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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT, WELL, WELCOME ALL.  
IS IT 6:02 PM?

SEPTEMBER 30, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ORDER, CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.  
I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION TO DISCUSS.

>>SPEAKER: PENDING PROBABLE OR IMMINENT LITIGATION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11) AND TO DISCUSS THE LEASE OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5).

>>SPEAKER: MOTION.  
>>SPEAKER: 2ND.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE TAGLIA,  
PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.  
OKAY, WE'LL SEE YOU SHORTLY.  
THANK YOU.

(CLOSED SESSION)

>>SPEAKER: LASTLY, PLEASE LOOK AT THE WELCOMING ORDINANCE.  
FOR THE LANGUAGE TO BE ACTIVELY ADDRESSING OAK PARK RESIDENCE SHOULD FEDERAL COME TO OAK PARK.  
WE ARE ALREADY SEEING ICE CONGREGATING, CRUISING OAK PARK, BUT WE CANNOT TOLERATE THE ARMY WALKING OUR STREETS WHERE FEDERAL OPERATIVES TEARGAS OUR PROTESTS.  
LET'S BE READY.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

THAT CONCLUDES NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT UNLESS SOMEBODY ELSE WISHES TO SPEAK?

THANK YOU.

OKAY.

AND SO WE WILL MOVE FORWARD TO WE HAVE A PROCLAMATION ON THE AGENDA THIS EVENING AND I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK FOR OCTOBER 5-11, 2025.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

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

AND I ASKED CHRISTINA IF SHE WOULD PLEASE READ THIS AS SHE HELPED WORK ON IT, DO YOU MIND?

THANK YOU.

>>CLERK WATERS: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 5 THROUGH 11TH OF 2025. WHEREAS, THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5-11, 2025, HAS BEEN SET ASIDE TO MARK THE 154TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHICAGO FIRE ON OCTOBER 9, 1871; AND WHEREAS, IT HAS LONG BEEN CUSTOMARY IN OAK PARK TO COMMEMORATE THIS EVENT BY PROCLAIMING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, RECOGNIZING THAT FIRE SAFETY REMAINS A CRITICAL PART OF PROTECTING LIFE, HEALTH, AND PROPERTY IN OUR VILLAGE WHICH CONSISTS OF 51,878 RESIDENTS, AND IS SERVED BY THREE FIRE STATIONS; AND WHEREAS, LOCALLY, THE OAK PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES EMERGENCY SERVICES (FIRE SUPPRESSION, LIFE SUPPORT, HAZARD MITIGATION), CONDUCTS FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS OF ALL COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS, INCLUDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, AND RESPONDS TO STRUCTURE FIRES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE; AND WHEREAS, THE 2025 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK CAMPAIGN THEME, "CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY: LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES IN YOUR HOME," FOCUSES ON EDUCATING THE PUBLIC HOW TO BUY, CHARGE, AND RECYCLE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES TO REDUCE FIRE RISK, ESPECIALLY WITH THEIR GROWING USE IN ELECTRONICS, TOOLS, AND PERSONAL TRANSPORT; AND WHEREAS, LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES POWER AN EVER-GROWING NUMBER OF EVERYDAY DEVICES - PHONES, TABLETS, LAPTOPS, RECHARGEABLE TOOLS, E-BIKES, AND MORE - AND MISUSE, DAMAGE, OVERCHARGING, USE OF UNCERTIFIED BATTERIES, OR IMPROPER DISPOSAL CAN LEAD TO BATTERY FAILURE, THERMAL RUNAWAY, FIRES, OR EVEN EXPLOSIONS; AND WHEREAS, IN ILLINOIS AND IN THE U.S., AUTHORITIES ARE SEEING SUFFICIENT CONCERN THAT STATE FIRE SAFETY AGENCIES, THE FIRE SAFETY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION ARE ALL ISSUING WARNINGS, GUIDELINES, AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ABOUT PURCHASE STANDARDS, CHARGING PRACTICES, AND DISPOSAL OF SUCH BATTERIES; AND WHEREAS, PREVENTIVE MEASURES, COMBINED WITH LOCAL INSPECTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION, HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HOME FIRES, INJURIES, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND POSSIBLE LOSS OF LIFE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN INCREASING PREVALENCE OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERY POWERED DEVICES IN EVERY

HOME. NOW, THEREFORE, I, CLERK WATERS ON BEHALF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF OAK PARK DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5-11, 2025, AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN OAK PARK, AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPAIGN "CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY: LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES IN YOUR HOME," TO BE EDUCATED ON SAFE WAYS TO BUY, CHARGE, AND RECYCLE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES, AND TO TAKE ACTION IN THEIR HOMES TO PREVENT FIRES. DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION LOCATED AT 100 NORTH EUCLID AVENUE FROM 10 AM UNTIL 1 PM. THERE IS ALSO GOING TO BE A BLOOD DRIVE TAKING PLACE FROM 10:30 AM UNTIL 2:30 PM AT LOCAL COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTERS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

JT?

CHIEF?

DO YOU HAVE ANY WORDS TO SHARE?

>>SPEAKER: WITH THE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES THEY ARE GREAT AND PROVIDE US A LOT OF SAFE TRANSPORTATION, BUT WHEN YOU DO PURCHASE THEM PLEASE BE MINDFUL WHERE THEY CAME FROM AND PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THEM, DO NOT HESITATE TO GIVE US A CALL, BECAUSE THEY HAVE CAUSED PROBLEMS, BUT WE NEED THEM AND IT IS A VITAL PART OF WHERE WE ARE GOING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT, CHRISTINA, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US FOR THAT PHOTO?

(APPLAUSE).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, WONDERFUL, VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS. OH, ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: NO REPORT TONIGHT, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOVING RIGHT ALONG.

OKAY, VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES.

OKAY, SOON WE WILL HAVE A SIGN.

CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES.

ANYBODY INTERESTED IN SERVING CAN PLEASE EMAIL CLERK WATERS AT CLERK@OAK-PARK.US AND NEXT I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONSENT TO MY APPOINTMENT, CLERK WATERS?

>>CLERK WATERS: LAURA KREIG AS A MEMBER OF THE DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THERE'S TWO MORE. ONE MORE.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AYE FIVE MAZUR.

>>CLERK WATERS: A REAPPOINTMENT OF SCOT MAZUR TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE EDER, ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE WHO SERVED ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO HELP ADVISE ON THE WORK THAT WE DO. SO, TONIGHT WE HAVE A FIRST READING IN THE FIRST READING AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES AND ZONING APPLICATION FEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK. SO, THEN I WILL NEED A MOTION FOR THIS IF WE ARE DOING AND APPROVAL.

>>SPEAKER: MOTION.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

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

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THANK YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE CRAIG FALOR AND RELATED STAFF.

>>CRAIG FALOR: THE FIRST ITEM IS WITH REGARD TO THE ANNUAL BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES AND ZONING APPLICATION FEES. STAFF ARE SUBMITTING THIS FOR A FIRST READING, BUT WE ARE HOPING THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO APPROVE THESE TONIGHT WITHOUT HAVING A SECOND READING. SEAN MOTEL, CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL WILL GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PERMIT FEES AND THE ZONING UPDATE FEES AND THEN WHEN WE GET TO THE NEXT ITEM, NAOMI DIAZ IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AS THOSE FEES ARE JUST A 3% INCREASE ACROSS THE BOARD.

SO, WILL START WITH VERSE ONE AND SEAN AND I WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AFTERWARDS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL.

AS MENTIONED BEFORE, THIS IS THE A NUMBER OF YOU OF THE FEES AND THERE WERE FOUR DOCUMENTS INCLUDED THERE FOR YOU GUYS, THE FIRST IS THE ORDINANCE WHICH HAD ALL OF THE PRIOR STRIKEOUTS AND THE DATES WERE CHANGED TO REFLECT THE DATES OF JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026. THE SECOND WAS THE UPDATED FEE SHEET AND THE FEE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN REORGANIZED AND GROUPED IN A MORE STREAMLINED MANNER. ON THAT ONE FOR BUILDING PERMITS WE REDUCED THE TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY FROM \$500 DOWN TO \$300.

WE ARE LISTING A DEPOSIT FOR FILING THE PERMIT AND THE FEE FOR EXCESSIVE RESCHEDULING AND LISTED MINIMUMS TO ACCOUNT FOR ALL OF THE REQUIRED INSPECTIONS.

PARKING UPDATED THEIR FILMING FEE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADDED IN A OVERSIZED AND OVERWEIGHT FEE AND ZONING HAD THREE INCREASES, ALSO.

THE THIRD IS A UPDATED CHART FROM THE ICC AND THE EVALUATION REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN CALLED OUT ON THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS AND THE LAST ONE IS THE NEWEST WATER SERVICE METER CHART. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: QUESTIONS OF THE BOARD?  
TRUSTEE EDER?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: HELLO.  
THANK YOU FOR THIS.

I DON'T HAVE ANY CONCERNS WITH THE FEES AS THEY ARE LAID OUT HERE ALTHOUGH I HAVE A QUESTION AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS COME UP BEFORE AND YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO ASK, RIGHT?

OUR CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, LINDSAY MENTIONED THAT WE WERE POTENTIALLY LOOKING AT REDUCING OR ELIMINATING PERMIT FEES FOR THINGS LIKE THE HEAT PUMPS AND POTENTIALLY LIKE THINGS HAVING TO DO WITH TAKING AWAY CARBON IN ELECTRIFIED BUILDINGS AND I DON'T SEE THAT IN HERE, BUT I'M CURIOUS, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING WITH THIS OR POTENTIALLY IN THE FUTURE OR IS ANY OF THIS RINGING A BELL?

>>SPEAKER: I GOT THIS ONE, RELAXES POINT THE FIRST ANSWER FROM TWO WEEKS AGO IS THAT IT IS \$498 FOR A PERMIT, STANDARD 20 X 20. THE SECOND ANSWER LOOKING MORE TRUTHFULLY AUTOCRATIC AND I WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO LINDSAY ABOUT IT, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHO PUT THE HEAT PUMP IN AND WHO PUT A EV CHARGER IN, BECAUSE IT IS NOT SET UP THAT WAY AND THEN YOU HAVE THE OTHER PROGRAMS WHERE WE SAY OKAY, YOU GET A \$50 CREDIT NUMBER ONE WE CAN SEE HOW MANEUVERS CREDITS WERE ISSUED AND WE CAN ALSO GIVE THEM THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES SO THEY CAN ACTUALLY SEND OUT THE INFORMATION TO ADD. AND I WILL ACTUALLY GET BACK TO THE GARAGE BECAUSE I KNOW THAT ONE WAS ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

THERE IS TWO MAIN BUILDERS.

SO, WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THEY ACTUALLY HAVE THE INFORMATION SO THEY KNOW ABOUT THE GRANTS AND WE CAN GET THAT RIGHT THERE TO THE CUSTOMERS.

AND THEN AS I ALSO SAID IF WE HAVE THE CREDIT WE CAN PULL THAT REPORT AND THEY CAN BE CONTACTED THE OTHER WAY.

AND IF GREG HAS ANYTHING ELSE?

>>CRAIG FALOR: THAT IS FINE, WE ARE JUST LOOKING AT A CREDIT RATHER THAN A NO FEE AT ALL.

IT IS EASIER TO TRACK THAT WAY.

SO, THERE WILL BE SOME DISCOUNTS ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, THAT IS GOOD TO KNOW.

I DO REMEMBER ASKING TO ADD A DROP DOWN OPTION FOR A HEAT PUMP IN THE HVAC SYSTEM FOR CITYVIEW AND I THINK IT IS IN THEIR AND SO IT SEEMS LIKE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO KNOW IF SOMEBODY IS TRYING TO GET A PERMIT FOR A HEAT PUMP AND I KNOW THAT IS MAY BE A CONCERN THAT YOU MAY HAVE HAD, BUT I THINK THAT IS IN THERE.

AND I THINK IT WAS MAYBE ADDED A YEAR AGO, BUT YES, PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW THAT GOES.

I AM VERY CURIOUS TO SEE, THANK YOU.

OTHERWISE, NO QUESTIONS FROM ME ON THIS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

DO WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH PEOPLE RESCHEDULING CONSTANTLY?

(CHUCKLE).

>>SPEAKER: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME.

AND ON THIS ONE I MEAN IT IS A VERY MINIMAL FEE OF \$25 AND BASICALLY IT IS THE FOURTH TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY OTHER QUESTION.

>>SPEAKER: 1 OR 2 UNDERSTANDABLE, THREE TIMES LIFE HAPPENS, WHEN WE GET UP TO FOUR FOR THE SAME PROJECT YOU KNOW SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, APPROVE, WE HAVE A SIMILAR SITUATION WITH OUR SECOND READING AND FIRST READING AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER EIGHT - TWO - ONE OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE. MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOST OF MY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE EDER. VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: AGAIN THIS IS ANOTHER FEE INCREASE FOR BUSINESS LICENSING, IT IS A 3% ACROSS-THE-BOARD FOR ALL TYPES OF BUSINESS LICENSING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INFORMATION, NAOMI DIAZ AND I ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY QUESTIONS? TRUSTEE EDER?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: SO, I ASSUME THIS IS A INFLATIONARY INCREASE, RIGHT? IS THIS DONE ANNUALLY?

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, NAOMI DIAZ.

LAST YEAR WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT STAFF WAS ABLE TO REVIEW THE FEES OVER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME SINCE IT WAS ORIGINALLY CREATED FOR THAT FEE SCHEDULE SPECIFICALLY AND LAST YEAR WE HAD AND AGREE WITH THE VILLAGE BOARD THAT WE WOULD REVIEW THESE ANNUALLY AND THEN REASSESS THEM ON ANNUAL BASIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUILDING FEES.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY.

THAT MAKES SENSE TO ME.

DO WE KNOW WHAT THE COMPLIANCE LEVEL IS FOR THESE OF ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES LIKE HOW MANY ACTUALLY GET AND GO THROUGH THE LICENSING PROCESS?

>>NAOMI DIAZABSOLUTELY ON ANNUAL BASIS WE DO SEND OUT RENEWALS TO ALL 18 BUSINESSES AND THEY GET UP TO THREE NOTICES INQUIRING MAKING SURE THEY ARE COMPLIANT WITH LICENSING FEES.

IN TERMS OF ACTUAL COMPLIANCE YEAR-TO-DATE WE ARE ABOUT 75% COMPLIANT WITH ALL LICENSING.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: AND OF THE 25% THAT MAY BE DO NOT COMPLY, WHAT ARE THEIR CONSEQUENCES OR FINES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: YES, WE ISSUE FINES FOR OPERATING WITHOUT A BUSINESS LICENSE PEERS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, THAT IS GREAT.

LAST QUESTION, DO YOU KNOW THE ANNUAL REVENUE GENERATED FOR THAT IS?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: APPROXIMATELY CURRENTLY WE HAVE BUDGETED \$75,000 OF REVENUE FOR BUSINESS LICENSING.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY.

THOSE ARE ALL OF MY QUESTIONS, THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: HELLO, THANK YOU.

THE INCREASE IN FEES, IS THERE A ESTIMATED INCREASE IN REVENUE OR IS THIS JUST TO MEET SORT OF RISING COSTS?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: IT WOULD BE TO MEET COST AND OF COURSE IF WE REACH THAT 100% COMPLIANCE THEN IT WILL BE A INCREASE IN REVENUE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND THIS REMAINS COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: YES.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: 25% NONCOMPLIANCE?

HOW DO WE FIX THAT?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: SO, CURRENTLY MY BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICERS ARE OUT IN THE FIELD EVERY SINGLE DAY AND WE HAVE STARTED SIMILAR TO HOW NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, WE DO BUSINESS DISTRICT BLOCKS AND THEY ARE MEETING WITH ALL OF THE BUSINESSES GOING TO THEIR DOOR WITH THE FEE STATEMENT AND LETTING HIM KNOW THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY NOT COMPLIANT AND WE ARE DOING PERSONAL TOUCHUPS AND FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THEM.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GOT IT.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY REMAIN NONCOMPLIANT?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: WE WOULD MOVE TO SIDING THEM FOR OPERATING WITHOUT A BUSINESS LICENSE AND THEN WE GO THROUGH THE LITIGATION PROCESS PAIRED.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE STRAW.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WHAT IS THE HISTORY BEHIND PROFESSIONAL OFFICES HAVING NO FEE ASSOCIATED?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: A PROFESSIONAL OFFICE WE CAN LEGALLY NOT CHARGE THEM A LICENSE FEE BECAUSE THEY ARE REGISTERED WITH THE STATE. SO, DOCTOR'S OFFICE, LAWYERS, HOWEVER STAFF IS CURRENTLY RESEARCHING POTENTIALLY NEXT YEAR COMING BACK TO THE VILLAGE BOARD WITH A PROPOSED REGISTRATION FEE THAT WE CAN CHARGE THEM TO REGISTER WITH THE VILLAGE SO WE HAVE UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION AND THERE WOULD BE A FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, THEN WE WILL CALL THE ROLL.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE WESLEY, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES, SO BOTH OF THE ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR FEE SCHEDULES, MOVING TO SECOND READING I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE OF CHAPTER 13 HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE BY ADDING IN A NEW ARTICLE GENDER AFFIRMING CARE.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.  
VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: YES, THANK YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS.

LET ME INTRODUCE KELLY KEYS, CHIEF DEI OFFICER.

>>SPEAKER: HELLO, GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU TRUSTEES FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL REFLECTIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX MATTER DURING THE FIRST READING OF THIS AGENDA ITEM ON JULY 1. I WANT TO ECHO THE THEMES THAT EMERGE DURING YOUR DISCUSSION IN YOUR EMAILS AND EMAILS FROM THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE ISSUE.

IT IS ONE THAT TOUCHES ON PEOPLE SAFETY, DIGNITY AND ABILITY TO THRIVE. WE WANT OAK PARK TO CONTINUE BEING A COMMUNITY WHERE FAMILIES FEEL SAFE TO SETTLE, RAISE THEIR CHILDREN AND ACCESS RESOURCES WITHOUT FEAR. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE MINDFUL AND DO NOT WANT TO CREATE UNINTENDED RISKS FOR THOSE WE SEEK TO PROTECT.

OUR CHARGE IS TO BALANCE COMPASSION WITH CARE AND PRUDENCE - I HAVE A MUCH STRONGER VOICE THAN THIS.

ENSURING PROTECTIONS ARE CLEARLY ENSHRINED IN ORDINANCE WHILE ALSO CONSIDERING THE REAL WORLD IMPACT OF ENFORCEMENT, RETENTION AND VISIBILITY.

SEVERAL TRUSTEES NOTED THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK 'S CONCERN IS NOT ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND INSTEAD IT IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE.

THEIR DAILY REALITY, VULNERABILITIES AND HOPES.

WE MUST MOVE FORWARD IN WAYS THAT MITIGATE RISK, AVOID UNDUE EXPOSURE AND STILL AFFIRM OAK PARK 'S VALUES AS WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. WE HEARD AND READ THE CONCERNS RAISED BY RESIDENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PASSAGE OF THE AMENDING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINATE IS A MEANINGFUL FIRST STEP TO SUPPORT LGBTQ+. AND IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN JULY, WE HAVE BEGUN ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND EXPAND THE PROCESSING WASTE THAT PROTECT, NOT ENDANGER PARTICIPANTS, SPECIFICALLY WE WILL WORK WITH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE TO HOLD LISTENING SESSIONS ABOUT ADDITIONAL NEEDS. THE VILLAGE HAS MADE INVESTMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH AND MAKE POINTS SUCH AS ECHO AND OUR CONTRACT WITH THRIVE. WE REALIZE THAT WE NEED TO HEAR AND WE WILL LISTEN TO THOSE IMPACTED AND EVALUATE ADDITIONAL AVENUES TO STRENGTHEN OUR SUPPORT SYSTEMS. WITH THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE FLOCK CONTRACT, WE HAVE RESOLVED A POTENTIAL CONFLICT IN TERMS OF SURVEILLANCE AND THIS OPENS THE DOOR TO BE MORE INTENTIONAL ABOUT SANCTUARY PROTECTIONS. THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS EXAMINING HOW THE ORDINANCE WILL BE ENFORCED TO ENSURE THAT RIGHTS ARE NOT ONLY WRITTEN, BUT MEANINGFULLY PROTECTED. WE RECOGNIZE CONCERNS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE COSTS AND UNINTENDED IMPACT ON HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, SCHOOLS, THE TOWNSHIP AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WEIGH THESE CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THE TRUSTEES SUGGESTIONS AND PRESIDENT SUGGESTIONS AND LOOK FOR WAYS TO EXPAND PROTECTIONS AS A SECOND STEP. WE ALSO AFFIRM OAK PARK 'S COMMITMENT TO BEING A WELCOMING CITY AND WILL KEEP EXPLORING HOW THAT VISION CAN BE BROUGHT IN TO INCLUDE ALL WHO CALL THIS COMMUNITY HOME INCLUDING NATURALIZED CITIZENS AND THOSE WHO FACE INTERSECTING VULNERABILITIES. STILL AHEAD OF US IS BRINGING MORE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE MOST DIRECTLY IMPACTED AND AFFECTED BY THESE POLICIES AND PROTECTIONS INTO THE CONVERSATION. AND HOW WE SUGGEST THAT WE EXPAND VOP EFFORTS. DEFINING WHAT SANCTUARY MEANS FOR OAK PARK AND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IN PRACTICE AND WHAT IT REQUIRES OF US CONSIDERING POSSIBLE PROTECTION FOR PEOPLE FLEEING PERSECUTION IN OTHER STATES SO THERE ARE SANCTUARY EFFORTS THAT ARE NOT ONLY SYMBOLIC BUT ALSO SUBSTANTIVE. CAREFULLY MONITORING THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER PARTNERS. CONTINUING TO REFINE HOW OAK PARK CAN BE THE MOST WELCOMING COMMUNITY POSSIBLE WITHOUT CREATING UNINTENDED HARM. IN CLOSING I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT OUR PATH FORWARD IS BOTH CAREFUL AND HOPEFUL.

WE WILL KEEP CENTERING ON PEOPLE, LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY AND YOU AND MOVING WITH INTENTION TO CRAFT PROTECTIONS THE HONOR OAK PARK 'S VALUES WHILE SAFEGUARDING THOSE WE SERVE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLAP, GO AHEAD.

(APPLAUSE) DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING?

COME ON DOWN.

>>SPEAKER: THIS THING IS LIKE A RUNWAY!

(LAUGHTER).

>>SPEAKER: SORRY, I'LL GET THIS QUICK AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY.

I DO NOT HAVE ANY PREPARED REMARKS OR ANYTHING, BUT THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP AND I JUST WANT TO BEAR WITNESS.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AND THANK YOU FOR BEING IN BROADVIEW AND I WAS PART OF THE PEOPLE LIKE I WAS NOT IN ANY ALTERCATION, BUT I SAW THIS MILITARY SURGE AND THEY LAUNCHED TEARGAS CANISTERS OVER OUR HEADS AND OVER THE BUILDINGS BEHIND US AND IT WAS LIKE WE WERE ON A PUBLIC STREET AND HUNDREDS OF YARDS AWAY FROM ANY FENCING IN THE WAY THAT WE HAVE SEEN OUR NEIGHBORS BE KIDNAPPED, THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION IS NOW LIKE TRYING TO GET THE FBI TO CALL TRANS PEOPLE RADICAL AND VIOLENT AND WHATEVER AND LIKE WE ARE BEING TOLD THAT LIKE TRANSGENDER ANTIFA IS NOW SOME BIG ENEMY.

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE IN THE BROADVIEW FACILITY RIGHT NOW AND THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP.

THIS WORK IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND IT MATTERS A LOT EVEN THOUGH THE URGENCY IS CHAOTIC AND ALL OVER THE PLACE.

FORGIVE ME FOR SPEAKING OFF-THE-CUFF HERE, BUT I JUST WANTED TO ECHO FOR EVERYBODY THAT I HAVE SEEN A TON OF COMMITMENT TO ACTUALLY MAKING THE SANCTUARY PROTECTIONS WORK AND WE REALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT TRANSIT RIGHTS, THAT IS FICTION, THESE ARE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK, TRANS PEOPLE JUST HAPPEN TO REPRESENT FREEDOM OF SELF-EXPRESSION AND FREEDOM TO SELF-DETERMINED OF WHO YOU ARE AND TO KNOW YOURSELF AND NOT BE DEFINED BY OTHER PEOPLE.

GENDER AFFIRMING CARE IS SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO EVERYBODY.

AS YOU GET TO GO TO A SPORTS BAR THAT MAKES YOU FEEL MORE LIKE A MAN, RIGHT ON.

THAT IS GENDER AFFIRMING CARE.

CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR TRANS PEOPLE SAVES LIVES.

THERE ARE STUDIES FOR THAT, GENDER AFFIRMING CARE SAVES LIVES.

THIS COMMUNITY CARES ABOUT SCIENCE, WE CARE ABOUT EVIDENCE, WE CARE ABOUT EDUCATION AND WE CARE ABOUT PROTECTING EACH OTHER.

I WAS BORN HERE, I FEEL CONFIDENT IN SPEAKING TO THAT AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR REFLECTING A COMMITMENT TO PUSH ALL OF THESE THINGS INTO BEING BECAUSE IT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

WE CAN REALLY BE A BEACON OF HOPE THAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING AND I WILL SHUT UP AND PEOPLE ARE MOVING FROM RED STATES THEY COME HERE FOR THESE REASONS.

SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR THAT AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND REALLY EXCITED THAT THIS IS PASSING.

THANK YOU AGAIN.

(APPLAUSE).

>>SPEAKER: ARE YOU TAKING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: HELLO, GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS LAYLA S AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING OAK PARK'S VILLAGE CODE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE BOARD PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CODE TO DEMONSTRATE THE VILLAGES STRONG COMMITMENT TO SAFE AND LEGAL ACCESS TO GENDER AFFIRMING CARE SERVICES.

AS A LESBIAN AND A MOTHER I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT ALIGN WITH EXPECTED GENDER NORMS, HOWEVER THEY USE A HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE TO ENDORSE UNNAMED MEDICAL PRACTICES WHICH SEEMS AWKWARD AND NOT FULLY CONSIDERED.

THIS ALSO URGES OAK PARK RESIDENTS INTO A PARTICULAR SIDE OF A GLOBAL DEBATE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS AND ETHICS AROUND GENDER AFFIRMING CARE. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE BOARD IS MOTIVATED TO SUPPORT ITS RESIDENTS, HOWEVER WITH THIS PROPOSAL, THE BOARD RISKS SILENCING RESIDENCE AND IGNORES THE CURRENT DEBATE THAT IS HAPPENING AMONG MEDICAL PROVIDERS, PARENTS, CONCERNED CITIZENS AND EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED GENDER AFFIRMING CARE.

I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT IN ADDITION TO THE OVER 20 STATES AND PUERTO RICO, THERE ARE A GROWING NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDING FINLAND, SWEDEN AND THE UK WHO ARE PUTTING LIMITS ON THE PROVISION OF PUBERTY BLOCKERS, HORMONES ON TEENAGERS WHICH ARE ALL PART OF THE GENDER AFFIRMING CARE MODEL.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO NOTE THAT THERE IS A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TAKING AWAY TRANSITION RECEIVED GENDER AFFIRMING CARE AND THEN GIVEN UP THEIR TRANS IDENTIFICATION AND THEIR SHARING CONCERNS ABOUT THESE MEDICAL PRACTICES.

THE BOARD'S AMENDMENT IMPLIES THAT THIS DISAGREEMENT ISSUE IS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND INTENDED TO DRIVE DISCRIMINATION.

HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT TRUE.

THERE IS A GROWING NUMBER OF DEMOCRATS MOTIVATED BY A DEEP CONCERN OF LACK OF EVIDENCE AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL LIFELONG HARMS.

EQUALLY, GAY MEN AND LESBIANS ARE PASSIONATELY RAISING ALARM BELLS AND MANY PEOPLE COMING OFF OF TRANSITION SAY THAT THIS WAS FUELED BY THE GENDER AFFIRMING CARE APPROACH WHERE THEY WERE SIMPLY SAME SEX ATTRACTED GENDER NONCONFORMING PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE HEALTHY AND WHOLE LIVES.

THIS SHOULD BE ALARMING TO EVERYONE AS THIS IS NOW A NEW FORM OF GAY CONVERSION THERAPY.

I ASKED THE BOARD NOT TO APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT, BECAUSE IT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF SILENCING FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY OF RESIDENTS WHO MAY BE CONCERNED ABOUT THESE ISSUES FOR INSTANCE WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPLICATION FOR USE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SPACES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO GATHER AND DISCUSS THESE CONCERNS?

OR THE IMPACT IT COULD HAVE ON SILENCING HEALTHY DEBATE IN OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER OR IN PUBLIC SPACES?

LASTLY I ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN HARMED IN THE PAST OR IN THE FUTURE I GENDER AFFIRMING CARE PRACTICES.

A TRULY INCLUSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE SHOULD CONSIDER ALL RESIDENTS AND REFLECT A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES AND ENSURE THAT THE RIGHTS OF ALL RESIDENTS ARE PROTECTED.

THANK YOU.

(APPLAUSE).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: DO WE HAVE MORE PUBLIC COMMENT?

PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: I DID NOT EXPECT TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE TONIGHT, BUT AS THE MOTHER OF A GENDER QUEER CHILD IT IS WORTH LOOKING INTO THE NUMBERS OF THE USE OF A PUBERTY BLOCKER.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS DO CONSIDER THIS DEEPLY WHEN WE THROW OUT CONCEPTS LIKE DE- TRANSITION IS, AGAIN, IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE NUMBERS.

THE ACTUAL STUDIES COMING OUT OF PLACES LIKE THE NETHERLANDS WHERE THIS SORT OF THING HAS BEEN ORIGINALLY STUDIED AND EXPANDED UPON AND IT IS VERY EASY TO INFLAME THIS TOPIC WITH RHETORIC WITHOUT AGAIN LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS, HAD I KNOWN I WOULD SPEAK ON THIS TONIGHT, I WOULD HAVE BROUGHT HIS NUMBERS.

BUT, GENDER IS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT, GENDER IS FAR MORE COMPLEX THAN ANY OF US CAN REALLY PIN DOWN AND I THINK OAK PARK IS EXACTLY THE PLACE TO BE IF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WANT TO BE YOURSELF AND I TOTALLY SUPPORT US FURTHERING THAT.

THAT IS ALL.

THANK YOU.

(APPLAUSE).

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THIS IMPROMPTU PUBLIC COMMENT.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENTER INTO THE RECORD THE LEADING MEDICAL GROUPS THAT RECOGNIZE MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY, THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, THE AMERICAN COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE MIDWIVES, THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS BEAR THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, THE EMERGING COUNSELING ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN PUB. HEALTH ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICANS SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS, THE ENDOCRINE SOCIETY, THE FEDERATION OF PEDIATRIC ORGANIZATIONS, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND WOMEN'S HEALTH, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, THE PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINE SOCIETY, THE SOCIETY FOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND MEDICINE, THE WILL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, AND THE WILL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

(AUDIO LOST)

SO, THANK YOU, OAK PARK, FOR COMMITTING TO THIS SCIENCE AND THE MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND AGREEING WITH THE EXPERTS THAT THIS IS MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE.

THANK YOU.

(APPLAUSE).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PUBLIC COMMENTERS, DOES ANYBODY ELSE WISH TO SPEAK?

PLEASE.

THAT IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN BE HEARD - NO, YOU CAN COME STRAIGHT DOWN -

>>SPEAKER: HELLO EVERYONE.

MY NAME IS BELINDA BLUE AND I AM NOT GOING TO ADDRESS WHAT I WANT TO ADDRESS THIS EVENING, BUT I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR ALL THE SUBJECTS AND ITEMS THAT WERE ADDRESSED.

BUT, I WANTED TO REALLY INTRODUCE MYSELF TO THE BOARD.

I AM THE YOUNG LADY WHO HAS BEEN WRITING YOU THESE EMAILS REGARDING THE JUNE 10 CELEBRATION THAT WE HAVE HERE IN THE COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE FORMED AN EXECUTIVE BOARD OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS TO IMPROVE THESE CELEBRATIONS EACH YEAR.

SO, I JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT YOU SAW ME IN PERSON AND I KNOW YOU GOT ALL OF THESE EMAILS WITH MY PICTURE ON THEM, BUT I AM BELINDA AND SO YOU WILL BE GETTING SOME MORE.

AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL OBTAIN A MEETING.

WITH MRS. KEYES AND HER STAFF, BECAUSE WE DESPERATELY NEED ONE.

AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AND THE NEXT TIME WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU, THAT YOU ALL WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 TO 20 MINUTES AND JUST HAVE A ZOOM MEETING WITH US IF YOU CAN.

WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND I WANTED TELL YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN THAT I VOTED FOR YOU PRIMARILY BECAUSE YOU HAD ON A JUNE 10 T-SHIRT ON ONE OF YOUR CAMPAIGN ADVERTISEMENTS AND I KNEW I WANTED TO VOTE FOR A FEMALE, BUT THAT JUNE 10 T-SHIRT RESONATED WITH ME.

AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE HAD YOUR SUPPORT.

BUT, I HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM YOU AND ALL OF THESE EMAILS THAT WE HAVE BEEN SENDING SINCE JULY 9. AND THIS IS SEPTEMBER WHAT, 30TH? THAT IS A LONG TIME.

SO, I REALLY CAN APPRECIATE EVERYTHING IN THESE POLICIES AND ALL OF THE OTHER DIFFERENT GROUPS, BUT WE NEED PROTECTING AS WELL, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN OAK PARK, WE NEED PROTECTION IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS.

AND FROM MY UNDERSTANDING THERE ARE OVER 10,000 AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE COMMUNITY AND WHEN WE HAVE THIS EVENT EACH YEAR IF THERE ARE 300 PEOPLE AT THIS EVENT, TELL ME ABOUT IT.

AND THAT IS JUST UNACCEPTABLE.

AND FROM THE GOVERNMENT FUNDING THAT YOU ARE GETTING FOR THESE TYPES OF EVENTS AND THESE DEI EVENTS, I THINK WE DESERVE A LITTLE BETTER.

WE HAVE NO PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS OUT, NOTHING.

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS EVENT.

AND AGAIN, IT IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WE HAVE DECIDED THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO TOLERATE IT ANYMORE.

AND WE JUST REALLY WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT, BECAUSE WHATEVER WE HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO GET WHAT WE DESERVE, WE WILL DO THAT.

BUT, WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT HERE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

HERE IN THIS ROOM.

AND IN THE DEI OFFICE.

WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO TAKE IT ANY FARTHER.

BUT, WE HAVE REALLY TRIED TO COMMUNICATE SINCE JULY 9. THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE VERY SIMILAR GOALS INCLUDING SUPPORTING WOMEN AND I APPRECIATE OUR DUI OFFICER AND OUR TEAM.

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH YOU.

I DO BELIEVE WE HAVE THE SAME GOALS.

THANK YOU.

OKAY.

ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT -

>>SPEAKER: (AWAY FROM MIC).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU CAN, YES, PLEASE.

ALL RIGHT, SO, BUT IF THERE IS NO MORE ON THIS ITEM WHICH IS THE GENDER AFFIRMING CARE AGENDA, I WILL OPEN IT UP TO THE BOARD AND IF NOT I WILL SHARE A FEW WORDS.

TRUSTEE STRAW.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I AM INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS ITEM AND I JUST WANT TO REITERATE SOMETHING THAT AARON SAID AND I HAVE SEEN.

I HAVE HEARD FROM SO MANY PARENTS OF KIDS WHO ARE GENDER QUEER OR TRANS WHO HAVE MOVED TO OAK PARK, BECAUSE THE COMMUNITIES THEY WERE LIVING IN WERE NOT SAFE FOR THEM.

OAK PARK HAS BEEN A SANCTUARY IF NOT BY ORDINANCE, FOR SOME TIME AND PEOPLE HAVE HEARD IN FAR REACHES OF THE COUNTRY THAT THIS IS A SAFE PLACE FOR THEM TO COME AND RAISE THEIR KIDS AND SO I THINK THAT US TAKING THIS FIRST STEP IS IMPORTANT AND I AM VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THIS IS A FIRST STEP THAT WILL LEAD TO ADDITIONAL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHAT PROTECTIONS WE CAN PUT INTO PLACE.

SO, I AM ENTHUSIASTIC AND SUPPORTIVE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND A CONTINUING PROCESS WHERE WE ARE TAKING A DEEPER LOOK AT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SANCTUARY AND WHAT FURTHER PROTECTIONS WE CAN MEANINGFULLY PUT IN PLACE.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO DOCTOR KEYES FOR HER WORK ON THIS AS WELL AS OTHER STAFF MEMBERS, COMMUNITY INPUT, THANK YOU TO AARON AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT HELPED US THINK ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE AS A FIRST STEP AGAIN, THIS IS AS TRUSTEE STRAW SAID AS WE CONTINUE OUR WORK WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND WITH LEGAL INPUT TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY AS STRONG OF A SANCTUARY COMMUNITY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN BE.

I DO NOT EVER WANT - WE CAN MAINTAIN FREE SPEECH, OPEN DIALOGUE, BUT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NEVER GOING TO BE UP FOR DEBATE AND WE WILL NOT DEBATE WHETHER ANY INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF THEIR IDENTITY SHOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS TO CARE, TO SAFETY AND COMMUNITY.

SO, THE ONLY LIKE SPECIFIC COMMENT I WANTED TO MAKE ON THE DRAFT THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT, AND THIS MAY BE MY CONFUSION OF GETTING USED TO THE LINGUISTICS, BUT UNDER 13 - NINE - THREE, THE FIRST PART OF THE SENTENCE, NO VILLAGE AGENT OR AGENCY OR USING RESOURCES OR ASSET ALONG INTO THE VILLAGE MAY CONDUCT ANY ETC., IS THAT A TYPO OR AM I JUST NOT UNDERSTANDING THE SUBJECT HERE?

AGENT OR AGENCY OR USING RESOURCES?

>>SPEAKER: THERE IS A ADDITIONAL OR RIGHT THERE -

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: SO THE ORDER SHOULD BE GONE?

>>SPEAKER: YES.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SORRY TO NITPICK, BUT I'M GETTING USED TO THE GENRE.

THANK YOU AGAIN DOCTOR KEYES.

>>SPEAKER: JUST FOR THE RECORD I AM NOT A DOCTOR, I AM A LAWYER. I ONLY HAVE MY TV MD.

(LAUGHTER) THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FOR THE BOARD?

ALL RIGHT, WELL I AS WELL AM EXTREMA GRATEFUL TO ALL MY GOODNESS - KELLY KEYES, BUT TO OUR IMMUNITY AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THEM WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE NOT ONLY HAVE THE STRONGEST ORDINANCE BECAUSE THERE IS SIMILARLY, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I BELIEVE IN VERY STRONGLY AND YOU KNOW ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL WORK THAT COMES AFTER THIS, I KNOW THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT IN PARTNERSHIP.

SO, THANK YOU.

AND AGAIN, AS FAR AS FREEDOM OF SPEECH I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO FEEL AS IF THEY CANNOT SAY WHAT THEY NEED TO SAY.

AND I ALWAYS MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE TO ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO TALK.

BUT, GRATEFUL AND I AM ALL IN ON THIS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE?

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, TRUSTEE WESLEY, PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

ALL RIGHT, EXCELLENT.

SO, NOW - (APPLAUSE) NOW WE, OUR CONSENT AGENDA AND I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA NOTING THAT WE HAVE REMOVED ITEM N.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON.

AND CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

THE CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED AND WE WILL TURN TO ITEM N, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REVCON NOT TO \$430,000.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: PRESIDENT SCAMAN, WE HAVE CRAIG FALOR.

>>CRAIG FALOR: GOOD EVENING.

THIS ITEM THAT WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS FOR REVCON TECHNOLOGIES LOOKING AT PARKING ACCESS AND THE STAFF IS SEEKING APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT INCLUDING NEW PAYMENT RENTALS WHICH WILL REPLACE THE OUTDATED INFORMATION. WE HAVE A DETAILED LIST OF ALL THE DIFFERENT CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE WANT TO DO TO THE TWO PARKING GARAGES. THESE IMPROVEMENTS REQUESTED WERE BUDGETED THROUGH THE ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THIS YEAR.

SO, THEY HAVE BEEN FUNDED AND MARLON JACKSON, OUR PARKING MOBILITY MANAGER AM HERE FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS ITEM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

TRUSTEE EDER?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YES, IT WAS ME WHO PULLED IT FROM CONSENT, SORRY. SO, THE FIRST THING THAT JUMPED OUT AT ME IS THE COST OF THIS WHICH I ASSUME - I WAS NOT HERE WHEN THIS WAS ORIGINALLY VOTED ON AND SO I ASSUME THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED.

IT DID SEEM LIKE A VERY LARGE NUMBER IN TERMS OF THE COST AND SO I WOULD LOVE TO LEARN A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THAT.

BUT, THE REAL THING THAT SORT OF CAUGHT MY EYE AND I THINK THIS IS TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON THAT NOTICED THIS FIRST, THE CHANGES, TO OUR FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT TONIGHT, THERE ARE LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS THAT ARE PART OF THESE UPGRADES.

WE HAVE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS RECENTLY ABOUT LICENSE PLATE READERS AND THEIR POTENTIAL FOR HARM IN TERMS OF WHERE IS THAT DATA GOING?

HOW CAN IT BE ACCESSED?

AND IF SO I REALLY HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW IS THAT DATA CAPTURED AND WHO HAS ACCESS TO IT AND IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE ACCESS OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, IS IT IN A CLOUD SYSTEM?

HOW IS THAT DATA PROTECTED?

THAT IS REALLY THE QUESTION THAT IS MOST PERTINENT TO ME.

SO, IF YOU COULD SHARE ANY CONSENT WITH THAT, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

>>SPEAKER: MARLON JACKSON, PARCS MANAGER.

EXCUSE ME I AM A LITTLE BIT SICK AND SO AS FAR AS THE LPR IS CONCERNED, THEY ARE HOUSED IN OUR DATABASE AND IS STRICTLY FOR THE PARCS SYSTEM PEERS WILL, THE LICENSE PLATES ARE NOT GIVEN TO ANY OTHER ENTITY.

IT IS BASICALLY TO ALLOW EASE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR THE CUSTOMER.

IT IS IF THE CUSTOMER PAYS PRIOR THAN THE LPR SYSTEM WILL NOTICE THAT FROM THE PARK SYSTEM AND JUST OPEN THE GATE FOR THEM TO LEAVE.

ALSO I HAVE TALKED TO OUR IT TEAM TO FIGURE OUT IF ANY INFORMATION IS BEING USED BY THEM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LPR AND IT IS NOT.

IT IS PROPRIETARY TO THAT LOCATION AND THAT DATABASE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, THANK YOU.

THAT IS THE MAJOR CONCERN, I KNOW THESE TECHNOLOGIES HELP WITH THE CONVENIENCE FOR COLLECTING FEES AND ALL OF THAT. SO, YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT IS STAYING WITHIN LIKE THAT IS LIKE A CLOSED-CIRCUIT KIND OF SYSTEM OR THAT DEVICE IS PHYSICALLY LIKE STORING IN OAK PARK AND ONLY WHAT LIKE VILLAGE STAFF CAN ACCESS IT, IS THAT CORRECT?

>>SPEAKER: AND ONLY AT THAT LOCATION FOR INSTANCE IF YOU GO INTO HOLY COURT GARAGE WITH YOUR LICENSE PLATE READER AND THEN YOU GO TO THE AVENUE GARAGE, THAT GARAGE DOES NOT KNOW THAT YOU WERE AT HOLLY COURT, YOU WOULD STILL NEED TO PULL A TICKET, REGISTER YOUR LICENSE PLATE AT THAT PARTICULAR GARAGE AND THEN ANY TRANSACTIONS THAT ARE HANDLED FROM THERE, LPR WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT AND THEN ALLOW YOU TO EXIT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, THANK YOU.

I THINK THAT MOSTLY RELAYS THE CONCERN I HAVE, IT IS JUST WORTH NOTING THAT THE CONCERN WITH FLOCK WHICH WAS MENTIONED AT THE TOP OF THIS MEETING IS THAT THEY HAVE THIS DATA SYSTEM THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO MANY MANY AGENCIES AND MANY WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT.

THAT WAS THE PRIMARY CONCERN WITH THAT SYSTEM.

SO, THIS IS A LPR SYSTEM THAT HAS CAMERAS THAT READ LICENSE PLATES, BUT WHERE THAT DATA LIVES AND WHO ACCESSES AND WHO HAS CONTROL, THAT IS A CRITICAL DETAIL THAT IF I EVER SEE ANYTHING I WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS AGAIN, YOU KNOW?

JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT PUTTING OUR RESIDENTS OR PEOPLE VISITING OUR VILLAGE AT RISK FROM SURVEILLANCE FROM FORCES THAT POTENTIALLY WISH TO DO HARM.

SO, THAT IS IT FOR ME.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN:?

SORT OF SUB- QUESTIONS TO WHAT HAS BEEN RAISED.

FIRST, ARE THEY NECESSARY?

EVERY TIME I'VE USED THOSE GARAGES, THE TICKET TELLS YOU HOW LONG I HAVE BEEN IN THERE AND SO THE CAMERAS ARE JUST LIKE A SECOND CONFIRMATION THAT I AM NOT SKIRTING OR LYING OR -

>>SPEAKER: WELL, THE LPR BASICALLY HELP WHEN YOU HAVE MULTIPLE PEOPLE IN THE GARAGE.

SAY WE HAVE AN EVENT AT HOLLY COURT AND WE HAVE 500 CARS IN THE GARAGE. IF A PERSON ONLY UTILIZED THE TICKET, THAT MEANS THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY AT THE EXIT WHICH IS NOW BACKING UP MULTIPLE VEHICLES, THEY HAVE TO WAIT TO PAY AT THE EXIT, AS WELL.

IF THE CUSTOMER GOES AHEAD AND PAYS AT A PAY STATION, LPR KNOWS THAT THEY PAID AND NOW YOU HAVE A SEAMLESS AMOUNT OF CARS COMING THROUGH AND SO 10 PEOPLE PAID, ONE CARL EXIT AND THE NEXT CAR GOES OUT AND IT ALLOWS EGRESS FOR PEOPLE TO GET OUT OF THE GARAGE CONVENIENTLY AND HAVE ANOTHER OPTION TO ENTER AND EXIT.

ANOTHER WAY THAT WORKS IS FOR PERMIT HOLDERS.

ONCE AS A PERMIT HOLDER SIGNS UP, WE HAVE THE INFORMATION WITH LPR IN THE SYSTEM AND IT WILL ALLOW THEM TO ENTER AND EXIT THE GARAGE WITHOUT PULLING ANY TICKETS OR WAIVING ANY TRANSPONDERS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT AND SO IT IS MORE CONVENIENT.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: AND WHEN YOU CHECKED ABOUT THE SAFETY AND PROTECTIONS OF DATA, HAD THERE BEEN AUDITS THAT CONFIRM THAT WE KNOW HOW IT HAS BEEN USED OR HOW IT HAS BEEN STORED?

>>SPEAKER: SO, WE CURRENTLY HAVE LPR ALREADY AT THE GARAGE AND WE ARE JUST SEEKING TO UPGRADE.

SO, THAT INFORMATION ANYTIME LIKE OUTSIDE, THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT WOULD ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO GET THE INFORMATION IS REVCON BECAUSE IT IS THEIR SYSTEM AND WE HAVE TO GIVE THEM A SIGN OFF.

ANYTIME THEY NEED TO GO INTO OUR SYSTEM, WE HAVE A SHEET THAT WE UTILIZE THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO GO IN AND SIGN SAYING THAT THEY ARE GOING TO ACCESS THE DATA AND THE ONLY REASON THEY WOULD ACCESS THAT DATA IS IF WE ARE HAVING AN ISSUE WITH THE SYSTEM THAT WE NEED CORRECTED.

IT WOULD NOT BE PULLING DATA FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION. IF THAT HELPS.

THEY ARE THE PROPRIETARY OWNER OF THE EQUIPMENT.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I FELT BETTER UNTIL YOU SAID THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THERE IS NO SEARCHING OF THE SYSTEM?

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: SO, WHAT ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH THEY WOULD REQUEST ACCESS TO IMAGES OF LICENSE PLATES THAT CAME IN OR OUT OF THE GARAGE?

>>SPEAKER: THEY WOULD NOT REQUEST ACCESS, WE WOULD REQUEST SERVICE FROM THEM TO ACCESS THE SYSTEM.

SORRY, SHOULD HAVE -

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: NO, THAT IS GOOD.

THANK YOU.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE POLICE TECHNOLOGY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVEILLANCE ORDINANCE THAT WAS ADOPTED EXCLUDED LPR TECHNOLOGY FOR THE USE OF PARKING COMPLIANCE AND ENTERPRISE SERVICES.

SO, IF WE WERE THINKING ABOUT OPENING IT UP SORT OF LIKE A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE LPR TECHNOLOGY AND THE USE OF PARKING COMPLIANCE AND PARKING ENTERPRISE SERVICES, THEN THAT WOULD BE A NEW DIRECTION AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

I MEAN I WELCOME QUESTIONS, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS GOOD CLARITY.

I DO RECOGNIZE THAT OUR AUDITS - WE HAVE HAD THAT USAGE SEPARATED, BUT STILL IT HAS BEEN A BIT SINCE WE HAD THE CONVERSATION AND OUR WORLD HAS CHANGED.

SO, THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN AND FOR RESPONDING TO OUR QUESTIONS.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: PRESIDENT SCAMAN IF I CAN SAY ONE OTHER THING TO RELATE TO THE LAST POINT, STAFF, WE ARE HAPPY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION JUST TO EXPLAIN THE USE OF LPR TECHNOLOGY FOR PARKING SERVICES JUST SO WE CAN CREATE FURTHER AWARENESS BEYOND AND ALWAYS HAPPY TO FOLLOW-UP WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS AND MEET AND TALK AND WHENEVER NECESSARY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AND WITH THAT, THEN -

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU.

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS IN A PREVIOUS BOARD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE AGAIN FELT SIMILARLY AND THIS WAS WHEN SEAN CAME HERE AND WE HAD A DISCUSSION LETTING US KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE SECURITY AND WHAT THIS WAS PARTICULARLY USED FOR WHICH I THINK YOU KNOW I TALKED TO TRUSTEE JENNA ABOUT THIS AND IT WAS A SIMILAR CONVERSATION.

WE HAVE HAD THIS TECHNOLOGY IN OAK PARK AND IT IS NOT NEW AND I TALKED TO CHIEF JOHNSON ABOUT IT BECAUSE WE HAVE PARKING ENFORCEMENT CARS THAT HAVE THE SAME TECHNOLOGY MOUNTED TO THE TOP OF THE CAR, BUT THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY CHECKING TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE JUST PAID FOR YOUR PARKING.

THEY ARE NOT RUNNING IT THROUGH DATABASES OR ANYTHING.

THEY ARE JUST CHECKING TO MAKE SURE YOU'VE PAID FOR PARKING.

AND THEY GAVE US THIS YOU KNOW ACKNOWLEDGMENT BEFORE OF LIKE THAT IS THE ONLY THING THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE UTILIZED FOR.

AND SO I DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE AND IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP AS A CONCERNING PIECE NOT ONLY HERE, BUT ALSO IN CPOC MEETINGS AND SO IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT THIS IS AN UPDATE TO A SYSTEM, THIS IS NOT NEW THAT THE LPR HAS BEEN IN THE GARAGE FOR SOME PERIOD OF TIME. SO, IT HAS BEEN THERE AND IT IS JUST UPDATING IT.

I UNDERSTAND THE CONVENIENCE THING AND YOU KNOW IT DOES MAKE IT SO IT RUNS A LOT SMOOTHER AND I WAS EXPLAINING THIS TO MY WIFE AS WE ARE PULLING OUT OF THERE, BECAUSE SHE WAS LIKE WAIT, WHY DID THAT JUST OPEN IT UP AND DID NOT GIVE A TICKET?

I SAID NO, THAT IS HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS.

IT'S EASIER LICENSE PLATE AND KNOWS YOU ALREADY PAID AND IT IS GETTING YOU OUT OF THERE BECAUSE EXACTLY WHAT YOU WERE SAYING, THREE CARS PULLED UP AT THAT TIME AND THERE IS THREE ENTRANCES TO THIS PARKING LOT SO YOU KNOW ALREADY IT IS A JAMMED UP PARKING LOT AND THERE IS PEOPLE WALKING THROUGH MULTIPLE ENTRANCES.

SO, IT IS ALSO A SAFETY THING AS WELL WHEN CARS START TO MILE HIGH -- CARS START TO PILE UP.

AND I DO WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THESE POLICIES AND MAKE SURE THAT WE KNOW ALL OF THE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT WE ARE UTILIZING THE TECHNOLOGY AND THEN ALSO LIKE THE COST AND I MEAN LIKE I GET LIKE I CAN SEE THAT IS A SUPEREXPENSIVE BOX IT IS LIKE \$120,000 OR SOMETHING LIKE SOME OF THESE

THINGS ARE PRETTY EXPENSIVE SO, JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND ARE WE GETTING THE BEST BANG FOR OUR BUCK AND ARE THERE ANY OTHER VENDORS THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY BE SEARCHING INTO?

BUT, I APPRECIATE THIS AND IT DOES MAKE SENSE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT TO GET A MEMORANDUM AS YOU DESCRIBED.

TO PUT A FINER POINT OUT WHAT I WAS SAYING EARLIER, UPGRADES MAKE SENSE AND THE SYSTEMS MAKE SENSE AND IT IS REALLY THE LEVELS ARE IN THE DETAILS AND IT COULD VERY EASILY BE HEY, HERE IS AN UPGRADE TO OUR EXISTING TECHNOLOGY COMING NOT EVEN MAY BE PHYSICALLY CHANGING THE CAMERAS, BUT WE ARE JUST GOING TO CONNECTED TO OUR CLOUD SERVICES AND THOSE ARE OFTENTIMES LIKE THERE IS A LOT OF LUCRATIVE DATA IN LICENSE PLATES, THAT IS A REASON I BELIEVE THAT FLOCK WANTED TO RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF OUR DATA SO BADLY, BECAUSE IT IS VALUABLE DATA.

AND SO I DO THINK IT IS POTENTIALLY SOMETHING THAT I REALLY ALWAYS WANT TO BE LOOKING AT.

WHERE DOES THE DATA GO AND WHO OWNS THE DATA.

NOT JUST WHAT - BUT LIKE WHAT IS TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE.

IF SOMETHING IS GOING TO A CLOUD SERVER, ALL OF A SUDDEN LIKE IF YOU GO INTO LOTS OF PLACES THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INSIGHT AND IT COULD BE LIKE A BLACK BOX.

AND SO THERE IS REAL DANGER THAT CAN CREEP UP ON YOU EVEN WITH JUST THAT UPGRADE AND I APPRECIATE STAFF ANSWERING THAT QUESTION LAST MINUTE AND SORRY FOR PULLING IT SO LATE, BUT I AM SATISFIED WITH THE ANSWERS HERE AND IT IS JUST SOMETHING FOR FUTURE CONVERSATIONS AND I DEFINITELY ALWAYS WANT TO BE LOOKING AT WHERE THE DATA GOES AND HOW WE CAN PROTECT OURSELVES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXCELLENT, THANK YOU.

AND WITH THAT I ASKED CLERK WATERS IF SHE WOULD PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE.

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

SO, ITEM N HAS PASSED.

MOVING TO OUR REGULAR - OR LIQUOR LICENSE NOW.

SO, I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 25 - 187 CONCUR WITH LIQUOR CONTROL REVIEW BOARD ADOPT ORDINANCE EMBEDDING CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE 8 SECTION THREE - EIGHT - ONE PERMITTED OF THE SECTION 382 TWO NA SLAM RESTAURANT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND VILLAGE TRUSTEES, RASHIDA JACKSON, ASSISTANT VILLAGE ATTORNEY.

NA SIAM THAI RESTAURANT SEEKS APPROVAL OF A RESTAURANT CLASS B1 LIQUOR LICENSE AND THE LICENSE WOULD PERMIT THE RESTAURANT TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE RESTAURANT.

NA SIAM PROMOTES ITSELF AS THE BEST THAI FOOD IN OAK PARK AND IT IS LOCATED AT 6851 W. NORTH AVENUE.

IT SERVES AUTHENTIC THAI DISHES INCLUDING PAD THAI, GREEN CURRY AND TOM YUM SOUP.

THE RESTAURANT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO START A KARAOKE NIGHT, HOST LIVE MUSIC EVENTS AND PARROTS DISHES WITH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

THE RESTAURANT IS OPEN NIGHTLY FROM 11:30 AM UNTIL 11 PM.

AT ITS AUGUST 26 2025 REGULAR MEETING, THE LIQUOR CONTROL REVIEW BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RECOMMEND THAT NA SIAM THAI RESTAURANT BE GRANTED A CLASS BI LIQUOR LICENSE.

UNFORTUNATELY THE OWNERS ARE NOT HERE TONIGHT DUE TO AN EMERGENCY IN MICHIGAN, HOWEVER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, NAOMI DIAZ FROM DEVELOPMENT CUSTOMER SERVICE OR MYSELF AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD MAY HAVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY QUESTIONS?

TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: THAT IS FINE - THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH OR SECTION, THE LIQUOR CONTROL REVIEW BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED THAT SOUL AVENUES APPLICATION BE GRANTED?

>>SPEAKER: TYPO.

NO, NO, IT IS NA SIAM.

THANK YOU FOR CATCHING THAT AND I WILL MAKE THAT CORRECTION.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>SPEAKER: WHO VOTED ON IT BEING THE BEST THAI IN OAK PARK?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT IS A TOUGH ONE TO EVEN TALK ABOUT HERE.

>>SPEAKER: YOU KNOW THAT INFORMATION WAS FOUND OUT ON THEIR WEBSITE!  
(LAUGHTER).

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WILL CLARIFY THAT WHILE I'M SUPPORTIVE I THINK IT IS A TOUGH CATEGORY TO DECLARE YOURSELF THE BEST, THERE IS A LOT OF GREAT THAI FOOD IN OAK PARK.

SO -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: STILL VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR INVESTMENT.  
OKAY, WITH THAT, CLERK WATERS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE?

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

WE MAY HOLD THEM TO THAT 11 PM SOME NIGHT AFTER A BOARD MEETING.

>>SPEAKER: AND ONE MORE THING PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM IS ORDINANCE 25 - 189, IT DID NOT PRINT ON THE AGENDA DUE TO A SOFTWARE AND SO IT WILL BE MOVED TO THE OCTOBER 14 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, BECAUSE WE CAN SEE IT AND I WAS FORGETTING THAT.  
I APPRECIATE THAT.  
SO, APOLOGIES TO THAT RESTAURANT OWNER.  
AND THANK YOU TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL REVIEW BOARD, AS WELL.  
AND SO NOW WE WILL MOVE TO OUR REGULAR AGENDA STARTING WITH ITEM U WHICH IS A SESSION TO REVIEW PROPOSED BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.  
THIS IS A PRESENTATION.  
VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: VILLAGE PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, WE ARE MAKING DECISIONS INCLUDING THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITY.  
IT IS EXPANDING THE OPPORTUNITIES IN TERMS OF ELIGIBILITY AND ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS GEOGRAPHIC ACROSS THE VILLAGE.  
WITH THAT INTRODUCTION I WANT TO INTRODUCE CRAIG FALOR AND NAOMI DIAZ WHO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HIM ON THIS.

>>CRAIG FALOR: THIS IS A STUDY SESSION TO TALK ABOUT THE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR 2026.  
THE STAFF HAS DEVELOPED THREE ADDITIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS THAT NAOMI WILL DESCRIBE FOR YOU FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL 12 BUSINESS DISTRICTS.  
CURRENTLY THERE ARE SPECIAL APPROVED GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THE HEMINGWAY DISTRICT THAT WAS CREATED TO HELP SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES DURING THIS STREETScape ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM THOUGH SUPPOSED TO BE THIS YEAR AND NOW HAS MOVED TO NEXT YEAR, 2026.  
SO, THOSE GRANT PROGRAMS WILL END AT THE END OF 26.  
THE VILLAGE CURRENTLY HAS A FAÇADE PROGRAM THAT COVERS ALL OF THE CURRENT BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND NAOMI WILL GO OVER THE THREE, THE THREE ADDITIONAL THAT WE ARE PROPOSING FOR 2026 AND BEYOND.

>>NAOMI DIAZ: GOOD EVENING AGAIN.  
NAOMI DIAZ, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.  
SO, AS CRAIG HAD MENTIONED, TODAY WE WILL BE REVIEWING A PROPOSAL TO POTENTIALLY EXPAND THE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS.  
IF THE VILLAGE BOARD SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED EXPANSIONS, STAFF WOULD RETURN ON A LATER DATE WITH GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL.  
SO, CURRENTLY THE VILLAGE DOES OFFER COMMERCIAL FAÇADE AND PROPEMENT PROGRAMS AND THIS GRANT PROGRAM IS OFFERED THE FIRST FLOOR SALES TAX GENERATING BUSINESSES.  
THE PROGRAM IS STRUCTURED TO SUPPORT 50% OF ASSISTANCE TO ANY EXTERNAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS.  
THIS GRANT IS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5000 PER RETAIL SPACE.  
ADDITIONALLY, AS CRAIG HAD MENTIONED THE VILLAGE BOARD EARLIER THIS YEAR, APPROVED THE RENEW THE AVENUE GRANT PROGRAMS.

THIS CONSISTED OF THREE DIFFERENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ANY BUSINESS IN THE HEMINGWAY DISTRICT REGARDLESS OF THEIR SALES TAX GENERATING OR NOT TO HELP WITH THE IMPACT OF THE UPCOMING OAK PARK REAL ESTATE PROJECT.

ONE OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE STAFF RECEIVED IS IF THE VILLAGE HAS ANY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS AVAILABLE TO ANY BUSINESS OWNERS MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR BUSINESSES TO ALIGN WITH VILLAGE CODE.

AS A RESULT, THE MOST FREQUENT INQUIRIES, STAFF IS PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING.

SO, WE ARE PROPOSING TO KEEP THE COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THIS HAS BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM ASSISTING OVER 50 BUSINESSES.

WE WOULD LIKE TO MIRROR THE INTERIOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FROM THE RENEW THE AVENUE STRUCTURE.

THE ONLY CHANGE WOULD BE MAKING THAT PROGRAM TO ASSIST SALES TAX IN BUSINESSES.

THE THIRD PROPOSED GRANT IS THE CLIMATE READY BUSINESS FOCUSING ON SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES AND THE FOURTH IS A FIRE SAFETY SUPPORTING BUSINESSES NEEDING TO INSTALL ANY FIRE OR SPRINKLER ASSISTANCE.

SO, AS MENTIONED THE INTERIOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT EXISTING RENEW THE AVENUE GRANT.

THIS PROGRAM WOULD HELP BUSINESSES IMPROVE THE INTERIOR OF THEIR BUSINESS AND OFFSET ANY OF THE COST FROM THE BUSINESS OWNER.

SOME EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE EXPENSES BUT NOT LIMITED TO WOULD BE THE REPLACEMENT OF INTERIOR WINDOWS AND REPLACING OF FLOORING AND PAINTING OF WALLS AND SURFACES AND HVAC IMPROVEMENTS, PLUMBING IMPROVEMENTS.

THIS GRANT WOULD BE ONLY AVAILABLE TO FIRST FLOOR SALES TAX GENERATING BUSINESSES, SIMILAR STRUCTURE AS THE EXTERIOR FAÇADE PROGRAM.

THE PROPOSED GRANT WOULD ALSO MIRROR THE SAME FEE STRUCTURE AS THE CFIP PROGRAM AND THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT WOULD BE 5000.

THE CLIMATE READY BUSINESS GRANT WOULD BE A GRANT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT ECO-FRIENDLY PRACTICES.

THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM WAS CREATED WITH INPUT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND AN EXAMPLE OF ELIGIBLE EXPENSES WOULD BE ENERGY UPGRADING AND ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING AND UPGRADING APPLIANCES AND DOING THE GAS OR ELECTRIC CONVERSION AND MATERIALS OR SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT ZERO WASTE INITIATIVES AND INSTALLATION OF ANY EV CHARGING STATIONS ON THEIR PROPERTY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON THE PROPERTY AS WELL AS POTENTIALLY INSTALLATION OF INSULATION OR ENERGY STAR WINDOWS AND DOORS.

AGAIN, THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE EXPENSES ARE JUST SOME IDEAS THAT WE HAD PUT TOGETHER, BUT WE ARE NOT RESTRICTING TO IT, WE WOULD COME BACK TO MORE DETAILED GUIDELINES.

THIS GRANT WOULD ONLY APPLY TO ANY OAK PARK BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER THAT IS COMPLIANT WITH THE BENCHMARKING ORDINANCE.

SO, ANY BUSINESS OR ANY BUILDINGS OVER 10,000 FT.<sup>2</sup> WOULD HAVE TO BE BENCHMARKING IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS GRANT PROGRAM.

THE FEE STRUCTURE WOULD MIRROR THE SAME FEE STRUCTURE AS THE OTHER TWO GRANTS AND KEEPING THE SAME 50% REIMBURSEMENT WITH A MINIMUM AT \$1000 AND A MAXIMUM AT 6000.

AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST IS A FIRE SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM AND THIS WOULD HELP BUSINESSES WITH THE INITIAL COST OF INSTALLING FIRE ALARM OR SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

A BUSINESS WOULD ALSO BE ELIGIBLE IF THEY HAVE TO SERVICE AN EXISTING EQUIPMENT IN THEIR SPACE TO BRING IT UP TO COMPLIANCE WITH CODE.

SO, THIS WOULD ONLY APPLY TO ANY NEW OAK PARK BUSINESS.

THE FEE STRUCTURE WOULD BE THE SAME AS THE OTHER THREE GRANTS WITH A MINIMUM AT 500 AND A MAXIMUM AT 3500.

SO, THOSE ARE THE FOUR PROPOSALS THAT WE HAVE.

I WILL TAKE ANY QUESTION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, I'LL START WITH JIM TAGLIA.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THANK YOU, NAOMI, I JUST HAVE A QUESTION ON UTILIZATION, CAN HE TELL ME WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT CHANGING THE AMOUNTS OBVIOUSLY AND THE OVERALL BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM AND SO WHAT HAS THE UTILIZATION BEEN IN PAST YEARS?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: SO, PAST YEARS, ANNUALLY WE FUND OR WE BUDGET FOR THE C-FIP AT \$80,000.

WE TYPICALLY AWARDED 4 TO 5 GRANTS A YEAR AND SO IT VARIES DEPENDING IF IT IS A PROPERTY OWNER WHO IS INQUIRING FOR THE GRANT AND THEY WOULD BE AWARDED BASED OFF OF RETAIL SPACE FOR EXAMPLE, SOUTH BOULEVARD AND RIDGELAND, THEY JUST RECEIVED A GRANT FOR US FOR \$20,000 BECAUSE THEY HAD FOUR DIFFERENT RETAIL SPACES THAT THEY PLANNED TO USE.

AND THAT IS AN EXAMPLE TO AN AWARD THIS YEAR.

UTILIZATION, WE TRY TO AWARD AS MUCH MONEY AS WE CAN, BUT IT IS TYPICALLY FOR - FIVE GRAND PER YEAR.

AND THE TOTAL IS ABOUT 50,000.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: SO, THERE IS A GAP THERE AND WE CAN SPREAD IT OUT A LITTLE BIT.

OKAY, VERY GOOD.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: KNEW THESE GRANTS OF STOCK?  
IN THE SAME BUSINESS GET A EXTERIOR/INTERIOR AND CLIMATE READY?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: YES, THEY CAN.

THE ONLY POTENTIAL LIMITATION THEY WOULD HAVE IS THEY CAN ONLY APPLY WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR.

SO, WITHIN THE CALENDAR YEAR THEY CAN POTENTIALLY APPLY FOR ALL FOUR GRANTS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING MY COLLEAGUES THOUGHTS ON TAKING THE BENCHMARKING REQUIREMENT AND HAVING NOT APPLY ACROSS THE GRANT PROGRAMS.

I THINK THAT IN BUILDINGS OVER 10,000 FT.<sup>2</sup> WHERE WE ARE - ARE WE REQUIRING OR STRONGLY ENCOURAGING BENCHMARKING OTHERS?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: IT IS A REQUIREMENT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, IT IS A REQUIREMENT AND GIVEN THAT I THINK THAT THE BUILDING REQUIREMENTS OF DOING ENERGY BENCHMARKING IS A GOOD THRESHOLD REQUIREMENT FOR PROVIDING THE GRANT AND I DO LIKE THE STACKING ESPECIALLY SINCE ONE OF THE CATEGORIES IS ENERGY EFFICIENT WINDOWS AND DOORS AND SO WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT DOING A EXTERIOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT WITH WINDOW AND DOOR IMPROVEMENTS, YOU KNOW THIS, THEN BEING ABLE TO ALSO LOOK AT THE CLIMATE READY BUSINESS GRANT THAT MAY ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEEK MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THANK YOU FOR THIS.

THIS IS GREAT.

YES, TRUSTEE STRAW, WROTE DOWN THE SAME EXACT QUESTION TO ASK ABOUT REQUIRING BENCHMARKING FOR ALL OF THESE.

SO, DEFINITELY IN AGREEMENT WITH YOU ON THAT.

I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS.

FIRST OF ALL IT IS HIGH-LEVEL, YOU MENTIONED THE INITIAL FAÇADE GRANT WAS THE HEMINGWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT?

JUST REMIND ME, IS THIS - ARE THESE GOING TO BE VILLAGE WIDE OR STILL BE TARGETED AT PARTICULAR BUSINESS DISTRICTS?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: THESE GRANTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL 12 BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: AND IF A BUSINESS HAPPENS TO BE OUTSIDE OF THAT DISTRICT, OTHER BUSINESSES OUTSIDE OF THOSE DISTRICT?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: NO, WE MAKE SURE TO GET EVERYBODY.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, JUST TO BE SURE.

SO, I LOVE THE CLIMATE READY BUSINESS GRANTS AND I ALSO HAVE SEEN THE INTERIOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT AND THINGS LIKE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE A PART OF THAT AND CAN WE REQUIRE THAT IF THEY ARE GOING TO GIVE THE MONEY THAT THOSE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS NEED TO BE ALL ELECTRIC OR ANYTHING TO HELP US GET TO OUR ELECTRIFICATION AND EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS GOALS?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: SPECIFIC TO THE CLIMATE READY BUSINESS GRANT OR THE INTERIOR FAÇADE?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I GUESS I'M LOOKING FOR SOME HARMONY ACROSS THESE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS.

SO, THIS WOULD BE THE INTERIOR FAÇADE AND HVAC, SO CAN WE MAKE THAT AND I'M CURIOUS ABOUT - IF WE ARE GOING TO GIVE THE MONEY, SHOULDN'T WE ALSO

HAVE THEM BE TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING WITH THAT MONEY IN TERMS OF UPGRADING FOR THE CLIMATE?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: ONE THING I WILL SAY ON THAT QUICKLY IS ANYONE WHO GOES THROUGH THE GRANT PROCESS FOR CURRENTLY THE EXTERIOR FAÇADE DOES HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PERMITTING PROCESS.

SO, ANY CONSTRUCTION WORK THAT IS BEING DONE HAS TO BE UP TO CODE AND SO WE WOULD HAVE TO BE SURE THAT WE ARE ALIGNED WITH THE CODE AND THAT WOULD BE A POTENTIAL AMENDMENT THAT WE COULD MAKE TO THE CODE OR WE COULD INCLUDE AS A REQUIREMENT TO THE GRANTS.

SO, TWO DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT BOTH OF THOSE WOULD LOOK LIKE.

IF WE ARE AMENDING THE CODE THAT WE COULD COVER YOU KNOW IT COULD BE ANY BUSINESS TRYING TO MAKE AN UPGRADE THAT WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT.

DEFINITELY INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT THOSE OPTIONS LOOK LIKE.

OKAY.

SO, FOR THE EXTERIOR FAÇADE, THE COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT, IT LOOKS LIKE THERE IS MAYBE NO CHANGES TO THAT PROGRAM AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS?

CAN YOU REMIND ME, DOES THAT INCLUDE THINGS LIKE INSTALLATION OR ROOFING OR IS IT REALLY JUST THE FAÇADE AND THE LOOK OF THE FRONT OF THE BUSINESS?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: MAINLY JUST A FAÇADE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: SO NONE OF THESE PROGRAMS WOULD COVER THINGS LIKE ROOFING OR INSULATION?

MAYBE THE CLIMATE ONE WOULD POTENTIALLY, RIGHT?

BECAUSE IF YOU DO SOMETHING SIMILAR THEN YOU WOULD ALSO HAVE TO DO UPGRADES TO YOUR ROOF, WOULD THAT BE COVERED?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: THAT IS CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: IT WAS NOTED I THINK IN THE MEMO ATTACHED TO THE PRESENTATION THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IT WAS MENTIONED AT THE ONE STOP SHOP THAT WOULD BE KIND OF INVOLVED IN HELPING FACILITATE THESE GRANTS AND I GUESS I'M CURIOUS TO HEAR A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE ONE-STOP SHOP IS THAT IT WOULD BE FOCUS ON RESIDENCIES AND HOMES AND I DID NOT REALIZE IT WAS A BUSINESS COMPONENT AS WELL AND SO IF WE CAN JUST SAY MORE ON THAT?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: SO, THE ONE-STOP SHOP THAT IS REFERENCED IN THE AGENDA COMMENTARY IS IN REGARDS TO A RESPONSE TO THE ECONOMIC VITALITY PLAN AND IT IS ESSENTIALLY REIMAGINING BUSINESS SERVICES AS AN AREA WHERE ANY BUSINESS THAT IS COMING TO OAK PARK HAS ONE CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT AND THAT WOULD BE MYSELF AND I WOULD HELP WALK THEM THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL PROCESS OF DEPLOYING THE RIGHT PERMITS, LICENSING AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE ADHERING TO ALL ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND THEN ALSO

CONNECTING THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC VITALITY AND SO THEY ARE ENGAGED WITH THEM AS WHERE AND BEING AWARE AT THE COUNTY AND STATE LEVEL.  
SO, THAT IS WHAT IS REFERENCED IN THE ONE-STOP SHOP.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: SO, THERE IS TWO ONE-STOP SHOPS?  
MAY WANT TO COME UP WITH A DIFFERENT NAME.

>>NAOMI DIAZ: WE CAN WORKSHOP IT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, SORRY, I WAS CONFUSED BY THE PIT BECAUSE, THERE IS ALSO THE CLIMATE ASPECT AND SO IT DID SEEM LIKE THEY COULD BE THE SAME.  
AND SO YOU CLARIFIED THAT.

I THINK THOSE ARE ALL OF MY QUESTIONS.

YES, TRUSTEE STRAW ASKED THE OTHER TWO QUESTIONS I HAD.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: SO, THANK YOU, BY THE WAY.  
THESE ARE VERY EXCITING AND I AM SUPPORTIVE.

IF PART OF THE GOAL IS DUE TO UNDERUTILIZATION, DOES THAT MEAN IF THE BUSINESS APPLIES FOR A GRANT AND THEY QUALIFY AND MEET THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY WILL GET IT LIKE THERE IS NO EVALUATION PROCESS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF APPLICATION?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: THERE IS NO EVALUATION IN TERMS OF POLITY, WE SIMPLY AWARD GRANTS UP TO THE AMOUNT THAT WE HAVE BUDGETED FOR.

WE DID ONCE BACK IN I BELIEVE 2022 IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE VILLAGE BOARD AND ASK FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR C-FIP BECAUSE IT WAS A EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND IF THERE WAS EVER A SITUATION WHERE WE NEEDED THE FUNDS IT WOULD COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH AN AMENDMENT.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: JUST IN TERMS OF WHAT WE HAVE BUDGETED?  
OKAY, COOL.

WHAT IS THE APPROACH TO REACHING BUSINESSES OR POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESSES THAT MAY OTHERWISE NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY?  
HOW ARE WE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE GRANTS ARE EQUITABLE AND MEETING OUR OTHER BOARD GOALS IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING WOMEN AND MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES AND BEING JUST EQUITABLE IN THE WAY THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: OF COURSE.

SO, THE OBLATES -- THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC VITALITY, WE ARE HERE TONIGHT WITH THIS PROPOSAL FOR THE FOUR GRANTS AND MY BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER AS I MENTIONED EARLIER ARE OUT ON THE FIELD EVERY SINGLE DAY CONNECTING ONE-ON-ONE WITH BUSINESSES AND THEY ARE MAKING THEM AWARE OF THESE PROGRAMS.

SO, CURRENTLY WE DO ONLY HAVE THE CORRECTIONAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT AND FOR ANY BUSINESSES IN THE HEMINGWAY DISTRICT THEY ARE MAKING THEM AWARE OF THOSE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THAT DISTRICT AND THE SAME EXPECTATION WILL BE SET FOR THEM FOR NEXT YEAR MAKING SURE WE ARE HAVING THAT

ONE-ON-ONE DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH BUSINESS OWNERS AND THEY ARE AWARE THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM.

SORRY, I WILL ALSO ADD THAT WE HAVE PICKLE PARK AND THAT IS A BUSINESS SERVICES WEBSITE THAT WE UTILIZE.

THERE IS A NEWSLETTER THAT GOES OUT MONTHLY TO ALL OF THE 1800 BUSINESS OWNERS THAT WE HAVE IN OAK PARK AND SO WE WOULD DO A LOT OF MARKETING ON THERE, AS WELL.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: AND NAOMI I WILL GO AHEAD AND ADD TO THE QUESTION AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICE OF VITALITY, BECAUSE WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS STAND UP A PRACTICE FOR ENGAGING A MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS IN THE VILLAGE AND MAKING SURE THAT THE SERVICES ARE VISIBLE AND SO THERE WILL BE SOME DIRECTED SYSTEMATIC OUTREACH. AND WE HAVE ALL BEASLEY'S GRANTS WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THOSE BUSINESS TYPES.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: JUST A QUICK COMMENT, WITH THE AMOUNTS BEING OFFERED IN THE BUDGET AMOUNT OF 80,000 AND THE STOCK ABILITY FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM OF THESE GRANTS, PLUS THE EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER OF TYPES OF GRANTS, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE GOING TO WANT TO COME BACK WITH A BUDGET AMENDMENT AND I DON'T KNOW, WE ARE SETTING IT UP - BECAUSE, WE HAVE 60% UTILIZATION WITH JUST ONE ASPECT AND NOW WE WILL HAVE ALL OF THESE OTHER THINGS AND I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS GOING TO BE WORKABLE AT A MUCH GREATER LEVEL?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: I WILL SPEAK ON THAT POINT REALLY QUICKLY. YES, I AGREE WITH YOU, THAT WOULD BE IN MY OPINION A GREAT PROBLEM TO HAVE WITH ALL OF THESE BUSINESSES THAT DO APPLY WITH THESE PROGRAMS AND I WOULD SAY THAT ANY OF THE BUSINESSES COMING IN ARE SPECIFICALLY INQUIRING ABOUT THE INTERIOR AND CLIMATE READY AND THE FIRE SAFETY. THOSE ARE THE THREE MAIN BIG POINTS AND SO I DON'T ANTICIPATE MANY BUSINESSES COMING IN AND STACKING ALL OF THEM AT ONCE. WE ARE WORKING WITH THEM AND LETTING THEM KNOW AS TO YOU KNOW WHAT OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM. AND PICKLE PARK WE JUST RECENTLY POSTED A LOT OF GRANTS THAT ARE BEING OFFERED BY COOK COUNTY AND LIKE YOU MENTIONED, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC VITALITY IS CURRENTLY SEEKING OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL. SO, WE ARE TRYING OUR BEST TO GIVE THE BUSINESS OWNERS AS MANY RESOURCES AS POSSIBLE FOR TAPPING INTO AS MANY GRANTS AS POSSIBLE.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THAT IS A GOOD POINT, BUT IF SOMEBODY WERE TO STACK THESE AND DO THINGS TO TRY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GETTING ALL OF THE ANGLES COVERED, IT WOULD BE A QUARTER OF THE BUDGET POTENTIALLY FOR ONE APPLICANT.

SO, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT SPREAD AROUND PERSONALLY. AND THAT IS JUST A THOUGHT, THAT IS ALL.

>>NAOMI DIAZ: GOOD POINT, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, THAT IS SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT THAN FOR YOU.  
NO?

OKAY.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BASED ON WHAT YOU HEARD?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: NO.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ALL FOUR GRANTS, WE WILL REEVALUATE THE BENCHMARKING REQUIREMENT AND ADJUST THAT LITTLE BIT MORE WITH THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC VITALITY AS WELL AS REEVALUATING THE BUDGET I WOULD BE ALLOCATED FOR ALL FOUR PROGRAMS AND HAVING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AS TO WHAT POTENTIAL BUSINESSES WE WILL BE APPLYING AND THE HVAC, AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELL DONE.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: QUICK QUESTION, DO WE DO LIKE A SURVEY OF THESE BUSINESS OWNERS BASED UPON LIKE WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A STARTER FOR YOU TO DO A PROJECT?

BECAUSE, I DID SOME WALKS WITH SOME BUSINESS OWNERS PREVIOUSLY AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE ISSUES WAS THEY WERE LIKE YES, IF IT WEREN'T LIKE YOU KNOW A LITTLE BIT HIGHER OR IF I HAD THIS MUCH ASSISTANCE YOU KNOW I CAN DO THIS, BUT FOR ME, THESE DON'T MAKE SENSE.

YOU KNOW TO DO THE UPGRADE IN THE FAÇADE EVEN WITH SOME OF THE ASSISTANCE OF TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HEY, HOW MUCH WOULD YOU NEED TO GET STARTED AND EVEN THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY STUFF AND SOME OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS LIKE IF IT WAS LIKE HEY, THIS MUCH IT WOULD BE WORTH THIS FOR ME AND THEY ARE LIKE YOU KNOW AND I OWN THE BUILDING, BUT HERE IS WHERE I NEED TO SEE YOU KNOW THIS TYPE OF INVESTMENT AND THEY KNEW THEIR MARKET REALLY WELL.

LIKE FOR ME TO PUT IN THIS MONEY LIKE IT IS NOT WORTH IT.

AND FROM THEIR MINDSET EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE LIKE YOU KNOW I DO WANT TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT, BUT IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR ME FINANCIALLY TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

SO, IF WE COULD START TO ASK BUSINESS OWNERS LIKE WHERE IS THAT SWEET SPOT FOR YOU TO START DOING SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR BUILDING THAT ARE MEANINGFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: NAOMI I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THAT QUESTION, BUT I KNOW FROM A PROSPECTIVE STANDPOINT WORKING WITH BUSINESSES AND OFFICE OF ECONOMIC VITALITY, WE WILL HAVE LIKE A SYSTEMATIC WELL-DEFINED BUSINESS RETENTION PROGRAM WHERE WE DO THIS ENGAGEMENT ON A ONGOING BASIS AND DOING VISITS WITH BUSINESSES AND DOING SURVEYS AND SO FORTH TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE.

SO, THERE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEAR-TERM TO ENGAGE IN A MORE SYSTEMATIC AND ROBUST WAY.

THAT WAY WE CAN LEARN CONSTANTLY WHAT THE NEEDS ARE AND SPECIFICALLY AROUND RESOURCES AS IT RELATES TO DOING PROJECTS AND SO FORTH.

BUT, I THINK WE HAVE ALSO DONE JUST WE COLLECTED SOME INFORMATION FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND NAOMI I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THAT?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: ABSOLUTELY.

SO, WE ALSO GOOD PRESENT PROGRAMS TO THE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE AND THAT CONSIST OF 17 DIFFERENT BUSINESS OWNERS ESSENTIALLY BEING THE REPRESENTATION OF SPECIFIC BUSINESS DISTRICT OR CATEGORY. AND THEY GAVE INPUT IN TERMS OF THE FEEDBACK THEY ARE GETTING FROM THEIR BUSINESSES IN THAT DISTRICT.

I HAVE ALSO TALKED TO THE DIFFERENT ESTABLISH BUSINESS DISTRICT SUCH AS THE ART DISTRICT, HEMINGWAY AND DOWNTOWN OAK PARK AND IN REGARDS TO THEIR FEEDBACK THAT THEY HAVE HEARD FROM PAIN POINTS WITH BUSINESS OWNERS.

SO, THIS WAS CREATED AS PART OF THAT AND THEY HAVE ALSO LOOKED AT THE ACTUAL ESTIMATES THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM A LOT OF BUSINESSES THAT IF YOU HAVE A LIQUOR LICENSE, YOU DO HAVE TO HAVE A FIRE ALARM BASED ON THE TYPE OF USE THAT TRIGGERS THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

SO, HEARING THOSE PAIN POINTS FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD RATHER NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LIQUOR LICENSE BECAUSE THAT MEANS THEY HAVE TO INSTALL THE FIRE ALARM AND THEY ALWAYS ASK, DO YOU HAVE A GRANT?

IT IS \$5000, IS THERE ANYTHING THAT THE VILLAGE CAN DO TO SUPPORT THAT? A LOT OF THAT WENT INTO THE DIFFERENT FEE STRUCTURE AND THAT IS WHERE WE CAME UP WITH THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO HELP AS MUCH AS WE COULD.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: AND I WILL SAY TO CLOSE THAT POINT OUT, I APPRECIATE THE COMMISSION AND THE INPUT AND BASICALLY THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO EXPAND AND EXPERIMENT TO SEE HOW IT GOES AND USING THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED TODAY AND WE ARE GOING TO LEARN MORE AND WE WILL BE BACK TO TALK TO ABOUT THIS ANONYMOUSLY AFTER APPROVAL WE WILL BE BACK TO TALK TO ABOUT THIS BASED UPON THE EXPANSE WE ARE HAVING SO THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED AS WE DEVELOP A LECTURESHIP WITH OUR BUSINESSES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES, EXACTLY.

ALL RIGHT, VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION, GOOD WORK AND RESPONSIVENESS TO THE DIRECTION THAT GIVES OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

AND SO WE ARE MOVING TO ITEM Q ON THE REGULAR AGENDA.

WHICH IS A ORDINANCE 25 - 179 WHICH IS A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A DAYCARE CENTER AT 505 NORTH RICHLAND AVENUE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, MOTION BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE WESLEY, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THANK YOU PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS. CRAIG FALOR AND MIKE CRUZ.

>>CRAIG FALOR: REARED OUT TO THE LAST MANAGER IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE NIGHT!

THIS IS FOR A DAYCARE CENTER.

THE ITEM IS A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE OPERATED DAYCARE CENTER AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF RICHLAND AND CHICAGO AVENUE.

THE ITEM HAS BEEN BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND MICROBREWS, OUR VILLAGE LATER WILL PROVIDE YOU OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION AND CAN INTRODUCE THOSE IN ATTENDANCE THIS EVENING.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

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

GOOD EVENING, MICROBREWS, VILLAGE PLANNER.

KIDS SPACE ACADEMY LLC IS PROPOSING DAYCARE FACILITY FOR APPROXIMATELY 94 CHILDREN SERVING THEM FROM 6 AM UNTIL 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPOSED BUSINESS IN THE COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT.

THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE REPAVING AND RESTRIPIING THE PARKING LOT AND ADDING A NEW CURB CUT AND DRY WAY TO LIMIT TRAFFIC IMPACTS ON THE ADJACENT ALLEY AND PROVIDING DESIGNATED DROP-OFF AND PICKUP AREAS BOTH INTERNAL TO THE SITE AND OFF THE AVENUE WITH THE LATTER ONLY BEING USED DURING DESIGNATED HOURS.

THE RECTANGLE FENCING TO PROTECT A OUTDOOR PLAY AREA AND BUILDING AN ADDITIONAL WEST SIDE OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE TO FACILITATE THE PROPOSED USE AND IN ADDITION, ADDITIONAL RENOVATIONS.

505 NORTH RICHLAND HAS BEEN VACANT FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS.

THE BUILDING WILL UNDERGO THE COMPLETE RENOVATION TO MEET ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DAYCARE'S.

THE APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED DETAILS REGARDING PROPOSED STAFFING AND CONTROLS FOR CIRCULATION AT PICKUP AND DROP-OFF AND THE PROPOSED SITE MODIFICATIONS ARE INTENDED TO MITIGATE ANY MAJOR IMPACT.

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2025. MEMBERS ATTENDED IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL.

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PROPOSED A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD BY A VOTE OF SEVEN - ZERO.

THAT A SPECIAL USE BE GRANTED TO THE APPLICANT TO OPERATE A DAYCARE CENTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 8.3 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

WITH THAT I AM HERE FOR QUESTIONS AND ALSO KIMBERLY SMITH FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS IS HERE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, VERY GOOD.

SO, WHO WOULD LIKE TO START US OFF WITH QUESTIONS THIS EVENING?

VERY GOOD.

TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION AND THANK YOU TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

WAS THERE - YOU KNOW FIRST I DON'T KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT WHY YOU'RE COMING TO OAK PARK AND OFFERING SO MANY DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ONE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES I THINK THAT WAS ALWAYS HARD FOR ME AND MY FAMILY WAS FINDING A DAYCARE THAT WENT FROM THE HOURS THAT THIS SEEMS TO BE COVERING LIKE THERE WAS ALWAYS JUST A HEADACHE, YOU HAVE TO BE BACK BY 2 O'CLOCK SO YOU CAN GET YOUR KIDS TO THE NEXT THING AND IT IS LIKE A WORKABLE REAL JOB, HOW DOILIES EVERY DAY TO DO THIS?

AND IT WAS REALLY COOL TO SEE THAT THIS DAYCARE ACTUALLY RUNS FULL-TIME THROUGHOUT ALL OF THOSE HOURS AND SEEING THAT IT WAS VOTED SEVEN AND ZERO, WAS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU ALL WANTED TO SEE DIFFERENTLY?

OR DID IT MEET ALL OF THE CRITERIA THAT YOU NEEDED?

WAS THERE ANYTHING THAT WE ARE NOT SEEING?

>>MIKE BRUCE: I THINK THE ANSWER TO THAT IS NO.

IT BEATS ALL OF THE PRINCIPAL USE CRITERIA AND WE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING AND NEIGHBORS HAD A CHANCE TO WEIGH IN AND WE HAD POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM THEM.

SO, I THINK IT IS A GOOD PROPOSAL FOR THIS LOCATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I SEE THAT WE HAVE KIMBERLY SMITH, A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD BEHIND YOU, WOULD YOU ADD ANYTHING TO THAT?

>>KIMBERLY SMITH: JUST REITERATE EVERYTHING, THE DISCUSSION WAS GREAT, THE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WERE EXCITED AND THE DISCUSSIONS WERE MAINLY ABOUT ACCESS AND VEHICLES AFFECTING THE INTERSECTION AND THE WAY PEOPLE WOULD DROP OFF AND GET THROUGH.

SO, WE WERE ALL IN AGREEMENT AND WE THOUGHT THAT IT SHOULD PASS AND WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PROJECT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I AM SUPER SUPPORTIVE OF THIS. BUT, ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS TIME TO SAY I WAS SUPPORTIVE OF THE PREVIOUS PROPOSALS FOUR YEARS AGO THAT NEVER GOT BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOARD DUE TO A LOT OF NEIGHBORHOOD PUSHBACK.

I THINK THAT WAS UNFORTUNATE, BUT THIS IS GOOD USE OF THE SPACE AND I DO SUPPORT IT.

ONE THING I DO WANT TO NOTE IS THAT IN THE FOUR YEARS THAT THIS SPACE HAS BEEN VACANT, I RECEIVED A NUMBER OF EMAILS IN OPPOSITION OF THINGS BEING BUILT HERE.

I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE EMAIL IN OPPOSITION OF THIS SPACE BEING VACANT.

I JUST THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE SET OUT LOUD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND ONE.

BUT, IT IS STILL A VERY GOOD POINT.

I THINK OVERALL WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT FROM THAT POINT ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE CHICAGO AVENUE AS A WHOLE.

THIS IS A GOOD USE FOR THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY IN THE GREATER OPPORTUNITY IN THE PAST FOR DENSITY WHICH IS DEFINITELY A PART OF OUR GOALS AND I THINK THAT THERE IS ALSO PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO SEEK THAT IN OTHER LOTS IN OUR VILLAGE.

IN FACT SOMETIMES I STRUGGLE AND I PRIORITIZE ALL OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES. IF THERE IS NO FURTHER COMMENT, THEN WE WILL SAY THANK YOU TO THE APPLICANT FOR THEIR INVESTMENT AND TAKE THE ROLE.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER?

TRUSTEE WESLEY, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

CONGRATULATIONS.

AND I JUST SAY OUT LOUD IT IS ONLY 8:17 PM AND I AM JUST LIKE THIS IS - (LAUGHTER) OKAY.

OKAY, SO ITEM R, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE PLAN COMMISSION AND ADOPT ORDINANCE DENYING THE VACATION OF A 16 FOOT WIDE ALLEY FOR QUIKTRIP CORPORATION AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1141 GARFIELD STREET. MOTION, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVE.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON.

IS THIS APPROPRIATE TIME TO SHARE THAT THIS MOTION IS TIED TO THE NEXT TWO AND IF THIS ONE DOES NOT MOVE FORWARD THEN IT EFFECTIVELY DOES NOT - IT MAKES THE NEXT TWO S AND T - I DON'T KNOW WHAT WORD TO USE POLITELY. MOOT.

THANK YOU.

AND I NEED - WE GOT A MOTION AND SECOND PAIR.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: WE ARE ALL SET AND SO CRAIG FALOR AND MIKE BRUCE ARE HANDLING THIS ITEM, AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT, YOUR NIGHT!

>>CRAIG FALOR: THIS ITEM IS THE QUIKTRIP CORPORATION LOCATED AT 1141 GARFIELD STREET AND THIS IS A SUBDIVISION AND A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A GAS STATION WITH CONVENIENCE STORE.

THIS IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HARLEM AND GARFIELD STREET WHICH IS A FORMER CONCRETE PLANT AND CURRENT COMMERCIAL STRIP CENTER. THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING AND MIKE BRUCE, VILLAGE PLANNER IS HERE TO PROVIDE OVERVIEW OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE MEETING AND TALK ABOUT THE APPLICATION AND INTRODUCE YOU TO ANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THIS EVENING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DO WANT TO THINK ABOUT THE ORDER FOR PUBLIC COMMENT VS. PRESENTATION IN CASE THERE IS ANYTHING THAT WE CAN ADDRESS. CLERK WATERS, HOW MANY PEOPLE DO WE HAVE THIS EVENING?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SIX?

OKAY, ARE THEY ALL ON THE SAME SIDE?

THE SIX - I AM CERTAINLY WILLING TO ENTERTAIN SIX PUBLIC COMMENTS, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US OFF?

I AM GOING TO GO PUBLIC COMMENT FIRST IN CASE THERE IS ANYTHING IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT THEN YOU CAN ADDRESS AS PART OF YOUR PRESENTATION, OKAY?

>>CLERK WATERS: CALVING?

-- KEVIN?

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS KEVIN AND I LIVE AT 813 S. HUMPHREY.

SO, NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THIS INTERSECTION EXCEPT I DO GO THROUGH IT TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK TO PICK UP MY GRANDKIDS.

WHAT I WANT TO DO TONIGHT IS JUST TO REINFORCE THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD ALTHOUGH I DO SEE IT BENEFITING AS A PROJECT THAT WOULD CLEAN UP THAT PARTICULAR PARCEL AND PRODUCE REVENUES FOR THE VILLAGE, THAT IS A POSITIVE.

AS FAR AS NEGATIVE, THERE ARE QUITE A FEW MORE.

I WILL WEIGH THOSE POSITIVE AND FROM MY STANDPOINT JUST LOOKING AT THE TRAFFIC COMPONENT IS GOING TO BE A NIGHTMARE.

IT DOES CREATE A CONFLICT WITH THE STREETS THAT THEN INTERFERES WITH THE FLOW OF THE TRAFFIC ON THE MAIN STREETS.

THE REPORT SHOWS THAT THIS FACILITY WILL CREATE 5500 VEHICLES OR TRIPS PER DAY ON A WEEKDAY AND 500 OF THOSE ARE WITHIN THE PEAK HOUR.

AS WE GO FURTHER DOWN WE LOOK AT THE OPERATIONS OUT THERE.

AS FAR AS I KNOW, I DOUBT HAS NOT EVEN SIGNED OFF ON THE LOCATION INTO THE PARCEL OFF OF HARLEM AVENUE AS THAT IS THEIR JURISDICTION.

PROBABLY THE BIGGEST THING THAT BOTHERS ME ABOUT THE REPORT IS THAT IT DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TRAFFIC FROM THE RAMPS FROM THE EISENHOWER IN HARLEM BACK THROUGH THE INTERSECTION ITSELF.

SO, THAT BACKUP ALONE CREATES AND BLOCKS THE PROPOSED DRIVEWAY ON HARLEM AVENUE AND REALLY WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ADDRESSED.

I KNOW THE REPORT SAID THE SIGNAL TIME CAN BE CHANGED AND IDOT HAD TO PROVE IT AND THE SYSTEM IS A COORDINATED SYSTEM AND IT HAS TO BE TIED IN WITH THOSE SYSTEM.

IT IS A MINOR THING AND IT WAS NOT ADDRESSED YOU KNOW THERE ARE BUS STOPS AT THE INTERSECTION ESPECIALLY TO THE GLOBAL DEALER, GARFIELD WHEN THEY BRING THOSE CARS IN.

THE STREET NETWORK WAS ADDRESSED AND IF HE GETS CLOGGED UP THEN IT GOES DOWN MAPLE AVENUE GOING SOUTHBOUND GOING DOWN TO ROOSEVELT ROAD.

JUST SOME THINGS TO BE THOUGHT ABOUT.

AND ONE THING DURING THE PRESENTATION, BOTH OF THE TANKERS AND DELIVERY, THEY USED TWO ENTRANCES REPORT ITSELF AND IT SHOWS SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

AND THINGS NEED TO BE CLARIFIED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

(APPLAUSE).

>>CLERK WATERS: NOAH SULLIVAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND WHO DO WE HAVE AFTER THAT?

>>CLERK WATERS: WILL. AND THEN ALLIE.

>>SPEAKER: HEY THERE.

I DON'T HAVE ANY PREPARED REMARKS, MY WIFE JULIE AND I LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND HAVE FOR 30 YEARS, IT IS A NICE QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD. IN FACT WE LOVE IT SO MUCH THAT WE HAVE OWNED TWO HOUSES THERE. AND WE HAVE BOUGHT AND RENOVATED TWO BUNGALOWS IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD.

AND LOOK, I KNOW THAT YOU FELLAS HAVE A JOB TO DO AND I'M JUST HOPING THAT THESE GOOD FOLKS AND MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY. MY WIFE AND I JOKE THAT OUR OAK PARK IS OAK PARK'S UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY. AND I HAVE YET TO HAVE SEEN AN ISSUE THAT HAS UNITED MY NEIGHBORS LIKE THIS.

SO, I GUESS WE HAVE DISCOVERED OURSELVES.

(CLAPPING)

ALL OF THAT BEING SAID, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE CHOSE TO LIVE IN OAK PARK AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WHO LIVES HERE IS ANYTHING BUT CHOOSE TO LIVE HERE IS THE AESTHETIC BEAUTY AND WITH THAT COMES THE NECESSITY TO BE STEWARDS.

AND SO AS YOU CONSIDER THIS ISSUE, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU LOOK BEYOND THE FINANCIALS.

IN MY LIMITED UNDERSTANDING OF THE TAX BENEFIT IS THAT IT IS A MARGINAL BENEFIT TO THE VILLAGE, MOSTLY TO THE COUNTY VIA THE SALES TAX AND LOOK BEYOND THAT AND THINK ABOUT USES FOR THAT SITE THAT ARE IMPROVEMENTS. I JUST DON'T THINK THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT TO THE COMMUNITY.

I THINK THAT EVEN THE VOLVO DEALERSHIP ACROSS THE STREET WAS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER WHAT WAS THERE BEFORE WHICH WAS NOTHING.

AND WHILE THE SITE WAS UGLY, IT WAS BENIGN, THEY CLOSED UP SHOP AT 5 O'CLOCK AND IT WAS GENUINELY QUIET AND THERE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA TONIGHT THE ADDRESS THIS AESTHETICS OF THE FAÇADES AND TRAFFIC CALMING AND I CANNOT SEE HOW THIS DEVELOPMENT IN ANY WAY, POSITIVELY REFLECTS THESE ISSUES, TRAFFIC, IT IS AN ISSUE.

I CAN GO THROUGH MANY, MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS AND I WILL LEAVE IT THERE.

I THINK THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED.

I HOPE FOR THE RIGHT DECISION.

THANK YOU.

(CLAPPING)

>>CLERK WATERS: WILL?

WILL H?

ALLIE?

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS.

VILLAGE STAFF AND RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK.

MY NAME IS ALI B AND I AM A PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE QUIKTRIP ORGANIZATION AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

WE ARE HERE TO DISCUSS THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PLANT SITE WHICH HAS REMAINED VACANT AND DETERIORATING FOR NEARLY A DECADE.

QUIKTRIP IS PREPARED TO REDEVELOP AND PUT THIS PROPERTY INTO A PRODUCTIVE USE WITH A MODERN FUEL STATION AND CONVENIENCE STORE.

THIS REDEVELOPMENT WAS BROUGHT IN FRONT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 11.

AND QUIKTRIP REDEVELOP MY PROPOSAL IS TO REPLACE A LONG DETERIORATED STRUCTURE WITH A NEW SAFE AND WILL MAINTAIN FACILITY.

IT WILL GENERATE REVENUE AND CONTRIBUTE STIMULATING THE ECONOMY AND HAVE FOOD, ITEMS AND FUEL.

THERE ARE FOUR ITEMS FOR SPECIAL USE APPROVAL AND ONE IS THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE AND QUIKTRIP'S PLAN WILL NOT ENDANGER HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE BY REMOVING AN ABANDONED STRUCTURE AND UNDERGROUND FUEL STORES.

ALSO, QUIKTRIP HAS COMPLETED A PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC STUDY THAT SHOWS NO MATERIAL IMPACT TO SURROUNDING AREAS.

AND QUIKTRIP 'S OPERATION MEETS OR EXCEEDS ALL STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR FOOD AND FUEL.

WE HAVE RECEIVED FORMAL STATEMENTS FROM IDOT WHICH INCLUDED NO NEGATIVE FINDINGS AND SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED POSITIVE COMMENTS RECOMMENDING A THREE-QUARTER ACCESS ON HARLEM AVENUE.

THIS FURTHER MITIGATES FURTHER LEFT TURNS ON GARFIELD AND LEXINGTON REDUCING NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CONCERNS.

THE SECOND FACTOR IS COMPATIBILITY WITH THE ADJACENT LAND USES.

THE PROPERTIES LOCATED NEAR A CAR DEALERSHIP, CARWASH AND A TRUCK RENTAL BUSINESS.

TO FURTHER PROTECT THE CHARACTER OF MABEL AVENUE, IT HAS INCLUDED SIGNIFICANT BUFFERING BETWEEN THE SITE AND NEARBY RESIDENTS.

FACTOR THREE IS THE CONSISTENCY AND ZONING ORDINANCE INVISION 2014.

THE VISION 2014 PLAN ENCOURAGES PROJECT THAT STRENGTHEN OAK PARK 'S ECONOMY AND THIS DEVELOP IT DIRECTLY SUPPORTS THAT GOAL. ALTHOUGH IN VISION 2014 IT TALKS ASPIRATIONAL HE ABOUT A MIXED USED UP ELEMENT AT THIS SITE, THE STATEMENT IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF A DEVELOPER THAT IS WILLING, READY AND ABLE TO UNDERTAKE A LARGE-SCALE CLEANUP OF THE SITE AND NO SUCH DEVELOPER HAS COME FORWARD IN THE NINE YEARS THE SITE HAS BEEN USED.

IS IT OKAY IF I KEEP GOING?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HOW MUCH MORE DO YOU HAVE?

>>SPEAKER: TWO MINUTES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I NEED TO COME -- I NEED YOU TO COME TO A CLOSE.

>>SPEAKER: ME I DO 45 SECONDS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SURE.

>>SPEAKER: ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 11 WE DID HAVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THERE WAS A SUGGESTION FROM THE COMMISSIONERS TAKING THOSE SUGGESTIONS SERIOUSLY SENDING A LETTER TO THE VILLAGE CLERK FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26 AND THEY ARE MEANT TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD AND THOSE DOCUMENTS, THE FOLLOWING ENHANCEMENTS ARE PROPOSED TO THE BOARD DEEM NECESSARY.

FIRST IS THE ADDITION OF EV CHARGING STATIONS CAPABLE OF FOUR EV CHARGERS TO MAKE IT MORE CONSISTENT WITH THE 2014 PLAN AND WE ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE LANDSCAPING ON THE PROPERTY OF MABEL AVENUE AND THIRDLY WE RESTRICTED A THREE-QUARTER ACCESS FROM THE SITE TO LEXINGTON AVENUE AND FOURTH, A FIRM COMMITMENT TO INSTALL SOLAR AT THE SITE.

THIS IS A NEW APPROVAL AND IT DID GET APPROVAL FROM CORPORATE AS OF TODAY READY FOR THE MEETING AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD DO. WITH THAT I WILL JUST RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR APPROVAL OF THIS APPLICATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE VILLAGE TO MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>CLERK WATERS: AMANDA?

>>SPEAKER: ALL RIGHT, GOOD EVENING.

I WILL READ WRITE OFF OF THIS BECAUSE IT IS EASIER.

I AM ASKING THE BOARD TO UPHOLD THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO DENY THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE QUIKTRIP GAS STATION OF THIS SITE.

I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS OF DIFFICULTIES SURROUNDING THIS PARCEL AND I AGREE THAT IT NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED, BUT THERE ARE BETTER OPTIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO LOOK AT THE INACCURACIES OF THE TWO SPECIFIC ARGUMENTS I HAVE SEEN MOST USED ARE THOSE IN FAVOR.

ONE, THAT NO ONE WANTS TO DEVELOP THIS PARCEL.

AND TWO, THAT THE SOUTH OAK PARK COMMUNITY WON'T BE HAPPY WITH ANY REASONABLE PROPOSALS.

ON THE TOPIC OF INTEREST FROM THE DEVELOPERS, DESPITE QUIKTRIP LAWYERS DESPERATELY TRYING TO CONVINCING THE PLANNING COMMISSION THAT NOBODY ELSE WAS EVER GOING TO TOUCH THIS LAND, THE FACT IS THAT THE PROPERTY WAS INITIALLY FOR SALE IN 2019 \$7 MILLION AFTER MORE DECLINING THE VILLAGE OFFER OF FOUR POINT FORMULA.

LESS THAN A YEAR LATER, THE WORLD SHUT DOWN DUE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC. THE PROPERTY SOLD IN 2022 FOR JUST OVER 4 MILLION.

AND IT DID NOT BECOME AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS WERE FILED LAST OCTOBER.

BY JULY, QUIKTRIP HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED PROPOSALS TO THE VILLAGE.

SO, IT IS NOT THAT NOBODY WANTS THAT, THEY ARE REALIZING JUST WHAT IT IS WORTH.

WHAT THEY WANTED TO BE WORTH AND THE LOOMING COST OF THE MURRAY MEDIATION IS GOING TO SERIOUSLY E INTO THEIR PROFITS IF THEY TRY TO SELL IT TO ANYBODY BUT ANOTHER DUBIOUS INSTITUTION WHO CAN EASILY DIG UP THE ABANDONED UNDERGROUND FUEL TAKES WHEN THEY BEAR THEIR NUANCE.

THE OTHER INACCURATE INFORMATION IS COMMENTARY SAYING THAT THE NEARBY RESIDENTS OF THE SITE OPPOSE EVERYTHING AND IT SHOULD NOT MATTER WHAT THEY WANT.

THAT THEY WILL OPPOSE ANY PLAN IF IT IS PERFECT AND WHAT THE RESIDENTS DO WANT IS IMPRACTICAL AND NOT REALISTIC.

THAT IS NOT TRUE.

THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY TWO PROPOSALS FOR THIS PROPERTY, THIS GAS STATION AND A 2022 MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL HOTEL.

WHICH THE PREVIOUS DEVELOPER SCUTTLED THROUGH THEIR OWN MISMANAGEMENT BEFORE IT WAS EVER BROUGHT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AND WHILE THINGS WERE RAISED, THEY WERE LARGELY SURROUNDED CONCERNS WITH PARKING AND TRAFFIC THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL WANT MITIGATED AS PART OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT.

AFTER THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING I INVITED THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ORGANIZING THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A SURVEY IN HOPES OF ORGANIZING AND DISTILLING OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PROPERTY.

MY INTENTION WAS AND STILL IS TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC VITALITY IN MID-OCTOBER AFTER I HAVE ACCUMULATED RESPONSES FOR MORE THAN JUST THE IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING AREA.

AS QUIKTRIP HAS DECIDED TO PUT FORWARD ON THIS I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME INITIAL NUMBERS OF THE ROUGHLY 80 RESPONDENTS THAT I'VE HAD THESE PAST TWO WEEKS.

MORE THAN 80% RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD STRONGLY OR LIKELY SUPPORT MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING.

WITH 51% RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO COMPLEXES OVER THREE STORIES, 87% ON BOARD WITH A MIX OF HOUSING AND RETAIL AND OVER HALF WERE EVEN OKAY WITH A HOTEL.

I HAVE ONE MORE SENTENCE.

FINALLY I WOULD JUST LIKE TO STATE THAT THE CURRENT FACILITY CERTAINLY IS AN EYESORE, THE SITUATION IS NOT SO URGENT THAT WE SHOULD BE GIVING A GREEN LIGHT TO PLANS THAT ARE SO CLEARLY OUT OF SYNC WITH THE VILLAGE VALUES AND NEEDS.

THANK YOU.

(APPLAUSE).

>>CLERK WATERS: BROOKE?

AND THEN ANNA WILL BE NEXT.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS BROOKE AND I LIVE RIGHT BY THE PROPOSED QUIKTRIP.

I AM ASKING FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO DENY THE THREE REQUESTS, EACH OF THESE REQUEST CONFLICTS WITH THE STANDARDS OF OAK PARK THAT THEY HAVE ADOPTED FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT.

THE TRAFFIC GUIDE STUDY SHOWS THE GAS STATION WILL ADD THOUSANDS OF NEW CAR TRIPS EVERY DAY TO THE INTERSECTION OF HARLEM AND GARFIELD, ALREADY ONE OF THE MOST BUSY AND DANGEROUS IN THE VILLAGE.

ON A SIDE NOTE, I AM A LITTLE SHOCKED THAT IDOT SAID WE COULD TAKE A LEFT ON LEXINGTON, BECAUSE I WAS ACTUALLY JUST TALKING TO MY NEIGHBOR ABOUT WANTING TO GO TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION TO SEE IF WE CAN GET THAT TO NOT EVER HAPPEN EVER AGAIN.

BECAUSE, IT IS ONE OF THE WORST INTERSECTIONS ON THE PLANET.

THOSE EXTRA TRIPS MEAN MORE TURNING CONFLICTS AND CONGESTION AND PRESSURE ON NARROW NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS LIKE LEXINGTON AND MAPLE WHERE I LIVE.

PEOPLE ARE ALREADY ZOOMING DOWN MABEL TO AVOID HARLEM TO GET TO ROOSEVELT.

I CANNOT EVEN IMAGINE HOW MANY MORE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND EVEN IF IT IS 500 MORE ARE GOING TO BE GOING DOWN MY STREET PARTICULARLY WHERE WE HAVE ALL OF OUR SOFTBALL, SOCCER AND LOTS OF OTHER FAMILIES PLAYING ALONG MABEL PARK.

THIS DIRECTLY INCREASES RISKS.

THE PROJECT ALSO PLACES ITS BRIGHTEST LIGHTS, NOISIEST OPERATIONS AND GASOLINE FUMES RIGHT AT THE EDGE OF MABEL AVENUE HOMES AND ACROSS FROM THE PARK WHERE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN GATHER.

THIS IS NOT COMPATIBLE FOR A SITE SURROUNDED BY HOMES AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS.

APPROVING A NEW REGIONAL FUELING HUB AT THIS LOCATION REMOVE OAK PARK IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

IT UNDERMINES OUR ADOPTED VISION ZERO PLEDGE TO REDUCE SEVERE CRASHES, OUR CLIMATE READY OAK PARK GOAL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND THE ENVISION OAK PARK COPPERHEAD SUPPLANT WHICH CALLS FOR

WALKABLE COMMUNITY SERVING INFILL ON RARE REDEVELOPED SITES LIKE THIS ONE.

THE OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT IS BROAD AND SUSTAINED.

OVER 1200 RESIDENTS SIGNED A PETITION ASKING YOU TO REJECT IT AND MORE THAN 40 NEIGHBORS SUBMITTED DETAILED WRITTEN COMMENTS EXPLAINING HOW IT WOULD HARM SAFETY, HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

I ALSO SENT OUT A NOTE TO THE 1200 PEOPLE THAT SIGNED THIS PETITION AND ASK FOR THEM TO EMAIL THE BOARD.

I IMAGINE YOU RECEIVED A BUNCH OF COMMENTS ABOUT THAT AS WELL, I HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY.

THEY COME FROM PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH TRAFFIC AND POLLUTION EVERYDAY.

THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR, THIS PROPOSAL FAILS TO MEET THE STANDARDS REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL.

I URGE YOU TO PUT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND LONG-TERM VISION OF OAK PARK FIRST AND DENIED THESE REQUESTS.

(APPLAUSE).

>>SPEAKER: HELLO.

MY NAME IS ANNA K AND MY FAMILY AND I HAVE LIVED ON WISCONSIN AVENUE FOR 26 YEARS.

THE BOARD HAS ALREADY HEARD I AM SURE IN SOME FORM FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND AS I UNDERSTAND TODAY FROM REPORTING FROM THE VILLAGE STAFF AND FROM NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE RESEARCHED AND SPELLED OUT THE MANY, THE REAL AND SPECIFIC WAYS THAT THE QUIKTRIP PROPOSAL IS NOT THE RIGHT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MORE SITE.

FAILING AS IT DOES TO ME OAK PARK ZONING ORDINANCE AND ENVISION OAK PARK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS.

IN LIGHT OF THOSE SPECIFICS, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RAISE A FEW THEMATIC POINTS AS I DID AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THEY BEAR REPEATING.

FIRST, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE VILLAGES ZONING ORDINANCE AND ENVISION OAK PARK 'S GOALS, ANY GAS STATION REPRESENTS A UNIQUELY POOR AND UNIQUELY HARMFUL AND WITH SO MANY GAS STATIONS ALREADY NEARBY THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, A REDUNDANT PROPOSAL.

MOREOVER, THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL 'S SCALE COUNTS AS A UNIQUELY POOR AND HARMFUL MEMBER OF THIS UNIQUELY POOR AND HARMFUL AND REDUNDANT TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT.

BY CONTRAST WE HAVE A ON THE GROUND EXAMPLE IN KENNEDY ACADEMY NEXT DOOR TO THE SITE OF A MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT THAT ADDS VALUE TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE ALSO HAD AN EXAMPLE IN THE NOW DEFUNCT GROVER DEVELOPMENT THAT AMANDA SURVEY SHOWS NEIGHBORS TO BE OPEN TO.

WE COUNT ON OUR ELECTED VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS.

AS ADVISED BY ITS COMMISSIONS AND STAFF TO MAKE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN PROPOSALS THAT MEET THE VILLAGE STANDARDS AND ARE WORTHY AND THOSE THAT DO NOT AND ARE NOT.

AND I KNOW THAT THE VILLAGE MAKES THESE DISTINCTIONS ALL THE TIME I HAVE BEEN HEARING THEM TONIGHT AS I HAVE BEEN HERE.

THIS IS ALL THE MORE ESSENTIAL IN THE PRESSURE OF ECONOMIC EXPEDIENCY WHICH THREATENS TO CONCLUDE THAT ANYTHING, EVEN SOMETHING BAD IS BETTER THAN NOTHING.

THIS IS A FALSE CONCLUSION.

FINALLY WE WELCOME FURTHER COLLABORATION WITH THE VILLAGE ALL LEVELS IN CULTIVATING A REALISTIC ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AND VALUE-ADDED DEVELOPMENT IN THIS SPOT.

THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU IS NOT IT.

THANK YOU.

(APPLAUSE).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CHRISTINA, HOW MANY MORE DO WE HAVE?

>>CLERK WATERS: JUST LAURA.

>>SPEAKER: HELLO, GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS LAURA DIRK AND I AM WITH THE OAK PARK CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK AND I ALSO SPOKE FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 11.

I AM HERE TONIGHT REPRESENTING OVER 130 OAK PARK RESIDENTS

VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR NETWORK WHICH IS THE ADVOCACY AND EDUCATIONAL COALITION STRIVE TO ELIMINATE OUR COMMUNITIES CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS THROUGH EQUITABLE POLICIES AND PRACTICES.

WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE VILLAGE IN TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE READY OAK PARK AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE IN 2022.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CONCUR WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION ABOUT THE SITE TO INSTALL A QUIKTRIP GAS PLAZA.

THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPING CONFLICT WITH AT LEAST THREE OF THE FIVE IMMEDIATE CROP GOALS.

THIS PLAN WILL ADD CONSIDERABLY TO OUR LOAD OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND WILL MAKE OUR VISION OF A VIBRANT, GREEN AND RESULTING COMMUNITY MUCH MORE CHALLENGING.

AS CLIMATE CHANGE GROWTH EFFECTS EVERYTHING.

THIS FOSSIL FUEL FOCUS WILL ADD US AWAY FROM THIS GOAL.

WITH VEHICLES DRIVING IN AND OUT, -- IN THE PUMPING OF GAS WHEN VAPORS ESCAPE INTO THE AIR.

WITH HIGH TEMPERATURES IN THE SUMMER, OMISSIONS OR EVEN HIGHER, BOC CAN BE CARCINOGENIC, TOXIC AND NOTABLY BENZENE.

A RECENT STUDY FROM THE ENVIRONMENT TO HELP SCIENTISTS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HAVE FOUND THAT EMISSIONS FROM VENT PIPES ARE ACTUALLY 10 TIMES HIGHER THAN ARE EXPECTED.

THE SECOND CROP GOAL IS TO REACH COMMUNITYWIDE NET ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2050.

THIS PROPOSAL WILL FREEZE IN PLACE A NEW SOURCE OF ADMISSIONS FOR DECADES.

NOW IS DEFINITELY NOT THE TIME TO ORIGINATE AND PUT IN PLACE FOR MANY YEARS A NEW SOURCE OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND VOCs THAT WILL INCREASE AIR POLLUTION AS WELL AS OTHER POTENTIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CONCERNS.

NUMBER THREE, THE THIRD CROP GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH 30% OF OAK PARK LAND AS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENHANCE PARK MANAGEMENT APPEARED WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY ON THIS SITE TO HELP THE VILLAGE MEET THIS GOAL. ANY DEVELOPMENT ON THIS LARGE PARCEL OF LAND SHOULD INCLUDE GREEN INFRA STRUCTURE TO MITIGATE THE INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

WE SUPPORT THE VISION OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY THAT WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MIXED-USE AT THIS SITE.

ANYTHING IN THAT SITE WE HOPE WOULD INCLUDE ROOFTOP SOLAR, NEW LEVEL 3 CHARGERS FOR EV'S WHICH HAVE NO TAILPIPE EMISSIONS, OAK PARK HAS ONLY TWO LEVEL 3 CHARGERS AND CHICAGO HAS VERY LONG NUMBERS OF THESE. ADDING LEVEL 3 CHARGERS TO A MULTIUSE DEVELOP IT WOULD MEAN IMPORTANT ASSETS TO DISLOCATION.

IN ORDER TO MEET THE GOALS OF CLIMATE READY OAK PARK WE URGE YOU TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE SITE AND SUPPORT THE VISION OF A VIBRANT, GREEN AND RESILIENT OAK PARK.

THANK YOU.

(APPLAUSE).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

AND NOW I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MIKE BRUCE.

>>MIKE BRUCE: HELLO AGAIN.

MIKE BRUCE, VILLAGE PLANNER.

THE SUBJECT FORMALLY OCCUPIED BY MORE AND SOME COMPANY IS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HARLEM AVENUE IN GARFIELD STREET NODDED BY MABEL STREET INTO THE SOUTH BY LEXINGTON STREET.

THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN AGC GENERALLY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND THE PROPOSAL IS TO DEMOLISH ALL IMPROVEMENTS ON THE SITE AND CONSTRUCT A QUIKTRIP GAS STATION WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 6600 IMMEDIATE SO WITH EIGHT FUELING STATIONS, 16 FUELING STATIONS.

THE SITE PLAN SHOWS 40 PARKING SPACES INCLUDING ON THE NORTH, EAST AND SOUTH SIDES OF THE SITE AND SHOWING THE APPLICANT'S PLANS AND THE PETITION AND CONTRACT LOCATED AT 915 S. MAPLE AVENUE AND 1137 TO 1155 GARFIELD STREET SUBMITTED THREE APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

THE FIRST WAS A VACATION, THE SECOND ONE WAS A SUBDIVISION AND THE THIRD WAS A SPECIAL USE PERMIT.

THE PETITIONER REQUESTS THAT THE VILLAGE ORDINANCE IS GRANTING ALL THREE REQUESTS.

ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AND THE VILLAGE RECEIVED 16 LETTERS IN OPPOSITION TO THE REQUEST AND MULTIPLE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SPOKE TO THE REQUEST AT THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION FINDS THAT IMPROVING THE PROPERTY IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE ADOPTED LAND USE POLICIES AND THE PLAN.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO THE VILLAGE BOARD THAT THE ALLEY VACATION, SUBDIVISION AND SPECIAL ALLOCATION BE DENIED.

MIKE S, CHAIR OF THE LANDING COMMISSION IS HERE FOR QUESTIONS ALONG WITH MYSELF AND ALSO THE PETITIONER, THE APPLICANT IS HERE FOR QUESTIONS. WITH THAT I ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

ALL RIGHT.

DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS READY OR DO WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT AND MIKE S?

IF WE HAVE OUR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, THEN I WILL JUST TURN IT OVER AND GO FROM THERE DEPENDING ON WHERE THAT TAKES US, OKAY?

WHO WOULD LIKE TO START US OFF?

OR IF YOU'RE READY TO MAKE YOUR FINAL COMMENTS, THAT IS ALSO FINE. GO FOR IT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I JUST HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE GAS TAX AND REAL ESTATE TAX, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER ALL SIDES.

SO, WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT, DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA AND ANY ESTIMATES OF CONCEPT AND THIS WOULD OBSOLETE DRAW A LITTLE BIT FROM THE STATIONS, BUT WHAT ARE WE LOOKING IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE WILL COLLECT?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: I DON'T THINK THE STAFF HAS DONE A REVENUE ESTIMATE BASED ON THE PROPOSAL, THIS IS THEIR PROPOSAL AND SO IF THEY HAVE SOME INFORMATION TO SHARE, MAYBE STAFF CAN SPEAK GENERALLY TO THE REVENUE ELECTED BY GAS STATIONS IN THE VILLAGE AND WHAT THE TREND HAS BEEN RECENTLY WITH THAT.

BUT, IN TERMS OF ESTIMATING AND ONE THE REVENUE THAT WOULD BE POTENTIALLY COLLECTED ON THIS NEW GAS STATION, I'M NOT SURE WE ARE PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT THAT, BUT I WILL LET STAFF WEIGH IN ON THAT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: HOW MUCH PER GALLON TO BE COLLECT?

>>NAOMI DIAZ: GOOD EVENING.

CURRENTLY WE COLLECTED SIX CENTS PER GALLON.

YEAR TO DATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 25 WE ARE AT \$287,000 APPROXIMATELY AND THAT IS A TOTAL OF 13 DIFFERENT GAS STATIONS.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: OKAY, 300,000 AND THIS ONE OF COURSE WOULD BE QUITE A BIT, BUT WE DON'T HAVE A FIRM NUMBER, JUST A ROUGH IDEA.

>>NAOMI DIAZ: WE HAVE NOT DONE A ANALYSIS AS MANAGER JACKSON HAS MENTIONED.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: AND CAN YOU TELL ME ALSO SOMEBODY TELL ME ABOUT THE REMEDIATION THAT WOULD GO AND THAT WOULD BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE EPA AND ALL THE OTHER ON THE SITE, BECAUSE THERE IS SOME CLEANUP THAT HAS TO OCCUR THERE WITH THE TANK AND THE LEAKY TANK AND WHATNOT.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: YOU KNOW I KNOW CRAIG, MAYBE YOU WANT TO THIS, I KNOW THAT AND WE MAY NEED TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS, BUT I KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME REMEDIATION ON THE SITE AND I THINK I BELIEVE IN 2016 AND 2022, MOST RECENTLY IN 2022 WITH THE REMOVAL OF A TANK.  
A STORAGE TANK, 500 GALLON STORAGE TANK.

>>CRAIG FALOR: CRAIG FALOR, FOR SPECIAL USE WE DO NOT REQUIRE A PHASE 1 REPORT LIKE WITH PLANNING DEVELOP ITS.  
BUT, I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME CLEANUP ON THE PROPERTY. WE HAVE A INQUIRY INTO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT THEY HAVE IN THE RECORDS INSOFAR AS REMOVAL FOR ANYTHING THAT STILL MAY BE IN THE GROUND AND WE HAVE NOT HEARD BACK FROM THEM AT THIS POINT, BUT I BELIEVE THEY INDICATED THAT THERE WAS SOME REMOVAL OF TANKS. AND WE ARE NOT QUITE SURE WHAT THE EXISTING CONTAMINATION IS AT THIS POINT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: BUT, THAT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AND FOLLOWED UP WITH?

WITH A FULL PROPER -

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THEY WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE A PHASE 1 REPORT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, IF NOT THEN WE WILL START - OKAY.

NO QUESTIONS.

ALL RIGHT.

ARE WE GOING STRAIGHT FOR A VOTE?

YES?

OKAY.

THEN IF NOBODY IS GOING TO RAISE HER HAND I WILL STILL START WITH CHIBIKUE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: CONTRARY TO THE LAST DEVELOPMENT I HAVE HEARD FROM NEIGHBORS AROUND THE MORRIS SITE WHILE IT HAS BEEN VACANT FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS ASKING WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT.

SO, I APPRECIATE THAT.

YOU KNOW IT SHOWS THAT YOU ALL CARE WITH SOMETHING BEING ADDRESSED OR ADDED.

SO, A FEW YEARS AGO THIS BODY DECIDED THAT A GAS STATION SHOULD BE CLOSED OVERNIGHT.

AND WE DECIDED THAT BECAUSE OF A SAFETY REASON AND I SHOULD SAY WE BECAUSE I WAS NOT HERE YET, BUT THIS BOARD DECIDED THAT.

AND YOU KNOW IT IS HARD FOR ME TO LOOK AT THAT DECISION AND THEN DECIDE THAT WE SHOULD GREENLIGHT ANOTHER GAS STATION.

FOR ME IT IS NOT JUST THE LOCATION AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, IT JUST SEEMS AGAINST THE ETHOS OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE VILLAGE. YOU KNOW ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE SITE IS CURRENTLY VACANT AND UNDERDEVELOPED, YOU KNOW WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE SAFETY ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED PREVIOUSLY AND ALSO SAFETY ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT OTHER GAS STATIONS IN THE NEARBY VICINITY OF HARLEM AND GARFIELD YOU KNOW IT DOES GIVE ME PAUSE IN TERMS OF WHAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM A GAS STATION IF WE WERE TO DECIDE TO GREENLIGHT IT.

I DON'T KNOW THAT I WANT TO COMMIT SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO KEEPING A GAS STATION SAFE WHEN WE ARE STILL TRYING TO FULLY STAFF UP OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO KEEP THE REST OF THE VILLAGE SAFE WHEN THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO DECIDE TO DO.

YOU KNOW I STRUGGLE WITH THIS JUST A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE THERE IS A REVENUE ASPECT TO IT AND THERE IS THE ASPECT THAT THE SITE HAS BEEN VACANT FOR NUMBER OF YEARS AND IT IS NOW A PUBLIC NUISANCE TO A CERTAIN DEGREE. AND THERE COULD BE AN ARGUMENT THAT YOU KNOW THIS IS BETTER THAN NOTHING.

THAT IS AN ARGUMENT SOMEBODY ELSE CAN MAKE.

I DISAGREE WITH IT TRUTHFULLY.

I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BE INTENTIONAL WITH THE THINGS THAT WE GREENLIGHT AND WHILE I AM LIKELY THE MOST PRODEVELOPMENT TRUSTEE SITTING ON THIS BOARD TABLE, THAT TYPICALLY LENDS ITSELF MORE TOWARDS HOUSING AND GAS STATIONS.

I FIND IT HARD TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL SAFETY ISSUE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD THAT THIS GAS STATION WOULD IN MY OPINION ALMOST CERTAINLY CREATE, NOT FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN IT BEING A GAS STATION AND IT BEING IN THE VICINITY WHERE A GAS STATION HAS HAD A POOR SAFETY RECORD AND IN THE VILLAGE WHERE WE HAVE COLLECTIVELY DECIDED THAT GAS STATIONS CAN SOMETIMES REPRESENT A SAFETY HAZARD.

SO, IT IS FOR THOSE REASONS REALLY THAT I AM AGAINST THIS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BEFORE I GO ON TO THE REST OF THE BOARD, I WONDER MIKE S, THE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE AND NOT THAT YOU NEED TO, BUT I WELCOME YOU TO AS YOU HAVE SAID -- SAT HERE ALL NIGHT LONG AND YOU DID A EXCELLENT JOB OF LEADING THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS.

WHICH I DID WATCH.

>>SPEAKER: WILL, THANK YOU.

YOU KNOW THE RESIDENCE ARE VERY STURDY AS THEY SHOULD BE AND I THINK THE DEVELOPERS DID A FINE PRESENTATION, BUT ULTIMATELY AND I WOULD LIKE TO CORRECT THE RECORD A LITTLE BIT THE PETITIONER SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS HAD SOME ADDITIONAL REQUESTS IN EXCHANGE FOR A MORE FAVORABLE REVIEW AND THERE WAS ONE COMMISSIONER WHO DID HAVE SOME ITEMS THAT HE WANTED THEM TO COMMIT TO AND THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL WAS DENIED ANYWAY AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DENIED - AND WE APPRECIATE

THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE THESE REQUESTS, BUT FOR THE REASON STATED BY THE PLANNER AND THE COMMISSION, IT JUST WASN'T IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE VILLAGE AND DID NOT FIT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF ANY OF THE PLANTS IN THE REVIEW WHEN MAKING THESE DECISIONS, BUT AGAIN I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE PETITIONERS AND THE COMMUNITY FOR HELPING TO EDUCATE US AND THANK YOU FOR THE COMPLIMENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I ALSO WONDER IF YOU KNOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF A QUICK TRIP, IF YOU WANT TO SHARE ANYTHING THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE SHARED AT THE COMMISSION MEETING OUT OF ALL OF OUR FAIRNESS AND WHAT IS RIGHT FOR OUR COMMUNITY GIVEN ALL OF THE INFORMATION. AS I DID - THERE APPEARED TO BE MORE AND I GUESS THAT YOU WILL FINISH OR SIX MINUTES NOW, RIGHT?

>>SPEAKER: I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO JUST SPEAK ON WHAT WE DID NOT PRESENT AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION. I WOULD REITERATE THE ADDITIONAL EV CHARGING STATIONS. WE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTING WITH OUR DEVELOPMENT IF IT WERE TO GO FORWARD THE ENHANCED LANDSCAPING. WE HEARD THE CONCERNS AND ULTIMATELY WE WANT TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BACKLASH OF IT AND THAT WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE THE INDUSTRY STANDARD. I WISH QUIKTRIP COULD BE EXPERIENCED BY EVERYONE AND YES, I DO WORK FOR THE COMPANY, BUT IT IS ACTUALLY A REAL COMMUNITY DIFFERENCE WHENEVER WE DO GO IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THEN THIRDLY THE RESTRICTED ACCESS, WE HEAR OUR RESIDENCE. THEY DON'T WANT TRAFFIC TO GO THERE. WE SUBMITTED A PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC STUDY AND IDOT REVIEWED IN THEIR PROFESSIONALS REGARDLESS IF THE NEIGHBOR SAID HEY, WE WANT YOU TO HAVE MULTIPLE ACCESS POINTS, AT THE END OF THE DAY WE STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PROFESSIONALS AND IDOT AND WE DID DO THAT. AND THEY DID COME BACK WITH NO NEGATIVE COMMENTS AND THE COMMITMENT TO SOLAR, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WITH THE CLIMATE READY OAK PARK, WE WENT THROUGH IT AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE AN ENERGY DEPARTMENT THAT LOOKS INTO THAT FOR US AND TYPICALLY YOU KNOW I DID STATE THAT THE COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING THAT IS USUALLY SOMETHING WE DO FURTHER SOUTH MORE SUNLIGHT AND WE LOOKED INTO THAT AND IT SEEMS FAVORABLE AT THIS LOCATION AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE WILLING TO DO AND THAT IS ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE THAT YOU LISTENED TO WHAT YOU HEARD FROM THE RESIDENCE AND WITH THAT WE WILL KEEP MOVING. JIM.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I HAVE SOME THINGS TO SAY. I WILL BE BRIEF, THOUGH.

THERE WERE A LOT OF POINTS MENTIONED HERE TONIGHT. THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND REASONS TO BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT VOTING FOR THIS PROJECT THAT INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT IS CONTRARY TO ENVISION OAK PARK AND THE 2014 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE MASTER PLAN WHICH EMPHASIZES SUSTAINABILITY AND MINIMIZING ENVIRONMENT IMPACTS AND ALSO PRIORITIZING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

IT ALSO IS MENTIONED THAT IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH CLIMATE READY OAK PARK AND THE VILLAGE EFFORTS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND IT CONTRIBUTES ALSO AND IT WAS MENTIONED AS A OVERSATURATION OF GAS STATIONS IN THE AREA THOUGH IT IS NOT IN THE PURVIEW OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO REGULATE COMPETITION.

ALSO INCLUDED OTHER REASONS SUCH AS AIR QUALITY EFFECTS, LIGHT POLLUTION, NOISE POLLUTION, TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND IT'S VERY COMPLICATED EQUATION AS TRAFFIC ALWAYS IS.

AND THEN ALSO I THINK IT IS PROBLEMATIC THAT THE LOCATION IS NEXT TO OR THE PUBLIC PARK IS THERE A DAYCARE FACILITY.

IT COULD ATTRACT A LOT OF PEOPLE AND I DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SPILLOVER EFFECT.

ANOTHER ISSUE IN THE IMPACT OF THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE HOW THIS WOULD IMPACT HOUSING VALUES IN THE AREA.

I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION OF HOW IT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING VALUES, BUT IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT IT IS NOT GOING TO INCREASE THEM.

GIVEN ANY DEVELOPMENT INVOLVED IN THIS AREA WILL NEED A COMPLETE CLEANUP, WE WOULD HAVE A GOOD CLEAN PLOT OF LAND THERE.

AND I DON'T THINK IT WOULD NECESSARILY INCREASE AND I DON'T THINK THIS IS REALLY A NIMBY ISSUE BECAUSE THIS REALLY HAS A QUALITY OF LIFE IMPACT ON A LOT OF RESIDENCE IN OAK PARK.

AND IMPACTS THE INVESTMENT THEY HAVE MADE IN THEIR HOMES AND IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND WHEN I SPEAK OF INVESTMENT I AM TALKING ABOUT THE VALUE OF THEIR INVESTMENT AND I WOULD BE CONCERNED THAT IT MAY DIMINISH THAT.

HOWEVER, RISING ABOVE ALL OF THESE ISSUES TO ME AND IN A OVERARCHING ISSUE AND THEME WHICH CONNECTS MANY OF THEM IS THAT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

I TEND TO VIEW MUCH OF WHAT HAPPENS AT THE BOARD TABLE THROUGH THE LENS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT IS NOT SAFE.

IN FACT THEY AVOID COMMUNITIES THAT ARE NOT SAFE AND WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE THAT HAPPEN AT OAK PARK.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IS A BEDROCK VALUE OF THIS BOARD AND THE VILLAGE AND IT IS MY TOP PRIORITY AS A TRUSTEE.

IF WE ARE NOT SAFE, MOST OF THE OBJECTIONS PREVIOUSLY DID NOT EVEN MATTER BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTRACT ANY BUSINESSES OR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

GAS STATIONS AND I'VE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH GAS STATIONS AT THE BOARD AND IN OAK PARK BECAUSE I PUSHED TO CLOSE THE BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 AM.

AND BY THE WAY THAT DID DEFINITELY IMPROVE AND I HAVE CONFIRMED THIS MANY TIMES, IMPROVED THE SAFETY IN THAT TIME BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND FIVE.

WE HAVE MUCH FEWER VIOLENT CRIMES AS A RESULT OF THAT.

SO, GAS STATIONS HAVE BEEN AN ISSUE AND AS WE HAVE SEEN WITH OTHER GAS STATIONS THEY CONTINUED TO BE A MAGNET FOR VIOLENT CRIME.

AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WHICH ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A CEMENT PLANT THERE THAT DID OPERATE AND THEN SHUT DOWN BY THE END OF THE DAY, IT STILL, IT IS RELATIVELY QUIET AND NOT THAT KIND OF ACTIVITY, DRUG DEALING, THEFT, GANG ACTIVITY WHICH WE SAW AS WELL AS SHOOTINGS AND WE DON'T WANT TO SEE SHOOTINGS, WE HAVE HAD TOO MANY.

AND I THINK ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE MADE WORSE DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE LOCATION TO THE EISENHOWER EXPRESSWAY WHERE IT IS EASY ENTRANCE AND EXIT AND WE HAVE SEEN THAT AND THERE IS MANY INSTANCES THAT THAT IS BOTH AT AUSTIN AND HARLEM ARE JUST A LOT OF CRIME AROUND THOSE AREAS BECAUSE YOU CAN GET IN AND OUT OF THE VILLAGE VERY QUICKLY.

ONE MORE THING I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE APPLICANTS HERE TONIGHT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT IN MY VIEW WE ARE VERY HONORED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY COMPANY AND I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANYTHING NEGATIVE I CAN SAY SPECIFICALLY ABOUT QUIKTRIP AS A COMPANY.

YOU SEEM TO BE A WELL ORGANIZED AND WELL-RUN GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS, BUT I WOULD SAY TO SUMMARIZE THAT I WILL VOTE NO TO THIS APPROVAL, BECAUSE I CAN NEVER VOTE FOR ANY APPROVAL IN MY VIEW THAT DIMINISHES OR COMPROMISES PUBLIC SAFETY EVER.

AND I WON'T.

AND MY VOTES WILL BE SOLID.

SO, YOU CANNOT CONVINC ME THE LOCATION OF THE GAS STATION, EVEN THIS ONE HERE, MANAGED BY A GOOD COMPANY WILL NOT IMPACT THE SAFETY IN A NEGATIVE MANNER.

AND I BELIEVE ESCORTED MENTIONED IT WILL BE A DRAIN ON VILLAGE RESOURCES WHICH WE CANNOT AFFORD AT THIS TIME.

SO, MY VOTE WILL BE NO AND I WANT TO MENTION ONE OTHER THING AND THAT IS THAT THERE WILL BE DEVELOPMENT AT THIS SITE AT SOME POINT.

THIS SITE - THE VILLAGE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE AND I'M SURE THE OWNERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS DEVELOPED IN A PROPER MANNER WHETHER IT IS A BUSINESS OR MIXED USE AND SOME COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, WE ARE COMMITTED TO DOING THAT AND HELPING IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN AS BOARD MEMBERS FOR PUTTING THAT THROUGH.

BUT, IT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE WHERE PEOPLE AGREE.

AND IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THERE WERE PROPOSALS MADE BEFORE AND I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND ABOUT THIS.

THIS HAS TO EVENTUALLY OCCUR AND IT WILL NOT BE A PUBLIC PARK AS MUCH AS - UNLESS WE CAN GET BILL GATES TO BUY IT AND DONATE IT AFTER IT HAS BEEN REMEDIATED, THAT WOULD BE FINE, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT WILL HAPPEN. IT WILL BE DEVELOPED AND KEEP THAT IN MIND.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THOSE ARE MY WORDS.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

BRIAN AND THEN JENNA?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OF GAS STATIONS AND SERVICE STATIONS THAT I HAVE BEEN AT, QUIK TRIP IS A LOVELY GAS STATION AND SERVICE STATION EXPERIENCE. I AM ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT EVENTUALLY REDEVELOPING THIS SITE AND I AM ALWAYS EXCITED TO LOOK FOR AND IDENTIFY NEW REVENUE SOURCES.

I WILL SAY HOWEVER THAT I AM ALSO VERY EXCITED ABOUT OAK PARK BEING A GUIDING LIGHT ON A CLEANER AND MORE GREEN FUTURE.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS USE ALIGNS WITH OUR STRATEGIC VISION AS A VILLAGE FOR WHERE WE WANT TO BE 10 YEARS FROM TODAY.

IT MAY HAVE ALIGNED WITH WHERE WE WANT IT TO BE 20 YEARS AGO, BUT IT IS NOT ALIGNED WITH WHERE WE ARE GOING.

WE HEARD A LITTLE BIT EARLIER ABOUT THE GAS TAX NUMBERS AND ANNUAL GAS TAX NUMBERS THAT WE HEARD WORK OUT TO A LITTLE UNDER \$400,000 AND I THOUGHT THAT 287 WAS YEAR-TO-DATE AND IT WORKS OUT TO LESS THAN \$400,000 FOR THE YEAR AND I MENTION THAT, BECAUSE I WENT BACK AND I LOOKED AT 2015 GAS TAX REVENUE.

YOU KNOW I BELIEVE OUR GAS STATIONS WERE SIMILAR IN QUANTITY THEN SO WHAT THEY ARE TODAY AND THE GAS TAX REVENUE 10 YEARS AGO WAS \$850,000. THE OVERWHELMING TREND WE ARE SEEING IN OAK PARK IS GAS TAX REVENUE IS FALLING.

PEOPLE ARE EITHER DRIVING LESS OR DRIVING MORE GREEN.

AND EVEN IF A DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS QUIK TRIP WOULD CREATE AN INFUSION OF REVENUE IN THE SHORT TERM IT IS A REVENUE SOURCE THAT WILL DWINDLE IN THE LONG TERM AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE TOWARDS A MORE GREEN AND MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE AND OAK PARK IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A LEADER IN THAT REGARD.

I THINK THE MORE SITE IS A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH AND THERE IS A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY IN THIS SITE AND IT IS VERY ROUGH RIGHT NOW AND WE NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON WHAT WE CAN DO AS A VILLAGE TO ENSURE THAT IT IS DEVELOPED IN A WAY THAT WILL BENEFIT THE VILLAGE FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS.

AND THIS IS NOT THAT.

SO, I WILL BE VOTING NO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JENNA?

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO THE GRATITUDE FOR THE WORK THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID AND I ALSO WATCHED THE SEPTEMBER 11

EARRINGS AND SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED AND FOR THOSE WHO EMAILED US. AND SPOKE TONIGHT.

I CONCUR ALSO WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DENY ALL OF THE REQUESTS AND PERMITS.

PRIMARILY MOTIVATED BY HOW THIS DEVELOPMENT AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WOULD UNDERMINE OUR CLIMATE GOALS.

IT IS NOT AS TRUSTEE STRAW VERY ARTICULATE, IT DOES NOT LIVE INTO OUR VISION OF A SUSTAINABLE PRESENT OR FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

I THINK THERE IS OTHER GOOD REASONS AS WELL AND I WILL ALSO REITERATE THAT A MULTI USE SITE THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY BUILD HOUSING AND THAT IS ALSO A CHARGE TO US TO LOOK AT OUR RHO AGAIN TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THE PROPOSAL COMES FORWARD WE ARE GOING TO GET THE BEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE VISION FOR A SUSTAINABLE, AFFORDABLE FUTURE FOR OAK PARK.

I WILL ASK FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE YES/NO, BUT I WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THANK YOU EVERYONE, PUBLIC COMMENTS, I AM ON THE SAME PAGE AS MY COLLEAGUES HERE.

I WAS VERY CURIOUS ABOUT THE REVENUE AND I HAD A HUNCH THAT THE REVENUE FROM GAS TAXES DECLINING AND I DID NOT KNOW UNTIL TRUSTEE STRAW SHARED THAT HE REALLY SEEMS TO BE DECLINING ALREADY PRETTY SUBSTANTIALLY AND IF THAT IS THE NUMBER ONE POSITIVE FOR THE VILLAGE, THEN THAT SEEMS LIKE A DIMINISHING RETURN.

REALLY ESSENTIALLY ON THE GROUNDS OF OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, A GAS STATION IS JUST NOT GOING TO GET US TO WHERE WE NEED TO GO.

FRANKLY GAS STATIONS ARE NOT IN THE FUTURE FOR OAK PARK OR THE NATION OR THE PLANET.

THAT IS JUST SORT OF A LONG-TERM LOSING THAT AND SO I THINK THE RESIDENTS GOT IT RIGHT AND I COUNTED AROUND 50 SINCE AROUND NOON YESTERDAY AND PRETTY MUCH ALL OF THEM WERE IN OPPOSITION.

I AM A NEARBY RESIDENT AND I RUN AROUND MAPLE PARK MANY TIMES A WEEK AND I GO TO THE DOG PARK ALL THE TIME AND YES, IT IS SOMETHING THAT I SEE ALL OF THE TIME, RESIDENTS GOT IT RIGHT ON THIS AND I THINK THE PLANNING COMMISSION GOT IT RIGHT AND I WILL BE VOTING IN AGREEMENT WITH THEIR DECISION TO DENY THIS PROJECT.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: IT IS UP TO ME NOW.

NO!

THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION.

AND YOU KNOW JUST LIKE TRUSTEE STRAW WAS SAYING I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST QUIK TRIP AND I SAY THAT AS A ROAD WARRIOR AND ALL OF MY KIDS TRAVEL AND ACTUALLY I WILL FORGO WHAT THEY TELL ME AND I WILL GO THERE REGARDLESS BECAUSE IT HAS THE BEST NITRO BAR AND SO IF YOU NEED TO GET A GOOD COPY IT IS THE BEST ONE AND I HAVE BEEN TO EVERY ONE OF THEM.

BUT, THAT BEING SAID I STRONGLY, STRONGLY I AM OPPOSED TO DOING ANYTHING THAT IS GOING TO STOP A TRAJECTORY THAT OUR VILLAGE HAS TAKEN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR A WHILE SINCE YOU KNOW THE LAST BOARD WAS HERE AND WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PLANT AREA WAS USE FOR SOMETHING THAT HELPS OUR BOARD GOALS AND THAT IS FOR A CLEANER AND SAFER FUTURE FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY AND ALSO THE WORLD AS A WHOLE AND WE REALLY HOPE THAT THE ACTIONS WE TAKE HELP TO BE THAT GUIDING LIGHT IN OTHER AREAS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES TO BE ABLE TO THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS IN A LONG-TERM SITUATION AND I DO STILL WANT TO SEE MORE EV CHARGERS IN OAK PARK.

THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE WORKING TOWARDS.

BUT, I DO NOT THINK A GAS STATION WOULD BE WHAT WE NEED FOR THIS COMMUNITY.

I HAVE NEVER HAD - AND I TALKED TO A LOT OF PRESIDENTS IN ALL PLACES OF OAK PARK AND OUTSIDE OF OAK PARK AND I'VE NEVER HAD A PERSON BE LIKE WE NEED ANOTHER GAS STATION, THIS IS WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.

I'VE NEVER HAD THAT ONCE AND I'M NOT TRYING TO KNOCK GAS STATIONS, IT IS JUST NOT WHAT PEOPLE IN OAK PARK ARE TELLING ME THAT THEY NEED MORE OF BECAUSE YOU CAN PRETTY MUCH FIND THEM WHEREVER YOU NEED TO PRETTY CLOSE BY REGARDLESS.

AND OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE REALLY EXPRESSED TO US OVER THE YEARS OF UTILIZING THAT SPACE FOR SOMETHING.

THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DENSITY AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT AFFORDABILITY AND ALL OF THOSE GREAT THINGS LIKE I SAID THE GAS STATION IS LESS OF WHAT POPS UP IN MY MIND.

AND SO I DO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE FEEDBACK ALTHOUGH WE MAY NOT ALL REPLY TO THE EMAILS THAT ARE COMING IN, WE SEE THEM AND WE SAW THEM ALL AND WE ALL REALLY DO APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR FEEDBACK TO LETTING US KNOW THE ANGLES THAT WE MAY MISS.

AND THE OPPORTUNITIES.

AND FOR YOU YOU KNOW DOING THAT SURVEY, THAT IS AWESOME.

I AM SO EXCITED IT IS LIKE WE HAVE SOME ACTUAL OTHER FEEDBACK WE CAN WORK WITH AND I CAN TAP ON YOU AFTER THIS AND YOU KNOW GET SOME OF THOSE RESULTS AND FIGURE OUT HOW WE BRING SOME ACTUAL EVIDENCE AND DESIGNS AND THOUGHTS TO WHO WE ARE TRYING TO ATTRACT HERE AND LIKE I SAID BEFORE I THINK OAK PARK IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A DESIRABLE COMMUNITY WHETHER IT IS FOR ORGANIZATIONS LIKE YOURSELVES OR OTHER ONES, PEOPLE AND DEVELOPERS ARE GOING TO WANT TO COME HERE REGARDLESS.

I KNOW THAT THAT WAS A GOOD SITUATION TO UTILIZE THE SPACE THAT WAS ALREADY AVAILABLE, BUT I DO THINK THAT THERE IS A LOT OF OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND WE HAVE A STAFF THAT IS GOING TO EXPLORE THAT AND FIGURE OUT THE BEST USE FOR THAT SPACE.

I JUST DON'T THINK EVEN WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT THE REVENUE, YOU'RE NOT THINKING THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO SHIFT THE TAX BURDEN IN

OAK PARK WHEN YOU WERE LOOKING AT \$400,000, IT IS NOT GOING TO DO NEARLY AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD WANT IT TO DO TO HELP OUT OUR RESIDENTS.

SO, FOR ME PERSONALLY IT IS NO.

BUT, I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST YOU.

I JUST THINK IN GENERAL WE HAVE TO START SWITCHING AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS AND FIGURING OUT WAYS TO BECOME LESS DEPENDENT OF THAT.

SO, IT WILL BE A NO FOR ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

WELL, IT DOES NOT FEEL LIKE THERE IS ANY REASON TO DELAY THIS FURTHER.

ACTUALLY THE PUBLIC COMMENT VERY CONVENIENTLY HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF MY MAJOR CONCERNS THAT AS A SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPION I HOPE THAT I CAN SAY AND I THINK DEREK MAY OCCASIONALLY BEAT ME OUT BUT I HAVE THE REGIONAL ELEMENT, OKAY AND HE HAS THE HOME BASE ON THAT MISSION.

THE IDEA OF ADDING PETROLEUM AS OUR USE FOR THAT LAND IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I AM ULTIMATELY INTERESTED IN.

I AM CHALLENGED BY ACTUALLY A LOT OF THE VACANT SPACE AND HOW IT IS THAT YOU WOULD FILL IT.

I DON'T SEE IT AS THE BEST USE FOR THE PROPERTY.

OR FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

IT DOES BEG THE QUESTION WHAT IS AND I CAN SAY THAT IT IS TOP OF MIND BECAUSE I ALSO WANT TO CHALLENGE TRUSTEE WESLEY 'S AGAIN, KIND OF LIKE DEREK, MAYBE JUST MAYBE HE BEATS ME ON DEVELOPMENT JUST A LITTLE BIT, BUT I AM PRETTY - I AM STARTING TO OBSESS ABOUT SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITY HERE. BUT, WHEN TRUSTEE WESLEY AND I USED TO TALK AS HE WAS THE CHAIR OF THE OAK PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ONCE UPON A TIME, WE TALKED ABOUT A MASTER PLAN FOR A COMMUNITY.

AND WHAT MAKES SENSE.

AND UNFORTUNATELY THIS DOES NOT FIT.

I ALSO DO NOT MIND SAYING OUT LOUD THAT HAD I BEEN ON THE PREVIOUS BOARD I WOULD'VE PURCHASED THIS LAND RIGHT FROM THE GET-GO.

SO THAT WAY WE COULD WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR ITS BEST USE.

AND WE HAVE NOT HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY.

SO, UNFORTUNATELY YOU KNOW I THINK IT IS TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD THAT THIS BOARD DID NOT HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY.

AND SO WHILE I AGREE THAT QUIK TRIP IS A REPUTABLE COMPANY THAT RUNS A GOOD BUSINESS WITH GOOD PRODUCT FOR THE SPACES THAT THEY OCCUPY, I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS IS A COMMUNITY GROUP THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.

I DO WISH YOU LUCK AND I DO APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS AND YOUR ATTRACTION TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND I COMMEND THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIVE TO WHAT YOU HEARD AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

AND FOR HOW YOU'VE OPERATED WITH STAFF AND COMMUNITY.

SO, WITH THAT.

CLERK WATERS IF YOU WOULD TAKE THE ROLE.

>>SPEAKER: SO, WE ARE VOTING YES OR NO TO CONCUR?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GOOD QUESTION.

THIS IS TO CONCUR WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ADOPT ORDINANCE DENYING THE VACATION OF A 16 FOOT WIDE ALLEY FOR QUIK TRIP SO, THEY DENY THE VACATION, YOU CAN VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERK WATERS.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: YES (LAUGHTER).

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING AND WORKING WITH OUR STAFF.

(APPLAUSE).

>>SPEAKER: WE WOULD ASK INFO ON THE OTHER TWO, WE UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WOULD LIKE TO BE BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FULL -

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: IF THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO WITHDRAW THE OTHER TWO, IT WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES FOR THE VILLAGE TO REPORT AND VOTE ON THOSE PAIRED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NO PROBLEM, I UNDERSTAND.

OKAY, SO, ITEM S, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE PLAN COMMISSION ADOPT ORDINANCE DENYING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR QUIK TRIP CORPORATION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE GAS STATION AT 1141 GARFIELD STREET.

MOSHE, PLEASE PAIRED.

>>SPEAKER: MOTION.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK HE GOT YOU.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE STRAW.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE A ROLE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THIS IS CONCURRING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THIS IS ALSO A YES.

(LAUGHTER) I USUALLY DON'T TELL YOU HOW TO VOTE, BUT -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE WESLEY, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

AND SO NOW THE LAST ITEM IS ITEM T, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE DENYING SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL FOR QUIK TRIP CORPORATION AND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1141 GARFIELD STREET.

MOSHE, PLEASE?

>>SPEAKER: MOVE.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY, SECOND BY TRUSTEE STRAW, CLERK WATERS, TAKE ROLE, PLEASE?

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE LEVING-JOHNSON, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, PRESIDENT SCAMAN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES, THAT EFFECTIVELY DENIES THE DIM ELEMENT. THANK YOU.

AND THE LAST THING ON THE BOARD IS TYPICAL, WE HAVE CALLED THE BOARD AND CLERK.

THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING.

YOU'RE CERTAINLY WELCOME TO LISTEN TO COMMUNITY UPDATES AND ETC. OR YOU CAN READ THEM ON FACEBOOK LATER.

(CHUCKLE) CLERK WATERS?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I JUST WANTED TO ONE, ADDRESS A LOT OF THE I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU SPEAK TO THE HURT THAT IS GOING ON IN OUR IMMUNITIES AND YOU KNOW JUST ALL AROUND THE US DEALING WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, I THINK WHAT WE ARE SEEING FEDERALLY AND HOW WE ARE SEEING THAT DEMONSTRATED HERE IN THE CHICAGOLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS HAS BEEN YOU KNOW ONE THAT I DON'T SAY I'M SHOCKED ANYMORE, I AM JUST NOT REALLY SHOCKED ANYMORE BY THE THINGS I SEE HAPPENING AND HOW I SEE PEOPLE TREATED.

IT IS SO SAD TO SEE, BECAUSE I ALWAYS IMAGINED THAT BY THIS TIME IN MY LIFE THESE TYPES OF THINGS WOULD BE A THING OF THE PAST AND THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE TOGETHER IN A WAY THAT IS JUST POSITIVE AND CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER, BUT WHAT WE SEE YOU KNOW HAPPENING ON A NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PUTS A LOT OF FEAR OUT THERE FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE AND I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED SOME DAYS AND WHAT I HAVE BEEN SEEING PEOPLE THAT I KNOW PERSONALLY DEALING WITH IT IS SCARY AND IT IS SO UNFORTUNATE AND IN CONVERSATIONS AND I STILL DO, I ASK PEOPLE HOW THEY ARE DOING AND CHECK IN AND THINKING OF IT AS A VERY ROUTINE THING AND THEN YOU GET A RESPONSE THAT YOU ARE NOT PREPARED FOR FROM PEOPLE AND YOU KNOW IT HURTS ON THE INSIDE TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE LIVING AND THERE IS PEOPLE LIVING IN SUCH FEAR AND SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ACTUALLY HAVE GREEN CARDS AND SOME OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LIVING HERE FOR A LONG TIME AND ARE NOW FEARFUL THAT THEIR WAY OF LIFE WILL NO LONGER BE THEIR WAY OF LIFE OR THAT THEY WILL BE GOING BACK TO SOMEWHERE ELSE BECAUSE THEY DON'T FEEL WELCOME ANYMORE.

AND I KNOW PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST LIKE YOU KNOW I FEEL LIKE IT IS TIME FOR ME TO GO.

BECAUSE, THEY JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE THIS COUNTRY IS SUPPORTING THEM THE WAY THAT THEY THOUGHT WOULD BE THE CASE.

AND IT HURTS ME YOU KNOW KNOWING THAT MY PARENTS IMMIGRATED HERE BECAUSE OF OPPORTUNITY AND THEY LOOK AT THIS AND IT IS NOT WHAT WE THOUGHT WE WERE COMING TO.

THIS IS NOT THE AMERICA THAT WE WANTED TO SEE AND IT IS SO HARD TO CONTINUOUSLY SEE US FIGHTING FOR THESE LIBERTIES THAT ARE PUT INTO OUR CONSTITUTION AND WE WANT TO SEE THROUGH FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST FOR ONE TYPE OF PERSON, BUT FOR ALL PEOPLE HERE AND IT JUST HURTS TO SEE THAT WE ARE SHOWING UP AND ASKING TO BE TREATED LIKE PEOPLE AND ASKING US TO TREAT PEOPLE LIKE PEOPLE.

AND SEEING PEOPLE TREATED LIKE LESS THAN AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT JUST HURTS ME EVERY DAY AND IT IS HARD TO CONTINUE TO GO AND LOOK INTO THE MEDIA AND SEE THESE TYPES OF THINGS, BECAUSE THAT IS NOT HOW I VIEW US AS PEOPLE AND I KNOW WE CAN DO BETTER, BUT IT IS GOING TO TAKE SOME REAL WORK NOT JUST AS A COUNTRY OR LAWMAKERS, BUT JUST PEOPLE TO SEE ONE ANOTHER AS ANOTHER PERSON AND NOT A NUMBER AND NOT A PERSON THAT IS NOT FROM HERE.

JUST PEOPLE AT THE END OF THE DAY.

SO, I JUST WANT PEOPLE TO REMEMBER THAT AND IT IS SOMETIMES VERY HARD FOR US TO LOOK VERY BIG PICTURE WHEN I THINK THE SMALL PICTURE SOMETIMES YOU KNOW JUST REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ALL PEOPLE AND ALL GOING THROUGH SOMETHING AND WE ALL JUST WANT TO BE SEEN.

SO, MAKE SURE THAT YOU SEE THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU AND SEE IF THERE REALLY OKAY WHEN YOU CHECK IN.

NOT JUST A ROUTINE HELLO, HOW ARE YOU DOING, BUT ACTUALLY HOW ARE YOU DOING BACK AND CHECK IN AND SEE IF THEY NEED SOME SUPPORT, BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ARE NOT GETTING THE SUPPORT THEY NEED AND SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES A CONVERSATION OR IT TAKES MANY CONVERSATIONS TO BE WILLING TO HAVE ONE AND THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT NEED THAT CONVERSATION RIGHT NOW.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: TRUSTEE ENYIA STARTED WITH THE RIGHT FIRST POINT AND THAT IS IN CENTERING THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY THAT IS STRUGGLING RIGHT NOW WITH THE CRACKDOWN THAT WE ARE SEEING WITH ICE AND UNFORTUNATELY IT GOES JUST BEYOND THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, BECAUSE ICE HAS MADE VERY CLEAR THAT THE CRITERIA THEY ARE USING FOR STOPPING PEOPLE IS NOT ACTUALLY A NARROW FOCUS CRITERIA.

IT IS NOT ABOUT GETTING RID OF DANGEROUS CRIMINALS, IT IS ABOUT TARGETING BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE.

AND ABDUCTING THEM AND FINDING OUT AFTER THE FACT WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE HERE LEGALLY AND THAT IS CREATING AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF FEAR IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

BUT, I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BROADVIEW NOT FAR FROM HERE, BECAUSE I WAS THERE ON FRIDAY MORNING JUST A FEW DAYS AGO AND I EXPERIENCED SOMETHING UNLIKE ANYTHING I HAVE EXPERIENCED IN MY LIFE. I WAS TOGETHER WITH OTHER PEACEFUL PROTESTERS EXERCISING OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF ASSEMBLY AND SPEECH AND I WATCHED AS ICE AGENTS MARCHED MOST OF THE LENGTH OF A CITY BLOCK TO ATTACK PEACEFUL PROTESTERS WITH TEAR GAS AND BATON ROUNDS AND PEPPER BALLS.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN HERE GASSED IN MY LIFE BEFORE THIS PAST FRIDAY.  
MY EYES ARE BURNING SUCH THAT I COULD NOT SEE.  
I WAS COUGHING SO HARD THAT I ALMOST VOMITED AND THIS WAS DESPITE THE  
FACT THAT I WAS WEARING A MASK AND PROTECTIVE GOGGLES.  
THIS IS NOT A SITUATION TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY, THIS IS NOT A SITUATION WHERE  
THE TRUTH IS SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE OF WHAT YOU SEE PUBLISHED BY THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WHAT YOU HEAR REPORTED BY PEOPLE WHO WERE  
THERE ON THE GROUND.  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION.  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PUBLISHING LIES AND THAT NEEDS TO BE CLEARLY  
STATED AND CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD, BECAUSE THE REPORT FROM THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BROADVIEW I CAN SAY FROM MY OWN  
FIRST PERSON ACCOUNT IS AN ACCURATE, NOT TRUE.  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ATTACKING CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, PEOPLE  
EXERCISING THEIR CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED RIGHTS.  
WE ARE BEYOND ANY BRIGHT RED LINE.  
AND EVERYONE SHOULD BE CONCERNED.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I WILL PASS, ALSO.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSEN: I THINK WHAT TRUSTEE IS ENYIA AND A STRAW  
MENTIONED ARE CRITICAL FOR US TO BE FOCUSED ON AND IT IS WHAT IS ON MY  
HEART AND MIND AND I'LL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION BECAUSE IT IS THE  
LAST DAY OF SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH AND THAT INTERSECTS WITH OUR  
EFFORTS TO PROTECT EVERYONE WITH WELCOMING ORDINANCES AND SANCTUARY  
AND TONIGHT WE TALKED ABOUT EXTENDING PROTECTION SIGNIFICANTLY FOR  
GENDER AFFIRMING CARE AND TRANS AND GENDER QUEER COMMUNITY AND  
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND SUICIDE PREVENTION IS KEY TO THOSE  
PREVENTIONS AND PROTECTIONS AND ALSO IN OUR CONSENT AGENDA WE EXTEND  
THE CONTRACT WITH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THRIVE AND THAT IS A PARTNERSHIP  
THAT I THINK WE ALL DEEPLY VALUE AND AS THINGS GET MORE SCARY AND THE  
CRISIS GETS DEEPER WE WILL BE RELYING ON THOSE SERVICES AND THAT  
PARTNERSHIP AND I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO ECHO THE REMINDER THAT INITIATED OUR  
OBSERVANCE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH AND LOOKING AT  
ADVANCING - NOT PLANNED?, BUT PHASE 2 OF OUR ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE AND  
MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE THINKING COMPREHENSIVELY ABOUT MEETING NEEDS  
AND USING THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE IN THIS COMMUNITY TO MEET THOSE  
NEEDS.

AND I HOPE EVERYBODY STAYS SAFE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: A COUPLE POINTS, ONE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA YOU  
REMINDED ME THERE WERE A BUNCH OF THINGS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND  
THERE WAS ONE I WANTED TO CALL OUT IS THAT WE RECLASSIFIED TREES AS  
CRITICAL INFO STRUCTURE IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

YES.

AGREED.

THANK YOU STAFF FOR MOVING THEM FORWARD.

I ALWAYS WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE GREAT WORK THAT WE ARE DOING AND CONTINUE TO DO AND SOMETIMES DOES NOT GET PUBLIC ATTENTION, BUT I SEE THE WORK.

SO THANK YOU.

AND THEN YES, BUILDING ON TOP OF WHAT MY COLLEAGUES TRUSTEE ENYIA AND STRAW AND LEVING-JOHNSON SAID ALREADY, IT IS AN EXTREME THEY SCARY TIME. I HAVE GONE BACK TO LOTS OF DIFFERENT READINGS AND ONE THING THAT I THINK HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO THINK ABOUT AS JUST EVERYDAY YOU KNOW TURN ON THE NEWS AND THINGS KEEP GETTING WORSE AND WORSE.

THERE IS A REALLY AMAZING ORGANIZER WHO USED TO LIVE IN CHICAGO BUT SHE LIVES IN NEW YORK NOW, MARIANNE, AND SHE HAS LOTS OF GREAT RESOURCES FOR REACTING AND JOINING TOGETHER IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND FASCISM AND SHE HAS THREE REALLY HELPFUL POINTS ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO AND I THINK IT IS SCARY TO READ ABOUT ALL OF THE THINGS GOING ON AND IT IS HARD TO THINK ABOUT WHAT DO I DO.

SO, THE THREE POINTS THAT I HAVE READ AND SOME OF THE WORK WE HAVE DONE ON A PROJECT CALLED 1 MILLION EXPERIMENTS ARE THOSE THREE AND I WOULD PASS THESE ON TO EVERYBODY WHO IS LISTENING.

THE FIRST ONE IS TO STAY INFORMED.

IT IS HARD TO DO THAT RIGHT NOW, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON TO A POINT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO JUST DOOM SCROLL, BUT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON AND DO SEEK OUT TRUSTWORTHY NEWS SOURCES.

THERE ARE AS TRUSTEE STRAW MENTIONED, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.

AND THERE IS LOTS OF INFORMATION OUT THERE ON SOCIAL MEDIA THAT IS ALSO NOT RELIABLE.

SO, SEEK OUT INDEPENDENT REPORTING AND YOU KNOW WE HAVE GREAT REPORTERS HERE IN THE ROOM AND WE ALSO HAVE GREAT REPORTERS WITH THE WESLEY JOURNAL AND THEN ALSO IN THOSE GROUPS LIKE LOCKED UP CHICAGO, UNRIVALED PRESS, THE TRIBE, THERE ARE MANY GREAT - REPUBLIC, MANY GREAT NONPROFIT NEWSROOMS THAT OPERATE IN THE CHICAGOLAND REGION THAT ARE RELIABLE IN COVERING THESE THINGS.

THE SECOND ONE IS TO MAKE CONNECTION WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS AS TRUSTEE ENYIA WAS SAYING EARLIER, IT REALLY IS IMPORTANT TO MEET THOSE NEIGHBORS, RIGHT?

NOT JUST IN PASSING, BUT REALLY MAKE CONNECTION WITH YOUR FELLOW NEIGHBORS.

THIS IS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF ITS OWN, JUST KNOWING WHO YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE AND MAKING COMMUNITY WITH THEM.

DO NOT DO IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, DO IT IN REAL LIFE, IRL AS THEY SAY.

AND THEN MAKE PLANS.

THINGS ARE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AND IT IS WORTHWHILE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WILL DO AND WHAT HAPPENS IF ICE STARTS PATROLLING AROUND OR WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEBODY YOU KNOW GETS SWEEPED UP, IT IS WORTHWHILE TO THINK ABOUT AHEAD OF TIME THEN WHEN YOU ARE OVERWHELMED AND NOT ABLE TO THINK CLEARLY.

IT IS WORTHWHILE TO MAKE PLANS IN ADVANCE.

BECAUSE, THINGS ARE AGAIN CONTINUING TO DEVELOP HER SO, THOSE ARE MIRIAM'S POINT AND I'M TAKING THEM IN PASSING THAT ON TO YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CHRISTINA?

>>CLERK WATERS: THANK YOU.

SO, AS YOUR VILLAGE CLERK I AM HERE IN MY OFFICIAL ROLE AND AS THE DAUGHTER OF A BLACK MAN AND A DAUGHTER OF A MEXICAN MOTHER WHOSE FATHER WAS TORN AWAY FROM HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, MY MOM AND HIS GRANDDAUGHTER.

IT IS CLEAR THEY RAISE MY SISTER AND I AND WHERE I HAVE CHOSEN TO RAISE MY FOUR CHILDREN.

AS A PARENT RAISING A YOUNG PERSON WHO IS A PART OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, MY YOUNG PERSON IS NOT UNDERGOING GENDER AFFIRMING CARE, BUT THEY ARE OFTEN MISSED GENDERED AND ASSUMING TO BE THE OPPOSITE GENDER INSTEAD OF THE YOUNG PERSON THEY KNOW THEMSELVES TO BE. THAT LIVED EXPERIENCE PUTS ME AT THE INTERSECTION OF MANY OF THE CRISES WE FACE AS A COMMUNITY AND YOU ALL AND YOUR BOARD AS DECISION-MAKING AND AS A NATION.

IN OAK PARK WE PRIDE OURSELVES AS BEING A PLACE THAT VALUES INCLUSION INTO MISS BELINDA'S EYEPOINT ARE BLACK FAMILIES HERE STILL FACE CHALLENGES THAT TEST THE STRENGTH OF OUR BELONGING.

WE CANNOT IGNORE OUR SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES, ECONOMIC PRESSURES AND SO SHAPE DAILY LIFE.

EVEN IN A VILLAGE THAT SHAPES TO LEAD WITH PROGRESS.

AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE BROADER CRISIS IN AMERICA, FAMILIES SEPARATED BY ICE, BLACK AND BROWN IMMIGRANTS LIVING IN FEAR, COMMUNITIES UNDER ATTACK, WE CANNOT SEPARATE THAT FROM THE STRUGGLES OF BLACK AND BROWN FAMILIES HERE IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

FOR FAMILIES LIKE MINE, THAT INTERSECTION IS A LIVED REALITY.

NAVIGATING ANTI-BLACK, ANTI-IMMIGRANT POLICIES AND PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN WHO DESERVE SAFETY, DIGNITY AND FREEDOM TO BE EXACTLY WHO THEY ARE.

SO, I CALLED TO THE BOARD IS CLEAR, LET US CONTINUE TO LEAD NOT ONLY IN WORDS, BUT IN ACTION AND ENSURE OAK PARK IS NOT JUST A VILLAGE THAT WELCOMES DIVERSITY, BUT ONE THAT PROTECTS AND AFFIRMS IT.

WE MUST BE A SHIELD FOR FAMILIES THAT LIVE AT THESE INTERSECTIONS MUCH LIKE MINE.

WHERE RACE, IMMIGRATION STATUS AND GENDER IDENTITY COLLIDE.

BECAUSE, WHEN WE STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE WE CREATE A SAFER AND MORE JUST OAK PARK FOR EVERYONE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE COMMENTS TONIGHT.

THIS MAY BE MY LONGEST ONE, CALLED TO THE BOARD, BUT WE STILL FINISHED BY 10 PM.

YES.

IT IS KIND OF A STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND ALSO LIKE WHAT DOES MY WORLD LOOK LIKE, BECAUSE I AM NOT EFFECTIVE AT DOING MY WORK DURING THE DAY AS A VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND THEN GOING TO FACEBOOK AND THEN WRITING IT DOWN. I USUALLY CRASH ON THE COUCH AND WATCH REALLY DUMB TV JUST TO DECOMPRESS AND ESPECIALLY THESE DAYS.

AND ACTUALLY THIS BRACELET HAS REALLY BECOME LIKE A STRESS BEAD OR SOMETHING - SO, AS VILLAGE PRESIDENT I PARTICIPATE IN A NUMBER OF MAYOR CAUCUSES WHICH I REALLY HAVE NOT REPORTED ON BEFORE.

I DO THAT FOR SEVERAL REASONS.

I GAIN ACCESS TO GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND AWARDS HIGHLIGHTING OUT IMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

IN 2023 JUST AS AN EXAMPLE WE WON FIRST PLACE AGAINST COMMUNITIES ARE SIZED IN THE CATEGORY OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY WITH THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS WHICH CAME WITH \$125,000, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS THE FIRST GOLD STANDARD EV READY COMMUNITY IN THE MIDWEST. THAT WAS A DIFFERENT ONE.

LAST THURSDAY, C4 CROSS COMMUNITY CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE HELD A PANEL DISCUSSION FOR ED REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ADDRESSING THE BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES TO CREATING, IMPLEMENTING A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ACROSS DIVERSE COMMUNITIES.

I ALSO PARTICIPATE IN MAYOR CAUCUSES FOR ACCESS TO ADVOCATE FOR PROGRAM SUPPORT AND VILLAGE PRESIDENT OF THIS COMMUNITY AND AGAIN FOUR DIRECT GRANT DOLLARS.

RECENT WE LEARN THAT DE- HAS COMMITTED 22 MILLION FOR THE REBUILDING OF THE AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE TONIGHT EXPRESSWAY.

THIS IS COMING TO THE END OF HIS NATURAL LIFE AND WILL NEED SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT.

THIS WILL BE OUR OPPORTUNITY TO RECONNECT OUR BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND ADD SAFETY AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE.

I PARTICIPATE IN THOSE CAUCUSES FOR A MORE REGIONAL APPROACH TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, SUSTAINABILITY AND ECONOMIC VITALITY ENSURING THAT EVERY DOLLAR SPENT IN OAK PARK THOSE THAT MUCH FURTHER.

LAST FRIDAY I PARTICIPATED IN THE MAYORS CAUCUS QUARTERLY MEETING LED BY THE MAYOR OF HIGHLAND PARK AND AT THAT MEETING WE HEARD FROM THE ILLINOIS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON PROGRAMS AND AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.

WE MET WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVES JENNIFER (NAME) AND NOW SERVING THE 17TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS ON HER SPONSORSHIP OF SENATE BILL 2264, CRIME FREE HOUSING.

AND THAT IS MEANT TO PROTECT WOMEN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM NOT BEING ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO HOUSING DUE TO POTENTIALLY BEING CONNECTED WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD.

TODAY IS THE START OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AMONG.

WE HEARD FROM THE NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE STATE OF PENSIONS AND WE RECEIVED A FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM US SENATOR TAMMY D OFFICE ON A POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AND THE ILLINOIS TRUST ACT.

WE RECEIVED A PRESENTATION FROM MRS. NINA S, A SENIOR IMMIGRATION POLICY ANALYST FROM A LATINO POLICY FORUM ON KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS.

THEIR MISSION IS THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE US REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS OR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ARE RECOGNIZED AS VALUABLE AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO EQUITY AND PROSPERITY.

THEY STATED THE REALITY THAT ILLINOIS IS A TARGET OF OUR OWN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN A CONSULTATION AND ARE ONE OF THE MOST PROTECTED AND WELCOMING STATES IN THE NATION FOR IMMIGRANTS. THAT THE GOAL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TO REST IN SUPPORT 1 MILLION PEOPLE BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND ARREST 3000 PEOPLE EVERY DAY ACROSS OUR NATION.

IF YOU WITNESS AN ARREST YOU ARE ASKED TO DOCUMENT EVERYTHING. RECORD IT IF IT IS SAFE TO DISAPPEAR HOLD YOUR PHONE UPRIGHT AND NARRATE WHAT IS HAPPENING AND CALLED THE ICE OR FAMILY SUPPORT HOTLINE.

1855 435 7693.

GATHER KEY INFORMATION.

FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, PHONE NUMBER IF POSSIBLE AND A DAY OF THE ARREST.

AN ACT WITH WEST SIDE RAPID RESPONSE AND CALL THE AFTER MENTIONED HOTLINE AGAIN 1855 435 7693.

ANOTHER EXCELLENT RESOURCE IS TO VISIT THE RESURRECTION PROJECT LEGAL SYSTEM PAGE AND FILL OUT THE ILLINOIS DETAINED LOVED ONE FORM AVAILABLE BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

YOU SHOULD HEAR FROM YOUR TEAM USUALLY WITHIN 48 HOURS.

OTHER GREAT RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND ILLINOIS IMMIGRATION INFORMATION HUB FOR PRINTABLE MATERIALS.

NEARLY 1.9 -- I LIVED WITH THE IMMIGRANT PARENT IF YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW I'M THE FIRST IN MY FAMILY BORN IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN 2023, IMMIGRANTS IN ILLINOIS CONTRIBUTED OVER 27 BILLION IN LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES.

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS CONTRIBUTED 5 BILLION, IMMIGRANTS ARE CRITICAL TO INDUSTRIES ILLINOIS THAT ALREADY EXPENSING LABOR SHORTAGES.

MASS DEPORTATIONS, DESTABILIZE COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL ECONOMIES.  
THERE IS NO EMERGENCY HERE.  
ILLINOIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, OAK PARK IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE.  
I AM CONTINUALLY AMAZED BY THE POWER OF COMMUNITY IN THIS VILLAGE.  
WE HAVE EXCEPTIONALLY THOUGHTFUL AND TALENTED PRESIDENTS.  
WHAT I NEED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS LOCAL VILLAGE PRESIDENT OUR  
DOLLARS FOR HOUSING, EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH, PHYSICAL HEALTH, SUPPORT  
FOR TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS, YOUTH PROGRAMS AND FOOD.  
JUST TO NAME A FEW.  
WE DO NOT NEED ICE OR THE NATIONAL GUARD.  
MONDAY I ATTENDED AN ARRAIGNMENT IN FEDERAL COURT FOR A OAK PARK  
RESIDENT WHICH IS SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND TRUSTEE STRAW,  
BECAUSE THIS SATURDAY, LAST SATURDAY, ICE DETAINED A PEACEFUL PROTESTER  
WHO WAS AT THE ISA FACILITY IN BROADVIEW AND A OAK PARK RESIDENT, A  
BELOVED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO WORKS AT OUR HIGH SCHOOL.  
WHO IS AUTISTIC.  
HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ARE SCARED FOR HIM.  
THEY UNFORTUNATELY HAVE GOOD REASON TO BE AFRAID DESPITE THAT HE IS A US  
CITIZEN.  
THE ARRAIGNMENT WAS HEARTBREAKING AS THE FEDERAL JUDGE AND  
PROSECUTOR HAD NO INTEREST IN LEARNING THE FACTS OF THE CASE, ONLY THE  
CONVENING INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW THAT PERMITTED HIM TO BE DETAINED  
FOR A FEW MORE DAYS WAITING THE HEARING IN A FACILITY NOT EQUIPPED TO  
CARE FOR HIS NEEDS.  
THIS YOUNG MAN IS NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIM.  
THE WAY THAT YOU OR I WOULD.  
HE IS FRIGHTENED, HE WALKED TO BROADVIEW FROM OAK PARK ONLY WANTING TO  
HELP.  
HE WANTED TO HELP THE BROADVIEW POLICE DURING THIS VERY CHALLENGING  
TIME, BECAUSE HE IS A LOVING, KIND YOUNG MAN.  
NOT A CRIMINAL.  
AT THE HEARING AND AFTERWARDS I JOINED THE GOVERNOR FOR THE PRESS  
CONFERENCE WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL, CHICAGO MAYOR AND ILLINOIS SENATE  
PRESIDENT AND STATE SENATOR AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND VICE PRESIDENT  
OF THE JUSTICE RESURRECTION PROCESS AND JACK E AND PRESIDENT AND CEO  
OF CHICAGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BROADVIEW MAYOR CATRINA  
THOMPSON AS WELL AS TRUSTEE STRAW AND THE GOVERNOR URGES THE  
RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS TO TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER AND OUR NEIGHBORS  
DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES.  
IF YOU WITNESS A ICE ABDUCTION, AGAIN, GET OUT YOUR PHONES AND RECORD  
WHAT YOU SEE.  
PEACEFULLY ASK FOR A BADGE NUMBER AND IDENTIFY IDENTIFICATION FROM  
FEDERAL AGENTS.

WE NEED TO LET THE WORLD KNOW THAT THIS IS HAPPENING AND ILLINOIS WILL NOT STAND FOR IT.

THOSE ARE THE GOVERNOR'S WORDS.

NEITHER WILL OAK PARK.

THOSE ARE MINE.

SIMULTANEOUSLY THE 19TH-CENTURY CLUB WAS HOSTING MRS. MKP AND I WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN THERE BUT I THINK SHE UNDERSTANDS, I UNDERSTAND THE TALK WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE VILLAGE. BROADVIEW NEEDS OUR SUPPORT.

THIS MORNING I ATTENDED A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY MAYOR CATRINA THOMPSON WHERE SHE AND HER CHIEF TO SHARE DETAILS OF THE GROSSLY DISRESPECT WILL BEHAVIOR OF ICE AGENTS AT BROADVIEW TO THE BROADVIEW POLICE DIRECTLY.

FEDERAL AGENTS IN TACTICAL GEAR ARE DEPLOYING CHEMICAL AGENTS LIKE TEAR GAS AND PEPPER BALLS ON PEACEFUL PROTESTERS AND USING RIFLES WITH RUBBER BULLETS.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED BY A ICE AGENT AS A PEACEFUL PROTESTER, CONSIDER SUING.

IT IS DISCOURAGING, BUT WE WILL WIN IN COURT.

ON ANOTHER NOTE, THIS MORNING I ATTENDED - TOTALLY SWITCHING.

THE LAUNCH OF FREE NARCAN.

THIS WILL SAVE LIVES.

THANK YOU TO SHEILA, THE LEADERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED FOR THIS. NARCAN IS A PROVEN LIFESAVER.

SHEILA LOST HER SON DAVID YEARS AGO ON A TRAIN AND I TAUGHT HIM OPIUM. OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN SEVERAL LOCATIONS FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS TO FREE NARCAN SINCE 2023 WITH ONGOING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING NOVEMBER 8 AND DECEMBER 6 AT THE CRC ON MADISON STREET.

EVERYONE SHOULD CARRY NARCAN.

I TOLD YOU THIS IS A BIT OF A STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

AND JUST BEFORE THIS MEETING A RALLY IN SCOVEL PARK HOSTED BY SARAH S, LAUNCHING OCTOBER'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS IS A SANCTUARY CITY AND A COMMUNITY ROOTED IN EQUITY, SAFETY AND INCLUSION, OAK PARK STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, BACKGROUND OR IDENTITY.

DURING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH WE REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO RAISING AWARENESS, SUPPORTING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE LIFESAVING SERVICES AND ENSURING THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL FEELS SAFE, SEEKING HELP WITHOUT FEAR.

IN OAK PARK WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYBODY DESERVES TO LIVE FREE OF VIOLENCE TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A FUTURE GROUNDED IN JUSTICE FOR ALL.

OKAY, LAST - TO OUR - THE TOUR OF PROVISION IS THIS SATURDAY.

ORIGINALLY STARTING IN 2020 BY CATRINA THOMPSON OF BROADVIEW AND TRUSTEE MIGUEL JONES OF MAYWOOD AS A WAY TO FOSTER WELLNESS DURING THE PANDEMIC A ANNUAL EVENT IS ORGANIZED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FAST DROP AND HAS GROWN INTO A ROTATING MULTI COMMUNITY RIGHT.

EACH YEAR A DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITY TAKES THE LEAD IN ORGANIZING THE ROW IN ACTIVITIES.

I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT OAK PARK IS HOSTING FOR THE FIRST TIME AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING WRITERS.

SO, THIS SATURDAY, SIGN UP AND THE CHECK-IN STARTS AT 7 AM AND THE RIDE WILL START AT 8 AM AND FOLLOWED BY COMMUNITY INFORMATION.

I THINK THAT IS IT.

SO, THANK YOU.

THAT IS MY LIFE SINCE THURSDAY.

(CHUCKLE) I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED TO.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.