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>> WAITING FOR THE VILLAGE MANAGER.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I THINK WE CAN GET STARTED.

TONIGHT PRESIDENT SCAMAN IS OUT OF TOWN ON A BUSINESS TRIP.

SHE IS GOING TO BE PARTICIPATING - MY HUSBAND SAID DO NOT SAY TOO MANY UM'S.

WATCH YOUR UM'S.

SHE WILL BE PARTICIPATING REMOTELY SO I AM FILLING IN AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

DO WE NEED TO VOTE ON THAT?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: NO YOU DO NOT.

IT IS AN AUTOMATIC THING.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU.

ONE OF THE MANY REASONS I WILL NEVER BE RUNNING FOR MAYOR IS I DON'T HAVE TO RUN THESE MEETINGS.

SO WE WILL SEE HOW IT GOES.

SO LET'S HAVE OUR CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER.

LET'S HAVE OUR ROLL CALL BY JUNIOR DEPUTY CLERK ENYIA THIS EVENING.

>> PRESIDENT PRO TEM BUCHANAN.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> HERE.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

DEPUTY CLERK ENYIA, IT IS A PLEASURE.

SORRY I AM NOT THERE IN PERSON.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

LET'S MOVE ON TO THE AGENDA APPROVAL.

CHRISTINA?

>>CLERK: I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO INTRODUCE JUNIOR DEPUTY CLERK ENYIA.

JUNIOR DEPUTY CLERK ENYIA AND I WALKED THROUGH TOWN HALL.

WE WENT THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF HOW THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WORKS AND WHY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT.

WE ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE LOCATED AT EUCLID AND LAKE, ORIGINALLY.

THE CURRENT VILLAGE HALL THAT WE ARE IN TODAY AND THE FUTURE OF VILLAGE HALL.

WE ALSO HAD SOME FUN TALKING ABOUT THE OLD (WORD?) PLATFORMS.

THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK IS SO GRATEFUL FOR JUNIOR DEBBIE CLERK ENYIA AS A SERVICE, AND - - CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BRITA JUNIOR DEPUTY CLERK ENYIA EXUDES EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP.

IT JUNIOR DEPUTY CLERK ENYIA IS WELCOME TO JOIN ME ANYTIME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND HER LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

IT WAS SUCH A PLEASURE TO HAVE HER JOIN ME.

I HOPE SHE MADE IT TO SOFTBALL ON TIME.

>> I DID.

>>CLERK: I WOULD LIKE TO AWARD HER WITH A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY GIVEN TO HOPE ENYIA, JUNIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE DAY AND CALLING THE ROLE AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JUNE 18, 2024.

SIGNED VILLAGE PRESIDENT VICKI SCAMAN AND VILLAGE CLERK, CHRISTINA WATERS.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH CLERK WATERS FOR SETTING UP THIS PROGRAM.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: ALRIGHT. GREAT.

LET'S MOVE ON TO AGENDA APPROVAL FOR TONIGHT'S AGENDA.

DO WE NEED A ROLLCALL OR JUST A AYE OR NAY?

>> YOU NEED A MOTION IN A ROLLCALL REQUIRED AND YOU UNDERSTAND THERE'S A NEEDED TO PULL ITEM D FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: IS THAT THE ONE YOU MENTIONED?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YES.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: NEED A MOTION FOR THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN PLUS ITEM D FROM CONSENT.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

WANT TO CALL THE ROLL CLERK WATERS?

>> NO ROLLCALL NECESSARY.

IT JUST ALL IN FAVOR.

>> ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: DO WE HAVE MINUTES TO APPROVE?

NO MINUTES TO APPROVE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE MOVE THE PROCLAMATION UP FOR THE NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT JUST IN CASE MR. ROWE BINET WANTS TO LEAVE EARLY.

I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND DO THAT.

I NEED A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION AND MORE AIM OF A HARRIETTE GILLEM ROBINET.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I WILL READ THIS RECOGNITION.

IN MORE AIM OF HARRIETTE GILLEM ROBINET.

WHEREAS, THE OAK PARK COMMUNITY JOINS THE FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS OF HARRIETTE GILLEM ROBINET IN MOURNING HER PASSING ON MAY 17, 2024, AT THE AGE OF 92; AND

WHEREAS, HARRIETTE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND McLOUIS "MAC" OF 64 YEARS, WHOM SHE WALKED HAND-IN-HAND WITH TO MASS AT ST. EDMUND'S PARISH EVERY WEEKDAY. SHE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, STEPHEN, PHILIP, RITA, JONATHAN, AND LINDA, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER DAUGHTER, MARSHA; AND

WHEREAS, HARRIETTE ROBINET HAD A FULL CAREER AS A MICROBIOLOGIST BEFORE MOVING TO OAK PARK AND LAUNCHING A SECOND CAREER AS A CHILDRN'S BOOK WRITER. BORN AND RAISED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE AND M.S. AND PH.D. DEGREES FROM CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA. FOLLOWING GRADUATION, SHE WORKED AS A BACTERIOLOGIST FOR HOSPITALS INCLUDING WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND AS A BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA; AND

WHEREAS, HARRIETTE'S FIRST NATIONAL EXPOSURE AS A WRITER CAME IN REDBOOK MAGAZINE IN 1968, TELLING THE FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF HER YOUNG BLACK FAMILY MOVING ONTO AN ALL-WHITE BLOCK IN OAK PARK AND HUMANIZING

THE TRAGEDY AND TRIUMPHS OF THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM AND MODELING POSITIVE STEPS TOWARD BUILDING A MORE RACIALLY INTEGRATED AMERICA; AND

WHEREAS, HARRIETTE HAS RECEIVED MANY HONORS THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, INCLUDING THE CARL SANDBURG AWARD. HER AWARD-WINNING BOOKS OF HISTORICAL FICTION FEATURE CHILDREN DURING NOTABLE PERIODS OF AMERICAN HISTORY. EACH OF HER BOOKS INCLUDES A CHARACTER WHO IS PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED, AS SHE BELIEVED "DISABLED CHILDREN NEED TO FIND THEMSELVES IN BOOKS," AND

WHEREAS, HARRIETTE'S MATERNAL GRANDFATHER HAD BEEN ENSLAVED BY ROBERT E. LEE; HER PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS WERE ENSLAVED PEOPLE IN MARYLAND. SHE AND HER HUSBAND MAC WERE ACTIVE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND FAIR HOUSING MOVEMENTS AND IN 1965, THE ROBINETS TRIED TO PURCHASE THEIR HOME ON THE 200 BLOCK OF SOUTH ELMWOOD USING A SO-CALLED STRAW BUYER. THEY HAD SAVED \$10,000 FOR A DOWN PAYMENT AND SEVEN TIMES DEALS FELL THROUGH ONCE IT WAS LEARNED THEY WERE BLACK. WHITE FRIENDS PURCHASED THE HOUSE THEY SO WANTED AND IMMEDIATELY SOLD IT TO THE ROBINETS. HARRIETTE AND MAC LIVED IN THEIR HOUSE ON ELMWOOD TOGETHER FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, HARRIETTE'S WARMTH AND COMPASSION WERE PAIRED WITH STEELY STRENGTH AND COURAGE. IN 1966, LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER MOVING INTO OAK PARK, SHE WAS A LEADER IN WEEKLY MARCHES TO PROTEST UNFAIR REAL ESTATE PRACTICES AND WORKED WITH OTHERS ON ADVOCACY THAT LED TO THE PASSAGE OF THE 1968 FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE. HER GRACIOUSNESS, KINDNESS, AND EMPATHY FOR HER FELLOW HUMANS WERE LEGENDARY AND SHE AND MAC BECAME THE ANCHOR OF THEIR BLOCK AND THE VALUED AND ADMIRER ELDER FOR MANY IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF OAK PARK.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT VICKI SCAMAN AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK THAT THE SYMPATHY OF THE OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK BE EXPRESSED TO THE FAMILY OF HARRIETTE GILLEM ROBINET AND THAT THIS PROCLAMATION IN MEMORIAM BE FOREVER PRESERVED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: DO WE HAVE A PLAQUE?
IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: ALRIGHT.
IT IS TIME TO MOVE ON - WHAT?
I'M SORRY, WE DO NEED A VOTE.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE PROCLAMATION?

>> AYE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU.

THAT WILL BE ONE OF MANY REMINDERS NEEDED THIS EVENING.

SORRY.

LET'S GO TO NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.

WHAT WE HAVE, CLERK WATERS?

>>CLERK: WE HAVE ONE NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.

IS THERE ANYONE ON ZOOM HERE TO PROVIDE NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT?

I BELIEVE THERE IS JUST ONE HERE IN PERSON.

THANK YOU.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING LEADERSHIP OF THE VILLAGE.

WE ALL APPRECIATE IT.

WE KNOW HOW MUCH TIME AND EFFORT YOU PUT IN SO I WANT TO START WITH THAT.

I AM DAVID POPE, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE OAK PARK RESIDENCE CORPORATION.

MY ADDRESS IS 306 SOUTH HUMPHREY AND THE RESIDENT CORPORATION IS LOCATED AT - - I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF THE RESIDENCE CORPORATION AND THE ENTIRE CORPORATION IN ORDER TO SPEND A MOMENT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOUSING HERE IN THE COMMUNITY AND SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE HOMES FOR A CHANGING REGION REPORTS.

NOWHERE CONTINUING TO HAVE DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT, BUT I DID RECENTLY DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS TO YOU AND I WANTED TO COME AND AMPLIFY THAT.

AS MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW I WAS INVOLVED IN A ROLE ON THE VILLAGE BOARD WHEN THE HOME STAR REGIONAL REPORT WAS CREATED AND I THINK THE EFFORT YOU HAVE DISPLAYED TO UPDATE THAT IS EXCELLENT.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE BELIEVE COULD BE DONE TO BE ABLE TO HELP FURTHER AMPLIFY SOME OF THE BENEFITS THAT CAN ACCRUE TO THE COMMUNITY FROM THAT REPORT.

SO I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO OUTLINE THOSE.

TWO THINGS SPECIFICALLY.

THE FIRST HAS TO DO WITH THE COLLECTION OF DATA RELATED TO THE DIVERSITY OF THE COMMUNITY.

AS YOU ALL, I'M SURE NO, AND MANY AT HOME MAY, FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS, EVERY TIME WE HAVE DONE A SURVEY ABOUT PEOPLE, WHY PEOPLE MOVE OR LIVE IN OAK PARK IT COMES TO FOUR THINGS.

PROXIMITY TO CHICAGO, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, THE QUALITY AND CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION, AND THEN DIVERSITY OF THE COMMUNITY.

SO THAT ISSUE OF DIVERSITY IS ALSO ONE OF THE CORE PILLARS OF THE RESIDENCE CORPORATION.

WE SEEK TO FOCUS ON PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY MULTIFAMILY HOUSING THAT ADVANCES AFFORD ABILITY AND DIVERSITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. RECENTLY WE HAVE SEEN SOME CHALLENGES RELATED TO DIVERSITY AND SOME OF THAT MAY TIE BACK TO THE DECISION THAT WAS MADE NEARLY A DECADE AGO TO STOP COLLECTING DIVERSITY DATA AND THEREFORE MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO BE ABLE TO SEE, HEY, HOW ARE WE DOING COLLECTIVELY AS A COMMUNITY AND OUR HOPE WOULD BE THAT WE COULD ENCOURAGE AS PART OF THE ULTIMATE CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT, THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO REENGAGE WITH MULTIFAMILY HOUSING OWNERS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY TO ENCOURAGE THE COLLECTION OF SELF REPORTED DATA I THINK THAT IS A KEY PART TO THIS, THAT THE DATA THAT NEEDS TO BE COLLECTED NEEDS TO BE SELF-REPORTED BY INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS AND COLLECTED AFTER THE DECISION IS MADE TO BE ABLE TO EITHER LEASE TO OR NOT LEASE TO SO THERE IS NO CONFUSION ABOUT RACE OR ETHNICITY COMING INTO THE DECISION. THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT, IF I MAY HAVE ANOTHER 30 SECONDS IS TO ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE HOUSING CENTER.

THE WORK OF THE HOUSING CENTER REALLY IS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING ADVANCED DIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNITY AND TO BE ABLE TO FACILITATE PRO DIVERSE MOVES.

AS I MENTIONED IN MY COMMUNICATION ALL OF YOU, SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF THE PRO DIVERSE MOVES THAT HAVE OCCURRED WITH THE RESIDENCE CORPORATION OVER THE COURSE OF 2020 WERE A RESULT OF THE WORK OF THE HOUSING CENTER WE BELIEVE THAT THE HOUSING CENTER, WITHOUT - THEY ARE UNIQUELY POSITIONED AND THEY DO THINGS THAT PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE VILLAGE CANNOT DO.

THEY DO THINGS THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK CANNOT DO BECAUSE OF THEIR MISSION, NOT BECAUSE OF THEIR STATUS.

CONTINUE TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR THAT IS IMPORTANT AND THAT IS SOMETHING I WANT TO URGE WITH THE UTMOST EMPHASIS.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL OF YOUR TIME AND WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DO.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: ANY OTHER COMMENTS, CLERK WATERS?

>>CLERK: NO.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: MOVING ON TO VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS. MANAGER JACKSON?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES TRUSTEE BUCHANAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, THANK YOU.

WE HAVE ONE ITEM TONIGHT.

IT IS COMING FROM THE CIVIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMISSION IN OUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT ON - IT IS A REPORT BACK ON COMMUNITY HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSEHOLDS.

THIS IS SOMETHING WE IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY IN THE BIRDS UPDATED GOALS, BUT IT'S ALSO SOMETHING RELATED TO THE BOARDS PRIOR GOALS ESTABLISHED IN 20/20 ONE.

QUITE A BIT OF WORK DONE BY THE COMMISSION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT SO THEY WANT TO REPORT OUT ON SOME OF THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE.

I WILL TURN IT OVER TO ALVIN (NAME?), OUR DIRECTOR AND HE WILL INTRODUCE DAVID TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION'S PERSPECTIVE.

>> GOOD EVENING.

ALVIN (NAME?), IT DIRECTOR.

WITH ME IS THE COMMISSION FROM THE CIVIC INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMISSION, CHAIRMAN DAVID BAKER.

THIS IS A REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS FOR MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNITS.

FOR UNITS THAT ARE FOUR OR MORE UNITS.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT WAS ONE OF THE BOARD GOALS, AS WELL AS THE COMMISSION HAS A SIMILAR WORKPLAN ON THIS.

SO WE COLLABORATE IN SOME OF THE INFORMATION SHARING GRID ONE OF THE THINGS WE LOOKED AT IS THAT, HOW ARE OTHER PROVIDERS AVAILABLE TO THESE MULTIUNIT BUILDINGS?

IT IS ASSUMED THAT XFINITY COMCAST IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY SO WE LOOKED AT THE 188 MULTIUNIT BUILDINGS IN THE COMMUNITY BY ADDRESS AND LOOKED AT IF AT&T IS AVAILABLE AND WHAT SPEED IS AVAILABLE, AND IN THIS TABLE WE DID THIS BACK IN APRIL, 2023. THE TABLE IN THIS REPORT SHOWS THERE ARE 188 UNITS OR BUILDINGS AND OF THOSE THERE WERE 32 THAT WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL FOR AT&T INTERNET SERVICE.

THERE IS 90 THAT WAS LOW SPEED AND LOW SPEED IS ANYTHING UNDER 100 MB AS SET AS A STANDARD FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

THERE WERE 66 BUILDINGS THAT HAD HIGH-SPEED, OVER 100 MB.

AFTER ABOUT ONE YEAR, BACK IN MARCH I REVIEWED THESE OTHER BUILDINGS THAT DID NOT HAVE ANY HIGH-SPEED INTERNET OR INTERNET AT ALL.

PART OF THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT ONE OF THE BUILDINGS DID NOT HAVE ANY SERVICE AT ALL WITH AT&T.

NOW IT HAS HIGH-SPEED FIBER INTERNET AND THAT IS A 50 UNIT BUILDING AND ANOTHER BUILDING THAT HAD ONLY 5 MB.

NOW 5G AT&T SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

AS WELL AS ANOTHER UNIT, ANOTHER BUILDING HAS NOW UP TO 100 MB.

AS PART OF THIS REVIEW WAS ALSO THAT WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THAT THERE ARE OTHER PROVIDERS FOR 5G IN THE COMMUNITY.

BESIDES AT&T BECAUSE LAST YEAR THEY DID NOT HAVE IT.

WE'VE IDENTIFIED THAT T-MOBILE IS AVAILABLE.

THERE'S A LINK ON THE REPORT THAT RESIDENTS CAN LOOK UP THEMSELVES AND ALSO WE KNOW THAT VERIZON HOME INTERNET 5G IS AVAILABLE.

ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAMS IS THAT THAT PROGRAM HAD ENDED RECENTLY, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER CONTINUING THAT, HOWEVER, AT&T CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THAT AT THE SAME RATE AND SPEED VOLUNTARILY.

XFINITY ALSO PROVIDES IT, BUT NOT AS HIGH-SPEED.

IT IS ONLY 50 MB.

AND IN A APRIL CISC MEETING, IT WAS DISCUSSED WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HAVING AVAILABLE INTERNET, AND IT WAS AGREED UPON THAT EDUCATING THE RESIDENCE IN THE PUBLIC OF HOW THEY CAN EVALUATE THEMSELVES, FOR THEMSELVES, RATHER THAN LOOKING AT THE BUILDING MANAGER TO REPORT, BUT THEY THEMSELVES CAN LOOK UP THESE WEBSITES AND SEE WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR THEM.

AND WITH 5G, YOU KNOW, IF THEY HAVE THE RIGHT DEVICE THEY CAN JUST GO INTO THE UNITS AND CHECK FOR THEMSELVES, WHAT IS THE SPEED AVAILABILITY.

ALTHOUGH IT WILL NOT BE AS GOOD AS A HOME BASE 5G, BUT THAT GIVES THEM AN IDEA.

BRIEFLY BY EDUCATING THE RESIDENCE WE ARE EMPOWERING THEM TO BE ABLE TO FIND A SOLUTION AND ALSO WITH AT&T, ONE OF THE THINGS I CAN ALSO DO IS REGISTER THEMSELVES, AND PERHAPS, WE DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE, BUT PERHAPS AT&T MAY TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION WHETHER OR NOT TO BUILD INTERNET SERVICE INTO THAT BUILDING.

LIKE THE REPORT SAID, THERE IS ONE BUILDING THAT DID NOT HAVE ANY AT&T SERVICE AND NOW THEY HAVE FIBER.

WITH THAT - THAT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION, ALSO.

THE IDEA WAS ALSO TO PROVIDE REPORTS ON A REGULAR BASIS OF ANY CHANGES IN INFORMATION THAT IS SHARED TO THE PUBLIC TO EDUCATE THEM, BUT ALSO I WANT TO INTRODUCE OUR CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION AS THEY PROVIDE ALSO REPORTS.

>> GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY, DAVID BAKER, CHAIR OF THE CIVIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMISSION.

GOOD TO BE WITH YOU.

SO THE GENESIS OF ALVIN AND HIS TEAM'S RESEARCH, WHICH WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE IS THE DOCUMENT YOU WILL HAVE IN ADDITION IT IS ADDED ONTO THE AGENDA ITEM.

BACK IN FEBRUARY 2023 WE DID A COMMUNITY BROADBAND ASSESSMENT AND WE PROVIDED SOME OPTIONS ON HOW AFFORDABLE INTERNET AND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET COULD BE PROVIDED AS AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION FOR RESIDENTS IN THE VILLAGE BECAUSE, LET'S FACE IT, INTERNET THESE DAYS IS A UTILITY. SO IT IS REALLY STRONGLY NEEDED.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES WE FOUND WAS THAT PENETRATION OF COMCAST AND AT&T, SORT OF THE INCUMBENT PROVIDERS IS STRONG IN THE VILLAGE THAT IS PRETTY MUCH ASSUMED THAT COMCAST IS AVAILABLE JUST ABOUT TO EVERY RESIDENT, BUT THAT IS JUST ONE PROVIDER.

SO IF YOU ARE IN A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME OR A CONDO WHERE YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO ADD A PROVIDER OR HIGH-SPEED INTERNET, YOU HAVE THE CHOICE TO ADD COMCAST OR AT&T.

IF YOU ARE IN A MULTIUNIT DWELLING OR MULTI-DWELLING UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING, YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE LANDLORD AND THE LANDLORD MAY NOT PROVIDE THAT FOR A SECOND PROVIDER.

ONE OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IS AT THAT POINT IS TO RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE THAT EVERY STRUCTURE IN THE VILLAGE HAVE TWO HIGH-SPEED PROVIDERS AVAILABLE.

HOW YOU DO THAT WITH THE MULTI-DWELLING UNITS IS SOMETHING UP FOR DEBATE.

WE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT LEGALITIES ABOUT THAT, INCENTIVES IS CERTAINLY AN OPTION.

EDUCATION IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT, WHICH ALVIN MENTIONED AND WE DECIDED IN APRIL THAT WE WOULD UPDATE OUR DOCUMENT TO SAY COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS SUPER IMPORTANT AS WELL, BUT THE TWO PROVIDERS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE BE HARDWIRED PROVIDERS WE CALL IT.

THESE DAYS YOU CANNOT CALL IT WIRED ANYMORE BECAUSE FIBER IS THE MEDIUM NOW.

IT IS LIGHT FOR HIGH-SPEED, BUT HARDWIRED VERSUS 5G, 5G LOOKS LIKE IT IS GOING TO BE THE SOLUTION FOR THE FUTURE, BUT I WOULD SAY IT IS NOT READY FOR PRIME TIME SO TO SPEAK.

I'VE HAD GREAT SUCCESS WITH A PROVIDER, BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE A LINE OF SIGHT TO THE TOWER AND IN A VERY DENSE URBAN ENVIRONMENT LIKE OAK PARK, THAT IS DIFFICULT TO DO, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE IN A MULTI-DWELLING UNIT.

APARTMENT POINTED TO THE BACK ALLEY IN THE CELL TOWER IS WAY ACROSS. YOU HAVE TO HAVE A DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT TO THAT TOWER.

SO WHILE 5G MIGHT BE THE FUTURE, HARDWIRED OR HEARD FIBER CONNECTIONS IS WHAT WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR AT THIS POINT.

SO WE THANK ALVIN FOR HIS RESEARCH TO SEE WHERE THAT EXISTS IN THE VILLAGE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: DAVID, WERE YOU ABOUT TO SHARE THE PROVIDERS YOU RECOMMEND?

>> I WASN'T, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROVIDERS WE RECOMMEND, SO TO SPEAK, BUT WE FIGURE COMCAST AND AT&T - THEY ARE SORT OF THE INCUMBENT PROVIDERS.

THEY ARE THE PROVIDERS THAT EVERYBODY GETS MAILINGS ON.

VERIZON, T-MOBILE, EVEN AT&T LIKE ALVIN MENTIONED, THEY DO 5G, BUT IN TERMS OF FIBER, THOSE COULD BE A DEFAULT.

WE ARE NOT SAYING IT SHOULD BE COMCAST AND AT&T, BUT THERE SHOULD BE TWO HARDWIRED FIBER CONNECTIONS TO EVERY STRUCTURE IN THE BUILDING TO GIVE RESIDENTS A CHOICE.

AGAIN, IF YOU'RE IN A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME YOU HAVE THAT CHOICE, BUT IF YOU ARE IN A MULTI-DWELLING UNIT AND ROUGHLY HALF OF OAK PARK LIVES IN THESE TYPES OF BUILDINGS, YOU MAY NOT HAVE A CHOICE. SO THAT IS WHAT WE ARE SAYING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YEAH.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: NO.

THANK YOU BOTH ALVIN AND DAVID.

I REMEMBER IN 2021, I RAN ON AFFORDABLE INTERNET AS A PLATFORM OF MINE AND INTRODUCE THAT TO THE BOARD GOALS AS WELL.

SO I APPRECIATE SEEING IT COME BACK IN SOME FORM.

AT THAT POINT 5G WAS JUST COMING ON BOARD AND SO TECHNOLOGY HAS CHANGED QUITE A BIT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS SO IT'S GREAT TO COME BACK AND MY ONLY THOUGHT THERE WAS GOING MORE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ECONOMY BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE EVERYTHING WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. THAT WAS THE REASONING AND IT'S REALLY GREAT TO SEE OPTIONS COME BACK AND ALSO TECHNOLOGY EVOLVE IN THAT DIRECTION IS ALSO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR DOING THE WORK.

APPRECIATE IT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I WONDER AS A NEXT STEP IF WE COULD HAVE - I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS APPROPRIATE HERE FOR STAFF OR STAFF AND THE COMMISSION COME BACK GRADE PARTICULARLY I'M INTERESTED IN TWO THINGS. ONE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF EITHER SOME SORT OF REQUIREMENT BY ORDINANCE OR WHAT AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM WOULD LOOK LIKE.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE AND SECONDLY, WHETHER THERE IS - WHETHER THE PERSPECTIVE CHANGES.

WE HAVE A VARIETY OF MULTIFAMILY UNITS.

SOME ARE TWO, THREE, FOUR UNITS.

SOME ARE OWNER OCCUPIED AND SOMEHOW QUITE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL UNITS.

I'M CURIOUS WHETHER AS A SECOND ITEM THAT COMES BACK TO THE BOARD IF WE COULD GET SOME SORT OF GUIDANCE INTO HOW WE SHOULD CONSIDER THIS REQUIREMENT AGAINST THOSE DIFFERENT TYPES OF UNITS.

IS IT MORE BURDENSOME OR LESS BURDENSOME, MORE COSTLY, LESS COSTLY FOR AN OWNER OCCUPIED UNIT?

82 FLATWARE THREE FLAT VERSUS A UNIT THAT HAS GOT - A BUILDING THAT HAS SIX OR MORE UNITS.

THAT SORT OF THING.

AND THINK ABOUT THE VARIETY OF MULTIFAMILY UNITS WE HAVE AND HOW WE SHOULD WEIGH THAT IN THIS WHOLE ANALYSIS.

>> THIS IS AN INTERESTING QUESTION, TOO, BECAUSE A LOT OF THE MULTI- DWELLING UNITS, LIKE I LIVE IN A BUILDING THAT IS 100 YEARS OLD.

TO CARRY OUT THE FIVE INFRASTRUCTURE TO PUT IN FIBER IS VERY COSTLY TO THE LANDLORD.

MAYBE THERE IS A WAY OF INCENTIVIZING IT, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN LOOK INTO AND TALK ABOUT IF THE BOARD WISHES.

I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE.

ONE THING ALVIN HAD MENTIONED, TOO.

MAYBE AWAY AND LANDLORD CAN PUT ON APARTMENTS.com SOME ADVERTISING PLATFORM.

THEY CAN SAY, OKAY, WE OFFER THESE INTERNET CHOICES FOR YOU AND THEN AS A SHOPPER THEY CAN LOOK AT THAT AND SAY, OKAY, WELL I WANT AT&T, BUT YOU ONLY HAVE COMCAST OR VICE VERSA SO I WILL NOT RENT WITH YOU AND THAT MIGHT BE AN INCENTIVE FOR A LANDLORD, WHICH IN A LOT OF BUILDINGS ARE ONLY 30% OCCUPANCY RIGHT NOW.

MAYBE THAT IS INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO SPEND THE MONEY, PUT IN INFRASTRUCTURE, BRING IN THE FIBER READY INFRASTRUCTURE AND THEN ADVERTISE THAT AND THAT WOULD BRING BUSINESS BACK TO THE LANDLORD. SO INCENTIVES COULD LOOK - THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS THEY COULD LOOK AND WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING ANYTHING SPECIFICALLY.

WE ARE JUST SAYING TO MAYBE THINK WHERE WE CAN EXPLORE THAT.

>> IF I MAY.

I THINK IT IS EMPOWERING THE POTENTIAL TENANT WITH INFORMATION THAT THEY CAN GO TO THE LANDLORD OR BUILDING MANAGER AND THEN THE BUILDING MANAGER BECOMES AWARE THAT THESE ARE EDUCATED PEOPLE AND THEY HAVE TO BE COMPETITIVE AND THEY WILL BE INCENTIVIZED BY THEMSELVES AND I THINK THAT IS ONE OF THE MORE EFFECTIVE TOOLS TO ENCOURAGE BUILDING MANAGERS TO PROVIDE - TO ALLOW OTHER PROVIDERS INTO THEIR BUILDING.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU FOR DOING ALL THE RESEARCH YOU DID TO GET BEHIND THIS.

THINK IT IS REALLY INTERESTING - I USED TO BE THE ONE SELLING THIS TO PEOPLE AND, YOU KNOW, I WORK FOR AT&T FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND WE PUSHED FIBER VERY HARD VERY SPECIFIC REASONS AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM. LIKE YOU SAID BEFORE, PENETRATION LEVELS ARE VERY LOW IN PLACES LIKE YOU.

AT LOGAN SQUARE AND OTHER PLACES.

YOU RUN INTO A LOT OF OLD WIRING AND BUILDINGS AND LIKE YOU SAID, 5G IS A DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT.

SO IT MAKES IT STILL VERY HARD HERE.

WHAT WE USED TO DO IS INCENTIVIZE COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY APARTMENT BUILDINGS WHEN WE GOT MORE THAN 5-6 TENANTS IN A BUILDING THAT ASKED US TO DO THESE CHECKS BECAUSE WE COULD SAY, NOT WE ANYMORE.

THEY COULD SEE WHEN AND HOW MANY TIMES A BUILDING GOT THIS ASK FROM DIFFERENT UNITS WITHIN THE BUILDING.

I COULD GO BACK AND SEE, UNIT FGH - LET'S GO SEND OUR GUYS TO THE BUILDING AND SEE IF WE CAN WORK OUT A DEAL.

SO THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH THE AREA REP WHO HAS OAK PARK AS THEIR PLACE, BUT ALSO THERE CAN BE SOME PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH

GOVERNMENT AND THEY CAN WORK OUT DISCOUNTING LEVELS IF THERE IS SOME TYPE OF PROGRAM CREATED AROUND THE SO I THINK THAT IS AN INCENTIVE, TOO.

THERE'S ALSO CONGRESSIONAL DOLLARS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAMS THAT ARE OUT FOR THIS AREA ABOUT \$20 MILLION.

THAT IS FOR COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS NOT FOR PROFITS THAT CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS.

I THINK THERE IS OPPORTUNITIES THERE, SO IF WE COULD MAYBE HAVE THIS COMPARTMENTALIZED INTO UNDERSTANDING WHERE ARE THE UNITS THAT HAVE LOWER INCOME AND WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF RENTERS IN THOSE SPOTS OR HOMEOWNERS IN THOSE BUILDINGS THAT MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THIS AND SEE IF THERE'S A PROGRAM THAT WE CAN MATCH TO THAT SO WE CAN GET THOSE ASSISTANT DOLLARS TO PUSH THIS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WILL BE REALLY QUICK.

JUST TWO THINGS.

I AGREE WITH WHATEVER WE CAN DO, STAFF OR GOING BACK TO THE CISC TO PRIORITIZE HARDWIRED CONNECTIONS VERSUS JUST THE 5G.

I THINK THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF THE CONNECTION, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT OLDER BUILDINGS. SOME OF WHICH HAVE WIRE MESH LAID BEHIND PLASTER, WHICH IS A BUILT-IN FARADAY CAGE, WHICH IS NOT IDEAL FOR ANY WIRELESS SIGNAL.

THE SECOND IS AN EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT.

I THINK IT WOULD BEHOOVE US TO THINK CREATIVELY ABOUT ANY DATA WE HAVE WHERE FOLKS ARE COMING TO US AND INFORMING US THAT THEY ARE LOW INCOME RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AROUND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS.

I KNOW THAT THE PARK DISTRICT HAS A VERY STRONG PROGRAM AROUND IDENTIFYING LOW INCOME RESIDENTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO OFFER THEIR PROGRAMMING AT A DISCOUNT AND WHILE IT IS - HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE, IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AND THEY THINK IF WE CAN CREATE A PARTNERSHIP THERE AROUND SHARING THAT DATA SO WE CAN BE COMMUNICATING THESE KINDS OF EFFORTS THERE, THAT WOULD BE A NET WIN.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: GREAT.

YES?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: JUST WANT TO SAY AS ALWAYS, GOOD TO SEE YOU, ALVIN.

I DO NOT GET TO SEE YOU A LOT, BUT IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AT THE BOARD TABLE AND CHAIR BAKER, SAME.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK ON THIS.

I FIND IT VERY INFORMATIVE AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE LARGELY ALREADY SAID EVERYTHING I WANT TO SAY.

APPRECIATE IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SUSAN, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK DAVID. DAVID, THANK YOU.

I KNOW YOU BEEN CONNECTED TO THIS TOPIC FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.
APPRECIATE IT.

VERY APPRECIATIVE.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: OKAY, GREAT.

THANK YOU, DAVID, THANK YOU, ALVIN.

JUST TO MEMBERS, WE HAVE SEEN THE INPUT ON THE ITEM AND WE WILL
CERTAINLY BE FOLLOWING UP.

I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE OUR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH IT TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED AS PART OF THE INPUT.

YES.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES.

DOES ANYBODY HAVE - ANY OF THE TRUSTEES HAVE REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS
OR COMMITTEES?

NO.

OKAY, ITEM 9 IS A CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES.

SO THERE IS POSTED ON OUR AGENDA THE LIST OF VACANCIES FOR EVERYONE TO
BE AWARE OF.

THERE ARE OPENINGS IN VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND SO THE WORD IS OUT TO
THE PUBLIC.

PLEASE, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OF OUR COMMISSIONS.
ANYTHING ELSE NEEDED TO DISCUSS ON THE ITEM?

NO?

GREAT.

WE DO NOT HAVE ANY CITIZEN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS THIS EVENING.

I DO NOT BELIEVE.

SO MOVING ON TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.

I WOULD LIKE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA, EXCEPT FOR
ITEM D, WHICH IS TAKEN OFF.

MOTION?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: TAKE THE ROLL, PLEASE.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT PRO TEM BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: GREAT.

LET'S MOVE TO OUR REGULAR AGENDA AND START OFF WITH THE ITEM D BECAUSE TRUSTEE WESLEY JUST NEEDS TO RECUSE HIMSELF.

I ASSUME THERE IS NO DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM NEEDED?

WE JUST NEED TO VOTE WITHOUT TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I'M RECUSING MYSELF FROM ITEM D DUE TO BEING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ONE OF THE NONPROFITS IN QUESTION.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: CAN I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM D ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH IS THE RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAM YEAR 2024 FUNDING FOR THE ACTION PLAN FOR - TO GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: TAKE THE ROLL, CHRISTINA, PLEASE.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT PRO TEM BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU.

SO REGULAR AGENDA.

ITEM N. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH METRO STRATEGIES GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE GRANT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR ONE YEAR TERM AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: AT THANK YOU, PRESIDENT PRO TEM BUCHANAN.

TRUSTEE MEMBERS.

SO THIS ITEM, VANESSA MATHENY, GRANTS MANAGER WILL INTRODUCE THIS ITEM TONIGHT AND WE DO HAVE METRO STRATEGIES HERE TO CONDUCT A PRESENTATION TO DISCUSS OUR EXPERIENCE OVER THE LAST YEAR WITH THE ADDITIONAL GRANT SUPPORT.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HOPEFULLY ANOTHER ROUND WORKING WITH METRO STRATEGIES TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT.

WE HAVE HAD A REALLY POSITIVE EXPENSE WORKING WITH THEM OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST YEAR AND WE THINK THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BEAR FRUIT.

>> THANK YOU VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.
VANESSA MATHENY, GRANTS MANAGER, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES.
THE VILLAGE BOARD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THIS CONTRACT, JULY 2023 FOR \$100,000 AND VILLAGE STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH METRO STRATEGIES TO STANDARDIZE AND STREAMLINE A LOT OF PROCESSES INTERNALLY BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS.
THAT GRANT OR THAT CONTRACT IS DUE TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF JULY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH METRO STRATEGIES.
AS MENTIONED IN THE AIC, THEY HAVE HELPED IDENTIFY SUPPORT AND RIGHTS, 35 GRANTS AND TOTAL SENSE THERE CONTRACT BEGAN LAST AUGUST, AUGUST 1 AND WE SEE A GREAT BENEFIT WORKING WITH THEM INTERNALLY AND FOR MORE GRANT MANAGEMENT.
METRO STRATEGIES IS HERE, (NAME?), THE PRINCIPAL PARTNER FOR METRO STRATEGIES IS HERE TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON STATUS FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE WITH THE INTERNAL - INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS AND CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THE BOARD MAY HAVE.

>>SPEAKER: I THINK YOU VERY MUCH MANAGER JACKSON, VANESSA.
THANK YOU, ALL.
FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE GRANTS RELATED SERVICES WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING TO THE VILLAGE.
WHEN I WAS HERE LAST IN FEBRUARY, MOST OF YOU WERE HERE I PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE GO/NO-GO PROCESS WE DID AND AN UPDATE TO WHAT WE DID UNTIL THEN.
SO TODAY I WILL BE PROVIDING A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE WORK COMPLETED TODAY OVER THE LAST MONTHS AND SOME OF THE PROPOSED AREAS AND PROJECTS AND HOW WE ANTICIPATE CONTINUING SUPPORT.
I WILL START WITH PROVIDING A QUICK RECAP OF SOME OF THE MAIN WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING AND SOME OF THIS I WILL GO IN A LITTLE MORE DETAIL.
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER AFTERWARDS.
WE MET WITH ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR ENGAGEMENT.
JUST AS A REMINDER AND REFRESHER WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH STAFF TO DISCUSS PROJECTS AND GRANTS AS THEY COME UP IN MORE DETAIL.
WE KEEP THE DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES LIST WE HAVE UP FRONT AND CENTER AS WE ARE MONITORING ANNOUNCEMENTS.
WE NOTIFY STAFF AS SOON AS WE KNOW TO GET STARTED ON THE PROCESS FOR KIND OF REVIEWING AND MAKING A DECISION ON WHETHER TO APPLY OR NOT APPLY.
WE ALSO PROACTIVELY REACH OUT TO FUNDING AGENCIES THAT WE KNOW HAVE GRANTS.
WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE CYCLE AND WHETHER IT IS ANNUAL OR EVERY TWO YEARS.
SO WE PROACTIVELY REACH OUT TO IDENTIFY THE TIMELINES IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED AND MONITOR THOSE TIMELINES AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH AN UPDATE, HEY, THESE ARE UPCOMING, LET'S THINK ABOUT IT.
EVEN BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED.

LOOKING FORWARD AS ANY NEW PROJECTS OR INITIATIVES ARE CONFIDED THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR, WE CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE PARTY LIST. WE DEVELOPED THE GO/NO-GO PROCESS. THAT HAS BEEN ROLLED OUT AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT AND WORK WITH STAFF TO MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THE VALUE NEEDED FOR EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE BOARD, THE STAFF, KIND OF THE APPROVAL, VILLAGE MANAGER'S OFFICE. A BIG PART OF OUR WORK HAS BEEN EVALUATING ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECTS AND REALLY FOR THOSE DIFFERENT GRANT PROGRAMS, TALKING TO THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS WITH STAFF SO THEY CAN MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ON WHETHER THEY SHOULD APPLY OR NOT AND I WILL TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THAT IN DETAIL. STRATEGIC REVIEW AND GUIDANCE. THIS IS REALLY ABOUT SEEING WHAT THE BEST MATCHES ARE BETWEEN THE GRANT PROGRAMS AND THE PROJECTS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. A LOT OF TIMES THE PROJECT WILL HAVE PROJECTS THAT ARE TECHNICALLY ELIGIBLE, BUT WE HAVE TO SEE IF THEY ARE GRANT READY. SO THIS IS TRUE IN THE CASES OF ANY NEW INITIATIVES, MORE COMPLEX PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS. LIKE THE ALTERNATIVE CAUSES A MORE RECENT INITIATIVE THAT HAS EQUALED OUT NOT AS ONE OF THE PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE BOARD FOR EXAMPLE. IN SOME CASES REQUIREMENTS MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE FOR STAFF TO KIND OF MEET RIGHT NOW OR THERE'S A BIT OF PLANNING WORK IS NEEDED BEFORE WE CAN PREPARE AND CEMENT THE APPLICATION. IN THIS CASE IT IS ADVISABLE TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR, UNTIL THE NEXT RISING CYCLE IS OPEN. SO THAT HAS BEEN EVALUATED WITH THE MEETINGS TALKING THROUGH THE REQUIREMENTS AND WE'VE IDENTIFIED MAYBE THESE ARE BETTER TO ADDRESS NEXT YEAR. WE NEED TO GET PLANNING WORK DONE SO WE WOULD SUPPORT THAT PROCESS IS NEEDED TO FACILITATE AND MAKE SURE THAT BY THE TIME THOSE ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE KIND OF OPEN, OKAY, WE ARE READY TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND WE HAVE THE TIME AND RESOURCES AND WE HAVE A LOT OF GROUNDWORK AND LEG WORK DONE AND WE CAN PREPARE A STRONG APPLICATION. IN TERMS OF THE, I GUESS THE PROJECTS THAT PROCEED TO A GRANT APPLICATION. WHERE AN HOW DID WE HELP? THE \$3.5 MILLION THAT IS IN THE PRESENTATION, IT REPRESENTS THE ESTIMATED GRANT REQUEST TOTAL OR EIGHT APPLICATIONS WHERE METRO STRATEGIES PROVIDED SUPPORT. THIS IS NOT THE AMOUNT THAT THE VILLAGE AS A WHOLE HAS APPLIED FOR PRINTED DEPARTMENTS AND STAFF ARE SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS THAT WE DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE A ROLE SO THIS 3.5 IS WHERE WE HAVE TOUCHED THOSE GRANT APPLICATIONS.

OF THESE EIGHT, THREE WERE FULLY PREPARED BY STAFF.
THREE OF THEM WERE PREPARED AND CEMENTED BY US.
ONE WAS JUST SUBMITTED LAST FRIDAY AND WE WORKED WITH STAFF
COLLABORATIVELY AND GETTING THOSE READY AND SUBMITTED.
TWO APPLICATIONS ARE IN PROCESS AND THAT MEANS THERE'S A TWO STAGE
PROCESS WHERE THERE IS A PRE-APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT.
THE NEXT STAGE IS A FULL APPLICATIONS MIDDLE REQUIREMENT.
SO TWO CASES WE HELP SUPPORT THE PRE-APPLICATION PROCESS AND NOW THE
NEXT STAGE IS UPCOMING.
ONE IS ON YOUR AGENDA FOR TODAY, BOARD AGENDA FOR TODAY FOR THE GO/NO-
GO PROCESS, THE PERMANENT GENERATOR FOR THE PUMPING STATION.
THE APPLICATION IS DUE IN JULY AND THERE'S A SECOND ONE DUE IN
SEPTEMBER.
SO THIS IS REALLY - ACTUALLY, LET ME BACKTRACK TO THIS.
VERY BRIEFLY, SOME OF THE SUPPORTING WORK WE DO AS PART OF THE OVERALL
PROCESS IS COMMUNICATE AND COORDINATE WITH THE FUNDING AGENCIES
DIRECTLY AND POTENTIAL PARTNERS AS WELL, CORRELATING WITH THEM AND I
WILL GIVE YOU A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES.
IN MANY CASES WE HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED MEDICATIONS AND
RELATIONSHIPS WITH A LOT OF THE FUNDING AGENCIES AND STAFF AND OF
STAFF ARE CHANGING, WE KNOW HOW THEY WORK AND WHO TO GO TO.
SO WE REACH OUT AND COORDINATE WITH THOSE AND FACILITATE THOSE
CONVERSATIONS.
ABOUT POTENTIAL PROJECTS.
AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, MONITORING FOR FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS, BUT ALSO
DISCUSSING THE PROJECT MERITS AND STRENGTH IN GETTING FUNDING FROM THE
FUNDING AGENCY TO MAKE SURE WE ARE PUTTING IN THE STRONGEST
APPLICATION POSSIBLE.
THE PARTNERS, POTENTIAL PARTNERS.
WE TALKED ABOUT FEDERAL GRANTS AND ALL THE FEDERAL FUNDING OUT THERE,
RIGHT?
A LOT OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR PARTNERSHIPS AND
COLLABORATION SO WE STRATEGIZE WITH STAFF ON POTENTIAL PARTNERS.
WE COORDINATE AND KIND OF HELP SET UP THOSE MEETINGS.
MANAGE THE CONVERSATION.
LIKE IDENTIFY WHAT WE NEED TO TALK THROUGH AND GET TO REALLY LOOKING
AT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION.
SO WE DID THAT FOR THE CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS.
MAY HAVE HEARD OF THOSE EARLIER THIS YEAR.
THEY WERE ONE OF THE BIGGEST OPPORTUNITIES ROLLED UP BY THE U.S. EPA.
SO WE WORKED TO IDENTIFY ALL POTENTIAL AVENUES FOR COLLABORATION
BECAUSE THAT WAS REALLY THE KEY FOR THAT PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAM.
SO OUR OUTREACH INCLUDED SPEAKING TO COOK COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY, THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS AND
SPECIFICALLY ABOUT OAK PARK.

OAK PARK AND WHAT WE WANT TO TRY TO DO, BUT THE VILLAGE IS TRYING TO DO, AS WELL AS THE C4 COLLABORATIVE.

INCLUDING SEVEN GENERATIONS AHEAD AND URBAN EFFICIENCY GROUP.

WE MET SEVERAL TIMES TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT APPLICATION WITH C4 MUNICIPALITIES.

THAT PROCESS DID NOT RESULT IN AN APPLICATION, BUT IT HELPED ESTABLISH THAT FUTURE POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP AND ONE THING THAT DID COME UP IS A PROGRAM CONCEPT THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE.

A PART OF THAT IS JUST WITH THE WAY THE FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES ARE FRAMED.

WHAT IS THE CAPACITY OF DIFFERENT PARTNERS AND HOW MUCH CAN WE GET DONE AND BE RESPONSIVE TO THAT?

SO THIS CHART IS KIND OF A SNAPSHOT OF THE TYPES OF PROJECTS AND GRANTS WE WORKED WITH AND WORK WITH DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS ON.

THE THIRD COLUMN IS - I'M TRYING TO SAY UM A LITTLE LESS AS WELL.

THE THIRD COLUMN IS THE ROLE WE PLAYED.

IN SOME CASES IT IS NOTIFYING THEM OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND IN SOME CASES WE ARE PROVIDING LITTLE BIT OF SUPPORT WITH REVIEWS OF APPLICATIONS AND ALSO PREPARING AND CEMENTING THE GRANT APPLICATION. THE LAST COLUMN IS THE OUTCOME.

SO THE DIFFERENT DETERMINATIONS IN SOME CASES AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, STAFF SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION AND SOME GRANTS ARE DEFERRED TO LOOK AT THE NEXT YEAR AND IN SOME CASES WE WOULD HELP SUPPORT COMPLETING THE APPLICATIONS.

SO IN RED IT IS JUST CALLING OUT WHAT IS ACTIVE AND CURRENT, UPCOMING FOCUS THAT WE ANTICIPATE WORKING ON IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THE GREEN IS REALLY POINTING OUT SOME OF THE SUSTAINABILITY RELATED.

I KNOW THAT'S A BIG GOAL AND A PRIORITY FOR THE BOARD.

SO JUST SUSTAINABILITY RELATED APPLICATIONS THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PUT FORWARD.

SO QUICKLY TO CLOSE OUT, LOOKING FORWARD WE WANT TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON THE WORK THAT WE COMPLETED OVER THE LAST 10 MONTHS.

WE WANT TO BE FOCUSED AND STRATEGIC WAS STOPPED.

THERE ARE DEFINITELY PROJECTS AND FOCUS AREAS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO REALLY STRATEGIZE AROUND AND OBTAIN FUNDING FOR THE VILLAGE.

ONE BIG ONE IS THE ENERGY CODE - - SEPTEMBER THAT WENT THROUGH A GO/NO-GO EARLIER AND THAT'S ONE OF THE ONES THAT HAD A PRE-APPLICATION STAGE WHERE A CONCEPT PAPER WAS SUBMITTED.

FOR THE GRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN DEFERRED FOR APPLYING NEXT YEAR, IT IS REALLY WORKING TO GET THOSE GRANT APPLICATIONS READY SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP A PROPER AND FULL SUBMITTAL.

AND REALLY WORK ON THE AREAS THAT DEPARTMENTS CAN REALLY BENEFIT FROM.

WHAT CAN WE CREATE FOR THEM THAT SAVES THEM TIME AND HELPS SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR CAPACITY AND EXTEND THEIR REACH FOR THEIR PROJECTS.

SO OUR GOAL AND APPROACH IS TO BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE TO MEET THE VILLAGES NEEDS AND THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS NEEDS.

FOCUS ON PROVIDING SUPPORT WHERE IT MAKES THE MOST SINCE. THAT IS TYPICALLY HOW WE APPROACH AND HAVE BEEN APPROACHING IT.

SO IT'S REALLY, WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES RIGHT NOW AND FOCUSING ON THOSE.

IT'S A DOING THE WORK WHERE IT IS NEEDED, AND THAT CONCLUDES KIND OF MY UPDATE.

HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

OR PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THIS ONE? TRUSTEE PARAKKAT?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: SO A FEW QUESTIONS. ONE IS THE \$3.5 MILLION FIGURE THAT YOU MENTIONED. IS THAT THE LIST THAT IS SEEN ON SLIDE NUMBER FIVE?

>> THEY SHOULD ALL BE REPRESENTED IN THERE. THERE ARE EIGHT IN THEIR AND I HAVE THE AMOUNTS AS WELL IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE AMOUNTS. THREE WERE SUBMITTED BY - THE CHART - THE LIST IS MORE OF A SNAPSHOT FOR THE DIVERSITY OF THE PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENTS WE ARE TOUCHING, BUT THE THREE APPLICATIONS OF THE 3.5. THE THREE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY STAFF INCLUDE THAT FIRST ONE, THE ILLINOIS EPA CHARGER ROUND TWO. THE INVEST IN COOK APPLICATION, WHICH MAY NOT BE IN THIS LIST. YEAH, YEAH. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AMOUNTS I CAN EVEN BREAK OUT THE AMOUNTS. JUST WONDERING IF THEY ARE ON THAT LIST.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: WHAT I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IS 3.5 MILLION IS WHAT WE APPLIED THAT IS COMING FROM EIGHT APPLICATIONS. AND IF I AM READING IT RIGHT, THE APPLICATION STATUS, NONE OF THEM SHOW AS WON. THEY ARE ALL IN PROGRESS. I DON'T THINK WE RECEIVED ANY OF THEM?

>> IT IS NOT RECEIVED, IT IS APPLIED FOR. ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WE HAVE ONLY BEEN NOTIFIED OF ONE OF THESE APPLICATIONS. THE REST WE HOPE, PENDING AWARD NOTIFICATIONS HOPEFULLY IN THE NEXT 3-6 MONTHS. THE ONE WE DID APPLY FOR AND WE RECEIVED A NOTIFICATION WAS JUST LAST WEEK OR SO OR MAYBE TWO WEEKS AGO WAS THE HISTORICAL RECORDS DIGITIZATION PROJECT, THE STATES HISTORICAL ADVISOR. THAT WAS DENIED. THAT WAS AN APPLICATION REQUEST FOR \$5000 THAT WAS DENIED. I DID GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO THE FUNDING OFFICER AND REQUEST FEEDBACK.

WE ALWAYS REQUEST FEEDBACK.

THE OVERALL PROCESS TO GET THE GRANT APPLICATION WAS REALLY GOOD AND WE FELT IT WAS A GOOD AND STRONG APPLICATION BE TO BE ACTUALLY REACHED OUT AND WE SPOKE BEFORE SUMMONING.

THIS IS THE KIND OF PROJECT?

SO THEY ENCOURAGED US TO APPLY.

FEEDBACK REALLY QUICKLY IN A NUTSHELL.

THE STAFF REALLY LIKED THE APPLICATION.

THE BOARD REALLY LIKED THE APPLICATION.

THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY GOOD APPLICATION.

A COUPLE OF CONTEXT TO PROVIDE YOU, THAT THEY PROVIDED ME IS THAT THIS YEAR THEY HAD MORE - ALMOST DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS THAT WERE SUBMITTED AND THE SECOND PART OF THAT THEY ALSO MENTIONED THAT IT WORKED AGAINST THE LEDGE OF OAK PARK'S APPLICATION IS THE BOARD WAS LOOKING AT GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY SO LAST YEAR THE LUMBER APPLICATIONS WERE FUNDED IN THE CHICAGO REGION THIS YEAR, 2/19 THEY FUNDED IN THE CHICAGO REGION.

THAT WORKED AGAINST IT.

THE THIRD THING THAT WAS INTERESTING, WHICH I SHARED WITH CLERK WATERS IS THAT IT HAS BEEN A LONG, LONG MANY YEARS.

THEY CANNOT RECALL.

THEY RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FROM MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

MAYBE A COUNTY APPLIED YEARS AGO.

THEY HAVE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED US TO APPLY AGAIN NEXT YEAR SO THE VILLAGE CAN APPLY NEXT YEAR.

THEY FEEL IT IS A GOOD PROJECT.

THEY PROVIDED SOME SUGGESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

THEY FEEL THAT WOULD HELP.

SO IN TERMS OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THEM LAST FRIDAY.

THEY ARE REALLY RECEPTIVE.

FROM OUR RECOMMENDATION, PART OF IT IS, YES, APPLY NEXT YEAR, AGAIN.

THE BULK OF THE WORK IS ALREADY DONE AND THERE'S NOT AS MUCH TIME.

MAYBE WE ARE MAKING SOME TWEAKS.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THANK YOU FOR THE CONTEXT.

WHAT I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IS I WAS HOPING THAT THE LAST 10 MONTHS OF EFFORT THERE IS A SUCCESS PERCENTAGE WE COULD APPLY FOR THE WORK GOING FORWARD.

SO SOME SORT OF A MODEL, WHICH SUGGESTS IF WE APPLY \$5 MILLION WITH YOUR GUIDANCE WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET A SUCCESS RATE OF X MILLION.

10% PROBABILITY OR 50-50 PERCENT PROBABILITY.

SO WE COULD SAY IN SOME DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE THAT OUR RETURN ON THE DOLLARS SPENT IN TERMS OF PURSUING THESE GRANTS IS WORTHWHILE, RIGHT?

THAT IS WHAT I WAS HOPING FOR, BUT HEAR WHAT I AM SEEING IS THEY ARE ALL IN PROGRESS AT THIS POINT SO WE DO NOT HAVE THAT METRIC THAT CAN BE APPLIED INTO THE FUTURE.

WE ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUR CHANCES, OTHER THAN THE ONE WE LOST ALREADY, BUT THE REST OF THE ONES WE FEEL PRETTY GOOD ABOUT IT.

>> I GUESS I CAN RESPOND IN TWO WAYS.

SO IS VANESSA SAID, SHE SET UP A GRANTS TRACKER.

SO THAT'S A BASIS TO START TRACKING.

HOW MUCH HAS BEEN AWARDED AND HOW MUCH HAS BEEN DENIED.

FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AS PROVIDING THE SERVICES I CAN CONFIDENTLY SAY THAT ANY APPLICATIONS WE ARE A PART OF OR HELPING DEVELOP IS GOING TO BE THE STRONGEST BEST APPLICATION THAT THE VILLAGE GETS A BIT.

I FEEL CONFIDENT SAYING THAT FOR SURE.

WE HAVE A HUGE TRACK RECORD SO CAN I GET YOU A GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL GET AWARDED, NO.

BUT IT WILL BE THE BEST APPLICATION THAT WILL GO IN, UNDER OUR WATCH.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I WILL TURN IT BACK TO KEVIN, RIGHT?

SO AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS CONVERSATION YOU SAID YOU FEEL PRETTY GOOD ABOUT THIS BASED ON WHAT METRIC?

HOW IS THAT ASSESSMENT?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I THINK A COUPLE OF THINGS.

THE METRIC YOU ARE SPEAKING TO - WE WILL BE IN A STRONGER POSITION TO EVALUATE THAT NEXT YEAR.

I THINK WE SPENT QUITE A BIT OF TIME ACTUALLY SETTING UP THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ORGANIZING OUR PROCESSES TO PUT US IN THE POSITION TO BE SWIFT AND AGILE AND ACTUALLY APPLYING FOR GRANTS.

AND SO WE ARE READY TO GO.

A LOT OF THEM IN THE HOPPER AND WE WILL HAVE A LOT MORE IN THE HOPPER SO I THINK THAT WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION LATER THIS YEAR TO EVALUATE THAT METRIC THAN WE ARE TODAY.

I WILL ALSO SAY THAT, BUT FOR THIS WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EVALUATE THE METRIC BECAUSE WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE TIME TO PURSUE THE GRANTS AND THE LEVEL OF ORGANIZATION WE HAVE CREATED IN OUR ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DO IT.

SO WE ARE IN A MUCH BETTER SITUATION WE WERE A YEAR AGO IN TERMS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND BEING IN A POSITION TO QUICKLY VERY STRATEGICALLY GO AFTER THESE GRANTS.

I THINK THAT IS APPRECIATIVE IN AND OF ITSELF.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: COOL.

NEXT QUESTION I HAVE IS YOU MENTIONED 3.5 IS WITH YOUR HELP AND GUIDANCE, BUT THERE IS MORE THAT THE VILLAGE HAS GONE AFTER, RIGHT? SO GOING BACK TO OUR DISCUSSION IN FEBRUARY, YOU HAD MENTIONED ABOUT THE PROCESS AROUND KIND OF QUALIFYING THE PROPOSALS AND WORKING THROUGH THAT AND GIVING THAT STREAMLINED VIEW.

SO WHERE THE PROPOSALS BE ON THIS 3.5?

DID THEY ALSO GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS OR WERE THEY SEPARATE?

>> IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS NEED.

SOME OF THESE THEY HAD THE KNOWLEDGE SPACE IN THE PIPE FOR SOME OF THESE GRANTS AND THEY DO NOT NECESSARILY NEED US OR FOR THE VILLAGE TO BE PAYING US TO HELP THEM GO THROUGH THAT.

SOME PART OF IT IS THAT.

AND A COUPLE OF DEPARTMENTS IT IS FORMULA GRANTS.

IT IS LIKE EVERY YEAR THEY HAVE THE SAME GRANTS IS NO NEED FOR US TO BE PART OF THAT AND JUST BE AN ADDITIONAL KIND OF EXPENSE FROM OUR TIME ADDED TO THOSE.

SO IT'S REALLY ABOUT WHERE - AND THAT KIND OF GOES BACK TO WHERE WE NEEDED AND NEED TO PROVIDE THOSE VALUES?

IF THE DEPARTMENTS DO NOT HAVE THE TIME, ONE THING, BUT IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE EXPERTISE OR THEY'VE NEVER DONE THE GRANT APPLICATION BEFORE OR THEY NEED THE GUIDANCE TO DO THAT, THAN THAT IS KIND OF WHERE WE PLUG IN AND PLAY THE ROLE FOR THAT.

AND YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ONGOING, LIKE IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN HELP WITH AND WHENEVER WE ARE IDENTIFYING AN OPPORTUNITY WE ARE DOING THAT FOLLOW-UP.

OKAY, ARE THERE PROJECTS, CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT AND BRING THAT TO A CLOSE AND RESOLUTION.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: COOL.

APPRECIATE THE RESPONSES AND I UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC OF INCREASING THE TOOL AND EVEN WITHOUT THE METRIC IN PLACE I THINK IT IS A BIT OF A LEAP OF FAITH, BUT I'M WILLING TO GO THERE AND I WILL BE A YES VOTE ON THIS ONE.

THANKS.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: YES?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: JUST ONE QUESTION.

IS THIS ENOUGH CAPACITY?

DO WE NEED MORE CAPACITY?

JUST OBVIOUSLY THIS IS THE RECOMMENDATION, BUT I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND IF WE HAD MORE CAPACITY WOULD WE GET MORE GRANTS THAT WE WANT TO BE GETTING?

WHAT IS THE ANALYSIS THERE?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YOU CAN.

>> I CAN JUMP IN.

AS OF RIGHT NOW THE CURRENT GRANTS I WITH METRO STRATEGIES, WE HAVE ALWAYS - THEY ONLY BILLED ABOUT HALF OF THEIR CURRENT ALLOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL \$100,000 AND SO WE DO FEEL THE ADDITIONAL \$100,000 WOULD HELP THE BOARD OVER THE NEXT YEAR, BUT IT'S ALSO LIKE THAT SAFETY NET TO MAKE SURE BECAUSE THEY - SO WE CAN BILL ON AN HOURLY BASIS, BUT IF THEY HELP BUILD A GRANT IT IS A DIFFERENT FUND.

I DID NOT SAY THAT QUICKLY, BUT IT IS A DIFFERENT AMOUNT OF FUNDING. VERSUS THEIR HOURLY RATE.

SO WE FEEL THIS IS ENOUGH AND EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NOT FULLY EXPENSED THE WHOLE BOARD FOR THIS CURRENT YEAR WE WANTED TO BE MINDFUL THAT THE ALLOCATION IS ENDING ON JULY 21 AND WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE WHEN WE AWARD, GIVEN THAT WE'RE HOPING TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL GRANTS IN THE NEXT YEAR.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

SORRY, GO AHEAD.

>> I JUST WANT THE CAPACITY PIECE, ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE CAPACITY PIECE IS PARTLY IT IS BECAUSE FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, OF RECOMMENDING A GRANT APPLICATION TO GO EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. SOMETIMES IT MAY NOT MAKE SENSE BECAUSE THERE MAY NOT BE CAPACITY TO THEM, THE PROJECT, RIGHT?

THAT IS KIND OF THAT GO/NO-GO PROCESS.

SO WE WANT TO BE VERY COGNIZANT OF WHAT THE COMMITMENT IS AND THE CAPACITY IS.

PART OF THE CONVERSATION AS WE CAN APPLY FOR THE GRANT.

CAN WE IMPLEMENT IT, CAN WE MANAGE IT SUCCESSFULLY?

ARE THERE COMPETING PARTIES THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON?

THAT AFFECTS THE NUMBER OF GRANT APPLICATIONS I IN OR THAT WE APPLY FOR.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: ABSOLUTELY.

THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE ALL OF THAT FEEDBACK.

I APPRECIATE AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD HAS EXPRESSED, IF WE COULD SUPPORT FUNDING THAT WOULD MAKE MORE HAPPEN, THAT IS ALWAYS AN EXCITING IDEA FOR US, BUT CERTAINLY I THINK THAT FUNDING MAKES SENSE IF WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO UTILIZE IT EFFECTIVELY. AND IF WE'RE NOT GOING THROUGH THE \$100,000 IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE AT EFFECTIVE CAPACITY.

I AM A YES VOTE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU FOR THIS.

I DON'T REALLY HAVE A QUESTION.

I DO HAVE A QUESTION, BUT IT IS FOR MANAGER JACKSON.

LARGELY SUPPORTIVE OF ANY KIND OF GRANT WRITING EXPERTISE WE CAN ON BOARD.

I HAVE SAID THAT MANY TIMES.

PROVIDED WE GET AN ROI FROM IT.

RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE ANY DATA YET I CAN SHOW WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE GETTING ROI, BUT I DO THINK THE INFRASTRUCTURE STOOD UP, RIGHT?

LIKE IS A GOOD ROI BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE CURRENTLY INVESTED?

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SINCE WE HAVE A LOT OF GRANTS - GRANT

APPLICATIONS OUT THERE, CAN WE GET SOME QUARTERLY REPORTING AGAINST

DUTCH AS THESE THINGS ROLE IN SO WE CAN SEE WHAT OUR ROI LOOKS LIKE ON AN ONGOING BASIS?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: ABSOLUTELY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I WOULD BE A YES WITH THAT CONDITION.

>> COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

PRESIDENT SCAMAN, ANY COMMENTS ON THIS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NO.

I THINK IT IS ALL WONDERFUL.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I WOULD ONLY SAY - I WOULD OFFER A WORD OF CAUTION TO THIS, THE METRICS DISCUSSION BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW WELL THE METRICS OF SUCCESS DEPEND ON THE FUNDING RATE OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS.

SO I WOULD CERTAINLY BE MORE WORRIED IF WE APPLIED FOR A BUNCH OF GRANTS THAT WE HAD A 50-50 CHANCE WHERE THEY FUNDED ONE OUT OF TWO VERSES GRANTS THAT WE DID NOT GET THAT HAD A 10% FUNDING RATE.

SO THAT WILL HAVE TO GO INTO ANY METRICS WE LOOK AT, THE FEDERAL POTS CHANGE EVERY YEAR SO THE FUNDING RATE CHANGES EVERY YEAR SO THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

GREAT.

THANK YOU.

DO WE NEED TO VOTE ON THIS?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: YES.

A ROLL CALL VOTE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

PLEASE CALL THE ROLL, CLERK WATERS.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT PRO TEM BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>> YES.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: GREAT.

ITEM O, PRESENTATION PRESENTING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION RESPONSE OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND I HAVE DISCUSSED HOW WE ARE GOING TO MANAGE THIS AND THAT IS THAT I WILL FACILITATE THE DISCUSSION BECAUSE I CAN SEE PEOPLE RAISE THEIR HANDS, BUT SHE WILL FACILITATE THE CONSENSUS BUILDING AND OUR FINAL DIRECTION TO THE VILLAGE STAFF.

MANAGER JACKSON?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THANK YOU PRESIDENT PRO TEM BUCHANAN AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN, TRUSTEE MEMBERS. I AM GOING TO TURN THIS OVER TO OUR STAFF REPRESENTATIVE NOMI DIAZ THAT HAS BEEN TAKING A LEAD ON THIS. THERE HAS BEEN A TEAM OF STAFF THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS NOMI COMES TO THE PODIUM. VANESSA MATHENY, JEFF PRIOR, DOCTOR DANIELLE WALKER, CHIEF DEI OFFICER, EMILY EGAN, AND JONATHAN BURGE, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR.

OF COURSE AHMAD ZAYYAD, WHO IS NOT HERE WITH US TONIGHT, DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS AS WELL. THIS ALL EVOLVED FROM LAST YEAR'S MONITORING OF ALL OF THE PARTNER AGENCIES AND THEN FOLLOW-UP BASED UPON THE FINDINGS OF THE PARTNER AGENCIES WITH THE HOUSING CENTER, WITH AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW. SO THERE WAS AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW WHERE THERE WAS ENGAGEMENT OF AN AUDITING FIRM BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE MONITORING. OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR, WE WILL HAVE NOMI WALK US THROUGH THAT.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE HOUSING CENTER IN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ATHENA WILLIAMS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD IN TERMS OF THEIR RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS BASED UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE REVIEWS.

THE STAFF IS JUST GOING TO LEVEL SET AND PROVIDED BACKGROUND AND WE WILL ALLOW THE HOUSING CENTER TO COME UP AND PRESENT THEIR INFORMATION.

WITH THAT SAID, NOMI.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: HOLD ON, I THINK WE HAVE TO DO PUBLIC COMMENT.

>>CLERK: - -

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS, THIS IS A PRESENTATION TODAY, THERE WILL BE NO VOTE ON A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE TODAY REGARDING THE HOUSING CENTER.

>>CLERK: RALPH?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: MY NAME IS RALPH LEE.

MY FAMILY AND I HAVE LIVED AT 333 N. TYLER AVENUE IN OAK PARK FOR THE LAST 46 YEARS.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TONIGHT. WHEN I WAS WRITING WHAT I WANTED TO SAY TO THE BOARD, SITTING IN MY DINING ROOM, I REALLY STARTED WRITING ABOUT HOW HAPPY I WAS TO LIVE IN OAK PARK.

I WAS ESPECIALLY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT IF DONALD TRUMP RAN FOR ELECTION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE OAK PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HE WOULD NOT HAVE A PRAYER IN HELL OF GETTING ELECTED.

THEN SOMEBODY BEHIND ME IN THE DINING ROOM TAPPED ME ON THE SHOULDER AND I TURNED AROUND AND IT WAS DONALD TRUMP.

AND HE SAID, HOW CAN YOU TALK LIKE THAT?

I SAW YOU, RALPH LEE, SITTING HERE IN THIS BOARDROOM IN THE OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM TWO WEEKS AGO FOR 5 1/2 HOURS, FREEZING YOUR BUTT OFF, LEAVING HERE AT 11:30 P.M. AT NIGHT AND THEY HAD NOT GOTTEN TO YOU ON THE AGENDA.

HOW DID THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?

AND I SAID, COLD AND TIRED AND DISAPPOINTED.

DONALD TRUMP SAID, HOW DO YOU THINK I GOT TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?

BY APPEALING TO COLD, TIRED, DISAPPOINTED VOTERS.

AND I WILL DO IT AGAIN.

SO WHY SHOULD I TRY TO RUN FOR AN OFFICE IN OAK PARK?

OBVIOUSLY I'M TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION.

WE ARE TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION.

PAUL (NAME?) AND I ARE OPERATING AS A TEAM BECAUSE WE HAVE A PROBLEM. ARE YOU READY?

A RECENT RANT ON FACEBOOK WHO IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS A FORMER OAK PARK VILLAGE BOARD MEMBER, CHARGES WERE MADE OF OUTRIGHT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND OBVIOUS PROFESSIONAL INCOMPETENCE ON THE PART OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

SHE CLAIMED THAT SHE REACHED THESE CONCLUSIONS BASED ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY THE VILLAGE MANAGER ON THE VILLAGES WEBSITE. IT WAS CLEAR TO ME THAT HER INTERPRETATION OF THE VILLAGE MANAGERS STATEMENTS WERE AN EXAGGERATION OF WHAT HE ACTUALLY SAID BECAUSE I READ THE WHOLE THING FROM TWO WEEKS AGO, BUT IT WAS ALSO CLEAR THAT HIS STATEMENTS ONLY INCLUDED WHAT HE INITIALLY HAD OBSERVED AND NOT WHAT HE LATER FOUND OUT UPON INVESTIGATION THAT THERE WAS NO CRIMINAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY INVOLVED.

WHERE DOES THE VILLAGE BOARD FIT INTO THIS PICTURE?

CAN IT REPAIR THE DAMAGE ALREADY DONE TO THE FUTURE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY OF ANY NONPROFIT HOUSING ACTIVITY IN OAK PARK?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: MR. LEE, CAN YOU PLEASE WRAP IT UP TO BE FAIR TO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTERS?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: YOU SAID POLICIES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF OUR VILLAGE?

IS IT OUR POLICY THAT GOVERNMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF TERMINAL ACTIVITY ON ANYONE'S PART BE ALLOWED TO BE PLACED ON A PUBLIC RECORD BEFORE IT THOROUGH AND COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF ALL SIDES OF THE STORY IS TAKEN PLACE?

THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN LAX IN SPECIFYING IN DETAIL WHAT THEY EXPECT FROM THE HOUSING CENTER AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.

EXTENSIVE IN ITS CRITICISM OF WHAT HAS OR HAS NOT BEEN DONE AFTER THE FACT.

IS IT AT ALL POSSIBLE THAT THE VILLAGE MANAGERS LACK OF SPECIFICITY AND HIS EXPECTATIONS OF THE HOUSING CENTER HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOUR LACK OF EXPECTATIONS OF HIM?

HAVE YOU TOLD HIM WHAT YOUR STANDARDS ARE?

OF FAIRNESS, HELPFULNESS OR SPECIFICITY?

IT GENERALLY TAKES MORE THAN QUIETLY MENTIONING CONSPICUOUSLY THAT HE SHOULD BE "FAIR AND HELPFUL".

SOMETIMES BOARD MEMBERS HAVE TO LEAVE THE LUXURY OF READING REPORTS ON THE FRONT PORCH AND COME INTO THE KITCHEN AND TALK AND LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY MAKE THE BREAD.

WHY?

BECAUSE THAT IS HOW YOU START UNDERSTANDING WHY THE BREAD DOES NOT COME OUT THE WAY YOU WANT IT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LENGTH.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>CLERK: PAUL?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME.

I AM PAUL (NAME?) I'VE LIVED HERE SINCE 1981.

THIS IS RALPH LEE AND MINDS - - THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER IS WITH THE OAK PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES - I WILL CALL THEM THE OAK PARK BOARD, THEY CAN END IT OR WRITE THE CONTRACT GOING FORWARD.

IF THERE ARE NEGOTIATIONS NECESSARY THEY HAVE TO APPROVE THE FINAL CONTRACT.

IN APRIL 1964 WHEN MORE BLACKS WERE MOVING INTO CHICAGO AND SOME WHITES WERE FLEEING, OAK PARK PUBLISHED AN AD SIGNED BY 1000 OAK PARK OTHERS ENTITLED "THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE TO LIVE WHERE THEY CHOOSE". SINCE 1973 THE OAK PARK BOARD HAS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.

EVERY TWO YEARS IN WRITING.

IF THE HOUSING CENTER WERE TO CLOSE RENTERS AND SMALL LANDLORDS WOULD SUFFER A LOT.

THE HOUSING CENTER HAS THREE STAFF PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED THERE AT LEAST 20 YEARS AND THEIR EXPERTISE WOULD BE LOST.

IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES THE OAK PARK BOARD MUST MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE HOUSING CENTER, WHICH THEY HAVE NOT IN THE LAST YEAR.

THE OAK PARK BOARD SHOULD MEET WITH THE HOUSING CENTER STAFF AND THE VILLAGE STAFF SEPARATELY SO THEY ENABLE EACH TO EXPRESS AND EXPLAIN THEIR MOST SERIOUS CONCERNS.

AT THE OAK PARK BOARD HAS TO DECIDE ON THE OVERALL PLAN FOR GOING FORWARD.

HAVE THEY DONE THAT?

THE OAK PARK BOARD CAN WORK WITH THE STAFF AND COME UP WITH A FINAL PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTING A FINAL CONTRACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION. THE OAK PARK BOARD HAS TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE SITUATION TO MAKE SURE FROM THIS POINT THAT THE PROGRAM IN THE PROCESS ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

THAT MEANS LISTENING TO BOTH SIDES.

IDEALLY WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE HOUSING CENTER RECEIVE THE REMAINDER OF THEIR FUNDING FOR 2023 AND A CONTRACT FOR 2024 WITH ADEQUATE FUNDING BY ALL PARTIES. BREAD FURTHER, THERE SHOULD BE AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY LAID OUT AS TO WHAT FINANCIALS AND OTHER DETAILS THE HOUSING CENTER NEEDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE VILLAGE STAFF.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: DAN?

DAN?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I DO RESPECT THE WORDS FROM OUR ELDERS.

I DID NOT MEAN TO BE RUDE AND CUT YOU OFF MR. LEE, I JUST DO NOT WANT THERE TO BE APPEARANCE OF ANY FAVORITISM BY LETTING SOME PEOPLE GO ON AND NOT OTHERS.

I DO APPRECIATE BOTH OF YOUR WORDS.

SUITE OF GOODS IT IS SEE SO MANY OF YOU.

MY NAME IS DANIEL (NAME?) AND I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING OAK PARK AND WRITING ABOUT IT THROUGHOUT MY 52 YEARS AS A CITY PLANNER AND 39 IS A FAIR HOUSING ATTORNEY.

WAY BACK WHEN I SAVED OAK PARK CDBG FUNDING BY EXPLAINING TO THE HU DO - - INTEGRATION - HOW INTEGRATION WAS A GOAL OF CDB LITURGY FUNDING THAT LED THE MAYOR TO RECRUIT ME TO BE THE SENIOR PLANNER AND EVENTUALLY RIGHT THE CONFERENCE OF PLANET 1979, WHICH HAD AN EXTREMELY STRONG COMMITMENT TO INTEGRATION IN OAK PARK, AS WELL AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

VILLAGE FOLLOWED THROUGH ON INTEGRATION AND IT DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH UNFORTUNATELY ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS.

LATER I WROTE ENDING AMERICAN APARTHEID, HOW CITIES ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN RACIAL DIVERSITY, WHICH HAS BEEN REPRINTED IN PART IN TWO BOOKS, INCLUDING A POLISHED TEXTBOOK, AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND URBAN AMERICA CONTEMPORARY EXPERIENCES.

I SERVED EIGHT YEARS ON THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTERBOARD IN THE 1990S.

AND I PRODUCED A WHOLE LOT OF ANALYSES OF FAIR HOUSING CHOICE.

WHILE CONDUCTING THE ONE FOR LAKEWOOD OHIO 14 YEARS AGO DISCOVERED THAT CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, SHAKER HEIGHTS, ANOTHER CLEVELAND AREA SUBURB THAT SOUGHT TO ACHIEVE WHAT OAK PARK IS ACHIEVED, A STABLE RACIALLY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY WERE LOSING THE INTEGRATION AFTER THEY CLOSED THEIR HOUSING CENTERS.

THAT IS CRITICAL FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND.

YOU CLOSE THIS HOUSING CENTER BY FAILING TO FUND IT.
IT IS GOING TO LEAD, NOT TO RESEGREGATION OF OAK PARK BECAUSE HOUSING COSTS ARE SO HIGH IN OAK PARK HAS SO MANY OTHER CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAKE IT SO DESIRABLE FOR ANYONE TO LIVE HERE, BUT IT WILL LEAD TO THE FORMATION OF RACIAL ENCLAVES AND WHITE AND BLACK THAT WILL BECOME A SEGREGATED CITY LIKE EVANSTON, FOR WHICH I'VE DONE A BIT OF CONSULTING THE LAST FEW YEARS AND LIVED THERE 17.
OAK PARK DID NOT GET HERE BY ACCIDENT.
IT TOOK CONCERTED EFFORTS THAT I'M AFRAID A GREAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF SEEM TO BE UNAWARE OF.
IT LED TO HARRIET robenit MARCHING, MY WIFE MARCHED WITH HER AND TO THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER, WHICH IS PERFORMING A CRITICAL SERVICE IN THIS DAY WHERE THE SAME REAL ESTATE PRACTICES THAT GOT HARRIET AND MY WIFE TO MARCH ARE IN EXISTENCE AND THAT IS A NEED - WE HAVE THIS NEED TO EXPAND HOUSING CHOICES.
LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES.
WHITE PEOPLE ARE THE CAUSE OF SEGREGATION.
LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES.
THEY PERPETUATED IT FOR CENTURIES IN THIS COUNTRY.
BUT THE HOUSING CENTER EXPANDS HOUSING CHOICES.
SO THAT WHITE PEOPLE DO NOT LOOK JUST TO HOUSING AND OVERWHELMINGLY WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS, BUT LOOK AT HOUSING IN INTEGRATED NEIGHBORHOODS, WHICH IS HOW NEIGHBORHOODS STAY INTEGRATED.
IF THEY STOP LOOKING AT THE HOUSING IT RE-SEGREGATES.
IT IS A CONSTANT PHENOMENON THROUGHOUT HISTORY.
I'VE BEEN DISMAYED OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS TO SEE THE VILLAGE SLOWLY, BUT SURELY DISMANTLE ITS INFRASTRUCTURE TO MAINTAIN AN INTEGRATED OAK PARK WITHOUT RACIAL ENCLAVES GRID THE HOUSING CENTER SEEMS TO BE THE LAST ELEMENT STANDING IN OAK PARK'S LONG-TERM EFFORTS.
WHEN I REVIEWED THE DOCUMENTS FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING I WAS REALLY DISMAYED BY - I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE IT, A NEGATIVE TENOR ON THE PART OF THE STAFF DOCUMENTS.
THERE SEEM TO BE UNSUPPORTIVE OF THE HOUSING CENTER'S MISSION.
I DON'T KNOW IF THEY EVEN UNDERSTAND THE HOUSING CENTER'S MISSION.
, BUT I CANNOT HELP BUT FEEL THAT THE VILLAGE OVERSEERS HAD NO INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE HOUSING CENTER MAY ALSO FELT THE HOUSING CENTERS LEADERSHIP WAS NOT TAKING THE VILLAGES CONCERNS TO HEART.
IT IS A 2 WAY ST. I HAVE JUST ABOUT A MINUTE LEFT.
I WOULD URGE THE VILLAGE TO RELEASE TO THE HOUSING CENTER THE FUNDS THAT IT HAS BEEN HOLDING FOR THE PAST YEAR WITH VIGILANT OVERSIGHT AND WORK WITH THE HOUSING CENTER IN A SUPPORTIVE MANNER, NOT IN A CONFRONTATIONAL MANNER TO GET THE HOUSING CENTERS HOUSE IN ORDER.
I ALSO CALLED THEM THE HOUSING CENTER TO MAKE THE DIFFICULT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN ITS PRACTICES AND STAFFING PERHAPS IT IS NEEDED

TO FOCUS ON THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING OAK PARK'S INTEGRATION IN BECOMING FULLY FUNCTIONAL AGAIN. PERHAPS THE HOUSING CENTER NEEDS TO NARROW ITS FOCUS AND FOCUS MORE ON ITS CORE PURPOSE.

WHILE THE TRUSTEES DO HAVE A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE FUNDS ARE SPENT WISELY, THEY HAVE A EVEN HIGHER RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE - THIS IS RESPONSIBILITY TO ALL OAK PARK RESIDENTS MAKE SURE OAK PARK REMAINS THE STABLE RACIALLY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY THAT THEY MOVED TO AND IS A MAJOR REASON THEY MOVED HERE.

FAILURE TO KEEP OAK PARK'S HOUSING CENTERS INTEGRATION PROGRAM OPERATING CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING.

AT DONALD TRUMP AND THE WHITE SUPREMACISTS WIN.

I HAD NO IDEA THAT HE WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT TRUMP.

AND AS WE SAW DURING HIS ONE AND HOPEFULLY ONLY TERM AS PRESIDENT, HE AND HIS MINIONS WOULD LIKE NOTHING MORE, BUT TO SEE THE HOUSING CENTER DESPAIR AND OAK PARK BECOME LIKE NEARLY EVERY OTHER TOWN IN AMERICA.

A RACIALLY SEGREGATED WITH BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS AND WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS AND (WORD?) .

A FAILURE WOULD RETURN - FAILURE TO RETURN THE HOUSING CENTER TO ITS FORMER GLORY WOULD ONLY MARK THE DEATH NOTE FOR INTEGRATION ON AMERICA BECAUSE OAK PARK IS SO IMPORTANT TO ALL THE OTHER INTEGRATED CITIES IN AMERICA.

IT HAS BEEN THE LEADER.

DO NOT LET THEM WIN.

LET HARRIET ROBINET WIN RITA THIS IS WHAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

MORE AS TO HER, RESOLUTION TO HER VERY NICE VERY TOUCHING, BUT IF THE VILLAGE DOES NOT WORK CLOSELY WITH THE HOUSING CENTER AND THE HOUSING CENTER WORK CLOSELY WITH THE VILLAGE, THEN TRUMP WINS AND ROBINET LOSES.

I HOPE YOU WILL FUND THEM WITH THOROUGH OVERSIGHT AND WORK IN A SUPPORTIVE MANNER, NOT IN A BE DONE THE HOUSING CENTER MANNER TO GET THINGS IN ORDER.

THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: MICHAEL?

MICHAEL?

MICHAEL HALLIBURTON?

>>CLERK: THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.

MY NAME IS MICHAEL HALBERT AND I AM BOARD MEMBER OF THE HOUSING CENTER BOARD.

FOR THE NEWER INFUSION.

ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT SCAMAN, VILLAGE TRUSTEE MEMBERS, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

I'M HERE TONIGHT TO AUGMENT AND AMPLIFY MOST OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN EARLIER.

OAK PARK HAS A UNIQUE HISTORICAL HISTORY.

IT HAS A HISTORY OF INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY IN ITS COMMITMENT TO EXPANDED HOUSING ACCESS AND EXPANDING HOUSING OWNERSHIP IN THIS COMMUNITY.

THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN THAT PROCESS.

AS WE ALL KNOW PUBLIC FUNDS ARE IMPORTANT PROCESSES.

HANDLING THE FUNDS IN A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY AS I GO ALONG WITH THAT AND THE MANAGER AND GRANT AGREEMENT THAT GO ALONG WITH THE FUNDS ARE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO ALWAYS BE MINDFUL WITH AND MAKE SURE PROCESSES AND STUFF ARE IN PLACE TO ENSURE THEY ARE BEING ACTUATED PROPERLY.

WE KNOW THERE ARE THINGS THAT AUDITS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN PUT OUT KNOWS WORKS AND STILL CONTINUES IN TERMS OF GETTING THE STRUCTURE OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING - - PROPERLY.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THAT.

OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ATHENA WILLIAMS NEVER ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, MIKE STEWARD KNOW THAT THESE ISSUES ARE RELEVANT AND NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. THE BOARD MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE NEW LIKE MYSELF ARE COMMITTED TO THAT PROCESS BEING DONE.

AS THE LAST SPEAKER JUST SPOKE, WE NEED THE COLLABORATION AND THE CONFIDENCE AND APPROACH OF THE VILLAGE TRUSTEE BOARD AS WELL AS THE STAFF OF THE VILLAGE TO HELP US WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE STRUCTURE OF OPERATION AT THE HOUSING CENTER THAT CAN MAKE US ALL FEEL PROUD OF CONTINUING TO DO WHAT ITS PURPOSE WAS DESIGNED TO DO AND TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDS THAT ARE BROUGHT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF OUR INSTITUTION IS DONE WITH GOOD STEWARDSHIP AND GOOD OVERSIGHT.

OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL BE COMING UP HERE IN A MINUTE, ALONG WITH MICHAEL STEWARD TO TALK ABOUT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT HAS BEEN ARTICULATED AND PUT IN WRITING TO YOU TO TRY TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS AND ADDRESS ANY ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT BY NEWS REPORTS, AS WELL AS ANYTHING DOCUMENTED GOING BACK AND FORTH FROM OUR ORGANIZATION TO THE VILLAGE.

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ALLOW THEM TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION AND THEN ALSO WORK WITH US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN NOW MAKE EVERYONE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE DIRECTIONAL APPROACH IN THE FUTURE OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

A VITAL, VITAL, VITAL ENTITY, I FEEL IN OAK PARK GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL THING THAT WE DEAL WITH IN OUR LIVES, WHICH IS SHELTER AND ACCESS TO SHELTER OF HUMAN SOULS INTO PLACES WHERE THEY CAN HAVE ACCESS OR HAVE BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO.

SO I ASK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OAK PARK HOUSING CENTER NOW, WHICH I AM NOW A MEMBER - I WOULD LIKE YOU TO GIVE US THE TIME TO WORK WITH YOU COLLABORATIVELY ALLOW US TO PUT IN PLACE THE COMPLIANCE, CONTRACTUAL MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS I CAN GIVE US ALL CONFIDENCE THAT THIS ORGANIZATION WOULD BE RUNNING THE WAY WE ALL WISH IT TO DO, CONSISTENT WITH ITS MISSION.

CONSISTENT WITH ITS OBJECTIVES.

AND NOW I'M GOING TO GIVE WAY TO OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF TO DISCUSS HOW WE WILL BE APPROACHING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

THANK YOU.

IF I MAY HAVE - IT IS A BAD ONE.

MY FORMER ROLE IT USED TO BE CHIEF OF STAFF TO CONGRESSMAN DANNY DAVIS.

HE SUBMITTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSING CENTER TO BE GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT, AND MS. PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

IF I COULD TAKE A VERY QUICK MOMENT I WOULD LIKE TO OUTLINE HIS LETTER IF YOU DON'T MIND.

I'M ASKING AT THAT TIME CAN BE EXTENDED.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: NO.

SORRY.

I'M SORRY.

>> I WILL SUBMIT IT TO THE CLERK.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: AS A DOWN SO WE CAN ALL TAKE A LOOK.

I THINK WE ALL APPRECIATE THE GRAVITY OF THIS ISSUE, BUT THE PUBLIC COMMENTS NEED TO BE PLEASE PREPARED TO GIVE YOUR PUBLIC COMES WITHIN THREE MINUTES.

>>CLERK: ROB?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE FOR ALLOWING US TO SPEAK HERE TODAY.

YOU KNOW, SO MANY OF US ARE HERE TONIGHT AND HAVE CONTACTED YOU IN OTHER WAYS BECAUSE WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS SITUATION AND WE ARE VERY DISAPPOINTED ABOUT THE SITUATION BETWEEN THE VILLAGE IN THE HOUSING CENTER.

IT HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO LINGER FOR FAR TOO LONG.

IS A FORMER ELECTED OFFICIAL I UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT THE ROLE OF BOARD MEMBERS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES OR TAKE INDIVIDUAL ACTION TO RESOLVE STAFF LEVEL ISSUES, HOWEVER THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR FAR TOO LONG.

AND WHAT IS AT STAKE IS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR COMMUNITY.

SO WE ARE PLEADING WITH YOU TO PLEASE ACT IN YOUR CAPACITY AS OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ENSURE THIS DISPUTE BETWEEN STAFF OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IS RESOLVED AND THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM CAN CONTINUE.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT GRANTEES SHOULD PROVIDE CLEAR AND CONSISTENT PROGRAMMATIC AND FINANCIAL REPORTING.

AT THE SAME TIME WE THINK THEY SHOULD BE FAIR, SPECIFIC AND STRAIGHTFORWARD GUIDANCE ON HOW TO PROVIDE THAT REPORTING.

MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IS CRITICAL AND HAS BEEN A CRITICAL AND LONG-STANDING PARTNERSHIP IN

THIS COMMUNITY FOR A LONG, LONG TIME AND IT SHOULD NOT BE UNDERMINED BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL ISSUES.

THIS WAS ONCE A FLOURISHING PARTNERSHIP.

I WAS PART OF IT FOR 12 YEARS.

I ACHIEVED GREAT THINGS IN THIS COMMUNITY.

IT WAS THIS PARTNERSHIP THAT TRANSFORMED A STUFFY - EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY THAT WAS 99% WHITE TO A COMMUNITY THAT IS VIBRANT, OPEN, AND FLEXED THE RICH DIVERSITY OF AMERICA.

DOES THIS PARTNERSHIP THAT IS SETTING A NATIONAL STANDARD FOR COMBATING NEIGHBORHOOD SEGREGATION.

IT IS THIS PARTNERSHIP THAT RESULTS IN TRANSFER MISSION ON HOW TO EDUCATE ELEMENTARY AND MEDICAL STUDENTS.

IT IS THIS PARTNERSHIP THAT WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN REVITALIZING HARRISON STREET IS A THRIVING BUSINESS DISTRICT.

IT IS THIS PARTNERSHIP THAT IS PROFOUNDLY ENHANCED OUR CULTURE, OUR COMMITMENT TO THE VALUES OF EQUITY, INCLUSION AND JUSTICE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

I CAN PERSONALLY RECALL BEING IN NUMEROUS MEETINGS WORKING ON MULTIPLE PROJECTS WITH THE HOUSING CENTER STAFF IN THE VILLAGE STAFF.

WE WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM TO MAKE OAK PARK A BETTER COMMUNITY.

THE EFFORT AND OUTCOMES OF THE PARTNERSHIP HAVE CREATED THE SUSTAINED AND OPEN COMMUNITY THAT WE ALL CHERISH TODAY.

THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT OF ALL OF THIS.

WE ARE AN OPEN AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE HAVE DEDICATED OURSELVES TO ACHIEVING THAT.

AND WE'RE DOING THE WORK TO SUSTAIN IT.

THAT WORK IS ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS PARTNERSHIP AND THAT WORK IS ONGOING.

AS THE SAYING GOES, OAK PARK IS NOT JUST A PLACE TO LIVE, IT IS A WAY OF LIFE AND THAT WAY OF LIFE FLOWS FROM A COMMUNITY OF SHARED ASPIRATIONS AND MULTIRACIAL FELLOWSHIP THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE IN A SEGREGATED COMMUNITY.

DURING THIS PERIOD OF DISCORD AND THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE LOST GROUND.

WE ARE REGRESSING TOWARDS A MORE SEGREGATED COMMUNITY, BUT IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.

NO THERE DEDICATED PEOPLE OF GOOD FAITH ON THE STAFF ABOUT THE HOUSING CENTER AND THE VILLAGE.

I ALONG WITH SO MANY OF THE COMMUNITY ARE IMPLORING YOU TO MAKE - GIVE THEM THE DIRECTION TO RESET THE RELATIONSHIP AND MAKE BOTH PARTIES WHOLE AND RETURN TO THAT COLLABORATION.

I JUST HAD A CONVERSATION WITH A PERSON FROM EVANSTON THIS WEEK.

THEY WERE ASTOUNDED THAT WE WERE THINKING ABOUT GETTING RID OF THIS.

FOLKS IN EVANSTON HAVE A SIMILAR DIVERSITY, BUT ARE MUCH MORE SEGREGATED AND THEY CANNOT IMAGINE THAT WE WOULD WANT TO HAVE A COMMUNITY LIKE THAT.

THEY LOVE EVANSTON, BUT THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS SOMETHING MUCH MORE SPECIAL.

I KNOW THAT SOMETIMES I'M A PAIN IN THE NECK TO YOU GUYS BECAUSE I KEEP COMING BACK AND KEEP ADVOCATING YOU ARE PROBABLY TIRED OF HEARING ME SAY THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO OAK PARK AND WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED HERE, I GO BEYOND MY NORMAL ANALYTICAL - - AND BEING ABLE TO RAISE A CHILD HERE AND BEING PART OF THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY THAT IS NOWHERE ELSE IN AMERICA.

AND OF COURSE THERE IS STILL WORK TO DO, BUT WE'VE CREATED A PLACE THAT IS UNIQUE AND I AND SO MANY PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY BELIEVE THAT SEPARATE CAN NEVER BE EQUAL AND THEREFORE A RESIDENTIAL DEGRADED COMMUNITY IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR BECAUSE IT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO IMPROVING RACIAL EQUITY, ENRICHING OUR CULTURAL VIBRANCY AND ADVANCING OUR PROSPERITY.

WE ALL BENEFIT FROM THE INTEGRATION.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I WILL TRY TO GET OUT OF HERE AS QUICK AS I CAN.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

>>CLERK: SHARON?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: MY NAME IS MOLLY FRANK STORED AND I'M SPEAKING TONIGHT ON BEHALF OF SHARON (NAME?). SHE'S AN OAK PARK HOUSING CENTER EMPLOYEE AND THAT SHE LIVES AT 601 S. EAST AVENUE AND SHE IS AN INTAKE SPECIALIST.

PRESIDENT SCAMAN, TRUSTEES, THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

I WAS A PARTNER IN A BIRACIAL MARRIAGE WHEN OAK PARK BECAME AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY.

IN 1981, AS PARENTS WE MOVED TO OAK PARK RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL BENEFIT FOR OUR SON, AS WELL AS THE MANY AMENITIES THIS COMMUNITY OFFERS.

I REMAINED IN OAK PARK SINCE THEN AND HAVE USED THE HOUSING CENTER FOR OUR MOVES.

IN FACT, THE HOUSING CENTER MISSION DREW ME TO THE ORGANIZATION AS AN EMPLOYEE IN 1992.

I CAN TELL YOU THAT INTEGRATION IS SOMETHING THAT REQUIRES CONTINUAL CULTIVATION.

DIVERSITY MAY BE VALUED, BUT INTEGRATION WILL NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT HELP. PEOPLE NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER ALL OF THEIR HOUSING OPTIONS. THAT IS WHAT THE HOUSING CENTER DOES SO WELL.

THE HOUSING CENTER IS A SINGULAR ENTITY.

WE ARE UNIQUE IN THE NATION.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR PROGRESSIVE HOUSING INTERVENTION IS MAINTAINED.

I DO NOT WISH TO SEE OUR EFFORT ABANDON AND HAVE OAK PARK EXPERIENCED THE SAME FATE AS OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT STOPPED INVESTING IN THEIR HOUSING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS.
WITHOUT INTEGRATION THE COMMUNITY WILL NOT PROGRESS TO THE ASPIRATIONAL GOAL OF EQUITY.
FIRST WE MUST LIVE IN PROXIMITY.
THAT IS WHEN ENGAGEMENT BECOMES POSSIBLE.
IT IS IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT DISPARITIES CAN BE UNDERSTOOD AND RESOLVED.
HOUSING CENTER FACILITATES THESE INTERACTIONS, OUR AFFIRMATIVE MOVES CREATE DIVERSITY AMONG OUR RESIDENTS.
AFFIRMATIVE MOVES NEED TO BE VALUED FOR THEIR QUALITY MORE THAN THEIR QUANTITY.
AN AFFIRMATIVE MOVED TO A BUILDING LEANING TOWARDS RESEGREGATION IS SO MUCH MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN A MOVE TO A BUILDING THAT CLOSELY MIRRORS THE REGIONAL RACIAL REPRESENTATION.
THE FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGE WITHOUT HOUSING CENTER INFLUENCE CAN BE ANTICIPATED.
EVANSTON IS AN EXAMPLE OF DIVERSITY WITHOUT INTEGRATION.
THE RESEGREGATION THAT HAPPENED IN AUSTIN IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY.
THE HOUSING CENTER CAN HELP AVERT SUCH AN OUTCOME.
IN 2012 I RETURNED TO THE HOUSING CENTER WHERE WE ATTEMPT TO MODEL FOR THE NATION SUCCESSFUL, SUSTAINED INTEGRATION AS OAK PARK MOVES TOWARD EQUITY.
THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: MICHAEL STORED?

>> GOOD EVENING.

I MICHAEL STEWART PRETTY GOOD EVENING TRUSTEES, VILLAGE MANAGER, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
I'M A 50-YEAR-OLD RESIDENT, 50 YEAR PLUS RESIDENT OF OAK PARK AND A LONGTIME EMPLOYEE OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.
I STARTED AS A VOLUNTEER MANY YEARS AGO.
I DID NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE AGENCY WHEN I FIRST STARTED AND IT TOOK ME MANY MONTHS TO REALLY GRASP THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR DAILY WORK AND MISSION IN THE COMMUNITY.
FAST FORWARD TO NOW, I HAVE WORKED WITH AND PREACHED THIS MISSION OF THE HOUSING CENTER FOR OVER 31 YEARS.
TONIGHT YOU WILL HEAR THAT THERE HAS BEEN PROBLEMS WITH OUR AGENCY THAT HAVE STRAINED OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE.
AS AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS WORKED AT THIS NON-FOR PROFIT UNDER SIX EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, I HAVE FOUND THAT THEY ALL HAVE THEIR STRENGTHS AND THEIR CHALLENGES.
OVER THE PAST 51 YEARS.

IN THE PAST WE COULD ALWAYS WORK WITH THE VILLAGE LIAISONS TO HELP FIGURE OUT SOLUTIONS TO MOVE THIS MISSION FORWARD AND THE COMMUNITY FORWARD.

LAST MONTH ATHENA AND I INVITED KEY VILLAGE STEP TWO MEET US AT THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HISTORY MUSEUM.

WE HELD OUR REGULAR MEETING, BUT WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO EXPOSE THE VILLAGE STAFF TO OUR RICH OAK PARK HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE WE WENT THROUGH FOR 50 YEARS AND THIS CHALLENGE TO GAIN SOME GROUND WORKING TOWARDS FAIR HOUSING AND: IN OAK PARK.

FRANK DID A PRESENTATION ON THE YEARS OF STRUGGLE AND CELEBRATION IN WORKING TOWARDS FOR HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL NEW STAFF TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND OUR RICH HISTORY SO THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS INTEGRATION, INCLUSION, AND EQUITY.

ATHENA IS A STRONG LEADER.

SHE BROUGHT HER 26 YEARS OF HOUSING EXPERIENCE TO LEAD THE HOUSING CENTER.

SHE HAS GREAT SKILLS IN STARTING AND PROMOTING NEW PROGRAMS TO HELP APARTMENT SEEKERS, AS WELL AS HELPING STRUGGLING HOME SEEKERS QUALIFY FOR THEIR FIRST HOME.

I TRULY HOPE THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK CONTINUES TO BE OUR PARTNER IN THE PROCESS AND EFFORTS IT TAKES TOWARDS A DIVERSE AND INTEGRATED COMMUNITY AND TO HELP EXPAND ON THE PROGRESS WE'VE ALREADY MADE. UNFORTUNATELY WE MUST STILL WORK DAILY TOWARDS INTEGRATION AND ACCEPTANCE.

I REALIZE THAT AFFORDABILITY IS A NEW MAIN PRIORITY IN THE VILLAGE AS REFERENCED IN THE NEW HOUSING STUDY.

YES I BELIEVE THAT AFFORDABILITY IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT IT DOES NOT ALWAYS FOSTER AN INTEGRATIVE AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY.

ONE WAY THAT THE HOUSING CENTER'S WORK CURRENTLY SUPPORTS AFFORDABILITY IS OUR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LONGTIME BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS.

OUR HOUSING PROVIDERS.

I'VE BEEN TOLD BY MANY OF THEM THAT THE REASONS WHY THEY ARE HANGING ONTO THEIR SMALL MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS IS DUE TO THE HANDS-ON GUIDANCE AND EDUCATION THAT WE GIVE TO THEM.

SINCE MOST OF THEM HAVE PAID OFF A LARGE PART OF THEIR BUILDINGS THEY ARE ABLE TO KEEP HER RENT MORE AFFORDABLE.

IF THEY HAD TO HIRE LARGE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES OR PAY LARGE COMMISSIONS IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT AND COSTLY TO HOLD ON TO THE BUILDINGS.

MOST OF THE - - SPEAK SIX MICHAEL, YOU PASSED THREE MINUTES.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: IN SUMMARY, I THINK THESE TIMES ARE MORE DIVIDED IN THE WORLD THAN EVER BEFORE.

I DON'T WANT TO WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP THE FOCUS ON AN INTEGRATIVE AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY?

THANK YOU.

I ALSO HAVE A DOZEN LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM OUR LOCAL HOUSING PROVIDERS, BUILDING OWNERS, AND MANAGERS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT. THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: ROHINI?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: DEAR BOARD, BASED ON MY REVIEW OF THE MATERIALS SHARED REGARDING THE HOUSING CENTER, I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE NEEDS FOR THE HOUSING CENTER TO FULFILL ITS FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES.

I HOPE THE VILLAGE AND THE HOUSING CENTER CAN WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO ADDRESS OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND REBUILD THEIR WORKING RELATIONSHIP. I BELIEVE THE HOUSING CENTER HAS A CRITICAL ROLE IN CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE'S COMMITMENT TO INTENTIONAL INTEGRATION. WHILE DYNAMICS HAVE CHANGED SINCE LIVE IN OAK PARK INCEPTION, OAK PARK CONTINUES TO NEED A PROGRAM LIKE IT TO COUNTER THE RESEGREGATION OCCURRING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF OAK PARK LIKE THE NORTHWEST. THIS RESEGREGATION PREDICTABLY BEGINS TO IMPACT THE SENSE THAT ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE TREATED EQUITABLY AND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS EQUALLY SOURCE.

AS AN EXAMPLE, THE INCREASING DIFFERENCE IN FUNDRAISING ABILITIES ACROSS SCHOOLS NOW NEEDS POLICY TO BE ADDRESSED.

I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO EXPAND OUR COMMITMENT TO HOW WE ADDRESS INTEGRATION, INCLUDING DENSER BUILDING AND EXPANDING HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, BUT WE ALL KNOW THIS IS A DIFFICULT AND LONG ROAD. IN THE MEANTIME WE CANNOT ABANDON OUR COMMITMENT TO RENTERS OR THE LANDLORDS TOGETHER THE THAT REPRESENT A LARGE POPULATION IN OAK PARK THAT HAVE BEEN CRITICAL IN ALLOWING THE VILLAGE TO ACHIEVE THE LEVEL OF RESIDENTIAL INTEGRATION GRID WE ARE ONE OF THE LAST PLACES IN THE COUNTRY TO ACHIEVE THIS KIND OF DECORATION AND IT IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF.

IN THE DIVERSE - - SEGREGATION IS VERY EVIDENT.

I JUST MOVED OAK PARK A COUPLE YEARS AGO AND LOOKED IN EVANSTON AND DEPAUL'S REGIONAL HOUSING SOLUTIONS SHOWS YOU GET THE PREDICTABLE OUTCOMES OF SEGREGATION WITH HIGHER FORECLOSURE RATES AND ELEVATED VACANCIES, CONCENTRATED IN AREAS WHERE REDLINING OCCURRED.

THE SAME DATA SHOW NO SUCH DIVIDE IN OAK PARK.

WE ARE UNIQUE.

INTEGRATION IS NOT THE STABLE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

SEGREGATION IS.

I HOPE THE HOUSING CENTER REMAIN CENTRAL TO OAK PARK'S COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH THE RENTERS AS WE NEED AN ONGOING EFFORT USING ALL THE TOOLS AT OUR DISPOSAL TO SUSTAIN THE KIND OF INTEGRATION THAT ATTRACTS SO MANY OF US TO THIS SUBURB.

THANKS.

>>CLERK: MIGUEL.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: HI.

I PURCHASED A PROPERTY IN OAK PARK IN 1992 AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER WE WERE FACED WITH PROBLEMS WITH MANAGEMENT AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WERE GOING TO TRY IT OUT OURSELVES.

IN AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE WAY WE TOOK ON THE CHALLENGE.

EVEN WITH THAT WE STRUGGLED.

THE BUILDING WAS TURNING SEGREGATED AND WE NEEDED HELP.

IT WAS THEN THAT WE BECAME AWARE OF THE HOUSING CENTER.

IT WAS THEIR HOPE, THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT THAT ALLOWED US TO MOVE FORWARD AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE ON OURSELVES.

THAT WAS 30+ YEARS AGO THAT WE BOUGHT OUR FIRST BUILDING HERE ON WASHINGTON BETWEEN HARVARD AND LOMBARD.

WE HAVE SINCE BUT BUILDINGS AND OTHER AREAS AND WE HAVE CONTINUED TO SEE SUCCESS IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF THE PROGRAM OF THE HOUSING CENTER.

IT IS INCONCEIVABLE, INCONCEIVABLE THAT YOU WOULD WALK AWAY FROM IT.

I CANNOT EVEN SEE HOW YOU CAN TAKE THAT IDEA AND REALLY THINK IT IS A POSITIVE WAY TO GO.

INCONCEIVABLE.

GET THIS THING RIGHT.

THEY NEED YOUR HELP.

THEY ARE A TREMENDOUS ASSET.

NOT JUST FOR LANDLORDS OR PROPERTY OWNERS, BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND FOR HOMEOWNERS, AND FOR VALUE OF PROPERTY.

I HOPE YOU GUYS GET IT FIXED.

THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: LAVERNE?

JANE?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: HI, I AM NOT LAVERNE, BUT SHE PROVIDED A LETTER AND I AM GOING TO READ IT FOR YOU AND FOR THE BOARD. BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO BE HEARD.

DEAR VILLAGE OF OAK PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I'M WRITING YOU TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

LET ME EXPLAIN WHY I BELIEVE THIS IS A VERY POOR DECISION IN CONSIDERING TAKING AWAY THE FUNDING.

FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS AND SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN THE APARTMENT RENTAL BUSINESS, PRIMARILY IN OAK PARK, EVERY LIGHT ON THE -- PROVIDE REFERRALS, PROVIDE TOURS TO NEWCOMERS FOR ALL AREAS OF THE GLOBE AND PROVIDE EXCELLENT COUNSELING TO THEIR CLIENTS.

THEY TAKE TIME WITH POTENTIAL RENTERS TO FIND THE CORRECT DEPARTMENT THAT MEETS THEIR FINANCIAL AND PERSONAL NEEDS.

THIS INITIATES TRUST AND THE TENANT LANDLORD RELATIONSHIP.

OPRHC, - - SHOPPING, DINING, AND REINVESTING NEW RENTERS CONTRIBUTE TO
- CONTRIBUTE THEIR TALENTS AND SKILLS IN ALL AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY.
THESE RENTERS ARE OUR FUTURE BUSINESS OWNERS INVESTING IN OUR
WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

AS AN OWNER OF MULTIFAMILY PROPERTIES I HAVE WORKED HARD TO INVEST IN
OAK PARK AND PROMOTE OAK PARK AS A WONDERFUL AND DIVERSE PLACE TO CALL
HOME.

THROUGHOUT THIS TIME THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER HAS BEEN
CRITICAL TO MY EFFORT TO PROVIDE EXCELLENCE IN HOUSING.

FOR OVER 50 YEARS THE OPRHC HAS HELD STRONG TO THEIR MISSION TO
MAINTAIN DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE OAK PARK BOARD WOULD CHOOSE TO CONSIDER
ABOLISHING THIS MISSION.

AS A LANDLORD OPRHC LANDLORD STAFF PROVIDE - - BUILDING OWNERS TO
COMPLY WITH THE MANY CHANGING DEMANDS OF HOUSING COMPLIANCE AND MOST
OF ALL TRAINING AND FAIR HOUSING.

OPRHC IS NOT JUST AN APARTMENT FINDING SERVICE.

NOT ONLY DO THEY ASSIST LANDLORDS, BUT THE OPRHC PROVIDES COUNSELING
TO CONDO BOARDS AND LANDLORDS.

FROM WHAT I RECALL, APPROXIMATELY 40% OF OAK PARK HOUSING STOCK IS
MULTIFAMILY.

YOU CAN SEE HOW OPRHC PROVIDES VITAL RESOURCES TO EVERYONE IN OAK
PARK.

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY BALANCE FOR ECONOMIC FUTURE.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE HOUSING CENTER'S MISSION AND PURPOSE, WHILE
WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENCOURAGE THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TO FUND THEIR REQUEST
INFO AND KEEP THEIR MISSION OF OAK PARK DIVERSITY POSSIBLE.

THROUGH THEIR ORGANIZATION AS THE LATE ROBERTA RAYMOND WOULD HAVE
ENVISIONED.

WHAT A DISGRACE IT WOULD BE FOR HER LEGACY TO BE ABOLISHED.

I LOOK AT MY PERSONAL CONVERSATION WITH THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THIS
FURTHER.

SINCERELY, LAVERNE COLLINS.

MANAGING BROKER OF OAK PARK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC.

THAT IT.

>>CLERK: JANE?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY.

MY NAME IS JANE (NAME?) AND I HAVE BEEN AN OAK PARK RESIDENT SINCE
2004 I'M A LANDLORD OF 22 FLAT BUILDINGS IN OAK PARK AND ALSO A THREE
FLAT IN THE CITY.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A VILLAGE BOARD MEETING BEFORE, BUT HERE I AM
BECAUSE THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE TO ME AND I WAS INVITED BY
PEOPLE IN THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER AND I AM THRILLED TO BE
IN THE COMPANY OF SUCH OTHER AMAZING SPEAKERS HERE AND PEOPLE
PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS TOPIC AS WELL.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER HAS BEEN VERY, VERY SUPPORTIVE TO ME FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS. I HAVE BENEFITED FROM THEIR CONSISTENT PRESENCE. THEM ANSWERING MY EMAILS AND PHONE CALLS. VERY FAST AND THE FAIRNESS THAT THEY HAVE TREATED THE TOPICS I BROUGHT TO THEM.

I'VE HAD MY FAIR SHARE OF ISSUES AS A LANDLORD. NOTHING INSURMOUNTABLE, ESPECIALLY NOT BECAUSE OF THEIR HELP. I CAN CONFIDENTLY SAY THAT I HAVE BECOME A GOOD LANDLORD WITH THEIR SUPPORT.

YOU CAN CORRELATE THE AMOUNT OF HELP I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THEM IN THE BETTERMENT OF MY LANDLORD CAPABILITIES. FACTUALLY SPEAKING, THEY ARE OPEN ON SATURDAYS. THAT IS VERY CONVENIENT FOR PEOPLE. THEY HAVE BOOTS ON THE GROUND. THEY ARE ON THE GROUND AND SHOWING PEOPLE PLACES AND THEY TAKE TIME TO GET TO KNOW PEOPLE AND I WANT TO POINT OUT ONE ASPECT OF THIS THAT IS THAT THIS KIND OF WORK REALLY TAKES ONE-ON-ONE RELATIONSHIPS. IT TAKES SOME CONNECTING WITH LANDLORDS AND PROSPECTIVE TENANTS AND THEY HAVE DONE THAT BECAUSE I HAVE HAD IT TENANTS WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND THROUGH THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER AND THAT IS JUST TESTIMONY RIGHT THERE.

I FIND THAT THEIR COMMENTS ARE REALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND THEIR EXPERIENCE, THEY ARE DEDICATED. EVEN WHEN THEY WERE NOT BEING PAID, THEY STAYED THERE FOR REASONS THAT THEY KNOW ABOUT AND I TRUST THEM THAT THEY DID THAT AND I WANT TO HONOR AND RESPECT THAT AND I LIKE WHAT I'VE BEEN HEARING DENIED THAT PEOPLE WANT YOU TO CONNECT WITH THEM AND, GREAT. I WANT YOU TO CONNECT WITH THEM. I THINK THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA. I WANT TO ADVOCATE FOR THAT THEY THINK WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, TOO, IS TRANSPARENCY AND HE CAN ABILITY AND I THINK YOU CAN FOLD THAT INTO THE PROCESS YOU DEVELOP WITH THEM. I ALSO THINK THAT WHAT YOU REALLY NEED IS HARD, HARD WORK AND THEY ARE GOING TO DO THAT WITH YOU. I WANT TO END AND SAY THAT I EVEN BOUGHT THEM FLOWERS BECAUSE I WAS SO GRATEFUL WITH MY LAST EXPERIENCE WITH THEM OVERALL I HAVE DONATED MONEY TO THEM. THEY DO NOT ASK ME FOR THAT, BUT I FELT IN MY HEART THAT I HAVE BENEFITED SO MUCH FROM THEM THAT I WANT TO GET BACK TO THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER EVEN WITH MY TIME RIGHT NOW WITH YOU ALL HERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ALL OF US AND I HOPE THAT YOU MAKE A LOT OF GOOD PROGRESS ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT TOPIC WITH THEM.

>>CLERK: EVA?

>>CLERK: THIS TIME IT REALLY IS ME.
MY NAME IS EVA STINKS, HERE TO LET YOU KNOW MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OPRHC AND IT IS SOMETHING I'VE COME BACK TO.
I MOVED TO OAK PARK INITIALLY IN 2018 AND I GUESS WHAT THIS ALL BOILS DOWN TO IS WHEN I CONSIDERED MOVING FROM WHERE MY CHILDREN GREW UP FOR A MAJORITY OF THEIR LIFE AND MY YOUNGEST, I HAVE FOUR KIDS BUT MY YOUNGEST WAS ABOUT TO START HIGH SCHOOL, I HAD SOME TOWNS IN MIND AND I WANTED THINGS - IT WAS ONLY GOING TO BE HIM AND I AND I WANTED TO PICK THE RIGHT HIGH SCHOOL AND OPRF KEPT FLOATING BY AND I DID NOT KNOW MUCH MORE EXCEPT ABOUT THE BEAUTIFUL HOUSES IN OAK PARK.
I DRIVE BY SOMETIMES.
THE HOUSING CENTER HELPED ME THEN CONNECT WITH THE LANDLORD THAT I STARTED OUT WITH IT IN FOUR YEARS LATER SOMETHING TOOK US AWAY AND WE HAVE JUST MOVED BACK.
BECAUSE OAK PARK IS HOME NOW AND THE HOUSING CENTER MADE THAT POSSIBLE.
IT WAS SEAMLESS.
GRETCHEN WHO WORKS FOR THE HOUSING CENTER MADE IT POSSIBLE TO SEE A PROPERTY THAT FIT WHAT WE NEEDED.
MY LANDLORD IS AMAZING.
IT FEELS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE EXPERIENCES I HAVE HAD AND ONE OF THE MAJOR REASONS FOR MOVING TO OAK PARK IS BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE - THE PEOPLE FROM OAK PARK HAS BUILT A COMMUNITY AS A LEADER.
IT IS IN FRONT OF THINGS, PROGRESSIVE AND IT SEES - IT IS A PLACE THAT OTHER CITIES TRY TO BE LIKE AND USUALLY END UP FAILING AND I WOULD HATE TO SEE THIS PROGRAM BECOME A VICTIM TO WHAT IS HAPPENING ALL OVER THE PLACE.
BECAUSE IT IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE WHEN THERE IS NO ACCESS, I MEAN, IT IS SO EASY TO BECOME A VICTIM OF TROLLING ONLINE.
JUST FINDING AN APARTMENT IS DIFFICULT.
THIS HAS BEEN A SAVIOR FOR ME AND MY FAMILY AND I HOPE YOU GUYS CAN WORK TOGETHER AND RESOLVE WHATEVER THE ISSUES ARE AND CONTINUE THE MISSION FORWARD.

>>CLERK: THERE IS ONE OTHER PERSON AND I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S ANYONE ONLINE.
IT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: GREAT, THANK YOU.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: NOMI DIAZ.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH GRACE GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY, NOMI DIAZ, DEVELOPMENT CUSTOMER SERVICES.
TONIGHT WE ARE HERE TO DO A QUICK PRESENTATION ON THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTERS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AS A RESPONSE TO THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT BY VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.
A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION, WE WILL DISCUSS A TIMELINE OF EVENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED OVER THE PAST YEAR WITH THE HOUSING CENTER.

WE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING THE HOUSING CENTER RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2023.

WE WILL ALSO BE HIGHLIGHTING A SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS AS A RESULT OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGES MONITORING EXTERNAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW.

THERE WILL BE AN UPDATE ON THE HOUSING CENTERS HUD STATUS AS WELL AS FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD TO CONSIDER.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THESE STEPS PRESENTATION WE WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTERS TEAM ON THEIR RESPONSE TO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND OPEN IT UP FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION.

OKAY.

ON AUGUST 4 OF 2023 VILLAGE STAFF LEARNED ABOUT THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTERS BEING ON THE INACTIVE STATUS OF THE UNITED STATES URBAN AND HOUSING THE MOMENT.

WHICH WILL BE REFERENCED AS HUD THROUGHOUT THE PRESENTATION.

FACTORS DOES BEGIN ON MAY 26 AND THAT WAS INITIATED BY THE WEST COOK HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM.

ON AUGUST 7 VILLAGE STAFF MET WITH HOUSING CENTER STAFF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS AND CONSULTANT BREE MEYER TO DISCUSS THE INACTIVE STATUS WITH HUD.

AT THE MEETING VILLAGE HAVE MADE THE TEAM AWARE THAT ALL FUNDING WOULD BE A PAUSED FOR THE CONTRACT TERMS SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT AND THE HOUSING CENTER TEAM AGREED TO KEEP US UPDATED WITH ANY INFORMATION THEY RECEIVED FROM HUD.

ON AUGUST 23 OF 23 VILLAGE STAFF BEGIN THEIR ANNUAL FINANCIAL MONITORING OF THE ORGANIZATION.

ON AUGUST 29 VILLAGE STAFF MET WITH THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTERS FINANCIAL TEAM TO DISCUSS THE YEAR-TO-DATE REPORTS.

AT THE MEETING HOUSING CENTERS FINANCIAL TEAM CONFIRMED THAT THE HOUSING CENTER STAFF HAD NOT RECEIVED - - TO ASSIST WITH PAYMENT OF WAGES.

ON SEPTEMBER 15 OF 2023 VILLAGE STAFF CONTACTED HOUSING CENTERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS TO INFORM HER THAT THE HOUSING CENTERS PROGRAM YEAR 2023 CDBG APPLICATION WAS INELIGIBLE DUE TO THE STATUS WITH HUD.

ON OCTOBER 11 VILLAGE STAFF RECEIVED A LETTER OF - - PROBATIONARY STIPULATIONS THAT THIS LETTERS ATTACHMENT 11 ON THE AGENDA.

ON OCTOBER 26 THOSE STAFF MET WITH HOUSING CENTERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS AND CHAIR TRACY WICK TO REVIEW THE VILLAGES FINANCIAL MONITORING FINDINGS.

THIS IS ATTACHMENT 13 WE WILL GO INTO DETAIL LATER IN THE PRESENTATION.

ON OCTOBER 31 VILLAGE STAFF PROVIDED THE OCTOBER 26 MEETING MINUTES AS WELL AS A COPY OF THE FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORTS, A TIMELINE OF NEXT STEPS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS AND CHAIR TRACY WICK.

I APOLOGIZE.

THE VILLAGE MOVING FORWARD WITH AN EXTERNAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF KP W.

THAT PERFORMANCE REVIEW BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 13.

ON DECEMBER 4 THE KP W PERFORMANCE REVIEW CONCLUDED WITHOUT COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION OF THE HOUSING CENTER DESPITE SEVEN EXTENSIONS PROVIDED FOR DOCUMENTATION.

ON JANUARY 12 A MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW, HOWEVER THIS WAS CANCELED BY VILLAGE STAFF DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS.

ON JANUARY 25 KP W PRESENTED ITS REPORT TO VILLAGE STAFF AND HOUSING CENTER STAFF.

THIS REPORT IS ATTACHMENT 14.

AT THIS MEETING THE HOUSING CENTER MADE THE HOUSING CENTER STAFF MADE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR A 45 DAY TENSION TO CORRECT FINANCIALS OR KP W TO REVIEW.

ON JANUARY 30 DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION KPW PRESENTED AND HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE VILLAGE BOARD ON THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW FINDINGS. WHICH THE VILLAGE BOARD GAVE DIRECTION TO SEEK A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FROM THE HOUSING CENTER.

ON FEBRUARY 16 VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON SENT A LETTER TO THE HOUSING CENTER ADDRESSING THE 45 DAY EXTENSION AND REQUESTED A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS A PLAN TO MOVE FORWARD.

THIS LETTER IS ATTACHMENT SEVEN.

ON MARCH 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS SUBMITTED A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN TO VILLAGE STAFF.

ON APRIL 5 VILLAGE STAFF MET WITH THE HOUSING CENTER TO DISCUSS ITS PLAN AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK.

THIS WAS A COLLABORATIVE MEETING IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE PLAN.

ON APRIL 30 A FOLLOW-UP MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION OF THE PLAN, HOWEVER THIS WAS CANCELED BY VILLAGE STAFF DUDE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

ON MAY 15 VILLAGE STAFF SENT THE HOUSING CENTER A DOCUMENT THAT CONTAINED ALL OF STAFF'S FEEDBACK IN REGARDS TO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT WAS SUBMITTED.

IT IS ATTACHMENT NINE.

THIS WAS DONE FOR THE HOUSING CENTER TO HAVE AMPLE TIME TO PREPARE A RESPONSE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

ON MAY 23 VILLAGE STAFF MET WITH THE HOUSING CENTERS TEAM TO DISCUSS A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS THE HOUSING CENTER TEAM HAD IN PREPARATION FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO NOTE THAT IT IS NOT REFLECTED IN THIS TIMELINE, BUT VILLAGE STAFF ALSO DID HAVE MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER AS PART OF OUR ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

NEXT WE WILL GO INTO AN OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING OF THE HOUSING CENTERS - WHAT THEY RECEIVED FOR FISCAL YEAR 23.

SO THE HOUSING CENTER IS RECOGNIZED AS A PARTNER AGENCY TO THE VILLAGE FOR THEIR 2023 FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT OF GENERAL FUNDS.

THE HOUSING CENTER WAS GRANTED A TOTAL OF \$352,500 FOR FISCAL YEAR 23. THIS WAS AN APPROXIMATE \$52,000 INCREASE FROM THE 2022 FUNDING AMOUNT IN AN EFFORT TO DISCHARGE CDBG FUNDING.

THE HOUSING CENTER RECEIVED A TOTAL OF SIX PAYMENTS THROUGHOUT 2023. FUNDING WAS POSITIVE DUE TO THEIR STATUS WITH HUD, PER SECTION 14 OF THE AGREEMENT.

THE ORGANIZATION MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH HUD REGULATIONS. FOR CDBG PROGRAM 2022.

THIS COVERS THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 2023.

THE ORGANIZATION WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$75,000 WERE ADMINISTERED OF FUNDS.

FUNDING WAS ALSO PAUSED DUE TO THEIR HUD STATUS, THEREFORE THE ORGANIZATION ONLY RECEIVED PAYMENT FOR THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS.

THE HOUSING CENTER WAS ALSO AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$15,000 FOR PUBLIC SERVICE OF CDBG FUNDS GOOD HOWEVER DUE TO THE HUD STATUS THE ORGANIZATIONALLY RECEIVED FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF FUNDING.

NEXT, THE VILLAGE CONDUCTED A FINANCIAL MONITORING OF ALL PARTNER AGENCIES.

WE CAN DO THIS MONITORING ON A ANNUAL BASIS.

I WILL GO INTO BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS WE FOUND AS A RESULT OF THE ONLY THREE MONITORING.

FINANCIAL MONITORING CONSISTS OF VILLAGE STAFF REVIEWING HOUSING CENTERS MONTHLY FINANCIALS, BANK STATEMENTS, PAYROLL RECORDS, FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AFFIRMATIVE MOVE TRACKING AND CONDUCTING FRAUD ASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS OF CURRENT AND FORMER STAFF. BASED ON THE SEMIANNUAL FINANCIALS PROVIDED VILLAGE STAFF FLAGGED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

THE HOUSING CENTER HAD TWO SIGNIFICANTLY OUTSTANDING BALANCES, APPROXIMATELY \$100,000.

THE HOUSING CENTER - THE HOUSING CENTERS OUTSTANDING CHECK SUMMARY LIST - LIST SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS.

THE HOUSING CENTERS HOUSING ACTION ILLINOIS AGREEMENT WAS TERMINATED PAYROLL JOURNALS REFLECTED TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED AT THE TIME OF REVIEW.

DISCREPANCIES AND PAYROLL DISTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN GENERAL FUNDS, CDBG AND OTHER GRAND FUNDERS, AS WELL AS HOUSING CENTER STAFF ARE NOT PAID WAGES AT THE TIME DO WITH THE ABSENCE OR DELAY OF PAYCHECKS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER 2022.

AS A RESULT OF THE FINDINGS FROM THE ANNUAL MONITORING THAT THE VILLAGE CONDUCTED THE VILLAGE MOVED FORWARD WITH AN EXTERNAL REVIEW OF THE ORGANIZATION.

THIS REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED BY (NAME?), PETERSON AND WHERE THAT THAT WILL BE REFERENCED AS A KPW.

THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PERFORMED BY KPW REVIEWED FINANCIALS FROM JANUARY 1 OF 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 OF 23.

SOME OF THE FINDINGS REFLECTED ON PAGE 3 OF SCHEDULE A CONCUR WITH STAFF FINDINGS.

THIS IS ATTACHMENT 14.

KPW'S REPORT WAS INCONCLUSIVE AS THE TEAM DID NOT RECEIVE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION DESPITE SEVEN EXTENSIONS GIVEN.

NEXT WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE HUD STATUS.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO NOTE THAT THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER, WHICH ADMINISTERS THE WEST COOK HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A PERFORMANCE REVIEW BY HUD.

AS OF MAY 26 OF 2023 THE HOUSING CENTER STATUS WITH HUD WAS MARKED AS AN ACTIVE PROMPTING THE NEED FOR A PERFORMANCE REVIEW.

THIS REVIEW DEVALUES THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION'S COMPLAINT STATUS AND HAS RESULTED IN SEVERAL FINDINGS DETAILED IN THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY PERFORMANCE REVIEW ATTACHMENT 12.

WHILE SOME RECIPIENTS OF CDBG FUNDING ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A CERTIFICATION TO RECEIVE VILLAGE FUNDS MUST MAINTAIN GOOD STANDING WITH HUD.

ACCORDING TO SECTION 14 OF THE FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT ALL RECIPIENTS OF VILLAGE FUNDS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES.

BECAUSE THE HUD CENTERS HUD STATUS AS AN ACTIVE OR WAS AN ACTIVE VILLAGE STAFF FOLLOWED CONTRACTUAL PROCEDURES TO MAKE SURE FUNDS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN TERMS OF THE VILLAGES CONTRACTUAL TERMS THAT.

SO HUD REINSTATED THE HOUSING CENTER ON OCTOBER 10TH OF 2023 ON A PROBATIONARY STATUS WITH STIPULATIONS AT THE HOUSING CENTER NEEDED TO COMPLY BY APRIL 10 2024.

THIS LETTER IS ATTACHMENT 11.

HUD CONCLUDED A FINANCIAL VIEW OF THE HOUSING CENTER AND WITH THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS, THE ORGANIZATION HAD SUSTAINED A PERIOD OF A NEGATIVE CASH FLOW, WHICH RESULTED IN MAKING IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR THE HOUSING CENTER TO PAY THEIR BILLS AND COVER THEIR OTHER EXPENSES.

HOUSING CENTER HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE PAYROLL AND PAY THEIR EMPLOYEES ON TIME.

THIS REVIEW DISCLOSED THAT THE HOUSING CENTER DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE FINANCIALLY CAPABLE TO PERFORM AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REQUIRED FEDERAL REGULATIONS LISTED THERE.

THIS PROBATIONARY PERIOD WAS EXTENDED BY HUD TO OCTOBER 10 OF 2024 SINCE THE STIPULATIONS OUTLINED BY HUD HAVE NOT BEEN FULFILLED.

IT INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL MONITORING BY HUD JULY 2024 AND A TEAM MEETING WITH THE HOUSING CENTERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SO SOME POTENTIAL FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE IS THE VILLAGE BOARD CAN DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE TO PAUSE THE FUNDING OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER UNTIL IT IS FULLY REINSTATED BY HUD.

AN ADVANTAGE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE THAT THE HOUSING CENTER WOULD BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON COMPLYING WITH THE STIPULATIONS REQUIRED BY HUD FOR FULL REINSTATEMENT TO ACTIVE STATUS.

DISADVANTAGE TO THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE THE HOUSING CENTER WILL NOT HAVE THE FUNDING TO CONTINUE OPERATING THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM. A SECOND ALTERNATIVE.

THE VILLAGE BOARD CAN DIRECT THE HOUSING CENTER - CAN DIRECT THAT THE HOUSING CENTER - APOLOGIZED TO BE FUNDED AT A LESSER AMOUNT THAN THE TRADITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$300,000 IN PLACE OF THE HOUSING CENTER ON A PROBATIONARY CENTER FOR REMAINDER FISCAL YEAR 2024.

AN ADVANTAGE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE IS THAT THE HOUSING CENTER HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO OPERATE THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.

THIS WILL ALSO ALLOW FOR A LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO BE MEASURED BY VILLAGE STAFF, WHOM WOULD THEN REPORT TO THE VILLAGE BOARD ON THE HOUSING CENTERS PROBATIONARY STATUS.

A DISADVANTAGE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE THE HOUSING CENTER WILL CONTINUE HAVE A CASH FLOW ISSUE AS IT HAS ENDED ITS FISCAL YEAR 2023 WITH A DEFICIT OF APPROXIMATELY \$350,000.

ALTERNATIVE THREE.

VILLAGE BOARD CAN DIRECT STAFF TO FUND THE HOUSING CENTER AT THE TRADITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$300,000.

ALTERNATIVE ADVANTAGE IS THAT THE HOUSING CENTER WILL HAVE - - PROGRAM FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT ADDITIONAL STIPULATIONS OUTSIDE OF ITS CONTRACTUAL TERMS.

DISADVANTAGE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE THAT THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR THE HOUSING CENTER REGARDING THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PRESENTED IN THE RESPONSE PLAN.

THERE IS POTENTIAL RISK THAT THE HOUSING CENTER COULD CONTINUE IMPROPER FINANCIAL OR OPERATIONAL OVERSIGHT.

1/4 ALTERNATIVE IS THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD CAN AGREE TO FUND THE REQUEST MADE BY THE HOUSING CENTER OF RECEIVING THE BALANCE OF FUNDS FROM CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2022 FISCAL YEAR 2023 PARTNER AGENCY FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT AS WELL AS \$400,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 24.

AN ADVANTAGE OF THIS ALTERNATIVE IS THAT THE HOUSING CENTER WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO OPERATE THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM AND PAY ANY OUTSTANDING EXPENSES FROM 2023.

DISADVANTAGES OF THIS PROGRAM IS THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR THE HOUSING CENTER REGARDING CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PRESENTED IN THE RESPONSE PLAN.

THERE IS A POTENTIAL RISK THAT THE HOUSING CENTER COULD CONTINUE IMPROPER FINANCIAL OR OPERATIONAL OVERSIGHT.

ADDITIONALLY, DUE TO THE HOUSING CENTER BEING IN A PROBATIONARY PERIOD AT THE VILLAGE WOULD BE LIABLE TO REPAY HUD ANY FUNDS GIVEN TO THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD THEY NO LONGER BE RECOGNIZED AS A HUD APPROVED AGENCY.

THAT CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION AND WE INVITE THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTERS TEAM TO COME DOWN AND GIVE THEIR PRESENTATIONS IN REGARDS TO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.

>> I BELIEVE WE HAVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ATHENA WILLIAMS PRESENTING AS WELL AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR MICHAEL STEWART.

>> GREETINGS, EVERYONE.

SO ACTUALLY I AM GOING TO READ A STATEMENT PRIOR TO JUMPING INTO EITHER PRESENTATION.

MICHAEL, DO YOU WANT TO SAY YOURS FIRST?

OKAY.

HELLO, VILLAGE BOARD AND STAFF, MY NAME IS ATHENA WILLIAMS I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER LOCATED AT 1037 SOUTH BOULEVARD.

WE HAVE BEEN IN THAT LOCATION FOR 49 YEARS.

I'M HERE TODAY TO REQUEST PAYMENTS TO THE HOUSING CENTER THAT THEY RELEASE, EVEN THOUGH PAYMENTS WERE PAUSED WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, PROVIDING MORE THAN 1500 APPLICANTS WITH SERVICE, IN ADDITION TO ANSWERING MORE THAN 3500 INQUIRIES, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING MORE THAN 125 AFFIRMATIVE MOVES.

IN ADDITION TO REQUESTING THESE PAYMENTS I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE REQUIRED DIRECTIVE ACTION PLANS FOR THE VILLAGE STAFF DUE TO THE CASH FLOW SITUATION IN EARLY 2023.

FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE HUD ACTIVATION.

I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A MISCOMMUNICATION WITH THE PARTICULAR DEFINITIONS AROUND PROBATION AND REINSTATEMENT.

PER OUR CONVERSATION WITH HUD WHEN HUD STATED AND I HAVE HERE THAT I CAN SHARE WITH YOU ALSO I EMAILED IT TO YOU IN AN EMAIL THE CONVERSATION, HUD STATED THAT ONCE YOU RECEIVE YOUR ACTIVATION YOU ARE NO LONGER ON PROBATION ALSO STATED THAT ONCE IT IS EXTENDED YOU'RE NO LONGER ON PROBATION.

ACTUALLY HUD DOES NOT EVEN USE THE WORD "PROBATION", THEY JUST USE THE WORD "REINSTATEMENT".

I EMAILED THIS TO EVERYONE, BUT HERE'S A COPY FOR YOUR RECORD.

REGARDING HUD ACTIVATION, OPTHC WAS EXTENDED - - 2024 PER OUR HUD POINT OF CONTACT ARE TEMPORARY REINSTATEMENT WAS FURTHER EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 10, 2024, NOTING THAT THIS EXTENSION GRANTED OPTC FULL REINSTATEMENT, NO LONGER TEMPORARY.

PER MY CONVERSATION I'VE EMAILED A COPY OF THE EMAIL DIALOGUE AS WELL AS A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED A LETTER FROM HUD STATING THE SAME.
HUD STATED IT TAKES TIME TO RECEIVE THESE LETTERS, EVEN THOUGH WE
REACHED OUT TO CONGRESSMAN DAVIDSON'S OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE TO RECEIVE
SUCH A LETTER.

HE'S IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING ON THAT.

HUD HAS STATED THAT THE LETTERHEAD, EVEN THOUGH IT TAKES SOME TIME THE
APPROVAL THAT I HAVE PROVIDED FOR YOU TODAY WITH THE ACTUAL
CERTIFICATIONS WHERE IT STATES IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND CORNER THAT IT
IS AN APPROVAL, THE STATUS CERTIFICATE IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS OUR FINANCIALS.

IT IS APPARENT THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A BIT OF CONFUSION ABOUT A
DOCUMENT THAT KPW HAD NOT RECEIVED.

IF YOU CHECK YOUR EMAILS I ALSO EMAILED YOU A COPY OF THE 2023 COST
ALLOCATION SPREADSHEET.

I'M GOING TO POLITELY ASK THAT YOU DO NOT SHARE OR POST THIS DOCUMENT
AS IT CONTAINS SENSITIVE STAFF INFORMATION.

THE ALLOCATION SPREADSHEET WAS UNDER REVISION, ALTHOUGH KPW HAD
RECEIVED A COPY WITH HANDWRITTEN INFORMATION, THIS IS THE SAME
SPREADSHEET THEY WERE WAITING FOR.

IN ADDITION TO THE KPW AUDIT WE WERE TOLD THAT THE AUDIT HAD TO END AT
A CERTAIN TIME.

- THE AUDIT TOOK PLACE DURING THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND THERE WERE
A LOT OF ISSUES AROUND THE HOLIDAY AND WE DID NOT REQUEST SEVEN
EXTENSIONS.

WE ONLY REQUESTED FOUR.

THOUGH WE ARE NOT HERE TODAY TO COMPLAIN OR COMPARE NOTES I WOULD LIKE
TO MAKE AWARE THAT WORKING TOGETHER WE WORKED TO TRY TO GET THE AUDIT
COMPLETE.

I'M SORRY, THE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES COMPLETED.

IN ADDITION THE FINANCIAL POLICIES OF THE HOUSING CENTER AND
PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN AUDITED BY AN EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRM
DURING ALL ANNUAL AUDITS SINCE I HAVE BEEN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
HOUSING CENTER HAS RECEIVED NO FINDINGS, NOR ANY MANAGEMENT LETTER
COMMENTS.

THE HOUSING CENTER HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE THE PROCESS OF
MODERNIZING ITS CHECKS AND BALANCES.

HOUSING CENTER WAS ABLE TO HIRE AN EXPERIENCED CPA WITH GOVERNMENT AND
NOT-FOR-PROFIT EXPERIENCE IN AUGUST 2023.

IN ADDITION, WE WERE ALWAYS WORKING TOWARDS EXPANDING OUR BOARD OF
DIRECTORS, IN ADDITION TO CREATING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

WE BEGAN - AT THE BEGINNING OF EXPERIENCING THAT GOAL THIS PAST APRIL
WITH THE ON BOARDING OF BRAD DECKER WHO WAS HERE ON JUNE 4, BUT HE WAS
UNABLE TO COME THIS EVENING.

HE HAS STEPPED UP TO BE THE BOARD TREASURER ALSO BE THE CHAIR OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE NEWLY DEVELOPED FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE HOUSING CENTER WILL NEED TO ADD MORE FINANCE STAFF AS FUNDING IS AVAILABLE AND WE ARE AWARE OF THAT.

THAT WILL HELP US TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN GOALS WE NEED TO MEET WITH THE VILLAGE STAFF.

IN ADDITION WE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING TO COMPLETE OUR 2023 AUDIT.

ALSO, THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POLICIES AND BECAUSE OF THE APPREHENSIONS OF OUR FINANCES WITH THE VILLAGE STAFF, WE ARE STRUCTURING IT SO THAT MANAGER REVIEWS ALL VOUCHER REQUESTS AND AT THAT POINT HE WILL SIGN OFF ON THE VOUCHER REQUEST AND THEN FORWARD THE VOUCHER REQUEST TO THE VILLAGE BOARD - I'M SORRY, NOT THE VILLAGE BOARD, BUT THE VILLAGE STAFF AND IF NEED BE HE CAN MEET WITH VILLAGE STAFF HIMSELF AND WORK THROUGH WHATEVER ISSUES OR QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE.

NUMBER THREE, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS WORKING WITH THE VILLAGE STAFF. WHILE THERE ARE OFTEN SEVERAL CONCERNS ABOUT ENGAGING WITH THE VILLAGE STAFF IN THE HOUSING CENTER TOGETHER, THIS IS NOT A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL, NOR SITUATION THAT CAN RESOLVE OVERNIGHT, AS IT HAS BEEN BUILDING OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

THE ENTIRE HOUSING CENTER STAFF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE OFTEN ASKED TO CLEAR THE SLATE - TO START OVER AND BEGIN A NEW ENGAGEMENT PROCESS TO ASSIST WITH BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIPS.

WE SEE THAT WE NEED TO DO THAT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE HEALTH OF THE STAFF OF THE HOUSING CENTER AND FOR THE LONGEVITY OF THE AGENCY.

HENCE WE ARE ALREADY TO WORK TOGETHER TO REMEDY ANY ISSUES THAT HAVE ARISEN.

WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THE FOLLOWING.

ONE, TO HAVE A SESSION ABOUT NONPROFIT CASH MANAGEMENT PRESENTED BY BDO FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO ALL PARTIES, VILLAGE STAFF, PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER BOARD AND STAFF TO PROVIDE A REFRESHER OR NONPROFIT BUDGET ALLOCATIONS.

TWO, A MONTHLY MEETING WITH THE VILLAGE MANAGER IN THE HOUSING CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 2-3 OTHERS FROM EACH OTHER'S RESPECTIVE AGENCIES, DURING WHICH WE CAN PROVIDE VOUCHER REQUEST CONTINUING TO REFINE THE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CORRECTIVE ACTION STEPS AND WORK ON RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILDING STRATEGIES.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOUSING CENTER IS VERY OPEN TO WORKING TOGETHER. NOW OUR ASK.

ALTHOUGH THE VILLAGE BOARD MADE A DECISION TO PAUSE THE FUNDING EARLY LAST YEAR THE CONTRACT STATES THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT PAUSE FUNDING. AGAIN, YOU MAY OR MAY NOT PAUSE FUNDING.

MASKING THIS EVENING IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER TO REINVEST IN THE HOUSING CENTER BY PROVIDING THE FUNDING BOSTON 2023, WHICH COMES TO A TOTAL OF 229,000, 180 AND \$0.99, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE CONTRACT FOR 2020

FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000, A CONTRACT WE CAN WORK ON TOGETHER THAT WILL FOCUS ON HELPING THE HOUSING CENTER TO BUILD CAPACITY.

I ASKED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE CONTRACT FOR 2024 WE ARE OPEN - I'VE PERSONALLY BEEN VERY TRANSPARENT, BUT WE ARE OPEN TO ANY TYPE OF OVERSIGHT - ANYTHING THAT THE VILLAGE REQUESTS OF THE HOUSING CENTER. I ASK THAT THESE FUNDS ARE IMMEDIATE RELEASE IS THIS DISINVESTMENT TO THE HOUSING CENTER HAS CAUSED HARM TO THE CLIENTS WE SERVE, HARM TO THE STAFF, HARM TO THE HOUSING CENTER AND DETRIMENT TO THE AGENCY AND WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN WORKING - ALL STAFF HAS BEEN PAID ON TIME SINCE WE RECEIVED OUR LAST CHECK FROM THE VILLAGE IN AUGUST 2023.

WE ARE AT THE POINT WHERE WE NO LONGER HAVE ANY FUNDS TO REMAIN OPEN. IN ADDITION OR IN CONCLUSION I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL ERRONEOUS MISTAKES SPOKEN DURING THE TIMELINE SUCH AS THE FACT THAT THE VILLAGE STAFF ACTUALLY REACHED OUT TO HUD OR THE CDBG FUND AT HUD PRIOR TO AUGUST 1, IN WHICH THEY RECEIVED NOTICE FROM HOUSING ACTION ILLINOIS ABOUT THE INACTIVATION STATUS.

WE DID NOT MEET ON JANUARY 3. WE MET ON JANUARY - - MONTHLY MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN HAVING MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR SOME TIME WERE NOT FOCUSED ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, BUT BASICALLY JUST QUESTIONS ASKED, QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

I BELIEVE WE COULD USE THAT TIME MORE CONSTRUCTIVELY MOVING FORWARD, WHILE IT WAS MENTIONED THAT PAYROLL WAS NOT MET IN OCTOBER 2022, THAT WAS NEVER BROUGHT UP IN ANY OF THE MEETINGS.

THERE ARE A FEW OTHER THINGS THAT WERE MISSING OR MISSPOKEN DURING THE PRESENTATION, BUT AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE AND SAY AND HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE AND START A NEW ERA OF MOVING FORWARD AND WORKING TOGETHER.

THANK YOU.

I DID HAVE A PRESENTATION, BUT BECAUSE IT WASN'T CLEAR WHAT THIS NIGHT WAS ABOUT I'VE FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO ADDRESS ISSUES HERE.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: OKAY.

TURN IT BACK.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: NO MORE FOR OUR NOMI?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I WILL SAY THIS, IF THERE'S OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THE STATEMENT MADE I WOULD LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT AND CERTAINLY WE WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO THE BOARD FOR QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SUSAN, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW THINGS.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

GO AHEAD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

SO I WONDER IF MY LOVE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND LOVE FOR ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH WITH OUR RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE ME A LITTLE LESS FUMING AT THIS MOMENT.

IF I WAS THERE AND PRESENT.

SO I PREPARED FOR THIS EVENING WITH A GOOD DEAL OF EMPATHY.
WITH A LOVE FOR OUR HISTORY - ALBEIT A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOUSING
CENTER, MR. RALPH LEE - I KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT YOUR EXTENSIVE HISTORY
AND LOVE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY AND APPRECIATE YOUR
SERVICE.

ANY ACCUSATIONS THAT ARE STAFF HAVE BEEN ANYTHING, BUT PROFESSIONAL
AND FAIR IS COMPLETELY UNCALLED FOR.

ASKING FOR A REBOOT, YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY WITH THE VILLAGE MANAGER
JACKSON WHO CAME HERE TO OAK PARK PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIPS
AND HISTORY THAT WE HAVE FOR EQUITY IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FAIR
HOUSING ORDINANCE.

THE HOUSING CENTER, RESIDENCE CORPORATION AND SO FORTH.

WE WERE TOGETHER AT THE OAK PARK MUSEUM WITH FRANK (NAME?) AND (NAME?)
TOGETHER THE LETTER THAT IS IN THE MUSEUM THE DAY AFTER THE 1960
CONTENTIOUS VOTE TO PASS THE FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE - IT WAS A VILLAGE
MANAGER THAT PUT INTO THE PAPER - IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN OAK PARK,
YOU CAN LEAVE.

AFTER THAT.

ROB (NAME?).

YOU KNOW QUITE A BIT ABOUT THE HISTORY OF WORKING WITH STAFF HERE I
VOLUNTEERED TO MEET KATHENA AT 2+ YEARS AGO, EARLY IN MY TERM ON A
SUNDAY TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP PREPARE INVOICES BECAUSE THOSE INVOICES
WERE GROSSLY BEHIND, YET THEY DESPERATELY NEEDED THE MONEY.

I COULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IF ORGANIZED WHAT I WAS ASKED TO DO THAT
DAY, THAT SUNDAY AND 10 MINUTES.

TO HAVE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT OFFERED TO VOLUNTEER AND THEN HAVE MY
TIME WASTED THAT WAY AND THEN TO SUGGEST THAT WE DON'T, THAT THIS
BOARD DOES NOT APPRECIATE THE RELATIONSHIP IN HISTORY BETWEEN THE OAK
PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER IN VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, DO YOU THINK WE
WANT TO BE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION TONIGHT?

DO YOU THINK THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED THE HOUSING STUDY, WE HAVE
COMMITTED A RICH LIKELY STUDY AND WE'VE MADE COMMITMENTS THAT YOU HAVE
NOT SEEN A BOARD MAKE IN MANY YEARS.

I APPRECIATE ALL WHO HAVE SERVED BEFORE ME.

YOU TALK ABOUT TENOR AND THIS IS HOW YOU START THIS DISCUSSION?
WITH ACCUSATIONS?

MICHAEL STEWART, I KNOW VERY FEW PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT HAVE
DONE AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE.

YOU'RE 31 YEARS WITH THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER VERY
APPRECIATIVE.

THE WAY YOU SPOKE IN YOUR PUBLIC, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE IS A ROOM
FOR IMPROVEMENT, THAT IS THE TYPE OF TENOR WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE
TODAY.

NOBODY WAS MORE UPSET TO HAVE TO TABLE THE AGENDA ITEM 2 WEEKS AGO
THAN I DO.

AS YOU CAN SEE, KNOWING THAT I WOULD EVEN BE ABLE TO BE THERE.
WE WANTED TO BE ABLE TO ACTIVE LISTENERS TONIGHT AND PARTNERS TO SOLVE
THESE PROBLEMS.

AND THAT IS THE ONLY REASON WE POSTPONED.

MR. LEE, I WATCHED YOU AND YOUR WIFE FALLING ASLEEP IN THE FRONT ROW
AND IT BROKE MY HEART.

SO YOU DESERVED MORE THAN WHAT WE COULD OFFER AT THAT LATE HOUR.

SO THIS IS A WASTED BEGINNING TO THIS DISCUSSION.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SPOKE ABOUT THE BENEFIT THAT THEY HAD
WITH THE HOUSING CENTER, THAT IS APPRECIATED.

THERE HAS BEEN - OUR STAFF AND MYSELF, I'VE BEEN ACTIVE IN SEVERAL
MEETINGS HAVE - DEDICATED A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY, AND EFFORT TO THIS
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER ALL BECAUSE WE
DO SHARE THE SAME GOAL.

COMMENTS THAT WE NEED TO REMAIN INTENTIONAL IN ORDER TO REMAIN
INTEGRATED.

I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH.

WE NEED PARTNERS IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.

YOU DON'T HAVE THAT ARGUMENT COMING FROM ME.

THIS IS NOT HOW I WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED SHOWING UP THIS EVENING.

AND THEN TO SUGGEST THAT THERE ARE DISCREPANCIES WHEN YOU'VE HAD AT
LEAST LAST TWO WEEKS TO CLEAR UP THOSE DISCREPANCIES, THAT IS EXACTLY
THE KIND OF CHALLENGE WE HAVE HAD IN THE MANY, MANY, MANY MEETINGS WE
HAVE HAD BEFORE TODAY.

SO I PERSONALLY DO NOT WANT TO HEAR ABOUT DISCREPANCIES.

WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ABILITY TO CLEAR THEM UP IN THE MOMENT.

CREATING THAT KIND OF DOUBT IS JUST NOT TRUSTED RIGHT NOW.

YOU HEARD EARLIER TONIGHT WE APPLY FOR GRANTS WITH THE ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SEVICE AND MANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

I GUARANTEE YOU IF WE DO NOT SUBMIT THE REPORTING PROPERLY, WE DO NOT
GET PAID.

NO ELECTED OFFICIAL CAN MAKE A PHONE CALL TO RECTIFY THAT.

WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES.

I RAN A NONPROFIT, I RAN A NONPROFIT ON DUCT TAPE.

I WEAR MULTIPLE HATS, INCLUDING CLEANING THE BATHROOMS.

IF I HAD INVOICES THAT WERE DUE TO MY MAJOR FUNDER IN ORDER TO PAY MY
PAYROLL, I WOULD NOT SLEEP UNTIL THEY WERE DONE.

YOUR WORK IS VERY IMPORTANT.

THE CORRECTIVE ACTION IS WAY OVERDUE.

YET I STILL WANTED TO SHOW UP TONIGHT TO FIND THAT PATH FORWARD.

AND I'M RESPONDING THE WAY I AM BECAUSE IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HAVE
ANYONE ACCUSING OUR STAFF OF DOING ANYTHING OTHER THAN BEING
PROFESSIONAL.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON CAME TO OAK PARK, HE WANTED TO WORK WITH YOU, ATHENA, MORE THAN ANY OTHER PARTNER WE HAVE AND NOW YOU WANT TO MEET WITH HIM ONCE A MONTH?

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PARTNERS WOULD LOVE TO MEET WITH THE VILLAGE MANAGER, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ONCE A MONTH?
TURN OVER TO MY COLLEAGUES.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS FROM OTHER TRUSTEES?

WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST?

GO AHEAD.

TRUSTEE STRAW.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WILL KEEP IT FAIRLY BRIEF.
I'M A BIG SUPPORTER OF THE MISSION OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

I THINK THAT THE MISSION OF BEING INTENTIONAL ABOUT INTEGRATION AND THE HISTORY OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER HAS AN OAK PARK IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT.

I ALSO THINK THAT ALL OF THE DATA AND ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE SEEN IS CONCERNING.

THEY DO NOT KNOW HOW WE MOVE FORWARD FROM HERE.

HOW WE WOULD SIMPLY GREENLIGHT FUNDING FROM HERE WHEN WHAT I DO NOT SEE IS AN ACTUAL PLAN.

I DO NOT SEE IN THE DOCUMENTS PROVIDED A PLAN FOR HOW WE MOVE FORWARD FROM HERE IN A WAY THAT WE CAN TRUST AND FEEL GOOD ABOUT.

I DO WANT US TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND FUND AN INTENTIONAL EFFORT TO KEEP OAK PARK INTEGRATED AND FURTHER OAK PARK'S INTEGRATION BECAUSE DIVERSITY IS NOT INTEGRATED ACROSS THE COMMUNITY IS NOT THE GOAL OF OAK PARK.

IT HAS NEVER BEEN THE GOAL OF OAK PARK AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE CREATIVE ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY PLAN WE HAVE FOR FUNDING PROGRAMMATIC EFFORTS WE KNOW PRECISELY WHAT WE ARE FUNDING.

AWARE THAT FUNDING IS GOING AND THAT THERE CAN BE ACCOUNTABILITY BECAUSE THE DOCUMENTS DO NOT REFLECT THEIR BEING A CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AROUND THE FUNDING THAT HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN PROVIDED. THAT IS WHAT I SEE.

I AM HAPPY TO HEAR YOUR RESPONSE.

I SEE THAT YOU HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHTS REGARDING WHAT I'VE SAID, BUT IT IS HARD BECAUSE I HAVE THE INFORMATION THAT I'VE BEEN PROVIDED TO GO OFF OF HERE AND I AM NOT SEEING A PLAN PRESENTED FOR HOW WE MOVE FORWARD FROM HERE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR DIRECTOR WILLIAMS?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I DO NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC QUESTION.
I HAD THAT COMMENT, BUT I SAW THAT SHE HAD A RESPONSE.

IT LOOKED LIKE YOU HAD A RESPONSE HE WANTED TO GIVE.
SO IS GIVING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY.

>> I'M LISTENING.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OTHER COMMENTS?

GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: SO I WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO START OFF ADDRESSING THE COMMENTS REGARDING THE REALLY - IMPUGNING THE INTEGRITY OF STAFF, WHICH WERE WHOLLY INAPPROPRIATE, BUT PRESIDENT SCAMAN COVERED THAT QUITE WELL.

SO I DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT.

I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT HER WORDS WERE HEARD BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THAT I WORKED WITH A GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF INTEGRITY, LED BY A VILLAGE MANAGER WITHIN HIGHER LEVEL OF INTEGRITY, IN ADDITION TO A WILLINGNESS TO WORK REALLY TIRELESSLY ON THIS ISSUE.

THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THIS BOARD HAS DISCUSSED SUPPORT OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER AND I KNOW I MYSELF IN ADDITION TO THE MEETINGS WE HAVE HAD, AS WELL AS AN EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING, AS WELL AS SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH STAFF, AS WELL AS THE MEETINGS I'VE PERSONALLY HAD WITH THE VILLAGE MANAGER THERE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK NOT JUST WORK, BUT THOUGHTFUL AND DELIBERATE WORK INTO THIS ISSUE.

I THINK WHERE I LAND HERE IS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THREE SEPARATE AGENCY OR THREE SEPARATE REVIEWS DONE THAT ESSENTIALLY ARRIVE AT THE SAME CONCLUSION.

THE VILLAGE, KPW AND HUD.

THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS FINANCIAL CHALLENGES BEING FACED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION RIGHT NOW.

STAFF I THOUGHT DID A GREAT JOB, (NAME?) OF GOING THROUGH THE TIMELINE AND SORT OF HOW THINGS BECAME KNOWN TO THE VILLAGE THROUGH OUR REVIEW AND THE SUBSEQUENT KPW VIEW THAT ARE VERY DISTRESSING AND CONCERNING.

I THINK WHAT RANKS HIGHEST FOR ME IS THE NONPAYMENT TO STAFF.

, YOU KNOW, I AM NOT EXACTLY SURE BECAUSE WE HAVE CERTAINLY NOT HEARD YET FROM THE HOUSING CENTER, WHICH IS ACTUALLY QUITE SHOCKING TO ME THAT THE ONLY RESPONSE IS STAFF HAS BEEN PAID.

AS BRIAN POINTED OUT, WITHOUT ANY ACCOUNTABILITY AND AS A SECOND STEP, A VERY CLEAR PLAN AS TO HOW THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

I THINK WHEN WE HAVE A PARTNER AGENCY THAT WE ARE GIVING FUNDS 2 TO PAY STAFF AND THEN WE FIND OUT THAT THAT STAFF HAS NOT BEEN PAID FOR MULTIPLE CONSECUTIVE PAY PERIOD AND SEPARATELY FIND OUT THAT STAFF REPORTS THAT ISSUE ACTUALLY DATES BACK TO OCTOBER 2022, THAT IS VERY CONCERNING FOR ME AND I THINK IT REQUIRES A RESPONSE OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AND IN THE SECOND INSTANCE IT REQUIRES A RESPONSE OF A VERY CLEARLY DETAILED PLAN OF CORRECTIVE ACTION.

NOT JUST STAFF HAS BEEN PAID, BUT THIS IS HOW THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

YOU GET MONEY FROM THE VILLAGE TO PAY A CERTAIN SERVICE, HOW THAT SERVICE, WHICH SHOULD REALLY BE THE BARE MINIMUM OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, THAT SERVICE IS IN FACT PAID.

AND SO I AM VERY WORRIED.

I AM VERY WORRIED ABOUT NOT JUST THE FUTURE OF THE HOUSING CENTER, BUT THE FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, WHICH QUITE FRANKLY HAS STRUGGLED SINCE I JOINED THE BOARD BY MOVING INTO MY FOURTH YEAR HERE.

I WENT BACK AND WATCHED BUDGET MEETINGS CONCERNING THE HOUSING CENTER TO 2019 AND SAW YEAR, AFTER YEAR, AFTER YEAR OF WAIVERS FOR CONTRACT DELIVERABLES, EXTENDED DEADLINES, MONEY GIVEN FOR STAFF THAT WAS NOT HIRED.

THIS EXTENSIVE, EXTENSIVE RACE AND PATIENTS IN TRYING TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOUSING CENTER.

AND IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN - WHAT I HAVE HEARD FROM STAFF WHAT I HEAR FROM YOU DIRECTOR WILLIAMS AS WELL THAT WE DON'T HAVE A HEALTHY PARTNERSHIP AND THAT IS JUST SECONDARILY VERY DISAPPOINTING.

THEY THINK THE GOAL IS FIRST AND FOREMOST TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET A BETTER PLACE.

I THINK IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE CLOSEST WHERE I LAND IS TO ALTERNATIVE ONE WHERE THE VILLAGE REALLY TAKES A STEP BACK AND GIVES THE HOUSING CENTER AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY DO TAKE ALL THESE DIFFERENT REVIEWS THAT WERE DONE AND TO REALLY DO A DEEP DIVE IN ITS OWN ASSESSMENT OF THE OPERATIONS TO FIGURE OUT NOT ONLY JUST WHERE THE DEFICIENCIES ARE, BUT HOW YOU GOT THERE.

I THINK VILLAGE FUNDING CANNOT BE THAT ^ FOR THAT PROCESS.

SO IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SIGN ON TO AN ALTERNATIVE THAT PROMISES FUNDING BECAUSE I THINK THEN THAT SORT OF PUTS THE PROCESS BACKWARDS.

I THINK THE PROCESS HAS TO HAPPEN FIRST AND IT HAS TO HAPPEN WITHOUT THE IMPETUS OF VILLAGE FUNDING BECAUSE VILLAGE FUNDING IS ONLY ONE PORTION OF THE HOUSING CENTERS OPERATIONS.

YOU GUYS DO OTHER THINGS ASIDE FROM THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM.

SO THOSE OTHER THINGS WERE REVIEWED OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGES PROCESS AS WELL AND WE HAD THE STATEMENT BACK FROM HUD.

THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE VILLAGES PROGRAM, BUT AGAIN, THE FINDING WAS THE SAME, WHICH IS THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS, SERIOUS FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FACED BY THIS ORGANIZATION.

NOMI, YOU HAD THE QUOTE IN YOUR SLIDE.

DO YOU KNOW OFFHAND WHAT HUD'S STATEMENT WAS?

I HAVE IT IN MY NOTES AND I WOULD JUST HAVE TO FIND IT.

THIS IS HUD'S REVIEW.

HUD SCHOOLS AT THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE FINANCIALLY CAPABLE TO PERFORM AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT IN COMPLIANCE WITH, AND IT LISTS A SERIES OF REGULATIONS.

IT IS THE SAME FINDING BY DIFFERENT REVIEWERS, EVEN OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE.

I THINK YOU REALLY HAVE TO HEAR THAT.

IT IS NOT JUST COMING FROM THE VILLAGE.

SO I THINK WHERE I END UP IS TO CONTINUE THE POSITIVE FUNDING.

I THINK THIS IDEA OF THE HUD STATUS AND WHETHER OR NOT WE MISUNDERSTOOD IT, WHAT I'VE CERTAINLY UNDERSTOOD IS HUD'S FINDING AND THAT I THINK IS WHERE THE ATTENTION NEEDS TO GO.

NOT WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD BE INACTIVE OR PROBATIONARY.

OF THE WORD CHOICE IS ACTUALLY FAR LESS RELEVANT TO ME THAN GETTING AT THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.

SO I LAND WHERE I STAND IS TO CONTINUE TO PAUSE THE FUNDING.

I REALLY WANT TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND GIVE YOU GUYS AN OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY DO YOUR OWN ASSESSMENT, BUT ALSO TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION WITHOUT FITTING THEM INTO A FUNDING ARRANGEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE.

SO I THINK THE FIRST STEP IS FOR YOU GUYS TO DO THAT FIRST AND FOREMOST TO DO THAT SELF-ASSESSMENT AND I THINK ONCE YOUR CORRECTIVE ACTION WITH HUD IS FINISHED I WOULD BE HAPPY TO THAN ENTERTAIN AND HAVE VILLAGE STAFF EITHER DECIDE WHAT THE NEXT STEP IS THEN TO REENGAGE WITH THE HOUSING CENTER.

WHETHER IT IS TO MEET WITH STAFF AT THAT POINT TO DISCUSS THAT ORDER TO HAVE IT COME BACK TO THE VILLAGE BOARD TABLE.

I LEAVE THAT TO THE EXPERTISE OF OUR VILLAGE MANAGER.

>> WE HAVE TO HAVE HER VOTE NOW TO GO PAST 10:00 P.M.. CAN I HAVE A MOTION TO MEET PAST 10:00 P.M.?

ALEXA MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> CLERK WATERS CAN YOU TAKE THE ROLL.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: NO ROLL CALL NECESSARY.

ALL IN FAVOR.

>> ON PAPER?

>> AYE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

GO AHEAD, DID YOU WANT TO RESPOND, DIRECTOR WILLIAMS.

>> I WANT TO ADD ONE THING, JUST FOR A POINT OF CLARITY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP MULTIPLE TIMES ABOUT THE PAYMENT THAT WAS MADE TO THE HOUSING CENTER TO HIRE STAFF FOR THE 2020 CONTRACT YEAR.

WE WERE ALLOCATED \$50,000 TO HIRE A DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.

I HAD MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS WITH VILLAGE STAFF AT THE TIME THAT \$50,000 WOULD NOT HELP US ACCOMPLISH THAT FACT, BUT INSTEAD WE HIRED WHAT WE CALL THE TITLE, THE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES DIRECTOR, WHICH A PERSON FUNCTION AS A GRANTS MANAGER AND A FUNDRAISER THE VILLAGE STAFF WAS MADE AWARE OF THAT AT THAT POINT AND WE HAVE THE DOCUMENTATION TO SHOW THAT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT POINT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: COMMENTS FROM WHO ELSE?

TRUSTEE WESLEY, GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I HAVE DIFFERENT CONCERNS THAN MY COLLEAGUES HERE.

FIRST I DO WANT TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, I FULLY SUPPORT OUR STAFF HERE AND THE INTEGRITY THAT THEY HAVE OPERATED WITH THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PROCESS.

I FEEL LIKE ANY ATTACK ON THAT IS WHOLLY UNNECESSARY AND INAPPROPRIATE AND IT DOES NOT PUT ME IN A VERY PLEASANT MOOD TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION BECAUSE I HAVE WITNESSED THE LEVEL OF CARE, THE LEVEL OF ACCOMMODATION, THE LEVEL OF DEFERENCE THAT THEY HAVE OPERATED WITHIN THIS, IN THIS PROCESS, WHICH IS QUITE FRANKLY MORE OF ALL THOSE THINGS THAN I WOULD HAVE HAD DURING AT.

I WANT TO SAY TO OUR VILLAGE MANAGER AND THE STAFF THAT I FULLY SUPPORT YOU.

I KNOW THE EFFORT AND INTEGRITY THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS PROCESS AND I REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND I THINK IT ATTACKS AGAINST, QUITE FRANKLY YOUR REPUTATION AND YOUR STAFF'S REPUTATION ARE WHOLLY UNWARRANTED AND IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT THIS BOARD TABLE.

MOVING ON FROM THERE, MY ISSUES WITH THE PROGRAM OR THE PROGRAM.

SO FOR ME - AND ATHENA, YOU AND I HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS AROUND THIS AND I HAVE MENTIONED THIS AT THE BOARD TABLE PREVIOUSLY AS WELL, I DON'T BELIEVE IN THE MISSION OF INTEGRATION BASED ON RAGE, LENIN, GARFIELD.

I DON'T THINK THOSE DIVIDING LINES ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH MUCH IN OAK PARK NOWADAYS, ALSO I DON'T THINK THAT MOVING PEOPLE BACK AND FORTH ACROSS STREETS IN OAK PARK IN 2024 IS A WAY TO ESTABLISH INTEGRATION. I HAVE A FEW STATS HERE, SOME OF WHICH WERE PROVIDED BY YOU THAT KIND OF ARE THE REASON THAT I HAVE THIS THOUGHT.

WHEN I LOOK AT THE GRAPH OF AFFIRMATIVE MOVES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, SORRY, LAST EIGHT YEARS ENDED IN 2022, WE GO FROM 656 AND 2014 TO 153 AND 2022 WITH A LOW OF 141 AND 2021, COVID AND ALL OF THAT.

I GUESS MY POINT IS THAT I'M NOT QUITE SURE - THERE ARE 54,000 PEOPLE IN OAK PARK.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT MOVING 153 PEOPLE ACROSS A STREET DOES.

MAINE, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT WE WERE MOVING 656 PEOPLE ACROSS STREETS.

YOU KNOW, WHEN I ALSO LOOK AT THE NUMBERS THAT THE COST OF VILLAGE BASED ON THE FUNDING, LIKE WE START OFF PAYING A VERY NOMINAL \$924 FOR AFFIRMATIVE MOVED BACK IN 2019 TO A HIGH OF \$3221 FOR AFFIRMATIVE MOVED IN 2021 WITH THE LAST YEAR OF 2022 BEING \$2784 PER AFFIRMATIVE MOVED.

LIKE THESE NUMBERS FOR ME DO NOT NECESSARILY SHOW A PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE EVEN BY THE METRIC THAT I DISAGREE WITH.

THERE IS MORE.

SO OUR HOUSING STUDY THAT WE JUST COMMISSIONED SAYS HERE THAT BLACK HOUSEHOLDS ARE UNDERREPRESENTED IN NEIGHBORHOODS IN NORTH AND WEST OAK PARK COMPARED TO OAK PARK AS A WHOLE.

THE HOUSING CENTER HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS.

LIKE HOUSEHOLDS ARE STILL UNDERREPRESENTED IN NEIGHBORHOODS IN NORTH AND WEST OAK PARK COMPARED OAK PARK AS A WHOLE.

I MEAN ONE HAND YOU CAN SAY THAT IS WHY WE NEED THE HOUSING CENTER, ON THE OTHER HAND I CAN SAY WE HAVE HAD IT FOR 50 YEARS BLACK HOUSEHOLDS ARE UNDERREPRESENTED IN NEIGHBORHOODS IN NORTH AND WEST OAK PARK THAT ALIGNS WITH THE METRIC OF MOVING FOLKS WEST OF RICHLAND AND NORTH OF GARFIELD, RIGHT?

AGAIN, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING DOES NOT SEEM TO BE WORKING.

HERE'S ANOTHER QUOTE HERE FROM THE HOUSING STUDY THAT WE JUST DISCUSSED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

IS SAYS HERE, BLACK AND LATINO HOUSEHOLDS EARN IN THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME OF THIS GROUP CAN FOR LESS THAN 10% OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING. THE CENSUS TRACTS ALSO HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER PERCENTAGES OF MULTIFAMILY RENTAL UNITS IN THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

SO THE HOUSING CENTER IS CONCERNED WITH RENTALS, MULTIFAMILY APARTMENTS.

WE DO NOT HAVE VERY MANY OF THOSE IN NORTH AND WEST OAK PARK.

SO IT'S HARDER TO DO AFFIRMATIVE MOVES TO PLACES THAT DO NOT EXIST.

AGAIN, TO ME IT IS A SITUATION WHERE RIGHT NOW I DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN MAKE AFFIRMATIVE MOVES, AGAIN, A METRIC I DON'T NECESSARILY AGREE WITH WORK WE DON'T HAVE HOUSING TO MOVE FOLKS TOO.

IF YOU MORE THINGS IN HERE.

ONE SECOND.

SO ACCORDING THE HOUSING REPORT 7% VACANCY REPORT IS CONSIDERED A HEALTHY VACANCY REPORT IN THE MARKET.

RENTAL VACANCY REPORT NETWORK HAS BEEN LESS THAN 7% SINCE 2016.

COINCIDENTALLY 2016 IS THE YEAR IN WHICH THE HOUSING CENTERS AFFIRMATIVE MOVES STARTED TO DECREASE YEAR-OVER-YEAR.

SO AGAIN, OUR CURRENT VACANCY RATES ARE LESS THAN ONE OR 2%.

IT SEEMS TO ME THE SUCCESSFULNESS OF THE HOUSING CENTER BASED ON THE METRIC YOU SUPPLY IS BASED ON OUR VACANCY RATE OF WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE VERY MANY AND WE HAVE BEEN TRENDING TO NOT HAVE VERY MANY FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

SO I FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS PROGRAM CAN BE EFFECTIVE WHEN THE FACTORS FOR ITS EFFECTIVENESS LIE OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL.

UNLIKE NOT SURE HOW WE CAN CREATE MORE VACANCY RATE, ACTUALLY I'M SURE HOW WE CAN DO THAT.

WE CAN BUILD MORE HOUSING.

UNTIL WE DO THAT, LIKE I THINK OAK PARK WILL BE IN THAT ONE-2% VACANCY RATE, IN WHICH WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE AFFIRMATIVE MOVES HOVER AROUND 140-150 AS YOU AND I WOULD QUESTION BASED ON YOUR OWN HISTORIC RECORD-KEEPING HERE, YOUR OWN HISTORIC REPORTING TO THE VILLAGE, WHETHER OR NOT ROUGHLY THE FIFTH OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE PREVIOUSLY ABOUT A DECADE AGO IS EFFECTIVE IN ACHIEVING INTEGRATION EVEN BY YOUR OWN STANDARDS. SORRY, I HAVE A FEW MORE THINGS HERE.

LOST ONE OF THE NOTES.

ONE SECOND.

SO IN AN ARTICLE IN THE WEDNESDAY JOURNAL, MIKE STORED, THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

YOU ARE QUOTED AS SAYING, WHAT I HAVE BEEN SEEING THIS SPRING AS WE ARE NOT SEEING THE NUMBER OF LISTINGS WE USUALLY HAVE.

MORE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ARE SAYING THAT THEY HAVE NO OPENINGS PREDICTING, GOING BACK TO THE VACANCY RATE, GOING BACK TO THE FACT THAT WE CANNOT DO AFFIRMATIVE MOVES IF THERE ARE NO UNITS OPEN THE MOVE PEOPLE DO.

SO AGAIN, ALL OF THIS COALESCES AROUND THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HOUSING SO EVEN IF I BELIEVED IN THE METRIC OF RICHLAND AND GARFIELD, WHICH I DO NOT, BUT EVEN IF I DID WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH UNITS FOR THIS TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MEASURE OF CREATING INTEGRATION IN OAK PARK IN 2024.

WITH THAT SAID, OBVIOUSLY I WOULD NOT LIVE IN THIS VILLAGE RIGHT NOW IF THE HOUSING CENTER DID NOT EXIST.

I THINK WHAT WAS DONE, WHEN IT WAS CREATED 47 YEARS AGO AND FOR A GOOD PORTION OF ITS LIFE CREATED THE OAK PARK WE CURRENTLY VISION AND I HAVE A DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THAT.

HOWEVER, IN ORDER FOR ME TO BE OKAY WITH PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE INSTITUTION, WHAT I NEED TO SEE IS A MODERN TAKE ON INTEGRATION AND MY MODERN TAKE ON INTEGRATION IS BUILDING MORE UNITS AND I'M NOT SURE HOW THE HOUSING CENTER CAN ACTUALLY ASSIST WITH THAT.

HOWEVER, THAT IS NOT MY DOMAIN, THAT IS YOUR DOMAIN, BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WHAT I'M LOOKING AT - I'M LOOKING AT AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A MEASURE THAT NO LONGER FUNCTIONALLY DOES WHAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO, WHICH IS PROVIDE INTEGRATION IN OAK PARK.

UNTIL IT CAN DO THAT I CANNOT SEE MYSELF TO PROVIDING FUNDING FOR IT AND THAT FEELS REALLY BAD FOR ME TO SAY BECAUSE AGAIN I DO HAVE A DEEP RESPECT AND DEEP REVERENCE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND AGAIN I DON'T THINK I WOULD BE LIVING IN OAK PARK WITHOUT IT.

FOR FUTURE ME TO LIMIT OAK PARK I FEEL LIKE THERE NEEDS TO BE A NEW STRATEGY ORDER TO ENCOURAGE MORE INTEGRATION AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT PEOPLE AND WHERE PEOPLE LIKE ME LOOK IN OAK PARK GIVEN THE MEDIAN PRICE OF HALF A MILLION OR APPROACHING THAT, MOST FOLKS WHO LOOK LIKE

ME, BLACK FOLKS RENT IN OAK PARK WHAT WE HAVE IS SINGLE-FAMILY HOME DISTRICTS THAT DO NOT HAVE MULTI- UNIT HOUSING.

SO IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE INTEGRATION WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF EXISTING MULTIUNIT HOUSING THAT ALREADY IS FULL AND BECAUSE OAK PARK IS SO DESIRABLE PEOPLE ARE NOT LEAVING.

SO WE DON'T HAVE VACANCIES AND WE DON'T HAVE VACANCY IN THE HOUSING BY INTENTION.

IT WILL NOT GO ON THAT RANT, BUT WE HAVE THE HOUSING IN CERTAIN PLACES, WHICH ALIGNS EVERYONE IN CERTAIN AREAS.

IN ORDER FOR US TO HAVE INTEGRATED NEIGHBORHOODS NEED DIVERSE HOUSING TYPES ACROSS ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND NOT INJUSTICE SOME PLACES AND WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE THAT.

RIGHT?

NOT IN ALL OF OAK PARK, WHICH IS WHY HER HOUSING STUDY TELLS US THAT WE DON'T HAVE VERY MANY BLACK FOLKS IN NORTH AND WEST OAK PARK.

BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE VERY MANY APARTMENTS THERE AND BLACK FOLKS IN OAK PARK TYPICALLY RENT.

SO IF WE WANT INTEGRATION IN OAK PARK THAT IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT A STRATEGY THAT ALLOWS THE HOUSING CENTER TO DO THAT, I'M OPEN TO HEARING IT.

MY COLLEAGUES HAVE COVERED ALL THE OTHER THINGS AND I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY NEED FOR ME TO DIVE IN ON THOSE THINGS.

FOR ME IT IS REALLY ABOUT THE MISSION.

I FEEL LIKE BY FUNDING THE HOUSING CENTER MISSION OF INTEGRATION WHERE I DO NOT THINK IT IS EFFECTIVE, IT PROVIDES A FIG LEAF FOR THIS VILLAGE TO SAY THE FUNDING INTEGRATION THOUGH ACTUALLY ACHIEVING INTEGRATION AND TO ME THAT IS PROBLEMATIC.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I THINK THERE WERE QUESTIONS EMBEDDED IN THERE.

DO YOU HAVE ANY RESPONSES DIRECTOR WILLIAMS?

I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO RESPOND IF YOU CHOOSE.

>> LET'S JUST KEEP ON.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: TRUSTEE PARAKKAT?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THERE IS A LOT TO SAY.

FIRST OFF I ECHO MY COLLEAGUES SENTIMENTS ABOUT STAFF AND I WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE DIFFERENCE AS WELL BECAUSE I'VE NOT JUST BEEN PRIVY OF WHAT HAS BEEN IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, BUT WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS IN THE CLOSED SETTINGS AS WELL.

I REALLY ADMIRE HOW THEY HAVE NAVIGATED THIS AND HELPED US NAVIGATE THIS AS WELL.

IT HAS DEFINITELY BEEN ON BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL TO A VERY HIGH BENCHMARK.

I JUST WANT TO SAY RIGHT OFF THE BAT AND I WANT TO SAY THAT HEARING ALL OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS, AN INSTITUTION THAT HAS BEEN INTEGRAL TO

WHAT OAK PARK IS, THERE'S A LOT OF SENTIMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND IT HAS BEEN IMPACTFUL THAT'S WHY THOSE SENTIMENTS EXIST.

I JUST WANT TO ADD MY VOICE TO IT BECAUSE I WOULD NOT BE IN THIS COMMUNITY IF NOT FOR REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER SO WHEN I CAME INTO THIS COMMUNITY 18 YEARS BACK IT WAS THROUGH THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER SO I FOUND MY FIRST APARTMENT THROUGH THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER AND IT IS MY WAY INTO OAK PARK AND I HAVE MOVED AROUND OAK PARK AND MADE THIS HOME.

SO I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE SENTIMENTS I ALSO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT AND WHAT AN ORGANIZATION LIKE THAT HAS HAD AND I ALSO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE WHAT A NONPROFIT WOULD LOOK LIKE AND THE CHALLENGES IT CAN BE TO GO THROUGH ITS EVOLUTION.

ON ONE SIDE THERE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY SITTING AT THIS TABLE AS A FIDUCIARY FOR THIS VILLAGE TAKING TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND SPENDING THAT. IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT CHOICE FOR ME ON ONE SIDE IT IS THE IMPACT, HISTORY AND PERSONAL SENTIMENTS ON THE OTHER SIDE IT IS THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY THAT I HAVE TAKEN ON AS AN OFFICIAL TO SIT AT THIS TABLE AND VOTE ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

AND ON ONE SIDE THE CHOICE IS CLEAR, BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE THE INFORMATION THAT IS IN FRONT OF ME AS A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY, IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE TO INVEST BASED ON WHAT I SEE HERE, RIGHT? BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT IS AVAILABLE TO US AND I HAVE BEEN KIND OF STRUGGLING OVER THAT.

IT HAS NOT BEEN EASY AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MOVING FORWARD, I WILL NOT SAY TOO MUCH, BUT WHAT I WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE TO SEE - LIKE WHAT TRUSTEE ROBINSON SAID, THE HUD REINSTATEMENT, THAT BEING A NECESSARY CONDITION, BUT NOT SUFFICIENT SO I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE ORDER AND OVERSIGHT THAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO ALONG WITH SOME ALIGNMENT TO FUTURE RELEVANCE AND WE HAVE HAD THIS CONVERSATION AND I HAVE HAD THIS CONVERSATION A FEW TIMES NOW I HAVE SAID THAT THE BOARD TABLE AS WELL SO THE HOUSING STUDY THAT WAS CONDUCTED WAS AN INTENTIONAL, YOU KNOW, EFFORT TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE NEED IN THIS COMMUNITY FROM A HOUSING PERSPECTIVE, RIGHT?

I KNOW IT LENDS A LITTLE MORE TOWARDS THE FORD ABILITY SAY, BUT YOU KNOW, THAT IS THE TEMPLATE WE HAVE INVESTED IN AND THAT IS WHERE WE ARE GOING SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE HOUSING CENTER FIND ITS RELEVANCE AS IT MOVES FORWARD AS FAR AS HOW THIS VILLAGE IS LOOKING AT HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITY.

THOSE TWO THINGS ARE VERY IMPORTANT SO THE FIRST ONE IS THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE HUD STATUS AND THE OTHER TWO ASPECTS THAT GO ALONG WITH THAT.

ONE IS THE FINANCIAL ORDER AND OVERSIGHT IN THE ALIGNMENT TO HER HOUSING STUDY.

SO THOSE BECOME INTEGRAL PART TO FUNDING.

AND NOW MY BIGGEST CONCERN IN SAYING THAT IS WHERE I LAND AS I AM NOT CERTAIN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION IS TENABLE FOR THAT PERIOD. SO WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE THE HOUSING CENTER IN THE NEAR TERM? IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, THREE MONTHS UNTIL WE GET TO THAT POINT? I DON'T THINK BASED ON EVERYTHING I AM HEARING THAT IT IS GOING TO BE VIABLE THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR MONTHS. IS THAT TRUE?

THAT'S PROBABLY THE ONLY QUESTION.

>> FOR THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM, YES.
JUST FOR THE LIVING OAK PARK PROGRAM.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THEN WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT IT ONCE THE HUD REINSTATEMENT HAPPENS SO THAT WILL BE WHERE MY THING IS. I'M INCAPABLE OF MAKING A DIFFERENT DECISION WHILE BEING A FIDUCIARY FOR THE VILLAGE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I LARGELY IN PART AGREE WITH A LOT OF WHAT MY COLLEAGUES SAID EARLIER BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN THROUGH SO MANY OF THESE DIFFERENT MEETINGS WITH STAFF. MEETINGS WITH, YOU KNOW, THE REST OF THE BOARD TO TRY TO COME TO SOME TYPE OF UNDERSTANDING. GONE TO THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER. PRO TEM PRESIDENT BUCHANAN HAS OFFERED HER TIME TO HELP IN THE AUDITING PROCESS.

IT SEEMED THAT TRUSTEE ROBINSON OFFERS SO MANY DIFFERENT IDEAS OF TRYING TO WORK WITH THIS ORGANIZATION.

OUR STAFF IS AMAZING.

I WILL ALWAYS SAY IT.

THEY ARE WILLING TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND, EVEN STUFF THAT WAS NOT HERE, I REMEMBER TAMMY PUTTING TIME, AND TIME AND I ALWAYS FELT SO BAD BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THEY WANTED TO SEE THIS SUCCESSFUL AS WELL.

THIS IS NEVER A, LET'S BE AS PUNITIVE AS WE CAN TO THIS ORGANIZATION BECAUSE I THINK SO MANY OF US MOVED OAK PARK UNDER THE SAME REASONS. I MOVED HERE WHEN I WAS FOUR YEARS OLD AND WHEN I STARTED TO HAVE MY FAMILY I DECIDED WE WOULD LIKE YOUR AND LOOK IN DENVER AND MY WIFE IS LIKE, I WANT TO OAK PARK PLACE OAK PARK WAS AWESOME AND THAT IS HOW IT HAS BEEN IN LARGE PART FOR OUR KIDS TO RAISE A FAMILY HERE MY SON SAYS HE WANTS TO TRAVEL THE WORLD, BUT COME BACK OAK PARK.

IT IS THE SAME FEELING THAT WE WANT TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT IS INTENTIONALLY PUSHING INTEGRATION.

WE WILL CONTINUOUSLY LOOK AT OTHER PLACES AND SAY THAT WE WANT TO DO BETTER.

THERE IS NEVER A, WE ARE OKAY WITH - THAT IS WHAT WE'RE STRIVING FOR. IT IS NOT THAT WE WANT TO SEE THIS ORGANIZATION.

WE WANT TO SEE HOW DO WE MAKE THIS ORGANIZATION BE WHAT IT IS FOR THE GENERATION BEFORE MY PARENTS CAME HERE AND FIGURING OUT HOW DO WE MAKE

THAT A POSSIBILITY, BUT IT IS VERY MUCH TO WHAT TRUSTEE WESLEY WAS SAYING BEFORE.

WHEN I LOOK FOR HOMES IN OAK PARK THAT WERE GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE FOR MY WIFE AND I AFTER THE APARTMENT KEPT GOING UP AND RENT AND NOT WORKING WITH US ANYMORE TO KEEP BRENT SLOAT SAID WE MAY AS WELL BUY A HOUSE AND WE CANNOT FIGURE OUT THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS IF WE WERE EVER ABLE TO BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY AFFORD THAT HOUSE AND BY SOME MIRACLE WE FOUND TWO HOUSES IN OAK PARK THAT WE COULD AFFORD AND IT STILL WAS OUT OF OUR PRICE RANGE, BUT WE JUST FIGURED, GOD WILL FIGURE A WAY FOR US TO GET THIS HOUSE AND HE WILL PROVIDE AND WE WERE ABLE TO GET A HOUSE THAT IS SO SAD BECAUSE I HATE HEARING, WHILE WHEN I GOT MY HOUSE, THIS IS HOW MUCH IT COST ME.

I'M SAYING IT WAS ONLY EIGHT YEARS AGO I BOUGHT A HOUSE AND I CANNOT BUY THE SAME HOUSE TODAY AT THAT SAME PRICE BECAUSE OF THE INTEREST RATES.

I COULD NOT AFFORD IT.

AND I CANNOT EVEN LOOK MY FRIENDS IN THE EYES WHO WANT TO MOVED OAK PARK AND SAY, YEAH, THERE'S A HOUSE FOR YOU HERE.

IT'S NOT EVEN AVAILABLE.

THE STOCK, LIKE YOU SAID IS NOT BUILT-UP TO CONTINUE THE RATE OF INTEGRATION INTO OAK PARK.

IT IS NOT EVEN THERE.

I GOT AN EMAIL TODAY FROM A COMMUNITY MEMBER THAT SAID THE BLACK ROMA AT LONGFELLOW IS DOWN 22% FROM WHEN THEY MOVED TO OAK PARK.

SO YOU ARE ALREADY SEEING THE STIFLING NUMBER HAPPEN AND YOU ARE SEEING LESS AND LESS HOUSING STOCK SO HOW ARE WE TRULY GOING TO ADDRESS THAT AND I WANT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO WORK WITH THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

I DO NOT WANT TO SAY THAT IT IS NOT GOING TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FIGURE OUT WHERE ALL OF THESE DISCREPANCIES WERE, HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT AND HOW DO WE MAKE SURE I TRUSTEE ROBINSON SAID, IT DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN BECAUSE NONE OF US WANT TO SEE THIS NOT EXIST.

JUST LIKE YOU ALL AWARE COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

WE ARE NOT PEOPLE WHO WERE FLOWN IN HERE.

WE ARE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT WORK HERE AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO SEE THE INTEGRATION, BUT IT IS VERY CHALLENGING.

IT IS SUPER CHALLENGING WHEN YOU SEE THESE REPORTS - I DID NOT MAKE UP THESE REPORTS.

I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION IF IT IS NOT FACTUAL, UNLESS I'M BEING TOLD OTHERWISE LIKE THE POSITION.

IF THERE'S OTHER WAYS WE CAN UNDERSTAND THIS - WE HAVE BEEN HERE FOR THREE YEARS TRYING TO FIGURE THIS OUT AND IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT JUST ONE MEETING CAN DO AND I TOLD VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON WHEN HE GOT THE JOB, HAMAN, YOUR HANDS ARE FULL, MAN.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE DOING A LOT OF WORK AND WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY TRYING
- OUR STAFF IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO MAKE THIS WORK.
I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS REALLY LATE MEETING.
I KNOW IT IS NOT AN EASY SUBJECT BUT MY DAD TELLS ME ALL THE TIME
ABOUT THIS INTEGRATION BEING THE REASON WHY HE LIVES HERE.
79 YEARS OLD FROM LAST WEEK WHEN HE HAD HIS BIRTHDAY.
LIKE I WILL DIE HERE MOST LIKELY.
HE WILL GO BACK TO NIGERIA, BUT THIS IS HIS HOME AS WELL.
I NEED TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO MAKE THIS AFFORDABLE TO HAVE OTHER PEOPLE
HAVE THAT DREAM.
THE TRUSTEE WESLEY SAID, PEOPLE COME HERE AND THEY DO NOT WANT TO
LEAVE THAT IS NOT A BAD THING, YOU KNOW, WE WANT THIS PLACE - WE SEE
OURSELVES AGING HERE WE SEE A COMMUNITY WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO LIVE IN
AND WE WANT TO GIVE THAT TO THE NEXT GENERATION, BUT WE HAVE TO BE
REALISTIC WITH HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THAT?
I THINK THE BEST WAY WE ACHIEVE THAT IS TO CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO OUR
VILLAGE STAFF AND UNDERSTAND, OKAY, WE HAVE OPTIONS AVAILABLE, ARE
THESE OPTIONS THAT WE CAN LIVE WITH?
IS THERE POSSIBILITY OF PAUSING THE PROGRAM?
IS THERE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING AT?
HOW DOES THAT LOOK AND I TRUST THAT YOU ALL WILL HAVE THAT
CONVERSATION AND CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS IT, BUT I KNOW WE RAN INTO A
VERY TOUGH SITUATION WITH THIS HUD THING.
I HOPE WE CAN GET THE FINDINGS BACK AND GET ON TRACK TO A MORE TENABLE
SITUATION AND THAT WE CAN CONTINUE FIGURE OUT HOW THIS EXISTS IN THE
FUTURE BECAUSE I KNOW IT HAS A PLACE.
>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: BEFORE I TURN THIS OVER TO PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
I HAD SOME CONCRETE QUESTIONS ACTUALLY.
IN TERMS OF THE VILLAGE HAVING TO RETURN FUNDS OF THE HOUSING CENTER
IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS A HUD APPROVED AGENCY I WANTED SOME CLARITY ON
THAT.
IT IS IMPORTANT TO REALIZE FOR EVERYBODY THAT THIS RECOGNITION IS NOT
THE PROGRAM WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.
THAT HUD RECOGNITION RELATES TO A DIFFERENT PROGRAM.
CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT WE TALK ABOUT THE LIVING OAK PARK
PROGRAM.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT HUD SAID OR HUD'S PROBATION.
THE PROBATION RELATES TO THE OTHER PROGRAM.
SO YOU ARE SAYING THAT HUD WOULD WANT THEIR MONEY BACK IF WHAT
EXACTLY?
>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I WILL HAVE NOMI EXPEND THAT.
NOMI, YOU SHOULD ALSO EXPLAIN WHAT WE KNOW ON THIS ISSUE.
>> ABSOLUTELY PRE-TO THANK YOU, MANAGER JACKSON.
I ALSO HAVE VANESSA WITH ME TO ADD ON TO ANYTHING I MAY SAY IN REGARDS
TO HUD.

YOU ARE CORRECT, THE HUD INACTIVATION STATUS WAS A RESULT OF THE WEST COOK HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM.

HOWEVER, AS A RESULT TO THAT, HUD IS PUTTING THE ENTIRE - IS REVIEWING THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION'S OPERATIONS.

DUE TO OUR CONTRACTUAL LANGUAGE THAT IS IN THE AGREEMENT, IT STATES THAT ANY AND ALL AGENCIES MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH HUD GUIDELINES.

SO HUD HAS STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THAT HOUSING CENTER BEING IN A PROBATIONARY STATUS DURING THIS PERIOD AND IT WAS EXTENDED UNTIL OCTOBER, IF WE WERE TO FUND THE ORGANIZATION, ANY CDBG DOLLARS DURING THE TIMEFRAME WHILE THEY ARE IN PROBATIONARY STATUS AND THEY ARE FOUND TO BE FULLY INACTIVE IN OCTOBER AND THAT CERTIFICATION REVOKED, WE WOULD BE LIABLE TO REPAY ANY DOLLARS GIVEN TO THE ORGANIZATION DURING THE INACTIVE OR PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: EVEN THOUGH IT IS A SEPARATE PROGRAM?

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>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THE PROBATION WAS EXTENDED BECAUSE THE CORRECTIONS WERE NOT MET?

>> THAT IS CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A HIGH LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY WILL NOT BE MET AGAIN, IN WHICH CASE THERE'S A HIGH LIKELIHOOD WE WILL HAVE TO PAY BACK?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

>> THERE IS A POSSIBILITY.

THE LAST UPDATE WE RECEIVED FROM HUD IS, YES, THE HOUSING CENTER WAS GIVEN A CERTIFICATE TO REINSTATE THE COUNSELING SERVICES, HOWEVER THAT DOES NOT REMOVE THE PROBATIONARY STATUS THAT WAS SET FORTH IN THE LETTER.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

QUESTION FOR STAFF OR DIRECTOR WILLIAMS, JUST ABOUT ALL OF OUR OTHER CDBG RECIPIENTS SEEM TO BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE DEADLINES.

FROM WONDERING IF THERE IS SOME REASON THAT THE HOUSING CENTER SHOULD BE GETTING THIS SPECIAL TREATMENT OVER THE YEARS?

WE CERTAINLY HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT IT FROM ANY OF THE OTHER AGENCIES AND AM WONDERING DOES HUD HAVE SOME HIGHER LEVEL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS?

MAYBE THAT IS THE REASON.

IN PREPARATION FOR THIS I ASKED FOR THE VILLAGE STAFF, FOR SOME DELIVERABLE TRACKING OVER THE YEARS BECAUSE THIS IS CERTAINLY BEEN AN ISSUE SINCE I HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD.

THE ISSUE OF MISSING DEADLINES, NOT REPORTING, NOT REPORTING.

SO QUICKLY THEY TURNED AROUND A TABLE THAT STARTS IN 2021 AND SHOWS THAT THE LAST TIME A DELIVERABLE WAS MEANT ON TIME - THERE IS ONE IN 12/21.

I DID NOT COUNT THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES IN THIS.
THERE ARE TWO THAT WERE ON TIME AND PROBABLY 20 DIFFERENT DATES.
THEY'RE NOT LATE BY A COUPLE OF WEEKS.
THEY ARE LATE BY MONTHS.
AND AS A GRANTS MANAGER MYSELF, I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS.
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO SAY TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU CANNOT MEET YOUR
REPORTING DEADLINES?
WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

>> SO WHEN - I DO NOT RECALL 21, BUT I KNOW IN 2020 WHEN I FIRST
BECAME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AS I WAS LEARNING THE DIFFERENT PROCESSES
AND TRYING TO LEARN HOW TO DO THE VOUCHER, WE HAD A PERMIT, ESPECIALLY
WE WERE SHORT DURING COVID, WE HAD A PERIOD WHERE WE WERE LATE AND
FINED BY THE VILLAGE FOR THAT.

OTHER THAN THAT PARTICULAR ONE, I DON'T RECALL -

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: 17 TIMES THE AGENCY WAS LATE IN 21 AND 22 AND
THAT IS NOT COUNTING.

>> IS THAT DAYS?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: REFERRING TO SEPTEMBER PRE-MARCH TO JUNE.
THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T KNOW THIS IS MIND BLOWING?

>> I WAS ONLY LATE ONCE, RIGHT.

THERE IS A DISCONNECT.

THERE WAS LATE IN 2020 - IT WAS LATE IN 2020.

>> I HAVE MARCH DELIVERABLE SPEED MARCH 2021, WAS NOT SUBMITTED
UNTIL JUNE.

ANNUAL FUNDED POSITIONS, DUE IN MARCH, DELIVERED IN JUNE.

APRIL DELIVERABLES.

DO IN APRIL, TURNED IN IN JUNE.

JULY DELIVERABLES, DUE IN AUGUST, TURNED IN SEPTEMBER.

SEPTEMBER DELIVERABLES, DUE IN OCTOBER, TURNED IN IN DECEMBER.

I COULD GO ON 17 TIMES.

>> COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR AND SHARE THAT WITH US AND LET US
COMPARED TO WHAT WE HAVE?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I DON'T KNOW WHY IT IS NECESSARY, I GUESS I
HAVE TO SAY.

IT IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE DEPTH OF THIS QUAGMIRE.

I MEAN, WILL YOU AGREE THERE IS A QUAGMIRE GOING ON HERE?

AND IT LEAVES ALL OF US IN A REALLY DIFFICULT POSITION AS YOU CAN SEE.

YOU HAVE BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE SO PASSIONATE ABOUT THE DIVERSITY IN
OAK PARK AND SO PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR WORK.

NOBODY HERE, NOBODY HERE SAYS THEY DO NOT VALUE DIVERSITY IN OAK PARK
IN MEETING OUR MISSION.

SO IT I THINK IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THIS BOARD IS VERY SUPPORTIVE, BUT
OUR MINDS ARE BLOWN BY THIS FINANCIAL DISASTER.

AND IT LEAVES US IN A REALLY DIFFICULT POSITION.

I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP TRACK OF WHO IS AWARE ON THIS AND I AM WITH TRUSTEE STRAW THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ALTERNATIVE IS.

THIS IS REALLY PAINFUL FOR ME AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE MAY HAVE MAJORITY OF ALTERNATIVE ONE, WHICH IS CONTINUING TO NOT FUND YOU, WHICH AGAIN IS MIND BLOWING AND ILLUSTRATIVE OF WHAT A COMPLETE FINANCIAL QUAGMIRE THIS IS.

HOW UNACCEPTABLE THIS FINANCIAL QUAGMIRE IS.

PRESIDENT SCAMAN, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, THINK - THANK YOU FOR LEADING THE MEETING TONIGHT, SUSAN.

IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ARE FAIRLY TOGETHER AND THAT WE BELIEVE IN INTEGRATION REQUIRES INTENTIONALITY.

THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER HAS BEEN A VALUED PARTNER, THE TRUE CHAMPION OF OUR HISTORICAL SUCCESS.

WHEN RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE AND IN MY EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU, ATHENA AND STAFF REFERENCE AND SUPPORTED A HOUSING STUDY 2+ YEARS AGO WITH THE INTENTION THAT THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER WOULD BE A PARTNER IN WHAT IMPLEMENTATION WOULD LOOK LIKE.

OUR CONVERSATIONS WERE ABOUT BETTER DEFINING A CONTRACT THAT IS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.

MATCHING TALENTS WITH OUR NEEDS BUT YOU HAVE NOT RISEN TO THAT OCCASION.

PERHAPS ONE COULD ARGUE THAT NOT EVERY HISTORICAL TRUSTEE HAS ALWAYS SHARED THE OPINION THAT INTEGRATION REQUIRES INTENTIONALITY.

YOU DID NOT HEAR THAT FROM MY COLLEAGUES TONIGHT AND IT IS CERTAINLY NOT EVIDENT IN CURRENT STAFF ENGAGEMENT AND OUR BOARD GOALS.

WE WOULD PREFER TO NOT BE IN THIS POSITION.

WE DID NOTHING TO CREATE THIS CHALLENGE AND WE HAVE DONE NOTHING, BUT TRY TO HELP.

AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A VILLAGE.

THE ACCOUNTABILITY IS ON YOU AT THIS POINT, THE DISAPPOINTMENT AND THREATENING OUR RATES OF INTEGRATION IS NOT APPROPRIATELY ON THIS BOARD.

I BELIEVE OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD BE HOLDING YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE THE LOSS OF A 50+ YEAR RELATIONSHIP THAT WE ALL VALUE.

I DO BELIEVE YOU HAVE EXTREMELY TALENTED STAFF AND THE IDEA THAT THE HOUSING CENTER IS THREATENED BECAUSE OF POOR MANAGEMENT IS SOMETHING I CAN NO LONGER IGNORE.

ALL OF THIS IS SO VERY SAD BECAUSE WHAT I REALLY WANTED TO DO TONIGHT IS TO STILL FIND THAT PATH FORWARD.

AND SO ANYBODY OUT THERE STILL LISTENING - WHETHER IT IS THE VILLAGE THAT IS NOT THE GOOD PARTNER SHOULD RELISTEN TO THAT PUBLIC COMMENT, RELISTEN TO YOUR INITIAL INTRODUCTION AND THEN WONDER HOW EXACTLY IS IT THAT YOU SHOW UP TO MEETINGS.

HOW EXACTLY IS IT THAT YOU ARE WORKING TO SOLVE THESE CHALLENGES?
YOUR DISAPPOINTING YOUR STAFF, YOUR DISAPPOINTING THIS COMMUNITY.
I ACTUALLY DO KNOW THAT YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE EXTENDED A GREAT
AMOUNT OF ENERGY IN PREVENTING THIS MOMENT AS WELL.
I WOULD SUGGEST THAT RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK THAT WISH TO GIVE THE
HOUSING CENTER SUPPORT SO THAT YOU CAN BE A PART OF OUR FUTURE AND
INTENTIONALLY INTEGRATING MAY CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING AND WORKING WITH
THE HOUSING CENTER THE WAY THAT MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD HAVE.
BEFORE YOU COME HERE AND CRITICIZE US.
I GUARANTEE YOU, ATHENA, THAT IF YOU WERE ABLE TO HOLD A SUCCESSFUL
FUNDRAISER AROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOMEOWNERSHIP AND INTEGRATION
THAT IF THE CONFIDENCE EXISTED IN OUR VILLAGE YOU WOULD MAKE MONEY.
SO IT SOUNDS AS IF TONIGHT THE DISCUSSION WE ARE HEARING IS THAT WE DO
NOT FEEL CONFIDENT IN CONTINUING THE FUNDING AT THIS TIME.
I WOULD HIGHLY SUGGEST THAT, YOU KNOW, THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE IN A
MEETING, ATHENA, YOU AND YOUR BOARD ARE GOING TO WORK DILIGENTLY ON
HOW IT IS THAT YOU WERE GOING TO COME TO THIS MEETING AND BE ABLE TO
DEMONSTRATE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION.
AND THEY TRUSTED THAT THAT IS WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
ALL I HEARD WAS A LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY.
I AM DEVASTATED THAT THIS IS THE INEVITABLE REALITY.
IT DEVASTATED.
WE CAN NO LONGER PUT THE BLAME ON THE VILLAGE.
THAT IS NOT WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE AT THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY.
I WOULD STILL ENTERTAIN ONGOING DIALOGUE AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN OUR
HOUSING STUDY.
IN THE HOPES THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS TONIGHT IS A REIMAGINING OF WHAT
ACTUALLY PARTNERING WITH THE VILLAGE IS.
AND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: ARE YOU CONCLUDED WITH HER COMMENTS,
PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DON'T THINK I HAVE HEARD ANYTHING COME OUT
OF THE BOARD SO I THINK THE CONSENSUS IS WHAT IT IS.
NUMBER ONE AT THIS TIME.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: MANAGER JACKSON, DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE
SUFFICIENT DIRECTION?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES I DO AND I WANT TO ADD THAT AS WE CLOSE
OUT, YOU KNOW, WE FOR THE LAST YEAR AND 1/2, WE REORGANIZED THE
VILLAGE.

WE COMPLETED A HOUSING STUDY AND A STRATEGIC PLAN.

WE HAVE BEGUN A RACIAL EQUITY STUDY AND ON OUR WAY TO A RACIAL EQUITY
ACTION PLAN.

WE CONTINUE TO INVITE THE HOUSING CENTER TO PARTICIPATE IN WHAT IT
LOOKS LIKE WITH THOSE INITIATIVES PAY TO THE OTHER THING I THINK IS
IMPORTANT TO AMPLIFY PART OF THE REORGANIZATION SUITE STRIPPING

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FOCUS, STRENGTH, AND LEADERSHIP ON HOUSING AND OTHER ISSUES AS WELL. SUSTAINABILITY AS WELL, BUT HOUSING IS THE ISSUE TONIGHT, AS WELL AS TRYING TO MODERNIZE RACIAL INTEGRATION. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO EMPHASIZE PARTNERSHIPS LEADERSHIP IN THE AREA.

THE OTHER THING IS WE ALSO HAVE A DEI OFFICE. YOU HAVE THREE DIRECTORS COME TO MOMENT SERVICES, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, AND THE OFFICE OF DEI THAT STANDS READY TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE HOUSING CENTER TO HELP RESOLVE THESE ISSUES AND FIND A COLLABORATIVE WAY TO MOVE THE VILLAGE FORWARD ON RACIAL INTEGRATION TO THE FUTURE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU.

I HESITATE TO GO BACK TO THE BOARD, BUT BECAUSE OF THE GRAVITY OF THE ISSUE I WANT TO ASK IF ANYBODY HAS ANYTHING ELSE TO ADD. ALRIGHT. THANK YOU DIRECTOR WILLIAMS.

>> I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE TRUSTEES, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND VILLAGE STAFF AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN STILL WORK TOGETHER AND FIND A PATH FORWARD. THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, MICHAEL.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM, WHICH IS A PRESENTATION ON EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER IN OAK PARK.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: TRUSTEE IN A OR PRESIDENT PRO TEM BUCHANAN.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: AND GETTING USED TO THIS, NO.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

WE COULD CONSIDER, GIVEN THE TIME, WE COULD CONSIDER RESCHEDULING AND TABLING THE PRESENTATION ON THE SHELTER. INITIATIVE UNTIL 7/9, JULY 9 IF THAT IS THE BOARD'S WILL. WE WOULD BE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: BECAUSE THERE'S A LACK OF URGENCY ON THE NEED FOR BEDS?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I WOULD NOT SAY THERE IS A LACK OF URGENCY, BUT WE UNDERSTAND IF WE DO THE PRESENTATION ON THIS NIGHT WE WOULD STILL BE ON OUR TIMELINE TO MOVE FORWARD. IS THAT?

THAT IS FAIR?

OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: ALRIGHT.

ALL RIGHT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES, YES.

>> SO MOVED.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: NO MOTION NECESSARY.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: DO WE KNOW WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THAT?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: NO PUBLIC COMMENT.
ALL RIGHT, EXCELLENT.

I LOVE THAT IDEA.

WE WILL MOVE ITEM P TO ANOTHER BOARD MEETING PROPOSED FOR JULY 9.
THANK YOU FOR THAT.

DO YOU HAVE A SIMILAR SUGGESTION FOR THE NEXT ITEM?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I WISH.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: WE WILL GO TO THE NEXT ITEM, ITEM Q, WHICH IS A MOTION TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM TRANSITION TO THE BAGGING MODEL FROM 2024-25 AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE THE ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS.

I NEED A MOTION.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: AWESOME.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: - -

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: YES.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I NEED A MOTION.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: ALRIGHT. MANAGER JACKSON?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THIS WAS A MOTION THAT WAS INITIATED BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.
I'M SORRY?

>> WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS GET BACK TO THE CLERK.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WE WANT TO ALLOW TRUSTEE ENYIA AND TRUSTEE PARAKKAT TO SPEAK TO THE MOTION.

THE STAFF IS PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ALSO FROM A COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - WE WANT TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE WITH THE PLANNING FOR THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS AROUND THE FALL LEAF COLLECTION AND MOVING TO A BAG PROGRAM.

THE STAFF IS HERE AND PREPARED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, BUT FIRST WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO ALLOW TRUSTEE ENYIA AND TRUSTEE PARAKKAT TO SPEAK TO THE MOTION.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: SORRY, DID NOT ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
GO AHEAD.

EITHER ONE OF YOU?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THOSE, MANAGER JACKSON.
I THINK THE IMPETUS BEHIND THE MOTION WAS WE ARE GOING INTO A PERIOD WHERE I THINK THERE IS A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY WITH OUR NEIGHBORS HERE IN

OAK PARK, ESPECIALLY OUR SENIORS AND THOSE THAT ARE DISABLED AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS IS GOING TO IMPACT THE LEAF BAGGING PROGRAM.

NOT JUST HER SENIORS AND DISABLED, BUT RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK THAT ARE NOT USED TO TAKING ON SOME OF THIS EXTRA WORK THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO FULLY FULFILL THIS NEW LEAF BAGGING PROGRAM, WHICH ISN'T SOMETHING THAT THEY ARE TYPICALLY USED TO DOING, PLUS THERE IS LANDSCAPING SERVICES AND OTHERS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY THIS, WHICH WOULD CAUSE AN UNDUE BURDEN IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.

IF WE'RE GOING TO START A PROGRAM LIKE THIS YOU DON'T WANT TO START A PROGRAM KNOWING IT WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL.

WE WANT TO START THE PROGRAM STARTING OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT AND MAKE SURE THE COMMUNICATION IS THERE AND I MAY HAVE JUMPED EARLY ON THIS ONE.

I DID NOT ALLOW STAFF TO FINISH PUTTING TOGETHER THE PRESENTATION AND I AM EXCITED TO GO THROUGH IT ALL.

NO OUR STAFF IS VERY CAPABLE OF PUTTING SOMETHING TOGETHER, BUT I STILL DO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME VERY CONFUSED RESIDENTS AS TO WHAT THIS IS, WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE FOR THEM.

IN FALL COMES IN I DO NOT WANT THAT TO BE A - - 20% OF OUR VILLAGE DOING THIS PROGRAM AND NOBODY ELSE UNDERSTANDING HOW TO DO THIS PROPERLY.

GOING BACK AND FORTH TO MY DENSE HOUSE AND MAKING SURE THE LEAVES ARE TAKING CARE OF THE RIGHT WAY.

SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GIVING AMPLE TIME FOR THIS PROCESS. THAT THERE'S GRACE THAN THE PROCESS AND THAT WE ARE EDUCATING OAK PARKERS ON THIS BECAUSE EVEN IN THE COMMENTS THAT WE CONTINUOUSLY GET IN, IT SEEMS LIKE THERE IS A LACK OF EDUCATION, NOT ON OUR END, BUT LACK OF EDUCATION FOR SOME OF THE OAK PARKERS.

I'M EXCITED TO HEAR THE PRESENTATION AND TO SEE FOR THE VILLAGERS TO SEE WHERE THEY CAN GO TO GET THIS INFORMATION, HOW THEY CAN STAY IN TUNE WITH THE NEW FALL PROGRAM.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT TRUSTEE ENYIA MOTIONED THIS AND MY CONCERNS - I ACTUALLY VOTED NO ON THIS THE LAST TIME AROUND AND MY CONCERNS STILL REMAIN.

ONE IS THE EQUITY CONCERNS FOR THE OLDER POPULATION THAT WE HAVE, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE SAY THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE AGING IN PLACE. ESPECIALLY SEEING THAT THIS IS THE LARGEST GROWING DEMOGRAPHIC IN OAK PARK, SO WE COMBINE ASPECTS TOGETHER THAT WE WANT TO HELP PEOPLE AGE IN PLACE AND IF THAT IS THE LARGEST GROWING DEMOGRAPHIC WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE SATISFY THEIR NEEDS.

SO FROM AN EQUITY PERSPECTIVE I HAVE CONCERNS AND THEN FROM A PEER COST PERSPECTIVE IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND A CALCULATION THAT SUGGESTS THAT YOU WILL ADD THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF

BAGS, WHICH REPRESENTS FRESH MATERIAL INTO THE EQUATION AND MAKE IT COST NEUTRAL OR COST POSITIVE.

SO THAT EQUATION DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO ME AT ALL.

SO FROM A COST PERSPECTIVE I SEE US HAVING A CHALLENGE AND THEN REGARDLESS OF WHERE WE PAY IT FROM.

WHETHER IT IS TAXPAYER DOLLARS OR RESIDENTS PAY.

IT IS AN ADDITIONAL COST IN THE SYSTEM THE THIRD IS THERE IS MUCH SAID ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY AND I BELIEVE WHILE THERE ARE STILL SOME SUSTAINABLE BENEFITS FROM SUSTAINABILITY PERSPECTIVE THERE ARE ALSO COLUMNS.

THERE IS NEW MATERIAL BAGS BEING ADDED.

GLUE USED TO STICK THE BAGS TOGETHER.

A TRANSPORTATION OF THE BAGS.

THERE ARE MANY ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY THAT COME INTO THE EQUATION AND WE CAN SAY LEAVE THE LEAVES THERE AND TAKE ONE ASPECT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND SAY THAT IS THE PARAMOUNT MAKE THE CASE BASED ON THAT, BUT THAT IS NOT WHERE I AM AT.

SO BASED ON ALL OF THESE FACTORS I WAS NEVER BEHIND MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS.

SO IF I HAD MY WAY I WOULD PUT IT ON REFERENDUM AND GET THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION IN FULL SO THAT WE HAVE THAT AS THE BASIS FOR MOVING FORWARD.

IF THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO ME, THEN THE NEXT BEST OPTION WOULD BE TO DELAY IT SO WE HAVE AMPLE TIME TO PREPARE FOR THAT EVENTUALITY.

SO THAT IS WHY I SECONDED THE MOTION, BUT MY PREFERENCE WOULD STILL BE TO PLACE IT ON A REFERENDUM.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: ANYBODY ELSE?

TRUSTEE WESLEY?

THAT WAS A GOOD START.

EXCELLENT START.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN:

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I AM A MILLION% AGAINST A REFERENDUM FOR LEAVES.

COME ON, DUDE!

WE ALL WENT TO A PROCESS IN THE COMMUNITY WAYS IN AND SAYS, HEY, YOU, SEVEN PEOPLE I WANT YOU TO REPRESENT ME AND MAKE DECISIONS ON MY BEHALF AND WE HAVE APPOINTED STAFF.

WE HAVE APPOINTED COMMISSIONS THAT ADVISE US AND ULTIMATELY WHEN I READ THE MINUTES BACK, THE NAMES THAT ARE RECORDED ARE AS VOTES FOR OR AGAINST OR ABSTAINING OUR HOURS.

SO WHATEVER DECISION WE MAKE ON THIS I THINK IT SHOULD BE THE DECISION OF THIS BOARD, THE SEVEN OF US AND NOT SENDING THIS TO A REFERENDUM WHERE THEIR COMMUNITY CAN THEN TELL US WHAT TO DO WITH OUR LEAVES.

WE HAVE SPENT ENTIRELY TOO MUCH TIME TALKING ABOUT LEAVES AT THIS BOARD TABLE IN ALL HONESTY.

IT IS NOT JUST LEAF COLLECTION, LEAF BLOWERS, IT IS FRUSTRATING ME AND AFTER 10:00 O'CLOCK.

HOLD ON, HOLD ON.

AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, LET'S JUST MAKE THE DECISION AND DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES.

WHICH I THOUGHT WE DID, BUT I GET IT, WE BROUGHT IT BACK AND I'M FINE WITH THAT AS WE BROUGHT IT BACK WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT IT MORE AND SOME OF THE FOLKS WANT TO DELAY IT AND SOME DON'T.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE MOTION TODAY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I VOTED FOR THE FALL WHEN THIS ORIGINALLY CAME BEFORE US AND I WILL KEEP CONSISTENT WITH MY VOTE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: SORRY I DID NOT ALLOW YOU TO START YOUR PRESENTATION.

IT DID YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION MAC.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING, BUT I ALSO WANTED TO GIVE ROB AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT PLANNING FOR THE OPERATION IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY MAYBE ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES AROUND COST AND HOW WE PLAN TO DEAL WITH SUPPORT FOR NORMAL POPULATIONS AND SPECIFICALLY SPEAKING TO THE LOGISTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF A POTENTIAL DELAY.

I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO THAT AND WE CAN GIVE AN UPDATE.

WE'VE CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER HERE.

A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM HERE TO TALK ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS.

ROB?

>> PROBABLY - SORRY, ROB SPROULE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, GOOD EVENING, AS A VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON WAS SAYING, IN TERMS OF THE MOTION ON THE TABLE, THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO ENGAGE AROUND IS THE IDEA OF WHAT A DEPOSIT COULD POTENTIALLY LOOK LIKE AND SO AS SOON AS WE KIND OF - LRS IS A MAJOR PARTNER IN THE PROGRAM AND WE REACHED OUT TO THEM TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF REVERTING BACK TO THE HISTORIC PROGRAM FOR 2024 MOVING IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS BAGGING PROGRAM TO 2025.

AS YOU SAW IN THE BACKGROUND, WE ENGAGE THEM IN A CONVERSATION AND REALLY WHAT WE HEARD FROM THEM IS THAT THEY CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THEY COULD SUPPORT THEIR TRADITIONAL LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM IN THE FALL OF 2024 AT THIS TIME.

SO WHEN THE DIRECTION CAME IN THE AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, THEY IMMEDIATELY STARTED TO TRANSITION TO THIS NEW MODEL THAT INVOLVED CANCELING SOME EXISTING CONTRACTS THAT THEY HAD IN PLACE FOR THE RENTAL OF THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT THAT THEY WOULD UTILIZE WITH OUR PROGRAM.

THEY LEVERAGED THAT FUNDING TO PURCHASE A NEW ADDITIONAL COLLECTION TRUCK TO SUPPORT THIS NEW MODEL AND THEY STARTED TO HIRE FULL-TIME DRIVERS TO BRING THEM ON AND GET THEM UP TO SPEED ANY TIMEFRAME THAT WOULD MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR PROGRAM AND SO THEY DID REACH OUT TO THEIR

EXISTING CONTRACTOR OR THEIR EXISTING SUPPLIER FOR EQUIPMENT AND THEY ARE UNABLE TO SECURE THAT EQUIPMENT AT THIS TIME.

THINGS COULD POTENTIALLY CHANGE LATER IN THE YEAR IF WE STARTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS FURTHER, BUT THEY CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THEY CAN SUPPORT THE TRADITIONAL MODEL AT THIS TIME.

SO WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN?

IT WOULD MEAN THE ONLY GUARANTEED PROGRAM THAT WE CAN PROVIDE AT THIS TIME WOULD BE ONE THAT IS SUPPORTED BY VILLAGE STAFF.

SO THAT WOULD BE A PUBLIC WORKS DRIVEN PROGRAM THE SCALE OF THE PROGRAM WOULD DEPEND UPON THE NEGOTIATIONS WE CAN HAVE WITH LRS AS IT RELATES TO THE COLLECTION OF LEAVES IN THE VILLAGE BY THE TRUCKS.

WHETHER THEY ARE OPEN TO THAT IDEA.

IF WE ARE THE ONES THAT WOULD BE POTENTIALLY LOADING THEM OR WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD NEED TO BRING THE MATERIAL ALL THE WAY TO THE TRANSFER STATION IN MAYWOOD, BUT YOU ARE LOOKING AT A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM IN TERMS OF STAFF DEDICATED IN THIS CASE.

IT WOULD EXCEED THE CAPACITY OF OUR STREETS DIVISION SO WE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT STANDING DOWN MULTIPLE DIVISIONS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE CAPACITY FOR THAT PROGRAM.

HISTORICALLY WHEN THE VILLAGE DID THIS BACK IN THE 90s, THE DEPARTMENT LOOKED VERY DIFFERENT.

AT THAT TIME WE ACTUALLY SUPPORTED ALL OF THE IN-HOUSE REFUGE SERVICES AND STAFF ACROSS THE DIVISION WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN IT IS THESE DAYS AND SO WE ARE LOOKING AT STANDING DOWN MULTIPLE DIVISIONS, AS I SAID.

THAT WOULD IMPACT OTHER CORE SERVICES DURING THAT TIMEFRAME AND IF WE WERE TO HAVE SOME SORT OF EVENT OCCURRED DURING THAT TIME, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SIGNIFICANT, POTENTIALLY IMPACTING RESPONSE TO THE EVENT AND OUR ABILITY TO THEN PICK UP THE LEAVES AS WELL.

ONLY THING WE COULD GUARANTEE AT THIS POINT IS DEDICATING THE STAFF.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO HIRE THOSE SERVICES, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO FIND THE CONTRACTOR THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO DEDICATE STUFF FOR A PROGRAM OF THIS TYPE.

THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT ARE TYPICALLY LARGER CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES OR WATER AND SEWER COMPANIES AND THERE IS PROBABLY WORK THAT PAYS HIM A LOT MORE THAN US PUSHING THEM TO PUSH LEAVES.

- - IN TERMS OF COST.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT EQUIPMENT COST.

FUEL COST INCREASES AND THEN THE OPPORTUNITY LOST FOR OTHER SERVICES THAT WE TYPICALLY PROVIDE DURING THE SAME TIMEFRAME, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THINGS LIKE LITTER PICKUP, GARBAGE PICKUP, WATER SERVICE UPGRADES, TREE PRUNING AND THE STUMPING, PAVEMENT RESTORATION, STREETLIGHT REPAIRS AND ALSO THIS EQUIPMENT IS EQUIPMENT THAT DURING THE SAME TIMEFRAME WE ARE STARTING TO STAND UP AND PREP FOR

SNOWPLOWING AND IF THIS EQUIPMENT NEEDS TO BE IN A CONDITION AND STATE BEING USED ON A DAILY BASIS WERE PUSHING LEAVES WE CANNOT GET IT READY FOR SNOWPLOWING SO IT'S A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE THERE. LOGISTICALLY THIS WOULD BE CHALLENGING AND LIKELY PRETTY EXPENSIVE, BOTH FROM AN OPPORTUNITY LOST AND THEN ALSO FOR THE OVERTIME ASSOCIATED WITH TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH EXISTING CORE SERVICES AT THE TIME.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

DID YOU WANT TO DO THE PRESENTATION ON THE ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN? WE HAVE IT ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA.

>> SO AS WE WERE PREPARING PRIOR TO THIS MOTION, WE WERE PLANNING TO COME TO THE BOARD THIS EVENING TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON ARC MEDICATIONS PLAN.

AFTER WE HAVE KIND OF DISCUSSED THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCESS, WE WERE ALWAYS PLANNING ON BEGINNING OUR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ROLLOUT OF OUR JULY FYI.

A SENSE APRIL WE SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH A5 AND JOHN HARRIS TO HELP US CRAFT THE MESSAGING AND THE MATERIALS THAT WOULD BE GOING OUT TO THE PUBLIC AND YOU SEE SOME OF THOSE DRAFT DOCUMENTS IN THE AGENDA ITEM AS WELL.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THE QUESTION IS HOW JOHN HARRIS FEELS ABOUT RAKING LEAVES.

>> DAN IS HERE TO GIVE THAT UPDATE BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COMMUNICATION DIVISION AND ALSO WE DO HAVE SOME FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON UPDATES ON THE FINANCIAL AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO KIND OF SUPPORT GROUPS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THAT MAY BE ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO COMPLY OR HAVE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS.

I THINK MAYBE THE NEXT STEP IS TO HAVE DAN WALK THROUGH OUR PROPOSED PLAN IS WITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND WE CAN TOUCH ON WHERE THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FITS IN WITH THOSE YOU WILL SEE THOSE THINGS POP UP AS WE GO THROUGH THE TIMELINE. THAT SOUND GOOD?

>> THAT SOUNDS GREAT AND INCLUDING THE REBATE SO WE CAN GIVE A QUICK SUMMARY OF WHAT WE'RE PLANNING FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT PART OF THAT IS COMING BACK PERIODICALLY TO THE BOARD TO GIVE UPDATES.

ALL THE WAY THREE.

LEADING UP AND THROUGH THE LEAF COLLECTION.

QUICK THANK YOU ROB AND MANAGER JACKSON.

MY NAME IS DANNY (NAME?) I'M THE CHIEF MEDICATIONS OFFICER AND JOINING US TONIGHT IS JOHN HARRIS FROM A5 WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSE WITH JOHN AND HIS TEAM FOR ABOUT THE TEST - COMING UP WITH THE FRAMEWORK THAT YOU WILL SEE TONIGHT.

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSER WITH PUBLIC WORKS GOING BACK SIX OR SEVEN WEEKS SINCE THEN PAID EVEN THOUGH WE ARE NOT PRESENTED TO THE BOARD YET COMEAU WE HAVE BEEN WORKING PRETTY HARD ON THIS.

SO THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM WE HAVE COME UP WITH WITH A5 IS FOURFOLD TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE NEW PROGRAM, OBVIOUSLY THINGS ARE CHANGING AS WAS MENTIONED.

THERE ARE NO CHOICES - THERE WERE CHOICES BEFORE, BUT THERE ARE STILL CHOICES FOR HOW YOU CAN HANDLE YOUR LEAF REMOVAL IN THE FALL.

WE NEED TO BROADCAST THOSE CHANGES.

AS ROBERT MENTIONED OUR PLAN IS CENTERED AROUND KICKING UP THAT PART OF THE CAMPAIGN IN JULY.

WE ALSO WANT TO ACTIVATE THE VOLUNTEER BASE TO HELP IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

I THINK IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE, EVERYBODY IS FAMILIAR WITH THE SNOW SHOVELING PROGRAM THAT WE DO FOR SENIORS WHO MAY NEED ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO ENGAGE NEIGHBORS, YOUNG PEOPLE, ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT FOLKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE TO HELP WITH THIS EFFORT IN DIFFERENT WAYS AND ALSO TO PROMOTE SOME OF THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE THROUGH EVENTS THAT WILL BE TAKING PLACE THROUGH THE SUMMER AND INTO THE FALL.

I WILL NOT SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON THIS, BUT THIS IS THE CAMPAIGN TONE THAT WE ARE TAKING.

WE WANT TO BE INFORMATIVE FOR PEOPLE AND WE WANT TO BE EDUCATIONAL AND INTERACTIVE AND WE WANT TO BE NEIGHBORLY.

OBVIOUSLY IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS NEW AND IT WILL TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO AND SOME BUMPS ON THE ROAD, BUT I THINK NEIGHBORS CAN HELP ONE ANOTHER IN REALLY ACCOMPLISHING WHAT WE WANT TO GET DONE HERE.

THIS LIGHT HERE GIVES A LITTLE BIT OF A SNAPSHOT OF THE DIFFERENT COLLATERAL THAT WE ARE PLANNING.

SO WE ALREADY CREATED A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION DOCUMENT THAT LIVES ON OUR WEBSITE.

IT WAS PUBLISHED TWO DAYS BEFORE DAY IN OUR VILLAGE AND THERE WERE HARDCOPIES THAT DAY IN OUR VILLAGE.

THERE IS A QR CODE HERE AT VILLAGE HALL AND IF YOU'RE IN THE ROOM RIGHT NOW YOU WANT TO SCAN THAT TO GET A DETAILED LOOK AT A LOT OF THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, THAT IS SOMETHING WE WORKED WITH, PUBLIC WORKS ERICA AND ROB DID A LOT OF WORK ON PUTTING THAT TOGETHER WE RESHAPED IT OR REFUND A LITTLE BIT FROM ACHE MEDICATION STANDPOINT WE SHARED IT WITH JOHN AND HIS TEAM AS WELL WE THOUGHT WE REALLY TRIED TO COVER A LOT OF THINGS RIGHT UP FRONT THAT PEOPLE NEEDED TO KNOW AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS A LIVING DOCUMENT AND IT WILL CHANGE BETWEEN JUNE 18 AND WHEN THE LEAVES START TO FALL.

I MENTIONED A FEW TIMES THE NEW STORY FOR THE JULY/AUGUST FYI.

WE HAVE A A VERSION AND B VERSION IN THE QUEUE RIGHT NOW DEPENDING ON HOW THIS SHAKES OUT.

WE SHOULD STILL BE HITTING MAILBOXES AROUND JULY 8 OR SO.
YOU CAN BE LOOKING FOR THAT.

THE DRAFT OF THE ARTICLE IS ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA TONIGHT SO THE BOARD MEMBERS AND ANYBODY IN THE PUBLIC CAN TAKE A LOOK AT HOW WE ARE MESSAGING THAT.

WE WILL BE BUILDING A DEDICATED RESOURCE PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE THAT WILL HOUSE A LOT OF THE TOOLS THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE CAMPAIGN, WHETHER IT IS THE INFORMATION, THE VOLUNTEER PORTALS, THOSE SORTS OF THINGS, SOCIAL MEDIA OBVIOUSLY IS A BIG COMPONENT FOR WHAT WE DO.

WHETHER IT IS THROUGH IMAGERY, THROUGH INFOGRAPHICS, THROUGH THE GREAT VIDEOS THAT JILL WILL DO.

WE ARE TRYING TO THINK OF GREAT WAYS TO SHOOT VIDEOS ABOUT LEAVES ABOUT LEAVES BEING AVAILABLE TO US BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.

IF ANYBODY CAN DO IT, JOE CERTAINLY CAN.

THEN A LOT OF DESIGN MATERIALS THAT IS WHAT WE ARE REALLY LEANING HEAVILY ON A5 AND JOHN AND HIS TEAM.

THE INFOGRAPHICS OUTLINING CHOICES AND BENEFITS, DIFFERENT DIGITAL AND PRINT ADVERTISEMENTS THAT YOU WILL SEE IN THE LATER STAGES OF THE CAMPAIGN, IN ADDITION TO THE TWO OP FIIS THAT WILL BE DELIVERED BETWEEN NOW AND LEAF SEASON WHERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ADDITIONAL DOOR HANGERS, FLYERS, POSTERS AND THOSE SORTS OF THINGS AND FINALLY DIFFERENT EVENTS AND ACTIVATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS AND INTO THE EARLY FALL, WHETHER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS WITH DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES.

YOU WILL SEE THE TIMELINE, COMING UP SHORTLY.

WE'VE LISTED OUT FOR THEIR ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE AGING IN PLACE COMMISSION WITH THE DISPARITY ACCESS COMMISSION, UPDATING THE BOARD REGULARLY, AS WELL AS ANY GROUPS WE FEEL WILL BENEFIT FROM RECEIVING THIS MESSAGING.

AGAIN, THIS NEXT TWO SLIDES LN THE FOUR AUDIENCES BUT I WILL SKIP TO THOSE QUICKLY FOR THE SAKE OF TIME, BUT IT BREAKS DOWN WHICH OF THE COLLATERAL MATERIALS TEND TO FALL INTO THE DIFFERENT BUCKETS.

SO I WANT SKIP AHEAD TO THE TIME WHEN WE ARE OBVIOUSLY IN MID JUNE, COMING UP ON JULY THIS IS REALLY WHEN WE ENVISION STARTING TO ROLL THINGS OUT.

WE MENTIONED THE OP FYI ANNOUNCEMENT AND THE COMMISSION MEETINGS RE-ENGAGING WITH THEM.

PROVIDING UPDATES TO THE BOARD AND ITS JULY 23 MEETING AND WHAT SOME OF THOSE MATERIALS ARE STARTING TO LOOK LIKE AND THAT SORT OF STUFF. WE MOVED AUGUST YOU SEE A KIND OF GETS A LITTLE HEAVIER IN THE EVENTS AND WE WILL CONTINUE SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN.

WE WILL DISTRIBUTE SOME OF THE POSTCARDS AND FLYERS TO RESIDENTS AND LANDSCAPERS AND ONE THING I WILL NOTE IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING IN

ARE INTENTIONAL ABOUT DOING THIS MATERIAL AND PRODUCING BILINGUAL MATERIALS FOR LANDSCAPERS.

SO MORE OF WHAT WE LOOKED AT FOR THE LEAF BLOWER INITIATIVE.

SO WE ARE BEING MINDFUL OF THAT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A LETTER, TWO LETTERS SENT OUT TO MULTIFAMILY COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND THE FIRST ONE THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST AND THE SECOND ONE CLOSER TO LEAF SEASON AND WE PLAN TO ATTEND MULTIPLE FARMERS MARKETS IN AUGUST TOOK THEM OUT LEAVE THE LEAVES PROGRAM, THE COMPOSTABLE PROGRAM OTHER OPTIONS THAT FOLKS WILL HAVE.

BLOCK PARTIES, MICROBREW REVIEW, THURSDAY NIGHT OUTCOME UPDATES TO THE BOARD.

SEE HERE SEPTEMBER THERE'S MORE THINGS LISTED.

WE ARE CONTINUING TO RAMP UP AS WE GET CLOSER INTO THE SEASON.

I WILL NOT READ THROUGH THOSE, BUT IT'S THE SAME INFORMATION.

KEY THINGS TO HIGHLIGHT IS OPENING UP THE VOLUNTEER PORTAL AND FOLKS BEING ABLE TO LOG ON TO SIGN UP TO SAY, HEY, I COULD USE ASSISTANCE WITH TAKING CARE OF MY PROPERTY.

AND IN OCTOBER OBVIOUSLY SAME THING, WE WILL BE ALMOST THERE, REALLY. ATTENDING DIFFERENT FARMERS MARKETS, RAMPING UP THE DIGITAL PRINT ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGNS.

A DIFFERENT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AND I KNOW ROB WAS TALKING THIS MONTH - IT IS NOT SET YOU, BUT OCTOBER 20 OR NOVEMBER 4 WOULD LIKELY BE THE KICKOFF WEEK FOR THE PROGRAM.

SO THAT IS KIND OF A REALLY CONDENSED LOOK AT THE NOW UNTIL OCTOBER OF WHAT WE ARE LOOKING TO DO.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO REFINE THE LEVEL OF SPECIFICITY WITH OUR WEEKLY ENGAGEMENTS WITH A5 AND THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM AS WE GET CLOSER AND WE WILL BE PROVIDING UPDATES TO THE BOARD REGULARLY.

THAT IS KIND OF IT FOR THE ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU PETER TRISTA PARAKKAT, DO YOU HAVE A RESPONSE TO TRUSTEE WESLEY?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: YES, JUST WANT TO SAY I WOULD NOT HAVE SPENT ANY TIME ON THE LEAVES IF IT WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

IT CAME ON THE AGENDA AND WE DECIDED TO DISCUSS IT NOW WE HAVE TO DISCUSS IT FULLY, RIGHT?

THAT IS THE ONLY COMMENT I HAD.

>> DID I HIT IT ALL?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: YOU AGAIN?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ME AGAIN, BUT - - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: IS THERE ANOTHER PRESENTATION?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THERE IS NOT ANOTHER PRESENTATION.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CONTEMPLATING DOING CONTRACTED SERVICE TO SUPPORT CERTAIN POPULATIONS.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT CAME ACROSS.

>> WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE LAST KIND OF THING, WHICH IS THE ADDITIONAL UPDATES AS IT RELATES TO THE SUPPORT PROGRAMMING THAT WE HAVE GOING ON.

SO SOME OF THE DIFFERENT THINGS - WE TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THESE AND SO SOME OF THIS IS GOING TO BE FAMILIAR AND SOME OF IT WILL BE NEW, BUT WE ARE LOOKING TO - TO PURCHASE BAGS TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

WE DEFINITELY WANT THIS TO BE ABOUT COMPLIANCE AND TO BE EDUCATIONAL, RATHER THAN AN ENFORCEMENT PERSPECTIVE.

WE EXPECT ALL OF OUR ENGAGEMENTS AT THE PUBLIC TABLING EVENTS WE DO AND ALSO ANY THAT WE HAVE ON THE STREET WHERE WE HAVE AN ISSUE WITH COMPLAINTS.

IT IS ALL ABOUT ENGAGEMENT AND CRATING OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPLIANCE BY MAKING SURE PEOPLE HAVE THE MATERIALS THEY NEEDED TO DO THAT AND THE EDUCATION.

SO WE WILL BE FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF BAGS AND WE ARE ALSO HAVING A CONTRACTOR IN PLACE OR AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO DO THE WORK AND HAVE FINANCIAL LIMITS. SO IT WILL BE A MODEL SIMILAR TO OUR SIDEWALK SHOVELING PROGRAM. RIGHT NOW WE ARE EXPECTING THAT LANDSCAPERS TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE PER CUSTOMER TWICE DURING THE PROGRAM.

ONCE DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE SIX WEEK PROGRAM AND AGAIN AT THE MIDDLE OF THE PROGRAM.

TWO PICKUPS AT EVERY PROPERTY.

THEN MAYBE YOU SAW - IT WENT BY QUICKLY, BUT IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT IN THE NEIGHBORLY ASPECT OF THE PROGRAM, WE ARE PLANNING TO EXTEND - NOT EXTEND, WE ARE GOING TO RUN A WHOLE NEW BLOCK PARTY PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER SO BLOCKS CAN SIGN UP FOR A BLOCK CLEANUP PROGRAM BASICALLY AND SO IT IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BLOCK TO GET TOGETHER AND TRY TO TACKLE THIS PROJECT TOGETHER. WE WOULD BE PROVIDING MATERIALS IN TERMS OF BAGS AND EQUIPMENT AS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THAT AND SO WE WILL BE ROLLING THAT OUT SIMILAR TO WHAT WE DO WITH OUR TRADITIONAL BLOCK PARTY PROGRAM, BLOCKS WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP FOR ANOTHER BLOCK PARTY DURING THAT MONTH IN ORDER TO EXPAND THAT.

THE SEPTEMBER WILL ALSO BE THE OPENING OF OUR VOLUNTEER PORTAL TO FACILITATE THOSE WITH NEEDS AND CONNECTING THOSE THOSE THAT ARE WILLING TO HELP.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH STAFF IN ORDER TO GET THOSE TYPES OF SUPPLIES SO THE COSTS ARE NOT COMING OUT OF POCKET FOR EITHER RESIDENT WHO NEEDS THE ASSISTANCE OR THE VOLUNTEER WHO IS GIVING IT SO WE WILL BE ABLE TO COME AGAIN, SUPPLY EQUIPMENT AND BAGS AS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THAT RELATIONSHIP.

WHAT WAS THAT?

OH!

WE ALSO GOT COMMITMENTS FROM BOTH OF THE HARDWARE STORES IN TOWN TO PROVIDE COUPONS OR REDUCED COST OF COLLECTION SUPPLIES THAT WE PLAN TO SEND OUT WITH THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER FYI SO WE ARE WORKING THROUGH THE DETAILS OF THAT, BUT WE ARE EXPECTING THAT TO HAPPEN SO THAT WILL GO COMMUNITYWIDE AS WELL AND IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER KINDS OF IDEAS OR POTENTIAL OPTIONS, WE HAVE DISCUSSED INTERNALLY THE POTENTIAL OPTION FOR A DIRECT REBATE AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN, BUT LOOKING AT TRYING TO - WE HAVE EXCLUDED THE OPPORTUNITY AND POTENTIAL WITH FINANCE - WE CAN PROVIDE A DIRECT REBATE ON THE LAST QUARTER WATER BILLS OR RESIDENCE IN ORDER TO GET A DIRECT IMPACT BACK TO THE RESIDENCE DIRECTLY ON THAT LAST QUARTER.

THAT IS AN OPTION AS WELL AS THE BOARD IS INTERESTED WE HAVE SOME NUMBERS IF THAT IS SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO FURTHER EXPLORE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I DROPPED A LINE TO KEVIN ABOUT THE SPREAD OF THE COST - I THINK THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS IN FRONT OF US. ONE IS STAY THE COURSE IN TERMS OF BAGGING WE ARE TODAY, SECOND ONE IS THE VILLAGE LED (WORD?) TO THE HISTORICAL BAGGING. SO THAT IS THE SECOND OPTION. AND THE THIRD ONE WOULD BE MAKE IT COST AND EFFORT NEUTRAL FOR THE COMMUNITY.

SO THOSE ARE THE THREE OPTIONS THAT I SEE.

THE THIRD ONE IS MAKE IT COST AND EFFORT NEUTRAL FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS BY PROVIDING REBATES AND SUBSIDIES AND PEOPLE TO GO HELP CLEANUP AND WHAT HAVE YOU.

SO THOSE ARE THE THREE OPTIONS.

>> ESSENTIALLY, YES.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE THREE OF THEM, DO WE HAVE COMPARATIVE COSTS FOR EACH OF THOSE?

>> WE HAVE ACTUAL NUMBERS FOR SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THAT, BUT I DON'T THINK WE WILL KNOW ALL OF THE POTENTIAL COSTS UNTIL WE ARE FURTHER INTO THE PROCESS.

THE IDEA OF PUBLIC WORKS RUNNING A LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM, WE ONLY HEARD ABOUT THAT YESTERDAY AND SO DOES NOT YESTERDAY, BUT THURSDAY. SO TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THOSE NUMBERS IS PRETTY CHALLENGING WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE SPECIFIC PROGRAM WILL LOOK LIKE OR WHAT IT WILL TAKE IN TERMS OF FUEL SO WE HAVE GENERAL IDEAS OF COST, BUT WE DON'T HAVE SPECIFIC NUMBERS THAT WE CAN NAIL DOWN.

>> LET'S GET THAT OPTION ASIDE.
THE OTHER TWO OPTIONS.

>> SHARE.

THE OTHER TWO OPTIONS.

ASSUME THINK IT AS WE STAND UP ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC FOR THE BAGGING PROGRAM, THE LEVEL OF SERVICE WE NEED TO PROVIDE IS GOING TO

BE BASED ON THE RESPONSE WE'RE GETTING FROM THE COMMUNITY AND SO THERE MAY BE A NEED IN SOME CASES TO STAND UP ADDITIONAL STAFF TIME IN ORDER TO HELP PROMOTE THAT ENGAGEMENT.

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WHAT THAT NUMBER LOOKS LIKE, BUT THERE IS THINGS LIKE BASED ON OUR STORK NUMBERS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF LEAVES WE COLLECT, IT IS GOING TO COST THE RESIDENCE - IF WE JUST PASS THE COST ONTO THE RESIDENCE IT WOULD COST \$72,845 AND BAGS.

SO THAT IS A COST THAT WE CAN CALCULATE BASED ON THE PROGRAM, RIGHT? SO THAT IS 145,000 BAGS.

>> 70,000 ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

LET'S SAY THERE ARE (WORD?) HOUSEHOLDS, THAT IS \$3000 PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR, RIGHT?

IT IS ABOUT 13 BAGS PER HOUSEHOLD, SEVEN DOLLARS PERHAPS.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: PER YEAR?

>> THAT IS JUST AN AVERAGE NUMBER.

THAT IS JUST WORKING BACK FROM THE TOTAL VOLUME BACK TO AN INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT.

WE CANNOT CALCULATE HOW MANY TRAYS AN INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY HAS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

THAT IS A GENERIC NUMBER AND WE CAN FIGURE OUT SOME OF THE SPECIFICS, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF UNKNOWNNS WITHIN THE SYSTEM, THAT IS A SPECIFIC NUMBER WE CAN LOOK AT.

ANOTHER NUMBER WOULD BE IN TERMS OF THE DIRECT ASSISTANCE WE KNOW THAT DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF MONTHS THE BOARD WANTS TO GIVE ANY REBATE PROGRAM WE CAN TELL THE BOARD WHAT THAT NUMBER IS.

WE KNOW THAT IF WE GO TO PROGRAM - - OVERNIGHT TO PUSH NEEDS AND THAT WOULD BE A SAVINGS OF JUST OVER \$50,000.

SO THERE ARE SOME NOUNS AND THERE ARE SOME NUMBERS THAT CANNOT BE QUITE CALCULATED YET.

>> OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: TRUSTEE WESLEY, DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION SPECIFICALLY?

>> A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FOR YOU, HAVE WE IDENTIFIED OUR SENIORS BASED ON PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION?

LIKE SOME FOLKS HAVE OWNED THEIR HOMES FOR LIKE 40 YEARS OR 50 YEARS. THERE IS PROBABLY A GOOD CHANCE THAT THEY ARE A SENIOR AND MIGHT INTENTIONALLY FOLLOW.

THEY MAY NOT SEE THE MESSAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA, THAT SORT OF THING?

>> THE MESSAGING AS IT RELATES TO THE PROGRAM IS GOING OUT IN MULTIPLE WAYS, INCLUDING THE TRADITIONAL.

WE CAN LOOK TO TRY TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO TARGET THEM MORE SPECIFICALLY AND WE DO PLAN TO, AS YOU SAW ON THE TIMELINE, REENGAGE WITH THE AGING AND COMMUNITY AND SPEAK TO THEM ABOUT THOSE TYPES OF ISSUES AND SEE IF THEY HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THAT.

WE DO HAVE A BASE OF RESIDENCE THAT WE ALREADY KNOW UTILIZE THE SIDEWALK SHOVELING PROGRAM WE REACH OUT TO THEM ON A REGULAR BASIS TO SEE IF THEY STILL NEED ASSISTANCE.

THAT GROUP - THAT SUBGROUP OF A LARGER COMMUNITY IS RELATIVELY SMALL. WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 50 INDIVIDUALS THAT REGULARLY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM IDENTIFYING THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO PHYSICALLY SHOVEL THEIR WALK AND THEY ARE FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO PAY SOMEBODY TO DO THAT, BUT THAT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A NUMBER THAT IS UNKNOWN.

WE HAVE A TENTATIVE BUDGET AMOUNT THAT WE WOULD PROPOSE TO OPEN WITH THE CONTRACTOR, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL WANT TO SIGN UP FOR AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LIKE THAT.

>> I WOULD FEEL A LOT MORE COMFORTABLE ABOUT THIS IF WE COULD ESSENTIALLY KNOCK ON DOORS OF FOLKS THAT WE WOULD ANTICIPATE WOULD BE IN THE AGE RANGE OF WANTING ASSISTANCE AND NOT NECESSARILY THAT THEY WANT ASSISTANCE, BUT SO THEY KNOW IT IS AVAILABLE, RIGHT?

JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNOW THAT THERE IS A SERVICE EVEN IF THAT MEANS - I SEE ON HERE, DOOR HANGERS.

IF WE ARE USING BRIGHT RED DOOR HANGERS.

IF FOLKS KNOW, HEY, LOOK AT THIS THING THIS IS A CHANGE, AND HEY, WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

THAT SORT OF THING.

>> ONE THING TO ADD TO THAT, ONE OF THE THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT IS WORKING SPECIFICALLY WITH THE TOWNSHIP AND THE SENIOR SERVICES GROUP TO GET THE MESSAGING OUT TO THEM.

PUTTING THINGS IN THEIR HANDS TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

>> ABSOLUTELY LOVE THAT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THE SENIORS ARE MY BIGGEST CONCERN AND I'VE ALSO HEARD FROM FOLKS WHO APPARENTLY HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF TREES ON THEIR PROPERTY.

I DON'T KNOW.

SOME FOLKS ARE TELLING ME THAT THEY HAVE LIKE AN ORCHARD WORTH OF TREES ON THEIR PROPERTY AND THIS IS GOING TO BE FINANCIALLY - I'VE HEARD QUOTES IN THE FOUR FIGURES TO SWITCH FROM RAKING IN THE STREET TO BAGGING.

SO I'M CURIOUS.

I KNOW WE DO A TREE INVENTORY.

CURIOUS IF WE HAVE LOOKED AT PARCELS THAT HAVE A HUGE AMOUNT OF TREES AND TRIED TO ANTICIPATE WHAT THE MAXIMUM COST MIGHT BE.

>> NO, BUT SOMEONE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO BE SPENDING FOUR FIGURES ON BAGS.

BAGS ARE \$0.50 A PIECE, YOU ARE TALKING THAT SOMEBODY WHO NEEDS 2000 BAGS AND ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS THEY MAKE UP MORE THAN 1% OF THE TOTAL LEAVES COLLECTED IN THE PROGRAM.

I MEAN, THAT'S A PRETTY UNLIKELY SITUATION.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I APPRECIATE THAT.

JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD SO I FIGURED I WOULD PASS IT ALONG AND GET AN OFFICIAL ANSWER.

THE LAST THING WAS - OH!
COMPOSTING.

SO WE HAVE NOT, BUT I WONDER IF IT IS WORTH PRICING OUT COMPOST BINS FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT WE DO COLLECTION AND PROVIDING THOSE TO FOLKS INSTEAD OF BAGS?

WITH PRO TEM BUCHANAN I WISH PEOPLE WOULD LEAVE THE LEAVES, BUT IF WE COULD GET COMPOSTING IN LIEU OF ADDING BAGS TO THE EQUATION I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT.

IS IT TOO MUCH, I KNOW I HAVE ASKED YOU BEFORE ABOUT COMPOST FOR EVERYONE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, BUT NOT SPECIFICALLY JUST MAY BE THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM.

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS SOMETHING THE LRS COULD DO.

>> WE COULD TALK TO LRS.

I'M NOT SURE THEY MAINTAIN A STOCK OF - THAT WOULD BE LIKE 10,000 COMPOST CONTAINERS.

>> I THINK TRUSTEE BUCHANAN WOULD SAY THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPACT OF CREATING 10,000 COMPOST CONTAINERS OVER THE PAPER BAGS - WE WOULD BE BETTER OFF USING PAPER BAGS.

>> HOW MANY PAPER BAGS DID YOU SAY IT WOULD BE?

>> BASED ON OUR HISTORICAL AVERAGE DATA, 145,000 - 146,000 BAGS FOR THE YEAR.

THAT'S BASED ON PUTTING - - 50 POUNDS ACCORDING TO THE ORDINANCE OR ACCORDING TO THE RULES.

SO THAT IS 24,000 BAGS PER WEEK, WHICH IS AVERAGED OUT TO TWO BAGS PER HOUSEHOLD.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THAT IS ALL I HAD.

I APPRECIATE THE GREAT ANSWERS AND WOW.

>> I GUESS THAT'S TRUE, GOOD POINT IS THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT - YOU CAN PUT IT IN ANY RIGID CONTAINER THAT YOU WANT.

IF YOU HAVE AN EXISTING EXTRA GARBAGE CAN AT YOUR HOUSE, YOU CAN USE THAT IN LIEU OF A SINGLE BAG.

THEY WILL DUMP IT AND GIVE IT BACK TO YOU.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THERE WE GO.

SEE!

SEE!

>> IS THE PICKUP IN THE ALLEY OR THE CURB,

>> AT THE CURB.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: YOU ARE SING DURING THE LEAF COLLECTION PERIOD RESIDENCE CAN DO THAT STILL WITH NO STICKER, RIGHT?
CLICK STILL WITH NO STICKER, AS LONG AS IT IS FILLED WITH LEAVES AT THE PARKWAY CURB.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THAT IS GOOD TO KNOW.

>> THEY WILL RUN THE COMPOST COLLECTION PROGRAM IN THE ALLEY, THE TRADITIONAL PROGRAM IN THE ALLEY AS WELL AT THE SAME TIME.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: CAN WE MAKE SURE WE ADVERTISE?

>> IT IS IN THE FAQ.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: MAKE IT BOLD.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: TRUSTEE ENYIA, YOU HAD YOUR HAND UP?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: NO.

I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THE TOWNSHIP IDEA OF WORKING WITH THE TOWNSHIP.

>> WE HAVE ARTY MADE THOSE CONNECTIONS, THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROGRAM AND THEY OFFERED US MULTIPLE AVENUES TO REACH THE CONSTITUENTS.

>> ALRIGHT. ANYBODY ELSE?

TRUSTEE STRAW?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: CAN YOU WALK THROUGH IF SOMEONE RAKES THEIR LEAVES TO THE STREET, DOESN'T BAG THEM, DOESN'T PUT THEM IN THE RIGID CONTAINER, WHAT WILL THAT LOOK LIKE?

>> SURE, YEAH.

SO YEAH, WE ARE GOING TO BE STANDING UP - WE HAVE HAD TRAININGS WITH ALL VILLAGE STAFF THAT ARE IN THE PUBLIC WAY ON A REGULAR BASIS.

WE WILL BE GIVING ALL OF THEM SUPPLIES IN TERMS OF BAGS AND INFORMATION THAT IS CREATED BY A FIVE AS IT RELATES TO THE PROGRAM AND THEY WILL BE ACTIVELY ENGAGING WITH RESIDENTS THAT THEY SEE ARE DOING THAT, AND AGAIN, IT IS ABOUT BEING EDUCATIONAL AND SEEKING COMPLIANCE AND SO THOSE INTERACTIONS ARE GOING TO BE ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROGRAM IS, HOW IT WORKS GIVING THEM THE MATERIALS THAT THEY MAY NEED TO BE COMPLIANT IMMEDIATELY, BUT THEY WILL BE LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THE CASE WILL BE PASSED ON TO A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO WILL BE FOLLOWING UP AT A LATER DATE. AND THEN WE HAVE NOT DECIDED WHAT THAT TIMEFRAME SPECIFICALLY IS AND HOW MANY CHANCES YOU GET, BUT ULTIMATELY YES, THERE MAY BE SOME SORT OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION IF THERE IS NOT COMPLIANCE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

WE WOULD EXPECT THOUGH ALSO THAT AS PART OF THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS IF THEY COMPLY THAT WE WOULD NOT BE SEEKING SOME SORT OF PUNITIVE DAMAGE AGAINST A RESIDENT.

THIS PROGRAM IS ABOUT COMPLIANCE, NOT COLLECTING FINES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

SO YES, IT IS ALL ABOUT POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT, JUST WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THOUGH THAT THERE WILL BE FOLLOW-UP FOR COMPLIANCE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: WHAT HAPPENS TO THE LEAVES OF SOMEONE IS INTENTIONALLY NONCOMPLIANT?

>> ULTIMATELY, YEAH, AT SOME POINT THEY WOULD PROBABLY GET PICKED UP BY THE VILLAGE IN SOME MANNER.

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE, YET.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: CERTAINLY I HAVE HAD SOME INTERACTIONS WITH FOLKS WHO SUGGEST THAT THEY INTENDED TO ENGAGE IN SOME CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AROUND LEAF COLLECTION. AND SO IT IS SOMETHING WE SIMPLY NEED TO BE AWARE OF AND HAVE A PLAN FOR.

WHICH, I MEAN, IS WHAT IT IS.

I AM NOT COMMENTING HERE ON WHETHER THAT IS A WISE CHOICE BY THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

SO ULTIMATELY I THINK THAT IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT LIKE THIS WAS BROUGHT UP IN NOVEMBER AND DISCUSSED FURTHER IN MARCH AND APPROVED IN APRIL, I DON'T NECESSARILY - AS MY COLLEAGUE, TRUSTEE WESLEY SAID, I DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO BE REVISITING A DECISION WE'VE ALREADY MADE. I DO THINK THE DATA PROVIDED REGARDING WHETHER WE COULD AT THIS POINT ACTUALLY UNWIND THAT DECISION IS PRETTY TELLING THE DOES NOT APPEAR THAT EVEN IF THERE WAS A WILL ON THIS BOARD TO UNWIND THE DECISION AND GO BACK TO A LOOSELEAF COLLECTION MODEL THAT IT IS FEASIBLE IN ANY COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER.

AT THIS POINT IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER WE CAN KEEP IT AT THE SAME COST.

WE WOULD HAVE TO INVEST A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY AND EQUIPMENT, IN MANPOWER TO DO A LOOSELEAF COLLECTION EFFORT.

DO WE HAVE - I KNOW YOU SAID STILL WORKING ON NUMBERS, WE HAVE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE NUMBERS ABOUT HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WE WOULD HAVE TO ADD INTO THAT?

>> YES, IF WE WERE - IF WE WERE UNWILLING TO GET - IF WE WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE LEAVES ALL THE WAY TO THE TRANSFER STATION, MEANING WE NEED TO SUPPLY THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT, PLUS TRANSPORTATION, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN INVESTMENT OF 20 INDIVIDUALS ON A FULL-TIME BASIS.

JUST LOOKING AT THEIR COST ALONE FOR THAT SIX WEEKS WERE JUST ABOUT 1/4 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THAT SERVICE AND YOU STILL HAVE THE ACTUAL LEAF PUSHING OVERNIGHT, WHICH IS THE \$50,000 FROM BEFORE AND THEN WE HAVE THE CONTRACTED COST THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO NEGOTIATE THROUGH WITH LRS.

AND THAT CURRENTLY IS AT \$200,000.

YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT A PROGRAM COST PROBABLY AROUND HALF A MILLION, PLUS THE OPPORTUNITY LOSS FOR THAT STAFF DURING THE TIME PERIOD, WHICH IS PRETTY IMPACTFUL, PROBABLY MORE SO THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

>> THAT IS THE SAME STAFF IF THERE IS A WATER MAIN BREAK.

>> OR A MAJOR FALL STORM EVENT OR REPLACING YOUR WATER METER WHEN YOU NEED A NEW WATER METER.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I DO NOT SUPPORT THE MOTION AND I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS AROUND GETTING THE WORD OUT IN THE SUPPORTIVE MEASURES I THINK THAT CONTINUING TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAKING THE PROCESS AS PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

- THERE'S NOTHING TO SAY?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IS IT MY TURN?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

DOES NOT SEEM LIKE THERE IS WILL ON THE BOARD TO CHANGE THE VOTE AS IT ORIGINALLY WAS, BUT MY VOTE WOULD STAY THE SAME, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY A NO ALSO.

WITH TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PROGRAM IN 2025, BUT MY HISTORY AROUND COALITION BUILDING AND WHEN THE TOPIC IS RELEVANT TO CHANGING HUMAN BEHAVIOR - THEY TEACH YOU, VERY FIRMLY THAT YOU NEED TO GAIN SOME LEVEL OF COMMUNITY BUY-IN TO CHANGING HUMAN BEHAVIOR.

AT LEAST HAVE THE EDUCATION, THE REASONS WHY, WHAT THE PROGRAMS WOULD LOOK LIKE, ALL THOSE THINGS BEFORE YOU ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT.

OTHERWISE YOU ARE BASICALLY CLOSING PEOPLE'S MINDS TO THE POTENTIAL FUTURE SUCCESS THAT YOU WOULD HOPE TO HAVE COME OUT OF THE PROGRAM.

I FULLY TRUST OUR STAFF'S ABILITY TO PUT A SOLID CAMPAIGN OUT THERE AND TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

I'M JUST DISAPPOINTED THAT WE ARE NOT DOING THIS WITH THE EDUCATION ALREADY HAVING BEEN OUT THERE FOR THE VOTE.

I DO THINK IT UNDERMINES OUR POTENTIAL TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND WORK QUICKLY OVER TIME.

THAT IS JUST GOING TO REMAIN MY OPINION ON THIS TOPIC.

I CERTAINLY DO NOT SUPPORT THE MAJOR DRAW ON STAFF TIME TO DO THE PROGRAM OUR SELF IF LRS IS NOT ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE.

I AM A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED.

>> THAT IS RIGHT.

>> THAT IS JUST WHERE I STAND ON THIS.

I THINK IT IS A MISTAKE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

NO, WE ARE NOT TAKING COMMENTS.

THAT IS NOT HOW THIS WORKS.

I HAVE A COUPLE THINGS TO MENTION.

I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT WITH MARKETING TO ALSO EMPHASIZE, AS I'M SURE YOU ARE, THE GOAL IS LEAVING THE LEAVES AND HAVING LESS NEED FOR BAGS? SO YOUR CALCULATIONS ABOUT THE BAGS, YES, ARE VERY DRAMATIC, BUT MY HOPE IS THAT THERE WILL NOT BE THAT MUCH USE OF BAGS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE EITHER MOWING OVER THEM AND LEAVING THEM.

THEY'RE RAKING THEM INTO BEDS, RAKING THEM AROUND THE TREES, BREAKING THEM ONTO A TARP AND DRAGGING THE TARP TO THE BACK OF THE HOUSE AND CREATING A COMPOST PILE.

I AM IMPLORING RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK TO CHANGE THEIR LAWN PARADIGM.

THAT IS THE - WE ARE DOING THIS FOR A REASON BECAUSE BONDS REPRESENT A BIOLOGIC DEBTS UNPAID YOUR GREEN LAWN IS A BIOLOGIC DEAD ZONE AND PART

OF THIS MOVEMENT IS TO CHANGE THAT SO OUR LAWNS AND OUR ECOSYSTEM IS WELCOMING AND NOT A DEAD ZONE.

JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS EMPHASIZED.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION ON WHETHER YOU WANT TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OR NOT.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: MHM.

SORRY.

>> I THINK IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED MAY BE A COUPLE OF TIMES - SORRY.

OKAY.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

[MICROPHONE TURNED OFF]

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WE BROUGHT IT BACK TO YOUR ATTENTION. THE REBATE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: ON THE TOPIC OF REBATE, I WOULD RATHER WE SPECIFICALLY INVEST THAT MONEY IN REDUCING THE BURDEN ON THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BE MOST BURDENED BY THE PROGRAM. I WOULD NOT SUPPORT A FLAT REBATE ACROSS THE VILLAGE. I AM AN ABLE-BODIED 37-YEAR-OLD - I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF MY OWN LEAVES AND I WOULD RATHER THAT MONEY GO TOWARDS FOLKS WHO - FOR VARIOUS REASONS MIGHT NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. SO I WOULD NOT SUPPORT A FLAT REBATE ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: IS FORGIVING DIRECTION ON THE REBATE. YOU ARE OKAY WITH REBATE? FOR CERTAIN POPULATIONS?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I'M IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS. NOT THE REBATE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: PLEASE MAKE THIS QUICK.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: WE KNOW HOW MUCH THE COST WOULD BE?

>> THE COST WOULD DEPEND ON MUCH OF A REBATE YOU WOULD WANT TO GIVE.

NUMBERS WE RAN WERE TWO SCENARIOS.

THIS IS BASED ON THE FEE OR THE COST THAT RESIDENTS PAY TOWARDS THE LEAF PROGRAM AS PART OF THE MONTHLY REFUSE FEE.

\$14.52 PER HOUSEHOLD, WHICH IS THE EQUIVALENT OF 29 BAGS.

THAT IS AT A COST TO THE VILLAGE OF \$162,000.

IF YOU WANTED TO LOOK AT A FULL YEAR REBATE, THAT IS \$29 PER RESIDENT, EQUIVALENT TO 58 BAGS AND IT IS JUST ABOUT JUST JUST OVER \$325,000.

SO THOSE WOULD COME OUT OF THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE AND THERE ARE FUNDS TO PROVIDE THE REFUND, EITHER ONE OF THE REFUNDS AT THIS TIME OF THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN IT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: WAS - - THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY COST FOR THOSE FUNDS?

>> THERE IS ALWAYS A LITTLE BIT OF EXCESS FUNDING FROM YEAR TO YEAR THAT ENDS UP IN THE FUND BALANCE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND AND SINCE IT IS A SELF-SERVING FUND IT DOES NOT GET - IT JUST STAYS IN THE FUND SO THERE IS ALWAYS SOME FUNDS THERE THAT THIS CAN BE UTILIZED FOR.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: ARE NOT COUNTABLE GOING WITH A REBATE PROGRAM THAT IS NOT FULLY STRUCTURED AT THIS POINT, RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW THE COST IMPLICATIONS ARE I CANNOT WRAP MY HEAD AROUND WHAT YOU JUST SAID SO I NEED SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE AS A STRUCTURE TO LOOK AT AND DECIDE ON.

I CANNOT DO IT ON THE FLY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I'M WILLING TO DO THE ANNUAL REBATE ACROSS THE VILLAGE B6 I'M WILLING TO DO THE REBATE AS WELL IF THAT IS WHAT IT TAKES TO GET PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN LAWNS.

GUESS WE WILL PAY THEM TO DO IT.

CORY?

TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I'M GOOD WITH REBATE AND ALSO PUTTING OUT THAT EXTRA CAN.

I DON'T THINK SOME OF THIS INFORMATION WAS KNOWN ABOUT PUTTING THE EXTRA CAN OUT THERE RATED IF YOU HAVE AN EXTRA TRASH BIN OR WHATEVER.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I'M GOOD WITH REBATE.

I WILL BE A LITTLE PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE IN SAYING I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED TO SPEND THE ADDITIONAL MONEY IF WE HAD PUT THE EDUCATION OUT THERE A YEAR IN ADVANCE, BUT OTHERWISE WE WANT TO CLOSE THIS MEETING IN 19 MINUTES SO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO DESERVE TO CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH GET TO GO HOME.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THAT WAS NOT PASSIVE AT ALL.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: WE HAVE GIVEN DIRECTION ON THE REBATE, LET'S TAKE A VOTE ON THE MOTION.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT PRO TEM BUCHANAN.

>> NO.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> NO.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> NO.
>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.
>> NO.
>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
>> YES.
>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: CALL TO THE BOARD.

CLERK WATERS?

>> HAPPY JUNETEENTH.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU SO MUCH, CLERK WATERS FOR HAVING MY DAUGHTER AS THE JUNIOR CLERK.

I KNOW SHE WAS NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, BUT WHEN I PICKED HER UP SHE SAID SHE HAD SUCH AN AWESOME TIME AND SHE WAS GENUINELY HAPPY ABOUT DOING THIS, WHICH WAS REALLY COOL.

I WAS LIKE OH!

SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT.

JUNETEENTH WAS AWESOME.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE DEI OFFICE, DOCTOR WALKER, TO JEFFREY HINES, TO CHRIS TOMLINSON, THE REST OF THE JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE.

I KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD A GREAT TIME OUT THERE IT WAS FUN TO SEE ALL OF THE FAMILIES.

CORY AND HIS WHOLE FAMILY OUT THERE WAS A REALLY GOOD TIME SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY THAT SHOWED UP TODAY.

I KNOW THEY ARE SUPER PASSIONATE ABOUT THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER AND ABOUT LEAVES.

WE ARE A PASSIONATE COMMUNITY AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR SPENDING THE TIME WITH US AND REALLY LETTING US KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THESE THINGS BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT AND WE KNOW THAT EVERYONE IS ENGAGED SO WE APPRECIATE THAT WE TAKE IT TO HEART.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: HAPPY JUNETEENTH.

A COUPLE OTHER THINGS BIT OF THE PROCLAMATION TODAY FOR HARRIET robinet GOT ME THINKING ALONG WITH THE JUNETEENTH AND HOW IT GOT STARTED AND THAT WE DO NOT HAVE HERE IN OAK PARK - WE DO NOT HAVE - WE ARE NOT TEACHING THE HISTORY, THE BLACK HISTORY OF OAK PARK IN OAK PARK AND IS A VERY RICH HISTORY I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF WORD-OF-MOUTH - THERE IS A LOT THAT GETS EXPOSED WHEN FOLKS LEAVE US, BUT WE DO NOT OFTEN TALK ABOUT IT WHEN THEY ARE HERE TO CONTRIBUTE AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO FRAME THIS AS A MOTION NOW.

I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION THAT THE VILLAGE WORK WITH THE 97 AND D-200 TO CREATE A CURRICULUM IN THE OAK PARK/RIVER FOREST HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO CREATE A CURRICULUM THAT ACTUALLY ELEVATES BLACK HISTORY HERE.

THE OAK PARK BLACK HISTORY AND BLACK HISTORY IN GENERAL, BUT SPECIFICALLY THE OAK PARK BLACK HISTORY AND HAVE THAT TAUGHT IN OUR SCHOOLS TO OUR KIDS BECAUSE I THINK IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT THAT

FOLKS KNOW THAT WHILE JUNETEENTH IS CELEBRATED HERE IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, IT WAS STARTED BY TWO COMMUNITY MEMBERS FIRST. AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT IN THIS VILLAGE. BECAUSE THE HISTORY IS SO RICH. THAT IS REALLY ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: OKAY.

I AM PASSING.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: HAPPY JUNETEENTH AND A BIG SHOUT OUT TO STAFF FOR AN ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE JUNETEENTH EVENT THIS PAST WEEKEND. I ALSO WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THE OAK PARK PRIDE PARTY, WHICH IS GOING TO BE FROM 11-2 ON SATURDAY ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE VILLAGE HALL AND IS ALSO GOING TO BE JUST A GREAT TIME AS WELL. SO I THINK I REALLY LOVE THE MONTH OF JUNE IN OAK PARK. I THINK THE CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY THAT IS THE MONTH OF JUNE IS JUST SUCH AN EXCEPTIONAL TIME TO BE IN OAK PARK CELEBRATING WHAT MAKES OAK PARK OAK PARK. AND SO I AM EXCITED FOR THIS WEEKEND AND ENJOYED THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AS BEST I CAN. THANKS.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: HAPPY JUNETEENTH.

I ENJOYED EVERYTHING, ALL THE PROGRAMMING THAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR AND I HOPE TO ENJOY THE PRIDE PARTY THIS WEEKEND AS WELL. SATURDAY AND I ALSO WANT TO WISH EVERYBODY WHO CELEBRATES EDE MUBARAK THAT WAS JUST A COUPLE DAYS BACK. IT.

>> RIGHT NOW I'M IN TORONTO, CANADA FOR EQUITABLE DATA TRAINING SYMPOSIUM CALLED (WORD?) AND IT WAS A GRANT SPONSORED BY THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION FOR SEABORNE OPERATED BY BERKELEY UNIVERSITY IN CALIFORNIA.

I'M HERE WITH 10 OTHER COMMUNITIES.

EACH WITH THEIR OWN PROJECT IDENTIFYING DATA POINTS FOR CONVINCING CASE MAKING ARGUMENT FOR EQUITABLE CHANGE.

THE TOPICS ARE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TREE CANOPY PROGRAMS, LITTLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPING, FOOD ACCESS AND EQUITY, BY KWAK SAFETY, TRANSIT EQUITY AND - - ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF GUN VIOLENCE AND THE C4 TOPIC, YOU WILL LOVE THIS, GREEN LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY.

IT HAS BEEN A REALLY WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE AND REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE STAFF SUPPORT TONIGHT TO MAKE IT EASY FOR ME TO ZOOM IN AND FOR SUSAN FOR LEADING THE MEETING AND JUST ANOTHER SHOUT OUT TO DAVID BAKER FROM THE CIVIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMISSION AND SUPPORT THE DATA REQUESTED THAT DAVID POPE AND HIS EXPERIENCE WAS SHARING WITH US AND HAPPY JUNETEENTH, AND PRIDE MONTH AND SUPPORT OTHER ACTIVITIES THERE'S ALSO WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPENING IN FOREST PARK, AS WELL AS OAK PARK THIS WEEKEND.

HAVE A GREAT NIGHT, EVERYBODY.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.