE CONTINUING IN THE DEVELOPING CONCERN THE BID WITHDREW BEFORE THE MEETING.

THIS IS THE PART THAT I FIND TRULY INCREDIBLE.

LEAVING THE BLACK CHURCH AS THE SOLE BIDDER FOR THE PROPERTY.

THAT, HOWEVER, DID NOT SENSE THINGS.

THE CONGREGATION COULD NOT DECIDE, DESPITE MEETING FOR FOUR HOURS WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE BLACK CHURCHES OFFER.

THE MEMBERS DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN FEBRUARY 7. THEY NEEDED MORE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IS WHAT WAS SAID.

ULTIMATELY, AS WE KNOW, THIS CHURCH DID NOT END UP SELLING TO THE CONGREGATION, EVEN THOUGH AT THE TIME, AFTER THE VILLAGE BOARD PUBLICLY APOLOGIZED FOR BEING RACIST AND AFTER THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION RESCINDED THEIR OFFER AND LEAVING ONLY THE BLACK CHURCH AS THE SOLE BIDDER IS STILL SOMEHOW DID NOT END UP WITH THE PROPERTY. NANCY HENRY, A VILLAGE SPOKESWOMAN SAID, IN OAK PARK, RACE IS A FACTOR.

WE THINK ABOUT IT A LOT.

I THINK THAT IS RATHER OBVIOUS AND NOT ALWAYS IN A GOOD WAY, AS WE LIKE TO PORTRAY.

SO I THINK WHEN WE ARE THINKING ABOUT RACE HERE IN OAK PARK WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A LOT OF BAD THAT COMES WITH THE GOOD THAT WE DO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE - I WANT TO ALSO THANK THE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD, ESPECIALLY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND TRUSTEE ENYIA FOR SHARING THEIR STORIES THIS EVENING FOR EVERYONE WHO DID OPEN UP.

SHEILA, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAMILY STORY.

I KNOW WE HAVE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW MUCH OF YOUR FAMILY DOES NOT LIVE IN OAK PARK.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

DO YOU ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR STAFF IN THEIR RIGHT UP ACKNOWLEDGE MUCH OF THE SAME.

THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE COMMITTED AND DEDICATED TO FOSTERING HEALING OR RECONCILING CHANGE AND THAT HAS BEEN DRIVING THE RACIAL EQUITY WORK THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED TO AS A VILLAGE BOARD, BUT I THINK WHAT WE ARE HEARING TODAY FROM THE BOARD IS THAT WE WANT TO INVEST IN THIS SO WE CAN ACTUALLY WORK TOWARDS THOSE NEXT STEPS AND IT IS TRUE THAT I DO ACKNOWLEDGE ALSO THAT MONEY OF THE PROGRAMS AROUND RACIAL EQUITY THAT WE ARE WANTING TO PROVIDE ACCESS OR ACCESS WOULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE EXISTED AND THAT DOES NOT REPAIR THE PAST HARM, BUT IT IS WORKING TO BE A MORE GENUINE AS AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY AND THAT THIS IS CONSTANT HARD WORK.

I'VE LIVED HERE IN 1988.

I WOULD HAVE - I REMEMBER SOME OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS THROUGH MORE OF THE LENS OF MY PARENTS TALKING, BUT - AND I MOVED HERE FROM ANOTHER COMMUNITY THAT HAD - THERE WAS ONE JAMAICAN FAMILY THAT MOVED TO TOWN THAT THEIR PORCH WAS BURNED DOWN AND THEY DID LEAVE THE COMMUNITY AND SO SOME OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT I WOULD HAVE WITH MY OWN PEERS DURING THAT TIME WAS - YOU KNOW, IT FELT LIKE I HAD MOVED TO A COMMUNITY THAT WAS MORE INCLUSIVE.

SO TO REALLY THINK ABOUT HOW DISHONEST WE WERE BEING WITH OURSELVES IS SOMETHING I AM REALLY PROCESSING THIS EVENING AND SO THE STORIES DO MATTER, AS PAINFUL AND AS REALLY UNFAIR AS THEY ARE FOR US TO HEAR. THANK YOU, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

LET'S WHIP THROUGH THE REST OF THIS AGENDA AND GET TO HOUSING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

SO VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE LIAISON COMMISSION REPORTS.

I TRUST WE HAVE NO UPDATES?

THANK YOU.

BOARD COMMISSION VACANCY REPORT.

LISTED AS ALWAYS.

I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONSENT TO MY APPOINTMENTS OF - I THINK I WILL GO AHEAD AND READ THEM.

JANET COSBEY, TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND MATHEW SHOENER TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

BEFORE I OFFER THAT MOTION, I WILL PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS, THAT BOTH OF THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE THE FIRST TIME I HAVE MADE APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION PROCESS WITH THE VILLAGE CLERK.

IT IS A PROCESS THAT INTERVIEWS APPLICANTS SO WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS HAVING AS DIVERSE OF A MAKEUP ON OUR COMMISSIONS AS POSSIBLE, DIVERSE PERSPECTIVE AS WELL AS RACE, AGE AND OTHER BRATS OF CONTRIBUTION. AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF THOSE COMMISSIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE TERM I HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO APPOINT THOSE AND I THINK THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION PROFUSELY FOR THE WORK THEY DO TO HELP ME WITH THIS.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE  
CONSENT AGENDA AS IT IS PRESENTED.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

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

CLERK WATERS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

ONTO THE AGENDA, WE HAVE A PRESENTATION ON EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER  
IN OAK PARK.

PERHAPS WE CAN JUST TAKE A FEW MINUTES WHILE OUR STAFF SET UP FOR THE  
PRESENTATION IF ANYBODY NEEDS TO TAKE A QUICK RUN OUT, PLEASE DO.

[RECESS]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SERIOUSLY, WHY DON'T I HAVE AN INTERCOM?

TRUSTEE WESLEY AND STRAW.

LET'S GO.

OKAY.

WE ARE.

WE ARE TURNING IT RIGHT OVER TO YOU, KEVIN.

WE HAVE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND I PRESUME THE OTHER TWO WILL BE  
JOINING US MOMENTARILY.

A VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, PRESENTATION ON EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER  
IN OAK PARK.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: QUICK INTRODUCTION, WE HAVE VANESSA MATHENY,  
GRANTS MANAGER AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES WHO IS GOING TO PRESENT ON  
THIS ITEM.

WE HAVE OTHER PARTNERS IN THE AUDIENCE TONIGHT TO HELP ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR OFFER INFORMATION.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS, THIS IS MAYBE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH OVERNIGHT SHELTER BENDS ON A PERMANENT BASIS HERE IN THE VILLAGE. AND TO ADD TO THE EXISTING TEMPORARY CAPACITY OF 20, ADD ADDITIONAL BIDS TO ADDRESS THE EMERGENT UNHOUSED NEEDS THAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST YEAR IN THE VILLAGE.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREVIEW THE SLIDE DECK AND SEE WHO IS ACTUALLY DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THESE SERVICES.

I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PERSPECTIVE AS WELL. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES AT SAINT CATHERINE AND SAINT LUCY, THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO AND POTENTIALLY STATE GRANT FUNDING COMING FROM TWO PATHWAYS.

I THINK CDBG, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT AND I THINK THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR VILLAGE RESOURCES.

I WILL TURN IT OVER TO VANESSA TO WALK US THROUGH THE SLIDES.

>> GOOD EVENING, VANESSA MATHENY, GRANT MANAGER WITH THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

TONIGHT I WILL REVIEW THE EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SYSTEM AT SAINT CATHERINE ST. LUCIE OPERATED THROUGH HOUSING FORWARD.

A BRIEF UPDATE OF CURRENT OPERATIONS AND THEN AN OVERVIEW OF THE FUTURE PLANS THAT WILL BE PRESENTED.

ALSO, WE HAVE IN PERSON, AND ON ZOOM, REPRESENTATIVES FROM HOUSING FORWARD AND NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGE/ARCHDIOCESE TO ANSWER ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS THAT THE BOARD MAY HAVE.

FOR 30 YEARS HOUSING FORWARD HAS OPERATED A PAST EMERGENCY SHELTER, WHICH CONSISTS OF A ROTATING SYSTEM OF SHELTER FOR PERSONS EXPENSING HOMELESSNESS.

PREVIOUSLY THIS ROTATED BETWEEN SEVEN DIFFERENT CONGREGATIONS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

OCTOBER THROUGH MAY EACH YEAR.

DURING COVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE TO PLACE - SHELTER IN PLACE WAS REQUIRED AND REQUIRED THE PADS EMERGENCY SHELTER TO NO LONGER BE IN OPERATION AND HOUSING FORWARD QUICKLY TRANSITIONED TO INTERIM HOUSING THROUGH THE RIGHT IN AND CARLTON HOTELS THIS ALLOWED INDIVIDUALS TO HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING EVERY DAY AND AS OF 2023 HOUSING FORWARD PURCHASED AT THE WRIGHT INN AND IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT CHRISTINE HEALY FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, HOMELESSNESS CHIEF ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 120,000 PEOPLE IN ILLINOIS ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON A DAILY BASIS OF WHICH 44,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR EXPERIENCE LITERAL HOMELESSNESS, MEANING LIVING IN THE SHELTER, OUTSIDE, IN ABANDONED BUILDINGS OR THE CAR.

THE REMAINING 75,000 PEOPLE LIVE IN A DOUBLE-DIP SITUATION, WHICH MEANS THERE LIVING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

SOME OF THESE PEOPLE MIGHT CALL IT COUCH SURFING, BUT NONETHELESS, NOT HAVING A PLACE TO HAVE A PERMANENT HOME.

ALTHOUGH HOUSING FORWARD OWNS AND OPERATES THE INTERIM HOUSING THROUGH THE WRIGHT INN, THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER STILL EXISTS.

CURRENTLY THE SAINT CATHERINE ST. LUCIE DIRECTORY HELPS OPERATE 20 BEDS FOR THE HOURS OF 7:00 P.M. TO 7:00 A.M., WHICH PROVIDES DINNER, BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS, BASIC HYGIENE AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR THEIR CLIENTS.

THE ORIGINAL LEASE FOR THE SHELTER WAS FOR JANUARY 2023 THROUGH APRIL 2023 AND WAS INTENDED TO BE A TEMPORARY OPTION.

HOWEVER, THE LEASE HAS BEEN EXTENDED SEVERAL TIMES DUE TO THE NEED FOR SHELTER CONTINUING TO GROW.

HOUSING FORWARD HAS BEEN IN CONVERSATION WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE TO HAVE A PERMANENT FIVE YEAR LEASE, POSSIBLY WHEN THE ZONING AMENDMENT IS APPROVED AND/OR LATER THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR.

BUT ALSO, THIS 20 BED EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER IS THE ONLY SHELTER IN OAK PARK AND THE NEAREST ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS INCLUDE CHICAGO PACIFIC GARDEN, 10 S. (NAME?), HOPE HOUSING, BEDS PLUS, SOUTH SUBURBAN PADS AND THEY RANGE 40-45 MILES AWAY FROM OAK PARK AND OPERATE AT CAPACITY EVERY NIGHT.

SO JUST A LITTLE BIT OF DATA TO GIVE SOME CONTEXT AS TO WHAT WE WERE SEEING FOR THE UNHOUSED POPULATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

HOUSING FORWARD PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION AND THIS IS FOR 2023.

SO HOUSING FORWARD PROVIDE SERVICES TO 25 COMMUNITIES IN ADDITION TO OAK PARK AND IN THE LAST YEAR THEY SERVED 371 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR OUTREACH PROGRAM, WHICH IS A 26% INCREASE FROM 2022.

THE 371 INDIVIDUALS, 217 RECEIVED SHELTER AND LEAVING 154 WHO DID NOT RECEIVE SHELTER OR DECLINE SHELTER.

OF THOSE 371, 112 EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS WERE IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

IN 2023, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT 335 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND ANOTHER 546 WERE IN A DOUBLE-DIP SITUATION IN A SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY.

YES?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ON HERE IS SAYS - SO 112 HOMELESS FOLKS HERE ARE IN UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS - UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS STATUS. AND MAYBE I AM JUMPING AHEAD SO IF I AM JUST TELL ME I AM JUMPING AHEAD AND I WILL WAIT, BUT DO WE KNOW WHY?

>>VANESSA MATHENY: WHY?

WE HAVE SOME DEMOGRAPHICS WILL GO INTO THAT COULD BE PART OF THE INFORMATION, SOME OF THAT BEING DISABILITY, SOME OF THOSE BEING AREA MEDIAN INCOME.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I GET IT.  
THANK YOU.



>>VANESSA MATHENY: OF THE 112 INDIVIDUALS HOUSING FORWARD PROVIDED A BREAKDOWN OF THAT INFORMATION SO THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION AROUND GENDER, RACE, SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, VETERAN STATUS, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LIVING WITH DISABLING CONDITIONS LIKE MENTAL HEALTH, PHYSICAL DISABILITY, DRUG USE OR CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS AND ALSO AREA AND MEDIAN INCOME.

SO THE 95 OF THOSE PEOPLE HAVE LIVED WITHIN 30% OR LOWER THAT AREA MEDIAN INCOME AND ALSO FAMILY SIZE SO IF IT IS AN INDIVIDUAL OR PEOPLE WITH MINORS.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: FEEL FREE TO STOP ME, PRESIDENT SCAMAN. SO IF YOU GO BACK TO THE PREVIOUS SLIDE.

SO THE DISABLING CONDITION COUNT, I SEE DRUG USE AS 20 AND I THINK YOU CAN'T THIS IS 20/103, ROUGHLY 20% OF THE COUNT, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN PRETTY MUCH THE REST OF THE STUFF.

THEY ONLY BRING THAT UP BECAUSE THERE IS A PREVAILING NARRATIVE THAT HOMELESS FOLKS ARE HOMELESS BECAUSE THEY USE DRUGS AND THEY DO NOT WANT TO STOP USING DRUGS AND SO THEY SLEEP ON THE STREET WE HAVE GOT 103 FOLKS HERE AND ONLY 20 OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY HAVING A DISABLING CONDITION OR DRUG DISORDER.

THIS IS NOT MAJORITY OF FOLKS THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR VILLAGE SO THAT NARRATIVE REALLY DOES NEED TO STOP WE REALLY DO NEED TO APPROACH THIS REGARDLESS OF IF IT WAS THE PREDOMINANT MAJORITY OF FOLKS, WE NEED TO APPROACH THE SITUATION WITH EMPATHY FOR FOLKS WHO NEED THE ASSISTANCE.

THAT IS WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DO AS A SOCIETY.

I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT ASPECT OF IT, BUT I WANT TO ASK ABOUT THE AMI.

95% OF THE FOLKS WERE LOOKING AT HAVE AN AMI OF 30% OR LESS.

DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY HAVE INCOME, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO AFFORD A RESIDENCE?

>>VANESSA MATHENY: I WILL LET LINDA SPEAK TO THAT FOR A MOMENT.

>> THE QUESTION WAS RELATED TO AREA MEDIAN INCOME.

THAT MEANS THAT INDIVIDUALS, WE KNOW WHAT THE INCOME IN THE VILLAGE IS PRETTY SO AREA MEDIAN INCOME OF 30% OR LESS IS ABOUT 26 THOUSAND. THAT COULD MEAN SOMEONE HAS NO INCOME.

0-26,000.

CAN WE GET A BREAKDOWN OF HOW MANY HAVE NO INCOME VERSUS HOW MANY HAVE INCOME?

>> WE CAN GET THAT.

I DON'T HAVE IT AT THE TOP OF MY HEAD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT.

>>VANESSA MATHENY: OKAY, THANK YOU FOR HIGHLIGHTING THAT THOUGH. AS MENTIONED IN 2020, HOUSING BOARDS WORK WITH 112 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING UNHOUSED SHELTER.

30% OF THOSE WERE SERVED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM FOR ISSUED OUTREACH.

I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT OAK PARK IS LINED WITH CICERO, WITH MAYWOOD BEING THE HIGHEST OF THE UNHOUSED POPULATION OF THE 26 COMMUNITIES THAT HOUSING FORWARD SERVES IN THIS ALSO BREAKS OUT THE OVERALL INFORMATION ON DEMOGRAPHICS FOR AGE SO WE HAVE SENIORS 65+, UNDER AGE 18.

SO 20% IS YOUTH AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS. SO - - SINGLE ADULTS AT 49%.

MAKING UP MAJORITY OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

SO THAT IS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOUSING FORWARD, BUT I WANT TO SHARE IN ADDITION TO PARTNERING WITH HOUSING FORWARD, VILLAGE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY.

OVER THE LAST YEAR THE VILLAGE PARTICIPATED WITH HOUSING FORWARD AND OTHERS IN THE 100 DAY CHALLENGE, WHICH WAS ORGANIZATION - WHICH WAS ORGANIZED BY REINSTITUTE, AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION GEARED TOWARDS TRANSFORMING SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND MAKING COMMUNITIES MORE EQUITABLE, JUST, AND THE SAFE.

THIS CHALLENGE CONSISTED OF COHORTS THROUGHOUT ILLINOIS WITH THE VILLAGE AND COOK COUNTY.

THE POINT - - 255 INDIVIDUALS WERE COUNTED AS BEING UNHOUSED IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY AND IN FEBRUARY THIS GROUP HAS BEEN TASKED WITH FEBRUARY 2024, IT WAS TASKED WITH HOUSING 88 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, ALONG WITH CONNECTING 167 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS TO SHELTER WITHIN 100 DAYS.

IT IS CURRENTLY ESTIMATED THAT IT TAKES 2.4 YEARS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL THAT IS IDENTIFIED AS BEING HOMELESS IN THE COMMUNITY OR IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO ACCESS PERMANENT HOUSING.

SO TO GET 117 INDIVIDUALS HOUSED IN 100 DAYS IS QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT.

THE COHORT EXCEEDED THEIR GOAL.

117 PEOPLE WERE HOUSED IN 310 WERE PLACED INTO SHELTER AND THOSE NUMBERS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL CHALLENGE IS THE UNHOUSED POPULATION GREW DURING THE TIME OF THAT 100 DAYS.

AT THE END OF THE CHALLENGE, MADE 2024 THE COHORT CONTINUES TO IDENTIFY OTHER WAYS TO IDENTIFY BARRIERS OR REDUCE BARRIERS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ACCESS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SHELTER WE ARE PREPARING TO LAUNCH A NEW INITIATIVE CALLED YES TO THE ADDRESS, WHICH IS WORKING WITH LANDLORDS AND BUILDING CAPACITY AROUND HOUSING.

ADDITIONALLY WE HOSTED TWO COMMUNITY FORUMS IN THE FALL/WINTER OF 2023 HELP WITH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY IN THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE UNHOUSED AND FALL 2024 WE'RE PLANNING TO HOST TWO ADDITIONAL FORUMS, ONE AROUND HANDLING CAMPAIGN AND ONE FOR PREVENTATIVE HOMELESSNESS AND IN ADDITION TO THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH HOUSING FORWARD TO HELP SUPPORT A FEW OTHER PROGRAMS.

ONE IS THE WRAP PROGRAM.

FOR CASE MANAGEMENT OR WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL GOES TO PERMANENT HOUSING THEY RECEIVE WRAP, CASE MANAGEMENT FOR THAT HOUSING SITUATION. ALSO HELP SUPPORT INTERIM HOUSING AND VARIOUS ITEMS THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

AND LASTLY AROUND THIS TOPIC, ALTERNATIVE CALLS FOR SERVICE, PHASE 1 WAS APPROVED.

THANK YOU FOR THAT AND THE CARE COORDINATORS HELP SUPPORT THE THREE AVERAGE TEAM WITH HOUSING FORWARD TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE HOTSPOTS AND HELP PROVIDE ANY RESOURCES THAT ARE NEEDED FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

BUT MOVING FORWARD, WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE FOR SAINT CATHERINE ST. LUCIE?

HOUSING FORWARD IS WORKING WITH VILLAGE STAFF AND ARCHDIOCESE AS I MENTIONED AROUND A FIVE YEAR LEASE, WHICH WOULD ALSO HELP TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY FOR THE OVERNIGHT SHELTER.

THIS ALLOWS FOR CONSISTENT SUPPORT TO THE UNHOUSED AND ONE ESSENTIALLY LOCATED LOCATION.

CAPACITY WOULD HELP REDUCE ANY POTENTIAL ENCAMPMENTS IN THE FUTURE ALSO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND ACCESS TO SHELTER TO THE UNHOUSED RESIDENTS IN NEED.

ALL WHILE ALIGNING WITH THE VILLAGE BOARD GOALS.

IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY THOUGH, HOWEVER, HOUSING FORWARD IN THE ARCHDIOCESE HAVE RECENTLY SUBMITTED A SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN A TEXT AMENDMENT APPLICATION TO THE PLAN COMMISSION THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE PRESENTED ON AUGUST 1, 2024 AND WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, THIS WAS ANTICIPATED TO BE A TEMPORARY SHELTER THESE ITEMS FOR THIS LOCATION HAD BEEN POSTPONED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, BUT NOW THE HOUSING FORWARD AND ARCHDIOCESE ARE LOOKING LONG TERM AND WE HAVE TO GET THE SPACE THAT IS APPROPRIATE AND UP FOR VILLAGE CODE AND FOR FIRE SAFETY. SO HOUSING FORWARD AND ARCHDIOCESE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, HEALTH AND FIRE TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THOSE MEASURES ARE TAKING PLACE.

AND LASTLY, SO ORIGINALLY THIS WAS SCHEDULED TO BE IN FRONT OF YOU LAST MONTH AND A FEW THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN.

MOSTLY THAT TONIGHT DURING OUR BOARD PRESENTATION, OUR BOARD AGENDA THERE WAS AN APPLICATION FOR THE CDBG FUNDING, WHICH IS A SECOND APPLICATION TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

THOSE FUNDS ARE FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THOSE ARE COVID DOLLARS IN IT WAS APPROVED TO HAVE A SECOND APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO HELP SUPPORT THE RENOVATION OF THE SAINT CATHERINE/ST. LUCIE SPACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$637,188.

THAT APPLICATION IS DUE TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, JULY 31 AND THERE IS A ROLLING APPROVAL ON THAT AND WE WOULD KNOW IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IF THAT WAS APPROVED OR NOT, BUT THAT IS THE SECOND APPLICATION TO HELP SUPPORT THE UNHOUSED IN THE COMMUNITY

WITH THE FIRST BEING EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR 2 MILLION TO HELP SUPPORT THE WRIGHT INN.

SO ALL OF THAT TO SAY IS THAT ORIGINALLY WHEN WE WERE COMING FORWARD TO YOU IN JUNE WE WERE GOING TO ASK TO HELP SUPPORT THE DIRECTORY AND RENOVATION COSTS, BUT SINCE NOW THAT THE ZONING APPLICATION TEXT HIM APPLICATION HAVE BEEN STARTED THROUGH THE PROCESS AND WE ARE NOW QUALIFIED TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THAT WOULD BE APPROVED AND THAT WE WOULD NO LONGER NEEDED TO ASK THE BOARD FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES TO HELP SUPPORT THE RENOVATION OF THE SPACE, BUT SHE DOES NOT BE APPROVED WOULD COME BACK AT A LATER TIME TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND A REQUEST.

IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE ARE STATE OF ILLINOIS EARMARKED FUNDS FROM SENATOR HARMON'S FUNDS FOR \$500,000 TO SUPPORT HVAC AND ROOF RENOVATION OF THE SAFE SPACE AND RECENTLY THE ARCHDIOCESE DID COMMIT OVER \$200,000 IN HELPING TO RENOVATE THAT SPACE AS WELL.

SO THAT IS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE FUNDING HERE, BUT AS I MENTIONED THAT HAS CHANGED THE SCOPE SINCE THE APPLICATION IS THERE.

AND LASTLY I WANTED TO MENTION THAT AS OF YESTERDAY WE RECENTLY WERE NOTIFIED OF SMASS THREE, WHICH I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH, BUT THERE WAS A CAVEAT IN THERE THAT IT SAID THE FUNDS COULD HELP TO SUPPORT THE UNHOUSED RESIDENTS AS WELL AS NEW ARRIVALS IN THE COMMUNITY.

SO THERE IS A WEBINAR ABOUT THAT ON THURSDAY.

I WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT AND SEE IF THAT COULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS AS WELL, BUT JUST, YOU KNOW, LETTING YOU KNOW THAT THAT WAS A BLURB IN THE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

MORE TO COME ON THAT.

SO THAT IS JUST AN OVERVIEW OF EVERYTHING THAT IS HAPPENING WITH HOUSING FORWARD AND THE UNHOUSED IN THE COMMUNITY AND OPEN TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE FROM THERE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELL DONE.

TRUSTEE STRAW AND THEN TRACY ROBINSON.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS FOR YOU OR LINDA, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK WE DO NOT OFTEN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY GET INFORMATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT ALL THE WONDERFUL EFFORTS GOING ON AND WHERE THERE ARE MORE RESOURCES NEEDED, SO IF WE COULD TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SORT OF WHAT DOES THE PIPELINE LOOK FROM UNSHELTERED TO PERMANENT HOUSING AND WHERE WE HAVE THE MOST RESTRICTION IN THAT PIPELINE AND WHERE WE CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN DEPLOYING RESOURCES.

OBVIOUSLY THIS IS ONE PLACE, BUT WHILE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE WORK I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC.

>>VANESSA MATHENY: SURE.

I THINK LINDA AND I MAY HAVE SIMILAR, BUT DIFFERENT VIEWS.  
I WILL LET HER TAKE THIS ONE.

>> DURING COVID THE OAK PARK HOMELESSNESS COALITION HAD HIRED AN  
OUTSIDE CONSULTANT.

TO FIGURE OUT HOW MANY BEDS WE WOULD NEED TO BE AT OUR STEADY-STATE AT  
ONE TIME LOOKING AT OUR INFO AS WELL AS OUR OUTFLOW AND THAT WAS VERY  
INFORMATIVE, HOWEVER, THAT DATES THREE YEARS AGO IN THE WORLD HAS  
CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY, HOUSING PRICES HAVE INCREASED AND WHAT HAVE  
YOU.

SO WE ARE THE LARGEST - HOUSING FORWARD IS THE LARGEST OPERATOR OF  
WHAT IS CALLED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN ALL OF SUBURBAN COOK  
COUNTY.

MOVE UPWARDS OF 360 UNITS THAT ARE ALL SCATTERED THROUGHOUT OUR 26  
COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE.

WE HAVE RECENTLY OPENED A DEVELOPMENT IN BROADVIEW THAT IS 16 UNITS.  
THERE IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL BE COMING BEFORE THE BOARD I  
THINK IN A FEW WEEKS, WHICH IS CALLED KEYSTONE APARTMENTS THAT IS AT  
1106 W. MADISON.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A STEADY STATE OF 65 ROOMS AT THE WRIGHT INN AND  
40 BEDS AT THE EMERGENCY SHELTER, WE NEED TO HAVE EXPONENTIALLY MORE  
HOUSING SO PEOPLE ARE NOT IN AN UNSHELTERED SITUATION.

WHERE THERE IS IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS.

WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE LAST 18 MONTHS OF WHO HAS STAYED AT THE  
EMERGENCY SHELTER, 77% HAVE STAYED LESS THAN 30 DAYS.

THAT MEANS HIGH TURNOVER, WHICH IS GREAT FOR AN EMERGENCY SHELTER, BUT  
THAT MEANS THERE IS A PERCENTAGE THAT IS STAYING A LITTLE BIT LONGER  
THAN THAT.

WE WORK TO GET THOSE FOLKS INTO INTERIM HOUSING, BUT WE DON'T HAVE  
BETTER INTERIM HOUSING UNLESS WE CAN GET PEOPLE HOUSED.

THAT ENTIRE SYSTEM HAS TO WORK HAND IN GLOVE TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE  
PEOPLE ARE EXITING OUT OF INTERIM HOUSING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.  
VANESSA MENTIONED 2.4 YEARS GET FROM UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS TO  
HOUSING IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

IN SOME GET INTO AND I MENTIONED THIS TO BOTH OF YOU TRACY ROBINSON  
AND TRUSTEE STRAW, AND TRUSTEE WESLEY WHEN WE MET IS THAT THE AVERAGE  
LENGTH OF STAY AT THE INTERIM HOUSING IS ABOUT 176 DAYS.

THINK OF THAT IN TERMS OF THE BACKLOG.

IF WE COULD GET PEOPLE HOUSED WITHIN 90 DAYS, THAT WOULD INCREASE OUR  
AVAILABILITY THROUGH THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

WE NEED MORE HOUSING.

THAT IS THE SHORT ANSWER.

>> THE ANSWER IS THE REASON I WANTED TO MAKE SURE TO ASK THE  
QUESTION BECAUSE I WANT TO BE CLEAR TO THE COMMUNITY LIKE THIS IS AN  
IMPORTANT STEP.

IT IS A FIRST STEP BECAUSE THE ANSWER TO OUR HOMELESSNESS DILEMMA IS NOT MORE EMERGENCY HOUSING.

THE EMERGENCY HOUSING IS THE FIRST STEP IN A PROCESS TOWARDS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND ULTIMATELY HOPEFULLY FOLKS BEING ABLE TO MOVE INTO PERMANENT INDEPENDENT HOUSING ON THEIR OWN AND FOR US TO GET FROM POINT A TO POINT B WE HAVE TO INVEST IN EMERGENCY SHELTER AND I CERTAINLY AND I BELIEVE THE BOARD ARE INVESTED IN WHAT WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT EXPANDING THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THAT PIPELINE MOVING AS WE WANT TO CREATE A PATHWAY FROM HOMELESSNESS TO INDEPENDENCE.

THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK, BOTH YOU, VANESSA, THE VILLAGE STAFF AT LARGE AND HOUSING FORWARD IN THE OTHER PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS.

IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT WORK AND I AM ABSOLUTELY SUPPORTIVE.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I WILL ALSO ADD THAT THERE ARE COMMUNITY BENEFITS TO ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS.

NOT JUST FOR THE UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS, BUT PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS CREATES COMMUNITY COHESION WHEN WE ALL COME TOGETHER TO LIFT UP INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE THOSE BASIC NEEDS UNMET BENEFITS TO ECONOMIC BENEFITS INCLUDING TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

SO I THINK THERE IS A BROADER BENEFIT THEY CAN BE RIGHTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED BESIDES THE BENEFIT TO THE INDIVIDUALS BEING SERVED.

SO FOR ME THAT'S A BIG INTEREST FOR FOCUSING MORE TIME ON THIS, EFFORT, AND DOLLARS BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A COMMUNITY WIDE EFFORT THAT IS WIDELY DOCUMENTED THROUGH STUDIES.

I WANT TO CLARIFY THOUGH FOR MYSELF AND MAYBE ANYBODY LISTENING SOME OF THESE NUMBERS.

YOU MENTIONED THE CDBG LOCATION AND THAT IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$376,000, RIGHT?

IS THAT THE 23% NUMBER?

THAT IS IN SLIDE 11?

>> MODEL INITIALLY.

SO THIS WAS PRESENTED TO YOU IN JUNE AND WE DID NOT GET TO UPDATE THAT.

SO THE 23% WAS SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT \$200,000, BUT THE COST ESTIMATE HAS RECENTLY COME BACK OF WHAT IT WOULD COST TO REHABILITATE THE SPACE TO BE FOR CODE COMPLIANCE AND FOR FIRE SAFETY AND IT WAS APPROXIMATELY \$795,000, WHICH IS WHY WE THOUGHT IT WAS BEST TO PREPARE FOR THE APPLICATION FOR CDBG CB FUNDS, GIVEN THAT IT IS SPECIFICALLY FOR THE UNHOUSED POPULATION AND HOW TO REMOVE OR POTENTIALLY ELIMINATE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FUNDS FROM THIS.

>> THE CDBG CB APPLICATION IS ALSO MEANT TO REPLACE THE \$200,000.

>> CORRECT.

>> IN THE EVENT THAT WE DO NOT GET IT, IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE MENTIONING SMASS THREE?

>> YES.

>> GOT IT.

SO I THINK I WOULD CERTAINLY CONSIDER SMASS THREE FOR THIS VERY LIMITED SCOPE, SHOULD THE CDBG CB APPLICATION NOT BE SUCCESSFUL OR SOMETHING HAPPEN.

I JUST WANT TO SET THAT PARAMETER CLEAR.

>> OF COURSE I WANT TO GET MORE INFORMATION.

I JUST WANT MAKE SURE YOU GUYS WERE AWARE THAT THAT WAS A NEW OPTION AVAILABLE FOR THAT.

>> THE \$200,000 FROM VILLAGE FUNDS, WHERE WAS STAFF RECOMMENDING THAT COME FROM?

>> THERE ARE A FEW POTENTIAL OPTIONS THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED. ONE OF COURSE BEING ARPA FUNDS THAT ARE UNALLOCATED CURRENTLY, BUT THE ALTERNATIVE CALLS FOR SERVICES IS CURRENTLY UNDER BUDGET, CONSIDERING THEY ARE REALLOCATING SOME FUNDS THERE. OPEN TO FEEDBACK.

>> THAT IS FINE AND THAT IS ENOUGH DETAIL IT ESPECIALLY SINCE THE CDBG APPLICATION IS MEANT TO COVER THAT. JUST CURIOUS WHERE THAT MONEY WAS SLATED TO COME FROM. OKAY, THANK YOU.

>> I HESITATE TO SHARE THIS, BUT FOR TRANSPARENCY WE WILL BE PURSUING THE \$200,000 THAT WE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR THE FINAL - THROUGH THE SMASS THREE.

>> REIMBURSEMENT IS A THUMBS UP FOR ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU AND SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING EARLIER. I APPRECIATE, VANESSA. I WILL START WITH SMASS.

I'M SUPPORTIVE OF SMASS FOR HELPING THE HOMELESS POPULATION. I LIKE THAT THEY ADDED THAT OUT THERE AND I WOULD ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THAT FUNDING COMING TO THE BOARD AT SUCH POINT AS YOU DEEM IT WORTHWHILE AS PURSUING IT.

SO ON SLIDE 10 THERE IS THE ACTION PLAN IS CODE COMPLIANCE, SPECIAL USE PERMITS, TEXT AMENDMENTS, ETC., ETC. TYPICALLY CHARGE FOR THE STUFF.

ARE WE CHARGING FOR THE STUFF?

I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION THAT WE WAIVE ALL OF THESE FEES.

CAN WE DO THAT, PAUL?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: IT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT. JUST HAVE A PRESENTATION.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE BRING BACK A - AND ACTUALLY I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS IN A WAY THAT MAKES IT LESS ONE TIME, BUT IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS ONE WE'RE GIVING FOLKS CDBG FUNDS TO DO WORK ON OUR BEHALF I WOULD LIKE THEM TO NOT HAVE THEM PAY

AS PERMITTING FEES AND TAKE SOME OF THAT MONEY OR GIVING THEM AND GIVE IT BACK TO US.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: REMEMBER THE DISCUSSION FROM LAST MEETING OF REVENUE SOURCES NOT MEETING EXPENDITURES, WE MAY NOT WANT TO MESS WITH REVENUE SOURCES AND IF WE ARE PAYING OURSELVES BACK WITH THE CDBG, IT IS NOT COSTING THE AGENCY MORE MONEY. WE'RE JUST ABLE TO MOVE IT FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER SO WE CAN USE IT OR WHAT WE WERE USING IT FOR.

>> CAN WE THEN GIVE THEM BACK THE 10,000 IN FEES? LIKE I DO NOT - THE NET WOULD BE 190 AND I DON'T WANT THEM TO HAVE 190, I WANT THEM TO HAVE 200. ANYWAY, THAT IS MY THINKING ON THIS. WHETHER WE DISCUSS IT OR NOT, BUT I DON'T - I WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE AS NICKEL AND DINING GRANT MONEY BACK FROM THE GRANTEES. ALSO, TO A CONVERSATION YOU AND I HAD, LINDA, BEFORE, IF YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR AN EXCLUSION ON YOUR WINDOWS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, I WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THAT. YOU SHOULD NOT BE DOING HISTORIC WINDOWS IN THE WRIGHT INN. WE SHOULD HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND AS MUCH MONEY IN IT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE. JUST THINK WE HAVE TO BE - JUST THERE IS LOGIC TO THIS STUFF. YOU RUNNING ON A SHOESTRING BUDGET. WILL TRY TO GET AS MANY HOMELESS FOLKS SERVED AS POSSIBLE. I DON'T WANT YOU SPENDING \$20,000 ON WINDOWS IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO. IF YOU CAN SPEND IT 10. THERE, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN NOW. ROUND NUMBERS FOR DISCUSSION. WE HAVE ON SLIDE, SEVEN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE CLERK IS REMINDING ME THAT OUR VOTE IS COMING UP.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THAT IS WHY I WANT TO WRAP IT UP. ARE WE SEEING THE MORE OUTREACH WE DO, THE MORE THAT WE GIVE FOLKS LOCALLY HERE, THAT THEN THE MORE FOLKS WHO ENTER OUR SYSTEM HERE? ARE WE SEEING THAT OR NO?

>> CORRECT. WE HAVE FOUR FULL-TIME STAFF THAT DO OUTREACH. FIVE FULL-TIME STAFF THAT DO OUTREACH AND TWO ARE DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO OAK PARK. SO MAYBE THAT IS WHY YOU SEE SLIGHTLY HIGHER NUMBERS LAST YEAR WERE HIGHER THAN ANY OF THE OTHER COMMUNITIES. THIS FIRST QUARTER OF 2024 YOU SEE HIGHER NUMBERS IN MAYWOOD, BUT, AGAIN, HAVING THAT PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF FIVE DAYS A WEEK IN THE VILLAGE I THINK HAS BEEN VERY BENEFICIAL TO MAKING SURE PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED TO OUR SERVICES.

>> GOT IT.



SINCE YOU ARE AT THE PODIUM, THE BIGGEST THING WE CAN DO TO HELP YOU IS TO GET MORE HOUSING, WOULD THAT BE CORRECT?

>> ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

I GUESS THAT IS THE SHORT ANSWER.

HOUSING FORWARD DOES NOT - IT IS ONE OF THE REASONS WE CHANGED OUR NAME AS WE DO NOT WANT TO BE SEEN THAT POOR REPARATION OF OR MORE EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS.

WE'RE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF MANAGING HOMELESSNESS.

OUR VISION IS TO END IT.

YOU CAN ONLY DO THAT BY HAVING HOUSING AT THE END OR TO PREVENT IT AT THE OUTSET.

>> OKAY.

AND DO YOU HAVE KIND OF A GRASP ON HOW MUCH OF THE HOMELESS - HOW MUCH OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF HOMELESS SERVICES IN OAK PARK WE COULD DECREASE THE SYSTEM BY?

SORRY, IT IS GETTING LATE AND I'M FINDING IT HARD TO FORMULATE THE SENTENCE, BUT IF WE SAID WE WANT TO PREVENT FOLKS FROM BECOMING HOMELESS AND WE GIVE YOU A BUCKET OF MONEY TO DO THAT, DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WE COULD SHRINK THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS FOLKS THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO.

>> I DO NOT HAVE AN EXACT AMOUNT, BUT THE VILLAGE IS ALREADY SUPPORTING US THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, WHICH IS THE INCLUSION ORDINANCE ZONING FUND, BUT WE DO HAVE WHAT IS CALLED THE FRAP PROGRAM THAT IS A FLEXIBLE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT WE RELY ON VERY HEAVILY WHEN STATE PREVENTION RESOURCES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED OR IF THEY ARE IN A DOUBLED UP SITUATION, WE CAN HELP THEM WITH THE FRAP DOLLARS BECAUSE SOMEBODY WHO IS LIVING IN A DOUBLED UP SITUATION, WE CANNOT USE STATE FUNDS.

IT IS ACTUALLY AN EXCLUSION OF ELIGIBILITY.

SO HAVING THAT FLEXIBILITY WITH THE VILLAGES FUNDS, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER VILLAGE THAT IS SUPPORTING US IN THAT WAY WITH PREVENTION DOLLARS.

SO IT IS A CREDIT TO THE VILLAGE THAT YOU HAVE THAT RESOURCE AVAILABLE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I GUESS THE QUESTION I'M ASKING IS IS IT ENOUGH TO PREVENT - OR IS IT AM ENOUGH TO PREVENT ALL INSTANCES OR DO YOU NEED MORE?

>> I WOULD DEFINITELY SAY IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO PREVENT.

>> THAT WE NEED TO BE SOMETHING I WOULD NEED TO RESEARCH, BUT WE OVERSPENT IN THE FRAP POOL AND WE HAD TO GO THROUGH CDAC AND GET PERMISSION TO MOVE THINGS AROUND BECAUSE WE OVERSPENT IN OUR FIRST 12 MONTHS.

>> HERE IS MY LOGIC ON THIS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE HAVE TO GO AT 10:00 P.M..

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: DO YOU WANT TO VOTE RIGHT NOW?

>> FOR LEGALITIES, YES.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: MOTION TO EXTEND BEYOND 10:00 O'CLOCK.

>> SO MOVED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

THANK YOU, PLEASE.

>> VANESSA WAS REMINDING ME OF THE OTHER BUCKET OF FUNDS WE HAVE TO GET PEOPLE HE HAS.

THE FRAP DOLLARS ARE TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LOSING HOUSING IN ANOTHER BUCKET OF FUNDS THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND SPECIFICALLY FOR FAMILIES AND TRANSITION AGED YOUTH.

18-24-YEAR-OLDS.

WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING LANDLORDS TO RENT TO US AND SO THAT BUCKET OF FUNDS - WE WERE UNDER SPENDING AND MADE THE CASE TO, AGAIN, TO THE CDAC COMMITTEE TO ALLOW US TO MOVE THINGS AROUND, BUT THAT HAS BEEN PROBLEMATIC IS NOT BEING ABLE TO FIND LANDLORDS TO RENT TO US.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: FOR THE PUBLIC LISTING THAT IS - - OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: LET ME REPHRASE MY QUESTION BECAUSE HERE'S MY THOUGHT.

WE HAVE EMPLOYEES AND SOMOZA, I'M GOING TO LEAVE IT FOR AN EXTRA \$5000, IT WILL COST YOU \$50,000 TO REPLACE THEM.

SAME THING WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN HOME, IN A HOUSING UNIT YOU WANT TO KEEP THEM THERE IF YOU CAN VERSUS HAVING THEM GO TO THE STREET AND THEN GETTING THEM BACK INTO THE HOUSE.

I GUESS WHAT I'M ASKING IS, DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT YOU KEEP FOLKS THAT ARE IN THOSE SITUATIONS IN THEIR HOUSING UNITS INSTEAD OF HAVING THEM GO TO THE STREET AND THEN HAVE TO BOUNCE BACK. AND IF YOU DON'T, WHAT WITH THAT NUMBER BE?

>> I THINK WE WOULD - I DON'T WANT TO GIVE AN OFF-THE-CUFF NUMBER.

THAT IS SOMETHING I CAN CERTAINLY DO A LITTLE BIT MORE RESEARCH ON. I THINK WITH THE FRAP FUNDING WE HAVE IT IS AN AVERAGE BETWEEN 2220 \$500 THAT WE GIVE TO A HOUSEHOLD.

I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT THE INFLOW IS.

WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT OUR UNSHELTERED NUMBERS AND FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I WOULD BE CURIOUS.

>> A STEADY AMOUNT OF FUNDS - I WOULD HAVE TO PULL OUT STATE FUNDS BECAUSE OCCASIONALLY WE ARE PULLING OUT STATE FUNDS IN ADVANCE OF THE FRAP FUNDING WE HAVE.

THAT IS NOT REFLECTED IN ANY OF THESE NUMBERS IS THE AT RISK.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT.

OBVIOUSLY MY REASONING HERE IS IF WE CAN MANAGE ONE PORTION OF THIS AND THIS SEEMS LIKE AN EASY, THE EASIEST PART TO MANAGE WHAT THEY WERE

ORDERED TO GET FOLKS OFF THE STREET AND GET THEM THROUGH EMERGENCY SHELTER IN TWO INTERMEDIATE SHELTER AND INTO LONG-TERM SHELTER. IT IS A LOT HARDER TO DO THAT THAN KEEP FOLKS IN A HOUSING UNIT THAT THEY ARTY HAVE IT'S A MATTER OF MAKING SURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING, CORRECT?

>> THAT IS RIGHT.

LET ME THROW SOMETHING ELSE OUT AT YOU WHILE I HAVE THE MICROPHONE AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED THROUGH THE OAK PARK HOMELESSNESS COALITION.

I WILL NOT GO OFF THE WALL, BUT IF THERE COULD BE AN ORDINANCE THAT WHEN A LANDLORD IS PRESENTING THE DOCUMENTS FOR EVICTION THAT THEY ACTUALLY STAPLE THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE HERE IN THE VILLAGE. A VERY SIMPLE, NO COST, BUT WHEN ISSUING AN EVICTION IF WE COULD JUST STAPLE THAT THERE ARE RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I LIKE THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK THE HOMELESSNESS COALITION HAS BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT THAT FOR A WHILE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WAS TALK ABOUT IT FOR LESS OF A LONG-TERM THEN WE NEED.

WE NEED EMOTION?

SO MOVED.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: YOUR MOTION - WHAT EXACTLY IS IT?

>> MY MOTION IS TO ENSURE THAT WHEN SOMEONE IS GETTING EVICTED THAT THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO REACH OUT FOR HELP AT THE SAME TIME.

>> INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESOURCES.

>> HOW DO YOU PROPOSE THAT PRIVATE LANDLORDS GET THOSE MATERIALS, LINDA?

>> I THINK WE COULD CERTAINLY MAKE COPIES OF WHAT THE PROCESS IS FOR APPLYING TO NOTIFY THEIR TENANTS, NOTIFYING THEM TO CALL US SO WE CAN INTERVENE AND PROVIDE THAT PREVENTION OF ASSISTANCE.

>> YES, THIS IS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT BECAUSE HE CERTAINLY WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROCESS IS FOR LANDLORDS TO BECOME AWARE, GET THE MATERIALS. THERE IS A PROCESS TO IT, RIGHT?

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT BEFORE WE'RE LIKE, YES, DONE.

I'M HAPPY TO DISCUSS IT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND TO INVESTIGATE WHAT THE PROCESS - THERE IS A PROCESS THROUGH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THERE IS A STATE-MANDATED PROCESS.

SO THERE IS A LEGAL END TO IT AS WELL THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU ARE NOT QUITE DONE?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ONE QUESTION, ARE THERE WOULD PLACES WHERE WE CAN MAKE QUICK FIXES TO HELP YOU OUT BECAUSE THAT IS A WEIRD THING THAT THE NEGATIVE HANDOUT OF RESOURCES WHEN THEY ARE BEING EVICTED. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN TURN AROUND LIKE THAT?

>> TRUST, NOT REQUIRING A CREDIT SCORE OF 642 RENT TO US OR OUR CLIENTS.

THAT'S A BIGGER TOPIC.

>> THAT FITS WITH THE RACIAL EQUITY DISCUSSION AROUND - THAT WE HAVE IN OUR BOARD GOALS.

SO I WOULD BACK YOU UP ON US ENTERTAINING WHATEVER RELATIONSHIPS WE CAN ENGAGE WITH BANKS IN THE FUTURE SIMILAR - SOMEWHAT RELEVANT TO OUR OPERATIONS DISCUSSION, BUT NOT NECESSARILY NEEDING TO BE PART OF A REPARATIONS PROGRAM.

OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THAT IS INTERESTING.

OKAY.

BUT IS ALL I HAVE IF THAT IS THE ONLY THING I CAN HELP WITH.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE BUCHANAN?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: A FEW QUESTIONS. THE GRANT, THE \$600,000 GRANT ON OUR CONSENT AGENDA, IS DUE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH?

WHAT IS THE CHANCES OF GETTING THAT?

ANY IDEA?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU ARE ASKING THE TOUGH QUESTIONS TONIGHT.

>> WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL BE AWARDED THOSE FUNDS.

THAT SAID, THE CHALLENGE COULD BE THAT THERE ARE TWO GRANTS AND ESSENTIALLY YOU ARE COMPETING, HOWEVER, LINDA FEELS AMONGST HER COLLEAGUES THAT THERE ARE OTHER COMMUNITIES SUBMITTING SIMILAR GRANTS. ONE FOR INTERIM HOUSING, ONE FOR SHELTER AND THAT IT WILL BE A GOOD QUALITY APPLICATION.

I WISH I HAD A BETTER ANSWER FOR YOU, BUT WE WORK WITH BETTER STRATEGIES TO HELP PUT THE PACKET TOGETHER AND WE FEEL LIKE WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION OUT THERE AND ANSWERED CORRECTLY.

WE FEEL LIKE IT IS A STRONG APPLICATION.

>> YOU KNOW OF OTHER COMPETITORS?

>>VANESSA MATHENY: OF COURSE MENTION THE 26 OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN HOUSING FORWARD.

WE GUNNED IT AND ASKED THEM TO HELP FUND THIS NEW ENTERPRISE?

>> WE HAVE NOT ASKED ANY OTHER COMMUNITIES TO FUND SAINT CATHERINE ST. LUCIE EMERGENCY SHELTER.

WE HAVE NOT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE SERVING A LARGER AREA IN THE VILLAGES PROVIDING FUNDING ANNUALLY, TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES SUPPORT YOU?

>> WE GET SUPPORT FROM CICERO  
[INDISCERNIBLE].

THEY ARE ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES.

HIS SISTER GETS WHAT IS EST FUNDING, EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANTS FUNDING  
SO WE GET ROUGHLY \$80,000 FROM CICERO WE HAVE A SMALL \$25,000 GRANT  
FROM BERWYN MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION TO HELP US WITH STREET OUTREACH.

>> I WILL NOT PULL IT UP AND MAKE SURE ALL THE COMMUNITIES  
CONTRIBUTE.

>> I WILL ADD TO WHAT VANESSA MENTIONED, THE POOL OF FUNDS  
AVAILABLE TO THE STAY OPPORTUNITY IS ABOUT 15 MILLION.

WE DO KNOW THAT CONNECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS UP IN EVANSTON IS  
COMMITTING TWO APPLICATIONS.

ONE FOR INTERIM HOUSING AND ONE FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER.

THE COUNTIES ACTUALLY CEMENTING ONE, THE CITY OF EVANSTON IS  
SUBMITTING THE OTHER ONE.

I THINK JOLIET SHELTER IS SUBMITTING SOMETHING, BUT WHEN YOU ADD UP -  
I WAS ON A CALL RECENTLY WITH THE SHELTER ALLIANCE FOR THE ENTIRE  
STATE AND WHEN ADDING IT UP IT WAS ABOUT 6-7 MILLION THAT WAS AMONGST  
ALL OF US AND THERE'S A TOTAL AMOUNT OF 15 MILLION AVAILABLE.  
I THINK WE HAVE A GOOD CHANCE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I WANTED TO MENTION, WITH THE REHAB, I WANT  
TO THROW IT OUT THERE THAT IF YOU ARE WORKING ON THE HVAC, GETTING  
HEAT PUMPS FOR THE HEATING AND COOLING.

>> THAT WOULD BE A NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: DO NOT BUY A NEW BOILER, PLEASE.

>> I THINK THE BOILER IS IN GOOD SHAPE REALLY GOT A NEW BOILER  
RECENTLY.

>> WHAT SHE IS SUGGESTING IS YOU SEEK THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY  
FRIENDLY CHOICES IN YOUR REHAB DECISIONS.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: YEAH, YEAH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>> WE ARE DOING ALL ELECTRIC IN THAT BUILDING.

>> MY LAST QUESTION WAS A LITTLE CONFUSION I HAVE ABOUT THIS  
AGENDA ITEM.

IT IS A PRESENTATION, BUT WE'RE NOT VOTING ON FUNDING?

>> THAT IS CORRECT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF FUNDING IS REQUIRED IT WILL COME BACK TO  
US.

SORRY, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

ASSUMING THEY ARE HEARING FROM US THAT WE ARE INVESTED IN THE SUCCESS  
OF THIS.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I APPRECIATE THE CLARIFICATION THOUGH.  
WE HOPE TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE GRANT, BUT IN THE EVENT THAT WE ARE  
NOT, WE WOULD COME BACK AND WE WOULD REQUEST YOU TO SUPPORT IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OF COURSE, LINDA AND I DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ADVOCATE ON THE VILLAGES BEHALF AND HOUSING FORWARD'S BEHALF. YOU RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM ME EARLIER THAT YOU HAVE NOT SEEN YET ON THAT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I AM SUPPORTIVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

SO THEN I CAN - PLEASE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: JUST WANT TO CHECK IN ON THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT, TEXT AMENDMENT THING.

THIS HAS TO GO THROUGH THE NORMAL PROCESS, RIGHT?

CAN WE FIX THAT?

I WOULD LIKE THIS KIND OF THING TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE BOARD.

IF WE ARE TRYING TO GET HOUSING UNITS IN CIRCULATION I DON'T NEED IT TO GO THROUGH SEVEN LAYERS OF BUREAUCRACY.

WE ARE GOING TO VOTE ON ANY WAY, LET'S HAVE IT COME STRAIGHT HERE.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YOU ARE SPEAKING, TRUSTEE WESLEY, ARE YOU SPEAKING TO JUST SYSTEMATICALLY WE SHOULD MAKE THAT CHANGE?

>> SYSTEMATICALLY FOR USE CASES LIKE THIS.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: ON THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE ON AUGUST 1 IT IS ALREADY SCHEDULED.

SO IT IS ON ITS WAY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ON THIS ONE IT IS ALREADY GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT FUTURE LOOKING, IF HOUSING FORWARD BUYS SOMETHING ELSE ON RIDGELAND AND BLAH BLAH BLAH AND I FIGURED THEY NEEDED SPECIAL USE AMENDMENT, ULTIMATELY WE ARE GOING TO VOTE ON IT AND IT IS GOING TO END UP HERE AND WE ARE GOING TO VOTE, LET'S SKIP THE OTHER STUFF AND BRING IT HERE.

CAN WE DO THAT?

TELL ME WHAT ALL I NEED TO CHANGE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WILL TRY TO HANDLE THIS ONE FOR A SECOND IF I CAN.

SO I THINK WHAT WE CAN TAKE AWAY FROM WHAT YOU ARE SAYING TONIGHT IS YOU WANT TO REDUCE ANY BARRIERS THAT SLOW THINGS DOWN OR THAT HAVE FEES THAT MAY BE TAKE AWAY FROM THE MISSION OF THE WORK?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> SOME OF OUR SPECIAL USE PERMIT PROCESS AND STAFF WORK ON THE PERMITS IS THERE TO PROTECT US FOR ALL THE REASONS WE UNDERSTAND PERMITTING AND ZONING TO BE ABOUT AND OUR TIME HERE AT THIS BOARD TABLE, WHEN THOSE COMMISSIONS ARE DUE THAT WORK - WE'RE PUTTING PEOPLE ON THE COMMISSION THAT HAS CERTAIN EXPERTISE SO HOPEFULLY IT IS QUICK AND PAINLESS WITH THE WORK THAT STAFF DOES THAT BRINGS IT TO THOSE COMMISSIONS AND IF THEY COME STRAIGHT HERE, HOPEFULLY IT IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN LEAVE IT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND HOPEFULLY THAT WOULD BE THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO DO IT BECAUSE WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD OR AGENDA ITEMS AT THE SAME TIME.

>> I KNOW THE LEVELS BEFORE IS THERE IS OFTEN SCHEDULE ISSUES THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY FIX IT IF WE COULD CITE SOMETHING ON THE AGENDA IT WOULD BE EASIER.

>> WHENEVER OUR - - OR PARTNERSHIP, THEY'RE LIKE, WHAT IS YOUR DEADLINE AND THAT IS THE FIRST QUESTION THAT IS ASKED. WHAT IS YOUR DEADLINE?

THEN LINING THINGS UP BASED ON THAT, BUT STILL I THINK WE HEAR YOU THAT IF THERE IS THAT SITUATION WHERE THERE IS COLD WEATHER THAT IS COMING IN THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY IS TO BRING IT BACK TO THE VILLAGE BOARD THAT WE WOULD PERMIT OUR STAFF AT LEAST THE ABILITY TO DECIDE AND WORK IN CONVERSATION WITH US AS TO HOW TO PROCEED.

>> TO BE CLEAR, I'M NOT TRYING TO BYPASS THE STAFF ASPECT. I KNOW WE HAVE STAFF AND THEY HELP MAKE PRESENTATIONS, I WOULD JUST HAVE STAFF DO THAT WORK AND PRESENTED DIRECTLY HERE INSTEAD OF THOSE COMMISSIONS.

>> ULTIMATELY YOU ARE ABOUT NOT WASTING TIME AND BEING AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE.

>> WHERE TRY TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREET, RIGHT? IF WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON IT EITHER WAY I WOULD LIKE US TO JUST VOTE ON IT AND NOT GO THROUGH THREE OR FOUR LAYERS OF BUREAUCRACY TO GET HERE.

>> I UNDERSTAND.  
IT WAS AFTER CORY, ARE WE COMPLETE?  
BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I QUICKLY WANT TO ECHO THAT I DO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD FAST TRACK PROJECTS LIKE THIS.

I DO HOWEVER THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY GO THROUGH THE COMMISSIONS FOR LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL REASONS, BUT I DO THINK THAT WE SHOULD MAKE SURE TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO FAST-TRACK THAT COMMISSION PROCESS.

PROJECTS LIKE THIS THAT ARE GOING TOWARDS REMOVING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS FROM THE STREET, I DO NOT WANT THEM TO BE, YOU KNOW, PUT AT THE BACK OF THE LINE.

I WOULD LIKE THEM TO POTENTIALLY HAVE AN AVENUE TO JUMP TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE IF GETTING THAT PERMIT IS THE THING THAT IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED BEFORE THEY ARE BREAKING GROUND ON THE PROJECT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DO NOT MEAN TO INTERRUPT, BUT I KNOW THAT WE ALL WANT TO BE A LITTLE TIMELY, BUT I KNOW THERE ARE TIMES WHEN STAFF HAS DONE THAT.

WHEN THEY WORK WITH OR GIVEN TEMPORARY SITUATION THAT YOU DID WITH SAINT CATHERINE ST. LUCIE'S EARLY ON IN THIS PROCESS WHEN THERE WAS SOME WORK.

ALSO, BOTH THE ZBA PLAN COMMISSION OR LEGAL BODIES AND EARLIER TONIGHT I APPOINTED SOMEBODY UNTO THE ZBA WITHOUT THE CITIZEN COMMISSION

INVOLVEMENT PROCESS AND THEY SUDDENLY WENT DOWN - I THINK THE POINTS TONIGHT ARE VALID WITHIN PROPER CONTEXT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I APPRECIATE THAT AND I WOULD ECHO THAT BECAUSE ONLY GIVES STAFF CREDIT UP TO THIS POINT BECAUSE THEY DID WORK TO EXPEDITE THIS ONE SCHEDULING AND EVERYTHING AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT IT IS A BOARD GOAL AND SO WE WANTED TO GET HERE AS FAST AS WE CAN THEY DO UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION OF HOW DO YOU DO THAT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXACTLY.

IN LIGHT OF SOME OF THE CONVERSATION THAT DID HAPPEN EARLIER, WE DO HAVE - WE MENTIONED THAT THE PUBLIC HAS HEARD US MENTION OAK PARK HOMELESS COALITION, YOU CAN LOOK IT UP, IT HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE. THAT IS OPEN TO ANY MEMBERSHIP THAT IS ADJUSTED AND BEING INVOLVED IN YOU CAN THEN LEARN A LOT MORE AS CITIZENS OF OAK PARK ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THAT DO EXIST IN SERVING OUR HOMELESS, BUT ALSO THE STRATEGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT EXIST IN THE STRATEGIES AND IT INVOLVES COMMITTEES AND GOOD NUMBER OF PARTNERSHIPS IN THE COMMITTEE AND THE, ONE THING THAT I KNOW FROM HAVING BEEN MORE INVOLVED BEFORE I WAS VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND NOW IS STILL THE PREVENTATIVE WORK ON THE FRAP DOLLARS.

I WOULD ECHO SOME OF JUST MAKING SURE - SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT EXIST WITH THE STATE DOLLARS WHEN SOMEBODY IS ABOUT TO BECOME HOMELESS.

THE FACT THAT THEY ACTUALLY HAVE TO BECOME HOMELESS BEFORE YOU CAN HELP THEM WAS TWO DOLLARS IS I THINK SOME OF THE FRUSTRATION THAT ANYONE TRYING TO HELP ANYBODY AND ALSO AS YOU AND I TALKED ABOUT, THOSE WRAPAROUND SERVICES THAT IN HELPING ANYBODY THROUGH ANY OF THE RESOURCES THAT EXIST WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY WHEN THEY ARE LOOKING TO, YOU KNOW, CONNECT WITH - YOUR NEW BUILDING IN BROADVIEW, YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE RIGHT THERE THAT CAN PROVIDE THOSE WRAPAROUND SERVICES.

THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF BUILDINGS WE NEED SO YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO IS IN CRISIS AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS TO CONNECT THE DIFFERENT RESOURCES THEY NEED IN ORDER TO GET OUT OF THAT CRISIS MOMENT OR EVEN PLAN FOR GETTING OUT OF THE CRISIS MOMENT. I APPRECIATE A LOT ON THE ALMOST DISCUSSION WORK, THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION IS AN AMAZING JOB OF DOING A DEEP DIVE INTO THIS IN THE REPORT TO COME OUT OF THAT COMMISSION CAN BE EXTREMELY INFORMATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL.

WHAT WAS THE LAST POINT I WANTED TO MAKE ON THIS?

SO THIS IS ALSO WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WITH THE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE AND BEING ABLE TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN WORKING WITH OUR HOMELESSNESS.

SO I WOULD - SO WE HAVE CLEAR DIRECTION THAT IF A GRANT DOES NOT COME THROUGH, THERE IS SUPPORT FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD ON COMING BACK WITH



THOSE - THE BUDGETARY ASK IN WHATEVER WAY MAKES THE MOST SINCE AND  
SMASS OR WHAT WE QUALIFY FOR AS WELL.

AND SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH LINDA AND TO THOSE THAT ARE HERE SUPPORTING  
GOOD CONGRATULATIONS, OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
BRIDGE.

APPRECIATE SAINT CATHERINE/ST. LUCIE'S OR THE CONTRIBUTION THEY MADE.  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF?  
WE HAVE BEEN HERE LATE ENOUGH.

>> I KNOW WE'RE ALL TRYING TO GET HOME TONIGHT.  
GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS PRINCETON BUTLER AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGE.  
THIS IS DAY NUMBER TWO FOR ME.  
I AM NOT ACCUSTOMED TO LONG MEETINGS.  
I'M A RECOVERING POLITICIAN, USED TO BE CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE FOURTH  
ORDINANCE OF CHICAGO AND A FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE ILLINOIS  
JUSTICE PROJECT.  
PLEASURE TO GET TO KNOW ALL OF YOU AND WORKING COMMUNITY WITH ALL OF  
YOU GOING FORWARD SO THANK YOU AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE  
FUTURE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, NICE TO MEET YOU THIS  
EVENING AND THE FACT THAT YOU MENTIONED RECOVERING POLITICIAN IS GOING  
TO MAKE ME GO BACK TO SUSAN AND SAY I'M WITH YOU, I CAN TALK TO MY  
COLLEAGUES.

SO THE WAY THAT OAK PARK UTILIZES OUR CDBG DOLLARS AND OUR HUD DOLLARS  
IS MAYBE NOT THE WAY THAT EVERY COMMUNITY MAXIMIZES THE POTENTIAL OF  
THAT MONEY AND WE CAN SEEK THOSE PARTNERSHIPS.

I WOULD ENTERTAIN A CALL TO THE BOARD.  
CLERK WATERS?

THANK YOU, VANESSA.

>>CLERK: I WANT TO REMIND THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU CAN REGISTER TO  
VOTE HERE AT VILLAGE HALL.

REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK DIRECTLY AT 708-358-5670  
AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN ADDITIONAL THANK YOU TO THE PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT AS A RESIDENT WHO LIVES ON RICHLAND AND JACKSON.

WE WERE HIT PRETTY HARD LAST NIGHT.

I WOULD SAY RIDGELAND WAS PRETTY MUCH SHUT DOWN BETWEEN JACKSON AND  
ADAMS AND WE WOKE UP THIS MORNING TO QUITE A VERY LARGE BRANCH ON A  
LIVE LINE AND SO NOT JUST A THANK YOU FOR THE ROADS BEING CLEARED TO  
PUBLIC WORKS PERMIT, BUT ALSO COMED RESPONDING SO QUICKLY TODAY AND  
MAKING SURE THAT THE LINES WERE SAFE.

MY FAMILY CAN GO BACK OUT TO THE YARD.

SUGGEST A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE TEAM WHO CLEARED UP TODAY.

IT WAS PHENOMENAL.

ALSO JUST A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MY DEAR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE  
PAUL.

I HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE 2017 IT HAS BEEN SUCH AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU.

I HAVE WORKED IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES AND YOU HAVE ALWAYS ANSWERED MY QUESTIONS AND YOUR DOOR HAS ALWAYS BEEN OPEN AND I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME IN THE FACT THAT YOU JUST ANSWERED ANY QUESTIONS I EVER HAD.

YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY NOT JUST MYSELF, BUT ALSO EVA, MICHAEL, KRISHAN AND ALAYNA.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: JUST WANT TO THANK IS MAKE SURE I - - WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I THINK THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR WORKING THROUGH A CRAZY STORM.

I WAS UP ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT READING THIS BOOK AND SAW HOW CRAZY THE STORM IS GETTING AND I HAVE WORKED IN PUBLIC WORKS SO I DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT FUN WITH KIMBERLY AND THROWING BRANCHES THROUGH A WOOD CHIPPER.

IT'S A LOT OF WORK AND VERY APPRECIATED.

I WAS DOING CRAZY CAR DRIVING TO WORK TODAY THROUGH THE DIFFERENT STREET SHUT DOWN YOU CAN SEE ON THE STREET THERE WAS SOMEONE FIGURING OUT HOW THEY WERE GOING TO BREAK A TREE BRANCH BAR AND GET READY SO A TREE COULD BE CLEARED OR IT WAS ARTY CLEARED AND BROUGHT TO THE SIDE JUST WAITING TO BE CHIPPED SO IT WAS COOL TO SEE ALL THE WORK THAT WENT INTO IT KNOWING THAT WE HAVE A REALLY, REALLY COMPETENT STAFF THAT IS READY TO ATTACK THESE TYPES OF THINGS AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE AND MAKING IT A MORE STEADY RIDE FOR PEOPLE GOING TO WORK AND A SAFE RIDE BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT I - ONCE FROM SUPPAN AND LOOKING UP LIKE LET'S WALK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET BECAUSE I WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE ANYTHING FALL FROM THE TREES, BUT THEY DID AN AMAZING JOB.

SIMILARLY I WANT TO THANK PAUL FOR GIVING SUCH AMAZING ADVICE IN MAKING SURE TO BE MORE CAUTIOUS BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THAT GOES ON WHERE WE VERY MUCH TROUBLE I WANT TO JUMP INTO THINGS AND WANT TO DO IT TO DO BECAUSE THIS IS THE RIGHT THING, BUT WE CANNOT DO IT TO DO IT.

NOT TALKING ABOUT THIS.

TRUST ME.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THIS.

AND LIKE WE ALWAYS SAY, BUT WHY?

MY DAUGHTER SAYS, BUT WHY, WHY CAN WE NOT DO THIS?

LIKE IT'S LEGAL, LIKELY MEAN IT IS LEGAL?

I HAVE TO EXPLAIN THIS.

I WISH I COULD CALL PAUL AND HE WILL TELL YOU THIS BECAUSE PAUL SAID SO.

AND YOU WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

I KNOW SO MANY PEOPLE LOOK TO YOU FOR WISDOM AND YOU ARE DEFINITELY A GOOD EAR TO LISTEN TO AND TO BOUNCE IDEAS OFF OF.

YOU HAVE HEARD MY CRAZY IDEAS BEFORE.

I APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO THIS VILLAGE.

WE STILL NEED TO HIT UP GEORGE AND HAVE THAT BARBECUE.

I AM TELLING YOU.

I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE AND DID FOR THIS VILLAGE.

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE HAD YOU.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I WANT TO ECHO THAT, PAUL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

YOU ARE A WONDERFUL PERSON WORK WITH AND YOU HAVE BEEN REALLY HELPFUL TO THE BOARD AT ALL TIMES AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I JUST WANT TO REPEAT AGAIN WHAT I SAID ABOUT PUBLIC WORKS EARLIER TODAY AS THEY HAVE BEEN AMAZING.

REALLY APPRECIATE THEM.

THEY HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND AND I THINK FUNDAMENTALLY RESTRUCTURES ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE DO IN THIS VILLAGE AND WITH THIS JOB.

SO I'M SUPER APPRECIATIVE THAT THEY'VE BEEN OUT AND DOING THE THING IN A WAY THAT WE ALL KNOW THAT THEY CAN AND WILL.

SO KUDOS TO THAT.

I ALSO WANT TO, I DID NOT GET A SECOND ON MY MOTION TO STUDY THE INFORMATION SHARING ON EVICTIONS AND I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO DO THAT NOW.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I WILL SECOND A MOTION FOR A STUDY SESSION ON INFORMATION SHARING IN THE EVICTION PROCESS AND OAK PARK.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: MY MAN, APPRECIATE YOU.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS PAUL, NOT SURE IF RIGHT NOW YOU LOVE ME OR HATE ME AFTER ALL I JUST THREW AT YOU AT THE BOARD TABLE TODAY.

I'M KIDDING, I'M KIDDING.

I CAN ALMOST - I KNOW, RIGHT?

I CAN GUARANTEE YOU THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE NEARLY THE LEVEL OF INSIGHT IN TERMS OF GOING INTO THE QUESTIONS IN GLEN ELLEN, WHICH I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE YOU OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS SO YOU SHOULD ENJOY THAT.

NO, BUT SERIOUSLY, MAN, I AM GOING TO MISS YOU AND I SAID ON FACEBOOK, YOU WERE THE FIRST PERSON I EVER MET AND VILLAGE STAFF AND YOU HAVE JUST BEEN SUPER GRACIOUS.

MY ENTIRE PUBLIC SERVICE CREW.

SINCE I 2018, RIGHT?

SO I APPRECIATE IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GO AHEAD, PAUL.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY THANK YOU FATHER, AND SPREAD IT TO TRUST IT WAS A, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE ENYIA AND CLERK WATERS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WANT TO REFLECT BACK ON THE SAFE STORAGE ORDINANCE FROM LAST YEAR BECAUSE PAUL WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING THE ORDINANCE WHAT IT WAS.

I WORKED WITH MOM'S DEMAND ACTION.

THEY HAD THOUGHTS AND IDEAS AND ORDINANCES THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED OTHER PLACES AND PROVIDED THOSE RESOURCES TO PAUL AND PAUL WENT OUT AND DID JUST INCREDIBLE WORK IDENTIFYING THE BEST PARTS OF ALL OF THOSE AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PUT TOGETHER A REALLY EFFECTIVE ORDINANCE FOR OAK PARK AND ONE THAT INCLUDED IN PARTICULAR CIVIL LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO FAILED TO SAFELY STORE THEIR FIREARMS, WHICH IS A REALLY INNOVATIVE APPROACH AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT PUTS THE MOST FORCE IN THE ORDINANCE AND IT IS, BUT ONE EXAMPLE OF THE WAY THAT PAUL CONSISTENTLY TAKES JUST SUCH PRIDE IN HIS WORK AND IN DOING THE BEST WORK OR - NOT JUST FOR THIS BOARD, BUT FOR THE VILLAGE AND THE RESIDENCE THAT HE SERVES.

HE IS AN INCREDIBLE PUBLIC SERVANT.

WE HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY LUCKY IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TO HAVE HIM AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE WORKING WITH ME IN OUR VILLAGE OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, 11 YEARS.

SO THANK YOU.

I ALSO BRIEFLY AS THERE IS A CONVENTION GOING ON NOT TOO FAR TO THE NORTH OF US, I WANTED REFLECT THAT WE ARE COMING INTO A SEASON OF A GREAT DEAL OF SOMETIMES VERY SCARY RHETORIC AND WE DON'T KNOW.

THERE IS UNCERTAINTY AROUND WHAT OUR FALL ELECTIONS WILL HOLD AND WHAT NEXT YEAR WILL HOLD ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

I THINK IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT THAT WE AND OAK PARK CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS BEING ACCOUNTABLE AND BEING HONEST ABOUT WHO WE ARE AS A COMMUNITY AND CONVERSATION AROUND THE TASK FORCE WAS INCREDIBLE EXAMPLE OF WHO WE ARE AS A COMMUNITY AND WHO WE STRIVE TO BE.

I KNOW SINCE SOME OF THE RHETORIC THAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING THIS WEEK AND WE WILL BE HEARING IN THE COMING MONTHS PAINTS A VERY SCARY PICTURE OF WHAT SOME FOLKS WANT AMERICA TO BE AND I KNOW THIS ISN'T A PLACE TO GET OVERLY POLITICAL, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT OUR VALUES ARE AS A COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF NATIONAL RHETORIC THAT DOES NOT ALIGN WITH OUR VALUES.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: PAUL, I HAVE SOMETIMES WONDERED IF YOU DO IN INTERNAL EYE ROLL WHEN ATTORNEYS ELECTED TO THE BOARD TABLE.

BUT I HAVE TO SAY, WORKING WITH YOU PERSONALLY I HAVE SENSED NONE OF THAT EVER.

ALTHOUGH WE COME FROM DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF LAW I'VE ALWAYS REALLY APPRECIATED YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND YOUR PATIENCE AS I LEARN TO

UNDERSTAND YOUR BRANCH OF THE LAW AND TRY TO FIT THAT WITHIN WHAT I ADVOCATE FOR.

I THINK IT IS JUST AN EXTRA LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM THAT YOU BRING TO WORK WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES IN A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE AND REALLY HELPING US CERTAINLY ME GET STUFF DONE UNDERSTANDING THE LEGAL PARAMETERS AND ALL OF THAT.

VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

YEAH, I REMEMBER THE VERY FIRST TIME I MET PAUL.

SOME THINK THAT I HAVE THIS COMMISSION THING ALL FIGURED OUT IN GOVERNMENT PROCESSES ALL FIGURED OUT, BUT I WAS A BRAND-NEW CHAIR OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL REVIEW BOARD ONCE UPON A TIME, TOO.

HE HAD TO COME INTO HIS OFFICE WITH ADAM (NAME?) TO BRING ME IN AND LET ME KNOW THAT I WAS NOT IN CHARGE OF POLICING STRANDS IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

DO YOU REMEMBER THAT?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, THE FORESIGHT TO SEE WHERE I AM TODAY, I DID POINT EXACTLY IN THE CODE TO WHERE I COULD DO WHAT I HAD DONE.

AND THEN IT WAS LIKE, OKAY, IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE GOING TO CHANGE THAT. ANYWAY, - MIGHT HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM CHILD FOR A MOMENT, BUT I HOPE I - IT HAS BEEN A GREAT PARTNERSHIP FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND OUR TENURE IS PRETTY CLOSE.

I WAS APPOINTED NOT LONG BEFORE YOU CAME ON BOARD AND SO WE HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN STEP FOR A LONG TIME THEY REALLY APPRECIATE THE GUIDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME OVER THE YEARS.

AND IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND, HE HAS A RED PEN.

I CONSIDER MYSELF A PRETTY GOOD WRITER, BUT I WOULD GO INTO HIS OFFICE TO HAVE HIM PROOFREAD IT AND HE TAKES OUT THAT RED PEN.

AND ALWAYS MAKES IT BETTER.

THANK YOU, PAUL.

AND AS FAR AS THE RHETORIC I DO HEAR EVERYTHING THAT TRUSTEE STROUT IS TALKING ABOUT.

I DO THINK OAK PARK IS AN AMAZING PLACE WITH AMAZING PEOPLE THAT WE CAN SET AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO ENGAGE IN RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE ON DIFFICULT TOPICS AND BE SUCCESSFUL.

AT THE SAME TIME AND VERY SADDENED THAT JUST A FEW DAYS AGO WE DID HAVE AN ATTEMPT ON OUR FORMER PRESIDENT'S LIFE RESORTING TO VIOLENCE IS NEVER ACCEPTABLE.

I TRULY ENJOY WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE THAT I'M SITTING HERE WITH THAT THE BOARD TABLE AND NOW THAT WE WILL SET A BETTER EXAMPLE.

AND I WOULD: ALL RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK TO WORK TO BE GOOD LISTENERS AND RESPECTFUL IN OUR DIALOGUE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.

ENQUEUE.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

QUICK SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> FIRST AND SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>> HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.