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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME.
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.
IT IS 7:04 PM.

I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ORDER.
CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER.
TRUSTEE ENYIA.
TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN.
TRUSTEE STRAW.
TRUSTEE TAGLIA.
TRUSTEE WESLEY.
PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.
I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS HAS BEEN PRESENTED.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED TO.
>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE TAGLIA AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE WESLEY. ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)
AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 27, 2026 REGULAR MEETING, MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE AMENDED MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 3, 2025 REGULAR MEETING.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE STRAW.
ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)
AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED.
WE ARE GOING TO MOVE QUICKLY THIS EVENING, RIGHT?
WE WANT TO TAKE NOT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER THE PROCLAMATION.
SO, I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR BLACK HISTORY
MONTH FEBRUARY 26.
MOTION PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE EDER AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN.
AND I THINK THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE OUR DANCERS REFORM AND THEN HEAR
THE PROCLAMATION AND THEN WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS.
THANK YOU.
THE MUSIC?

(MUSIC)

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE DO NOT GO FAR.
CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WHEREAS, THE STORY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGAN IN 1915, HALF A CENTURY AFTER THE THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT ABOLISHED CHATTEL SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES, WHEN HARVARD-TRAINED HISTORIAN DR. CARTER G. WOODSON, KNOWN AS THE "FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY," AND THE PROMINENT MINISTER JESSE E. MOORLAND FOUNDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY (ASALH), AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO RESEARCHING, PRESERVING, AND PROMOTING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLACK AMERICANS; AND
WHEREAS, IN 1926, DR. WOODSON LAUNCHED THE FIRST NEGRO HISTORY WEEK, HELD DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY TO HONOR THE BIRTHDAYS OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN, MARKING THE BEGINNING OF A NATIONAL EFFORT TO ENSURE BLACK HISTORY WOULD NO LONGER BE EXCLUDED FROM AMERICA'S HISTORICAL NARRATIVE; AND
WHEREAS, WHAT BEGAN AS A WEEK OF RECOGNITION GREW INTO A MOVEMENT OF EDUCATION, CELEBRATION, AND TRUTHTELLING, AND IN 1976, FIFTY YEARS LATER, NEGRO HISTORY WEEK OFFICIALLY EXPANDED INTO WHAT WE NOW KNOW AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, RECOGNIZED NATIONWIDE AS AN ESSENTIAL TIME TO REFLECT UPON, HONOR, AND UPLIFT THE ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE GLOBAL BLACK DIASPORA; AND

WHEREAS, BLACK HISTORY IS U.S. HISTORY, AND ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEXITIES OF OUR NATION'S PAST AND PRESENT. IT IS A STORY OF RESISTANCE, BRILLIANCE, CREATIVITY, PERSEVERANCE, AND THE CONTINUED PURSUIT OF LIBERATION AND JUSTICE, LESSONS THAT CONTINUE TO INSPIRE ALL MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES STRIVING TOWARD EQUITY AND INCLUSION; AND WHEREAS, THE ASALH CONTINUES ITS MISSION TO PROMOTE, RESEARCH, PRESERVE, INTERPRET, AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT BLACK LIFE, HISTORY, AND CULTURE TO THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY, AND THE YEAR 2026 MARKS THE 100-YEAR COMMEMORATION OF THIS NATIONAL TRADITION OF HONORING BLACK HISTORY, FROM ITS ORIGINS TO ITS CONTINUED RELEVANCE TODAY; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS PROUD TO CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE YEAR WITH A SERIES OF COMMUNITY-CENTERED EVENTS THAT HIGHLIGHT THE EVOLUTION OF BLACK AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE, AND EXCELLENCE ACROSS GENERATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE WILL KICK OFF ITS BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMEMORATIONS WITH AN ART RECEPTION, A WILLIAM A. KEYES EXPERIENCE, ON JANUARY 30, 2026, HONORING ARTISTIC LEGACY AND CULTURAL STORYTELLING WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WILL COMMEMORATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY KUUMBA KIDS DURING THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2026, CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE THROUGH MUSIC, DANCE, AND STORYTELLING; AND

WHEREAS, IN 2006, OAK PARK PARENT DONNA CALLENDER FOUNDED HARAMBEE—SWAHILI FOR "LET'S PULL TOGETHER"—IN PARTNERSHIP - WITH LONGFELLOW SCHOOL'S PARENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN (PAAC), CREATING A SPACE FOR CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE BLACK EXCELLENCE, CULTURAL PRIDE, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT. THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY HARAMBEE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026, FROM 12:00 PM TO 5:00 PM, FEATURING KUUMBA KIDS. WE RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE 20-YEAR LEGACY OF HARAMBEE AND ITS ONGOING IMPACT ON OAK PARK FAMILIES AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WILL HOST ITS 4TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION ON FEBRUARY 28, 2026, AT THE NINETEENTH CENTURY CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M., FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER MAGGIE ANDERSON, ACCLAIMED AUTHOR AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED VOICE, ALONG WITH MUSICAL AND DANCE ENSEMBLES THAT GUIDE ATTENDEES THROUGH THE EVOLUTION OF BLACK AMERICAN LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS ACROSS THE DECADES; AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION WILL ALSO HONOR OAK PARK'S OWN CENTENARIAN ESSIE POUGH, WHO TURNS 100 YEARS OLD IN FEBRUARY, RECOGNIZING A LIFE THAT EMBODIES HISTORY, RESILIENCE, AND THE CONTINUED LEGACY OF BLACK COMMUNITY PRESENCE AND STRENGTH; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK PROUDLY RECOGNIZES LYNN ALAN FOR HER DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO STUDENTS, INCLUDING HER LEADERSHIP IN

CURATING THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER AND ORGANIZING THE ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FEST; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGH HER VISION, THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER HAS PROVIDED INVALUABLE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND PROGRAMMING TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FROM ALL TEN OAK PARK DISTRICT 97 SCHOOLS, LOCAL PRIVATE SCHOOLS, NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS, COLLEGES, LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, CHURCHES, AND BUSINESSES—ENSURING THAT RESOURCES FOR CULTURAL LEARNING REACH FAR BEYOND OUR BORDERS. DESCRIBED AS "A BRIDGE THAT CONNECTS CULTURES AND BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER," THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER, UNDER LYNN ALLEN'S GUIDANCE, HAS ENRICHED OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS ENDURING LEGACY OF MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION AND LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON GENERATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, OAK PARK IS HONORED BY THE ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK RESIDENTS, PAST AND PRESENT, WHOSE LEADERSHIP, LABOR, CREATIVITY, AND ADVOCACY HAVE ENRICHED OUR VILLAGE IN COUNTLESS WAYS, AND WHOSE HISTORY REMAINS CENTRAL TO THE STORY OF OAK PARK AND THE NATION. NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALREADY WESLEY ON BEHALF OF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026 TO BE BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, AND URGE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO REFLECT UPON, LEARN FROM, AND PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS ARRANGED FOR THIS COMMEMORATION, AND TO WORK FEARLESSLY TOWARD A VILLAGE THAT EMBODIES ANTI-RACIST SYSTEMS, INCLUSIVE BELONGING, AND EQUITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU TRUSTEE WESLEY.

I WILL START BY INVITING GEORGE BAILEY AND CARL SPY AS MEMBERS OF A MEN'S GROUP.

WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE DONNA CALLENDER, LYNN ALAN AND SO MANY MORE INCLUDING TRUSTEE WESLEY, CHRISTINA WATERS AND TRUSTEE CHIBIKUE ENYIA. IF YOU WOULD PLEASE JOIN US?

>>SPEAKER: BEFORE I GET UP THERE I WANT YOU TO JOIN ME IN GIVING A SHOUT OUT TO MR. BRIAN STRAW.

AND YOU KNOW FOR WHAT, AS WELL!

>>SPEAKER: SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WE HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME AND IF SOMEBODY HAS A SHEPHERD'S GROUP, MAKE SURE YOU PUT A CUSHION IN IT.

AND SO I WILL NOT USE MY NOTES, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME.

AND THAT SOUND THAT YOU HEAR IS JUST STUFF THAT IS KEEPING ME HEALTHY.

WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO INVOKE THE NAME OF ROBERT FARRIS PALMER'S WHO WROTE A BOOK CALLED "THE FLASH OF THIS.

." WHICH IS A CHRONICLE OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE AFRICAN LOOKED BACK OVER THE ATLANTIC AND REALIZES THAT THEIR COSMOLOGY IS DOWN IN THE WATER WHERE MEN AND BABIES AND WOMEN WERE EATEN BY SHARKS.

AND SO THAT IS ONE OF THE FIRST ARTFUL CONCEPTS THAT WAS DRIVEN OR PROVIDED AFRICAN-AMERICANS SUBSTANCE AND SUSTENANCE THAT THEY KNEW THAT THEY CAME FROM SOMEWHERE AND THAT THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS AND THEY COME FROM A PLACE OF GREAT DIFFERENCE.

SO, PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXEMPLIFIED THAT FOR ME ARE STILL IN MY LIFE SOME OF THEM AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO JUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REFERENCE THEM AND IF I START TAKING UP TOO MUCH TIME JUST LET ME KNOW.

OKAY, SO I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF WITH FANNIE LOU HAMER WHO WAS NOT AN ARTIST LIKE THE OTHER ONES.

FANNIE LOU WAS FROM MISSISSIPPI.

SHE IS FAMOUS FOR "I AM SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED." AND THAT IS RELATED TO HOW SHE FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF VOTER REGISTRATION IN MISSISSIPPI IN THE 1960S, EARLY 1960S.

HOW SHE BECAME A DELEGATE AND SHE WAS UNSEATED BY A WHOLE LOT OF DEMOCRATS AND SHE COULD NOT GET A PLACE AT THE TABLE UNTIL SHE FORCED THE COUNTRY TO LOOK AT HER.

GO OUT AND WATCH THAT VIDEOTAPE ABOUT FANNIE LOU HAMER.

AND SO I INVOKE HER NAME AND I CALL HER INTO THIS SPACE, AS WELL.

AND THE OTHER PERSON, THE OTHER THREE PEOPLE AND I'LL NAME THEM QUICKLY AND YOU KNOW YOU HAVE GUYS HAVE GEMINI AND ALEXA AND YOU GUYS CAN FIND OUT ABOUT THESE PEOPLE.

AND SO I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO THINK OF PEOPLE IN OUR PART OF THE COUNTRY WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ARTS AND YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONCEPT OF ART, BUT HAVE ALSO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ART TO BE HUMANIZING TO EVERYONE.

NOT JUST BLACK PEOPLE, BUT BLACK PEOPLE ESPECIALLY.

TO BE HUMAN.

THAT WAS THE THING TO BECOME IN THIS COUNTRY.

TO BE HUMAN.

AND WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THAT.

WE ARE WORKING ON BECOMING HUMAN OURSELVES.

AND MAYBE WE WILL LEARN HOW TO HUMANIZE THE WHOLE WORLD THROUGHOUT OUR EFFORTS.

BUT, HER NAME WAS CAROLYN ROGERS.

AND CAROLYN ROGERS AND SHE WAS A TEACHER OF MINE AT COLUMBIA YEARS AGO IN 1967 - SHE WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINATORS OF OBASI (SP?) A ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AFRICAN CULTURE STARTED IN THE 60S BY A MAN OF DWIGHT FULLER WHO GAVE ME MY FIRST JOB AND THEY TOLD ME I NEEDED TO GO LEARN HOW TO WRITE.

AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR HIM.

SO, DWIGHT FULLER AND OTHER PEOPLE THAT I WILL NAME VERY QUICKLY, BECAUSE MY OTHER BROTHER HERE WILL GO ON AS WELL - SHE AND IN 1971 I THINK SHE WAS A FINALIST IN THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR A BOOK ABOUT WOMEN, FEMINISM AND THE MOVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AND A LOT OF PERFORMANCES THAT YOU

SEE NOW AROUND OUR COUNTRY WERE GENERATED RIGHT HERE IN CHICAGO AND SHE WAS REALLY INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING FORTH THE IDEA THAT THERE IS A FLASH IN THE SPIRIT.

YOU JUST HAVE TO GET UP AND GET IT LIKE THESE KIDS JUST DEAD RIGHT NOW.

IT IS A FLASH OF THE SPIRIT.

CAROLYN ROGERS.

HER BOOK WAS TITLED "HOW I GOT OVAH." NOT OVER, BUT OVAH.

BACK IN THE DAY, THEY DID NOT PLAY THAT.

HOW I GOT OVAH.

WHICH CARRIES ITS OWN SYMBOLISM.

AND THAT WAS HER - FANNIE LOU WAS I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED AND CAROLYN IS HOW I GOT OVAH.

THE NEXT PERSON IS ANGELA JACKSON, NOT ANGELA DAVIS - WHO WAS A POET AND SHE IS THE CURRENT POET LAUREATE OF ILLINOIS.

I THINK.

YES.

AT HER WHOLE THING WAS TO BRING POETRY INTO SCHOOLS IN CHICAGO BECAUSE THE ARTS HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN IN THE SCHOOLS IN CHICAGO.

AND SHE WANTED PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT WHERE WE MUST GO.

THAT WAS HER PHRASE.

WHERE WE MUST GO.

AND YOU CAN FIGURE OUT SOME OF THOSE PLACES WHERE WE MUST GO AS WE ARE TRYING TO TEACH OUR KIDS WHERE THEY HAVE TO GO TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE.

AND THE LAST PERSON I WANT TO MENTION IN MY TWO MINUTES -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NOBODY IS COUNTING.

>>SPEAKER: ALL RIGHT, I AM STICKING TO THE PROGRAM!

OKAY, THE LAST PERSON THAT I WANT TO MENTION IS EDDIE GLOUDS.

YOU MAY KNOW HIS WORK.

HE STARTED IN THE EAST COAST AND HE IS A SOCIAL WORKER AND HE ASKS US TO BECOME THE LEADERS WE OUGHT TO FOLLOW.

HOW DO WE BECOME THE LEADERS WE WANT TO FOLLOW?

SO, ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE ARTS PEOPLE.

AND TO ME, ART HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF THE MAJOR FORCES IN RESISTING DEHUMANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SINCE THE 1500S.

WHERE SAINT AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, WHERE WE FIRST CAME ASHORE.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU GEORGE FOR REPRESENTING AMENS.

WE ARE A GROUP OF SERIOUSLY SENIOR MEN IN OAK PARK.

WE HAVE BEEN IN OAK PARK 30 OR MORE YEARS, ALL OF US.

TWO OF US ARE TURNING 80 THIS YEAR AND I AM 82 THIS YEAR.

AND SO WE ARE ON THE PLANET FOR BIT OF TIME.

WE ARE INTELLECTUALS AND ACTIVISTS ALL ABOUT BROWN AND BLACK EQUITY, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN IN OAK PARK AND YOU'LL SEE US IN DISTRICT 97, 200,

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTERS AND WHEREVER THERE ARE NEEDS TO BE AN ACTIVIST WITH A STRONG FOCUS ON EQUITY.

I DID NOT REALIZE THAT WE WERE EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED AS A GROUP THIS EVENING AND TWO OF OUR MEMBERS ARE LIVING CURRENTLY IN FLORIDA. AND THE AMENS GROUP HAS HISTORICALLY INCLUDED GERALD CLAY, A GIANT IN OAK PARK THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW THE HISTORY OF OAK PARK.

YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THE NAME, THE LATE GERALD CLAY.

AND SO THANK YOU BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING AND REPRESENTING THE FACT THAT WE EXIST OR AND WE WILL MAKE OURSELVES CONTINUOUSLY AROUND EQUITY AROUND OAK PARK AND THE LIKES OF OAK PARK.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GEORGE HAS KNOWN ME SINCE I WAS 16 YEARS OLD AND SO I CANNOT - I DO NOT HAVE ANY LIMITS!

THANK YOU.

AND WE DO HAVE COPIES OF PROCLAMATIONS TO GIVE OUT, BUT BEFORE WE DO THAT WE HAVE DONNA CALENDAR WHO WILL SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE AND THEN LYNN ALLEN.

>>DONNA: I PROMISE NOT TO TAKE TOO LONG.

SO, FIRST I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FOR THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO HONORING BLACK HISTORY, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY HERE IN OAK PARK.

BLACK HISTORY REFLECTS THE RESILIENCE, CREATIVITY AND ENDURING CONTRIBUTION OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT.

CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE SHAPED CULTURE, EDUCATION, ARTS AND COMMUNITY LIFE.

WE ARE REMINDED THAT BLACK HISTORY IS NOT ONLY SOMETHING THAT WE STUDY, IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE LIVE, WE TEACH AND FOR ME, I GET TO PASS IT FORWARD.

AS AN IMMIGRANT FROM BARBADOS, COMING TO THE UNITED STATES AND BEING INTRODUCED TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN 1995, AS A CELEBRATION THAT WAS CENTERED AROUND AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, IT WAS VITAL TO MY OWN CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND SENSE OF IDENTITY.

THEY OFFERED A DEEPER CONNECTION TO THE AFRICAN DIASPORA AND HELP SHAPE HOW I UNDERSTOOD HISTORY, COMMUNITY AND BELONGING.

THROUGH THE CULTURAL ARTS AND FOR ME ESPECIALLY DANCE, THIS HISTORY IS CARRIED THROUGH THE BODY, THROUGH RHYTHM AND MY SHARED EXPERIENCES. THIS IS WHERE BLACK EXCELLENCE LIVES.

IN CREATIVITY, RESILIENCE, IN INTENTIONAL PASSING OF CULTURE ACROSS OUR GENERATIONS.

THAT BELIEF IS THE HEART OF HER HARAAMBE WHICH IS SWAHILI WORD THAT MEANS LET'S UP ALTOGETHER.

AND IT PULLS TOGETHER CULTURE AND PRIDE THAT I EXPERIENCED AS AN IMMIGRANT COMING TO AMERICA NUMBER ONE AND ME AS A PARENT HAVING CHILDREN AND WANTING THEM TO ALSO HAVE THAT EXPERIENCE, AS WELL.

WHAT BEGAN IN 2006 AS NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM, A SPACE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN TO FEEL SEEN AND CELEBRATED EVOLVED INTO HARAMBE.

AS WE CELEBRATE THIS YEAR IN 2026, 20 YEARS - 20 YEARS OF THIS WORK I WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THE FAMILIES, THE STUDENTS - THE ARTISTS AND THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUSTAINED THIS LIVING TRADITION GROUNDED IN CULTURE AND COMMUNITY.

HARAMBE IS HELD AT LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AND IT STARTS AT 12 NOON WITH A AFRICAN VENDORS MARKET TO CELEBRATE OUR 20TH YEAR AND WE ARE PULLING ALL OF THE STOPS OUT AND WE DO HAVE A FASHION SHOW AND WE DO HAVE A HERE SHOW AND YOU ALSO HAVE PERFORMANCES BY ZAWADI WHICH HAS BEEN REBRANDED BECAUSE WE HAVE BIGGER THINGS TO DO!

AND ZAWADI PERFORMING ARTS AND WE HAVE A TRADITIONAL AFRICAN STILT WALKER AND SO COME CHECK US OUT AND IT IS A FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAM. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR YOU TO COME AND HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE.

SO, TO CLOSE I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH THE MISSION OF ZAWADI PERFORMING ARTS WHICH IS NURTURING GIFTS, INSPIRING LIVES WHERE EVERY CHILD'S GIFT SHINES.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO, JUST SO EVERYONE KNOWNS -- EVERYONE KNOWS, DONNA HAS LARGELY BEEN RUNNING THAT BY HERSELF AT THE PARENTS EACH YEAR THEY ARE HELPING HER AND MUCH OF IT AT HER OWN EXPENSE. AND A FEW YEARS THE PTO PITCHED IN, BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT IS CONSISTENT. SO, IT IS FREE, DONATIONS ARE DEFINITELY ACCEPTED.

AND ZAWADI PERFORMING ARTS AND AT THE EVENT ITSELF ON SATURDAY, I CAN CERTAINLY HELP DELIVER.

AND DONNA HAS BEEN JOINING US FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH SINCE 2018. I WAS ELECTED VILLAGE CLERK IN 2017, BUT THAT IS APRIL SO WE HAD TO WAIT A MINUTE.

SO, THANK YOU FOR CONSISTENTLY ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR ME, AS WELL.

AND IT IS STANDING ROOM ONLY AND SO IT SERIOUSLY IS AN AMAZING SHOW.

IT IS BEAUTIFUL AND THE COSTUMES AND DONNA MAKES THEM ALL HERSELF AND PARENTS HELP WITH THE DECORATIONS AND IT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND.

SO - I HAVE GOT ABOUT 15 YEARS OF IT ON AN IPAD.

AND WE ALSO, JOE KREML WHO MAKES A LOT OF VIDEOS IN OAK PARK AND SO IF YOU GO TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK 'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL YOU WILL SEE THAT DONNA HAS A VIDEO THAT JOE MADE AS WELL AS LYNN ALAN WHO IS UP NEXT! AND THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER NO LONGER EXISTS, BUT IT SHOULD.

SO, WE WILL HAVE TO WORK ON THAT.

>>LYNN: GOOD EVENING.

I HAVE BEEN OUT OF - VILLAGE MATTERS FOR A WHILE AND I AM SLOWLY CHIPPING UP TO GET BACK TO BUSINESS.

WORKING ON ISSUES OF DIVERSITY AND AN ISSUE THAT IS NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART.

I NEVER ACTUALLY COMPLETELY STOP, BUT I JUST KIND OF WITHDREW FROM OAK PARK.

AS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE MULTI- CULTURAL DEPARTMENT, I KIND OF LOST FAITH IN OAK PARK WHEN IT'S WONDERFUL CULTURAL LIBRARY AND HANDS-ON MUSEUM WERE SHUT DOWN BY OUR SCHOOL BOARD IN 2016 AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I SAW SUCH POTENTIAL FOR OUR VILLAGE AS A LEADER FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR PROMOTING CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, COMPETENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT FOR THIS GRAND WHAT I CALL SALAD BOWL, I DO NOT CALL IT A MELTING POT, BUT A SALAD BOWL THAT MAKES OUR COUNTRY GREAT WHERE WE VALUE OUR CULTURAL DISTINCTIVENESS INDIVIDUALLY, BUT WE FIT TOGETHER WELL.

LIKE IN A SALAD.

SO, I CAN BE A TOMATO, YOU CAN BE A CUCUMBER AND WE CAN ALL TASTE GOOD TOGETHER.

SO, I GUESS I'M JUMPING BACK INTO THE FRAY AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE VILLAGE BOARD FOR CONTINUING THE TRADITIONS OF AFFIRMING DIVERSITY IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH FOR OUR VILLAGE.

I HOPE THAT MAYBE ONE DAY WE CAN HAVE A CULTURAL CENTER IN OUR VILLAGE AGAIN THAT TEACHERS AND CELEBRATE CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE FUTURE.

IT WAS ONE OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR STRATEGIC PLANS AND I BELIEVE IT WAS IN VISION OAK PARK.

AND SO SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

I THINK THAT IT IS AN IMPORTANT THING NOWADAYS FOR US TO CONTINUE CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND UNDERSTANDING.

ALSO, I AM A COACH AT TRI-STAR GYMNASTICS AND THAT IS MY COMPANY IN FOREST PARK.

AND WE ARE HAVING A BLACK HISTORY EXHIBIT ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

IT IS FREE AND IT IS FROM 2:30 PM UNTIL 5:30 PM AND WE WILL HAVE A AFRICAN DANCE WORKSHOP AND A DRUMMING WORKSHOP AND I'VE HAD MY COLLECTION IN MY OBAMA ROOM AT HOME AND IT HAS A LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS.

AND THERE WILL BE GAMES AND TOYS AND CLOTHING THAT YOU CAN TRY ON.

WE WILL HAVE ACTIVITIES LIKE CARRYING A BASKET ON YOUR HEAD.

JUST ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE THAT AND WE WILL HAVE A BOOK CORNER WHERE ANYBODY CAN SIT DOWN AND LOOK THROUGH BOOKS ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIFE AND CULTURE AND ABOUT CHILDREN AND THAT KIND OF THING.

SO, I HOPE THAT IF YOU CAN YOU WILL COME AND JOIN US AND IT IS FREE AND IT IS IN FOREST PARK AT TRI-STAR GYMNASTICS.

I HAVE SOME FLYERS OUT IN THE HALLWAY.

NO, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ARE WE DOING PHOTOS?

JOE?

DO WE WANT TO DO PHOTOS?

DOES ANYBODY IN THE GROUPS WANT TO TAKE PHOTOS?

WE CAN ALL GET OUT THERE AND TAKE A PHOTO?

OKAY, ALL RIGHT!

WE ARE GETTING UP AND TAKING A PHOTO!

AS MANY PEOPLE WHO WANT TO FIT IN THE MIDDLE THERE AS POSSIBLE.

OKAY, WE WILL STAY HERE!

YES, LYNN, COME ON IN!

CARL AND GEORGE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN IN THE PHOTO?

(LAUGHTER) COME ON FAMILY, YOU MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN!

WITHOUT YOU - OH, CANDACE, YOU WERE HERE THE WHOLE TIME?

>>SPEAKER: ONE, TWO, THREE!

ZAWADI!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ONE MORE, ONE MORE!

ALL RIGHT!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO CLERK WATERS, KIANA CARSWELL, DEPUTY CLERK AND KELLY KEYS, RDDI OFFICER AND HER TEAM FOR HELPING BRING EVERYONE TOGETHER.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

I AM CHECKING TO SEE IF WE ARE ON SCHEDULE.

KELLY - WE DID OKAY.

7:37 PM.

ALMOST.

IS THERE NON-AGENDA PUBLIC, THIS EVENING?

LET ME LOOK TO SEE.

ALL RIGHT, IF THERE IS NO NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT THEN WILL MOVE FORWARD TO THE VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS.

DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER, LISA SHELLEY.

>>SPEAKER: THE ONLY ITEM ON THE MANAGERS REPORT TONIGHT IS THE CALENDAR REVIEW FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

DID EVERYONE HAVE A CHANCE TO TAKE A LOOK?

ALL RIGHT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THERE IS ALSO PROPOSING IN THE MONTH OF MARCH ANOTHER MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

AND TO NOTE THAT INSTEAD OF MEETING ON TUESDAY THE 17TH WE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY THE 18TH?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THAT IS CORRECT.

THAT IS THE SAME THAT WE TALKED ABOUT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JUST MAKING SURE EVERYBODY MAKES IT.

ANYBODY HAVE A CHALLENGE THAT I KNOW ABOUT THIS TIME ON THE 24TH?

ARE YOU ALLOWED TO ZOOM IN FOR THAT?

OKAY, WE WILL DEFINITELY - WE CAN DO THAT AS LONG AS WE DO NOT TALK BUSINESS.

AND WE ALSO HAVE THE 31ST AND SO WE HAVE A MINUTE ENCASE WE NEED TO - THEN WILL MOVE FORWARD TO CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES.

AT EVERY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING THE VILLAGE CLERK PROVIDES A VACANCY REPORT SO ANYONE INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED AND SERVING ON A BOARD COMMISSION CAN REACH OUT TO CLERK WATERS AT CLERK@OAK-PARK.US AND THIS EVENING WE DO HAVE A VIEW APPOINTMENTS AND I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONSENT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF MY APPOINTMENTS OF AND CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ THOSE OFF?

A.

>>CLERK WATERS: SURE, CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES, WE HAD.

>>CLERK WATERS: CHRIS SAAM TO THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION. APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER.

AND CATHY A. KIRIAKOS APPOINTED TO THE CIVIC INFORMATION'S SYSTEMS COMMISSION AND BERNHARD WALKER TO THE DISABLED ACCESS COMMISSION APPOINTED TO COMMISSIONER AND DAVE BATES AS REAPPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

AND ALL IN FAVOR?

OKAY, MOTION AND A SECOND.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED TO.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THINKING -- THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HEARING NOBODY SAY NO.

A POINTMAN'S ARE APPROVED.

CHRIS, YOU ARE HERE.

AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THE VILLAGE AS WELL AS EVERYBODY ELSE AND I THINK WE HAVE GOT LIKE 157 VOLUNTEERS.

PUBLIC HEARING?

SORRY, I JUST GOT ALL OF THAT.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA.

AND ARE WE PULLING SOMETHING OFF?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: TWO THINGS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: REMIND ME THE NUMBERS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: RESOLUTION 26 - 129 AND 130.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ITEMS J AND N FROM CONSENT TO REGULAR AND TO APPROVE EVERYTHING ELSE.

MOVE.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE WESLEY, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

AND ON REGULAR AGENDA I STILL THINK THAT WE WILL GO STRAIGHT TO THE FELLOWSHIP ITEM S.

26 - 124 AND THEN WE CAN TAKE S A T AND THEN GO TO THE OTHER TWO?

OKAY.

OKAY, CHRIS, IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US FOR THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION?

YOU CAN COME UP BEFORE WE INTRODUCE STAFF.

BUT OVER HERE.

TRUSTEE STRAW WAS TRYING TO HELP ME OUT AND POINTED OUT, BUT I WAS - YES, THANK YOU.

RIGHT THERE.

>>CHRIS: THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE VERY LAST AGENDA ITEM THAT I DO, RIGHT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NOW YOU CAN SPEAK ABOUT THE -

>>CHRIS: YES, THANK YOU FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND I CAN AD LIB. HERE, BUT -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE A BETTER MICROPHONE YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASKED TO SPEAK!

YOU ARE GOOD!

OKAY, BACK TO NORMAL HERE.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM S.

WE HAVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALES

AGREEMENT WITH THE FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY

AT 1106 MADISON STREET.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, MOTION BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN.

AND I DO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ONE.

AND I HAVE MAGGIE SANTOS?

>>SPEAKER: HELLO EVERYBODY.

I AM A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMISSION AND THIS PROPOSAL CAME BEFORE OUR COMMISSION A FEW MONTHS AGO.

AND SO I WANTED TO ADVOCATE FOR YOU GUYS TO VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION, BUT I WANT TO SAY FIRST THAT IT IS NOT THAT I AM OPPOSED TO DEVELOPING THE

CHURCH OR THAT I AM OPPOSED TO US CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OAK PARK.

I THINK THOSE ARE WONDERFUL THINGS AND THAT IS WHY I AM ON THIS COMMISSION, BECAUSE I WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THAT.

I THINK THERE IS A PROCEDURAL ISSUE HERE IN A BIT OF PRESIDENTS SETTING THAT I WANT TO GET INTO.

SO, THIS CAME IN FRONT OF HPAC A COUPLE MONTHS AGO AND THE WHOLE COMMISSION... IT WAS NOT READY TO MOVE FORWARD.

WE LIKE THE IDEA, BUT WE DID NOT THINK IT WAS READY TO GO PURE WE WERE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE THEIR FUNDING STACK IN PLACE.

SO, THE VILLAGE MAYBE PUTTING UP MONEY WITHOUT A REAL PLAN ON HOW IT WOULD GET SPENT AND HOW THOSE FUNDS COULD BE TIED UP FOR A LONG TIME WHERE THEY MAY HAVE BETTER USES OF THOSE FUNDS THAT COULD LEAD TO MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE SHORTER-TERM IF THEY WERE NOT TIED UP WAITING FOR THIS TO COME TO FRUITION.

ANOTHER THING IS THAT IT MAY SET A PRECEDENT ABOUT THE VILLAGE PURCHASING OTHER PROPERTIES IF WE DON'T HAVE CLIENTS FOR THAT.

AND IT IS NOT LIKE WE PUT OUT A RST OF DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL TO US FOR US TO TURN INTO HOUSING?

THERE IS A LOT OF OTHER VACANT OR SEMI VACANT CHURCHES IN OAK PARK WHICH MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN DOING.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAN HAPPEN ORGANICALLY AND MAYBE JUST HAPPENED WITHOUT US MAY BE TAKING A STEP BACK AND ASKING IF THIS IS WHAT WE INTENDED TO DO.

MY CONCERN IS THAT WITH THE WAY THIS EVOLVED IT MAY SEEM LIKE THERE IS A PRECEDENT BEING SET FOR THIS CHURCH OR FOR INTERFACE, THE DEVELOPER AND FROM THE OUTSIDE, PEOPLE MAY QUESTION HEY, WHY THIS CHURCH AND WHY DID THE VILLAGE DO THIS AND WHY DOES THE VILLAGE ON THIS PROPERTY?

YOU MAY ASK QUESTIONS.

HAVING THE HOUSING TRUST FUND IS A SPECIAL THING AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD BE REALLY PROUD OF.

THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WE WANT TO DO.

BUT, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS UNIVERSALLY LOVED OR EVEN UNDERSTOOD AND IF WE WANT PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO FEEL CONFIDENT IN OUR COMMUNITY INVESTING IN THIS DAY WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE ARE USING IT IN A WAY THAT IS UNQUESTIONABLE, EVEN BY PEOPLE WHO MAY BE OPPOSED TO WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE YOUR.

SO MY HOPE IS THAT INTERFACE GETS A PLAN TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS WORK THAT THEY SECURE THEIR CAPITAL STACK AND THEY FIGURED OUT AND THAT THIS DOES GO FORWARD.

AND MY HOPE IS THAT IT GOES FORWARD THROUGH THE STANDARD PROCESS WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY AHEAD OF TIME.

SO, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ON THE HISTORIC PORT-- HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

ANDREA?

>>SPEAKER: HELLO.

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

I'M A RESIDENT AND ALSO SET ON HPAC AND I WANT TO MAKE THE COMMENT. FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANT TO SAY THAT I ALSO FULLY SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OAK PARK.

IN FACT I THINK THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS A GREAT IDEA.

AND IF YOU VOTE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE I HOPE THAT MY CONCERNS ARE COMPLETELY WRONG.

I HOPE THAT EVERYTHING IS ALL SET AND THERE IS A NEW PROJECT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON MADISON STREET, BUT THAT SAID I ALSO HAVE MAJOR CONCERNS THAT I FEEL COMPELLED TO SHARE.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE VILLAGERS SHOULD PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY.

EVEN IF THERE ARE PLANS TO GET MONEY BACK AND IN DOING THIS WE TAKE ON A SIGNIFICANT RISK THAT IS UNNECESSARY.

EVEN IF THE FUNDING FROM IDA GOES TO THE NEXT CYCLE WE TAKE ON THE RISK AS PROPERTY OWNERS AND THAT INCLUDES THINGS LIKE INSURANCE, RISK, UTILITIES ETC. WHAT HAPPENS IF WE HAD A HAILSTORM COME THROUGH AND SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THE ROOF BEFORE THE FUNDING GOES THROUGH AND THE TRANSFER?

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FUNDING IS ACTUALLY GOING TO GO THROUGH,?

THESE ARE COMPETITIVE GRANTS THAT HAVE NO GUARANTEE AND SO THE VILLAGE COULD END UP OWNING THIS PROPERTY FOR MUCH LONGER.

EVEN WITH PURCHASING PROPERTY BEING SOMETHING THAT THE VILLAGE DECIDED TO DO, THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO DO IT.

THIS HAS NOT BEEN A EQUITABLE PUBLIC PROCESS.

IF YOU WANT TO PURCHASE PROPERTIES THERE SHOULD BE AN OPEN RFP PROCESS FOR DEVELOPERS TO APPLY AND PROPOSE THEIR PROJECTS TO.

THAT HAS NOT BEEN PROPOSED HERE.

ALL OF THIS DOES NOT EVEN CONSIDER THAT THIS WOULD BE FUNDS, POTENTIALLY OUT OF RESERVES, BE ESSENTIALLY COMING FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND WHERE THERE ARE ALREADY CONCERNS THAT THERE IS NO INCOMING MONEY TO REPLENISH THE HOUSING TRUST FUND IN GENERAL.

WE COULD HAVE THESE FUNDS TIED UP FOR YEARS MAKING THEM UNAVAILABLE FOR OTHER PROJECTS.

SO, ESSENTIALLY FOR ME UNTIL I WOULD LOVE THIS PROJECT, BUT UNTIL INTERFACE PENNDOT THERE I'S AND CROSS THEIR T 'S, HPAC DOES NOT SUPPORT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

LISA SHELLEY?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WE ARE GOING TO CALL FORWARD JONATHAN BURGE, OUR ASSISTANT MANAGER AND DIRECTOR AND HE IS GOING TO GIVE US AN OVERVIEW OF HOW WE GOT TO THIS AGENDA ITEM.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, JONATHAN BURKS.

BEFORE YOU ARE TWO ITEMS TONIGHT, ONE IS A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR \$1 MILLION.

AND IN ORDER FOR THEM TO PURCHASE THAT AND RELATED TO THAT A AGREEMENT WITH INTERFAITH HOUSING IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT SITE FOR THE KEYSTONE APARTMENT PROJECT.

SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE SPENT A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT IN THE PAST.

AS A REFRESHER, THAT IS FOR THE PROJECT AT 1106 MADISON AVENUE, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT FOR 36 UNITS, MIXTURE OF STUDIOS AND ONE BEDROOM UNITS WITH A VARIETY OF ON-SITE AMENITIES.

IT HAS HAD PREVIOUS APPROVALS AND PROCESSES THAT HAVE GONE TO THE BOARD AND HPAC.

AS SOME OF YOU WILL RECALL BACK IN JULY 2024 THIS BODY APPROVED A SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN ORDER FOR THE PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD AS WELL AS IN JANUARY WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF HPAC AT THAT TIME AND A COMMITMENT LETTER FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.2 UP TO \$1.3 MILLION FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION BY INTERFAITH FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FUNDS IN 2025.

INTERFAITH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN RECEIVING THOSE FUNDS IN MAY 2025 AND THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT THAT THEY HAD AT THE TIME WITH THE CHURCH EXPIRED LAST SUMMER IN JULY.

SUBSEQUENT TO THAT, HPAC REVIEWED ADDITIONAL OR REVIEWED FUNDING PROPOSAL FROM INTERFAITH IN AUGUST AND AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER WHERE IT DID NOT MEET AT THAT TIME THE MINIMUM SCORING CRITERIA FOR THE HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THOSE WERE CONCERNS THAT WERE ECHOED PRIMARILY RELATED TO THE THINGS THAT YOU JUST HEARD COMMENT ABOUT WHICH WERE AROUND RISK AND PARTICULARLY CONCERNS RELATED TO THE PURCHASE ITSELF.

SINCE THAT TIME, THEN IN OCTOBER THE BOARD EXTENDED THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT LAND-USE RELATED TO THE SITE AND INTERFAITH HAS SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGED THEIR CAPITAL STACK AND SO SOME OF THE FACTORS THAT WERE DISCUSSED AT THAT SEPTEMBER AYE FOR MEETING INCLUDED THE PRESENCE AT THE TIME OF MANY DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES AND INCLUDED IN THAT WAS ABOUT 4% LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS FROM IDA AS WELL AS SOME HARD AND NOFO CONTINUING CARE MONEY THAT HAD BEEN PUT OUT AND PULLED BACK AND PUT OUT PULLBACK OF WHICH THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF UNCERTAINTY IF THAT WOULD MOVE FORWARD.

IN NOVEMBER THEY WOULD REMOVE ALL OF THOSE OTHER FUNDING SOURCES AND CONSOLIDATE IT INTO A LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROJECT NO LONGER SEEKING THAT FUNDING.

AND THEN SINCE THAT TIME AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD WE HAVE DONE ADDITIONAL WORK RELATED TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT THAT ARE REFLECTED HERE.

IN PARTICULAR ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE TO FLAG GOING FORWARD WHICH IS INTERFAITH APPLICATION FOR 9% LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT IS DUE ON NOVEMBER 25 AND AS PART OF THE APPLICATION, ANY DEVELOPER MUST BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE SITE CONTROL AS YOU WILL RECALL PART OF THE QUESTION HERE IS WHETHER OR NOT INTERFAITH WOULD BE ABLE TO SECURE SITE CONTROL WHICH HAD EXPIRED OVER THE COURSE OF THE SUMMER AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT AS A CRITICAL PART OF BEING ABLE TO HAVE A VIABLE PROPOSAL WITH IHDA AND WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE CONVERSATION WITH THE HOUSING PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER.

IHDA IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE DECISIONS IN JUNE 2026 RELATED TO 9% LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS.

YOU HEARD AGAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE RISKS RELATED TO OWNERSHIP OF THE PROJECT AND PURCHASING THE SITE AND UNCERTAINTY OF FUNDING RELATED TO IT.

STAFF HAD TRIED TO MITIGATE AS MANY VOTES AS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE APPROACH TAKEN TO BOTH PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, AS WELL.

AND YOU CAN SEE SORT OF THE TWO STEP PROCESS THAT IS OUTLINED HERE. FIRST THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT ITSELF CALLS FOR THE VILLAGE TO USE \$1 MILLION IN GENERAL REVENUE RESERVE FUNDS AS OPPOSED TO MERELY GO TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND IN ORDER TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF THE SITE ITSELF WITH THE KEYSTONE PROJECT ONLY THROUGH SECURING MONEY FROM IHDA WITH THOSE FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THE HOUSING TRUST FUND BECAUSE THEY ABOUT OTHER PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN WAITING OR GETTING MOVING IN SIMILAR SORTS OF SITUATIONS AND HAS ALLOWED IT TO BUILD IMPORTANT RESERVE THROUGH THE GENERATION OF INTEREST AND THIS ALSO ALLOWS THAT REMAIN THE CASE KEEPING THOSE MONEY IN THAT ACCOUNT FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE TO GENERATE ADDITIONAL MONIES THAT CAN BE USED FOR OTHER HOUSING PROJECTS.

INTERFAITH PAIRED THIS IS WHAT IS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AS WELL AS ITEMS RELATED TO THE SPECIAL USE APPROVAL PROCESS IN ORDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TO MOVE FORWARD.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF IT, BECAUSE THE VILLAGE HAS DISCUSSED WITH INTERFAITH THAT THEY WOULD TAKE THE PROPERTY VERY SHORTLY AFTER PURCHASE FROM THE VILLAGE PURCHASE OF THE CHURCH SITE ITSELF AND FOR THE BUILD WOULD MINIMIZE IT HOLDING TIME AND THIS IS PART OF THE REASON WHY THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT INCLUDES A CLAWBACK PROVISION IF INTERFAITH WERE NOT TO RECEIVE FUNDING AND WERE TO NO LONGER MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT THAT THE VILLAGE ITSELF WOULD THEN TAKE BACK

THE PARCEL AT THAT TIME AND AT THAT POINT THEY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER CONCERNS RELATED TO THAT.

OBVIOUSLY THERE IS CERTAINLY RISK RELATED TO THAT AND IT IS A UNCERTAIN FUNDING SOURCE, BUT THIS IS A DEVELOPER THAT HAS A LONG-STANDING TRACK RECORD OF APPLYING FOR SUCCESSFULLY THESE FUNDS INCLUDING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GROVE APARTMENT PROJECT HERE IN OAK PARK AS WELL AS OTHER PROJECT IN WEST COOK COUNTY.

STAFF SEES THIS APPROACH HAS MANY DIFFERENT BENEFITS AND THOSE BENEFITS OUTWEIGH THE RISKS THAT WERE DISCUSSED AND THOSE INCLUDE ENSURING THAT THE SITE IS TRANSFERRED TO INTERFAITH AND THAT SITE CONTROL SECURED IS A PART OF THAT APPLICATION PROCESS.

IT ALLOWS INTERFAITH ALSO TO ACCESS AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCE THAT WAS NOT PRESENT IN THE ADDITIONAL ROUND AND THAT BEING AN ADDITIONAL \$437,000 OF STATE DONATIONS TAX CREDITS AND THIS ACTUALLY WOULD INDIRECTLY AND DIRECTLY INCREASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THAT THE VILLAGE IS PROVIDING TO THE PROJECT FROM THE APPROXIMATELY 1.2 UP TO 1.3 MILLION UP TO NORTH OF 1.4 MILLION AS WELL AS REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FROM 1.26 REALLY DOWN TO \$1 MILLION.

IT ALSO IN THE AND WOULD HOPEFULLY HELP CREATE 36 NEW UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT IS MUCH NEEDED HERE IN OAK PARK.

WITH THAT, QUESTIONS?

BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: JUST SO I UNDERSTAND THE FLOW OF THE FUNDS - IT SOUNDS LIKE ONE OF THE CONCERNS IS THAT \$1 MILLION FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND WOULD BE ENCUMBERED THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

AND SO THE INITIAL PURCHASE PRICE COMES FROM RESERVES.

BUT, THEN \$1 MILLION OF THE HOUSING TRUST FUND WILL BE EVEN IF IT IS STILL HELD IN THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND RECEIVING INTEREST, IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR OTHER PROJECTS, EVEN IF THOSE OTHER PROJECTS ARE POTENTIALLY SHOVEL READY AS OPPOSED TO SORT OF IN THE QUEUE AND HOPING FOR OTHER FUNDING SOURCES?

>>JONATHAN BURCH: CORRECT.

IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THE MONEY WHEN THE TIME IS READY WE NEED TO RECOVER THOSE FUNDS TO NOT SPEND THOSE AND OTHER SOURCES.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SHOULD INTERFAITH PARTNERS BE UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE JUNE 2026 FUNDING ROUND, IT SOUNDS LIKE AT THAT POINT THE PROPERTY WOULD BE CLAWED BACK TO THE VILLAGE?

AM I UNDERSTANDING THAT CORRECTLY?

>>JONATHAN BURCH: CORRECT.

THAT IS THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY THAT IF THEY WERE ABLE TO SECURE THAT IT WOULD COME BACK TO THE VILLAGE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, IF THE PROPERTY COMES BACK TO THE VILLAGE AND IS NOW UNDER VILLAGE ROLES, IS THE MILLION DOLLARS AT THAT POINT THEN AVAILABLE TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR OTHER PROJECTS?

>>JONATHAN BURCH: YES.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ENCUMBERING THOSE FUNDS FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS IF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCEEDS AND THEN AT THAT POINT THEY DEVELOPMENT THAT WE PREVIOUSLY SORT OF HAD SIGNED OFF ON BACK IN 2024 WILL PROCEED AND IF IT DOES NOT PROCEED IN JUNE, THOSE FUNDS ARE RETURNED TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND THEN WE ARE JUST FIGURING OUT HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THIS PARCEL?

>>JONATHAN BURCH: I THINK THAT IS GENERALLY CORRECT. THE BOARD COULD CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE DEVELOPER IF IT WANTED TO EXTEND BEYOND THAT POINT, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT COULD COME UP IN JUNE 2026.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: DO WE HAVE - TO THIS QUESTION OF SORT OF BEING A STEWARD OF THESE FUNDS IN ALL OF THIS THAT WAS RAISED IN PUBLIC COMMENT - DO WE HAVE ANY MARKET ESTIMATES OF THE VALUE OF THIS PARCEL?

>>JONATHAN BURCH: WE DO. IT IS PART OF THE STATE DONATION, YOU HAVE TO DO - THE DEVELOPER ACTUALLY HAD TO GET A NEW APPRAISAL AND BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS TO IHDA AND THEY DID THAT WITH THE MILLION DOLLAR PRICE.

THE SAME AS WAS APPRAISED PREVIOUSLY WHICH I WOULD THINK IS THE SPRING OR SUMMER OF 24 WHEN THEY ORIGINALLY ENTERED INTO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY. THOSE ARE ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAD. I DEFINITELY APPRECIATE THE CONCERNS. I THINK GIVEN THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ENCUMBERING THE FUNDS FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS AND RETURNING THOSE FUNDS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH OTHER PROJECTS SHOULD WE BE UNSUCCESSFUL IN JUNE OR AT THE VERY LEAST HAVING A FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THIS BOARD TABLE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON THIS PROJECT AND GOING THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR OF WAITING ON A FUNDING STACK TO APPEAR, I AM COMFORTABLE WITH THAT SHORT-TERM ENCUMBRANCE, BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT THIS IS A VALUABLE PROJECT, HOWEVER IF THIS PROJECT DOES NOT GO FORWARD, THEN I WOULD LOOK TO USING THOSE FUNDS TO OTHER PROJECTS THAT MAY BE MORE NEAR TO FRUITION.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: MY QUESTION IS IF YOU COULD PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CONCERN RAISED ABOUT PRECEDENT-SETTING.

I OBVIOUSLY THIS INITIATED BEFORE I JOINED THE BOARD, BUT I WAS FOLLOWING AND CATCHING UP THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND SO THAT TO ME IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE QUESTION ABOUT WHAT KIND OF A PRECEDENT THIS COULD BE SETTING IN TERMS OF THE VILLAGE ACQUIRING PROPERTIES, BECAUSE IT WAS INITIATED THROUGH A DIFFERENT PART OF THE PROCESS, BUT I'D BE REALLY INTERESTED TO HEAR HOW YOU RESPOND TO THOSE CONCERNS, BECAUSE I THINK THEY ARE VALID CONCERNS.

>>JONATHAN BURCH: ABSOLUTELY.

THERE IS AN IMPORTANT TRACK RECORD TO LOOK AT HERE, SPECIFICALLY THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY COME IN FOR THE DEVELOPING OF APPROVALS AND RELATED TO THAT THEIR PARTY SOUGHT OUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT IN OTHER WAYS AND SO IT IS NOT LIKE WE SOUGHT THEM OUT INDEPENDENTLY WITH NO ADDITIONAL CONTEXT TO WHERE THEY HAD NOT ALREADY BEEN ENGAGED WITH THE VILLAGE AND THE VILLAGE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED SUPPORT IN ORDER FOR THE PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD.

IT WOULD BE A VERY DIFFERENT SORT OF SET OF FACTS LEADING UP TO THIS IF IT WAS LIKE STAFF IDENTIFIED A SITE AND WE IDENTIFIED A DEVELOPER WITHOUT ANY SORT OF EXTERNAL PROCESSING GO INTO THAT WHICH WOULD BE A VERY DIFFERENT SITUATION.

OBVIOUSLY IF WE ULTIMATELY WERE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE ENDED UP HAVING TO CLAWBACK THAT PROPERTY YOU KNOW THAN FROM A STAFF PERSPECTIVE WE WOULD HAVE TO BE LOOKING AGAIN AT LIKE OKAY, NOW THIS IS THE TIME TO ISSUE A RFP FOR THE SITE THAT WE HAVE TO IDENTIFY THE BEST USE.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I APPRECIATE THAT, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE ONLY OTHER QUESTION THAT I CAN ADD ONTO THAT A LITTLE BIT - SO, IT IS ALSO THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE CHURCH IS THAT VS. YOU KNOW SO THE MEMBERS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OR HOUSING PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMISSION DO AN EXCELLENT JOB AND YOU WORK WITH THEM, DIRECTLY.

AND KEITH, SPENCER THE CHAIR IS ALSO WITH US THIS EVENING.

AND SO I APPRECIATE THE QUESTIONS AND WE ARE MAKING EVERY THOUGHTFUL DECISION WHERE WE ARE CONSIDERING ALL OF THE PROS AND CONS OF MOVING FORWARD THIS WAY.

BUT, IT IS NOT NECESSARILY THE PROCESS THAT IF YOU ARE GOING TO SEEK TO TAKE OR PUT IN ON RFP FOR DEVELOPMENT YOU WOULD PUT IT IN FOR ALL CHURCHES LIKE IT WOULD ALSO BE THE LOCATION ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HOSPITAL AND IT IS PRIME FOR MANY REASONS FOR WHAT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE WISH TO PUT AND WORK WITH INTERFAITH ON.

AND THAT BLOCK AND IT IS ALSO OUR ECONOMIC VITALITY TEAM HAD RESPONDED TO THE VILLAGE BOARD THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER THAT AS AN OPPORTUNITY IF THIS PROJECT DID NOT MOVE FORWARD THAT THAT WHOLE BLOCK ACTUALLY HAS SEVERAL OTHERWISE BLIGHTED BUILDINGS THAT WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM A MUNICIPALITY MAY OTHERWISE GO UNDEVELOPED.

AND WHEN WE THINK ABOUT OUR GOALS THAT WE HAVE FROM OUR HOUSING STUDY FROM 2024, WE HAVE A LOT THAT WE NEED TO INTENTIONALLY BE WORKING TOWARDS IN ORDER TO MEET THOSE GOALS.

LARGER APARTMENT BUILDINGS OR APARTMENTS AND THREE BEDROOMS FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, SENIORS - AND SO THEN THIS GIVES US A PLACE TO BUILD FOR MEETING THE GOALS THAT ARE IN THE 2024 PLAN.

AND SO IT WAS ALREADY DETERMINED THAT THIS IS A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EITHER WAY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU AS ALWAYS, JONATHAN.
I APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION.

DO WE HAVE OTHER PROJECTS THAT COULD USE THIS MONEY RIGHT NOW?

>>JONATHAN BURCH: WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE ANY APPLICATIONS THAT ARE BEFORE STAFF OR THE HOUSING PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT, OKAY.

AND ON THE QUESTION ABOUT CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT, BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN ITEMS COME BEFORE US AROUND POTENTIAL REZONING SO ON AND SO FORTH, HAVE WE SEEN THE MAN COME FORTH FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FOR ACQUISITION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THOSE CHURCHES?

>>JONATHAN BURCH: I THINK THE RELEVANT SERVICES HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD A NUMBER FOR ADDITIONAL ADAPTIVE REUSE, BUT USUALLY WHEN SOLD THEY HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY OTHER CHURCHES.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THAT HAS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE MUST -- MUCH TO MY CHAGRIN.

AND SO I GUESS THE QUESTION IS WE HAVE NOT HAD ANYONE REACHING OUT SPECIFICALLY SAYING WE WOULD PURCHASE THIS CHURCH TO DO A RESIDENTIAL CONVERSION IF THE ORDINANCE SUPPORTED IT?

>>JONATHAN BURCH: NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I JUST WANTED TO SEE IF THESE FUNDS WOULD BE PREVENTING ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO BE DEVELOPED LIKE RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE MY ANSWER TO THAT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE TO ADD FUNDS SO WE CAN GET THESE DEVELOPMENT DONE.

AND SO IT IS GOOD TO HEAR THAT WE DON'T HAVE A BACKLOG THAT WE CAN JUST THROW AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS GOOD, BECAUSE IF WE HAD A BACKLOG WE COULD THROW MONEY AT IT AND I WOULD PUT IN A MOTION TO THROW MONEY AT IT.

>>JONATHAN BURCH: THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS OPEN AT ALL TIMES AND PEOPLE CAN SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING TRUST FUND DOLLARS AT ANYTIME.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AWESOME, THAT IS GOOD TO KNOW.
I WILL MAKE SURE THAT I SOCIALIZE THAT.
OTHERWISE I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THIS.

I AGREE THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARILY IDEAL THE WAY THAT IT IS HAPPENING, BUT THE WAY THAT I LOOK AT IT IS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY AND WE ARE JUST HAVING TO CHANGE THE FORMAT IN WHICH WE GIVE IT TO THEM IN ORDER TO GET THE DEVELOPMENT DONE WHICH WOULD THEN GENERATE 36 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND I DON'T WANT TO JEOPARDIZE - I WANT US TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN WITHIN REASON TO STRENGTHEN THAT APPLICATION SO THEY GET THE MONEY SO THE DEVELOPMENT HAPPENS AND I DON'T WANT OUR DECISION HERE TO PUT THAT IN JEOPARDY AND IT LOOKS LIKE OUR DECISION HERE CAN ACTUALLY STRENGTHEN THEIR APPLICATION AND SO I AM SUPPORTIVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND IT DOES SAVE US A FEW DOLLARS.
C5 YES, IT DOES.

I HAVE NO QUESTIONS, JUST A COMMENT AND I WANTED TO SAY THAT I AM COMFORTABLE WITH THE RISK THAT WE ARE PURSUING ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THIS PARTICULAR PRESENTATION PROPOSAL AND I AM FOR THE PURCHASE AND I WOULD SUPPORT THIS.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK YOU SAID IT VERY WELL JONATHAN WHEN YOU SAID THAT INTERFAITH IS AN EXTREMELY STRONG PARTNER. THEY HAVE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF SUCCESS AND IT IS A CHALLENGING MARKET WITH ONE THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER CHANGES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT HAS BEEN MADE AROUND GRANTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT IF THERE IS SOMEBODY THAT CAN DO IT, THEY ARE ONE. AND THIS PROJECT IS A VERY EXCITING PROJECT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I'LL BE QUICK BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE ENOUGH OF A CONSENSUS ON THE BOARD HERE, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT.

IT DOES CONCERN ME THAT THERE IS A THIS AGREEMENT HERE AND I DON'T LIKE THAT, BECAUSE YOU ARE VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND EXPERTS AND WE LOOKED AT THIS DEEPLY AND YOU DISAGREE WITH THIS DIRECTION AND SO I DON'T LOVE THAT, I THINK THE POINTS THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE MADE ARE GOOD ONES. I AM JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THERE IS SUCH A STARK DISAGREEMENT HERE AND WHAT WE CAN DO BETTER WITH THIS PROCESS GOING FORWARD. I DO NOT LIKE THAT WE HAVE DISAGREED WITH OTHER COMMISSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT BEFORE THE BOARD AND I WOULD LIKE THERE TO BE SOME AGREEMENT THERE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

WHAT I HEARD IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENT QUESTION IS THAT THERE IS A CONCERN ABOUT THE CHANCES OF THEM ACTUALLY GETTING THIS FUNDING SECURED AND DO WE KNOW WHAT THAT IS AND I THINK THE FUNDING THAT THEY ARE GOING FOR IS COMPETITIVE I BELIEVE AND WITH THE VILLAGE THAT BEGAN TO WHERE THEY ARE AND THAT IMPROVES THEIR CHANCES THAT SEEMS GOOD AND ALSO THERE IS A CHANCE THAT WE HOLD ONTO THIS PROPERTY AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOMETHING ELSE AND IT IS VERY MUCH ON US TO FIGURE THAT OUT. SO, DO WE HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT ARE THE CHANCES AND HOW MUCH ARE WE HELPING?

I'LL BE CURIOUS - I KNOW IT IS HARD, BUT QUANTIFY ANYWAY THAT YOU CAN -

>>JONATHAN BURCH: I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN QUANTIFY THAT DECISION-MAKING PROCESS - BUT, WHAT I THINK IS PROBABLY HELPFUL IS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN 82 APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE COME INTO IHDA FOR THE LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT WHICH THIS IS STATEWIDE ACROSS THE WHOLE OF THE STATE AND THERE ARE 32 AND 29 HAVE BEEN FUNDED AND YOU DON'T COMPETE AGAINST EVERYONE, YOU COMPETE AGAINST YOUR BUCKET AND THAT IS LIKE METRO CHICAGO AND NOT EVERYONE IN THE STATE AND CERTAINLY OUT OF THAT PERCENTAGE THERE HAVE BEEN FULLY TWO APPLICATIONS EMITTED OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS OF WHICH 12 AND SO 55% HAVE BEEN FUNDED AND SO PROJECTS GET FUNDED.

DOES EVERY PROJECT GET FUNDED?

NO.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I APPRECIATE THAT.

IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE IS ENOUGH CONSENSUS TO WILL FORWARD.

SO, I WILL GO ON WITH THAT CONSENSUS.

BUT, I WOULD LOVE TO DO BETTER.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GREAT.

AND SO KEITH, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO ADD?

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

AND TO RESPOND TO DEREK AND OBVIOUSLY IT HAS BEEN A MINUTE SINCE YOU HAVE ACTUALLY TALKED ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND WHAT WE HEARD TONIGHT IS THAT THE WORK OF THE HOUSING PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMISSION IS EXTREMELY SOLID, BUT THERE WAS OUTSIDE FACTORS THAT ARE ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT HPAC CONSIDERS WHICH IS INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE BOARD AND THAT IS ALWAYS A CHALLENGE WHEN THE COMMISSION - SOMETIMES YOU KNOW WHEREAS THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING MORE THAN THE COMMISSION WHEN MAKING A DECISION.

>>SPEAKER: UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU KNOW AYE SEVEN*, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU KNOW AYE SEVEN LOOKS THROUGH THE LENS OF HPAC WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE CHARGED TO DO WHEN WE LOOK AT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND INCREASING THAT NUMBER, MOST SPECIFICALLY WITH THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

UNDERSTANDING AND SEEING THAT THERE IS A LEVEL OF CONSENSUS WITH THE BOARD I THINK ONE OF THE OTHER CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE IS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT LIKE YES, PROCEDURAL AND ALSO YOU KNOW WE GET INTO THIS COMMISSION ON A REGULAR BASIS WHICH IS LIKE IF IT IS GOING TO MOVE FORWARD, HOW IS IT GOING TO BE STRUCTURED?

AND MAKING SURE THAT IF BECAUSE INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION - YOU KNOW THEY DO A LOT OF GREAT WORK AND AGAIN WE SUPPORTED AND APPROVED IT ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND I THINK ON THE BACK END OF THIS IT IS MORE OF JUST SPEAKING FOR MYSELF BECAUSE I HAVE NOT CONFIRMED WITH THE REST OF THE COMMISSION IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE AROUND YOU KNOW THEY HAD A BITE AT THE APPLE AND WE SUPPORTED THAT AND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.

YOU KNOW THIS IS A SECOND BITE AT THE APPLE AND A CONCERN THAT I HAVE AND I WILL SAY SPEAKING FOR MYSELF IN SITUATIONS THAT THIS NOT BECOMING A CONTINUING THING THAT KIND OF ENCUMBERS THESE FUNDS YOU KNOW AT LEAST IF IT HAPPENS IN JUNE YOU KNOW - PROCEDURALLY THERE ARE QUESTIONS, BUT OPERATIONALLY, GREAT, WE HAVE ADDITIONAL UNITS AND IT IS GREAT FOR THE BLOCK AND THE AREA AND FOR LIKE THE RESIDENCE AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND FOR THOSE NEW RESIDENTS AND EXISTING RESIDENTS AND THE BACK END OF THAT IS LIKE THIS DOESN'T BECOME LIKE A CONTINUING PROCESS WHERE IT IS LIKE THOSE FUNDS ARE CONTINUING TO BE ENCUMBERED GOING FORWARD AND IT IS A FORM OF LOCKUP, BUT WE DO HAVE A ROLLING APPLICATION PROCESS.

AND SO WHILE WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING COME IN YOU KNOW OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS, PROBABLY NOT WITH LIKE ESPECIALLY ARE OTHER APPROACHES AT THIS POINT WITH THE APPLICATION DOES IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS AND YOU KNOW I THINK IT IS ENSURING THAT THAT IS THERE AND I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT YOU KNOW WHILE UP HERE ADVOCATE AND TRUSTEE WESLEY, TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER TO SUPPORT MONEY GOING INTO THE TRUST FUND RIGHT NOW IF AT ALL POSSIBLE YOU KNOW THE MORE WE HAVE, THE MORE WE CAN DO.

AND SO WHATEVER THAT LOOKS LIKE FOR ALL OF YOU IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO ADD SOMETHING THAT RIGHT NOW, THAT WOULD BE FANTASTIC.

JUST TAKING THE SHOTS I'M GIVEN!

AND SO I WOULD SAY YOU KNOW LIKE FROM MORE OF A PROCEDURAL LEVEL IT IS KIND OF ENSURING THAT IT IS NOT LIKE THIS DOES NOT BECOME A ROLLING THING THAT CONTINUES TO ENCUMBER THOSE FUNDS AND THOSE NEW FUNDS THAT WOULD BE COMING IN.

AND JUST MAKING SURE THAT THAT IS THE SINGLE BITE AT THE APPLE AND IT DOESN'T BECOME A THING THAT IS OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

AND JUST KIND OF LIKE AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES I KNOW THAT THIS KIND OF FELT LIKE OUTSIDE PROCESS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE IN OUR SCORING METRICS FOR US TO VOTE ON IT.

BUT, THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND A LOT OF CONVERSATION WITH HPAC AND WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW TAKE 99% OF THE TIME WE PUT SOMETHING BEFORE THE BOARD AND YOU GUYS LIKE YOU KNOW IT IS GREAT AND IT GETS APPROVED AND WE WILL FORWARD AND WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE THAT IN THE PARTNERSHIP AND THE SUPPORT.

AND WE JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD THAT THAT IS A LITTLE BIT MORE IN SYNCHRONIZATION.

AND YOU KNOW IF IT IS SUCCESSFUL, GREAT YOU KNOW OPERATIONALLY AND IF NOT THOSE FUNDS ARE BACK INTO THE TRUST FUND AND WERE ABLE TO KIND OF LIKE YOU KNOW SWING BACK OUT AND IN THE FUTURE IF THEY WANT TO COME BACK AND APPLY, ARE BEASTLY THEY CAN.

WHEN THAT STRUCTURE IS THERE IF THEY HAVE THAT STRUCTURE.

THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: QUICK QUESTION, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS HAS HAPPENED, BUT I KNOW THAT IT MAY HAPPEN IN THE RELATIVE NEAR FUTURE GIVEN THE DECREASE IN THE FUNDING LEVEL OF THE TRUST FUND, WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU GUYS GET A PROJECT THAT IS ASKING FOR MORE MONEY THAN WE HAVE IN THE TRUST FUND?

>>SPEAKER: THAT IS A ONGOING CONVERSATION THAT WE HAVE. WE ACTUALLY WORKED REALLY HARD WITH THE REST OF THE COMMISSION TO LOOK AT THOSE FUNDS AND WATCH THE FUNDS AND SOMETIMES IN THE PAST WE HAVE DISCUSSED AND COMMITTED LESS THAN WHAT SOMEBODY REQUESTED JUST TO BE SURE THAT WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY.

BUT, WHEN THEY DO SUBMIT AND THEY COME IN AND WE TALKED THROUGH THOSE THINGS LIKE IF WE RECEIVE LESS, DOES THIS STILL WORK IN THE CAPITAL STACK? THOSE ARE MANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE KIND OF PURPLE FOR THEM. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CONVERSATIONS THAT WE HAD WITH JONATHAN ABOUT LIKE AGAIN AS WE GO FORWARD PUTTING SOME MORE PARAMETERS AND HELPING THEM REFINE SOME OF THE ASPECTS OF THE HOUSING TRUST FUND JUST TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING AND AGAIN LIKE THE HOUSING TRUST FUND - IT IS A TOOL THAT CAN DO AMAZING THINGS AND IT IS LIKE ONE OF THOSE THINGS IN THE TOOLBELT THAT WE SAY ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT IT CONTINUES TO BE THAT WAY AND IF SOMEBODY DOES REQUEST AND I'M NOT SURE OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD RIGHT NOW, BUT IF SOMEBODY COMES IN REQUESTING \$100,000 MORE THAN THAT BALANCE IT WOULD HAVE TO PROBABLY BE FOR MYSELF YOU KNOW LIKE AN AMAZING PROJECT FOR US TO RISK THE TOTAL BALANCE OF THE TRUST FUND AND WE WOULD BE APPROACHING IT FROM A VERY DIFFERENT STANCE OF GOING OKAY, DOES THIS MAKE SENSE? AND LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT ARE WE COMFORTABLE KIND OF PUTTING FORWARD TOWARDS THIS END THEY MAY HAVE TO GO BACK AND REEVALUATE THEIR CAPITAL STACK AND MAKE IT WORK A DIFFERENT WAY. I SPEAK FOR MYSELF AND I THINK SOME CONVERSATIONS THAT WE SEE THE TRUST FUND AS BEING THAT KIND OF LAST PIECE WHEN SOMEBODY IS BUILDING OUT BACK CAPITAL STACK AND I KNOW OTHER TRUST FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY OPERATE THE SAME WAY. YOU KNOW WE DON'T SEE OURSELVES AS MEANT TO BE THAT LARGE PIECE. WE ARE NOT YOUR BANK. WE ARE NOT, BUT WHEN WORKING THROUGH THE CAPITAL STACK TO SAY HEY, WE NEED THE/500, DID NOT MAKE SENSE. IF YOU NEED 500 AND WE HAVE 450, THEN WE MAY REALLY CONSIDER LIKE WHAT ELSE DO WE HAVE COMING IN AND WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS AND I WILL BE RIGHT HERE SHAKING A TIN CUP ASKING YOU GUYS TO PUT SOME MORE MONEY AND APPEARED.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: SO, THAT LAST PART IS REALLY WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR, BECAUSE YOU KNOW I THINK WHAT I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IS FOR HPAC TO TURN ON PROJECTS THAT THEY THINK ARE IMPACTFUL BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN THE TRUST FUND AND WHAT I WOULD SAY IN THOSE SITUATIONS IS THAT I WOULD LIKE SOME KIND OF PATHWAY TO ESCALATE OUT OF THE VILLAGE BOARD SO WE CAN HAVE A GO AT WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT TO FUND IT. AND I CANNOT MAKE THAT DECISION BY MYSELF, BUT MADAM PRESIDENT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO, THE ANYTHING THAT COMES BEFORE THE HPAC IS COMING THROUGH THEIR STAFF LIAISON WHO IS COMMUNICATING WITH THE VILLAGE MANAGER ON STRATEGY WHO IS THEN COMING TO ME AND US. SO, WE HAVE THAT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT. SO, MAKE USE OF THAT PATH.

>>SPEAKER: DONE!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU HAVE A LIAISON TO THE BOARD AS WELL.
HPAC -

>>SPEAKER: YES.

CHUCK JACOBSON WHO WE TEXT AND COMMUNICATE REGULARLY AND JONATHAN WITH THE BOARD AND THE STAFF ARE THAT PATHWAY AND AGAIN IF YOU JUST WANTED TO SIMPLIFY THIS BY ANOTHER INJECTION OF CAPITAL, WE ALSO WELCOME THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BUT, THERE IS A WHOLE REVIEW FROM THE STAFF PERSPECTIVE.

>>SPEAKER: THERE IS AN ENTIRE REVIEW PROCESS EVEN BEFORE HE GETS TO US TO ENSURE THAT LIKE THE PROJECT MAKES SENSE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ABSOLUTELY.
I NEVER EXPECTED OTHERWISE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JANA?

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I ALSO HAVE INTEREST AND ONE OF THE WAYS I WOULD DO THAT IS BY REVISITING AND INCREASING FEES SO THAT YOU'RE MORE MONEY TO GIVE TOWARDS YOUR WORTHWHILE PROJECT.

>>SPEAKER: I SEE TWO BOATS SO FAR.
(LAUGHTER).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, I WOULD SAY THAT YOU KNOW WE CANNOT APPROVE TONIGHT - THAT IS NOT ON THE TABLE, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DEFINITELY OFFERED FROM THIS BOARD WHETHER IT IS ON THE HOUSING TRUST FUND SUSTAINABILITY FUND, THESE ARE MONIES THAT ARE SET ASIDE AND COMMITTED AND IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS NECESSARILY THE ONLY MONEY THAT IS AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TO ADDRESS ATTAINABILITY. IT IS MONEY THAT IS COMMITTED THERE AND WHEN THERE ARE WORTHWHILE PROJECT I ABSOLUTELY KNOW WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU BOTH THROUGH JANA AND THROUGH STAFF LIKE THOSE PROJECTS SHOULD COME BEFORE US BECAUSE IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT IS TRULY TRANSFORMATIVE THAT WOULD HAVE A LARGE IMPACT THEN WE WOULD WANT TO FIND A WAY TO FUND IT.

AND SO DEFINITELY I AM COMMITTED TO PERSONALLY MAKING SURE THAT THIS ENCUMBRANCE LIKE THIS SHOULD NOT BE AN ONGOING PROJECT THAT IS ENCUMBERING \$1 MILLION FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND IF WE ARE DECIDING AS A BOARD THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE PURSUING A PROJECT HERE, THEN WE SHOULD THEN BE FINDING OTHER MONEY WHERE WE ARE NOT ENCUMBERING YOUR WORK AS HPAC AND I THINK THAT WE DEFINITELY YOU KNOW THIS IS A PRIORITY FOR THE BOARD.

AND EVERYBODY HERE HAS TALKED ABOUT PORTABILITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING BEING A PRIORITY AND SO TO THAT END, DEFINITELY YOU KNOW TALK TO ANY AND ALL OF US ABOUT MAKING THAT HAPPEN AS NECESSARY.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: FEEL FREE TO TELL ME IF WE CANNOT DO THIS, BUT DO WE HAVE TO ENCUMBER THIS MONEY FOR FOUR MONTHS?

WE ARE THE ONES GOING OUTSIDE THE NORM AS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THIS CONVERSATION, DOES IT HAVE TO BE ENCUMBERED?

LIKE IT IS JUST A DIFFERENT BUCKET AND SO DO WE HAVE TO ENCUMBER IT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO, IT IS COMING OUT OF RESERVES, BUT BECAUSE THE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO EVENTUALLY USE IT IF THE PROJECT MOVES FORWARD IS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND WE CAN ALWAYS REPLENISH THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND WITH GENERAL FUNDS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES IF WE SO DECIDE.

BUT, ALL THAT IS BEING SAID IS THAT SINCE THAT IS THE HOPE YOU KNOW WE ARE FOR FOUR MONTHS NOT GOING TO INTENTIONALLY SEEK OUT USING IT.

AND IF THERE WAS ANOTHER PROJECT THAT CAME FORWARD, ABSOLUTELY STAFF WOULD BRING IT FORWARD ANYWAY AND WE WOULD THEN BE MAKING A DECISION AGAIN AS TO WHETHER WE WANTED TO KEEP USING THE GENERAL FUND, REPLENISH AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND AND IN NO WAY DOES IT STOP ANY PROJECT FROM COMING FORWARD AND IT IS ALSO I WILL TAKE THIS MOMENT TO CLOSE US OUT I THINK AND ARE YOU GOOD?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES, THAT SEEMS REASONABLE, MAYBE JUST SAVE A STEP, THEY DON'T HAVE TO ASK.

IT IS JUST NOT ENCUMBERED, BUT IF -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, BUT I THINK WE EFFECTIVELY HAVE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: FAIR ENOUGH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NO, IT IS NOT A DIALOGUE.

>>SPEAKER: (AWAY FROM MIC).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, BUT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT BY US PURCHASING THE PROPERTY FOR THE DEVELOPER THAT WE IMPROVE THEIR CHANCES IN RECEIVING THE GRANT AND WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED MORE DOLLARS THAN WE OTHERWISE HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED AND WE ARE SAVING IN THE INTERIM MONIES VS. WHAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY.

I MEAN THEY ARE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO MORE MONEY AND WE ARE CONTRIBUTE IN LESS THAN WE HAD PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED.

SO, I AM MISSING THE POINT.

THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO MAKE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

GO AHEAD.

I MEAN WE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE TALKED TO HPAC ABOUT THIS AND I WANT TO BE COURTEOUS, BUT AFTER THIS WE WERE TO CLOSE OUT THIS DISCUSSION.

>>SPEAKER: YES, WE UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE ABOVE, IT IS THE 50% COMPETITIVE RATE FOR US THAT IS LIKE THE BIGGEST CONCERN, BECAUSE THE ENCUMBRANCE DOES NOT YOU KNOW LIKE FOUR MONTHS THAT IS NOT A HUGE DEAL FOR US IT IS MORE ABOUT THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY AND THEN WHAT GETS DONE WITH THE PROPERTY IF IT DOES NOT GO THROUGH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I'VE ALREADY STATED WE HAVE ANOTHER DEPARTMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND IT IS CALLED THE ECONOMIC VITALITY DEPARTMENT

AND THEY HAVE ALREADY IDENTIFIED THAT WHOLE STREET HAS A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

WE HAVE A STUDY FROM 2024 THAT HAS IDENTIFIED A LOT OF THESE IN HOUSING GAP FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND WE DON'T PLAN ON THAT STUDY SITTING ON A SHELF AND GROWING DUST.

WE ACTUALLY MAY HAVE TO INTENTIONALLY PURCHASE PROPERTY AND INTENTIONALLY WORK FOR OUR RFP 'S AND WE REVIEW OUR IHO AND WE HAVE A STEERING COMMITTEE THAT IS WORKING WITH OPTICOS AND OTHER, ZONING - AND WE HAVE CONTRACT WITH HOPE AND THIS IS A COMMITMENT THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS MADE.

SO, THIS PROJECT I THINK FROM WHAT I AM HEARING FROM MY COLLEAGUES IS SOMETHING THAT WE SEE AS MOVING US IN THAT DIRECTION WHETHER OR NOT THIS DEVELOPER IS ABLE TO DELIVER OR NOT.

>>SPEAKER: SURE.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

>>SPEAKER: I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

CLERK WATERS, COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE WESLEY, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

SO THIS IS TIED TO THIS ONE, RIGHT?

THE ITEM T, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND INTERFAITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

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

CAN WE GO STRAIGHT TO A VOTE?

>>SPEAKER: YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE WESLEY, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE ENYIA?

TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

OKAY, NOW I'M GOING TO GO THROUGH - ACTUALLY SINCE I SEE THAT WE STILL HAVE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE, THE RECOMMENDATION IS THAT I CAN KEEP GOING WITH YOU AND REZONING AND I THINK THAT WE CAN GET THAT OUT QUICKLY.

OKAY.

CONCUR WITH THE PLAN COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND ADOPT THE ORDINANCE BY ADDING A "BODY MODIFICATION ESTABLISHMENT" AS A SPECIAL USE IN THE NA - NORTH AVENUE ZONING DISTRICT. MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND -

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: CRAIG FALOR AND JUST LIKE THE OTHER ONE, ITEM V IS ALSO RELATED TO THIS.

>>CRAIG FALOR: THANK YOU.

CRAIG, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I'M NOT SEEN YOU SINCE LAST YEAR!

YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TWO ITEMS AND ONE IS A TEXT A MOMENT AS INDICATED FOR NORTH AVENUE DISTRICT TO ADD BODY MODIFICATION USED THERE AS A PERMITTED SPECIAL USE AND THE SECOND ITEM IS A REQUEST FOR THE SPECIAL USE FOR THAT ESTABLISHMENT.

THIS IS LOCATED AT 6549 NORTH AVENUE WHICH IS THE FORMER MEGAPHONE DOOR WHICH HAS BEEN VACANT FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

THIS ITEM 1 BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND MICROBREWS, VILLAGE PLANNER IS HERE TONIGHT TO GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATIONS AND WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND HE WILL ALSO INTRODUCE THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATION, REPRESENTATIVE AS WELL AS THE APPLICANTS.

AND SO JUST KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU HAVE TWO VOTES TO MAKE TONIGHT, ONE FOR THE TEXT AND ONE FOR THE SPECIAL USE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>MIKE BRUCE: THANK YOU, MR. FALOR.

HELLO PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND BOARD MEMBERS.

THIS IS A TEXT AMENDMENT ASKING FOR A MODIFICATION TO ARTICLE 8 WHICH IS THE USE MATRIX AND TO ADD BODY MODIFICATION ESTABLISHMENTS AS A SPECIAL USE, NOT AS A PERMITTED USE, BUT SPECIAL USE WITHIN THE NORTH AVENUE ZONING DISTRICT.

OUT OF THE FIRST REQUEST AND THE SECOND REQUEST IS TO ISSUE A SPECIAL USE TO TAT3 SO THEY CAN HAVE A EDIFICATION AT NORTH AVENUE.

THESE ARE NOT CURRENTLY PERMITTED, HOWEVER THEY ARE PERMITTED IN EVERY OTHER ZONING DISTRICT BY RIGHT.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD PROVIDE MORE CONSISTENCY WITH THE ZONING ORDINANCE TREATMENT OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND OFFER A APPROVAL PATH, ESPECIALLY USE PROCESS FOR BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE BODY ARE INSULAR SERVICES ON NORTH AVENUE BY A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

WHERE THESE USES HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED SINCE 2017 THE PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTED A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION BY A FIVE - ZERO VOTE ON JANUARY 13 TO HAVE THE BOARD APPROVED THE TEXT AMENDMENT.

STAFF ALSO SUPPORTS APPROVAL OF THE TEXT AMENDMENT.

SO, SWITCHING TO THE SECOND PIECE OF THIS, THIS OF THE SPECIAL USE.

THE PETITIONER SEEKS VILLAGE APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A BODY MODIFICATION ESTABLISHMENTS ON NORTH AVENUE AT 5549 NORTH AVENUE.

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO OPERATE AN APPOINTMENT ONLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY STUDIO AT THE PROPERTY OFFERING PROFESSIONAL BODY ART, PIERCING, MERCHANDISE AND APPAREL, APPRENTICESHIP SERVICES AS WELL AS STUDIO OPEN HOUSES TO DEMONSTRATE NEW ARTISTS WORK, POSTING OF NEW AND UP-AND-COMING ARTISTS AND THEIR WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY, NEW ARTIST TRAINING AND THE DISPLAY OF BODY ART AND OTHER NON-BODY ART STUDIO EVENT AND OPEN HOUSES.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION ALSO VOTED FIVE AND ZERO TO SEND A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THAT SPECIAL USE.

HOWEVER THEY DID PUT CONDITIONS ON THE SPECIAL USE.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE APPLICANT AND SET FORTH HERE IN ANY EXPANSION OR CHANGE IN THE TENANT OR USE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL TERMINATE THE SPECIAL USE.

THE APPLICANT IS LIMITED TO OFFERING SERVICES AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY THAT THE APPLICANT IS CURRENTLY SUBJECT FOR AND PROHIBITED FROM OTHER BODY MODIFICATION SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCARIFICATION AND OTHER MAJOR BODY MODIFICATIONS.

THE APPLICANT MAY NOT OPERATE ANY SPECIAL USE AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY -- SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE PROPERTY AFTER 10 O'CLOCK.

SO, STAFF ALSO SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL USE REQUEST.

IN ATTENDANCE TONIGHT I HAVE JOHN HALE WHO IS THE ACTING CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THIS PROPOSAL IN ADDITION THE APPLICANT IS HERE READY FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT, JOHN OR JOHN WISH TO SHARE ANYTHING WITH THE BOARD BEFORE WE START?

>>JOHN: HELLO EVERYONE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

>>JOHN: MY PLEASURE.

IT WAS A FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD PUBLIC HEARING THAT WE HAD.

THERE WERE SOME FOLKS THAT ATTENDED THAT OPPOSED THE APPLICATIONS AND IT IS PROBABLY WORTH MENTIONING THEIR CONCERNS AND WE TRIED TO ADDRESS THEM ACTUALLY IN OUR DECISION.

GENERALLY THE CONCERN WAS NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE CLOSE TO NORTH AVENUE CONCERNED ABOUT I GUESS IT WOULD BE SAY YOU KNOW ROWDINESS AND EVENTS THAT MAY CREATE NOISE AND UNWILLINGNESS AFTER HOURS AND ESPECIALLY IN

THE SPACES THAT ARE BEHIND THE BUILDINGS ON NORTH AVENUE WHICH NORMALLY SERVE AS A BUFFER BETWEEN THE HOMES IN OAK PARK AND NORTH AVENUE.

IT IS FAIRLY UNSPECIFIED OTHER THAN THE IDEA THAT THIS IS THE TYPE OF BUSINESS WHERE WE CAN SEE THAT SORT OF THING HAPPENING, BUT NONETHELESS WE DID PUT A CONDITION IN THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EVENTS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT HELD PAST 10 O'CLOCK. AND THERE WAS ALSO AN INDIVIDUAL THAT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT BASED ON THE ZONING AMENDMENT TEXT THAT ALLOWS FOR BODY MODIFICATION ESTABLISHMENTS THAT THIS ALLOWED FOR ACTIVITIES BEYOND TATTOOING AND PIERCING.

AND THE APPLICANT BASICALLY SAID YOU KNOW LOOK, THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING AND SO IF WE NEED TO LIMIT THAT IN THE APPLICATION, WE CAN DO THAT, AS WELL.

AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE THE LIMITATION TO DO TATTOOING AND PIERCING WHICH IS ALSO IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE LICENSE THAT THEY HAVE FROM THE STATE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT SUMMARY.

IT DOES SEEM LIKE MAYBE THERE'S SOME ROOM FOR LANGUAGE CHANGE IN THE CODE TO MAKE IT MORE CLEAR, BUT I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO GET INTO BED TONIGHT.

AND SO JOHN, ANYTHING FROM YOUR CLIENT?

I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU GUYS ARE HERE AND I AM THRILLED TO BUILD TO MEET YOU AND I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU, AS WELL.

>>JOHN: YES, THEY ARE VERY ACTIVE CLIENTS.

THIS IS 50% OF THE CLIENTS - YES, WHAT GOT THE APPLICATION TO PUSH THE BUTTON WAS THE DEFINITION OF WHAT THEY DO IN THE CONTEXT OF ZONING AND THE WHOLE BODY MODIFICATION.

THAT WAS EVIDENCED IN PROBABLY AN EMAIL THAT YOU GOT AND PICTURES OF CRAZY THINGS.

I HAD NEVER SEEN - I DON'T KNOW WHY SOMEBODY WOULD PUT HORNS ON THE HEAD, BUT SOME PEOPLE DO.

THESE PEOPLE DO NOT DO THAT.

THESE FOLKS, THEY ARE WONDERFUL FOLKS AND I HAVE GOT ANOTHER REALLY WELL AND I AM GLAD TO BE A CHAMPION FOR THEM TO COME INTO OAK PARK.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US, TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND DOES 10 O'CLOCK LIMIT YOU AT ALL?

>>SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS ALEJANDRO, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

10 O'CLOCK DOES NOT LIMIT, THAT IS ACTUALLY A GOOD THING, BECAUSE USUALLY THEY DO THEIR APPOINTMENTS EARLIER IN THE DAY.

IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME TO ACTUALLY LIKE DESIGN THE PIECE AND PLACE THE PIECE AND THEY ARE BOOKED FOR MONTHS IN ADVANCE DUE TO THEIR WORK JUST BEING PHENOMENAL AND SO THEY REALLY TAKE PRIDE IN BEING FOCUSED AT THE TIME OF THEIR TATTOO SERVICES AND SO YES, 10 O'CLOCK DOES NOT LIMIT ANYTHING.

THE WAY THAT THE BUSINESS IS GOING TO RUN IS MORE STUDIO LIKE, A MINIMAL PLACE WHERE WE ARE THINKING ABOUT PLANTS AND JUST A VERY SIMPLE AND INVITING PLACE TO ANYBODY, NOT JUST YOU KNOW IN ORDER TO GO IN THERE ONWARD YOU HAVE TO GET A TATTOO.

JUST SIMPLY LOOKING AT THE PLACE AND COMING IN TO FEEL LIKE YOU KNOW IT IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE AND NOT JUST YOUR TYPICAL TATTOO PARLOR WHERE YOU WERE LIKE OH MY GOD, THERE IS LOUD ROCK IN THERE OR SOMETHING.

SO, THAT IS REALLY WHAT IT IS.

THEY WANT TO TEACH NEW ARTISTS IN THE COMMUNITY AND BE IN A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN LEARN FROM DIFFERENT ARTISTS AND INVITE DIFFERENT ARTISTS AND YOU KNOW THEY KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT STATES THAT CAN COME IN AND JUST KIND OF SHOW THEIR TECHNIQUE OF THEIR ART.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

BY THE WAY - AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, WE HAVE SEVERAL TATTOO PARLORS IN TOWN AND I'VE NEVER HAD A PROBLEM AND I'VE NEVER HEARD THE VILLAGE HAVING A PROBLEM.

>>SPEAKER: I THINK IT IS NICE THAT WE JUST SAW THE FIRST ACT OF LIKE ART BEING A FORM OF EXPRESSION, BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS LIKE THE NICEST WAY TO EXPRESS FEELINGS WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY EMOTIONS.

SO, IT IS JUST NICE TO BE A PART OF KNOWING THAT OAK PARK SUPPORTS THAT AND IT JUST MAKES US FEEL BETTER ABOUT THE DECISION AND THE TRIBULATIONS THAT IT TOOK US TO GET HERE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I LIVE NOT FAR AWAY IN THE NORTH AVENUE DISTRICT AND I AM REALLY EXCITED THAT YOU WANT TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BE A PART OF WHAT WE HAVE GOING ON.

I THINK THAT YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO BE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO THE WONDERFUL TRADITION OF ART THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO STOPPING BY WHEN YOU GUYS OPEN UP.

SO, I AM STRONGLY IN SUPPORT ON BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU SO MUCH PEERS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GREAT.

ARE WE ALLGOOD?

WE ARE GOING TO MAKE UP SOME TIME HERE, RIGHT?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: MAYBE.

I HAVE SOME CONCERNS.

SO, WHY IS THIS SPECIAL USE IN THE NORTH AVENUE DISTRICT, BUT I WRITE EVERYWHERE ELSE?

I'M SORRY, I DON'T HAVE ANY CONCERNS WITH YOU.

YOU - (LAUGHTER) I DID THAT ON PURPOSE, I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE SCARED!

>>MIKE BRUCE: YES, THIS IS A REMNANT LEFT OVER FROM THE OVERLAY DISTRICTS WHERE NORTH AVENUE I THINK IT WAS NORTH AVENUE, AUSTIN AND HARLEM DID NOT ALLOW A LOT OF SPECIFIC USES.

SO, I THINK IT WAS A LAYOVER FROM THERE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AND DO WE KNOW WHY THEY DID NOT ALLOW THOSE USES?

>>MIKE BRUCE: KNOWS QUITE A FEW YEARS AGO AND I THINK OUR THINKING AND THE WAY THAT WE VIEW TATTOO ARTISTS HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT.

OKAY.

SO, MORAL PANIC.

THAT IS WHAT WE ARE GOING WITH.

OKAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU DID QUITE A GOOD JOB WITHOUT, BY THE WAY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, GIVEN THAT THIS IS BY WRITE EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE VILLAGE EXCEPT NORTH AVENUE, I CAN ASSUME THAT THERE IS NO NUISANCE THAT WE ARE TRY TO REGULATE IN ZONING, CORRECT?

LIKE WE ARE NOT -

>>MIKE BRUCE: THAT IS CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ARE WORKABLE FOR BOTH OF THESE TONIGHT COME ABOUT RATHER DOES NOT BE A SPECIAL USE AND RATHER IT BE BY RIGHT, BECAUSE IT IS BY WRITE EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE VILLAGE AND WE ARE JUST CREATING A SITUATION WHERE WE NOW HAVE A DISTRICT THAT IS A ZONING EXCEPTION FOR NO PARTICULAR REASON OTHER THAN IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY AND I DON'T LIKE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY.

>>MIKE BRUCE: I UNDERSTAND.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS, BUT I'LL BE MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE IF THIS WAS A PYRITE AGENDA ITEM INSTEAD OF SPECIAL USE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: IS THERE ANYONE ON THE BOARD WHO WOULD BE OPPOSED?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE DO HAVE A ZONING STUDY GOING ON AND I THINK THAT WE CAN CLEARLY STATE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO FAST-TRACK DATA. AT LEAST THIS PIECE OF IT.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: THE BOARD DOES NOT HAVE THE OPTION BY MAKING IT BY WRITE THIS EVENING, PAST PRESIDENT SCAMAN NOTED IT WOULD BE A PART OF THE OTHER PACKAGE OF AMENDMENTS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WOULD SUGGEST THAT TO STAFF, AS WELL. JUST FROM A UNIFORMITY PERSPECTIVE, THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD REQUIRE FOLKS TO GO THROUGH A SPECIAL USE PROCESS IN ONE CORE DOOR WHERE IT IS BY RIGHT EVERYWHERE ELSE AND I DON'T THINK MORAL PANIC IS A GOOD REASON FOR US TO BE MAKING THIS SPECIAL USE ALONE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE MAY AS WELL JUST APOLOGIZE FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT YOU DID HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH. ANYONE ELSE?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I UNDERSTAND THE CONSISTENCY ARGUMENT AND I HEAR IT. I MEAN I SEE IT IN FRONT OF ME AND EVERYWHERE ELSE AND I GUESS IT IS A TRUSTEE 'S YOU AND MAYBE I'M OLD-FASHIONED, BUT I DON'T HAVE MORAL

OUTRAGE, BUT I DO LOOK AT NORTH AVENUE AS YOU KNOW WE WANT TO REVITALIZE THAT AREA.

AND I DON'T THINK IS GET US THERE HONESTLY, NO DISRESPECT, WE ARE FOUR PAWNHOPS ON NORTH AVENUE, THREE VAPE, THREE WALK-IN MASSAGE PARLORS AND A SECOND BODY MODIFICATION ESTABLISHMENT AND I THINK THE VISION FOR NORTH AVENUE AND NO DISRESPECT SHOULD BE BETTER THAN THIS GROUP OF ESTABLISHMENTS THAT HAVE COME TO OAK PARK AND INVESTED IN OAK PARK. I DO HAVE A FEELING THAT WE CAN DO BETTER AS A WHOLE TO ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES AND THAT IS WITH ECONOMIC VITALITY, ALSO.

AND I HOPE THAT WE IN THE FUTURE WE BRING SOME OF THIS BECAUSE WE NEED TO REVITALIZE THAT AREA AND IT CERTAINLY IS A VISION THAT MAYBE PEOPLE ARE COMFORTABLE WITH, BUT AGAIN WE ARE LOOKING AT OTHER AREAS TO GENERATE SALES TAX FOR EXAMPLE AND BRING BUSINESSES THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OUR TAX BASE AND SO I WOULD JUST KEEP THAT IN MIND AND I DO UNDERSTAND THIS ARGUMENT AND I DON'T DISAGREE, BUT I DO NOT THINK THIS GETS US TO BRING NORTH AVENUE UP TO A HIGHER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE GROUP OF BUSINESSES FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND FOR OUR VILLAGE TO OPERATE IN.
SO, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I DO WANT TO RESPOND BRIEFLY TO LUMPING IN A HIGH-END BY APPOINTMENT ONLY TATTOO BUSINESS TOGETHER WITH PAWNHOPS AND VAPE SHOPS.

I DO THINK THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT CLIENTELE THAT IS GOING TO BE COMING TO A HIGH-END TATTOO SHOP THAT WILL THEN BE POTENTIALLY SPENDING MONEY AT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SUPPORTING RESTAURANTS AND WHEN WE COME IN TO DO AN EXPENSIVE TATTOO YOU ARE COMMITTING TO A FULL DAY IN OUR VILLAGE AND THAT IS GOING TO COME WITH SUPPORTING OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSES OFTEN. IT IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT KIND OF THING FROM GOING TO A PAWNHOP OR A VAPE SHOP AND I UNDERSTAND WHY THOSE ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE MOST DESIRABLE ECONOMIC THINGS, BUT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT CLIENT WHO ARE GOING TO BE MAKING SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS AND SPENDING SIGNIFICANT DOLLARS IN OUR COMMUNITY AT A HIGH-END TATTOO SHOP.

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING WHERE YOU ARE COMING IN AND PARTAKING IN A LOW-PRICED SERVICE.

AND SO I DO THINK THAT UNDERSTANDING THE BUSINESS AND THE BUSINESS MODEL, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CATEGORY FROM THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE ARE JUST DESCRIBING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND WE HAVE HEARD FROM RESIDENTS THAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR PLACES THAT THEY CAN HANG OUT AND GO ABOVE AND BEYOND PAWNHOPS ETC. AND SO THERE IS -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I'LL BE BRIEF AND I MAY SUGGEST THAT THEY GET RID OF THE CUL-DE-SAC SO IT IS NOT SEPARATED FROM THEIR COMMUNITY, THAT WOULD BE NUMBER ONE.

NUMBER TWO I ALSO SUGGEST MORE DENSITY IN THE NORTH AVENUE CORRIDOR IF WE WANT TO HAVE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BUSINESSES, BECAUSE BUSINESSES GO WHERE PEOPLE ARE IN RIGHT NOW THERE ARE NO PEOPLE IN THE NORTH AVENUE CORRIDOR AND SO THERE ARE NO BUSINESSES AND THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE TO DRIVE PAST, BUT NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO STOP, RIGHT? IF YOU NOTICE IN THE CHICAGO SIDE OF NORTH AVENUE CORRIDOR THEY STARTED TO DO IS BUILD A LOT OF RESIDENTIAL AND ONCE THEY HAVE THE RESIDENTIAL IN PLACE THEY CAN DO THINGS LIKE SUPPORT ADDITIONAL TYPES OF BUSINESSES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE ALL OF THOSE THINGS WHILE ALSO NOTING THAT THE VILLAGE HAS AT LEAST SEVEN TATTOO SHOPS THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND IT JUST ON GOOGLE MAPS AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY WE HAVE LICENSES FOR. SO, THIS IS A USE CASE THAT WE ARE OBVIOUSLY OKAY WITH THAT ALL PARTS OF THE VILLAGE AND I THINK WE SHOULD BE OKAY WITH IT ON THE STREET AND THAT SAID I DO AGREE WITH TRUSTEE TAGLIA THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT OF NORTH AVENUE IS A PRIORITY AND I DO AGREE THAT SOME OF THOSE USE CASES THAT HE MENTIONED ARE NOT NECESSARILY DESIRABLE AND MOST PEOPLE WOULD THINK SO WHEN WE START TALKING ABOUT PAWNSHOPS, RIGHT? AND I DO WANT TO MENTION THAT I DO SEE SOME OF THE ARGUMENT THERE. BUT, I ALSO WANT TO BRING IN THE ECONOMIC VITALITY ASPECT THAT WE ARE KIND OF DANCING AROUND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK THAT WE ARE ALL IN AGREEMENT AND IT IS TIME TO TAKE THE ROLL.

(LAUGHTER) CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

SORRY - CLERK WATERS, CAN YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

>>CLERK WATERS: YES, SORRY I WAS NOT SURE IF ANYTHING ELSE WAS GOING TO BE SAID.

TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE WESLEY AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A BODY MODIFICATION ESTABLISHMENT IN THE NORTH AVENUE ZONING DISTRICT 6549 NORTH AVENUE.

OSHA, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVE.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY THAT WAS BORY?

BRIAN - TRUSTEE STRAW AND THEN TRUSTEE ENYIA SECOND.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE EDER ON THE TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN, TRUSTEE WESLEY, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

CONGRATULATIONS.

INVITE US TO THE RIBBON-CUTTING.

AND JOHN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION!
ALL RIGHT, EXCELLENT.

OUR, SORRY DANIEL WE HAVE AN AVERSION HERE ON OUR AGENDA.

OKAY.

OKAY, NOW WE ARE WILL BE TO ITEM J, RESOLUTION APPROVING A PURCHASE DESCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH GRANICUS, LLC FOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE SERVICE CLOUD, GRANICUS OPERATIONS CLOUD, COMMUNICATIONS CLOUD ADVANCED PACKAGE, GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE AGENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND AZUREAD CONNECTOR LICENSE THROUGH A MASTER AGREEMENT SECURED BY OMNIA PARTNERS FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR WITH FOUR OPTION YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$179,489.65 ANNUALLY, AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION. MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVE.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO, THE TWO PEOPLE WERE GOING TO KEEP TALKING PARROTS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES, I'LL BE QUICK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE EDER.

WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES, I CAN JUMP RIGHT IN.

UNLESS YOU HAVE ANYTHING -

>>SPEAKER: WE DO NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL PRESENTATION BUT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: WE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THIS AND I RAISE MY CONCERNS LAST TIME THE SKY BROUGHT UP AND A COPOUT UPON CONSENT AND SO I WANTED TO PULL IT.

AND SO OVERALL I HAVE SOME GENERAL DISSATISFACTION WITH GRANICUS AND THE SERVICE THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDING US AND I'VE EXPRESSED SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WITH THE SERVICES THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE.

BUT, MY REAL CONCERN AND THE REASON I WANTED TO YOU KNOW WHY I DO PLAN TO VOTE NO ON THIS IS BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE AGENT, THE CHAT BOT THAT WE DISCUSSED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

SO, AS I STATED PREVIOUSLY WHEN THIS WAS DISCUSSED I ASKED FOR SOME BASIC VALUE METRICS OF WHAT THIS WOULD DO TO BENEFIT OUR RESIDENTS AND I DID NOT REALLY GET ANY COMPELLING ANSWERS OTHER THAN JUST GENERALLY CHAT BOTS ARE GOOD, BUT NO ACTUAL METRICS THAT SHOWS THIS PROVIDE ANY REAL VALUE FOR THE PRICE TAG.

I THINK - AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT A LITTLE BIT MORE I WAS ALSO THINKING ABOUT THE CLIMATE IMPACT OF AI AND ITS USE OF - VERY DEPENDENT ON DATA CENTERS WHICH ARE KNOWN FOR USING A LOT OF ENERGY AND WE ARE REOPENING COAL PLANTS TO POWER DATA CENTERS AS THEY EXPAND IN THIS COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD AND THEY ALSO HAPPEN TO USE A LOT OF WATER AS WELL IT IS REALLY

NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR ENVIRONMENT AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE AN ITEM IN CROP, OUR CLIMATE READY OAK PARK PLAN, EN04 WHICH SAYS INVEST IN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE IT TECHNOLOGY AND SO THIS IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THAT.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY YOUR ELECTRICITY BILL IS GOING UP, IT IS BASICALLY BECAUSE OF DATA CENTERS.

AND THAT IS SUCH A CONCERN THAT SPRINGFIELD IS DEBATING WHAT TO DO TO REGULATE THAT AND SO IT IS REALLY NOT AN IMAGINARY CONCERN IT IS A REAL ARTIFACT AND WE WOULD BE SPENDING MONEY AND IT IS A SMALL AMOUNT IN COMPARISON ADMITTEDLY, BUT WE ARE STILL IN PRINCIPLE GIVING MONEY TO THIS. AND THEN THE THIRD REASON IS THAT I UNDERSTAND THE EXCITEMENT AND THE IDEA AROUND HAVING THE LATEST AND GREATEST TECHNOLOGY AND BEING TECHNOLOGY FORWARD AND I WANT US TO BE A TECHNOLOGY FORWARD COMMUNITY AND VILLAGE AND IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, A AI BOUGHT IN MANY WAYS IT KIND OF GOES AGAINST THE VALUES THAT WE ESPOUSE IN THE VILLAGE AROUND INCLUSION AND AROUND BEING CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER BY PUTTING A BOX IN BETWEEN OUR RESIDENTS AND STAFF WE ARE SAYING I DON'T TO TALK TO YOU.

GO TALK TO THE BOT INSTEAD, DO NOT BOTHER US AND I UNDERSTAND THERE IS HOPE AND IT IS NOT PROVEN AND I'M VERY SKEPTICAL THAT CORRECTLY DO THIS, BUT THERE IS THE ARGUMENT THAT THIS WILL ACTUALLY SAVE STAFF TIME.

I WOULD ARGUE THAT IT IS A BETTER USE OF VILLAGE DOLLARS TO TALK FACE-TO-FACE WITH OUR OWN RESIDENCE OR EVEN ENGAGE WITH THEM OVER THE PHONE OR EMAIL VS. JUST SHUFFLE THEM OFF TO A BOT AND WHO KNOWS WHAT THAT EXPERIENCE WILL BE LIKE?

SO, FOR THOSE THREE REASONS, I JUST CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIOUS VOTE FOR THIS PIECE.

I AM FINE WITH THE REST OF IT, BUT I JUST HAVE TO SAY NO TO THE BAR.

AND SO THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS AND I AM CURIOUS TO HEAR MY COLLEAGUE THOUGHTS ON THAT.

CORY?

37 DEREK.

I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE STUFF AS ALWAYS FOOD YOU ARE ALWAYS VERY THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THIS.

WITH THAT SAID I DO NOT NECESSARILY AGREE WITH YOU.

BUT, YOU PROBABLY ONLY KNEW THAT, WE TALKED ABOUT THIS LAST TIME, I'LL BE BRIEF, BECAUSE WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS ALREADY BEFORE.

WHAT I WILL SAY ON THE DATA CENTER ARGUMENT IS THAT EVERYTHING THAT WE USE THAT IS LOCATED ON INTERNET EXISTS IN A DATA CENTER.

LIKE I HAVE ROLLED UP LIKE A DATA CENTERS AND THEY ARE EVERYWHERE.

THIS IS BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE STATUS BOOM AND BEFORE EVERYTHING WAS ONLINE AND YOU CANNOT BUY - YOU COULD STILL PURCHASE PACKET SOFTWARE OFF THE SHELF AND INSTALL IT AND RUN IT ON YOUR

COMPUTER AND RUN THE SERVER IN A DATA CLOUD SOMEWHERE AND YOU ARE ON YOUR ACTUAL PROPERTY OR IN YOUR ACTUAL OFFICE.

DATA CENTERS WERE THERE, BECAUSE A LOT OF COMPANIES WHO WERE RUNNING THEIR SERVERS IN THE DATA CENTER BECAUSE IT WAS - IT WAS LESS-EXPENSIVE TO HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE RUN INFRASTRUCTURE WHILE YOU JUST PUT YOUR SERVER THERE AND LET THEM HANDLE IT, RIGHT?

SO, IF IT CRASHED INSTEAD OF SENDING ME 45 MILES OUT OF WOODDALE, THEY'LL CALL WOODDALE AND SAY HEY, CAN YOU REBOOT THE SERVER ON RACK SIX AND THEN FIVE MINUTES LATER MY CLIENTS NOW ONCE AGAIN HAVE ACCESS.

IF YOU USE AMAZON, FACEBOOK, I DON'T KNOW, DROPBOX, NAME IT LIKE YOU NAME IT, THAT YOU GO THROUGH ANY PLACE ON INTERNET, LOGIN AND GET A SERVICE, GOOGLE, GRANICUS, WHATEVER.

ADOBE, IT IS ALL BEING HOUSED IN A DATA CENTER SOMEWHERE.

LIKE DATA CENTERS ARE NOT NEW BECAUSE OF AI APPEARED ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE GOTTEN A BIT OF A BAD RAP, BECAUSE OF AI, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN EXISTING AND HAVE BEEN PERMEATING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER PART OF THE LAST 20 SOMETHING YEARS AND PROBABLY MORE THAN THAT TRUTHFULLY. PROBABLY THE PLACE I WOULD LOOK WHEN IT COMES TO ENVIRONMENT IMPACT IS BITCOIN.

THAT IS PRETTY MUCH USELESS AND THERE IS A LOT OF BITCOIN BEING MINED IN DATA CENTERS.

THE REST OF IT I MEAN - I DON'T NEED TO GO THROUGH ALL OF IT, I DON'T NECESSARILY - THE CHAT BOT WILL SERVE THOSE WHO ARE NOT LOOKING TO HAVE THE INTERACTION WITH OUR STAFF.

YOU HAVE A QUICK BRUSH, CHAT BOT WILL GIVE YOU A QUICK ANSWER IF IT CAN. IF IT CANNOT, THEN YOU PICK UP THE PHONE OR AN EMAIL AND EMAIL OUR STAFF AND YOU WILL HAVE THAT PERSON CONTACT.

I AM FROM A GENERATION THAT I THINK MAYBE IT IS A GENERATION, MAYBE NOT, BUT I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO FIND MY OWN ANSWER WITHOUT HAVING TO TALK TO SOMEBODY IF POSSIBLE.

I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE LIKE THAT, NOT EVERYONE.

SOME PEOPLE STILL SHOW UP HERE TO PAY THE WATER BILL.

LIKE THAT IS THE THING.

AND I DON'T KNOCK IT LIKE TO EACH THEIR OWN, HOWEVER THEY WANT TO ENGAGE WITH THE VILLAGE I THINK WE SHOULD PROVIDE A PATHWAY FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. INCLUDING THOSE WHO WANT JUST TO GET A QUICK ANSWER THAT THEY CANNOT OTHERWISE FIND IMMEDIATELY ON A WEBSITE, BECAUSE IT IS DENSE INFORMATION. AND YOU KNOW THAT IS FINE WITH ME AS WELL.

AND YES, I'LL JUST LEAVE IT THERE.

I AM STILL SUPPORTIVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANYBODY ALSO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I'LL JUST SAY THAT I ALSO AM NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF THE GOVERNMENT AGENT CHAT BOT FOR SOME OF THE

REASONS THAT TRUSTY EDER MENTIONED, BUT ALSO I JUST NEVER REALLY WAS CONVINCED OF THE VALUE THAT IT WAS GOING TO BRING VIS-À-VIS THE PRICE TAG. THAT WAS NEVER REALLY LAID OUT IN A CLEAR ENOUGH WAY FOR ME TO JUSTIFY THE SPENDING OF PUBLIC MONEY AND TO REFERENCE SOMETHING TRUSTY TAGLIA REMINDS US A LOT, WE HAVE NEEDS AND WANTS AND THIS FEELS LIKE A WANT THAT I THINK FOR ME PERSONALLY I WOULD RATHER USE THAT AND MAKE THAT INVESTMENT ELSEWHERE ARE SOME OF THE NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY AND SO THAT IS JUST MY EXPLANATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JIM?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: JUST A COMMENT.

I WANTED TO SAY THAT THIS HIGHLIGHTS TO ME A LITTLE BIT AND THE CONTINUING DISCUSSION THAT WE NEED TO HAVE ABOUT THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY NOT ONLY IN POLICING, BUT ALSO IN THE VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE AND OUR INTERACTIONS WITH RESIDENTS AND HOW THEY CONDUCT BUSINESS AND WHAT THEY EXPECT FROM US ON OUR WEBSITE AND THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT AREAS HERE THAT INTERSECT WITH TECHNOLOGY AND I THINK THAT THERE IS A HEALTHY, MAY BE OVERLY HEALTHY SKEPTICISM OF TECHNOLOGY AND THERE IS REASONS TO BE SKEPTICAL, BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS IS YOU KNOW THE POINTS ARE WELL MADE, BUT I DO THINK THAT I AM COUPLE MOVING AHEAD WITH THIS AND IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN WE CAN OPT OUT?

>>SPEAKER: CORRECT.

WE WENT BACK AND REDID THE AGREEMENT SO THAT IT IS FOUR OPTION YEARS AFTER THE FIRST YEAR AND ANY OR ALL PARTS OF IT CAN BE LOOKED AT AND REMOVED IF THAT IS THE DECISION.

AND SO THE PLAN WOULD BE TO COME BACK THIS YEAR AND YOU KNOW THE FOURTH QUARTER AS WE ARE PLANNING BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR AND LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE METRICS AND HOW OUR VILLAGE USES THE TOOL AND GET THE DATA ON THAT AND THEN MAKE THE DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: IF WE ARE UNHAPPY OR THERE ARE NEGATIVE IMPACTS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO QUANTIFY AND REALLY WANT TO MOVE AWAY FROM THIS, WE CAN DO THAT.

AND WE CAN DO THAT AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

SO, THEREFORE I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AHEAD AND SEE WHERE IT TAKES US AND EVALUATE IT AND CERTAINLY WITH YOUR HELP AND SEE HOW WE LOOK AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: CAN WE COMMIT TO COLLECTING DATA ON HOW MANY QUERIES ARE MADE OF THE CHAT BOT AND IF WE CAN COLLECT ANY KIND OF SATISFACTION DATA ON RESPONSES THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY FELT LIKE THEY GOT THE ANSWER THEY NEEDED AND DIDN'T HAVE TO THEN HAVE TO FOLLOW UP WITH STAFF?

I WILL SAY THAT ALTHOUGH - THE WEBSITE REDESIGN WENT WELL, THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE AND IT IS NOT ALWAYS QUICK TO FIND IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.

I HAVE NUMEROUS TIMES HAD PEOPLE ASK ME QUESTIONS AND I JUST HAPPEN TO KNOW WHERE TO FIND STUFF ON THE WEBSITE, BECAUSE I SPENT MORE TIME ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE THEN IS ENTIRELY HEALTHY, BUT THAT IS - FROM MESSING AROUND WITH THE EXAMPLE CHAT BOTS THAT WERE PROVIDED LIKE THAT SEEMS LIKE THE GREATEST UTILITY TO THEM LIKE IT JUST GETS THEM TO AN ANSWER THAT ALREADY EXISTS SOMEWHERE ON THE WEBSITE THAT THEY MAY NOT OTHERWISE GET TO, BUT I THINK COLLECTING METRICS ON SORT OF HOW SUCCESSFUL IT IS FOR OUR USERS AND ANY METRICS THAT WE CAN COLLECT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF USING NAI CHAT BOT AND HOW MANY QUERIES WE ARE ANSWERING WITH IT AND WHAT THE RESULT OF THAT IS FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT DATA FOR US TO LOOK AT AS WE CONSIDER HOW WE EXERCISE OUR OPTION, BECAUSE WE HAVE RESTRUCTURED THE OPTION IN SUCH A WAY AND THEN WE CAN DROP THE AI CHAT BOT FOR YOUR TWO IF WE CAN DETERMINE THAT THE UTILITY DOES NOT OUTWEIGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THAT USING THIS TECHNOLOGY IS HAVING.

AND SO I THINK THAT THIS GIVES US A PATH FORWARD WHERE WE CAN COLLECT DATA TO ACTUALLY ANALYZE OUR OPTIONS FOR YEAR TWO.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THE AGENT, THE CHAT BOT, THAT IS 30 K, CORRECT?

>>SPEAKER: YES.

PLUS THERE IS A 15,000 IMPLEMENTATION FEE FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: IT GOES UP (AWAY FROM MIC).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, TRUSTY ENYIA OR I CAN SAY A FEW THINGS -

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: YES, IT IS ALWAYS INTERESTING WHEN IT COMES TO TECHNOLOGY AND FIGURING OUT WAYS TO BETTER CONNECT PEOPLE. I THINK IT IS A GREAT TOOL TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TOGETHER AND YOU KNOW I REMEMBER WHEN I WORKED FOR AT&T AND I PUT IN BASICALLY A THESIS TO THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF AT&T AND TOLD THEM WHY I THOUGHT WE SHOULD ADD MORE KIOSKS TO ALL OF THE AT&T STORES AND YOUR HE BROUGHT ME IN AND JUST ONE THIS BIG AWARD AND HE IS LIKE A - GREAT JOB, BUT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT THING THAT YOU BROUGHT ME THAT BASICALLY SAID THE MORE OF THESE YOU CREATE, THE LESS AND LESS LIKELY THAT YOU ARE TO CONTINUE TO SEE THE WORKFORCE LOOK THE WAY THAT IT LOOKS, BECAUSE YOU WOULD BE EATING AWAY AT JOBS BECAUSE LESS PEOPLE WOULD HAVE INTERACTIONS AND THERE WOULD BE LESS NEED TO HAVE MORE MORE PEOPLE TO INTERACT WITH AT THESE BRANCHES AND AT THEIR STORES AND THAT WAS YOU KNOW THE FIRST KIND OF LIKE EYE-OPENER FOR ME ABOUT WHAT TECHNOLOGY CAN DO AND LIKE YOU SAID IT CAN BE A GREAT TOOL, BUT IT CAN ALSO BE A SHORTCUT THAT SHORTCUTS PEOPLE OUT OF OPPORTUNITY.

AND I DO SEE - I DON'T WANT TO INTERACT PERSON AS WELL.

THERE WAS THAT ALL OF THE TIME AND THE PERSON WAS LIKE I AM BEELINE INTO A KIOSK AND I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU AND THAT IS WHY SEE THE CHAT BOT, BECAUSE I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE THAT INTERACTION JUST LIKE A, IF I CAN FIGURE IT OUT THROUGH THIS AND NOT HAVE TO INTERACT WITH YOU, THAT IS WHAT I WILL DO.

AND SELLING A LOT OF THESE TYPES OF THINGS TO COMPANIES, I ALWAYS SAY JUST TRY IT OUT.

AND THEN YOU CAN REALIZE THAT THIS IS NOT A FIT FOR YOU AND IF YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR DATA COMES BACK THAT YOUR PEOPLE ARE NOT USING THIS, THEN YOU WILL KNOW TO GET RID OF IT IF YOU HAVE A YOUR OPPORTUNITY WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND THE CONTRACT ALLOWS FOR YOU TO STEP OUT OF THAT WITHOUT ANY PENALTIES, THEN I THINK IT IS WORTH THE OPPORTUNITY THERE, BUT TO REALLY PUT IN METRICS TO SAY WHAT IS SUCCESS NOT LIKE OKAY, I'D TOLD YOU THAT I GOT 300,000 YOU KNOW USES OF THIS - IS THAT HELPING YOUR JOB? AND I JUST WANT TOOLS AND I KNOW THAT YOU WOULD NOT ASK FOR SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO USE.

SO, THAT IS WHY I AM IN AGREEMENT IF THERE IS A PARAMETER THAT IS SET AROUND DATA AROUND ACTUAL USAGE AND LETTING US KNOW IF THIS IS A SUCCESS FOR STAFF AND FOR THE COMMUNITY.

I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A WAY FOR THE CHAT BOT TO OFFER FEEDBACK FROM PEOPLE THAT ARE ACTUALLY UTILIZING IT.

SO, IF WE COULD HAVE A FEATURE BUILT-IN THAT LET US KNOW WHEN PEOPLE SAY THEY ARE HAVING A NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS OR THEY WOULD LIKE TO GO BACK TO THE OLD WAY -

>>SPEAKER: AND IF I MAY BE ABLE TO TRY AND SOMETHING THAT YOU SAID AND TRUSTY TRANSECTS AND SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US AS PART OF THE ONBOARDING PROCESS FOR GXA IS WE WILL BILL TO SEE WHERE SOME OF THOSE GAPS AND INCONSISTENCIES ARE WITH OUR EXISTING WEBSITE AND EVEN A YEAR FROM NOW THE DECISION IS MADE TO MOVE AWAY FROM GXA, WE WILL HAVE STREAMLINED THE WEBSITE AND SO THAT IS ANOTHER UNDERLYING BENEFIT OF IT, AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, IT DOES SEEM AS IF THERE ARE ENOUGH VOTES TO PASS THIS.

I HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN BOTH MY COLLEAGUES - ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES ACTUALLY ON THIS TOPIC AND I RETURNED FROM COMP 29 A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK AND THAT IS THE GLOBAL CLIMATE SUMMIT AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU TO GET ON AN AIRPLANE AND BURN - DO DAMAGE TO OUR ENVIRONMENT THAT WAY AND I CAME HOME REALLY UNDERSTANDING HOW WE NEEDED TO MOVE AWAY FROM PETROLEUM.

AND THAT IS WHAT I NEEDED TO GET AWAY FROM OUR COMFORT AROUND MY GAS STOVE AND THE WAY THAT I WAS USED TO COOKING.

AND I ALSO DO NOT THINK THAT AI IS GOING ANYWHERE.

AND AS TRUSTEE ENYIA WAS SAYING, I ACTUALLY CAN FIND CHAT BOT AS ANNOYING WHEN I'M FORCED TO USE THEM AND SOMEBODY WILL NOT ANSWER THE PHONE,

BUT I HAVE ALSO - I CAN SPEND ALL DAY ON THE PHONE WITH RESIDENTS AND I DO ENJOY IT, BUT I'VE HAD RESIDENTS SAY WOW, IF YOU SPEND THIS MUCH TIME WITH EVERYONE THAT YOU TALK TO, HOW DO YOU GET ANYTHING ELSE DONE? WE DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A CHALLENGE WITH ALL OF THE GOALS THAT WE HAVE OF USING OUR TIME WISELY AND SO I AM WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY. WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS THAT WE NEED A POLICY THAT IS HOPEFULLY GOING TO COME OUT WITH LEGISLATION THIS YEAR TO FORCE THESE DATA CENTERS TO RECIRCULATE THE WATER THAT THEY'RE USING TO HOLD THEM DOWN AND I HAVE LEARNED THAT AI IS A REAL REASON FOR AN INCREASE IN THE USAGE OF THESE DATA CENTERS BECAUSE OF HOW THEY OPERATE AND WHERE THEY LITERALLY LOOK THROUGH EVERYTHING FROM SOMEBODY'S TEXT MESSAGES AND WHAT YOU CAN FIND IN SCIENCE ON TOPIC AND TO BRING THE RESPONSES THAT THEY BRING TO US AND SAID THE VASTNESS OF THAT RESEARCH IS ULTIMATELY HAVING THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THAT HAS GROWN MY CONCERN. AND SO IT IS KIND OF WEIGHING IF THE POTENTIAL BENEFIT AND THE FACT THAT WE NOW HAVE AI ON EVERYTHING, ON IPHONES AND IPADS AND EVERYWHERE - AND THE STAFF TIME THAT WE CAN SAVE. AND VS. THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT I'M STRUGGLING WITH. I AM STRUGGLING WITH. AND SO I THINK IT IS GOING TO BE AN ONGOING CONVERSATION. OKAY.

AND GRATEFUL FOR LEARNING MORE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: JUST A COUPLE MORE COMMENTS.

I APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S COMMENTS ON THIS.

YES, YOU ACTUALLY SAID ONE OF THE POINTS IS GOING TO RAISE WHICH IS THAT DATA CENTERS ARE NOT NEW, BUT THE EXPLOSION OF DATA CENTERS, THEY ARE DOUBLING EVERY YEAR AND I JUST LOOKED UP THE STAT, SPENDING \$31 BILLION DATA CENTERS IN 24 AND IT DOUBLED AND IT IS OVER 60 BILLION BECAUSE OF YOU KNOW AND CRYPTO AND THE BIG BOOM IS AI.

AND THE WAY THAT DATA CENTERS ARE USED IS ACTUALLY NOT BY QUERY, IT IS BY THE TRAINING THAT GOES INTO BUILDING THE MODEL IN THE FIRST PLACE AND SO IT IS HARD TO MEASURE LIKE A EVERY QUERY LIKE WHAT WILL THAT BE THE IMPACT? THAT IS NOT REALLY A USEFUL METRIC, IT IS ALL THE WORK THAT WENT INTO TRAINING THE MODEL IN THE FIRST PLACE WHICH YOU ARE SORT OF ENDORSING ALL OF THAT BY US PAYING FOR IT.

WHICH LEADS ME TO THE NEXT POINT WHICH IS IF WE ARE GOING TO SAY WE DON'T WANT TO INVEST IN THINGS AND WE INVEST AND PASS THE CLIMATE READY OAK PARK PLANET WE JUST SAY THAT WE ARE WE TO IGNORE IT, THEN WHY ARE WE GOING AGAINST THIS ON OUR COMMITMENT?

AND SO IT IS A BIT OF A LETDOWN.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO ETHICAL CONSUMPTION UNDER CAPITALISM, BUT THAT WAS AN INDICTMENT OF THE STATUS QUO AND NOT AN EXCUSE.

IT IS JUST SOMETHING TO CONSIDER.

BUT, I CAN SEE WHERE THE VOTES ARE AND I WILL STILL VOTE THE WAY THAT I WILL VOTE AND ALSO I'LL JUST CLOSE WITH THIS IS SORT OF PUSHED ON US BY THE VENDOR LIKE THEY HAVE QUOTAS TO MEET AND I AM SURE THEY WILL BE HAPPY WITH THE RESULT TONIGHT, BUT TO JIM 'S POINT, WE NEED A STRATEGY. WE NEED TO BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO SPEND OUR MONEY ON AND NOT JUST HAVE A SALES PITCH AND GET WOODED BY IT AND NOT REALLY HAVE THE TIME AND CONSIDERATION ABOUT HOW THE TECHNOLOGY AND YOU KNOW TO FORESHADOW WIRE PULLED THE OTHER ONE, WE ARE SPENDING \$225,000 ON FINANCE SOFTWARE THAT WAS A HUGE INCREASE AND WE ARE SPENDING HOW MUCH MORE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON MICROSOFT 365. YOU KNOW OUR SOFTWARE COSTS ARE EXPLODING AND IT IS KIND OF GETTING OUT OF CONTROL.

SO, WE NEED TO KIND OF HAVE SOME SORT OF STRATEGY WHICH I KNOW IS COMING UP IN OUR BOARD GOALS, BUT WE REALLY NEED THAT, BECAUSE WE ARE WALKING ALONG HERE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES, THIS IS HAVING AN EFFECT AND IT DOESN'T HUNGRY TO HEAR, BUT IS A PROCESS AND WE ARE WEIGHING THESE THINGS.
SO -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: JUST A QUICK THING - JUST TO BE CLEAR, ARE WE SAYING THAT WE SHOULD NEVER PURCHASE ANYTHING WITH AI FROM THE BOARD?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A POLICY.
THERE IS SOME USES OF IT THAT ARE GOOD AND I USE IT SOMETIMES AT MY JOB, RIGHT?
AND AGAIN IT GOES BACK TO MY ORIGINAL POINT WHICH IS WHAT IS THE VALUE ADD, RIGHT?
THERE IS USES OF AI THAT ARE HIGH VALUE ADD AND I USE IT, BUT I'M NOT CONVINCED OF THE VALUE ADD AND THE OTHER THINGS ON TOP OF IT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: IS SAID -- YOU SAID THAT A CONFLICT WITH THE CROP GOAL AND SO I AM ASKING - GOOD ANY VERSION OF AI PA THOSE ARE THE MODEL THAT USES LESS RESOURCES, THERE IS THE ONE FROM CHINA I FORGET THE NAME OF IT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THAT IS WHAT WE ARE GOING WITH?
REALLY.
THE ONE THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TRAINED?
OKAY -

>>TRUSTEE EDER: WE CAN GET INTO THAT MORE - THROWING DATA CENTERS ARE THE PROBLEM IS NOT THE ONLY WAY TO TRAIN AI.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AND REALLY THE CRUX OF MY QUESTION IS UP I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND IF YOU MEANT THAT ALL AI WAS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE CROP GOAL. BECAUSE THAT IS A DIFFERENT CONVERSATION APPEARED.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: TO WHERE VICKI HAD SAID EARLIER, THERE IS HOPEFULLY REGULATION COMING THAT WILL REIN IN SOME OF THEIR USE OF ENERGY AND WATER AND ALL OF THAT AND I WOULD LOVE FOR THOSE THINGS TO BE IN PLACE BIT I MEAN AI IS NOT GOING AWAY I DON'T THINK THAT WE CAN SNAP OUR FINGERS AND MAKE IT GO AWAY.

AND IT DOES HAVE UTILITY.

BUT, IT IS RUN AMOK.

WE ARE SPENDING WAY TOO MUCH MONEY AND THROWING BILLIONS AND HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AT THIS PROBLEM AND IT IS JUST BECOMING COMPLETELY UNSUSTAINABLE.

SO, THAT IS GOING TO GET RAN INTO THE CRASH OR SOME REGULATION WILL HAPPEN OR SOME COMBINATION OF BOTH WILL HAPPEN.

BUT, WE SHOULD NOT BE HELPING YOU KNOW THE RUNAWAY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ABSOLUTELY AND I COMPLETELY GET YOU AND I WAS JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE CROP GOAL AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU KNOW ANY AI COULD RUN INTO THAT CONFLICT, BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE TO REVISIT ONE OR THE OTHER.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHAT I AM HEARING IS THAT FOR THOSE WHO ARE VOTING YES AND I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT WE WILL BE WATCHING TO SEE IF IT IS ACTUALLY UTILIZED AND IF IT IS NOT, THEN I THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT WE WILL BE REVISITING A CONTRACT OR CANCELING THAT ASPECT OF THE CONTRACT.

OKAY?

OKAY, CLEAR WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE WESLEY, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

AND I HAVE THE NEXT ITEM IS A RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BS&A TO UPGRADE THE VILLAGE'S FINANCIAL SOFTWARE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO

EXCEED \$234,335.00 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION.

MOTION BY JESSE AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE WESLEY.

OKAY, THIS WAS PULLED FROM CONSENT AND SO DO WE WANT TO PUT OUR QUESTIONS OUT THERE OR DO YOU WANT TO PRESENT FIRST?

A.

>>SPEAKER: IF WE CAN GO STRAIGHT TO THE QUESTION SPIRIT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I WOULD BE HAPPY TO AND WE SPOKE A LITTLE BIT YESTERDAY.

MY TWO CONCERNS WITH THIS AND I AM PROBABLY GOOD TO VOTE YES ON IT BY THE WAY, BUT ADD QUESTIONS BECAUSE ALL OF A SUDDEN I NOTICED THAT THERE WAS A BIG BUMP AND IT WAS ALMOST \$100,000 IN ADDITIONAL COST THAT WAS NOT BUDGETED FOR AND WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE A BUDGET AMENDMENT AND I JUST WANTED TEST TO MORE CONTEXT ABOUT THAT AND YOU SHARED SOME OF THAT WITH ME, BUT YOU CAN SHARE IT WITH EVERYONE PAIRED.

>>SPEAKER: NO, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A MORE CONTEXT TO THAT AND ALSO TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE TRANSPARENCY.

SO, BS&A IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN USING SINCE 2017 AND THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE SERVICE FOR IN-HOUSE AND THE IT DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO UPDATE.

BS&A WENT CLOUD-BASED AS ALL OF THE OTHER SOFTWARE COMPANIES IN 2021 AND SINCE THEN THEY HAVE STOPPED DEVELOPMENT ON THE ON PREMISE AND THEY HAVE BEEN JUST PATCHING IT.

AND SO THAT IS JUST PROVIDING A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY ON BS&A.

SO, BASICALLY WE ARE BEHIND IN TERMS OF THE ERP SYSTEMS AND IN TERMS OF AGAIN, UPDATING ALL OF THE CONTEMPORARY FINANCE MODERN SYSTEMS THAT WE HAVE.

THE REASON FOR THE PRICE IS NOT THAT IT WENT UP BY 100,000, BASICALLY OUR ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO BRING HER FORWARD TO THE BOARD IN NOVEMBER 2025 AND AT THAT TIME OUR PLAN WAS TO SPLIT THE PAYMENTS, ONE IN FISCAL YEAR 25 AND THE OTHER ONE IN 2026.

AND BEFORE WE BROUGHT IT FORWARD, THERE WAS GOING TO BE A CHANGE IN STAFFING AND OBVIOUSLY I WAS COMING ON BOARD AND THEN WE NEEDED TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF DUE DILIGENCE BEFORE WE MOVED IT FORWARD TO THE BOARD AND SO FAST FORWARD TO NOW AND WE ARE MAKING THE PAYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM IN ONE FISCAL YEAR WHICH IS 2026.

SO, THAT IS WHY.

WHY THE AMOUNT IS BEING PROPOSED COMPARED TO THE BUDGET WHICH IS ABOUT \$100,000 MORE, BUT THE ORIGINAL COST.

IT DID GO UP BY ABOUT \$8000 BECAUSE WE WAITED AND AGAIN I DO THINK THAT IT WAS THE RIGHT CALL AT THAT TIME TO WAIT UNTIL WE DID SOME DUE DILIGENCE CHEER IN TERMS OF HOW DOES MOVING TO THE CLOUD WILL IMPACT LIKE GIS SYSTEMS FOR EXAMPLE AND PLANNING SOME OF THE CLEANUP THAT WE NEED TO DO IN OUR DATABASES INCLUDING UTILITY BILLING, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND SO THAT IS SORT OF THE GENERAL CONTEXT AROUND WHY THE TOTAL AMOUNT IS \$234,000 WHEN WE BUDGETED FOR \$125,000 AND SO WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD TO ALSO AMEND THEIR BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE FULL PAYMENT IN 2026.

SO, I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES, IT DOES.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

SO, I THINK I'M SATISFIED WITH THAT ANSWER.

I WILL ALSO DISCOVER THAT WE ARE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY ON SOFTWARE.

>>SPEAKER: IT HAS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE AND THE INCREASE FOR EXAMPLE, MICROSOFT SUBSCRIPTIONS, IF YOU COMPARE THE PRICE PRE-PANDEMIC TO POST PANDEMIC PRICING, IT WENT UP BY LIKE 35%.

AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE TIED TO UNLESS WE WANT TO GO TO OPENOFFICE.org WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE BENEFITS OF ANYTHING ELSE AND YOU GET ME.

BUT, WE ARE TIED AND THAT IS KIND OF HOW COMPANIES CONTINUE TO MAKE THEIR MONEY AND THEY HAVE THEIR CASH COWS IN EACH ONE OF THESE BUSINESSES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, IT IS A LOT OF MONEY AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE CONTINUALLY BUDGET ANALYSTS AND OPERATING IN SEVERAL AREAS OF OUR VILLAGE AND LOOKING BEFORE EACH BUDGET SEASON FOR OPPORTUNITIES -

AND WE HAVE A STRATEGIC PLAN AND WE ARE WORKING ON THAT PLAN FOR TECHNOLOGY.

AND SO I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT IS GOING INTO IT AND RECOGNIZING THAT WE WANT TO RAISE THEIR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: AND WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE BS&A SOFTWARE AND SOMETHING THAT I AM EXCITED ABOUT IS THAT IT WILL PROVIDE ALONG WITH AN ADDITIONAL PLUG-IN THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE FOR IT, IT WILL PROVIDE A LOT OF ADDITIONAL ABILITY FOR US TO DO MULTIYEAR FORECASTING FOR DOWNSTREAM BUDGET IMPACT OF DECISIONS THAT WE ARE MAKING AND SO WHILE THE SOFTWARE IS MORE EXPENSIVE AND MOVING TO A CLOUD SUBSCRIPTION MODEL RATHER THAN A ON PREMISE MODEL IS MORE EXPENSIVE THE ON PREMISE IS NOT SUPPORTED AND THERE IS HOPE I THINK THAT BY HAVING MORE CAPACITY TO FORECAST OUT MULTIPLE YEARS THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER PROJECT COSTS AND BETTER ABLE TO FIND EFFICIENCIES ACROSS THE ORGANIZATION.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES.

I THINK THAT IS GREAT.

THE OTHER THING I WANT TO MENTION IN ADDITION TO THE VISION AND POLICY THAT WE ARE WORKING ON THAT THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS THAT WE ARE SPENDING ON TECHNOLOGY ARE GETTING TO THE LEVEL WHERE IT MAY BE JUSTIFIED TO HAVE MORE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN-HOUSE.

WE CAN KEEP PURCHASING AND OUTSOURCING AND WE WILL FIND OURSELVES IN A VERY TRICKY SPOT, BECAUSE THEN THEY HAVE EXTREME LEVERAGE OVER US WHERE IT IS LIKE WELL, YET UPGRADE PIXAR, WE ARE NO LONGER SUPPORTING THIS ANYMORE, YOU FIGURE ON THIS PATH, RIGHT?

I MEAN THEY ARE ALWAYS INCENTIVIZED TO JACK UP THE RATES.

THAT IS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND IT WILL ACCELERATE BECAUSE WE ARE ON THE CLOUD AND THAT IS JUST SORT OF THE DIRECTION OF SOFTWARE.

BUT, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT WE ARE SPENDING ON SOFTWARE LIKE YOU COULD EASILY HIRE A FULL-TIME PERSON WHO COULD HAVE A REALLY BETTER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT HOLIDAYS PIECES OF SOFTWARE ARE WORKING TOGETHER AND HOW WE ARE USING THEM AND SAVE MONEY AND PUSH BACK ON SOME OF THESE VENDORS THAT ARE CONTINUING TO UPSSELL US.

>>SPEAKER: IF I MAY, ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IS SOME EFFICIENCY SAVINGS THAT IT WILL NATURALLY GENERATE IN THE IT DEPARTMENT NOT HAVING TO MAINTAIN A SERVER AND NOT HAVING TO PUSH UPDATES AND OUR STAFF GETTING A LITTLE BIT TOO MUCH INTO THE WEEDS HERE, BUT WE DO PRETTY MUCH EVERY UPDATE THAT GETS SENT OUT, WE USE ABOUT 13 DIFFERENT MODULES OF BS&A AND EVERY MODULE, EVERY TIME THAT IT IS UPDATED WE SPENT EASILY ABOUT FIVE MINUTES PER MODULE PER USER AND SO IF YOU QUANTIFY ALL OF THAT THERE WILL BE SOME CAPACITY IN SAVINGS AGAIN GOING BACK TO YOUR POINT THAT WE CAN UTILIZE STAFF UTILIZE MAY BE A STRONG WORD, BUT THEY CAN SPEND THEIR TIME ANALYZING SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU MENTIONED, EFFICIENCY SAVINGS AND PUSHING BACK ON VENDORS AND DOING A LITTLE BIT MORE AUDIT WORK IN TERMS OF LICENSING AND HOW WE ARE USING SOFTWARE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.
CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE WESLEY, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.
THANK YOU.

OKAY, SO THIS IS THE BIG TOPIC OF THE EVENING.
EVERYTHING THAT WE TALK ABOUT IS IMPORTANT.
THANK YOU, DAN.

AND KEVIN.

AND THANK YOU KEVIN.

DO WE WANT TO GO - A MOTION TO FINALIZE THE PREFERRED CONCEPT FOR THE OAK PARK MUNICIPAL CAMPUS AND DIRECT STAFF TO ADVANCE THE PREFERRED CONCEPT TO SCHEMATIC DESIGN.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED TO.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE ENYIA.

LISA?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: ONTO TRADUCE ROB'S PAROLE AND AS YOU MENTIONED THIS IS ABOUT THE OAK PARK MUNICIPAL CAMPUS PROJECT AND YOU HAVE HAD PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON AND NOW WE ARE AT BASICALLY BRINGING SOME INFORMATION TO YOU SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED TO THE SECOND ITEM IS A SCHEMATIC DESIGN CONTRACT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A PUBLIC COMMENT, CAN WE DO THAT REALLY BRIEFLY?

OKAY, DAN OR DO YOU JUST WANT TO JOIN US AS WE GO?

OKAY, THEN, GO FOR IT.

CHRIS, DID YOU HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ONE OR THE NEXT ONE?

THANK YOU.

>>CHRIS: HELLO, CHRIS S, I THINK I KNOW SOME OF YOU.

10 YEAR OLD PARK RESIDENT AND I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR THE LAST TWO HOURS AND SO THANK YOU AND I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ADVANCING THE RESOLUTION OF THIS MOTION.

IT IS THE BARRY DUNN REPORT THAT HAS BEEN MADE VERY CLEAR I THINK IT WAS NOVEMBER 2022 IN ORDER TO HAVE THE POLICE FORCE WITH THE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES THAT WE WANTED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND ALSO TO HIT OUR STAFFING GOALS, THE BARRY DEN REPORT MADE VERY CLEAR THAT WE NEED A NEW POLICE FACILITY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

AND I AM ALSO ENCOURAGED TO SEE THAT THERE ARE ADVANCEMENTS AS A PORTABLE ET AL.

AND WE NEED IMPROVEMENTS FROM OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS BUILDING.

AND LOOKING AHEAD IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE IF WE HAVE TO PUSH ONE PROJECT OVER THE OTHER I WOULD BE ENCOURAGED THAT THE POLICE FACILITY FIRST, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BOTH MOVE FORWARD AS POSSIBLE.

SO, THAT IS WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>ROB: ALL RIGHT, GOOD EVENING, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, ROB SPRAWL. ANTENNAE WE ARE TWO ITEMS RELATED TO THE OAK PARK MUNICIPAL CAMPUS PROJECT.

THE FIRST ONE IS A MOTION TO DIRECT A PARTICULAR SCHEME FORWARD AND THEN THE SECOND ITEM IS RELATED TO A CONTRACTOR SUPPORT THAT WORK IN ITS PURSUIT.

AND SO EVERYBODY IS PROBABLY PRETTY FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROJECT AT THIS POINT AND WE ARE TALKED ABOUT A NUMBER OF TIMES.

THE LAST TIME THAT WE SPOKE ON THIS PROJECT WAS BACK IN NOVEMBER 2025. BY JL K AND OUR CONSULTANT TEAM PRESENTED AT THAT TIME TWO CONCEPT DESIGNS AND A SINGLE SITE OPTION AND A MULTI SITE OPTION TO ADVANCE FORWARD THE OAK PARK MUNICIPAL CAMPUS PROJECT.

AND THE GOALS OF THE PRESENTATION WAS FOR THE BOARD TO PICK ONE OF THOSE OPTIONS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THOSE TWO DIFFERENT OPTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT IN ORDER TO GIVE STAFF AND THE CONSULTANT FEEDBACK IN ORDER TO COME BACK TODAY WITH KIND OF FINAL DESIGN SCHEMES TO ADVANCE TOWARDS SCHEMATIC DESIGN.

AND SO AT THAT TIME THE VILLAGE BOARD SHOWS NEARLY UNANIMOUSLY TO EXPLORE THE MULTI SITE CONCEPT FURTHER AND HIGHLIGHTING THE COST ADVANTAGES AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES AND SUSTAINABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH RELOCATING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO AN EXISTING BUILDING AND RETROFITTING AND EXPANDING IT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

AND WHILE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPTION WAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED AS PRESENTED, THE VILLAGE BOARD WAS A LITTLE BIT MORE SPLIT ON ITS APPROACH TO HOW WE SHOULD LOOK AT VILLAGE HALL AND IN PARTICULAR COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM JL K IN REGARDS TO THAT OPTIMALITY AND THE COST IMPLICATIONS OF RELOCATING COUNCIL CHAMBERS EITHER WITHIN THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT OR BUILDING AN ADDITIONAL SOUTH FAÇADE OF THE BUILDING.

AND SO AS PART OF THIS PRESENTATION, JL K WILL BE HERE TO PRESENT KIND OF TWO DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR VILLAGE HALL SPECIFICALLY AND WHAT IS CALLED IN THE DOCUMENT THAT YOU GOT THE CORE ADDITION CONCEPT WHICH RELOCATES COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO THE EAST WING OF THE EXISTING BUILDING WITH THE MINIMAL ADDITION OFF THE BACK TO SUPPORT ACCESSIBLE ENTRY OR THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OPTION WHICH RELOCATES COUNCIL CHAMBERS ALONG THE SOUTH

FAÇADE INCLUDING AGAIN ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCES TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN VILLAGE HALL.

AND BOTH OF THESE CONCEPT DESIGNS PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING BUILDING SYSTEMS AND IMPROVE MODERN WORKSPACE STANDARDS AND CREATING ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE SPACES WHILE ADDRESSING SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES.

THEY HAVE ALSO SPENT TIME IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS OF FURTHER REFINING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR 11 MADISON IN AN EFFORT TO SOLIDIFY THE DECISIONS TO CONSOLIDATE HOW IT FUNCTIONS INTO THAT SPACE.

THEY ARE GOING TO BE HERE AND THE TEAM IS HERE ALSO TO TALK THROUGH SOME OF THAT AS WELL TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE THERE.

AND THEN TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AS IT RELATES TO EITHER THOSE PROJECTS OR THE COST.

I THINK SO WHAT I THINK WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS SINCE THERE WAS PRETTY UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE POLICE STATION AS PRESENTED WE MAY START THEIR AND SHOW THE UPDATES TO THE POLICE STATION DESIGN AS THEY HAVE HAD THE DEMAND SINCE THAT TIME AND THEN WE'LL TALK ARCHITECTURALLY ABOUT THE VILLAGE HALL PROJECT AND THEN WILL MOVE INTO AND I KNOW EVERYONE WILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COST THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECT.

AND JLK IS HERE WITH DEWBERRY AS KIND OF THE POLICE SUPPORT CONSULTANT AS WELL AS THEIR ESTIMATOR FOR CONTRACTION COST THAT CAN REALLY DELVE INTO HOW THEY GOT TO THE COST AND WHAT THEY ARE ESTIMATING OUT THOSE COSTS.

AND JUST TO REITERATE WHAT WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR AS IT RELATES TO THIS FIRST ITEM IS A FINAL DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY WANT TO ADVANCE THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN WHICH IS KIND OF THE 30% PLAN DESIGN TO CONTINUE THIS PROCESS FORWARD AND THEN THAT NEXT ITEM IS A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A NEW CONTRACT WITH JLK AND THIS TEAM TO DO THAT DESIGN WORK AND THE PROPOSAL IS BASED ON THAT CAN ENCOMPASS EITHER ONE OF THOSE ITEMS.

THERE IS NOT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO THE PROPOSAL BASED ON THE DECISION AS IT RELATES TO YOUR TONIGHT TO THE SCOPE.

AND IF THERE ARE NO PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS, WE WILL GET STARTED WITH THE POLICE STATION DESIGN AND DO A LITTLE BIT OF AN UPDATE THERE AND THEN STEP BACK OVER TO VILLAGE HALL.

AND SO MEG?

AND NATALIE.

>>MEG: HELLO THERE EVERYBODY, IT IS NICE TO BE BACK TALKING ABOUT THIS PROJECT WHERE WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IT AND WE ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

JUST RESPECTING THAT WE HAVE SEEN THIS BEFORE SO WE DON'T WANT TO GO INTO EVERYTHING AND REVISIT EVERY SINGLE THING AT THIS HOUR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: LET'S VOTE NOW TO GO PAST 10 PM.
OKAY.
KEEP GOING.

>>MEG: OKAY, PERFECT.
AND ARE WE ADVANCING?

SO, SINCE WE LAST SPOKE AS WE SAID WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT BOTH SITES, THE TWO SITE OPTION AND TRYING TO FIND THE BEST SOLUTION FORWARD FOR BOTH OF THEM AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO NATALIE HERE TO TALK ABOUT SOME FINER TUNING THAT IS HAPPENING OF COURSE AT THE 11 MADISON SITE AND WE HAVE AN EXISTING BUILDING AND WE WILL HAVE A NEW BUILDING - THERE IT GOES - AS WELL AS THE PARKING GARAGE TO SATISFY AND CONTAIN THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. I WANT TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE HAD A LOT OF GOOD CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CHIEF - HELLO THERE - SHE IS JOINING US TONIGHT AND SO WE ARE VERY MUCH WORKING WITH THE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH PROGRAMMING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE WORKING CORRECTLY WITH THAT HIGH LEVEL -

>>NATALIE: SO AS NOT TO READ EVERYTHING IN THE PACKET THE YOU ALREADY RECEIVED, WE ARE ENHANCING THE SITE FEATURES AND STREETScape AND WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE EXISTING BUILDING THAT WE HAVE APPEARED WHAT WE DID IN THIS ROUND IS FIRST WE LOOKED AT APARTMENTS AND CAN WE GET ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS IN THEIR IN A OPERATIONAL FLOW THAT WAS SUCCESSFUL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COULD WE GET SITE CONSTRAINTS IN A CODE COMPLIANT WAY?

AND IN THIS WAY, THIS ROUND WE WENT IN WITH MUCH MORE DETAIL AND WE ACTUALLY LAID OUT YOU KNOW WHICH ROOMS WHEN WHERE AND HOW WAS THAT FLOW GOING AND MAKING SURE THAT THE WHOLE PROGRAM FIT IN ITS ENTIRETY. AFTER THAT WE DID MEET WITH THE CHIEF AND MEET WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN A DETAILED REVIEW TO GO OVER TO MAKE SURE THAT IT MET THEIR PROTOCOLS AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND FOLLOWING THAT WE - THEY DID GIVE US SOME COMMENTS THAT WE PLAN TO WORK ON OVER THE NEXT PHASE AND WE ARE ADVANCING IN THAT REGARD.

THESE SYSTEMS ITSELF, THE BUILDING IS GOING TO BE BUILT GREEN AND CODE COMPLIANT AND COMPLIANT WITH THE CITY ENERGY STANDARDS AND THE STATE ENERGY STANDARDS.

YOU HAVE SEEN THE SITE PLAN BEFORE AND THIS IS A LITTLE BIT MORE DEVELOPED AND WE HAVE WORKED ON THE ADDITION AND WE HAVE SET THE BOUNDARIES HERE WITHIN THE PROGRAM THAT WAS ALREADY DEFINED AND WE HAVE LAID OUT THE VISITOR PARKING LOT IN THE EAST SIDE, THE EXISTING BUILDINGS, A NEW ADDITION AND THEN ON THE WEST SIDE WE HAVE THE PARKING GARAGE STRUCTURE THERE THAT INCORPORATES COVERING UP HUMPHREY AVENUE.

DEPARTMENTAL YOU CAN SEE THAT IN THE PARKING GARAGE WE HAVE SOME SUPPORT AREAS AND THEIR TRASH AND STORAGE AREAS AND WE ARE TAKING A QUICK RAMP UP TO THE SECOND FLOOR AND WE ARE LEADING THE THREE OF HUMPHREY OPEN IN CASE THERE IS EVER A UTILITY WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

UNDER IT APPEARED WE CAN STILL ACCESS IT WITHOUT LIMITING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FROM THE REAR OF THE BUILDING AND SO FROM THE STAFF PERSPECTIVE, WE COME IN THERE IS A SALLYPORT THAT BRINGS US INTO THE PATROL ENTERTAINMENT AREA AND THERE IS ALSO TRAINING INCLUDING THE FIREARMS RANCH ON THE FIRST FLOOR THAT IS ACOUSTICALLY SOUND AND THAT MOVES INTO THE COMMUNITY AREA AND RECORDS AREA EDITOR PUBLIC FACING ELEMENTS THAT IS ALREADY THERE AND WE HAVE A REAL-TIME CRIME CENTER THAT WILL BE BUILT OUT INTO THE FUTURE TO GO WITH TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE SEEN AS INDUSTRY-STANDARD IN THE FIELD NOW.

AND MOVING UP TO THE SECOND FLOOR YOU CAN SEE THAT THIS IS WHERE WE START OUR GENERAL PARKING FOR THE PATROL AND POLICE STAFF IN THE PARKING GARAGE AND WE HAVE TRAINING AND LOCKER ROOMS AND FITNESS ROOMS ON THE WEST END OF THE BUILDING AND ARE PATROL SERGEANTS AND PATROL OFFICERS ARE LOCATED UP THERE AND THAT IS ALSO WHERE THEY WILL GRAB THINGS LIKE THEIR DUTY BAGS THAT THEY WILL TAKE WITH THEM AND SO THE EXIT OF THE BUILDING IS ACTUALLY COMING OUT FROM THE SECOND FLOOR OUT AND OUT TO THE RAMP SYSTEM.

AND THE ORANGE IS INVESTIGATIONS AND SO THE MANY DEPARTMENTS THAT INVESTIGATION COVERS AND THE ADMIN COVERS THE CHIEF AND SHE WILL BE IN THE FOREMOST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY.

AND THE ONE THAT YOU SEE AT THE BOTTOM IS THE BASEMENT, WE ARE CHOOSING TO REUSE MUCH OF THE BASEMENT FOR STORAGE CAPABILITIES AND IT DOES HAVE STRUCTURAL ISSUES THAT IT IS A LITTLE BIT TOO SHORT FOR FUNCTIONAL USE, BUT WE CAN USE IT FOR STORAGE SPACES AND WE ARE MOVING THE LONG-TERM RECORDS DOWN THERE, AS WELL.

WE HAVE UPDATED THIS ACTION THE METRIC DRAWING HERE IN THIS IS TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE MASSES AND HOW THEY SIT ON THE SITE IN COMPARISON TO THE EXISTING BUILDING AND WE ARE GOING UP JUST OVER OUR ADDITION WITH THE PARKING GARAGE AND THAT IS TO GET OUR TOTAL PARKING COUNT OF ALL OF THE STAFF AND WHAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT USES ON A REGULAR BASIS.

>>NATALIE: THAT IS KIND OF THE DESCRIPTION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THUS FAR AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO GO INTO LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SCHEMES THROUGH THE VILLAGE HALL IF THAT IS OKAY JUST TO KIND OF SITUATE FOR A MOMENT.

SO, WITH THE TWO SCHEMES FOR THE VILLAGE HALL AND THE CRUX OF THE MATTER AND THE PROBLEM THAT WE WERE SET WITH IS HOW IS THE BUILDING WORKING AS IT IS RIGHT NOW AND HOW CAN WE IMPROVE THE FLOW AND LOOK AT THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE CITY AND ADDRESS THE ACOUSTICS AND JUST THE NATURAL FLOW OF HOW THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE IS MANAGED HERE AT THE BUILDING.

AND WHAT I CAME TO IS OF COURSE LOOKING AT THE EAST SPINE AND WITHIN ALL OF OUR SCHEMES THAT IDEA CAME FORWARD AS CAPTURING THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING AS YOU KNOW THIS ELEMENT OF THE BUILDING THROUGH 101

ALREADY HAVING SOME PUBLIC FACING PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND REALLY EXPANDING UPON THEM.

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SCHEMES I WILL GO INTO IN JUST A MINUTE AS FAR AS LOOKING AT THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THEM AND IF WE ARE LOOKING AT THE WAY THAT I WILL CALL IT THE C SHAPE OF THE PRIVATE OFFICES WHICH ARE THE NORTHWEST AND MAJORITY OF THE SOUTH WING WHICH IS LIKE THE LEFT-HAND SIDE AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT HERE - THESE ARE ALL OF THE PRIVATE OFFICES AND THE PRIVATE FUNCTIONS OF THE VILLAGE HALL. THOSE ARE SIMILAR IN BOTH SCHEMES IN THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT REUSING OFFICES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE USING FURNITURE TO DO THE PROGRAMMING AND MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR DESK AND OTHER ELEMENTS TO SERVE THE MODERN VILLAGE HALL.

AND IN THE LOWER LEVEL AND LET ME SEE IF THIS IS RIGHT - IN THE LOWER LEVEL WE ARE LOOKING AT HAVING DEDICATED STAFF SPACE AND SUPPORT AND THE MEETING ROOMS AND PRIVATE BATHROOMS FOR THE STAFF AND THINGS LIKE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REMAIN IN THAT WEST PART OF THE BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN AND THERE WILL BE MECHANICAL SPACES AND THEN KIND OF YOU KNOW THE HEART OF THE MATTER HERE WHERE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS BEING BASICALLY EXTRACTED FROM THE BASEMENT AND WE ARE HAVING ALL OF THAT OPEN SPACE AND WE ARE SUGGESTING A COUPLE SYSTEM DOWN THERE, THE COMMUNITY ROOM FOR MULTIPURPOSE COMMUNITY ROOM IN BOTH SCHEMES AND A PUBLIC RESTROOM DOWN THERE TO SUPPORT AND WHAT WE ARE CALLING THE PUBLIC COMMONS.

AND THAT IS THE SPACE THAT IS BANK FOR THE FUTURE IF YOU WILL.

IT CAN ACCOMMODATE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF THINGS AND YOU CAN THINK THAT LIKE IF YOU WANT TO HAVE VOTING SET UP FOR THE MANY WEEKS THAT VOTING MUST BE SET UP, THAT IS A GOOD PLACE TO DO IT AND IF THERE ARE IDEAS THAT THERE ARE COMMENTS THAT CAN BE PLACED WHERE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE CLINICS IF THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES THERE THAT IT IS USED TO SUPPORT WHAT HAPPENS IN THE VILLAGE HALL AND THE SPACE THAT IS AVAILABLE.

IT IS ALSO YOU KNOW ANY FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS AND ANY OTHER ENTITIES THAT IN THE FUTURE BEYOND THIS MOMENT THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SPACE IN VILLAGE HALL FOR WHATEVER REASON, THAT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

AND WE WOULD BE FILLING IT OUT AS A PUBLIC COMMONS, BUT ALWAYS THINK OF THAT AS BANK FOR THE FUTURE.

IT IS A NICE LARGE OPEN SPACE THAT HAS COLUMNS IN IT AND OF COURSE WE CAN ALL WORK AROUND AND IT IS AVAILABLE FOR MULTIPURPOSE.

LIKEWISE ON THE SITE IF I BACKUP A MINUTE, IF WE ARE THINKING ABOUT SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE SITE WE ARE LEAVING THE PARKING PRETTY MUCH INTACT AS FAR AS THE NUMBER OF CARS WE ARE REWORKING THE SITE AREAS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE BUILDING, BUT ALSO THAT GREEN SPACE IS GOING TO STAY IN BOTH SCHEMES.

AND LOOKING AT THE EXPERIMENT OF COULD THIS ERA BE USED FOR SOMETHING?

THIS DOES NOT CLOSE ANY DOORS FOR THE FUTURE, IT IS VERY MUCH BANKED OUT FOR THE FUTURE IF THERE IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR ANOTHER CITY ENTITY OR VILLAGE ENTITY, EXCUSE ME, THAT WOULD NEED OR WANT SPACE THAT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR THE FUTURE.

AND SO THIS KIND OF REUSE PLAN HAS IN COMMON THIS IDEA THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR FUTURE GROWTH AND THINGS TO HAPPEN HERE ON THIS SITE WHICH IS KIND OF AN EXCITING SENSE OF POSSIBILITY.

AND SO WE REALLY WANT TO CLOSE NO DOORS AS WE ARE LOOKING AT WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE INVESTIGATIONS.

OKAY, TO GET TO THE MEAT OF THIS AND WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NO, YOUR GOOD - MY EARS PEAKED AT THAT PART.

>>NATALIE: AS FAR AS THE ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BOTH AND IN THIS FIRST ONE WHICH IS THE CORE ADDITION WE CALL THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE THE CORE IN THE ADDITION, THE VERTICAL CIRCULATION AND THE NEW ELEVATOR AND NEW RESTROOMS AND A FIRE STAIR AND THE ENTRANCE.

IT IS KIND OF INTERESTING EVEN AS EARLY AS THE INITIAL FEASIBILITY STUDY WE ALWAYS THOUGHT THERE THERE SHOULD BE AN ADDITION HERE AND THE BUILDING NEEDED TO FUNCTION PROPERLY TO GET THAT ADA UNIVERSAL ACCESS THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS WE ARE -- WHERE THE FRONT DOOR IS AND THEY CAN USE IT. AND SO ON SITE PLANS THEY ARE LOOKING AT HAVING A DROP OFF AT ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW YOU ENTER AND THERE WOULD BE A RAMP AT THE SAME PLACE THAT THE STAIRS AND AND IT WOULD BE AT THE SAME PLACE THE STAIRS RISE AND TREATING EVERYONE THAT COMES TO THE FRONT DOOR WITH THE SAME SENSE OF WAUKOMIS AND RESPECT.

HERE I WILL TALK TO A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS PLAN AND HOW THIS WORKS.

AND IN THIS, THE EMPHASIS HERE WAS TO HAVE A VERY SMALL ADDITION, BUT TRIED TO KEEP THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE BUILDING THINKING THAT THESE MODIFICATIONS WOULD BE ALL INWARD LOOKING.

AND SO HERE IN THIS SCHEME OBVIOUSLY IN BOTH SCHEMES IT IS A 150% COUNCIL CHAMBER AND WE REWORK THE LARGER SPACE THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO US WHICH IS ROOM 101 AND IN THIS SCHEME YOU LOSE 101 ARE BEASTLY IT IS REPURPOSED AND THE IDEA IS THAT THOSE LARGE COMMUNITY ROOM KIND OF FUNCTIONS WOULD BE IN THE LOWER LEVEL AND IN THAT COMMUNITY ROOM AND SO WE STILL HAVE A PLACE FOR IT AND IT IS ON THE LOWER LEVEL.

THE QUARTER MEETING ROOM WITH A LARGE CIRCULAR WINDOW THAT ALWAYS REMAINS IN BOTH SCHEMES WHICH IS A CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENT OF THIS BUILDING AND WE WANTED TO BE RESPECTFUL AND KEEP IT.

AND SO AS WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER YOU KNOW WE HAVE THIS ORIENTATION AND WE ARE IN THE SCHEME OF HAVING SOME DOORS ON THE COURTYARD SIDE AND THE IDEA IS YOU KNOW ONE OF THE CONSISTENT IDEAS IS CAN WE HAVE SOME SORT OF PERMEABILITY AND USE OF THE COURTYARD AND ROOM 101 AND IN THIS SCHEME THE COURTYARD AND THE NEWCASTLE CHAMBER THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME CONVERSATION OR TO ENLIVEN WHAT GOES ON IN THE COURTYARD THAT IS STILL PART OF THE SCHEME.

AND AS RETURN TO WHERE THE SERVICES ARE HERE COMMON TO BOTH SCHEMES IS THE IDEA THAT AS YOU ENTER FROM THE ADA UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE THAT YOU COME IMMEDIATELY TO A DESK WITH A FRIENDLY FACE POINT OF SERVICE AND YOU ARE WELCOMED AND THEN YOUR BUSINESS CAN BE BROUGHT FORTH AND THERE ARE A COUPLE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT THEY CAN BE ADDRESSED AND SERVED.

IT IS MORE OF A LOBBY MODEL IF YOU WILL AND THERE IS SMALLER SPACES AND SMALLER MEETING ROOMS WHERE IF YOU ARE DEALING WITH SOMETHING QUITE PRIVATE AS THESE ROOMS ARE ARRANGED SOMEBODY FROM THE PRIVATE SIDE WITH STAFF CAN COME AND MEET KIND OF HALFWAY AND THERE IS A PUBLIC DOOR AND PRIVATE DOOR AND SO THERE IS NO CROSSING OF PUBLIC INTO PRIVATE SPACES HERE AND IT IS VERY COGNIZANT OF KEEPING THE PUBLIC IN THE PUBLIC ZONE AND STAFF IN THE STAFF ZONE.

AND IF THERE IS NEED FOR LARGER MEETINGS LIKE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM IF YOU'RE ROLLING OUT DRAWINGS AND DOING OTHER THINGS THAT NEED MORE SPACE, THAT IS WHY WE HAVE THE LARGER MEETING NOTES AVAILABLE FOR THIS. SO, IN THOSE INSTANCES, THE PLAN REVIEW PERSON AND THE PERSON FROM WHICHEVER DEPARTMENT THEY NEED TO HAVE A SLIGHTLY LARGER MEETING WOULD COME AND MEET YOU AND GO TO THE PRIVATE CONFERENCE ROOM SHOULD YOUR BUSINESS REQUIRE PRIVACY.

OTHERWISE THERE ARE SMALLER TABLES AND CASUAL THINGS WHERE YOU CAN SIT DOWN AND TALK WITH SOMEONE TO HAVE THE POINT OF SERVICE FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT THAT YOU MAY WANT FROM VILLAGE HALL.

SO, THAT IS KIND OF THE GENERAL IDEA HERE THAT WE STILL HAVE PUBLIC SPINE, POINT OF SERVICE AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT.

I WILL MAKE A SMALL NOTE HERE THAT ROOM 101 EXISTS BECAUSE OF STRUCTURALLY THERE IS SOME THE CALLED A CHAIR WALL AND IT IS A MAJOR STRUCTURAL ELEMENT AND AS WE LOOK AT THOSE WALLS THAT SUPPORT THE CEILING ABOVE AND ALLOW THAT KIND OF LOFTY SPACE THAT MAKES THE ROOM 101 VERY NICE, MAKING ALTERATIONS IN THAT IS COSTLY AND SO CHANGING THAT IS KIND OF A BALANCE.

YOU ARE DOING MORE STRUCTURAL WORK TO MAKE THAT LARGER ROOM.

SO, I JUST WANTED TO PLANT THAT SEED WHEN WE COME BACK TO DIFFERENCES IN PRICE, BUT THAT IS A MOVE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO STAY IN THE FOOTPRINT AND IT DOES A LOT OF GOOD THINGS AND IT GIVES YOU A BIT OF ROOM AND HERE THERE IS A STRUCTURAL MODIFICATION THAT MUST BE DONE.

AND I WILL SAY THAT AS WE ARE LOOKING AT YOU KNOW, AND ALSO TO BACKTRACK FOR JUST ONE MOMENT IS THE TREATMENT AND THE RESPECT FOR THIS ROOM THAT WE ARE IN RIGHT NOW.

IN VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR THIS WE LOOKED AT WAYS THAT WE COULD ENLIVEN AND REUSE THIS SPACE WHICH IS FABULOUS AND REALLY ONE OF THE CENTRAL KEY CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES OF THIS BUILDING AS A HISTORIC BUILDING.

WE LOOKED AT MANY WAYS TO TRY TO MODIFY IT TO BRING US INTO COMPLIANCE WITH MODERN IDEAS OF ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONE AND JUST FOR THE USERS AND

PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE BECOME CALLOUS RAMP AND WHAT HAVE YOU AND GET BEHIND THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND LOOKED AT WAYS TO FLATTENING THE FLOOR AND THE CEILING HEIGHT AND SO IT IS THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS SPACE AND WHAT TO START PULLING AND PUSHING DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF IT THE WHOLE AESTHETIC OTHER KIND OF COLLAPSES AND YOU ARE NOT LEFT WITH MUCH. SO, WE DID AND I JUST WANT - NOT TO REOPEN THAT CAN OF WORMS, WE HAVE LOOKED AT THIS MANY MANY DIFFERENT WAYS AND TO AVOID MAKING TOO MANY CHANGES, WE ARE CAPPING THIS USE 49 PEOPLE BECAUSE I 50 THERE ARE COMPLIANCE ISSUES THAT COME INTO PLAY.

SO, WITH THIS IS GOING TO REMAIN A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN HAVE MEETINGS AND REMAIN A PLACE WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN GATHER IN THIS KIND OF RELATIONSHIP THAT IS REALLY I THINK AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS BUILDING. I JUST WANTED TO HAVE A MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

AND HERE IN THIS VIEW WE HAVE SOME IDEAS ABOUT HOW THE NEW CORE ADDITION RELATES TO THE EXISTING BUILDING AND YOU WILL NOTICE THAT WE DO A COUPLE OF THINGS MAKING SURE TO AVOID THE BIG WINDOW KEEPING A PULLBACK SO YOU CAN SEE IT FROM THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING JUST MOVES TO ALWAYS MAKE THIS LOOK NOT SEAMLESS WITH THE EXISTING BUILDING, BUT IN THE CULTURE POSITION YOU HAVE A LOT OF ARCHITECTURE AND YOU HAVE SOME STRONG GESTURES AND WE NEED TO BE QUIET AND RESPECTFUL OF THOSE -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT IS 10 O'CLOCK, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO GO BEYOND 10 O'CLOCK?

>>SPEAKER: MOVE.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SORRY.

>>MEG: OKAY, KEEPING THAT IN MIND IT IS A SMALLER ADDITION AND MOVES WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT.

THIS ONE DOES A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT THINGS.

WE STILL HAVE THIS POINT OF ENTRY HERE AND IT STILL REMAINS THE EAST SPINE WHICH IS THE AREA THAT WE ARE KIND OF TURNING OVER AND KEEPING IN THE PUBLIC AROUND IN A LOT OF WAYS AND IN THIS SCHEME AS YOU ENTER YOU ARE COMING UP YOUR COMPLIANT RAMP AND AS SOON AS YOU COME IN YOU CAN CHOOSE TO COME INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WHICH HAS REALLY BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD INTO THE PUBLIC REALM IMMEDIATELY.

THERE CAN BE WINDOWS ALONG THE SIDES AND A SENSE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED TRANSPARENCY WHERE IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR SAFETY AND ALL OF THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT WE HAVE IN THE MODERN WORLD, BUT THIS IDEA THAT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER JUST LIKE IN OUR EXISTING BUILDING THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND WHERE GOVERNMENT HAPPENS IS REALLY AT LARGE ON YOUR BUILDING.

SO, I KIND OF LIKE THAT FOR THAT REASON.

IT IS A NICE COUNTERPOINT TO WHAT GOES ON HERE.

IT IS - IT WILL BE A NICE GESTURE INTO THE COMMUNITY.

AS YOU ENTER IN A SIMILAR PLACE.

THE POINT OF SERVICE COUNTER KIND OF BRIDGES THE MOMENT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPACES AND AGAIN YOU GO THERE AND THERE ARE SMALLER MEETING ROOMS AND LARGER MEETING ROOMS AND THE POINT OF SERVICE AND THE WAY THAT THE PUBLIC INTERACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AND VILLAGE HALL EMPLOYERS WOULD BE THE SAME.

WE COME AND WE MEET FACE-TO-FACE IN THIS PUBLIC REALM.

AS IN THE OTHER SCHEME THERE IS A SECURITY AND GLASS DOOR THAT KEEPS THE CENTRAL WHICH IS ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE HERE.

AS TURNING TO THE REST OF THE PLANT BECAUSE WE ARE NOT SHOEHORNING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 101 REMAINS IN ITS CURRENT CONFIGURATION IT IS VERY INTERESTING KIND OF LOFTY SPACE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS AND THERE ARE SOME SMALLER MEETING ROOMS AND EXCUSE ME - MORE MEDIUM SIZE MEETING ROOMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY TO USE AND MEN AND WOMEN'S BATHROOMS AND AGAIN IN THIS SCHEME AS IN THE OTHER WE DO HAVE THIS IDEA OF OPENING DOORS IN BETWEEN THE PUBLIC REALM IN THE PUBLIC SPINE AND THE COURTYARD JUST TO KIND OF KEEP THAT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AREAS AND THE COURTYARD AND THAT IS KIND OF A THEME THROUGHOUT OUR TIME WORKING WITH THIS BUILDING AS WELL THAT THE COURTYARD NEEDS TO BE MORE ENERGIZED AND BROUGHT INTO SOME SORT OF PROGRAMMATIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REST OF THE BUILDING.

AND SO YOU CAN IF YOU ARE THINKING OF HAVING EVENTS THAT MAY SPELL OUT OR USE THE COURTYARD THE PUBLIC ARE COMING INTO THE PUBLIC REALM AND USE THE BATHROOM ETC. TO HAVE EVENTS THAT ARE BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE TO SERVE THAT PUBLIC FACE AGAIN.

SO, AS WE ARE LOOKING AT THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH OF THESE AND I GUESS FIRST, DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING THAT I'VE SAID OR WHY THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO AND BOTH OF THEM ARE BASED ON REALLY TAKING A DIVE INTO THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDING AND BOTH SCHEMES WILL BE LOOKING AT YOU KNOW WE ARE LOOKING AT THE EXTERIORS AND THE ROOF AND THE HVAC SYSTEM AND WE ARE LOOKING AT UPGRADING THE PLUMBING SYSTEM AND THE WATER SITUATION HERE AND BRINGING THE BATHROOMS INTO COMPLIANCE FOR ACCOUNTS AND ACCESSIBILITY AND GIVING BATHROOMS FOR THE FIRST FLOOR AND SECOND FLOOR AND THE LOWER LEVEL TO SPREAD THOSE SERVICES OUT.

A COUPLE OF NOTES - THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

WE REALLY WANT TO BE SURE THAT THERE IS A PRIVATE ROUTE AND A PUBLIC ROUTE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

SO, THAT IS ACCOMMODATED IN THIS SCHEME AS WELL.

THE ROUTE IS TO THE ELEVATOR WHICH IS A DOUBLE-SIDED ENTRANCE AND THEN EXIT SCHEME OUT INTO THE PUBLIC FOR EMERGENCY EGRESS AND WHAT HAVE YOU.

THERE ARE SPACES ALLOWED FOR THOSE SORTS OF MOVES AND THAT KIND OF SECURITY WHICH IS JUST YOU KNOW A FEATURE OF LIKE - IT IS A NECESSARY FEATURE FOR THE MODERN COUNCIL CHAMBER.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THIS?

IS THIS A MOMENT FOR SOME QUESTIONS?

I THINK LOOKING AT - AS WE HAVE BEEN IN THESE PLANS FOR SO LONG LOOKING OTHER CRITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM I THINK ONE THING THAT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ADDITION DOES WELL IS BRING FORWARD THIS IDEA OF THAT KIND OF BALANCING AND OFFERING THIS MOMENT TO THE PUBLIC AND WE HAVE LOOKED AT THE PRICING AND WE ARE WITHIN ABOUT 1 AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS ON THE TWO SCHEME AND SO THEY ARE VERY CLOSE.

AND JUST FROM THE ARCHITECT OPINION HERE WHICH WE OFFER HUMBLY AS AN OPINION, BUT WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW MUCH I WILL CALL IT THE STRUCTURAL ISSUES, THE STRUCTURAL KIND OF MOVES THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE TO KEEP THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE BUILDING, THAT IS KIND OF THE PUSH AND PULL HERE AND SO YOU CAN - YOU CAN LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE THERE BETWEEN THE EXISTING BUILDING AND MODIFICATIONS AND RENOVATIONS AND THEN LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NEW ADDITION AND OBVIOUSLY IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ADDITION THE ADDITION IS LARGER AND THEREFORE COST MORE, BUT THE RENOVATION IS LESS BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ASKING A ROOM LIKE 101 TO DO STRUCTURAL GYMNASTICS TO GET IT TO BE SO MUCH BIGGER.

AND SO IN VERY SIMPLISTIC TERMS THAT IS ONE OF THE BIG MOVES FOR SAVING MONEY ON THE STRUCTURAL IN ROOM 101 AND IT IS BEING BROUGHT FORTH INTO KIND OF A NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER WHICH IS WHERE THE BIG DIFFERENCE IS HERE QUITE HONESTLY.

OUR AGAIN AS WE ARE LOOKING AT WHAT IS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND WHAT IS NOT, THERE IS TENDRILS OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ABOUT FLOW THROUGH EVERY ELEMENT OF THIS BUILDING, BECAUSE OF JUST THE AGE OF THE BUILDING, THE NATURE OF ITS SYSTEMS AND IF WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW IT PERFORMS AND IT IS HOT, COLD, THE HVAC NEEDS WORK AND THE EXTERIOR AND THE ROOF AND SEPARATED OUT FROM COSTS HAVE BEEN THE TREATMENTS OF THE INTERIOR COURTYARD GLASS THAT IS ALWAYS A SEPARATE BECAUSE FUNDING IS COMING FROM A SEPARATE SOURCE FOR THAT REPAIR, BUT YOU KNOW WE WERE KIND OF LOOKING AT IT WE EXTRACT IN A MEANINGFUL AND ABSOLUTE WAY, WHAT IS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND WHAT IS NOT?

IT IS LIKE WELL, IS IT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NOT TO HAVE - NOT TO ADDRESS ADA COMPLIANCE?

IS THAT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ORGAN PLANNING IS SOMETHING THAT YOU MUST DO?

IS IT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE TO LIMP ALONG WITH THE ACOUSTIC ISSUES?

YOU KNOW NOTHING IS - YOU ARE NOT NOT MAINTAINING ANYTHING BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING THERE TO NOT MAINTAIN, BUT THE FUNCTION OF THE BUILDING IS COMPROMISED BECAUSE OF THE KIND OF THE WAY THAT SOUND TRAVELS, IS IT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NOT TO HAVE PROPER SECURITY TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM WANDERING IN ALL LEVELS OF THIS BUILDING?

SO, IN THIS WAY JUST BY THOSE EXAMPLES IT IS KIND OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND IT IS BRICK-AND-MORTAR NEEDING A NEW ROOF, DEFINITELY.

AND THEN WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT WE WOULD NOT DO IN TRYING TO THINK TO OURSELVES WHAT COULD WE NOT DO HERE?

BECAUSE, WE WANT TO BE VERY LEAN IN OUR APPROACH AND YOU HAVE ASKED US TO DO SO AND WE HAVE TRIED TO BE CAREFUL AND MINDFUL AND DO WHAT WE REALLY THOUGHT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

WE DID NOT IMBUE THIS WITH A LOT OF BELLS AND WHISTLES AND YOU KNOW WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE AS NICE AS WE CAN DEFINITELY.

THAT IS DEFINITELY OUR INTENTION.

BUT, WE HAVE BEEN STRIVING TO DO THIS IN A WAY THAT ARE SPECIAL TO THE BUILDING AND ARE SPECIAL TO PUBLIC MONEY AND REALLY PUT IT IN A REALM OF IT WILL BE IMPROVED AND NEEDS TO BE BETTER AND MUST BE BETTER THAN IF WE LOOK AT THE CENTRAL TENANTS THAT DROVE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING AND THESE KIND OF NORTHSTAR IDEAS WE HAD ABOUT IT IS A WELCOMING PLACE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL AND IT OFFERS THE IDEA OF MODERN GOVERNMENT AND OFFERS THESE IDEAS OF ACCESSIBILITY AND ALSO TRANSPARENCY AND OUT OF THE OTHER REASON I LIKE THIS, BECAUSE HERE IN THIS ROOM WHEN YOU DRIVE BY YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS HAPPENING.

LIKE THIS BUILDING DOES A LOT OF THINGS AND IT ALSO HELPS YOU KNOW LIKE WHERE IS THE HEART OF THIS BUILDING?

LIKE YOU KNOW AND THE PUBLIC KNOWS WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE ON, YOU GUYS ARE AT WORK.

AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY EXCITING AND IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

AND WHEN WE LOOK AT THAT?

YOU KNOW I DO THINK THAT THIS KIND OF IDEA THAT THE TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT AND THIS WHOLE CRAZY PLAN AND THIS WHOLE IDEA THAT THIS BUILDING MEANS SOMETHING, IT IS REALLY NICE TO HAVE THAT AT THE FOREGROUND TO GIVE THAT BACK IS A GIFT TO OAK PARK.

NOT TO BE TOO OVER-THE-TOP WITH THIS LANGUAGE, BUT I THINK IT IS RELEVANT THAT THIS BUILDING DESERVES IT.

AND JUST KIND OF THOSE GESTURES AND YOU KNOW THIS BUILDING WAS TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

IT WANTS TO PARTAKE IN THAT KIND OF DISCUSSION OF DEMOCRACY, THAT IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.

AND I WILL STOP WITH THAT.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE ARRIVED AT THIS OR ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE ANSWERED?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BRIAN AND THEN JIM.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: FIRST I WILL JUST SAY THAT I LEAN TOWARDS THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ADDITION AMONG THE TWO FLOOR PLANS AND THE CAR DIFFERENCE IS RELATIVELY MODEST AND I THINK THAT NOT MAKING THE MAJOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES THAT SORT OF EXPLAINS WHY WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE COSTS, THE VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION IS SO MUCH HIGHER IN COST AND IN THE CORE ADDITION CONCEPT AND I THINK THAT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ADDITION APPROACH REALLY DOES ADD SOMETHING IN THE ADDITIONAL MEETING SPACES AND IN A LARGER AND MORE WELCOMING PUBLIC SPACE WHERE THERE CAN BE A LITTLE BIT MORE OF THAT COMING TOGETHER BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE STAFF WHO DO SUCH GREAT WORK HERE AND I ALSO THINK THAT PUTTING COUNCIL CHAMBERS WHERE 101 IS DOES NOT CREATE THAT SORT OF TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT ELEMENT THAT ALWAYS BEEN THE HISTORY OF THIS BUILDING WHEREAS THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ADDITION, THE SYMBOLISM OF THAT OPEN GOVERNMENT, TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT IS MEANINGFUL AND I THINK IS WORTH THE RELATIVELY MODEST DIFFERENCE IN THE PRICE TAG. AND MY QUESTIONS ARE A LITTLE BIT MORE ON THE POLICE STATION SIDE, BECAUSE THE COST THERE ARE STILL RATHER HIGH. AND ARE SIMILAR IN MAGNITUDE TO THE COSTS WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING A POLICE STATION ON THE VILLAGE GREEN. AND I THINK SOME OF THE HOPE WAS WITH REUSING AN EXISTING BUILDING THAT THE CAR MIGHT BE - MIGHT BE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THIS. WHERE IS THERE FLEXIBILITY IN THIS BUDGET? WHERE CAN WE VALUE ENGINEER WHERE WE ARE BUILDING FOR SORT OF FUTURE CAPACITY ABOVE AND BEYOND SORT OF WHAT THE CURRENT STAFFING LEVEL WE ARE LOOKING AT IS?

>>MEG: WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS STAFFING AND WHAT HAVE YOU?

>>NATALIE: SO, AT THE END OF THE PREVIOUS EXERCISE WE DID GO BACK IN AND TAKE OUT FUTURE SPACES AND WE DO THINK THAT WE HAVE INCORPORATED ENOUGH FUTURE OFFICES TO GO WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE NEXT 30 YEARS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. BUT, WE DID ALREADY GO THROUGH A STAFF MEETING AND VALUE ENGINEERING OR BUDGET SCOPE ALIGNMENT EXERCISE IN ORDER TO GET THE CORE FUNCTIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE POLICE STATION INTO THAT EXISTING STRUCTURE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, WHEN YOU SAY SUFFICIENT SPACES TO ACCOMMODATE STAFFING FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS, WHAT LEVEL OF ADDITIONAL STAFFING ARE WE ASSUMING FOR THE OFFICE SPACES THAT WE ARE BUILDING OUT?

>>NATALIE: I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE AN ENTIRE BUILDING AND I SHOULD PROBABLY HAVE BROUGHT THE PROGRAM WITH ME, BUT I BELIEVE WE HAVE A MODEST TWO OR THREE EXTRA OFFICES BUILT-IN TO THE BUILDING. I ALLOCATED FOR THE SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL PATROL LOCKERS AND THINGS LIKE THAT THAT NEED TO GO IN AND WE DON'T NEED TO NECESSARILY INSTALL THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME, BUT THE SPACE IS THERE TO PUT THOSE INTO PLACE RIGHT NOW.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: YES - IT IS HARD LOOKING AND I MEAN RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL GLANDS LIKE I AM NOT IN POSITION TO LIKE PUSH PAUL LIKE WHAT IF WE DO THIS LIKE THAT IS NOT MY JOB HERE TONIGHT. BUT, I WOULD LOVE FOR US TO ALTOGETHER, WE ARE LOOKING AT YOU KNOW IF YOU ADD SIX THROUGH SEVEN TWO 26 TWO, WE ARE LOOKING AT IN THE RANGE OF \$90 MILLION ACROSS THESE TWO PROJECTS. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD FIND A WAY TO MAYBE BRING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DOWN CLOSER TO THE NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING DOWN CLOSER TO THE RANGE OF 53 RATHER THAN 63 AND SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES, BECAUSE IT IS A BIG NUMBER. AND I KNOW THAT IT IS A VERY GENERAL STATEMENT BECAUSE I CANNOT PUSH AND PULL, BUT WE ARE BUILDING A 8 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLAR PARKING GARAGE AS PART OF THIS AND IS THERE A WAY THAT WE CAN REDUCE BUDGET THERE? IS THERE A WAY THAT WE CAN LEAVE FUTURE SPACES TO BE BUILT OUT AS OPPOSED TO BUILDING THEM NOW? I WOULD LIKE US TO TRY TO FIND WAYS TO MAYBE PHASE IN THAT PROJECT.

>>ROB: HEARD DEFINITELY AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE DEFINITELY BEEN WORKING THROUGH IN THIS PROCESS AND I WANTED TO JUST ADDRESS YOUR FIRST COMMENT.

WHEN WE LOOKED AT KIND OF THE SINGLE SITE OPTION VS. THE MULTISTATE BACK IN NOVEMBER, THERE IS ABOUT A EIGHT TO \$10 MILLION DELTA THAT YOU SAVED BY MOVING TO THE MULTISTATE WHICH I KNOW IS NEVER ENOUGH, BUT IT IS NOT NOTHING AND YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ALMOST 8% OF PROJECT COSTS BY MAKING THAT DECISION TO MOVE TO THE MULTI- SITE AND YOU ARE GETTING THE BENEFITS AND THEY ARE MORE QUALITATIVE THAN QUANTITATIVE ON THE EXISTING SITE OF THE WORK THAT YOU ARE NOT HAVING TO DO HERE.

AND MAINTAINING THE EXISTING PARKING LOT AND YOU KNOW WE BASICALLY END UP WITH A NET POSITIVE IN PARKING BY DOING THIS WHICH LETS US ALL CARS AND STAFF WORKING OFF OF THE STREET AND INTO THE LOT WHICH IS A BENEFIT AND WE MAINTAINED THE GRASSY KNOLL AS A GREEN SPACE WHICH HAS A BENEFIT TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY AND SO THERE ARE SOME NON-TANGIBLE OR NONQUANTITATIVE BENEFITS THAT YOU'VE GOT TO SEE THROUGH THE MULTISTATE, BUT I THINK WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A NEED TO VALUE ENGINEERING CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR EFFICIENCIES IN THE PROJECT AND I MEAN THESE ARE STILL KIND OF ORDER OF MAGNITUDE NUMBERS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO REFINE.

A LOT OF THOSE DECISIONS ABOUT COST AS IT RELATES TO MATERIALITY AND THOSE DECISIONS ARE MADE IN THE NEXT PHASE, RIGHT?

THERE ARE SOME ASSUMPTIONS AND CONSERVATIVE NUMBERS THAT ARE PUT OUT AT THIS POINT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT KIND OF OVERSELLING AND UNDER DELIVERING IN TERMS OF COSTS, BUT THERE ARE PROBABLY A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MATERIAL SELECTIONS AND FURNITURE THAT WILL CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAVINGS.

>>MEG: AND TO THAT POINT, THE IDEA OF THIS PHASE OF WORK IS VERY MUCH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE AND THEN THERE IS A ITERATIVE AND REENTERED IF CYCLE OF WE DESIGN, WE PRICE, WE DESIGN, WE PRICE AND WE DESIGN AND WE PRICE AND SO WE ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF SAYING IT WILL BE THIS, BUT ACTUALLY IT WILL BE THIS PURE WE WILL CONTINUALLY TUNE THE EFFORT TO GET IT WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE.

THAT IS KIND OF - IT IS A NECESSARY PART BECAUSE THEY ARE BUILDING, BUT THIS IS STILL CONCEPT DESIGN.

AND SO WE ARE WORKING AT WHAT COULD THIS BE AND LOOKING AT PRICING AND WHAT WILL THE PRICING BE LIKE?

AND SO ONLY GO BACK AND SHARPEN A PENCIL AND COME DOWN TO THE NEXT PHASE OF LOOKING AT GREATER DETAIL LIKE OKAY, SO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF THE STRUCTURAL SYSTEM, GREAT.

AND THEN HOW IS THAT CONNECTED TO THIS SAID WHAT OTHER DETAILS AND WHAT IS THAT COMING OUT FOR AND THEN LOOKING AT FAÇADE MATERIALS TO SAY OKAY, WELL WHAT IS THE RANGE OF POSSIBLE MATERIALS AT THE PRICE POINT THAT WE ARE AT?

SO, WE ARE DESIGNING TO THESE FIGURES AND I MEAN WE KNOW THAT THESE ARE PUBLIC FUNDS AND WE ARE VERY RESPECTFUL OF THAT AND WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE ARE LIKE ALWAYS MAKING SURE THAT AS WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM THAT WE ARE KEEPING THAT IN MIND FIRST OF ALL AND THEN USING JOSH, LOOKING ALWAYS AT TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH THIS WILL COST IF WE DO THIS AND DO THAT.

AND A LOT OF THOSE EXERCISES WE DO IN THE MIDST OF DESIGN TO MAKE SURE WE ARE TUNING IT PROPERLY AND THEN THE CULMINATION OF BEFORE WE SHOW IT TO YOU, WE SEND THE WHOLE SECTOR JOBS FOR PRICING AND WE GET A SENSE OF LIKE WHERE ARE WE RIGHT NOW AND IF IT IS TOO HIGH WHICH UNIT AGAIN BEFORE WE SHARE IT WITH YOU.

AND THAT IS KIND OF THE ELEMENT THAT IS ALWAYS WITH US IS HOW WE ARE GOING TO BUILD THIS AND WHAT WILL IT COST TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SUGGESTING THINGS TO BRING IT IN AND SO THAT IS HOW WE WORK THE PROCESS TO GET SOME SPECIFICITY AND THAT IS REALLY WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I APPRECIATE THAT AND I'M DEFINITELY SUPPORTIVE OF MOVING THIS FORWARD TO SCHEMATIC DESIGN, I JUST WANTED TO AS I'M SURE A COUPLE OF MY COLLEAGUES MAY AS WELL NOTE IN THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN WE WILL BE VERY INTERESTED IN THE VALUE ENGINEERING THAT WE CAN DO TO DELIVER ABSOLUTELY A SPACE THAT HAS ALL OF THE MODERN AMENITIES THAT ARE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO DO THEIR JOBS AND ALSO IS AS COST-EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS.

>>ROB: THAT IS A GOOD POINT AND I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT AND IT JUST BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT I WANTED TO TRY EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION TO THAT WE DID DO SOME MODELING ON COSTS OVER TIME AND SO THERE IS YOU KNOW ONE OF THE BIG FACTORS HERE IS CONTINUING TO ADVANCE THIS PROJECT FORWARD, BECAUSE THE LONGER THAT WE WAIT THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION GOES UP.

AND SO THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO A LOT OF WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE THROUGH AND THROUGH THE PROCESS AND WE JUST HOPE THAT YOU KNOW IF THE BOARD WANTS TO CONTINUE TO ADVANCE THE PROJECT THAT WE CAN START THAT PROCESS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, AND WE DON'T HAVE TO RESTATE WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID.

AND I AM ACTUALLY GOING TO ASK DANIEL IF YOU WOULD JOIN US FOR A SECOND AS THE COCHAIR OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE WHO HAS COMMITTED THE LAST TWO HOURS OF HIS EVENING TO LISTEN TO US TALK AND KNOWING THAT HE HAS LOOKED AT THE PLANS AND WENT THROUGH THE ENTIRE EXPERIENCE WITH THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE AND YOUR INSIGHTS THAT MAY ALSO HELP US GET TO THE POINT, BUT I THINK WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH WHAT WE SEE.

THANK YOU.

>>DANIEL: THANK YOU, VICKI APPEARED BY NAME IS DAN RAUCH, LOCAL ARCHITECT AND I HAVE BEEN LOW-LEVEL OBSESSED WITH VILLAGE HALL FOR ABOUT THE LAST DECADE WONDERING WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.

AND FROM AN ARCHITECTURAL POINT OF VIEW AND FROM A FACILITY REVIEW POINT OF VIEW, THIS IS THE BEST IT HAS LOOKED IN A LONG TIME.

AND IT IS HONESTLY THE LEAST EXPENSIVE THAT IT HAS LOOKED IN A LONG TIME.

AND WE CAN GO BACK TO 2019, 2023 - THE STRATEGIES WERE NOT AS WELL-THOUGHT-OUT AND THEY WERE NOT THIS INEXPENSIVE.

AND SO AS A CITIZEN WHO IS INTERESTED IN THIS, BUT ALSO INTERESTED IN JUST THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN GETTING THIS MOVING IN OAK PARK, IT WILL NEVER GET LESS EXPENSIVE AND VILLAGE HALL IS GOING TO NEED THE ATTENTION - IT HAS NEEDED IT FOR A DECADE, IT WILL NEED IT TOMORROW AND ON THE ROAD AND IT WILL GET MORE EXPENSIVE.

THE POLICE STATION IS A SLAMDUNK.

THE FACT THAT THE BANK SIDE HAS OPENED UP GIVES YOU GUYS AS A BOARD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE BOARD THAT FINALLY SOLVES THIS.

AND I'M URGING YOU TO SAY YES TO SCHEMATIC DESIGN, SAY YES TO OPTION TWO BECAUSE IT IS WAY BETTER AND MOVE THROUGH.

DO NOT BREAK IT UP.

DO NOT DELAY AND RETHINK THIS - THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

SO, THAT IS ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE TIME.
JIM?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS OF COURSE - I DO NOT WANT TO SIT HERE TONIGHT AND GIVE DIRECTION ON A \$90 MILLION PROJECT WITHOUT REALLY UNDERSTANDING HOW IT IMPACTS RESIDENTS FIRST OF ALL.

I THINK THAT IS AN IMPORTANT THING THAT WE REALLY HAVE NOT TOUCHED ON AND THE OTHER THING I WANT TO MENTION IS 90 MILLION+ THESE CONTINGENCIES WHICH CAN GO UP TO 28% ACCORDING TO WHAT I SEE.

AND SO WE ARE LOOKING AT A POTENTIAL PROJECT OF WELL OVER \$100 MILLION.

AND I AM CONCERNED ABOUT FIRST OF ALL OUR CAPACITY, WE JUST WENT THROUGH A RE-RATING WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF IT AND I WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE CAN AFFORD FIRST OF ALL TO SPEND.
THAT IS THE FIRST QUESTION WE SHOULD BE ASKING, HOW MUCH CAN WE AFFORD AND THEN SECOND OF ALL, CAN THE RESIDENTS AFFORD THAT?
WE NEED TO VALIDATE THAT BEFORE WE GO AHEAD AND LAUNCH DOWN A PATH AND SAY WE WANT THIS OR THAT.
I AM ACTUALLY HAPPY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS HAS ITS FLAWS HERE, THIS SEEMS LIKE WE ARE JUST THROWING THIS OUT AUTOMATICALLY AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE REASONS, BUT I'M HAPPY WITH THIS.
I KNOW THAT IT IS NOT PERFECT AND THE RAMPS ARE A LITTLE TOO STEEP. IT HAS SERVED OUR VILLAGE FOR GENERATIONS.
AND THERE IS NO ONE THAT DOES NOT THINK THAT IT IS OKAY.
IT WILL WORK, IT IS A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING AND A BEAUTIFUL SETTING.
I REALLY DO NOT THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT IT AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ABANDONING THIS AS OUR COUNCIL CHAMBERS.
WHY IS THAT ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY?
AND WHY CAN WE NOT DO ANYTHING BUT ONE OF THESE OTHER TWO CONCEPTS, BECAUSE WHEN WE LEFT THE LAST MEETING I WAS NOT UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS AUTOMATIC AND WE ARE JUST GOING TO LEAVE THIS TO 49 CAPACITY AND MOVE ON.
SO, THAT IS MY FIRST QUESTION IN ADDITION TO THESE OTHER TWO THAT I WANT TO TOUCH ON.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MAY I JUST - GET A QUICK SHOW OF HANDS AS TO HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YES STAY WITH THIS COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR OUR REGULAR MEETINGS?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I AM SURE, BUT - WHERE DO YOU STAND RIGHT NOW AND USING COUNCIL CHAMBERS RATHER THAN REBUILDING A NEW BUILDING? EXPLORE KEEPING IT?
ANYONE ELSE?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: ARE YOU GUYS OUT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BECAUSE, AS FAR AS WE KNOW WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT QUITE A BIT TO AN EXTENT AND THEN AT THE END OF THE DAY IF THERE IS A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD THAT LOOKS AT THIS SPACE AND THE CHALLENGES OF ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY AND WE AGREE THAT THIS IS JUST NOT SUSTAINABLE AND IF THIS IS A TIME WHEN WE ARE GOING TO BE INVESTING IN THIS BUILDING, THEN WE NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT 30 TO 50 YEARS, NOT JUST FOR NOW.

AND SO I THINK THESE CHALLENGES ARE ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE AND TO NOT INVEST IN A NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS WHILE WE ARE INVESTING IN UPGRADES TO OUR MECHANICAL SYSTEM AND UPGRADES THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING, WE ARE JUST GOING TO WASTE MONEY IN 10 OR 15 YEARS POTENTIALLY.
AT LEAST THAT IS MY OPINION.

I HAVE LIVED HERE SINCE 1987 AND YOU YOUR ENTIRE LIFE.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: 1964.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND WE HAVE ALWAYS HEARD THIS BUILDING IS CHALLENGING FOR ACCESSIBILITY.

INITIALLY WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT IT I WAS SPEAKING FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE AS A PREVIOUS VILLAGE CLERK WORKING TO HELP PEOPLE VOTE AND ENGAGE WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT AND I MEAN WE HAVE HAD REALLY UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS OF PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES AND BEING ABLE TO HELP THEM DO THAT. AND SO TO ME IF A MAJORITY OF US ARE RECOGNIZING THAT THIS ROOM IS BEAUTIFUL AND I LOVE THE PASSION AROUND IT, BUT NOT SERVING FOR THE WAY IN HOW WE ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY IN THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE ON A WEEKLY BASIS SO THAT THEY FEEL THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS, THEN WE CAN ENTERTAIN IT FOR A LITTLE BIT, BUT THEN WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE ON.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I DO NOT PURCHASE INTO THAT BINARY. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN A PLAN FOR THIS SPACE TO BE SAVED AND SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE AND WE DID NOT GET THERE.

>>MEG: WE DID THAT IN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY BECAUSE THAT WAS ONE OF THE CENTRAL TENANTS THAT WE LOOKED AT IN THE INITIAL FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BACK WHEN IT WAS TEAR IT DOWN OR KEEP, RIGHT?

LIKE WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO WITH THIS BUILDING TO MAKE SURE THAT IT CAN FULFILL THE NEEDS OF MODERN LIKE MODERN DEMOCRACY, PARDON ME. AND SO AS A PART OF THAT FEASIBILITY STUDY WE WENT THROUGH AND WE DID A LOT OF PROGRAMMING AND WE DID A LOT OF VISIONING AND THE IDEA OF WHAT DOES THIS BUILDING NEED TO DO FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, WE LOOKED AT WE NEED UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY AND WE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR MODERN POLICING AND WE NEED TO PROVIDE A MODERN CODE COMPLIANT SECURE VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

AND AS PART OF OUR EXPERIMENTS AND LOOKING AT DIFFERENT WAYS TO USE THIS BUILDING WHICH I WILL SAY AS AN ASIDE I DID DESPERATELY WANT TO KEEP YOU IN THIS ROOM, BECAUSE I LIKE THE SYMBOLISM AND THAT IS WHERE MY HEART IS, HOWEVER IF WE ARE LOOKING AT WHAT LIKE THE WORLD THAT DOES BUILDING WAS DESIGNED IN IS NOT THE WORLD THAT WE LIVE IN TODAY UNFORTUNATELY.

IT JUST SIMPLY IS NOT, I AM A HISTORIC PRESERVATION ARCHITECT AND ARCHITECT AND I LOOK AT BUILDINGS THROUGH TIME AND WITH A CHANGE IN THE WAY THE BUILDING WAS CHANGED AND THERE ARE SOME THINGS ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY WE CAN SOLVE BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS ABOUT SECURITY THAT ARE JUST BRIDGES TOO FAR ACROSS SO TO SPEAK AND WE LOOKED AT THIS MANY WAYS AND WE LOOKED OUT FLATTENING THE FLOOR AND YOU MAY REMEMBER THOSE FROM THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND WAY TO RAISE THE CEILING THAT DESTROYED THE ARCHITECTURE AND TO PEARSON THIS BACK TO PROVIDE A PLACE LIKE A SEPARATE ENTRANCE RIGHT NOW WHICH IS THE ONLY WAY THAT CONNECTS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOU, BUT THE FACT THAT WE ENTER THIS ROOM THROUGH A TUBE IS INSANE, OKAY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: DEFINITELY DO NOT DISAGREE.

>>MEG: WE EXHAUSTED EVERY ARCHITECTURAL MOVE THAT WE CAN MAKE WITH THIS BUILDING TO MAKE THAT WORK.

WE LOOKED AT LIKE - MANY TUBES, WE LOOKED AT DROPPING A LEFT, WE LOOKED OUT FLATTENING THE FLOOR AND A NEW RAMP AND IF YOU WANT ALL THE PEOPLE, THAT RAMP HAS TO GO AND IT IS NOT COMPLIANT AND YOU GET IN THE EMERGENCY EXIT IN A WHEELCHAIR AND YOU WILL TAKE OFF BECAUSE -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I HAVE TRIED TO DO THAT BY THE WAY.

>>MEG: THEY ARE SUBTLE MOVES, BUT YOU COMBINE THEM AND YOU WILL SPEND A LOT OF MONEY AND TALK ABOUT SPENDING MONEY - SUBTLE MOVES LIKE THAT ARE RIDICULOUSLY EXPENSIVE.

I MEAN EVEN JUST TO USE AN EXAMPLE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WE WILL JUST EXPAND 101, THAT COSTS A LOT OF MONEY.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING AT SUBTLE MOVES LIKE WE ARE GOING TO PUT A LITTLE PORTAL HERE IN A PORTAL THERE LIKE HOW IS THAT RANDALL WAS THE FEDERAL SYSTEM AND HOW ARE THOSE CONNECTED?

HOW ARE WE KEEPING WATER OUT AND HOW DOES GRAVITY LOAD -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND WE ARE NOT OUR FIRST BOARD TO TRY TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE.

BOB TUCKER WAS CONSISTENTLY TRYING TO GET AN ELEVATOR FOR THIS BUILDING AND FOR THIS ROOM AND IT IS - IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN RIDICULOUSLY EXPENSIVE. EVEN IN 2015.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: DID WE GET A COST AND DID YOU GUYS EVER FINALIZE A PLAN?

WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE.

>>MEG: OF ALL THE THINGS REPRICED, WE PRICED THAT.

AND I DON'T HAVE THE NUMBER OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD PEERED HOWEVER, THE OTHER THINGS THAT YOU DID WHICH IS THAT YOU HAVE THESE PORTALS AND RAMPS BECAUSE THE RAMP ANGLE IS CHANGING RIGHT NOW AND THAT RAMP SLEPT VERY GENTLY TO THOSE PORTALS LIKE THOSE BIG OVAL THINGS.

A MODERN ADA COMPLIANT RAMP, IT CANNOT BE THAT LONG AND THAT STRAIGHT BECAUSE YOU TAKE OFF, IT HAS LANDINGS ON IT.

AND SO THAT EXPANDS THE LENGTH OF THAT RAMP AND IT IS THE WRONG SLOPE AND THAT RAMP BECOMES I DON'T KNOW - WHAT WAS THE CALCULATING?

IT WAS ONE AND THREE-QUARTER TIMES AS LONG AND SO WHERE'D YOU PUT IT?

AND WE WERE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BRING THESE THINGS UP TO CODE AND WE CAN ALWAYS NEGOTIATE WITH HISTORIC BUILDINGS YES, BUT WE CANNOT

NEGOTIATE OURSELVES OUT OF THAT.

WHEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BRING IN EXISTING HISTORIC BUILDINGS WITH COMPLIANCE WITH MODERN TIMES THERE IS A COUPLE ROSTER COMPLIANCE AND ONE OF THEM THAT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE HERE WOULD BE THE AREA OF REQUIREMENT AND WE ARE MAKING A LOT OF MODIFICATIONS AND THEREFORE THAT TRIGGERS COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OF THE FINER POINTS OF LIFE SAFETY,

ACCESSIBILITY AND THOSE ARE NOT SMALL, THAT IS ACCESSIBILITY, IT IS LIFE SAFETY, THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE DEALING WITH.

IN THIS IDEA THAT WE COULD DO ALL OF THESE - I MEAN I AM AN ARCHITECT THAT LIKES TO FIND THE POSSIBLE IN EVERYTHING.

I AM ALWAYS LOOKING FOR FINDING OUT HOW THIS WILL WORK AND WE LOOKED AT THIS SIX WAYS FROM SUNDAY AND IT JUST SEEMED LIKE ANYTHING THAT WE WERE DOING HERE WAS GOING INTO THE REALM OF AS MUCH AS WE WOULD TRY, ALL OF OUR MOVES DESTROY WHAT THIS ROOM IS AND WHAT IT SYMBOLIZES TO BE ON THE POETIC AND AND THE OTHER THING THAT IT WOULD DO IS MAKE IT USELESS LIKE WE HAD A SCHEME WHERE WE FLATTENED THE FLOORS AND WE LOOKED AT EVERYTHING.

WE FLATTENED THE FLOOR AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CEILING HERE OKAY, WILL YOU POP IT UP, IT IS THE ROOF.

THERE IS REALLY NOWHERE TO HIDE HERE.

THE SHAPE OF THE FLOOR AND THE SHAPE OF THE ROOM IS ECHOED BY THE SPACES ABOVE IT AND BELOW IT.

AND SO YOU DON'T HAVE THOSE EXTRA SPACES AND THOSE AREAS WHERE YOU CAN MAKE THOSE MOVES.

SO, THAT LEAVES YOU WITH THE IDEA THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO ALL OF THAT STUFF AND THEN AT ONCE AND ONE FELL SWOOP WITH ALL OF HIS MOVES WERE DECREASING THE ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST, IMPORTANCE AND SYMBOLISM OF THE HEART OF YOUR COMMUNITY AND ALSO MAKING IT FUNCTION BADLY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER TO JIM SO HE CAN SHARE HIS -

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

SO, WE HAVE TO CHANGE EVERYTHING, BASICALLY.

>>MEG: THE LEVEL OF MODIFICATION TRIGGERS ARE THE MODIFICATIONS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: KEEPING AS IT IS IS NOT POSSIBLE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE PROPOSAL IS ACTUALLY KEEPING AS IT IS, JUST NOT USING IT FOR THE BOARD MEETING.

AND SO TO SEE LIKE THE OAK PARK AREA ARTS COUNCIL OR OUR STAFF OR OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS USE IT FOR EVENTS OF WHICH THE FOCUS IS ACCESS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT AND WHILE WE'RE ON THAT THRESHOLD AT LEAST FOR ME AND IT MEANS THAT WE CAN KEEP IT.

AND MAKE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE PARTICIPATING AND IT IS STILL NOT IDEAL, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALSO TEARING THIS ROOM DOWN WOULD BE TRAGIC.

AND SO THERE IS I MEAN WE KNEW THAT FIXING THIS BUILDING AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW SO THAT IT WAS MEETING THE NEEDS OF TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE WAS GOING TO BE REALLY EXPENSIVE AND THAT IS WHY WE ADDED IT TO THE INITIAL DISCUSSION THAT WE HAD.

AND I THINK IT HAS ACTUALLY BROUGHT US TO AS DANIEL SAID BETTER THAN ME AT THIS POINT BECAUSE I APOLOGIZE THAT I'M STRUGGLING.

I AM VERY TIRED.

THESE ARE GREAT.

AND I DON'T MEAN TO UNDERMINE YOU BEING ABLE TO SAY YOUR PIECE.

I AM JUST ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IF IT IS 25, IT IS 25.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I WILL NOT BELABOR IT, I WILL SAY THAT NOT USING THIS SPACE MAKES US CONSTRUCT THESE OTHER SPACES AND SO THERE IS A COROLLARY TO THIS THAT BY ABANDONING, WE ARE ADDING COSTS TO A \$90 MILLION PROJECT AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT OUR BONDING CAPACITY AND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE TOTAL IS 90, WE ARE NOT ADDING ON, THE TOTAL IS AROUND THAT AND MUCH OF THE COST IS ACTUALLY COST THAT IF WE ARE CARING FOR THIS BUILDING, WE ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO SPENDING.

AND SO THEN REPLACING THIS ROOM WITH ONE OF THE TWO OPTIONS IS BETWEEN 2.29 AND \$5.1 MILLION.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: IS THAT CORRECT?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: FIVE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PRICES AS OUR I SAID BEFORE, THOSE ARE EMBEDDED PRICES AND YOU CANNOT JUST LOOK AT THE ADDITION, THE ADDITION IS LARGER, HOWEVER THE RESTORATION IS LARGER AND MODIFICATIONS ARE LARGER BECAUSE THAT MONEY IS IN THE MODIFICATION AND AS I SAID MAKING ONE-TO-ONE BECOME A LARGER SPACE WITH STRUCTURAL CONCERNS AND MODIFICATIONS AND SO IT IS NOT AS THOUGH THE LARGER ADDITION IS THAT MUCH MORE, THEY BREAK OUT, BUT IT IS KIND OF A FALSE DIFFERENCE THERE, BECAUSE THERE IS EMBEDDING COST IN THE SMALLER AND I'M ALSO GETTING TIRED - THERE IS EMBEDDING COST IN THE MORE MODEST SCHEME OR WHATEVER THAT IS IN THE EXISTING WILLING.

IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

>>ROB: I WANT TO GO BACK AND ADDRESS ONE OF YOUR QUESTIONS EARLIER. SO, WE ASK LIKE WE CANNOT STAY HERE.

THE BOARD CAN CHOOSE TO STAY IN THIS ROOM.

IT IS IN CONFLICT WITHIN THE EXISTING METRICS OF SUCCESS THAT THE BOARD IDENTIFIED WHICH ARE ON YOUR SCREEN AS THE SUCCESSFUL METRIC FOR THIS PROJECT.

THAT IS WHAT HAS GUIDED US THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND SO AS A HISTORIC SPACE IF WE DO NOTHING TO THIS ROOM, IT CAN REMAIN AND CONTINUE TO BE USED, BUT I THINK EVEN TODAY I SAW SOME OF THE ALMOST TAKE OFF ALL OF THESE STEPS AND I THINK THOSE ARE A LOT OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE AROUND THE ACCESSIBILITY RELATED TO THIS ROOM THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF THESE SMALL ISSUES THAT CAN BE OVERLOOKED, BUT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT TO THE GOALS THAT THE BOARD IDENTIFIED RELATED TO THE PROJECT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I GET IT IS A LOT OF MONEY, BUT LET'S THINK ABOUT SAFETY FOR A SECOND, RIGHT?

IF THERE WAS ANY KIND OF EMERGENCY IN THIS ROOM AND WE ALL HAD TO EXIT AND YOU HAD BETWEEN 30 AND 55 PEOPLE EXITING IN A QUICK TIME AND YOU'RE

GOING THROUGH ONE DOOR THROUGH A TUBE AND I KNOW I AM VERY DRAMATIC ABOUT THAT AND THEN DOWN THEY EXTREMELY SET OF STAIRS, THAT WILL BE TRAGIC.

AND WE ARE LUCKY THAT NOTHING HAS EVER HAPPENED.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: IT HAS BEEN THAT WAY SINCE 1974.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES, BUT THE WORLD IS CHANGING AND IT IS ONLY CHANGING FASTER.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: AND TO THE SECURITY ASPECT I'M SURE THAT IF WE TASK OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO COME UP WITH A SAFETY PLAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: LET'S ALL TRY AND GO DOWN THE STAIRS REALLY QUICKLY TOGETHER.

SOMEBODY'S GOING TO FALL AND SOMEBODY IS WOULD IT TRAMPLE OVER THAT NEXT PERSON.

REALLY THE CODES ARE IN PLACE FOR A REASON.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: IT IS EXPENSIVE TO WORK AROUND IN MY VIEW.

AND I WOULD JUST A COUPLE MORE THINGS AND THEN I'LL BE DONE BECAUSE I KNOW OTHERS WANT TO SPEAK.

I WOULD JUST SAY THAT I DO NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR BONDING CAPACITY IS AND DOES THIS EVEN MESH WITH IT AT ALL AND WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE CONTINGENCIES, THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT AND HOW DOES THAT IMPACT AND BECAUSE I KNOW HOW DIRECTION WORKS BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS SAID IT IS A FUNNY THING THAT YOU START DOWN THAT ROAD AND YOU MOVE DOWN IT QUICKLY. AND SO I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS TO RESIDENCE, THAT IS IMPORTANT.

AND FINALLY I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THESE NUMBERS AS PRESENTED AND I AM NOT FAULTING ANYBODY, BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO SIDES OF EVERYTHING, EITHER YOU ARE IN THE WEEDS AND I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE WEEDS AND YOU DON'T WANT THE BOARD IN THE WEEDS AND YOU GET ALL OF THESE NUMBERS AND IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE PICKING THROUGH THEM OR YOU GET NUMBERS FROM THE 10,000 FOOT VIEW WHICH IS WHAT THIS IS, I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN YOU SAY YOUR PRIDE, I DO NOT DOUBT YOU THAT YOU HAVE TRIED TO ECONOMIZE ON THIS, BUT HONESTLY IT BEGS THE QUESTION THAT ISSUE BE SPLIT OUT A LITTLE BIT MORE.

NEW POLICE STATION, \$53 MILLION.

THAT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME AS A TRUSTEE BEFORE I ENGAGE AND SAY WE ARE GOING TO SPEND THESE FUNDS AND MOVE DOWN IN THIS PATH AND MOVE DOWN IN THAT DIRECTION TOWARD THAT DIRECTION.

AND WHAT THAT REPRESENTS, I CANNOT SIT HERE - I COULD NOT TELL YOU.

IT IS JUST LIKE A \$53 MILLION CHECK IN SOME WAY AND I UNDERSTAND WE ARE NOT DOING THAT HERE, BUT I AM JUST SAYING THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME AND I NEED SOME IDEA OF WHAT THAT MEANS AND WHAT THOSE NUMBERS BREAK DOWN TO RATHER THAN ONE NUMBER.

WE WERE GIVEN ONE NUMBER AND CONTINGENCY.

THAT IS ALL.

I AM NOT SAYING - AND THOSE ARE MY CONCERNS AND I WILL LET THE OTHERS SPEAK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I APPRECIATE IT AND OKAY - OTHER COMMENTS? DEREK?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I'LL BE SO FAST.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS ADDITION CONCEPT +1, I ECHO - OPTION TWO FOR THOSE WHO ARE KEEPING TRACK, I AM INTO THAT.

AND THEN AS TRUSTEE STRAW MENTIONED I WOULD LOVE FOR THE POLICE STATION TO BE CHEAPER.

THAT IS IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

CORY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YES, HOLD ON ONE SECOND HERE.

JUST PULLING UP MY NOTES.

I HAVE A LOT OF NOTES.

OKAY, SO A COUPLE THINGS.

ONE OF WHICH IS WHY IS IT STILL THE BASEMENT?

>>ROB: THEY ASKED TO STAY IN THE BASEMENT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: DID THEY?

ALL RIGHT.

>>ROB: I MEAN WE - MAYBE THAT IS AN EXAGGERATION, I JUST THEY THAT THEY SAID THEY WERE FINE WITH STAYING IN THE BASEMENT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ARE THEY FINE OR DO THEY WANT TO STAY IN THE BASEMENT?

BECAUSE, I AM AN IT GUY AND 30 YEARS ALMOST IN THE BUSINESS AND IT TYPICALLY GETS PUT INTO THE BASEMENT OR THE CLAUSE OR ADDICT OR OUTSIDE COME OUT HOUSE, YOU NAME IT WHEREVER YOU CAN PUT IT WHERE THEY CANNOT BE SEEN, PEOPLE PUT THEM AND WOULD LIKE FOR THEM NOT TO BE IN THAT PLACE -

>>ROB: WE DID HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM ABOUT THAT.

I THINK THAT WE ARE A PART OF THE PLAN ASSOCIATED WITH IT IS TO DAYLIGHT THAT SPACE ALONG I THINK THAT IS THE SOUTH WALL - NO, THEY ARE ON THE WEST WALL.

SO, YOU KNOW HOW THE HILLSIDE RAMPS UP TO THE FIRST FLOOR BASICALLY, PART OF THE PLAN IS TO EXCAVATE THAT OUT SO YOU CAN CREATE A SECOND SET OF WINDOWS OR A LOWER LEVEL SETTLEMENT ALSO EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE IN THE BASEMENT, THEY WILL BE DAYLIGHT AND SO THEY ARE NOT BEING IGNORED IN THE LARGER SCHEME, BUT THEY WERE OKAY WITH STAYING IN THE EXISTING SPACE WHERE THEY WERE AT.

IF WE CAN MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THINGS LIKE THAT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT - I WILL LEAVE THAT ONE ALONE.

>>ROB: THEY WERE ASKED.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY.

SO, ON PAGE 30 AND IT COULD EASILY BE ON THE PAGE WITH THE VILLAGE BOARD - SO, THE INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION, CAN YOU TELL ME HOW THOSE NUMBERS WORK?

>>MEG: TYPICAL IT IS INCLUSIONS, JOSH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS?
AND JOSH -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: LET ME GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT MORE CONTEXT WHILE YOU ARE STEPPING UP.

SO, I LOOK AT THIS NSE 42% INCLUSIONS AND SO THAT SAYS TO ME THAT THE ESCALATION, THE GENERAL CONDITION AND BOND INSURANCE AND CONTRACTOR FEES AND DESIGN CONTINGENCIES ARE 43% OF EITHER TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCEPT COSTS OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS CORRECT, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THE BASIS FOR THE BASE NUMBERS ARE FOR THOSE PERCENTAGES.

AND SO I AM JUST CONFIRMING, IS THE BASE NUMBER THAT 63 MILLION, 53 MILLION OR A DIFFERENT PERCENTAGE THAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE OPERATING OFF OF?

>>SPEAKER: SO, THE TOTAL NUMBER, 63 MILLION INCLUDES ALL OF THOSE ESCALATIONS.

SO, JOSH GAVE US A BASE NUMBER AND WROTE DOWN ALL OF THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS THAT THE NUANCES OF HOW WE GOT TO THE \$63 MILLION.

HE HAS ABOUT 20 PAGES WORTH A REPORT TO BREAK DOWN THESE NUMBERS FOR WHAT IS INCLUDED.

WE HAVE SUMMARIZED AT THE END THERE WAS A CONSTRUCTION AND JUST A CONSTRUCTION AND THEN ADDED THOSE INCLUSIONS WHICH IS ESCALATION, GENERAL AUNT, CONTRACT, ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE DONE, ANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND THAT IS ALL INCLUDED WITHIN THE \$63 MILLION PART.

SO, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT THE BUILDING I THINK IT WAS AROUND LIKE 40 OR 45 OF MATERIAL AND CONTRACTION COST AND THEN ALL THE PROJECT FEES THAT ARE INCLUDED.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT.
OKAY.

SO, THAT IS WORST-CASE.

SO, THAT TELLS ME BASICALLY THAT THE FOUR ITEMS UNDER INCLUSIONS REPRESENT 42% OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SAME FOR THE VILLAGE HALL, CORRECT?

>>SPEAKER: THAT IS CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: ALL RIGHT.

THAT PUTS THE ACTUAL COST CLOSER TO 30 -

>>JOSH: ONE THING TO POINT OUT IS THAT THE DESIGN CONTINGENCY IS ACTUALLY A PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION.

AND BY THAT I MEAN THAT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE USED VERY EARLY ON IN THE DESIGN BECAUSE THERE IS NO DESIGN JUST YET.

AND SO THROUGHOUT THE DESIGN PROCESS THAT NUMBER GETS REDUCED, BUT THE DOLLARS THAT ARE IN THAT PERCENTAGE WOULD GO INTO THE BUILDING.

SO FOR EXAMPLE THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN, THAT DESIGN CONTINGENCY NUMBER WOULD BE 10%.

AND THEN THE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT OR 50% WOULD BE FIVE UNTIL 100% CD IS AT ZERO.

BUT, ALL OF THAT MONEY THAT REPRESENTED REPRESENTS HAS GOTTEN SUCKED INTO THE BUILDING.

BECAUSE AT THAT POINT YOU KNOW THE FLOOR FINISH AND ALL OF THE SYSTEM ALARMS AND THINGS LIKE THAT AND SO WOULD YOU SAY 42%, YOU ARE 100% CORRECT, BUT THAT 15% IS ACTUALLY A PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION.

THE THINGS THAT YOU DON'T SEE ANY VALUE OR MATERIALITY FROM OUR THINGS LIKE ESCALATION, GENERAL CONDITIONS, BOND INSURANCE AND CONTRACTOR FEE. THAT IS THE COST TO BUILD THE BUILDING.

ESCALATION, THAT IS ALWAYS A TRICKY THING AND EVEN ONLY DID THIS THE ESCALATION WAS HIGHER THAN IT IS RIGHT NOW.

ESCALATIONS ACTUALLY COME DOWN, BUT THAT IS A DIFFICULT THING -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AND THAT IS THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT CHOLERA?

>>JOSH: YES, I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, FROM 2021 TO 2023 IN THE COOK COUNTY AREA, CONTRACTION COSTS WENT UP 36%.

IN THE 16 YEARS PRIOR TO THAT IT WENT UP ABOUT 16%.

SO, IN A TWO YEAR PERIOD OF TIME, HE PRETTY MUCH DOUBLED.

AND IT NEVER CAME BACK DOWN.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OF COURSE IT NEVER COMES BACK DOWN.

>>JOSH: IT STAYS REALLY HIGH UP THERE AND SO YOUR RENOVATION AND YOUR NEW POLICE BUILDING IS THAT MUCH HIGHER SINCE THEN.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT YOU.

>>JOSH: AND I CAN HAPPEN AGAIN TOMORROW.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY.

GOT THERE.

OKAY, THAT IS INTERESTING.

AND SO THE EXCLUSIONS WOULD BE BASED ON THE SAME MATH, RIGHT?

AND SO I AM LOOKING AT THE NAMED EXCLUSIONS HERE AND CALL IT 30% PLUS THE ON ESTIMATED EXCLUSION COST THERE, AS WELL.

SO, THAT IS A EXTRA 30% ON TOP OF WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE THAT WE ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE TO ADDED TO THE PROJECT, CORRECT?

>>ROB: THOSE ARE HIGH-LEVEL, CONTINGENCY IS CONTINGENCY AND SO YOU DON'T SPEND IT UNLESS YOU HAVE TO.

AND SAME WITH TESTING FEES AND SO AGAIN THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE BUILT IN THEIR AS YOU KNOW A GAP THAT MAY NOT END UP IN THE ACTUAL PROJECT.

I THINK WE TALKED ABOUT THAT WITH THE STREETScape PROJECT AND THAT YOU WANT TO BE CONSERVATIVE SO THAT YOU CAN DELIVER SAVINGS IF POSSIBLE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I JUST CANNOT WRITE YOU A CHECK FOR LESS THAN WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR.

THAT IS THE ONLY ASPECT.

>>ROB: WAS THE BOARD WOULD OPEN A CONTRACT THAT WOULD INCLUDE THAT 10% CONTINGENCY, BUT WE DON'T PAY THEM THE CONTINGENCY UNLESS WE HAVE TO.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: BUT, WE NEED TO HAVE THE MONEY.

>>ROB: WE NEED TO HAVE THE MONEY, YES.
WE DO NOT GIVE IT TO THEM.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: IF WE DON'T SPEND IT, WE KEEP IT WHICH IS ALWAYS GREAT, BUT IF WE NEED TO BOND FOR IT THEN WE ACTUALLY HAVE TO GO OUT AND BOND FOR IT WHICH MEANS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT WELL I GUESS WE COULD ALWAYS REFUND THE BONDS LATER.

>>ROB: ONE OF THE REASONS THEY ARE EXCLUSIONS IS BECAUSE THEY ARE TYPICALLY NOT BONDABLE.
BECAUSE OF THE LIFECYCLE OF THEM OR THINGS LIKE THAT AND MAYBE KEVIN WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK WHAT IS BONDABLE VS. NOT BONDABLE, BUT THAT IS A PART OF IT IS WELL-LIKED THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT WE CANNOT BOND AND WE WILL HAVE TO ASSUME THAT COST AS PART OF THE PROJECT COST THROUGH GENERAL REVENUE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, MY MATH ON THE EXCLUSIONS IS PRETTY MUCH PUTTING IT AT ABOUT \$20 MILLION WORTH OF EXCLUSIONS THAT ARE ESTIMATED PLUS WHATEVER IS NOT ESTIMATED THAT IS ON TOP OF WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT WITH THE \$63 MILLION FOR THE ACTUAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.
OKAY, THAT IS 83, ALMOST 90 PROBABLY AND WE WILL JUST USE THE ACTUAL NUMBER, BECAUSE THIS IS - NOT ACTUALLY ESTIMATED OUT AND SO CALL IT \$90 MILLION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BASED ON IF WE ARE TO SPEND ALL OF IT OR NOT, BUT WE PROBABLY WILL NEED TO HAVE ROUGHLY \$90 MILLION TO DO THIS PROJECT AND MAYBE ANTICIPATE GETTING A REFUND BACK.
THAT IS MATERIALLY DIFFERENT THAN \$63 MILLION.

>>SPEAKER: WE ARE CHECKING OUR MATH.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THOSE ARE ESTIMATES AND I CAN GET THE ACTUAL -

>>TRUSTEE EDER: CAN YOU REPRESENT THAT AS A RANGE?
THAT MAY BE AN EASIER THING FOR US TO EVALUATE IF IT IS NUMBER A 2B, VS. ADDING UP A BUNCH OF PERCENTAGES AND ALL OF THAT.

>>ROB: I THINK IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THERE IS PROBABLY ON THE POLICE STATION PROJECT LIKE A \$10-\$15 MILLION COSTS BEYOND THE CONSTRUCTION COST PRESENTED.
NOW, THAT MAY NOT ALL BE EXPENDED, BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF CONTINGENCY BUILT IN THERE, BUT IT IS A COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT.
AND SOME OF THOSE COSTS ARE NOT GOING TO BE BONDABLE AS WELL WHEN YOU LOOK AT THINGS LIKE FURNITURE AND SOME THINGS THAT DON'T HAVE A 20 OR 30 YEAR LIFECYCLE, THEY DON'T NECESSARILY FALL INTO THE BONDABLE RANGE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY:

>>TRUSTEE EDER: IF I AM RIGHT, YOU ARE TRYING TO GET DOLLARS THAT WE CAN EXPLAIN TO THE COMMUNITY AND WHAT IS THE RANGE THAT IS POSSIBLE HERE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YES, TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW BIG OF A CHECK I'M ABOUT TO WRITE.

AND YES, THIS ONE GETS ME SOMEWHERE TO CLOSE TO 90.

OKAY, THAT ANSWER THAT QUESTION, I APPRECIATE THAT.

IT GIVES ME CLARITY.

ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS I NOTICED IS THAT IN THE POLICE STATION PROJECT ITSELF, ROUGHLY 60% OF THE SQUARE FOOTAGE IS PARKING AND CAN YOU FACT CHECK ME ON THAT?

>>SPEAKER: THAT MUCH SQUARE FOOTAGE IS PARKING?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I GOT SOMETHING LIKE 38,000, ROUGHLY -

>>ROB: I GUESS I DON'T KNOW - THAT IS NOT REALLY A METRIC THAT WE USE BECAUSE THE PARKING SQUARE FOOTAGE IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT TO SUPPORT THE POLICE STAFF AND SO I'M NOT SURE THAT THEY REALLY LOOKED AT IT AS LIKE AN OPERATING SPACE VS. A PARKING SPACE, IT IS BASED - WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE LIKE WHAT, 150 PARKING SPOTS?

147 PARKING SPOTS TO SUPPORT POLICE OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE PERSONAL VEHICLES AND THE SQUADS AND SO AND THEN STAFF AND SO THAT WAS THE DETERMINATION ON THE SIZE OF THE PARKING GARAGE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT.

OKAY, I HAVE ROUGHLY 58,000 FT.² AND 38,000 OF OPERATING SPACE FOR A ROUGH BREAKDOWN OF -

>>ROB: THAT DOES NOT SOUND RIGHT.

THERE IS 35,000 FT.² IN THE RENOVATION OF THE BUILDING AND THEN THE NEW BUILDING -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THE NUMBERS ARE REALLY HARD TO PULL TOGETHER AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS RIGHT.

OKAY, SO 65% OPERATING -

>>ROB: OPERATING.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, I'LL MOVE ON FROM NOW ON.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT BREAKDOWN, THOUGH.

HONESTLY I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ITEMIZATION OF THIS COST JUST IN GENERAL FOR TRUSTEE TAGLIA 'S POINT EARLIER.

WHEN I LOOKED AT THE ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST WE HAVE NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT, BOOM.

\$53 MILLION.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS INSIDE OF THERE.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO KIND OF KNOW, BECAUSE LIKE THE POINT RIGHT LIKE I WILL BACK INTO IT AND WE WILL BRING IT BACK LIKE JUST FROM INITIAL IS THAT IF THAT WAS BROKEN DOWN AND THOSE INCLUSIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN A LINE ITEM AND INSTEAD OF US HAVING TO KIND OF WORK THROUGH THAT INITIALLY HERE.

AND SO IT IS A LITTLE BIT MORE TRANSPARENCY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL FOR ME.

LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE - I'M NOT SOLD ON THIS ONE PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

THE COSTS HERE ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED.
I'LL NOT TAKE UP MUCH MORE TIME ASKING QUESTIONS, BUT -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I GET THAT.

I THINK YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD ROB AND I DON'T THINK THAT YOU ARE NOT EXPECTING TO HEAR IT THAT WE HAD HOPED THAT BY PURCHASING A BUILDING THAT EXISTS THAT WE WOULD BE SAVING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT AND I THINK WE ARE, BECAUSE IT IS AND YOU KNOW WE GAIN A LOT BY HAVING A SECOND PIECE OF PROPERTY AS WELL BECAUSE IF WE WERE BUILDING A POLICE STATION HERE THE PARKING WAS NEVER ACTUALLY FULLY RESOLVED, RIGHT?

IT WAS ONLY MINIMALLY RESOLVED AND SO WE WERE GOING TO BE BLEEDING INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD NO MATTER WHAT WE DID.

AND SO WITH THESE DESIGNS YES WE STILL HAVE A EXPENSIVE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE STATION, BUT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO AND SO YOUR TAKE AWAY DEFINITELY IS AND AT EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS GOING FORWARD THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR FULL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRYING TO SAVE AS MUCH MONEY AS WE CAN.

ANY OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE DOLLARS.

NOT AT THE EXTENT OF HAVING A PRODUCT THAT WORKS AT THE END OF THE DAY, BUT MY CHOICE OF WORDS - I AM SO EXHAUSTED YOU GUYS -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AND JUST TO REITERATE, I 100% SUPPORT NEW POLICE STATION AND I DO UNDERSTAND THE TWO CONCEPTS OR SORRY - THE BENEFIT OF THE SEPARATE CONCEPT AND BUILDING IN THE SPACE THAT WILL SAVE SOME MEASURE OF MONEY BOTH IN REAL COSTS AND ALSO COSTS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO INCUR AND 100% AGREE WITH ALL OF THAT, BUT NOT WITH RESPECT THAT THE COST WAS NOT 63 MILLION, BUT CLOSER TO 90 MILLION JUST BEFORE WE EVEN WITH ADJUSTED THE POLICE STATION, THAT IS BEFORE I LOOK AT THE MATH ON VILLAGE HALL AND INCLUDE THOSE EXCLUSIONS AS WELL AND ADD IT ALL UP TOGETHER.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE POLICE STATION, BUT UNDERSTANDING THE BONDING AND LOOKING TO KIND OF CREATE ANY LEVEL OR ANY BUDGET THAT IS A LITTLE BIT MORE DIGESTIBLE. AND UNLESS SOMEBODY IS GOING TO CORRECT ME AND CHIBIKUE I DO NOT WANT TO NOT INCLUDE - BUT, I THINK THAT I WAS HEARING THAT FOR THIS, FOR VILLAGE HALL THAT WE DO LIKE THE SEPARATE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE NEW BUILDING. AND SO I AM JUST LOOKING FOR ANYBODY TO CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG. CONCEPT TWO.

AND I WANT TO THROW OUT A COUPLE OF OTHER POSITIVES IN THAT I THINK MAY BE EXCITING THAT BY HAVING COUNCIL CHAMBERS HAVING ITS OWN ACCESS, THEN WE CONTINUE TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN NEW WAYS AND SO THEN THAT BUILDING THAT ADDITION BECOMES AN OPPORTUNITY TO HOST THE COMMUNITY WITH A COURTYARD RIGHT OUTSIDE FOR MORE THAN JUST BOARD MEETINGS WITHOUT KEEPING THE WHOLE BUILDING OPEN.

AND THEN KEEPING - I THINK THAT THERE IS A LOT OF ATTRACTIVENESS TO OPTION TWO.

AND SO ARE WE ALSO AGREEING THAT UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO HAVE SOME CONVERSATIONS, SOME FISCAL CONVERSATIONS GOING FORWARD THAT WE WOULD IDEALLY LIKE TO DO BOTH PROJECTS TOGETHER? AND SO THAT IS THE GUIDANCE FOR TONIGHT?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WOULD SAY ADVANCE BOTH TO SCHEMATIC DESIGN - AND I GUESS THAT I DON'T KNOW THAT WE ARE HAVING TO MAKE A DECISION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NOTHING GROUNDBREAKING YET?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON DOING BOTH OF THESE BUDGET THINGS TOGETHER LIKE THE BUDGET CONVERSATION -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, WE HAVE STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLANNING TO FIGURE THESE THINGS OUT INCLUDING BUDGET DISCUSSIONS THAT RELATE TO BONDS -

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I THINK WE ARE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND I DO APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE ON THIS.

FOR ME TO VOTE FOR THIS I NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT IMPACT RESIDENT AND IF I CANNOT GET THE ANSWER TONIGHT IT IS UNLIKELY BECAUSE IT IS VERY COMPLEX THERE ARE NUMBER SURE THAT HAVE TO BE SIFTED THROUGH I FIND IT HARD TO VOTE FOR THIS AND NOT THAT I DO NOT SUPPORT THE POLICE OR THE VILLAGE HALL AND YOU DON'T NEED MY VOTE PROBABLY, BUT I AM JUST SUGGESTING THAT THAT IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY YOU WILL OPEN UP A TAX BILL IN FOUR YEARS OR THREE YEARS AND YOU'LL SAY WHAT HAPPENED?

AND YOU WANT TO BE SURE THAT YOU PREP PEOPLE AND I KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT COMMITTING TO THESE NUMBERS HERE AND WE ARE NOT SIGNING A BUDGET DOCUMENT OR WHATEVER APPROPRIATING IS THE RIGHT WORD, BUT STILL IT IS A BIG ASK.

SO, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THERE ARE SO MANY BUDGET DISCUSSIONS THAT WE CAN TO STILL HAVE INCLUDING OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HELP FROM OUR STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED A LITTLE BIT SO FAR.

SO, IT IS FAIR TO SAY YOU WANT TO KNOW, BUT I THINK THIS IS - I AM SORRY?

THIS IS A CONVERSATION THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE.

LIKE IT IS NOT OVER TONIGHT.

AND I DO NOT THINK THAT THERE IS ANYWAY NO MATTER HOW THESE NUMBERS CAME IN TONIGHT THAT WE WOULD HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION AND WE JUST HAVE TO CONTINUE TO DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE EVERY STEP.

CHIBIKUE, ANYTHING?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I WAS JUST ASKING ABOUT THE SUSTAINABILITY CONCEPT OF THE DESIGN AND IF THAT MATTERS.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT.
LET ME LOOK AT THE AGENDA FOR A SECOND.

>>ROB: WE NEED A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF AND THE SECOND ONE WHICH IS WITH JLK IN THE CONSULTING TEAM BASED ON THAT DIRECTION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE ALREADY READ THE MOTION WHEN WE STARTED, BUT IT WAS NOT SPECIFIC.

AND SO WE READ A MOTION TO FINALIZE PREFERRED CONTRACT FOR THE OAK PARK MUNICIPAL CAMPUS AND DIRECT STAFF TO ADVANCE THE PREFERRED CONCEPT TO DESIGN WHICH IS OPTION TWO.

AND SO DO WE NEED TO RESTATE THAT MOTION?

MAYBE I DID NOT NEED TO TAKE -

>>SPEAKER: TRUSTEE STRAW MAY DEVOTION AND TRUSTEE ENYIA SECOND IT AND SO THEY COULD JUST AMEND THE MOTION.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WOULD DO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO FINALIZE THE PREFERRED CONCEPT AS OPTION AND DIRECT STAFF.

>>SPEAKER: WHAT HE SAID.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND CLERK WATERS COMICALLY PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE WESLEY, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOHN LASKY AND KINDELIN FOR POLICE DEBARMENT AT 11 MADISON IN VILLAGE HALL AT 123 MADISON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,685,000 IN DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE TO THE NECESSARY BUDGET LIMIT.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED TO.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE ENYIA, CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE WESLEY AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

OKAY.

SO, AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY YOU HAVE TAKEN THE DIRECTION TO FIND SAVINGS VERY SERIOUSLY AND I APPRECIATE THAT.

SO, IT CONTINUES TO BE THE CASE.

BECAUSE, THIS IS AND FOR THE COMMUNITY ALL THAT WE ARE VOTED ON THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS AND WE HAVE NOT COMMITTED TO THE DOLLAR AMOUNT.

ALL RIGHT.

THEN - YOU ARE ALWAYS PURELY AND ALWAYS PUTTING OUT GREAT ENERGY AND YOU HAVE DONE A BEAUTIFUL JOB WITH THESE DESIGNS AND YOU ESPECIALLY HAVE TAKEN NOTE TO OUR DESIRE WITH THESE INITIAL RENOVATIONS FOR VILLAGE HALL THAT WERE 40 OR 50 MILLION AND YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT IS LESS THAN HALF OF THAT.

>>MEG: IT IS A REAL PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IS A?
OKAY, CALL TO BOARD AND CLERK.

>>CLERK WATERS: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: PASSED.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING BRIEFLY.

I WANT TO SAY THAT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH THAT WE HAD TODAY AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS CONSTANTLY THINKING ABOUT AND IT IS HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE SHOULD BE OUTRAGED ABOUT, BUT ONE OF THE VERY FIRST THINGS THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION DID IN WASHINGTON WAS AN ATTEMPT TO ERASE BLACK HISTORY WAS AN ATTEMPT TO STRIP DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PRINCIPLES FROM ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THEY COULD LITERALLY PAINTING OVER BLACK HISTORY MURALS AND RECENTLY TAKING DOWN LARGE EXHIBITS THAT THEY REFER TO SOME OF THE MORE DISAPPOINTING MOMENTS IN OUR NATIONS HISTORY, BUT AS TODAY'S PROCLAMATION, BLACK HISTORY IS US HISTORY AND THIS IS A PART OF WHO WE ARE AND A PART OF WHO WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AND WE HAVE TO OWN THAT AND REALLY REFLECT ON WHAT BLACK HISTORY IS IN THE CONTEXT OF US HISTORY AND HOW WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD GIVEN THAT FACT, BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT THAT WE AS A NATION HAVE TO ATONE FOR AND IF WE DO NOT REMEMBER OUR OWN HISTORY, THEN WE ARE BOUND TO IN MANY TERRIBLE WAYS REPEAT IT AND THAT IS ANOTHER THING THAT WE ARE SEEING RIGHT NOW IN OUR NATION.

AND SO I AM PROUD TO SERVE ON A BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WHERE WE HAVE CONTINUED TO EMBRACE OUR CALL TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION AND RECOGNIZE THAT THOSE ARE WORDS THAT MEAN SOMETHING AND THAT WE HAVE TO CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY THAT MAKES US STRONGER AND WE HAVE TO ACTIVELY PUT FORWARD IN EVERYTHING THAT WE DO TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE AND MORE EQUITABLE.

AND SO I APOLOGIZE FOR A LATE CALL TO THE BOARD, BUT JUST AS I WAS WATCHING THE CELEBRATION, IT STOOD IN STARK CONTRAST TO I FEEL THE SILENCE WE ARE HEARING OUT OF WASHINGTON THIS MONTH ON THE IMPORTANT TOPIC OF BLACK HISTORY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: TRUSTEE STRAW READ MY MIND AND MY HEART AND I WILL JUST ADD TO THE RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PRESENTATION THAT WE GOT.

IT WAS A REAL TREAT ESPECIALLY THE ZAWADI KIDS IN HER TALENT, IT WAS A HIGHLIGHT FOR ME AND I AM ALSO GRATEFUL TO GEORGE BAILEY AND MS. DONNA HAS JUST ENRICHED OUR COMMUNITIES SO DEEPLY AND I'M GRATEFUL TO PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND ALL WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE TO JOIN US TONIGHT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH.
ABOLISH ICE.
GOOD NIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT.

I'M GOING TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.