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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, IT IS 7:01 PM.  
THIS IS ABSOLUTELY GLORIOUS TO SEE YOU ALL HERE.  
AMAZING.  
THIS SHOULD BE EVERY SINGLE MEETING, BUT I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU CAME  
OUT.  
YES!

[APPLAUSE]

TRULY BEAUTIFUL.  
WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFICIALLY CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE  
BOARD TO ORDER.  
CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.  
>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN IS ABSENT.  
TRUSTEE ENYIA.  
>> HERE.  
>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.  
>> HERE.  
>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.  
>> HERE.  
>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> HERE.  
>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.  
>> HERE.  
>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.  
OKAY, I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED  
THIS EVENING?  
>> SO MOVED.  
>> SECOND.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?  
>> AYE.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXCELLENT.  
A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 4, 25 REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE VILLAGE BOARD.  
MOTION, PLEASE?  
>> SO MOVED.  
>> SECOND.  
>> MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STRAW.  
ALL IN FAVOR?  
>> AYE.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HEARING NO NAY'S, THE MEETING MINUTES ARE  
APPROVED.  
WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING?  
>>CLERK: WE DO.  
IT IS FOR AN AGENDA ITEM.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ARE THERE ANY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT THIS  
EVENING?  
THANK YOU.  
SO WE WILL NOT READ ALL OF THESE PROCLAMATIONS, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT  
ONES - THEY ARE ALL IMPORTANT ONES.  
I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION HONORING FIRE  
CHIEF RONALD KOBELESKI, IN HONOR OF HIS RETIREMENT.  
>> SO MOVED.  
>> SECOND  
  
[APPLAUSE]  
  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHO WAS THE MOTION AND THE SECOND?  
TRUSTEE ROBINSON AND TRUSTEE WESLEY.  
SO WE WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION, IF YOU WANT TO STEP UP SO WE CAN  
HAVE YOU - SHOW OUR FULL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE.  
>>CHIEF KOBYLESKI: THANK YOU, THANK YOU.  
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IN OAK PARK, ARE YOU SURE?  
OKAY.

>> WHEREAS, FIRE CHIEF RONALD KOBYLESKI WILL RETIRE OFFICIALLY ON MAY 10, 2025, AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK; AND.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: WHEREAS, CHIEF KOBYLESKI BEGAN HIS PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER WITH THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IN 1985 AS A FIREFIGHTER/EMT AND THROUGH HARD WORK, MERITORIOUS SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP, ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO SERVE AS A LIEUTENANT, LIEUTENANT OF TRAINING, BATTALION CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF BEFORE REACHING HIS FINAL AND MOST IMPORTANT POSITION OF OAK PARK'S FIRE CHIEF ON NOVEMBER 22ND, 2021; AND.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WHEREAS, DURING HIS TENURE, CHIEF KOBYLESKI HAS DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP, UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND A PROFOUND COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK; AND.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WHEREAS, THROUGHOUT HIS FIVE DECADES OF SERVICE CHIEF KOBYLESKI HAS SERVED AS A CERTIFIED FIRE INVESTIGATOR, HAZARDOUS-MATERIALS TECHNICIAN AND TECHNICAL RESCUE SPECIALIST IN BUILDING COLLAPSE, HIGH-RISE RESCUE, TRENCH RESCUE AND CONFINED-SPACE RESCUE, ALSO CREATING THE MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM, WHILE LEADING THEM FOR NINE YEARS; AND.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WHEREAS, CHIEF KOBYLESKI IS CERTIFIED AS ADVANCE FIRE OFFICER AND TRAINING PROGRAM MANAGER AND HE HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION; AND.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: WHEREAS, CHIEF KOBYLESKI HAS LED THE OAK PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE GREAT STRIDES IN PROVIDING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ALL GENDERS AND SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS BY ENCLOSING THE SLEEPING QUARTERS AT TWO OF ITS STATIONS AND REIMAGING AND MODERNIZING WASHROOM AND LOCKER FACILITIES.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WHEREAS, CHIEF KOBYLESKI'S DEDICATION TO THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF OAK PARK'S RESIDENTS AND VISITORS, AS WELL AS THE WOMEN AND MEN OF THE OAK PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT, HAS EARNED HIM THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF HIS COLLEAGUES, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND THE ENTIRE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE AND GRATEFUL APPRECIATION AND HEREBY EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRE CHIEF RON KOBYLESKI ON HIS WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT AND OUR BEST WISHES TO HIM FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

[APPLAUSE]

[STANDING APPLAUSE]

>>CHIEF KOBYLESKI: THANK YOU ALL.  
IT IS A VERY HUMBLING.  
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IS READ LIKE THAT.  
I HAVE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE VILLAGE BOARD FOR SUPPORTING THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT MISSION FOR ALL OF THESE YEARS AND TO THE PUBLIC.  
THEY HAVE ALWAYS RALLIED ON OUR SIDE.  
ALWAYS COME TO OUR AID WHEN WE NEED THEIR HELP AND I APPRECIATE THAT.  
IT HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC 40 YEARS.  
I WAS NOT KIDDING WHEN I SAID IT GOES BY QUICK.  
I REMEMBER MY FIRST DAY LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY AND IT HAS BEEN AN  
EXPERIENCE.  
I CANNOT EVEN TELL YOU.  
I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYBODY WHO CAME OUT HERE FOR ME.  
MY WIFE, FORMER MEMBER - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).  
THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AT THANK YOU, CHIEF!  
WE HAVE A MONTH OR SO TO DROP BY THE STATION AND ASSURE OUR REGARDS.  
WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOU AND WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN RETIREMENT.  
ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR  
DAY, APRIL 25, 2025.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.  
MANY OF THESE MOTIONS ARE GOING TO BE HONORED MORE SO IN THE MONTH OF  
APRIL WITH EVENTS AND MORE INFORMATION.  
THERE IS A VIDEO OF THIS ONE ON THE WEBSITE AND AS WE GET CLOSER TO  
THE DATE WE WILL BE PUBLICIZING IT MORE.  
THANK YOU.  
ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING  
APRIL 21 OF 2025 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK.  
MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AT THANK YOU.  
AGAIN THE SAME.  
MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK OF  
APRIL 11-17, 2025.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

CLERK WATERS HAS READ THIS ONE UNTO THE RECORD ON THE WEBSITE AND SO LET'S PLEASE I'LL CHECK THAT OUT AND AGAIN, WE WILL DO A GREAT DEAL MORE THAT WEEK IN APRIL.

AT THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES!

ALSO A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CLERK WATERS FOR BRINGING US THAT PROCLAMATION.

YES.

[APPLAUSE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION OF ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2025 AND I HAVE ASKED TRUSTEE PARAKKAT IF HE WOULD PLEASE READ THIS ALOUD.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AT THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, APRIL 2025.

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A COMMUNITY THAT IS WELCOMING, - - ARAB-AMERICANS IN OUR COUNTRY COME FROM A VARIETY OF NATURES, CULTURES, AND FAITH BACKGROUNDS, AND FROM ONE OF 22 ARABIC-SPEAKING COUNTRIES, INFUSING RESILIENT VALUES, STRONG WORK ETHIC, DEDICATION TO EDUCATION AND DIVERSITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE DIVERSITY OF OAK PARK IS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND ENRICHMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THIS MONTH WE RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE VIBRANT ARAB AMERICAN COMMUNITY, ITS HISTORY, CULTURE AND ACHIEVEMENT IN OAK PARK AND AROUND THE COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS, PROCLAIMING ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN OAK PARK SERVES TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING, APPRECIATION AND RESPECT FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF ARAB-AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHILE ALSO CELEBRATING THEIR HERITAGE, CULTURE AND SUCCESSES; AND

WHEREAS, WHILE ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH OCCURS DURING APRIL, WE RECOGNIZE THE RICH CULTURE SHARED BY ARAB AMERICANS MAKES A POSITIVE IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, WE TAKE TIME TO PAUSE AND REFLECT ON THE PAIN BEING FELT BY ARAB AMERICANS AND ARABS AROUND THE WORLD AS A RESULT OF THE ONGOING CONFLICT IN GAZA. WE KNOW THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AFFECTS MANY AROUND THE GLOBE; AND

WHEREAS, WE HAVE HEARD FROM AND AFFIRM THE MANY LOCAL VOICES THAT HAVE SPOKEN TO RAISE OUR COLLECTIVE AWARENESS OF THESE HEARTBREAKING EVENTS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. NOW MORE THAN EVER, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE COME TOGETHER IN SOLIDARITY AND SHOW COMPASSION TO ONE ANOTHER IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY. IN DOING SO, WE SHALL REITERATE OUR COMMITMENT TO EMPATHY AND OPEN DIALOGUE AS WE STRIVE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE BOTH LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD. WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS EXCITED TO - - 2025, HONORING THE RICH CULTURAL TRADITIONS, HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARAB-AMERICAN'S.

THE CELEBRATION WILL FEATURE AN ARRAY OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES, INCLUDING LIVE MUSIC, TRADITIONAL DANCE, FOOD, AND ART, CALLIGRAPHY AND CULTURAL DISPLAYS.

SELECTING THE VIBRANCY AND DIVERSITY OF THE ARAB-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND FOSTERING THE GREAT UNDERSTANDING AND INCLUSION THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SUPPORTS THE CELEBRATION OF ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, AND NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAVI PARAKKAT, ON BEHALF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL AS THE MONTH OF OUR ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN US IN EMBRACING THE ENRICHMENT THAT THEIR CULTURES BRING TO OUR LIVES. LET US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, HONORING OUR SHARED VALUES OF INCLUSIVITY AND CULTURAL APPRECIATION. DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

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MAYBE WE CAN HAVE AN ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JUST A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE DEVASTATION IN GAZA AND ISRAEL RIGHT NOW.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK YOU AS THIS CONTINUES TO WEIGH HEAVY ON OUR HEARTS.

I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK FOR APRIL 7-13TH OF 2025.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AGAIN, WE WILL HAVE SOME REALLY WONDERFUL THINGS AROUND PUBLIC HEALTH, PARTICULARLY MENTAL HEALTH AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND I THINK OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR LEADING ON THE AND OUR CLERK'S OFFICE, ALWAYS.  
AND THE STAFF.

A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR DOCTOR PERCY JULIAN, 2025.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I HAVE ASKED CHRISTINA, TRUSTEE ENYIA, AND A TRUSTEE WESLEY TO PLEASE LEAD ON THE PROCLAMATION.

>>CLERK: WHEREAS, DR. PERCY L. JULIAN WAS BORN IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA ON APRIL 11, 1899, AND WAS ENCOURAGED BY HIS FAMILY TO LEAVE THE SEGREGATED SOUTH IN PURSUIT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND GRADUATING FIRST IN HIS CLASS FROM DEPAUW UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY IN 1920, EARNING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY IN 1923, AND AWARDED A PH.D. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA, IN 1931, BEING ONE OF THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICANS TO ACHIEVE THIS DISTINCTION; AND WHEREAS, THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER HE FACED DISCRIMINATION, RELYING ON HIS BRILLIANT SCIENTIFIC MIND, REMARKABLE WORK ETHIC, CONGENIAL SPIRIT, AND DEEP RELIGIOUS BELIEFS TO BECOME A RENOWNED CHEMIST WHO WOULD EARN MORE THAN 130 PATENTS AND PUBLISH 150 SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES IN HIS CAREER, RECEIVING NUMEROUS HONORS AND A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION, AND REACHING BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE, COMMERCIAL SYNTHETIC STEROIDS AND HORMONES THAT HAVE BEEN USED IN A WIDE RANGE OF APPLICATIONS INCLUDING BIRTH CONTROL PILLS AND MEDICATIONS TO COMBAT GLAUCOMA AND RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS; AND.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: WHEREAS, HIS WIFE ANNA ALSO BROKE DOWN ACADEMIC BARRIERS WHEN SHE EARNED A PH.D. IN SOCIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA IN 1937, ONE OF THE FEW WOMEN TO EARN SUCH A DISTINCTION; AND

WHEREAS, THE JULIAN FAMILY CAME TO THE CHICAGO AREA IN 1936, WHEN HE WAS NAMED TO A TOP RESEARCH POSITION AT GLIDDEN PAINT COMPANY IN CHICAGO BEFORE FOUNDING HIS LABORATORY, JULIAN LABORATORIES, IN FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS IN 1953; AND

WHEREAS, IN 1950, DR. PERCY L. JULIAN WAS NAMED CHICAGOAN OF THE YEAR FOR HIS SCIENTIFIC AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS, AND THAT SAME YEAR HE AND ANNA JULIAN MOVED WITH THEIR CHILDREN FROM THEIR HOME IN NEARBY MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS, TO OAK PARK; AND.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: WHEREAS, VERY EARLY IN THEIR RESIDENCE IN OAK PARK, THE JULIAN FAMILY EXPERIENCED RACISM AND THREATS OF VIOLENCE, THEIR HOME BEING TWICE ATTACKED BY ARSONISTS, AND YET THE JULIANS WOULD PERSEVERE AGAINST THESE ACTS OF HOSTILITY AND DISCRIMINATION AND BECAME HONORED COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND WHOSE CHILDREN WERE GRADUATES OF OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL AND WHOSE DAUGHTER REMAINS AN OAK PARK RESIDENT IN THEIR ORIGINAL FAMILY RESIDENCE. NOW, THEREFORE, I, TRUSTEE CORY WESLEY, ON BEHALF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 11, 2025, DR. PERCY L. JULIAN DAY IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, AND ENCOURAGE OUR COMMUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. PERCY JULIAN IN SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND RESEARCH, AS WELL AS ONE OF OAK PARK'S PIONEERS IN THE QUEST FOR INCLUSION, HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS,

AND A CATALYST FOR INTEGRATION AND DIVERSITY TO WHICH THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS COMMITTED. DATED, THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

[APPLAUSE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING WITH US TODAY - ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXCELLENT.

NEXT, WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY MARCH 31, 2025.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I HAVE ASKED CHRISTINA TO START US OFF.

>>CLERK: WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A COMMUNITY THAT IS WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE, AND AFFIRMING OF ALL INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION; AND WHEREAS, TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY, OBSERVED ANNUALLY ON MARCH 31, IS A DAY TO CELEBRATE THE RESILIENCE, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF TRANSGENDER, NON-BINARY, AND GENDER-DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS, WHILE ALSO RECOGNIZING THE ONGOING CHALLENGES THEY FACE IN THE PURSUIT OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE; AND WHEREAS, TRANSGENDER PEOPLE HAVE MADE IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SOCIETY, ENRICHING THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL FABRIC OF OAK PARK AND BEYOND, AND DESERVE TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY, RESPECT, AND THE FREEDOM TO BE THEIR AUTHENTIC SELVES; AND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHEREAS, WHILE GREAT STRIDES HAVE BEEN MADE TOWARD EQUITY AND ACCEPTANCE, TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE DISCRIMINATION, VIOLENCE, AND BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE, EMPLOYMENT, AND HOUSING, REINFORCING THE NEED FOR CONTINUED ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND POLICY EFFORTS TO ENSURE FULL INCLUSION AND EQUAL RIGHTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK RECOGNIZES BOTH TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY MARCH 31, AND TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 20, AS OPPORTUNITIES TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH TRANSGENDER RESIDENTS, ALLIES, AND ADVOCATES, TO UPLIFT THEIR VOICES, AND TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION FOR ALL.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SUPPORTS THE RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY, AND NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 31, 2025, AS TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND ENCOURAGE



ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN US IN UPLIFTING AND CELEBRATING THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY. LET US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO HONOR OUR SHARED VALUES OF INCLUSIVITY, EQUITY, AND VISIBILITY FOR ALL GENDER IDENTITIES.

[APPLAUSE]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL.  
IF AARON, SARAH, JANE, ANYBODY WISH TO COME UP AND SHARE?

[APPLAUSE]

>>SPEAKER: LET ME GET MY REMARKS OUT.  
FIRST OF ALL, I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH AND THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.  
IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE, DEEP DEEP GRATITUDE, ESPECIALLY IN THESE TIMES FOR THE RECOGNITION, THE VISIBILITY, THE RIGHT TO BE FREE, THE RIGHT NOT TO BE UNDER ATTACK AND THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW ME ARE NOT SURPRISED THAT I ALSO WANT TO ASK FOR MORE.  
I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR OAK PARK, NOT TODAY, BUT FOR US TO PREPARE TO RECOGNIZE AND BECOME A TRANS SANCTUARY.  
I ALSO WANT TO ASK EVERYBODY OR INVITE EVERYBODY TO COME CELEBRATE WITH US.  
WE ARE HAVING A BUTTERFLY DANCE PARTY ON MARCH 30 IN THE SCOVILLE PARK AND IT IS OPEN EVERYBODY WHO IS ANYBODY AND AN ALLY, TECHNICALLY EVERYBODY, BUT IF YOU'RE NOT, YOU CAN STAY HOME.  
I WANT TO SAY THAT TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY IS MORE THAN A CHANCE TO BE SEEN AND MORE THAN A PARTY, AND MORE THAN JUST ABOUT DANCING.  
OUR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK AND NOW MORE THAN EVER. ACTION MUST BE TAKEN.  
I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT OUR RIGHTS ARE YOUR RIGHTS.  
THE ATTACKS ON US ARE A ATTACK ON EVERYBODY.  
TRANS PEOPLE ARE MORE THAN JUST PEOPLE IN THIS SITUATION.  
WE ALSO REPRESENT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS TO SELF-EXPRESSION AND SELF-DETERMINATION AMONG OTHER THINGS BUT REAL FREEDOM INCLUDES THE CHOICE TO KNOW YOURSELF FOR WHO YOU ARE AND THE CHOICE TO LIVE AND LOVE THE WAY THAT YOU CHOOSE.  
WE ALSO REPRESENT THE RIGHT TO HEALTHCARE IN THESE TIMES.  
AS OUR NEIGHBORING STATES MAKE IT HARDER TO EXIST AS A TRANS PERSON, PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM ALL OVER LOOKING FOR A CENTURY WHERE THEY CAN BE WHO THEY ARE AND ACCESS THE HEALTHCARE THEY NEED TO THRIVE.  
I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ORGANIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANS VISIBILITY WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND I'M EXCITED TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU TO BUILD OAK PARK INTO MORE OF A SANCTUARY THEN WE EVEN ARE TODAY.

IT WILL AFFIRM PEOPLE OF ALL IDENTITIES AND SAY WE ARE ALL WELCOME HERE.

I HOPE YOU ALL CAN MAKE IT TO THE PARTY.

>>SPEAKER: MY NAME IS MIKE JACKSON AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING PREPARED FOR COMMENTS, BUT I WANT TO SAY - AS YOU CAN SEE FROM MY HAT, WE RECENTLY MOVED BACK TO OAK PARK, RIGHT BEFORE OAK PARK/RIVER FOREST STARTED.

WE PREVIOUSLY LIVED HERE FROM A 2002-2016 AND I ACCEPTED A JOB IN TENNESSEE IN THE SEPTEMBER 2016.

TENNESSEE IS NO PROBLEM, BUT SOME EVENTS HAPPENED IN A NOVEMBER 2016 THAT YOU MIGHT REMEMBER TURNED THINGS AROUND.

WHEN PRESIDENT TRUMP WAS ELECTED THE FIRST TIME.

WE HAD SOME BUMPY NEIGHBORS, BUT REALLY TENNESSEE WAS THE SEED THAT WAS PLANTED THAT SAVED HATRED.

IT WAS PLANTED IN THIS COUNTRY AND IT SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE.

IT WAS AWFUL.

I AM HERE WITH MY BEAUTIFUL TRANSGENDER DAUGHTER, LEAH, - IS ABSOLUTELY THRIVING NOW THAT SHE IS UP IN OAK PARK AGAIN.

FROM THE BEGINNING WE GOT INTERVIEWED BY LAMBDA AT LEGAL, TO BE IN THE CASE IN FRONT OF THE SUPREME COURT RIGHT NOW.

THEY SAID SHE HAS A COMPELLING CASE BECAUSE SHE - SHE STARTED GENDER AFFIRMING CARE AND IT WAS BEING TAKEN FROM HER.

THROUGH A ROAD THAT WAS JUST ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE FOR HER AND HORRIBLE FOR HER WHOLE FAMILY, ESPECIALLY HER MOTHER AND MYSELF.

IT HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY, ABSOLUTELY DEVASTATING.

SHE HAS GOT FRIENDS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO HER GOING THROUGH THIS.

BUT HERE'S THE THING, WE KNOW THAT THERE IS A PLAN, A PLACE WE COULD RETURN TO.

A LOT OF PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW OAK PARK AND I HAVE BEEN SPREADING THE WORD AS MUCH AS I CAN.

COME TO OAK PARK, HERE IS THE LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. HERE ARE STATEMENTS.

HERE ARE PROCLAMATIONS OF THIS PLACE.

THIS IS LIKE A FAIRYLAND, SAFE FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE.

IT IS SO WELCOMING AND I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW GREAT IT HAS BEEN TO BE BACK HERE.

HAVING GONE THROUGH ALL OF THIS, I COULD ABSOLUTELY, UNEQUIVOCALLY SAY THAT EQUITY, DIVERSITY, JUSTICE, LOVE, ACCEPTANCE, AND MOST IMPORTANT, GENDER AFFIRMING CARE.

YES, GENDER AFFIRMING CARE DOES SAVE LIVES AND DO NOT LET ANYBODY EVER, EVER TELL YOU OTHERWISE.

[APPLAUSE]

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, MY NAME IS JANE AND I HAVE FOUND IT TO BE A REAL PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE, OF COURSE OF THE TRANSGENDER PROCLAMATION, BUT ALSO HEARING ABOUT DOCTOR JULIAN'S BEING HONORED AND THE BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH CARE THAT THE VILLAGE IS DOING.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THESE EFFORTS.

I FIND THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO CENTER TRANS VOICES AND BUILD ALLIES. YOU WILL SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE PARENTS OF TRANS KIDS, BUT I WANT TO HONOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT PARENTS OF TRANS KIDS OR JUST FEEL THE CAUSE.

LIKE WE CAN BE INTERSECTIONAL AND THAT AND I REALLY MEAN THAT.

IT IS SO BEAUTIFUL TO SEE.

I WASN'T SCHOOLED BY MY SON WHEN I ATTENDED A DIFFERENT THING THAT I DID NOT SAY IT THE RIGHT WAY BECAUSE HE WAS SAYING THAT WHAT WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE AND TEACH PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ALLIES, WHO DO NOT SEE IT THIS WAY IS THAT TRANS PEOPLE HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG.

THEY ARE TOTALLY BEAUTIFUL, INNOCENT, AND WHOLE HUMAN BEINGS FULL OF INTEGRITY AND THERE IS NO BACKING DOWN FROM THAT.

NONE AT ALL.

TO HAVE YOU ALL SUPPORTING US AS A SYSTEM AND BEING PROUD IS VERY BEAUTIFUL.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT IS OKAY.

WE WILL GET ONE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE.

YOU ARE THE BEAUTIFUL ONES THAT ORGANIZE AND MAKE THIS SO SPECIAL FOR US TO SUPPORT AND JUST LOVE OAK PARK.

OAK PARK IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE AND MAKE IT GREAT.

IT IS ABOUT THE PARENTS THAT ORGANIZE TO SUPPORT OTHER PARENTS AND OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE TRULY, TRULY BEAUTIFUL.

THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WONDERFUL.

WE DO HAVE A MOTION TO PROCLAIM NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK OF APRIL 20-26, 2025.

MOTION?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THIS PROCLAMATION ALSO IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE AND, YOU KNOW, I HAVE TO SAY THAT VOLUNTEERISM IN OUR COMMUNITY IS ALSO REALLY AT THE CORE OF WHO WE ARE.

I LOVE THIS PROCLAMATION AND I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE A LONGER LOOK AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR EARTH MONTH OF APRIL 2025.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

AGAIN, THE SAME AND I KNOW WE WILL HAVE WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES AROUND THIS AS WELL.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

WE ARE MOVING ON TO OUR VILLAGE MANAGERS REPORT.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

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

I HAVE ONE QUICK UPDATE AND I WILL CLOSE WITH A ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT I WANT TO MAKE.

FOR A SPECIAL GUEST HERE TONIGHT.

FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE WORKING TO IDENTIFY AN ALTERNATIVE DATE IN APRIL FOR THE BOARD TO HOLD A DISCUSSION ON MUNICIPAL CAMPUS POLICE PROJECT, IT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR TONIGHT.

BASED UPON THE ACCELERATED SCHEDULE THAT WE INITIALLY PUBLISHED. JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE RESCHEDULING PROCESS IS UNDERWAY AND WE ANTICIPATE FINDING A DATE IN APRIL AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO FINISH THE WORK ON THE DESIGN SCHEMES THAT WE PREVIOUSLY TALKED ABOUT.

WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT SINCE THE PROJECT HAS BEEN UNDERWAY AND ALSO PROVIDING THE UPDATED AND MORE REFINED COST INFORMATION, IN ADDITION TO RESPONDING TO THE BOARDS INTEREST THAT WAS EXPRESSED AT THE LAST MEETING ABOUT SOME HIGH-LEVEL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL SCHEMES.

SO AGAIN, I THINK IN CONCLUSION, WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS DO WHAT WE INTENDED TO DO FROM THE OUTSET AND THAT IS TO FACILITATE A COMPLETE DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD AND PROVIDE COMPLETE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE BEST JUDGMENT ON THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS AND I THINK INCLUDED WITH THAT COMPLETE INFORMATION, IT WAS ALWAYS OUR PLAN TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION IN ENOUGH TIME, GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY AND MAGNITUDE OF THE PROJECT OR THE BOARD WOULD HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO REVIEW ALL OF THE CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS STAGE OF THE PROCESS, AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

WE ARE DILIGENTLY CONTINUING TO WORK ON THIS EFFORT AND WE HAVE DIRECTOR SPROULE FROM A PUBLIC WORKS TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF NECESSARY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I HAVE A CALENDAR QUESTION.

WHAT IS THE FIRST DATE THAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE BACK IN MAY? HAS THAT BEEN CALENDARED?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I THINK IT IS MAY 6 IS THE FIRST MEETING AND THAT IS THE MEETING WHERE THE NEW BOARD IS SEATED.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THE ADDITIONAL MEETING WOULD HAVE US COMING BACK A WEEK EARLY ESSENTIALLY?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I THINK THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO HAVE THE NEXT FACILITIES DISCUSSION, WHICH IS APRIL 29, POSSIBLY MAY 1 THAT IS POSSIBLY BEING SCHEDULED, HAVE THAT BE THE FINAL FACILITIES DISCUSSION?

IS THAT RIGHT?

OR ARE WE STILL GOING TO - IT IS A LOT TO DISCUSS IN ONE MEETING, EVEN IN ONE SPECIAL MEETING.

I'M JUST CURIOUS WHETHER IT IS YOUR THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD SORT OF BRIDGE THAT OVER TWO MEETINGS?

OR ARE YOU THINKING THAT IS JUST GOING TO BE THAT MEETING AND WE HAVE TO GET IT ALL DONE THEN?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: OUR HOPE IS THAT THE BOARD WILL HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION AS PLANNED FOR TONIGHT AND AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF TIME TO PROVIDE THE STAFF WITH DIRECTION TO MOVE THE PROJECT TO THE NEXT STAGE, WHICH IS TO FINISH THIS KINETIC DESIGN PROCESS.

IN THAT MEETING WE ARE HOPING TO GET DIRECTION ON ONE VARIATION OF THE ONE DESIGN OPTION THAT THE BOARD HAS DIRECTED US TO WORK ON AND THEN ONCE THE BOARD PROVIDES THAT DIRECTION, THEN IT MAKES SENSE FOR US TO WORK WITH JL K TO FINISH THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN WITH THAT ONE OPTION. I THINK THAT WAS KIND OF ALWAYS THE PLAN TO WORK TOWARDS ONE OPTION BEFORE WE SPEND ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY ON THE PROJECT AND MOVE THE PROJECT TO THE NEXT STAGE BECAUSE MOVING THE PROJECT TO THE NEXT STAGE IS KIND OF THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

OKAY, I WILL JUST SHARE AS IS OFTEN THE ROLE OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO SUMMARIZE WHAT I HAVE HEARD IS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD, AS THIS WAS NOT OUR EXPECTATION THIS EVENING.

WE DID FULLY ORIGINALLY EXPECT TO BE DISCUSSING THE SCHEMATICS BEFORE UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL.

IT IS A VERY BIG DECISION AND ONE THAT WE KNOW THAT OUR STAFF AND ARCHITECT ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE BOARD DIRECTION THAT HAS BEEN HEARD.

THAT BEING THAT THE POLICE STATION HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES TO BE THE PRIORITY OF THE PROJECT.

THAT THERE HAS BEEN GREAT CONCERN, PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST MEETING ABOUT COST.

WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS IN AGREEMENT SO I'M NOT SPEAKING OUT OF TURN AND THAT THERE IS POTENTIALLY WANTING TO UNDERSTAND WITH POTENTIALLY PHASING IN REHABILITATION OF VILLAGE HALL WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL THAT WE HAVE A FACILITY THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR STAFF AND IS ACCESSIBLE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

THAT IT BE THAT LONG TERM SOLUTION THAT IS NOT MAKING OUR COMMUNITY PAY MORE OVER TIME THAT THE ANALYSIS OF A STRATEGIC FUNDING - FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF HOW WE WOULD PAY FOR WHATEVER THE DECISION OF THE BOARD WOULD BE.

KNOWING THAT MAJORITY OF THE COST IS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NUMBERS WE HAVE HEARD IN THE PAST BEING ANYWHERE AROUND \$80 MILLION, BUT THEN THE POTENTIAL REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE THAT WE HAVE LEARNED IS, YOU KNOW, MOTHER 20 MILLION-40 MILLION.

WHAT WE KNOW AND APPRECIATE IS THAT WHILE THIS EXTRA TIME IS NOT WHAT WE PLAN FOR, IT IS THE BEST AND MOST RESPONSIBLE WAY TO MOVE FORWARD SO WE HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO MAKE THE DECISION FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THAT THE COMMUNITY DESERVES TO HEAR FROM THE SEVEN PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE PROJECT OVER THE LAST YEAR AND 1/2.

IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER COMMENTS, THEN WE DO THINK YOU AND WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE WORKING HARD TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ALL THE CONCERNS YOU HAVE HEARD FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD TO HELP US WITH A VERY BIG DECISION. OKAY?

THANK YOU.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I WILL JUST MAKE ONE - YOU BET.

I'M EXCITED TO DO IT.

I WANT TO SAY WELCOME AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ITS ITZEL MARTINEZ, WHO IS A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL AT THE CORNERSTONE ACADEMY HERE IN OAK PARK. SHE IS THE NEXT TO HER TEACHER.

ITZEL WAS GOING TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO WATCH US TO BUSINESS FOR A LITTLE WHILE NOW AND I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT SHE CHOSE HER BIRTHDAY TO EXERCISE HER CIVIC INTEREST.

SHE IS VERY INVOLVED IN IT CIVIC THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AND I KNOW SHE HAS TAKEN A STRONG INTEREST IN OAK PARK AND HER TEACHER IS EXCITED ABOUT THE WORK SHE IS DOING IN SCHOOL.

I WAS EXCITED TO INTRODUCE HER TONIGHT.

WELCOME, ITZEL.

GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT AND I AM SURE YOU PROBABLY ANTICIPATED A LONGER MEETING TONIGHT.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR EXERCISING YOUR CIVIC INTEREST AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME ACKNOWLEDGE ITZEL TONIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME, YOU DON'T HAVE TO, BUT YOU CAN COME UP AND SAY HELLO.  
UP TO YOU.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS ITZEL MARTINEZ, TO SHARE A LITTLE MORE ABOUT ME, I'M A SENIOR AT CORNERSTONE ACADEMY.  
IT'S A SMALL PRIVATE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL THAT IS ALMOST LIKE AN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL.

THEY FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF STUDENTS.  
WALKING INTO CORNERSTONE I REALIZED THE LACK OF MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND WHERE I CAME FROM, MY PREVIOUS GOALS, THEY LACK THE RESOURCES, TOO.  
IN THAT WAY I FOUND A NEED AND THEY SPARK IN A DRIVE TO DO MORE.  
WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING AT MY SCHOOL AS I HAVE BEEN REACHING OUT TO MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND TRYING TO DO MORE, FIND MORE BECAUSE I SEE IT HERE AND IT NEEDS TO BE SEEN AND I DID NOT REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS FOR YOUTH TO BE A PART OF THAT.

I HAVE BEEN GOING TO PLACES AND VOICING THE NEEDS AND THE THINGS WE NEED AND PEOPLE SEE IT AND THEY WANT TO HEAR MORE.  
MY WAY I WANT TO GET THE ATTENTION OF MORE YOUTH BECAUSE I THINK WE ARE OUT THERE AND I THINK THIS IS REALLY COOL.  
THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CLERK WATERS IS GLOWING.  
I HOPE YOU WILL SHARE YOUR CONTACT INFO SO SHE CAN REACH OUT AND HELP COORDINATE THESE EFFORTS.  
AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE.  
I CAN FEEL YOUR POWER, YOU ARE TRULY AMAZING.  
THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: HAPPY BIRTHDAY.  
>> HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
ANYTHING ELSE FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGERS REPORT?  
OF COURSE, OF COURSE.  
VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES AND THE TRUSTEE LIAISON COMMISSION REPORT.  
ANY UPDATES?  
OKAY.  
CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES.  
CLERK WATERS, THANK YOU, AGAIN!  
CLERK WATERS PROVIDES THE VACANCY REPORT AND ANYBODY INTERESTED IN SERVING ON ONE OF THE BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS CAN REACH OUT TO CLERK WATERS AT [CLERK@OAK-PARK.US](mailto:CLERK@OAK-PARK.US).  
WE THEN HAVE A FEW APPOINTMENTS.  
I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONSENT TO THE VILLAGE PRESIDENTS PLEMONS OF, CLERK WATERS, DO YOU MIND?

>>CLERK: SORRY, I HAVE TOO MANY PAPERS IN FRONT OF ME.

CHARYL A. WISNIEWSKI, TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION.  
RACHEL L. GRESK, APPOINTED AS A COMMISSIONER TO THE COMMUNITY  
RELATIONS COMMISSION.

STEVE NATIONS, POINT IS A COMMISSIONER TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY  
COMMISSION.

William Obuchowski, APPOINTED AS A COMMISSIONER TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
ENERGY COMMISSION.

>> FRANK SULLIVAN, REAPPOINT FOR A SECOND TERM TO THE PLAN  
COMMISSION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?  
YES, PLEASE.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTIONED BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SEND DEAD BY  
TRUSTEE WESLEY.

NOW AND ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: A THANK YOU AND THANK ALL OF OUR  
COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR SERVICE.

AND I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS  
PRESENTED.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

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

>> I THINK THAT WAS TRUSTEE ROBINSON - BRIAN?

AND THEN TRUSTEE STRAW IS THE SECOND.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED.

WE HAVE A MOTION BY TRUSTEE PARAKKAT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON  
TO DISCUSS CURRENT VILLAGE REGULATIONS ON MOBILE FOOD VENDORS AND  
POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS TO THE VILLAGE BOARD TO CONSIDER.  
MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.



>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

THIS IS A DISCUSSION ONLY.

THERE IS NOTHING TO VOTE ON, BUT I APPRECIATE THE MOTION FROM A TRUSTEE PARAKKAT AND TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

THAT WAS MY FAULT FOR CONFUSING THE MATTER.

I WILL TURN OVER TO TRUSTEE PARAKKAT THEN?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THANK YOU.

THE REASON WE ARE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION IS IN OUR VILLAGE, WE HAVE WELL-ESTABLISHED BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES AND THEIR BUSINESSES ARE SOMETIMES AFFECTED WHEN WE HAVE FOOD TRUCKS THAT COME AND PARK RIGHT NEXT TO THEM, SELLING SIMILAR TYPES OF FOOD AND UNDERCUTTING THE COST BECAUSE THEY HAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT COST STRUCTURE.

IN FACT, THE COST STRUCTURE IS MUCH LOWER THAN WHAT WE HAVE FOR OUR BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES THAT PAY INTO THE TAXES.

THEY HAVE PAYROLL AND A LOT OF OTHER COSTS.

THIS IS JUST TO SEE IF WE CAN CREATE A LEVEL OF FAIRNESS IN TERMS OF OUR BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT SO NOBODY IS DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY HAVING A DIFFERENTIATED COST STRUCTURE OR A FAVORABLE COST STRUCTURE. LOOKING AT MORE OF A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.

THAT IS THE INTENT OF THIS DISCUSSION AND IN EXAMINATION WHAT WE RECEIVED THROUGH THE STAFF FROM THAT RESEARCH IS THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES AND HOW THIS IS HANDLED AND THERE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL.

THE DISCUSSION IS ABOUT LOOKING AT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND FIGURING OUT WHAT MAKES SENSE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND WHAT CAN BE FOMENTED TO CREATE THAT LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

WE HAVE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM THIS EVENING.

>> (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC).

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: HI.

MY NAME IS CARLA (NAME?) AND I HAVE BEEN A PROUD RESIDENT OF OAK PARK FOR OVER 20 YEARS AS A LATINA WOMAN AND BUSINESS OWNER.

I DEEPLY VALUE THE CULTURAL ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY A VIBRANT ONE.

MY INVESTMENT IN OAK PARK EXTENDS BEYOND MY BUSINESS.

I ACTIVELY SUPPORT SCHOOLS, LITERALLY, THE ARTS AND THE SEVERAL NON-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND ADDITIONALLY I'M COMMITTED TO EMPLOYING LOCAL RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS WHO RELY ON THESE JOBS FOR GROWTH AND FINANCIAL STABILITY.

I APPRECIATE AND FULLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE BUSINESS OFFICE IN OAK PARK AS IT REFLECTS THE VILLAGE'S COMMITMENT TO BALANCING ECONOMIC GROWTH, WHILE PROTECTING BUSINESSES THAT HAVE LONG BEEN A PART OF OAK PARK'S ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FABRIC.

WHILE I WELCOME A BUSINESS, WHILE I WELCOME FOOD TRUCKS AND THE DIVERSITY THEY BRING, OUR BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMY.

AND WE OPERATE UNDER HIGHER STANDARDS.

I BELIEVE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HELP MAINTAIN A FAIR PLAYING FIELD AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIGNIFICANT AND FINANCIAL PERSONAL INVESTMENTS WE HAVE MADE IN OAK PARK THROUGH CONTRIBUTING, CREATING JOBS, PAYING RENT, PAYING PROPERTY TAXES.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT IS PROPOSED AS A 250 FOOT DISTANCE REQUIREMENT FROM EXISTING FOOD AND BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS. THAT ENSURES FOOD TRUCKS COMPLEMENT INSTEAD OF DIRECTLY COMPETE WITH THE LOCAL BUSINESSES.

FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS I HAVE HAD A FOOD TRUCK OPERATING DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME AND THEN HE MOVED 100 FEET DOWN.

FROM MY SHOP SELLING THE SAME FOOD DAILY FROM 10:00 A.M.-8 PM.

THEY ARE MOBILE, THEY ARE NOT MOVING.

10 HOURS A DAY.

WHEN I KINDLY ASKED THE OWNER TO MOVE FURTHER DOWN, HE REFUSED, CITING THAT THE VILLAGE CURRENTLY HAS NO RESTRICTIONS OR ORDINANCES.

THAT LACK OF REGULATION PUTS BRICK-AND-MORTAR AT A THIS ADVANTAGE.

THE OTHER RECOMMENDATION IS DESIGNATING SPECIFIC AREAS FOR FOOD TRUCKS TO OPERATE.

THAT BRINGS STRUCTURE, ORGANIZATION, FAIRNESS AND HELPS PREVENT TRADITION WHILE ALLOWING FOOD TRUCKS TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY WITHOUT NEGATIVELY IMPACTING EXISTING BUSINESSES.

ADDITIONALLY, RESTRICTING FOOD TRUCKS IN KEY BUSINESS DISTRICTS, SUCH AS MADISON STREET OR OTHER CORRIDOR'S HELPS PRESERVE THE VITALITY OF OUR COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS, ENSURING THAT LONG-STANDING BUSINESSES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO OAK PARK'S CHARACTER AND CHARM CONTINUE TO THRIVE.

SO I URGE THE VILLAGE, AS OTHER TOWNS HAVE TO SUPPORT THE WELL-THOUGHT-OUT RECOMMENDATIONS TO FOSTER A THRIVING, FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL.

I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S EFFORTS IN PROMOTING BOTH INNOVATION AND STABILITY IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

SO THEN WE WILL OPEN IT UP FOR DISCUSSION UNLESS YOU HAVE MORE TO SHARE?

OR GREG DOES?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YEAH, I WILL GO AHEAD, CRAIG, AS CRAIG IS COMING UP.

WE ARE TRYING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE MOTION.

AS WELL AS BEING RESPONSIVE TO THE COMMUNITY INPUT WE RECEIVED CONCURRENT WITH THE MOTION.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS PRELIMINARY WORK TO FRAME THE DISCUSSION.

THERE ARE SOME PRELIMINARY OPTIONS OUTLINED, BUT WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS FEEDBACK FROM THE BOARD SO WE CAN BRING SOMETHING BACK, THAT IS RESPONSIVE OF THE ENTIRE BOARD'S INTEREST.

TONIGHT WE CAN CERTAINLY OFFER WHAT WE FOUND SO FAR, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING YOUR INPUT SO WE GET THE ORDINANCE PROPOSAL BACK AT A LATER TIME.

>> THANK YOU, MANAGER JACKSON, CRAIG FAILOR, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR.

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A THINGS TO THINK ABOUT IN REGARDS TO FOOD TRACKS.

NOMI DIAZ WILL WALK THROUGH THAT.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TALKING TO THE HEALTH THE PERMIT ON THIS AS WELL. WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO OTHER PERSONS IN OUR DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO HELP US FORMULATE THESE IDEAS AND I THINK NOMI WILL INDICATE THAT SHE HAS LOOKED AT OTHER COMMUNITIES.

>> THANK YOU, CRAIG.

GOOD EVENING, NOMI DIAZ, ADMINISTERED OF OFFICER IN A DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

WE DID RESEARCH ON NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA ITEM, ESTIMATED ABOUT 18 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES AND WHAT THEIR CURRENT REGULATIONS ARE FOR ANY MOBILE FOOD TRUCK VENDORS.

LOOKING AT AN ANALYSIS OF THAT AND SOME HISTORY OF WHAT THE VILLAGE CURRENTLY HAS.

CURRENTLY, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY MOBILE FOOD TRUCK VENDORS IS THAT THEY HAVE TO - THEY HAVE TO HAVE A HEALTH INSPECTION CONDUCTED BY OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

THEY ALSO HAVE TO BE COMPLIANT WITH ANY PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND NOT OBSTRUCTING ANY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

AND THIRD, THEY HAVE TO HAVE AN ACTIVE BUSINESS LICENSE AND THE COST OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE IS DEPENDENT ON THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS THAT THE FOOD TRUCK HAS TO GET ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND THAT IS DETERMINED BY OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT BASED ON WHAT THE FOOD RISKS ARE.

THAT IS CURRENTLY WHAT WE HAVE IN PLACE.

LOOKING AT THE COMMUNITIES WE RESEARCHED, WE MADE THREE POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER.

THE FIRST ONE BEING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS MUST OPERATE AT LEAST 250 FEET AND ANY FOOD AND DRINK ESTABLISHMENT.

TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF A VISUAL OF WHAT 250 FEET LOOKS LIKE.

THE SCOPE OF HOW LONG THE VILLAGE CAMPUS IS CURRENTLY.

CLEARLY OUTSIDE A VILLAGE HALL SIDEWALK TO SIDEWALK IS ABOUT 250 FEET. CURRENTLY OUR COMMERCIAL BLOCKS ARE ABOUT 400 FEET.

JUST TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

THAT IS ONE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER IN THE SECOND IS MOBILE FOOD VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS IN THE VILLAGE THIS IS PREVIOUSLY BEEN EXPLORED BY VILLAGE STAFF.

A COUPLE ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO IN TERMS OF SETTING DIRECT AREAS WHERE MOBILE FOOD TRUCKS CAN PARK THEIR VEHICLE AND THE CELL AND IT CREATES A DIFFERENT COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS AND 1/3 POTENTIAL REGULATION IS MOBILE FOOD VENDORS ARE NOT ABLE TO OPERATE IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT.

CURRENTLY THE VILLAGE RECOGNIZES 12 DIFFERENT DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT OAK PARK.

ULTIMATELY THAT WOULD LIMIT AS TO WHERE THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO PARK IN THE SELL THEIR GOODS, BUT THOSE ARE THE THREE DIFFERENT THAT WE HAVE COME UP WITH IN TERMS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER. VILLAGE STAFF SUPPORTS ANY OF THE THREE THAT THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.  
PLEASE GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: JUST A QUICK QUESTION ON APPLICABILITY. IF THERE ARE EVENTS, SPECIAL EVENTS THAT HAPPEN, IS THIS APPLICABLE IN THOSE INSTANCES AS WELL OR IS THIS NON-EVENT RELATED REGULATION?

>> THIS IS NOT EVENT RELATED READ ANY MOBILE FOOD VENDOR THAT WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AT ANY OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS OR EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH A DIFFERENT SPECIAL EVENT PERMITTING PROCESS.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THAT IS SEPARATE.  
THAT IS TRUE FOR BLOCK PARTIES AND SMALLER EVENTS AS WELL?  
OKAY, THANKS.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I WANT TO CLARIFY - LET'S SAY WE ADOPT ALL THREE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.  
EVEN IF IT TAKES PLACE IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT, AS LONG AS THEY GO THROUGH WHATEVER THIS SEPARATE PERMITTING PROCESS IS, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO SET UP THEIR FOOD TRUCK FOR A SPECIAL EVENT, EVEN IF IT IS IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT?  
IF THAT IS REGULATED BASED ON THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS, CORRECT?

>>SPEAKER: CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: IN ADDITION, I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH WHAT TRUSTEE PARAKKAT SAID AND THE PUBLIC COMMENT HER AS WELL.  
I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THE PUBLIC COMMENT OR SENT US WHAT I THOUGHT WAS JUST A REALLY DETAILED EMAIL THAT WE RECEIVED A B A WEEK AGO, MAYBE A WEEK AND 1/2 AGO, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.  
BUT I THOUGHT DID - REALLY ECHOED WHAT SHE SAID TONIGHT, BUT DID A GREAT JOB OF EXPLAINING SORT OF THE DIFFICULTY AND THAT THIS UNFAIR COMPETITION POINT.  
HOW BRICK-AND-MORTAR STORES - FOOD TRUCKS CAN SORT OF POP UP WITHOUT WARNING, OUT OF NOWHERE AND TO BE PARKED OUTSIDE OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT FOR REALLY ANY LENGTH OF TIME, AS LONG AS THEY COMPLY CURRENTLY WITH PARKING AND THE HEALTH INSPECTION.

THAT ADDS A LEVEL OF COMPETITION THAT DOES NOT REALLY EXIST RIGHT NOW FOR OTHER BUSINESSES.

WHILE I CERTAINLY AM IN FAVOR OF A FREE MARKET, I THINK WE REGULATE OUR BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND WE DO SO FOR SPECIFIC REASONS.

SAFETY, HEALTH.

BUT THIS IDEA OF REALLY TRYING TO NOT COMPROMISE THE INTEGRITY OF OUR BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND OUR BRICK-AND-MORTAR STORES IS A WAY THAT THIS TYPE OF REGULATION CAN HELP FURTHER PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THOSE DISTRICTS.

THE ONLY THING I WANTED STAFF TO OPINE ON HIS I NOTICED IN THE OAK ONE REGULATION IT INCLUDED A REQUIREMENT THAT FOOD TRUCKS HAVE A PLAN FOR WASTE DISPOSAL.

I WAS CURIOUS WHAT STAFF THOUGHT ABOUT THAT.

YOU KNOW, WE HAVE AREAS OF OAK PARK THAT CERTAINLY HAVE OVERSIZED TRASH CANS, BUT I ASSUME THOSE ARE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF BRICK AND MORTAR ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE ALREADY THERE?

SO WHAT DOES STAFF THINK ABOUT ADDING A PLAN FOR WASTE DISPOSAL, ESPECIALLY AS WE CONSISTENTLY TRY TO FIGHT AGAINST SORT OF THE PROLIFERATION OF RATS?

WE DO NOT WANT FOOD, OTHER TYPES OF FOOD, OF DISPOSAL TO BE OUTSIDE OF GARBAGE CANS.

DO YOU FORESEE ANY PROBLEMS OR MAYBE WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT INCORPORATING THAT AND OF FOLDING THAT INTO WHATEVER OUR REGULATORY STRUCTURE IS?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I WILL START OFF BY SAYING THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY ISSUES IN TERMS OF A WASTE DISPOSAL OF ANY OF THE CURRENT ACTIVE LICENSE THAT WE HAVE FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS, HOWEVER, WE WOULD DEFINITELY EXPLORE INCORPORATING THAT INTO THE REGULATIONS IF THAT IS SOMETHING THE BOARD DESIRES.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: BASED ON YOUR RESEARCH, WHAT I WAS READING REFERRED TO SPECIAL DISPOSAL METHODS OR CERTAIN TYPES OF FOOD WASTE. LIKE GREECE FOR EXAMPLE.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT INCORPORATING THAT SPECIFICALLY SO WE SORT OF AWARD OFF AND PREVENT ANY DISPOSAL METHOD THAT COULD CREATE A BIGGER PROBLEM OR A BIGGER MESS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, FOR SURROUNDING BUSINESSES, ETC.?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I DEFINITELY EXPLORE THAT WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH INSPECTORS AND MAKING SURE WE ARE ADDRESSING PROPER AND SAFE WASTE DISPOSAL.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY, OKAY.

SO WE DEAL WITH IT IN DESIGNATED AREAS, BUT NOT BUSINESS DISTRICTS, ARE WE SAYING THEY CAN BE SET UP THROUGHOUT OUR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS?

>> MORE OR LESS.

ESSENTIALLY, NOT ALL OF LAKE STREET IS A BUSINESS DISTRICT. SO THERE WOULD BE CERTAIN AREAS AND OUR INTENT WOULD BE IF THAT IS NOT POTENTIAL REGULATION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD AS TO PURSUE, WE WOULD COME BACK WITH A MAP THAT HIGHLIGHTED THE AREAS THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR MOBILE FOOD TRUCK VENDORS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.

I AM CERTAINLY ON BOARD WITH THE THREE REGULATIONS. THE ONLY OTHER THING I WILL POINT OUT IS THAT IN THE BOARD'S FUTURE OUR SUMMIT ZONING DISCUSSION, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING RESIDENTIAL HOUSING IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, MAYBE IN AN EXPANDED CAPACITY.

SO I WOULD JUST WANT ANY - ANYTHING THAT STAFF COMES BACK WITH TO HAVE THAT IN THE BACK OF YOUR MIND AS WE SORT OF HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS SEQUENTIALLY TO MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT STEPPING OVER OURSELVES AS WE FIGURE THIS STUFF OUT.

I THOUGHT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE GREAT AND I WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE A PLAN FOR WASTE DISPOSAL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE, BRIAN.

I'M SORRY.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I THINK FIRST, STARTING WITH THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION.

I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE I UNDERSTAND THE IDEA BEHIND A RECOMMENDATION THAT MOBILE FOOD VENDORS ARE NOT ABLE TO OPERATE IN ANY BUSINESS DISTRICT BECAUSE THAT WOULD - THAT WOULD MEAN THAT WE WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS TO OPERATE IN OUR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS, WHICH WHEN I WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE COMPARABLE - THE OTHER COMMUNITIES, MOST OF THOSE HAD REGULATIONS LIMITING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS FROM PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND SELLING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

I UNDERSTAND BUSINESSES WANTING TO LIMIT THE RISKS OF COMPETITION, BUT WHY WOULD SUCH A BROAD-BASED APPROACH OF PREVENTING ALL SALES AND BUSINESS DISTRICTS BE THE DIRECTION WE WANT TO GO.

>> OUR INTENT WAS TO KIND OF ENCOURAGE MOBILE FOOD VENDORS TO GO TO SCHOOLS, PARKS AND REALLY GO INTO UNTOUCHED TERRITORIES, WHERE BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES ARE UNABLE TO CAPTURE THOSE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY.

I GUESS I - THAT IS SOMETHING I WOULD NEED TO GIVE A LITTLE MORE THOUGHT TO.

I GUESS I HAVE SOME CONCERN ABOUT SETTING UP SECONDARY BUSINESS DISTRICTS IF WE HAD A SITUATION WHERE NOW WE HAVE A FOOD TRUCK ROW ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET AND WE ARE DIVERTING TRAFFIC TO A FOOD TRUCK ROW. TYPICALLY THERE IS A REASON WE CONCENTRATE BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

I THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE FOOD TRUCK VENDORS ARE GOING TO WANT TO GO WHERE THERE IS FOOT TRAFFIC AS WELL.

I THINK THAT - I DO NOT THINK THAT RIGHT NOW I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION.

I DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO BE PUSHING FOOD TRUCK VENDORS TO BE IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AS OPPOSED TO IN OUR BUSINESS DISTRICTS. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL WHEN WE GET ANY SPECIFIC ORDINANCE BACK AROUND NUMBER ONE TO SEE WHAT A MAP WOULD LOOK LIKE WITH, YOU KNOW, IF WE DID A 250 FOOT BUBBLE AROUND ANY DRINK ESTABLISHMENT, ARE WE SAYING THAT FOOD TRUCK VENDORS CANNOT BE IN THESE SWATHS OF THE VILLAGE BECAUSE A 250 FOOT BUBBLE - I IMAGINE THAT BLOCKS OFF MOST OF DOWNTOWN OAK PARK, MOST OF THE HEMINGWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT.

SO I'M CURIOUS WHETHER THERE'S ANY WAY TO HAVE IT BE A LIMITATION WHERE YOU HAVE DIRECT COMPETITION.

I KNOW THE SITUATION THAT BROUGHT US HERE TONIGHT ON THIS DISCUSSION WAS A FOOD TRUCK SELLING TACOS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A BRICK-AND-MORTAR STORE THAT SELLS TACOS AND I UNDERSTAND HOW THAT IS UNFAIR, BUT I THINK IF THERE WAS A FOOD TRUCK THAT SOLD ICE CREAM THAT PARKED RIGHT NEXT TO A STORE SELLING TACOS, THAT MIGHT NOT BE A PROBLEM. IN FACT, IT MIGHT BE A BONUS TO BUSINESS. AND DRIVE MORE FOOT TRAFFIC.

I THINK IF THERE IS A WAY FOR US TO BE CREATIVE SO WE CAN PREVENT SOME OF THE DIRECT COMPETITION, BUT NOT PREVENT ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE JUST TRYING TO START A BUSINESS FROM CHASING THOSE DREAMS IN OUR COMMUNITY, I THINK THERE IS A BALANCE TO BE FOUND BECAUSE I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF THOSE BRICK-AND-MORTAR RESTAURANTS, WHERE PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE BRICK-AND-MORTAR RESTAURANT DREAMS COME TRUE BECAUSE THEY STARTED WITH A FOOD TRUCK WITH THE LOWER OVERHEAD.

I WANT TO FIND - I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE FINDING A BALANCE WITH THE LIGHTEST TOUCH POSSIBLE ON REGULATION THAT PROTECTS THE VITAL SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT WE HAVE THAT HAS MADE THESE BRICK-AND-MORTAR INVESTMENTS WHO IS EMPLOYING OUR NEXT GENERATION OF ENTREPRENEURS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I THINK THAT IS VITAL, BUT I DO NOT WANT TO DRIVE INVESTMENT IN FOOD TRUCKS OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND I THINK IF WE TAKE TOO HEAVY A HAND THAT WE MIGHT GO TOO FAR. THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THIS IS A RANDOM QUESTION, BUT OUR ICE CREAM TRUCKS CONSIDERED FOOD TRICKS, TOO?

>> YES THEY ARE.  
VERY CONFLICTING.

>> THEY ARE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF NOBODY IS JUMPING FORWARD, SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO BRIAN'S CONCERN, I DEFINITELY AGREE THAT - TO HAVE A FOOD TRUCK IN FRONT OF A BRICK-AND-MORTAR WITH THE EXPENSE AND COMMITMENT THAT IS ALSO SERVING THE SAME FOOD, IT SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE OKAY AND PERMITTED GRADE WHAT I'M CURIOUS ABOUT IS THE BEER SHOP.

IT IS IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT AND WE HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM TO SEEK OUT RELATIONSHIPS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT SERVE FOOD AND WE DO NOT OTHERWISE HAVE BARS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT DO NOT SERVE FOOD.

I REMEMBER WHEN WE GIVE THEM THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE INITIALLY WE ENCOURAGED THEM TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEIGHBORING RESTAURANTS AND FOOD TRUCKS.

HOW DOES IT WORK IN THAT LOT?

HOW WOULD THAT LOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS ORDINANCE?

WE BUILT THAT LOT OUT RECENTLY TO BE KIND OF AN EVENT SPACE OR TURN INTO AN EVENT SPACE.

I LIKE THE IDEA OF THE BEER SHOP BEING ABLE TO INVITE FOOD TRUCKS, PARTICULARLY IN THE SUMMERTIME.

IS THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO TO CARVE OUT THAT LAW OR OTHER AREAS IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THE ADDITION OF A FOOD TRUCKS IS ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTING TO VITALITY IN A NOT AS COMPETITIVE WAY TO LOCAL BUSINESSES?

COULD IT BE SOMETHING ABOUT THE TYPE OF FOOD OR COULD THEY GET A CERTAIN NUMBER OF TIMES A MONTH THAT THEY COULD?

I DON'T KNOW.

CAN WE TRY TO CONSIDER SOME OPTIONS FOR US I DON'T KNOW, WHAT YOU THINK?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

THAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN EXPLORE IN THIS NEXT MONTH WHILE WE PREPARE SOMETHING TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

WE EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL OF EITHER EXCLUDING CERTAIN LOTS THAT ARE (WORD?) DURING PERIODS OF TIME LIKE SUMMERTIME, ASSUMING THE FOOD TRUCK VENDOR DOES NOT SELL THE SAME OR SIMILAR TYPE OF MENU AS THE NEIGHBORING RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA.

AND WE CAN ALSO EXPORT DIFFERENT EVENT TYPES, PERMITS AND WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE.

WE NEED TO DO MORE RESEARCH.

>> SOME OF OUR FOOD TRUCKS ARE ALSO BRICK-AND-MORTAR RESTAURANTS. SO THEY ARE MAKING THE SAME LEVEL OF COMMITMENT IN ANOTHER WAY, THE SAME WAY, BUT THE MOBILE TRUCK IS AN EXTENSION OF THE BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESS.

THAT IS THE THOUGHT - THE ONLY THOUGHT THAT I HAVE CONCERN WITH HERE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT.

I THINK ON THE LOT TENANT THING, COULDN'T WE SELL FOOD TRUCK SPOTS IN THAT LOT AND THAT EXTRA COST WOULD MAKE IT A BIT MORE COMMISERATE WITH THE INVESTMENT OF THE SURROUNDING BUSINESSES AND THEREFORE SEEMS LIKE IT MIGHT PUT AT LEAST IN THAT ONE SPACE, THINGS ON A BIT MORE EVEN COMPETITION?

BUT IN GENERAL, I AGREE WITH SOME SORT OF SPACE AROUND BRICK-AND-MORTAR RESTAURANTS THAT SHOULD BE FOOD TRUCK FREE.

CHICAGO WENT THROUGH THIS A FEW YEARS AGO.



MIGHT BE 10 YEARS OR 11 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

IT WAS A WHOLE BIG THING AND I KNEW A FEW RESTAURANT OWNERS AT THE TIME THAT WERE BEING IMPACTED BY THIS IN THE RIVER NORTH AREA AND IT WOULD LIKE - I DON'T REMEMBER THE FIGURES.

I REMEMBER THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR LUNCH TAKE ON A DAY WHEN THE FOOD TRUCK WAS THERE VERSUS IN A FOOD TRUCK WASN'T WAS SIGNIFICANT.

SO I DO THINK THAT THIS IS A WORTHWHILE ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER, AT LEAST WITH SOME LEVEL OF FEE, AWAY FROM THE BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES.

TWO TRUSTEE STRAW'S POINT ABOUT CONCENTRATING BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS DISTRICTS I'M NEVER GOING TO MISS THE CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT ZONING AND I WILL POINT OUT THAT BEFORE EXCLUSIVE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ZONING, RESIDENTS INTERMINGLED AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY WAS PART OF LIFE AND NOT A PART THAT WAS SEPARATE.

BECAUSE OF OUR EXCLUSION - EXCLUSIONARY ZONING, WE HAVE PLACES WHERE WE PUT BUSINESSES IN PLACES WHERE WE PUT PEOPLE MAY THINK WHAT WE HAVE NOTICED IS WHEN WE PUT PEOPLE WHERE THE BUSINESSES ARE, LIKE IN DTOP WE GET A LOT OF VIBRANCY.

A PSALM IN SUPPORT OF INTERMINGLING PEOPLE IN BUSINESSES AND ANY CHANCE WE CAN GET, INCLUDING WITH FOOD TRUCKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I AGREE WITH WHAT PRESIDENT SCAMAN WAS SAYING, THEY HAVE CHIPS, THE BEER SHOP HAS A CHIPS. PART OF THE STIPULATION.

I DO AGREE THAT KNOWING, WORKING DOWNTOWN FOR A LONG TIME, UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE SOME OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE MISSED FROM BRICK-AND-MORTAR BECAUSE - MAINLY IT IS DISTANCE, BUT THERE IS ALSO THE LEVEL OF CONVENIENCE THAT SOMETIMES THE FOOD TRUCK GIVES YOU FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.

I THINK THAT MAKES PERFECT SENSE AND IN THE SUMMERTIME IT IS ONE OF THOSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A PLACE LIKE THE BEER SHOP AND OTHER PLACES THAT DO NOT SERVE TECHNICALLY FULL-SERVICE FOOD AND THEY DID TRY OTHER OPTIONS, BUT I KNOW THEIR MOST PROFITABLE OPTION WAS THE FOOD TRUCK. THEY DID TRY HAVING A DELIVERY SERVICE WITH JAPANESE RESTAURANT THAT IS VERY NEARBY AND THEY TRIED TO DO A DELIVERY TO THE BEER SHOP, BUT IT DID NOT HIT OFF AS FAR AS AS WELL AS HAVING A FOOD TRUCK THERE.

I THINK THERE SHOULD BE CONSIDERATION TO THAT, BUT I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND PARKING IN FRONT OF A LOCATION - IT IS NOT FAIR TO THE BUSINESS OWNER OF THE BRICK-AND-MORTAR LOCATION, BUT I THINK THERE SHOULD BE SOME TYPE OF DESIGNATED SPOT IF THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD HAS AN APPETITE FOR GOING FURTHER DOWN RESEARCH, BUT ALSO I THINK AS YOU SAID BEFORE, IT DOES LEND SOME NEW OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT WHERE IN THE VILLAGE WOULD IT MAKE SENSE FOR A FOOD TRUCK TO OPERATE THAT IS NOT AS CLOSE EVERYTHING?

I KNOW THERE ARE PARTS OF OAK PARK THAT ARE PRETTY MUCH UNTAPPED AND WE TALKED ABOUT NORTH OAK PARK WHERE I GREW UP, THERE ARE NOT MANY OPTIONS.

IS THERE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE SET UP SO THEY CAN RE-ENVISION WHAT THAT COULD BE IN OTHER AREAS OF OAK PARK THAT WOULD NEVER OTHERWISE SEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEIZE FOOD.

I BRING UP THE ICE CREAM TRUCK THING BECAUSE I KNOW IN SO MANY SITUATIONS, AS A KID, AFTER TABLE GAMES AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS, YOU THINK ABOUT, WHAT IS THE FIRST THING THAT IS GOING TO SHOW UP HERE? I WOULD HATE TO THINK THAT BECAUSE OF CERTAIN DISTANCE RULE, THAT YOU WOULD ICE OUT THE ICE CREAM TRUCK.

THOSE ARE JUST THINGS, BUT I DEFINITELY AGREE WITH THE OWNER OF - I BELIEVE IT IS TACO 76 THAT HAD TO DEAL WITH THAT.

THAT IS UNDERCUTTING HER BUSINESS AND THAT IS NOT WHAT WE WOULD WANT TO SEE HAPPENING FOR BUSINESSES LIKE THAT.

I PROMISE YOU.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: RESPONDING TO TRUSTEE WESLEY, I WANT TO BE CLEAR, DID NOT PROPOSE PREVENTING FOOD TRUCKS FROM OPERATING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

ALTHOUGH, I WILL NOTE THAT RIGHT NOW IT IS PRETTY MUCH JUST THE ICE CREAM TRUCKS THAT SHOW UP IN THOSE RESIDENTIAL AREAS BECAUSE THERE IS NOT AS MUCH FOOT TRAFFIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WHEN THERE IS A BLOCK PARTY OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, WHERE THEY ARE SPECIALLY INVITED.

I CERTAINLY HAVE NO ISSUE WITH FOOD TRUCKS OPERATING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

I THINK THAT WE JUST NEED TO BE THOUGHTFUL AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH REGULATION AND THAT IS WHY, YOU KNOW, SORT OF SEEING MAPPED OUT, WHAT WOULD 250 FEET MEAN THE VERSUS 150 FEET?

WHAT IS THE RIGHT DISTANCE THAT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES OR - I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A QUESTION THAT STAFF IS READY TO ANSWER TODAY OR IF A VILLAGE ATTORNEY.

IS THERE A WAY TO REGULATE BY THE TYPE OF CUISINE SO WE PREVENT THAT KIND OF COMPETITION, WHERE YOU HAVE A FOOD TRUCK SELLING THE SAME FOOD RIGHT IN FRONT OF A BRICK-AND-MORTAR?

I THINK THAT IS REALLY THE TYPE OF COMPETITION THAT IT SOUNDS LIKE IS PROBLEMATIC HERE.

RATHER THAN IF I'M IN THE MOOD FOR CHICKEN AND WAFFLES AND THAT IS WHY I'M GOING THERE, A TACO TRUCK BEING PARKED OUT FRONT OF THEM IS NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO CHANGE MY MIND.

I WAS GOING FOR CHICKEN AND WAFFLES.

I DO NOT WANT TO PREVENT BUSINESS ACTIVITY WHERE WE ARE NOT ACTUALLY SEEING A PROBLEM.

I WANT TO JUST MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE IDENTIFYING AND TARGETING WHAT THEY PROBLEMATIC BEHAVIOR IS.

THAT IS THE ONLY THING THAT I WAS TRYING TO HIGHLIGHT AND SORT OF THE BEING THOUGHTFUL OF HAVING AS NARROW OF A SCOPE AS POSSIBLE.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I THINK TRUSTEE STRAW, YOUR POINT IS WELL TAKEN.

I DON'T WANT TO REGULATE IT BY FOOD TYPE.

I THINK WE GET TOO MUCH IN THE WEEDS.

DOES THAT HAVE TO BE THE TYPE OF FOOD THAT THAT TRUCK EXCLUSIVELY CELLS, MOSTLY CELLS?

CAN THEY SELL ICE CREAM AND TACOS AND PARK OUTSIDE OF TACO 76?

I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO BE SLICK WITH IT AND THEN WE ARE LIKE CUTTING HAIRS ON WHAT TYPE OF FOOD IS SOLD.

THAT'S A TYPE OF REGULATION THAT GETS MORE GRANULAR THAN I WOULD THINK STAFF WOULD WANT TO BE.

I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT, THAT IS THE COMPETITION POINT, THAT IS EXACTLY THE COMPETITION POINT.

THAT IS JUST MY THOUGHT ON EDGE.

IT SEEMS TO INVITE A LEVEL OF SPECIFICITY AND GRANULARITY, AND REGULATION THAT I'M NOT QUITE SURE WE WANT TO REALLY GET INTO.

I WILL POINT OUT THAT - DID YOU MENTION HOT CHOCOLATE COFFEE?

TERMS OF RESIDENTIAL AREA - IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE MY KIDS PLAYED BASEBALL, BUT THERE USED TO BE A HOT CHOCOLATE COFFEE FOOD TRUCK AT BASEBALL GAMES WHO WAS A LIFESAVER ON COLD GAME DAYS.

I THINK IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE MORE VARIETY THAN WE MIGHT BE NATURALLY THINKING OF IN OUR RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

YOU WOULD PARK NEAR A BASEBALL PARK, WHICH THOSE PARTS ARE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

THERE MIGHT BE MORE VARIETY THAN WE MIGHT BE ASSUMING.

SO ANYWAY, THOSE ARE THE TWO THINGS I WANTED TO ADD.

>> I THINK SHE HAS A BIKE NOW.

I THINK IS A BIKE AND SAID OF A TRUCK.

- INSTEAD OF A TRUCK.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I AGREE WITH TRUSTEE ROBINSON THAT I THINK THE SPECIFICITY CAN BECOME AN ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE QUICKLY AND THAT IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IN THE SECOND THING IS ALSO IN TERMS OF OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT FUTURE BUSINESSES INTO A BUSINESS DISTRICT AS CERTAIN RAMIFICATIONS IN TERMS OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS FOOD TRUCKS IN GENERAL, WHILE IT MIGHT BE COMPLEMENTARY TO BEGIN WITH, BUT LET'S SAY WE DO NOT HAVE A KOREAN BARBECUE IN OUR COMMUNITY OR WE DO NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC KIND OF BUSINESS, THEIR ABILITY TO COME INTO IT AND SOMEONE LOOKING AT OAK PARK AS AN INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY MIGHT BE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE FOOD TRUCKS THAT MIGHT VIOLATE THAT OR THAT BECOMES AN IMPEDIMENT.

IT CAN BE, I'M NOT SAYING IT WILL, BUT IT COULD BE.

SOMETHING TO EXAMINE IS OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT FUTURE BUSINESSES AND BE A BETTER BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY IN THE LONG RUN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANYTHING FURTHER?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I WANT TO NOTE, TRUSTEE ENYIA, YOU WERE MENTIONING ABOUT - THE BEER SHOP AND FOOD TRUCKS. I THOUGHT ABOUT KEN'S LOCKER AND HOW THERE IS ALWAYS A FOOD TRUCK OUTSIDE OF KEN'S LOCKER BECAUSE THERE'S NO RESTAURANTS AROUND THERE. I DON'T WANT TO PREVENT THE FOOD TRUCK FROM SITTING OUTSIDE OF KEN'S LOCKER, WHERE THEY HAVE SERVICE THERE. YEAH, YEAH EXACTLY. IT IS THE DEPOT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHAT THE ORDINANCE HAVE THAT?

>> I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT SHUTTING OUT HOT COCOA TRUCKS AND COFFEE DRUGS AND I WANT TO THINK ABOUT THIS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF INCENTIVIZING FOLKS INTO AREAS.

TO THE POINT OF - I KNOW YOU WERE NOT SAYING COMBINE THE TWO, TRUSTEE STRAW, I SAW OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT ZONING, SO I TOOK IT.

I THINK GETTING FOOD TRUCKS INTO PLACES LIKE AROUND OUR PARKS WHERE PEOPLE ARE CONGREGATING AND FIGURING OUT HOW WE CAN ENCOURAGE THAT OR IN NORTHEAST OAK PARK THEY ARE ALWAYS IN, WE DO NOT HAVE A COFFEE SHOP.

WE CANNOT PUT A FOOD TRUCK THAT ALLOWS YOU TO HAVE COFFEE, BUT YOU CAN HAVE A FOOD TRUCK WITH COFFEE IN THE AREA MAY BE CONSISTENTLY AND AT A CERTAIN SPOT AND MAYBE THAT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BOOTSTRAP A LITTLE BIT OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

I'M OPEN TO NOT JUST HOW WE NEED TO LIMIT THIS AROUND OUR BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES, BUT HOW WE CAN ENCOURAGE IT IN OTHER PLACES WHERE THAT LEVEL THAT NEEDS TO PROTECT AGAINST COMPETITION IS NOT THERE.

>> I WAS GOING TO SAY ONE THING GREAT OUTSIDE OF SPECIAL EVENTS, WE COULD LOOK AT MAY BE LIMITING THE DURATION THAT THEY ARE IN ONE SPOT SO THEY ARE NOT THERE ALL DAY, LUNCH AND DINNER OR WHATEVER OR POTENTIALLY LOOK AT HOURS OF OPERATION WHEN THEY CANNOT BE THERE OR SOMETHING, BUT WE CAN SORT OF MIX THAT INTO THE EVALUATION OF THIS.

>> I THINK ALL THE COMMENTS TONIGHT HAVE BEEN GOOD. THE CONSENSUS TRULY BEING THAT WE DO VALUE THE INVESTMENT OF BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES.

WE WANT TO BE HONORING THAT.

WE ALSO DO NOT WANT TO COMPLETELY CYCLE VIBRANCY AND PARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHERE IT IS NOT NECESSARILY IN CONFLICT.

HOW DO WE DO THAT?

GOOD LUCK.

>> THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: BETTER YOU THAN US.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THIS IS THE VILLAGE MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

WE SAY WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AND THEY HELP US FIND IT.

FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THERE, RIGHT?

THEN IT IS CALLED TO BOARD AND CLERK.

CLERK WATERS?

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

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GREAT.

>>CLERK: AIDEN?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELL, .

- WELCOME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THEY ARE NOT COMFORTABLE CUES, BUT THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: SORRY, HELLO, MY NAME IS AIDEN SULLIVAN AND I WAS BORN IN MY SUBURBAN 25 YEARS AGO AND I HAVE KNOWN OAK PARK EVER SINCE.

THERE WE GO.

MY QUESTION TODAY IS FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

OUR VILLAGE HALL SINCE INCEPTION HAS BEEN (WORD?) OF FINLAND GREATEST SIMILARITIES BOTH THE STATIC, BOTH THE STATIC AND PROGRAMMATIC.

MOST PRODUCTIVELY, VILLAGE HALLS OF MASS TIMBER, DISPARATE AND GATHERED TOGETHER.

AS WE DO TODAY, AND MORE GENERALLY AS VILLAGERS.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR OPPONENTS POSITION IN REGARDS TO THIS ISSUE, HOWEVER YOURS, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT GIVES ME PAUSE.

WOULD YOU ALLEVIATE MY CONCERNS TODAY BY ARTICULATE AND WANT TO, THANKFULLY, FLOPPED YOUR ORIGINAL STANDS AS TO THE FATE OF THIS BUILDING AND WHAT IMPETUS YOU HAVE PERSONALLY FOUND TOWARDS ITS PRESERVATION THAT WILL PREVENT YOUR STANCE FROM FLIPPING AGAIN ONCE THE SCRUTINY OF AN UPCOMING ELECTION IS NO LONGER A FACTOR IN THE DECISION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER IT.

I'M NOT SURE THIS IS A FORUM SO I WOULD OFFER ANYONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COUNTER ALSO RESPOND.

IN ALL FAIRNESS.

THE PROCESS OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE DID HAVE ME APPRECIATING THE BEAUTY OF THIS BUILDING AND I FEEL AS A COMMUNITY IF WE CAN

DEMONSTRATE HOW TO RENOVATE IT SO IT CAN BE - RESPOND TO OUR

COMMUNITIES NEEDS FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS THAT WE ARE SETTING AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO DO IT.

RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS CHALLENGING AND EXPENSIVE.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: I APPRECIATE THE DRIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE AND THAT SORT OF THING.

I DON'T KNOW, THE CAUSE OF THIS COMES FROM JUST AN UNDERSTANDING OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND THAT NOTION THAT THE GREENEST BUILDING IS THE ONE THAT IS ALREADY HERE AND IF THIS ONE IS SUCH A NICE ONE TO BEGIN WITH, WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE IT IS STILL AROUND.

I DON'T KNOW, YOU SEE - - THAT GOT TORE DOWN ACROSS FROM TASTY DOG AND ALL OF THAT.

IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO SEE THE SAME FATE OF ALL OF THIS.

I KEEP DRIVING BY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AT THANK YOU.

IN ALL FAIRNESS, IF ANYBODY HAS ANY COMMENT THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE? IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION I HAVE RECEIVED?

THEN I WOULD WELCOME.

OKAY.

VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU FOR ENGAGING WITH YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

MHM.

THEN BACK TO CLERK WATERS.

>>CLERK: JUST WANTED TO REMIND OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE IN OUR SECOND DAY OF EARLY VOTING AND THE SO IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU STOP BY VILLAGE HALL WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK AND 1/2, AT THIS POINT NOW. WE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M.-AT 5:00 P.M. MONDAY-SATURDAY.

ON SUNDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M.-4 PM.

WE ARE NOT A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY, HOWEVER, YOU WILL HAVE 18 POLLING LOCATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM THAT ARE INCLUSIVE OF 32 DIFFERENT PRECINCTS.

WE ARE VERY LUCKY IN THAT SENSE.

JUST FOR MEMBER TO VOTE, LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT AND YOU WANT TO VOTE FOR YOUR VILLAGE PRESIDENT, YOUR TRUSTEES, YOUR CLERK, WHO SHAPE AND CREATE POLICY, YOUR SCHOOL BOARDS FOR DISTRICT 97, WHICH COVER KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, DISTRICT 200, WHICH COVERS HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12 AND EVEN DISTRICT 504, WHICH COVERS TRITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

THERE IS ALSO THE TOWNSHIP, THE PARK DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE LIBRARY. THAT IS ON THE BALLOT.

I ALSO WANT TO MAKE MENTION IN CELEBRATION OF A VOLUNTEER WE, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WILL HOST ITS SECOND ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP ON A SATURDAY, APRIL 12 FROM 9:00 A.M.-NOON AND I ALSO WANTED TO MAKE MENTION AND THINK THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FOR ALLOWING THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO BRING FORWARD THE PROCLAMATION FOR BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK.

AS A MOTHER OF FOUR, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION.

IT IS THE FIRST.

SO AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE AND I JUST WANT TO PROVIDE THIS QUICK SYNOPSIS THAT BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK IS A CRUCIAL INITIATIVE FOCUSED ON RAISING AWARENESS AND MATERNAL HEALTH DISPARITIES FACED BY BLACK WOMEN.

ADVOCATING FOR EQUITABLE HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF THESE INEQUITIES.

INCLUDING SYSTEMIC RACISM, SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS AND INADEQUATE HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AT THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THESE AMAZING PROCLAMATIONS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US TODAY.

I THINK THAT IS AMAZING, MENTAL HEALTH IS HUGE AND TO HAVE AN ADVOCATE LIKE YOU WILL DEFINITELY HELP DRIVE THIS IN OUR VILLAGE AND THERE IS A LOT OF GOOD PARTNERS THAT I KNOW ARE WILLING TO HELP IN THAT PUSH FOR YOU.

REALLY WANT TO BE THINK OF FOR THIS POPULATION FOR DOCTOR PERCY JULIAN AND HIS WIFE.

THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS VILLAGE ARE SO, SO MUCH.

I CAN NEVER REPAY SOMEONE WHO HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR ALL OF US AND WE DO NOT EVEN KNOW IT.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA OF THE GREAT WORKS THAT HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE GONE THROUGH AND THEIR SON WHO WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY.

THEY ARE A MODEL OF WHAT YOU HOPE FOR IN THE HUMAN SPIRIT AND CONDITION AND WHAT THEY PUSH FOR AND STRIVE FOR AND THE PERSEVERANCE THEY HAD THROUGH ALL THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY MET HERE IN OAK PARK AND STILL PUSHED THROUGH AND WANTED TO MAKE THIS PLACE THEIR HOME.

I TRIED TO REACH OUT TO FAITH AND WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, BUT I KNOW SHE WILL WANT TO SEE THIS AND PROBABLY ASK FOR THE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING.

LASTLY, NOT LASTLY, BUT I WILL BRING UP - SINCE YOU BROUGHT UP A VOLUNTEERING.

IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE YOU CAN GO TO THE (WORD?) WEBSITE AND THEY HAVE - - THEY HAVE MULTIPLE DAYS THROUGH THE MONTH OF APRIL THAT YOU CAN DONATE TWO HOURS OF YOUR TIME.

IT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES.

THE LAST IS I LOST A FRIEND LAST WEEKEND IT HAS BEEN A REALLY, REALLY DIFFICULT WEEK FOR MY GROUP OF FRIENDS HERE IN OAK PARK.

HIS NAME WAS COLIN THORPE AND HIS FAMILY HAS LIVED HERE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME AND STILL DO.

HE WAS VERY SPECIAL TO THIS COMMUNITY.

HE WAS ALWAYS A HAPPY FACE TO SEE ON DIFFICULT DAYS AND HE ALWAYS HAD A BRIGHT SMILE AND ALWAYS, ALWAYS MADE YOU FEEL BETTER.

WE ARE ALL HURTING THAT HE IS NOT HERE ANYMORE.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE HIS FAMILY KNOWS THAT WE ARE ALL HERE FOR THEM, NO MATTER WHAT THEY NEED.

THEY ARE SUCH A LIGHT FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND IT IS SO SAD TO SEE THAT HE IS NOT HERE ANYMORE.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNOW WE ARE HERE FOR THEM.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: FIRST I WANT TO, YOU KNOW, THANK THE WHOLE BOARD FOR ALL OF THESE LOVELY PROCLAMATIONS THAT WE DID HERE TONIGHT AND I WANT TO SPEAK PARTICULARLY TO THE PROCLAMATION AROUND TRANS DAY OF A VISIBILITY AND JUST THE INCREDIBLE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO CAME OUT TONIGHT AND SUPPORTED IT.

I HAVE HAD IT SO MANY CONVERSATIONS OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR OR TWO IN PARTICULAR WITH FAMILIES OF TRANS YOUTH THAT HAVE MOVED TO OAK PARK RECENTLY AS A RESULT OF JUST REALLY TERRIBLE SITUATIONS IN THE STATES THEY WERE MOVING FROM AND THAT OAK PARK IS SEEN AS A COMMUNITY WHERE THEY CAN FEEL SAFE AND INCLUDED, AND THAT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE VALUES THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AT THIS TABLE AND OUR EFFORTS AROUND TRULY BEING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY, HOW MEANINGFUL THEY CAN BE.

THAT CHILDREN WHO WERE SUFFERING ARE ABLE TO COME INTO OUR COMMUNITY AND BEGIN TO THRIVE BECAUSE THEY ARE ENDING UP IN A PLACE WHERE THEY FEEL LOVED AND SUPPORTED, AND INCLUDED.

IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT AND IT IS A SUCCESS STORY FOR OAK PARK AND THIS PROCLAMATION TONIGHT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT, MAKING SURE THAT COMMUNITY FEELS SEEN AND VALUED, AND INCLUDED.

YOU KNOW, I WANT TO THANK THE COMMUNITY AND THAT THE BOARD FOR MAKING THAT PROCLAMATION HAPPEN.

AND I DID - I DO WANT TO RESPOND TO - A LITTLE BIT TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WE HAD HERE AT THE END.

IT JUST BRIEFLY BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD AMOUNT OF CONFUSION RECENTLY AROUND THE VILLAGE HALL PROCESS BECAUSE THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF - A GREAT DEAL OF SPACE WHERE EVERYONE ON THIS BOARD AGREES.

WE HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A NEW POLICE STATION AND THAT IS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND IT IS ALSO IN EVERY BUDGET ESTIMATE WE HAVE SEEN, IT IS THE LARGEST PORTION OF ANY FACILITIES PLAN GOES TOWARDS THE POLICE STATION.

WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

THAT IS SOMETHING THAT FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, THERE IS A BROAD CONCERN HERE ON THE BOARD AND FROM THE NUMBERS WE HAVE SEEN, THAT IS IN THE RANGE OF \$20 MILLION.

THAT IS A PLACE WHERE EVERYBODY HERE IS IN AGREEMENT, I BELIEVE FOLKS WILL CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, I'M SURE.

THE DISPUTES THEN JUST COME DOWN TO END THE DISCUSSION THAT WILL BE ONGOING COMES DOWN TO HOW MUCH A WELL RENOVATIONS GO BEYOND JUST DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP AND WHAT WILL THE TIMEFRAME BE? SO LIKE, WE HAVE HEARD A LOT OF CONFUSION AND BACK AND FORTH AND BIG NUMBERS.

IT IS THE POLICE STATION, THERE IS CONSENSUS THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH THAT IS GOING TO COST.



IT IS ALWAYS THE LARGEST PART OF EVERY ESTIMATE WE SEE.  
WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP AND IT IS JUST  
A QUESTION OF, ARE WE DOING BARE MINIMUM ON RENOVATION OR HOW BIG  
WOULD RENOVATION BE?

THAT IS THE CONVERSATION AND THAT IS THE CONVERSATION WE WILL KEEP  
HAVING AT THE BOARD TABLE, AND IT IS GOING TO BE A WHILE BEFORE WE ARE  
DOING A YES OR NO VOTE ON A PARTICULAR PLAN WITH A PARTICULAR BUDGET.  
SO WE HAVE A WILD TO GO ON THAT DISCUSSION.  
IT IS NOT GOING TO BE THIS EXACT BOARD WHO IS MAKING THE FINAL  
DECISION.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I JUST WANT TO SAY HOW AMAZING IT IS TO BE PART  
OF SOMETHING THAT SUPPORTS A YEAR SO FULL OF AWFUL BIGOTRY AND TO SEE  
US FILL THESE CHAMBERS UP AND SUPPORTING THE FOLKS THAT ARE HERE,  
SUPPORTING THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE HERE REALLY  
DOES - IT IS A WELCOME BEACON OF HOPE AND SUPPORT IN THIS YEAR.  
THAT'S ALL.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: TWO THINGS.  
ONE IS A RESPONSE TO VILLAGE HALL SITUATION, THE FACT THAT WE WERE NOT  
ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS, I THINK IT DESERVES COMMENT.  
I THINK THE ISSUE IS THAT JULY 2023, WE AS A BOARD MADE A DECISION  
THAT THAT IS THE ONLY TIME WE MADE A COST ESTIMATE BASED DECISION  
WHERE THE COST OF DEMOLITION REBUILD, WHICH IS OPTION FOUR I GOT  
SELECTED UP TO \$138 MILLION.  
THE COST OF A POLICE STATION IS \$65 MILLION AT THAT POINT IN TIME.  
THAT IS OPTION ONE.  
THE FACT THAT WE DECIDED TO GO WITH OPTION FOUR IS THE TIME WE  
INDICATED TO EVERYONE THAT WE ARE WILLING TO SPEND THAT KIND OF MONEY  
ON THIS VILLAGE HALL.  
HUNDRED AND \$14 MILLION.  
THEY PUT A TARGET ON OUR BACK.  
ARCHITECT STARTED SEEING DOLLAR SIGNS ON OAK PARK AND WE HAVE BEEN  
HAVING DISCUSSIONS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS.  
SO MUCH SO THAT OUR MUCH-NEEDED ESTABLISHED NEED FOR A POLICE FACILITY  
HAS NOW BEEN DELAYED BY TWO YEARS AND WE HAVE BEEN BOGGED DOWN BY THE  
AND NOT MADE ANY DECISIONS YET.  
I THINK THE COST, EVEN IF IT IS JUST THE POLICE FACILITY, WE SHOULD  
HAVE ACTUALLY HAD A LIMIT OR CONSTRAINT PLACED ON TOP OF THAT TO MAKE  
SURE THAT WE ARE SETTING THE STAGE FOR SETTING THE RIGHT CONSTRAINTS  
FOR WHAT IS AFFORDABLE TO THIS COMMUNITY.  
I THINK AT THIS POINT, IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE HAD FACILITIES  
COMMISSION AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS INTERPRETED THROUGH THE PROCESS IS  
POINTLESS BECAUSE WE HAVE ALREADY MADE THE POOR DECISION TO SET THE  
STAGE FOR \$114 MILLION EXPENDITURE AND THAT IS NOT FAIR ON THE  
COMMUNITY.

THAT IS DEFINITELY AGAINST OUR VALUES OF AFFORDABILITY AND INCLUSIVITY.

THAT IS THE POINT IN MAKING AND LET'S SEE WHAT COMES IN APRIL AND FIGURE OUT WHERE WE GO FROM HERE, BUT THE LAST TWO YEARS WE SPENT \$2 MILLION ON MANY ARCHITECTS AND HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANYWHERE.

THE SECOND THING, THIS IS THE LAST BOARD MEETING BEFORE WE HAVE THE ELECTION AND THIS IS THE LAST BOARD MEETING THAT I WILL BE A TRUSTEE. I'M VERY GLAD THAT I WAS ABLE TO DISCUSS A TOPIC OR BRING TO THE BOARD A TOPIC AND DISCUSS IT AROUND FOOD, SMALL BUSINESSES, WHICH IS NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY AND SEE EVERYBODY IN THE NEXT SESSION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE VILLAGE BOARD HALL THIS EVENING.

THERE WAS AN APPROPRIATE TIME DURING THE BOARD AGENDA TO HAVE A DISCUSSION OF - WHICH WASN'T JUST A STATEMENT AND YOU COULD DIALOGUE WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES, WHICH WERE ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES, TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

ALL OF YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID FOR A YEAR AND 1/2 THAT THEY ARE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH \$138 MILLION.

SO I'M NOT SURE THAT YOU DO NOT TRUST YOUR COLLEAGUES WHEN THEY SAY THAT OR WHAT THE CASE IS, BUT WHEN WE VOTED ON THAT, YOU ARE RIGHT, THAT IS THE ESTIMATE THAT WAS BROUGHT FORWARD, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE BOARD SAID, WHEN IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE THAT AMOUNT BECAUSE ALL WE WERE VOTING ON WAS BUILDING UP A NEW POLICE STATION, WHICH AS BRIAN HAS SAID MANY TIMES IS THE LION SHARE OF ANY COST AND THAT WE WILL HAVE RENOVATION THAT WILL BE NECESSARY AND WE WILL HAVE MAINTENANCES IN THE BUILDING THAT WILL BE NECESSARY AND THEN WE HAVE VALUES OF WHICH WE ALL WEIGHED IN ON VALUES IN A SESSION AND OUR ENTIRE PROCESS HAS BEEN TO BRING US AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE SO WE, AS RESPONSIBLE ELECTED INDIVIDUALS CAN MAKE OUR DECISION BASED ON AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE.

THIS BOARD HAS BEEN VERY CAREFUL ON ALL OF OUR DECISIONS TO CENTER AFFORDABILITY AND TO - WE CHALLENGE REGULARLY MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE A HIGH LEVEL OF INFORMATION IN MAKING OUR DECISIONS.

SO IT HAS BEEN A JOINT PROCESS OF WHICH WE HAVE ALL BEEN ABLE TO WEIGH IN ON.

SO WE DECIDED, AS A BOARD, THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS NEW POLICE STATION IS THE PRIORITY.

WE ADDRESSED MAINTENANCE AND REHAB AND AS BRIAN SAID, HOW MUCH WE HAVE OR THE ABILITY TO PHASE IN HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES.

WE ALL SAID, WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE WHAT THE COST WAS WHEN WE MADE THAT VOTE?

IT WAS JUST DECIDING THE DIRECTION AND WORKING WITH AN ARCHITECT, WITH OUR STAFF TO CHALLENGE AND THEN FIND WHERE OUR COMFORT ZONE WAS.

I WILL SAY, SINCE WE HAVE OUR WEDNESDAY JOURNAL IN THE ROOM, I DID NOT SAY UNDER \$100,000.

THAT WOULD ALSO BE ME PERPETRATING A FALSE NARRATIVE AND I AM NOT ABOUT THAT.

THERE IS NO WAY IT WILL BE UNDER \$100,000.  
\$100 MILLION.

I DON'T KNOW WHY IT IS SUCH A CHALLENGE TO BE QUOTED PROPERLY, BUT THE POLICE STATION ITSELF WILL MOST DEFINITELY NEED TO BE UNDER THAT IN ORDER FOR US TO HAVE ANY REASONABLE BUDGET.

MAYBE - I LITERALLY JUST READ.

OTHERWISE, YES.

YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN TOGETHER IN THE SAYING THEY ARE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH \$130 MILLION YET.

THAT NUMBER KEEPS GOING OUT THERE, DISRESPECTING HER COLLEAGUES AND THE STAFF.

I WOULD RATHER CONCENTRATE ON THE BEAUTIFUL NIGHT WE HAD WITH ALL OF THE - THOSE IN THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY WHO CAME OUT AND THEIR ALLIES IN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL WAY AND I THINK, AGAIN, MY COLLEAGUES AND STAFF IN OUR VILLAGE CLERK FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROCLAMATION AND THE IDEA OF REALLY, TRULY EMBRACING AND BEING A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL.

HAVE A GOOD EVENING.

I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR,

>> AYE.