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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME.

I WOULD ENTERTAIN - I'M SORRY, WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD ORDER.

CHRISTINA, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

TRUSTEE WESLEY.

PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PAUL TO DO WHAT.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) AND PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

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NO.

ROLL CALL.

THROWING ME OFF.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

SEE YOU IN ABOUT AN HOUR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME, ALL.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.

CLERK WATERS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> HERE.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

>> SO MOOD.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I HEARD TRUSTEE STRAW AND THEN TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

TRUSTEE ENYIA, THANK YOU.

TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

ON FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HEARING NO CAP'S, AGENDA IS APPROVED.

I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 25 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MARCH 11, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD. MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> MOTION BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE WESLEY.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HEARING NO NAY, MINUTES ARE APPROPRIATE CLERK WATERS, ANY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING?

>>CLERK: YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF YOU WILL PROCEED TO.

>>CLERK: YES WE DO.

BETTY?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: HI, FOLKS.

GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS EVENING, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE OAK PARK RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE THAT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE MIGRANTS. FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANT TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING ALL OF OUR EFFORTS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND THE RESETTLEMENT I AM HAPPY TO REPORT I HAVE JUST COME BACK FROM SIGNING A FEW MORE LEASES AND WE ARE NOW DOWN TO THREE MORE OUTSTANDING UNITS FOR RESETTLING FAMILIES FROM THE COHORT.

NONE OF THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE COMMUNITY, BUT CERTAINLY CANNOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU.

SO THANK YOU FIRST AND FOREMOST READ IT TONIGHT AND HERE TO SPEAK TO ALL ABOUT LEGAL SERVICES.

SPECIFICALLY THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT I NEED TO ASK YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP WITH.

WE HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE COHORT THAT IS UNDER DEPORTATION ORDERS AND PART OF THAT - WE HAVE TO FILE AN APPEAL BY MARCH 27.

THIS IS SOMEBODY WHO WAS HOUSED AT THE CARLTON, BUT LEFT WHEN THE FIRST EVICTION NOTICE WAS PUT FORTH AND HAS NOT EVER HAD THEIR PAPERS REVIEWED BY THE LAWYERS.

THIS IS SOMEONE THAT IF SHE WERE TO BE DEPORTED TO VENEZUELA FACES A REAL CREDIBLE THREAT OF HARM.

IT IS ONE OF THE CASES THAT CONCERNED ME THE MOST AND SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANTED TO DO THIS EVENING IS MAKE YOU AWARE THAT WE DO HAVE THIS SITUATION AND THAT THE WIDER ISSUE HERE AROUND LEGAL SERVICES IS TO START ORGANIZING AND COORDINATING WITH THE FIRM YOU HAVE CONTRACTED SO WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THESE KINDS OF CASES DO NOT HAPPEN.

IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE THE INDIVIDUAL HAD A MOTION IN MINNESOTA IT COULD HAVE BEEN A SIMPLE VENUE CHANGE, BUT WAS NEVER FILED AND BECAUSE SHE DID NOT SHOW UP FOR HER COURT DATE IN MINNESOTA, THEN SHE WAS SERVED WITH THE DEPORTATION NOTICE AND NOW WE HAVE TO APPEAL.

PERSONALLY I'M REACHING OUT TO LAWYERS AND WE ARE GOING WITH PRO BONO, LOW BONO, AND PRIVATE ATTORNEYS, BUT GETTING SOMEONE TO REPRESENT WITH 13 DAYS TO GO IS REALLY, REALLY HARD WHEN THERE IS SUCH A SCARCITY OF IMMIGRATION LAWYERS, AS YOU WELL KNOW.

I WANT TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THIS BECAUSE IF I AM ABLE TO FIND A PRO BONO OR LOW-BONO ATTORNEY I'M HOPING WE CAN USE SOME OF THE FUNDING TO COVER THIS COST, BUT THE WIDER PICTURE HERE IS A REQUEST ON BEHALF OF ME WITH THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE TO WORK WITH THE LAWYERS YOU CONTRACTED.

I DO NOT NEED TO KNOW THE SPECIFIC CASES.

I'M AN ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE AND I KNOW THAT ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND ATTORNEY POLICIES IMPORTANT.

WE JUST WANT TO COORDINATE LOGISTICS TO MAKE SURE ALL THE FOLKS WE ARE RESETTLING ARE GETTING ACCESS TO THE LAWYERS THAT THEY CAN IN ORDER

FOR US TO BE ABLE TO SET THE APPOINTMENTS AND FOLLOW-UP ON THE PAPERWORK.

PLEASE CONTACT ME, YOU HAVE MY EMAIL ADDRESS, YOU HAVE MY PHONE NUMBER.

TIME IS OF ESSENCE.

EVERYDAY MATTERS AND WE CANNOT HAVE ANY MORE PEOPLE GOING UNDER DEPORTATION WATCH.

THANK YOU, ALL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER?

NO?

OKAY.

STAFF IS COMMUNICATING WITH - I DON'T KNOW.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I MEAN, PRESIDENT SCAMAN, IF YOU WANT US TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WE CAN TONIGHT OR AS A FOLLOW-UP. HOWEVER YOU WANT TO HANDLE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN DOCTOR WALKER AND BETTY AND IF THERE IS - I DO NOT KNOW ALL THAT IS INVOLVED. I DO KNOW THAT WHEN WE HEARD FROM THE LAWYER, IT IS VERY COMPLICATED IN THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT SO I RESPECT THAT FULLY.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: IT MIGHT BEHOOVE US TO ACTUALLY JUST PROVIDE INFORMATION TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ON THE SAME PAGE WITH WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

THANK YOU, DOCTOR WALKER.

THANK YOU, KEVIN.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I WILL SAY WITH THE LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACTED THAT WE HAVE, ONE OF THE - WE DO NOT HAVE AS PART OF THE CONTRACT A DEPORTATION DEFENSE SO THAT IS JUST ONE POINT OF CLARIFICATION, BUT DOCTOR WALKER MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

>>DR. WALKER: THANK YOU VILLAGE MANAGER DEACTIVATED LEAVING, EVERYONE, MY NAME IS DOCTOR DANIEL WALKER, CHIEF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION OFFICER AND ALSO PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AROUND THE LEGAL SERVICES FOR OUR MIGRANT POPULATION.

AGAIN, I HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE AND SO WE USED TO HAVE WEEKLY MEETINGS, BUT THEY HAVE - IN THOSE

MEETINGS IT IS REITERATED HOW YOU CAN BE IN CONTACT WITH ME TO ENSURE THAT OUR MIGRANT POPULATION IS ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THE LEGAL SERVICES SO ONE OF THE THINGS I HAVE WITH OUR MIGRANT RESIDENTS IS I HAVE WHATSAPP SO THEY CAN REACH OUT TO ME SO WE CAN BETTER FACILITATE THOSE CONNECTIONS.

SO THE SERVICES FOR THAT ARE BEING OFFERED FOR OUR MIGRANT RESIDENTS AS A CHANGE OF VENUE AND APPLYING FOR ASYLUM AND APPLYING FOR YOUR WORK AUTHORIZATION AND SO OUR LEGAL FIRM RIGHT NOW IS - WE ARE PREPARING NEXT STEPS, AND AGAIN, TO GEAR UP FOR A VERY, YOU KNOW, FULL UNDERTAKING WITH OUR CURRENT POPULATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THIS PROCESS THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. AGAIN, DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND THE NEED OF OTHERS AND SO IF THERE IS, AGAIN, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS FURTHER.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

OKAY.

DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?

OKAY, APPRECIATE IT.

I CANNOT HELP BUT TO THANK NEIL JAMES, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS, AS YOU ARE HERE TONIGHT.

EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE TO HELP THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TO THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALRIGHT.

WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD TO OUR PROCLAMATIONS THIS EVENING AND I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS EARTH MONTH.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU AND I HAVE ASKED TRUSTEE BUCHANAN IF SHE WOULD NOT MIND READING THIS PROCLAMATION ALLOW THIS EVENING.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: GREAT.

THANK YOU.

WHEREAS, IN 1970, SENATOR GAYLORD NELSON PROPOSED TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A SPECIAL DAY BE SET ASIDE TO CELEBRATE AND

PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, CALLED EARTH DAY, WHICH IS OBSERVED ON APRIL 22ND; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING AND ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT BY APPOINTING RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMISSION; AND

WHEREAS, ON AUGUST 2, 2022, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK DECLARED A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND ADOPTED THE AWARD-WINNING CLIMATE READY OAK PARK COMMUNITY PLAN WHICH OFFERS CONCRETE COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS THAT CAN BE UNDERTAKEN BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WILL PROVIDE A NEIGHBORHOOD CLIMATE COACHING INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOCAL VOLUNTEER GROUP OAK PARK CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK (OPCAN) TO OFFER A PEER-EXPERT ADVISORY SERVICE FOR HELPING RESIDENTS NAVIGATE VARIOUS PATHWAYS TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS, INCLUDING HOME INSULATION AND ENERGY RETROFITS, HEAT PUMPS, ROOFTOP AND COMMUNITY SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL SYSTEMS AND ELECTIVE VEHICLE (EV) ADOPTION; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WILL CO-HOST THE ECO-EXTRAVAGANZA EVENT AT THE OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MAIN BRANCH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024, AN ALL-AGES INFORMATION FAIR AND TREASURE HUNT FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS COORDINATING A NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024, STARTING AND ENDING AT VILLAGE HALL, WHERE A GROUP OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS, VILLAGE STAFF, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL PICK UP TRASH AND LITTER ALONG MADISON STREET; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WILL HOST A PAPER SHREDDING AND FOAM RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT AT THE OAK PARK PUBLIC WORKS CENTER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK CONTINUES TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE RESIDENTIAL COMPOSTABLE PROGRAM AND KEEP OAK PARK BEAUTIFUL, TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WASTE REDUCTION AND DIVERSION IN THE COMMUNITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024, AS EARTH MONTH AND ASK CITIZENS, BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO STRIVE TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ENGAGE IN REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES, AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, NOT ONLY DURING THIS MONTH BUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ROBERT?

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS TO US THIS EVENING.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND BOARD, ROB SPROULE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR I WANT TO REITERATE SOME OF THOSE EXCITING EVENTS HAPPENING IN APRIL AS OUTLINED IN THE PROCLAMATION, BUT A LOT OF GREAT PARTNERS WORKING WITH HIS INCLUDING OPCAN, THE OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY AS WELL AS OUR OWN VILLAGE CLERK WAS MANAGING THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP EVENT AROUND TOWN HALL ON THE 15TH.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

NEXT WE HAVE A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, APRIL 1 THROUGH THE SEVENTH OF 2024.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

I HAVE ASKED TRUSTEE STRAW IF YOU WOULD NOT MIND READING THIS PROCLAMATION ALOUD.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WHEREAS THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION HAS DESIGNATED THE WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2024 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK TO CHAMPION THE HEALTH OF ALL PEOPLE IN ALL COMMUNITIES WITH THE THEME "PROTECTING, CONNECTING AND THRIVING: WE ARE ALL PUBLIC HEALTH"; AND

WHEREAS IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, INDIVIDUALS ARE CHANGING THE WAY THEY CARE FOR THEIR HEALTH BY AVOIDING TOBACCO USE, EATING HEALTHIER, INCREASING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND PREVENTING UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES AT HOME AND IN THE WORKPLACE; AND

WHEREAS EFFORTS TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE PREVENTION OF DISEASE AND INJURY CAN CONTINUE TO TRANSFORM A HEALTH SYSTEM FOCUSED ON TREATING ILLNESS INTO A HEALTH SYSTEM FOCUSED ON PREVENTING DISEASE AND INJURY AND PROMOTING WELLNESS; AND

WHEREAS PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS OUTSIDE OF THE HEALTH SECTOR, INCLUDING CITY PLANNERS, TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS, EDUCATION OFFICIALS, AND PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES, RECOGNIZING THAT OTHER SECTORS CAN INFLUENCE HEALTH OUTCOMES; AND

WHEREAS THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1905 AND HAS BEEN A STATE CERTIFIED LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR 75 YEARS; AND

WHEREAS THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDES EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE TO MONITOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE OUTBREAKS IN THE COMMUNITY; DESIGNS AND IMPLEMENTS PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMMING TO ADVANCE HEALTH AND WELLNESS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY; HAS DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 1,300 DOSES OF NALOXONE IN RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC; AND HAS INCREASED THE VACCINATION RATES FOR CHILDHOOD VACCINATION IN OAK PARK TO 95%, WHICH EXCEEDS STATE/NATIONAL LEVELS; AND

WHEREAS THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT MANAGES THE OAK PARK FARMERS' MARKET, WHICH HAS INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLY-PRODUCED FOOD IN THE COMMUNITY FOR 48 YEARS; PROTECTS COMMUNITY HEALTH THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONS OF RESTAURANTS, TATTOO PARLORS, TANNING FACILITIES AND DAYCARES; TRAINS COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR AND COORDINATES AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES; AND PROVIDES PROGRAMS RELATED TO ANIMAL WELFARE AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL; AND

WHEREAS THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUOUSLY WORKED TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY BY ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND IMPLEMENTING TARGETED STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING DISPARITIES; AND

WHEREAS THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS PARTNERING WITH THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN STRAW, ON BEHALF OF VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE OAK PARK PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS IN DISEASE PREVENTION, HEALTH PROMOTION AND PROTECTION; SUPPORT THE GOALS OF NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK TO BUILD AWARENESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLE; COMMIT TO CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 1-7, 2024 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS TO ENSURE OAK PARK REMAINS A HEALTHY, VIBRANT COMMUNITY FOR ALL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU SEE WE HAVE DOCTOR CHAPPELL WITH US THIS EVENING.

>> GOOD EVENING EVERYONE THANK YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEES FOR CELEBRATING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK.

- - WE ARE EXTREMELY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS AND WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IN THE COMMUNITY.

WE WELCOME YOU TO VISIT THE WEBSITE AND CHECK OUT OUR NEWSLETTER AS WELL AS OUR FACEBOOK POST THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE DURING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK TO TALK ABOUT ALL THE WAYS THE COMMUNITY CAN BE INVOLVED IN PUBLIC HEALTH.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS WE DO NOT HAVE A VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT TONIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ARE THERE ANY TRUSTEE COMMITTEES OR COMMISSION REPORTS?
THIS EVENING?

THEN WE WILL MOVE TO REFERENCING OUR BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCY
REPORT PROVIDED TO US BY OUR VILLAGE CLERK AND SO ANYONE INTERESTED IN
SERVING ON A VILLAGE BOARD OR COMMISSION CAN PLEASE EMAIL CLERK WATERS
AT CLERK@OAK-PARK.US.

AND I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONSENT TO THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S
APPOINTMENT OF, CHRISTINA DO YOU MIND?

>>CLERK: SHARON NEWTON, REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIC INFORMATION
SYSTEMS COMMISSION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

CLERK WATERS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES. THANK YOU SHARON FOR BEING ABLE TO HAVE
A LONGER TERM ON THE CIVIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMISSION.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ENYIA.

CLERK WATERS PLEASE TO GROW.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES. CONSENT AGENDA IS APPROVED IN OUR
REGULAR AGENDA.

WE HAVE FIRST OF A PRESENTATION BY THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS
REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING STUDY UPDATE TO THE HOMES FOR
CHANGING REGION REPORT.

I DO KNOW WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.
SO IF - THIS IS JUST A PRESENTATION WE CAN GO STRAIGHT TO THOSE PUBLIC
COMMENTERS.

CLERK WATERS, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>CLERK: RALPH?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HELLO, RALPH, GOOD TO SEE YOU.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: I THOUGHT I MOVED FASTER THAN THIS.

MY NAME IS RALPH LEE AND I AM HERE TONIGHT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF
DIVERSITY OAK PARK.

AS AN ORGANIZATION WE ARE RELATIVELY WET -WIT BEHIND THE EARS BUT AS
AN INDIVIDUAL I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE ARE NOT WIT BEHIND THE EARS.
FOR TONIGHT'S PURPOSES WE ARE A GROUP OF OAK PARK RESIDENTS WITH A
CONCERN OF THE LACK OF INTENTIONALITY AND INVESTMENT IN THE RACIAL AND
ECONOMIC DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

SOME OF US IN DIVERSITY OAK PARK ARE HERE TONIGHT ON BEHALF OF THE
GROUP TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK DRAFT STRATEGIC
VISION FOR HOUSING.

OTHERS WHO FOLLOW ME WILL PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC THOUGHT ON THE
COMPONENTS OF THAT VISION.

I'M HERE TO OUTLINE THE CORE VALUES THAT WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE AT THE
HEART OF THIS VISION AND AT THE HEART OF ANY EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE
VILLAGE GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE VILLAGE'S PROGRAMS AND POLICIES SHOULD ENCOURAGE DIVERSE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION IN OAK PARK INCLUDING ENSURING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THAT IS AFFORDABLE TO PEOPLE OF VARIOUS INCOMES AND AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING THAT IS WELCOMING TO UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS.

THESE POLICIES SHOULD PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PROVIDE MECHANISMS TO ASSIST WITH FINANCING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THEY SHOULD REINVEST IN AND REINVIGORATE OUR RACIAL, RESIDENTIAL INTEGRATION EFFORTS TO BE SURE THAT PEOPLE OF OTHER RACES, ETHNICITIES AND INCOMES ARE NOT DIVIDED INTO DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS, SCHOOLS, AND THE SOCIAL NETWORKS.

THEY SHOULD DEVELOP A ROBUST COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAMS THAT ENCOURAGE MULTIRACIAL FELLOWSHIP AND A CULTURE OF INCLUSION THAT CELEBRATES BOTH OUR COMMONALITIES AND OUR DISTINCTIONS.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY WE URGE YOU AS LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERTAKE THESE EFFORTS WITH THE CONVICTION, DEDICATION AND INTENTIONALITY THAT IT REQUIRES.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR COMMUNITIES LEGACY AND WISH FOR IT TO CONTINUE. HOWEVER AFTER MORE THAN 50 YEARS OAK PARK IS STILL AN ANOMALY OF INCLUSION SITUATED WITHIN A HYPER SEGREGATED REGION.

OUR COMMUNITY CHARACTER WILL NOT ENDURE - - OUR COMMUNITY CHARACTER WILL NOT ENDURE UNLESS WE ACTIVELY SUSTAIN IT.

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL TO THAT LEGACY AND WE IMPLORE YOU AS OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO RECOMMIT TO BOLD ACTION THAT WILL UPHOLD OUR CORE VALUES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: ROB?

SPEAK OF GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

MY NAME IS ROB (NAME?) AND I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF DIVERSITY OAK PARK AND AS YOU HAVE HEARD WE ARE A GROUP OF CITIZENS WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE LACK OF INTENTIONALITY AND INVESTMENT IN THE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

I COME HERE TONIGHT TO ASK YOU TO RECOMMIT AND REINVEST INTO OUR COMMUNITIES INTEGRATION STRATEGY.

THE VILLAGE IS A STRATEGIC VISION FOR HOUSING RECOMMENDS EVALUATING THE FUTURE OF THE LIVING OAK PARK PROGRAM AND THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN

AND CONTINUES TO BE ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAINING RACIALLY INTEGRATED NEIGHBORHOODS IN OAK PARK.

THE REPORT IN TONIGHT SLIDE SHOWS DECLINING ACTIVITY IN THIS PROGRAM, BUT THEY ALSO LEAVE OUT SOME CRITICAL DETAILS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THAT DECLINE IN ACTIVITY.

OVER THE YEARS BETWEEN 2020 AND 2023, WHICH ARE THE YEARS THAT THE REPORT LOOKS AT THE VILLAGE HAS DECREASED ITS FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM THAT HAS ALSO SHOWN WEEK SUPPORT FOR THE VILLAGES MULTIFAMILY HOUSING INCENTIVES PROGRAM, WHAT WE ONCE CALLED THE DIVERSITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM AND THESE ACTIONS HAVE HAD A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE CAPACITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO ENGAGE AND IN PROACTIVE AND AFFIRMATIVE INTEGRATION STRATEGIES.

DESPITE THE DEMAND THERE ARE 30,000 HOUSING SEEKERS INCREASING FUNDING FOR OAK PARK AND COMMIT TO THE VILLAGES ON PROGRAMS HAS DECREASED THE ABILITY TO MEET THIS DEMAND AND THAT HAS REDUCED THE CAPACITY OF THE HOUSING CENTER AND ITS STAFF, THE LANDLORDS AND THE INCENTIVES THAT WERE PROVIDED TO THEM THEY'VE HAD DIRECT EFFECTS ON THE OUTCOMES CITED IN THE PRESENTATION AT NIGHT.

THE RESULT IS DURING THE SAME PERIOD GROWING TO THEM MORE SEGREGATED - - OVER DECADES AT SUSTAINING A LOW LEVEL OF SEGREGATION THE VILLAGES DECLINING INVESTMENT IN LIVING OAK PARK AND COMPLEMENT REPROGRAMS HAS RESULTED IN A SPIKE IN SEGREGATION.

IN THE SAME PERIOD THESE INVESTMENTS WERE OCCURRING OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS DATA FROM THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY SHOWS RACIAL SEGREGATION IN THE RENTAL MARKET HAS INCREASED 27%.

THAT IS AN ALARMING RATE.

ESPECIALLY SINCE IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A DECLINE IN THE BLACK POPULATION.

SO WHAT THAT MEANS IS THERE ARE FEWER BLACK HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN OAK PARK, YET THEY ARE EVEN FURTHER SEGREGATED IN THE COMMUNITY.

THIS INCREASE IN SEGREGATION IS HARMFUL TO EVERYONE IN OAK PARK THAT EXACERBATES RACIAL DISPARITIES AND THREATENS THE INTEGRATION OF OUR SCHOOLS AND IT ERODES WITH RACIAL HARMONY AND FELLOWSHIP AND UNDERMINES OUR COMMUNITIES CORE VALUES IN OUR COMMUNITIES ASPIRATIONS TO CREATE A VIBRANT, INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY.

IT IS ALSO ANTITHETICAL TO THE EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION STATEMENT THAT YOU HAVE COMMITTED TO.

AS SUCH WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE VILLAGE TAKE THE THREAT OF SEGREGATION AND ITS MANY NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY SERIOUSLY.

NEED THE VILLAGE TO RECOMMIT AND REINVEST IN A RESIDENTIAL INTEGRATION STRATEGY.

THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: PAUL?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING.

I AM PAUL (NAME?) AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE AS BEFORE MENTIONED DIVERSITY OAK PARK GROUP.

THANKS.

I HAVE LIVED IN OAK PARK SINCE 1981.

I HAVE TWO OR THREE THOUGHTS OF MY OWN.

WE USED TO HAVE DATA THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK THAT ARE RELATED TO HOUSING, INCLUDING RACIAL DATA THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR ONE THING, WE CANNOT HAVE INFORMATION ON INTEGRATION IF WE DO NOT HAVE THIS DATA AND WE WERE GETTING IT FOR A LONG TIME.

I DO NOT KNOW WHY IT STOPPED.

I THINK WE NEED TO RECEIVE IT AGAIN.

THE SECOND POINT, THE VILLAGES MULTIFAMILY PROGRAM, INCENTIVES PROGRAM, WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS PROGRAM BE REVISED TO PROVIDE DIRECT INCENTIVES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE COMMUNITIES INTEGRATION EFFORTS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER.

I AM ALSO - MERCY HINES IS A MEMBER OF OUR GROUP AND BECAUSE OF RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO THE ELECTION SHE CANNOT BE HERE.

SO I'M GOING TO READ HER STATEMENT.

THE STATEMENT READS, "IM MERCY HINES AND I LIVE AT 1223 NORTH FAIR OAKS.

I'M A MEMBER OF DIVERSITY OAK PARK, AS WELL AS A 33 MEMBER OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN PARENTS.

WHO WERE LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION.

AS A MEMBER OF BOTH GROUPS I REMIND YOU OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING CLEAR, FORWARD ADOPTIVE PROTOCOLS FOR DETERMINING HOW HOUSING PROGRAMS MAY ADVANCE OR DIMINISH RACIAL EQUITY.

I THINK THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS CONSULTANTS FOR RECOGNIZING THE DIRE NEED TO EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OAK PARK.

YOU CLEARLY SEE THE STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAVING A RACIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DIVERSE AND INTEGRATED OAK PARK AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY.

IN SEEKING THAT GOAL, THIS BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREE ON THIS FIRST 2022 FOR EVALUATING EXISTING AND NEW HOUSING PROGRAMS AND SPENDING THROUGH OUR RACIAL EQUITY ASSESSMENT PROCESS.

COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS A REAT.

I'M THANKFUL THAT CLIMATE READY OAK PARK ESTABLISHED THIS AS ITS FIRST GOAL IN THE VILLAGES SUSTAINABILITY REFORM.

AS YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH EVALUATING AND EVENTUALLY FURTHERING COMMUNITY INPUT ADOPTING, RENEWING, REVISING OR ADDING NEW HOUSING AND PRESENTING WITH NEW HOUSING INITIATIVES, RACIAL EQUITY ASSESSMENTS MUST BE CONDUCTED, DOCUMENTED AND PRESENTED TO THIS BOARD AND COMMUNITY.

EQUITY ASSESSMENTS REQUIRE THE ENGAGEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM GROUPS HARMED BY HISTORIC AND EXISTING DISPARITIES AND INJUSTICES AND HOW HOUSING POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND THAT THE DOMINANT CULTURE AND INSTITUTIONS HAVE ACTED IN WAYS THAT MAY HAVE HARMED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

SEEKING INFLUENCE FROM THE VERY CONSTITUENT GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY AS A METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS HAS DONE SINCE SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN A WELCOME FIRST STEP IN CHAMPIONING A NEW HOUSING PLAN.

DIVERSITY OAK PARK, WITH OTHER EQUITY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WILL FORM TO ENGAGING IN AT THE EQUITY EVALUATION PROCESS OF POLICY PROGRAMS.

AS YOU HAVE LEARNED THIS PROCESS IS A FUNDAMENTAL BEST PRACTICE FOR RACIAL EQUITY AND IS A PRACTICE THAT IS DEMONSTRATED IN OUR SCHOOLS THAT REQUIRES BOLD INTENTIONALITY, GUIDANCE FROM EXPERTS IN THE FIELD AND UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORTIVE LEADERSHIP FROM OUR ELECTED LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT IN THIS PROCESS AND TO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME AND IT MERCY".

>>CLERK: HENRY FULKERSON?

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

MY NAME IS HENRY FULKERSON AND I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF OAK PARK FOR 44 YEARS.

I'M A MEMBER OF DIVERSITY OAK PARK, A PAST DISTRICT 97 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF HOUSING FORWARD WHEN THE ORIGINAL INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN 2019.

I AM SPEAKING ON THE MUCH-NEEDED CHANGES TO THE CURRENT IHO, ONE PIECE OF A HOUSING PLAN THAT MUST BE COMBINED WITH OTHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES, RACIAL EQUITY ASSESSMENTS AND INTENTIONAL INTEGRATION PLAN THAT THAT HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT BEFORE BY MY COLLEAGUES.

DIVERSITY OAK PARK APPRECIATES THAT THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS IDENTIFIES THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE CONFRONTING OUR COMMUNITY AND IMPORTANTLY RECOGNIZES THE RACIAL DISPARITIES THIS HAS ON THE BLACKS AND OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR. FURTHER WE STRONGLY AGREE THAT OAK PARK'S INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED AND THAT IS PROBABLY AN UNDERSTATEMENT.

OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED IN OVER 1000 COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY PROVIDING OVER 100,000 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND A IHO OFFERS A PROVEN POLICY OPTION THAT REINFORCES OUR COMMUNITIES VISION OF ECONOMIC AND RACIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION.

DIVERSITY OAK PARK BELIEVES IN NEWLY UPDATED IHO SHOULD FIRST REALIZE 20% OF ALL NEW UNITS TO BE AFFORDABLE.

DEVELOPERS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE AT LEAST HALF OF THESE AFFORDABLE UNITS ON SITE.

ALLOWING OPTING OUT WITH THE FEES IN LIEU FOR NO MORE THAN HALF. SECONDLY IT SHOULD COVER ALL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE FIVE UNITS OR MORE.

A CHANGE THAT WOULD HELP ENSURE THAT WHEN IMPLEMENTING A MISSING MIDDLE STRATEGY, WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN SOME OF THOSE UNITS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE AFFORDABLE.

SO THAT IS WHAT WE THINK WOULD BE THE BENEFIT OF LOWERING THE CURRENT 25 TO FIVE UNITS AND WE THINK THAT IS VERY DOABLE.

AND IMPORTANTLY, APPLIED TO THE ENTIRE VILLAGE.

WE ARE SAYING THAT THE CURRENT IHO IT SHOULD APPLY TO THE ENTIRE VILLAGE, NOT JUST PARTS OF IT AS IT DOES NOW.

IT IS A CHANGE WE APPLAUD AS IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE CURRENT HOUSING PLAN AND LASTLY WE THINK IT SHOULD REQUIRE APPROXIMATE MARKET RATE FEES IN LIEU OF AFFORDABLE UNITS.

THE CURRENT \$100,000 FEE IN LIEU DO NOT COVER THE ACTUAL COST OF BUILDING NEW UNITS IN CASE YOU WANT TO BUILD THESE AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY CONSISTENT WITH THE INTEGRATION PLAN.

WHILE THE CURRENT DRAFT PLAN RECOMMENDS A TWO TIERED APPROACH IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT THE RECOMMENDED AMOUNTS WOULD BE AND IF THEY ARE SUFFICIENT TO INCENTIVIZE BUILDING ACTUAL AFFORDABLE UNITS.

DIVERSITY OAK PARK SINCERELY REQUESTS CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>CLERK: JOHN DUFFY.

>>PUBLIC COMMENTER: ANOTHER HOBBLE OR COMES TO THE MICROPHONE. GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEES.

I AM JOHN DUFFY AND I'VE LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR 37 YEARS. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS THE LONGEST, BUT I WILL THROW IT OUT THERE. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THAT AM HERE TO SPEAK AS A MEMBER OF DIVERSITY OAK PARK.

I THINK YOU AND THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS FOR ADVANCING COMMUNITY DIALOGUE AROUND RACIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITY AND HOUSING.

I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE IS A CONSENSUS IN THE REPORT TONIGHT THAT A HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ACROSS THE COMMUNITY IS THE CENTRAL ISSUE THAT IS JEOPARDIZING ECONOMIC AND RACIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN MANY PARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

FOR TWO YEARS NOW - AND I AM PLEASED TO SAY THIS, THIS BOARD HAS BEEN DEVELOPING A RACIAL EQUITY FRAMEWORK.

YOU ARE TO BE COMPLEMENT IT ON THAT AND ON AUGUST 1 YOU EMBRACE CLIMATE READY OAK PARK AND ITS FIRST GOAL OF PUTTING ANY NEW OR EXISTING HOUSING PLANS TO A RACIAL EQUITY ASSESSMENT.

THAT IS LAUDABLE.

DIVERSITY OAK PARK AND RACIAL EQUITY ALLIES STRONGLY MAINTAIN THAT THE VILLAGE RACIAL EQUITY WORK DEMANDS THE PERMANENCE OF A RACIAL EQUITY ORDINANCE.

DESIGNED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY.

A PROCESS THAT BOTH OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WENT THROUGH FIVE YEARS
AGO.

IF YOU HAVE READ ISABEL WILKERSON'S CAST OR SEEN THE MOVIE "ORIGIN",
MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBLIME METAPHOR SHE USES AT THE END OF THE
FILM, AND IT INSTRUCTS US ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD MOVE TOWARDS MORE
RACIAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE.

SHE TELLS US THAT OLD HOUSES - INAPPROPRIATE METAPHOR FOR TONIGHT HAVE
CRACKS, IMPERFECTIONS, EVEN SERIOUS FAULTS IN THEIR CONSTRUCTION AND
DESIGN.

SHE WISELY WARNS US THAT CRACKS AND OTHER DEFECTS WILL NOT FIX
THEMSELVES.

MORE IMPORTANTLY SHE SAYS ANY FUTURE DETERIORATION IS ON OUR WATCH, US
IN THIS ROOM.

THE VILLAGE BUILDING CODES AND THEIR SYSTEMIC ENFORCEMENT APPLY THIS
PRINCIPLE TO OUR HOUSING STAFF.

THEY HAVE FOR YEARS, BUT BUILDING CODES ARE NOT A ONE-OFF.

NOT A QUICK SOLUTION TO OLDER DEVELOPING CONSTRUCTION FLAWS.

ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES ARE ONGOING BECAUSE THEY
HAVE BEEN CODIFIED.

ONE MORE MINUTE WITH 30 SECONDS.

THEY LIVE ON TO GUIDE FUTURE BOARDS.

AND ADMINISTRATORS.

FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL.

WE BELIEVE WILKERSON'S (WORD?) APPLIES TO THIS BODY TONIGHT.

WE URGE YOU STRONGLY TO MOVE TOWARDS THE ADOPTION OF A PERMANENT
RACIAL EQUITY ORDINANCE.

IT CANNOT BE A ONE AND DONE.

SO WITH EQUITY ALLIES AROUND THE TOWN WHO HAVE WORKED LONG AND HARD IN
THE SCHOOL AND HAVE MOVED THIS BOARD FORWARD WE URGE THIS BOARD
TONIGHT TO ACCEPT THAT CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT THAT MOTION AND MOVE THIS
THING FORWARD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>CLERK: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IS THAT ALL?

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE CRAIG AT FAILURE, OR VILLAGE PLANNER AND HE WILL INTRODUCE THIS ITEM.

AS HE IS GETTING READY TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM I JUST WANT TO OFFER A FRAME FOR TONIGHT.

THIS IS ABOUT RACIAL INTEGRATION AND SUSTAINABILITY.

IT IS ALSO ABOUT ADVANCED ECONOMIC MOBILITY IN OUR VILLAGE AS WELL AS THE OVERALL ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE VILLAGE.

IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH READ THE STRATEGY WAS COMPETITIVE AND EVERYTHING YOU PROVIDE FEEDBACK ARE ON COMPREHENSIVE IN NATURE AND TONIGHT THAT IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS FEEDBACK SUBSEQUENT TO GETTING YOUR FEEDBACK TONIGHT WE WOULD PLACE THIS ITEM ON A REGULAR AGENDA FOR YOUR ADOPTION INCORPORATING ANY INPUT THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TONIGHT THAT COULD SUGGEST REVISIONS TO WHAT THE MAYOR'S CAUCUS IS GOING TO PRESENT TONIGHT AND THAT SAID I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE STAFF AND THE MAYOR'S CAUCUS FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK ON THIS TO DATE. ALL OF THE ENGAGEMENT, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL KNOW THE TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AND WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR FEEDBACK.

CRAIG?

>> THANK YOU MANAGER JACKSON AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENTERS TONIGHT.

VERY HELPFUL.

CRAIG FALOR, VILLAGE PLANNER.

THIS EVENING THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW PRESENTATION ON THE 2024 HOUSING STUDY.

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION DEPUTY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BRANDON CRAWFORD WILL HIGHLIGHT THE NEXT STEPS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOWING THAT THE CAUCUS MEMBERS AND STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VILLAGE BOARD QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE START OF THIS PROCESS IN JUNE 2023 THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS OFFICIATED 15 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS, MEETINGS, TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS AND MULTIPLE RESIDENTS.

ONE VILLAGE BOARD PRESENTATION AND NUMEROUS ZOOM CALLS, TELEPHONE CALLS AND MEETINGS ONLY TO CONCLUDE THE PROCESS TONIGHT AS PLANNED AND ON BUDGET.

THE ADDED NUMBER OF OUTREACH IS PERFORMED BY THE CAUCUS EXCEEDED WHAT WAS IDENTIFIED IN OUR AGREEMENT.

I BELIEVE THE EXTRA EFFORT WAS DUE IN PART TO THE STRONG COMMITMENT TO HOUSING IN THE RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE AND THAT THE REPORT OF THIS IMPORTANCE WILL PROVIDE OAK PARK.

WE TRULY APPRECIATE ALL THEY HAVE ADDED AND ACCOMPLISHED.

THIS STUDY, THIS HOUSING STUDY IS AN UPDATE TO OUR HOMES FOR CHANGING REGION REPORT ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD IN APRIL 2012, WHICH EXPLORED A SUB REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AMONGST COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE WEST COOK HOUSING COUNTY HOUSING COLLABORATIVE INCLUDING BELLWOOD ERWIN, FOREST PARK, MAYWOOD, AND OAK PARK.

THE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE 2012 REPORT WERE REALIZED THROUGH, AMONG OTHER INITIATIVES UPDATING OUR VILLAGES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND REGULATORY ENHANCEMENTS WITHIN OUR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THIS REPORT IS ENVISIONED TO FURTHER THE DIALOGUE REGARDING HOUSING REFORM FOR OUR VILLAGE.

IT IDENTIFIES WHERE WE CURRENTLY ARE AND WHERE WE NEED TO GO.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADVANCING RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES GENERATED BY THIS REPORT AND STAFF TRULY APPRECIATES THE VILLAGE BOARD'S CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO A SUSTAINABLE AND STRATEGIC HOUSING VISION FOR THE VILLAGE.

WITH THAT I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO BEN SHELLEY WITH METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS.

>> GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TONIGHT I AM BEN SCHNELLY FROM THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS AND ENJOINED THIS EVENING BY NICHOLAS NANCY (NAME?) AND BRAD (NAME?) AND LAKE CRAIG SAID I'M HERE TO PRESENT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HOMES FOR A CHANGING REGION REPORT, ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE STRATEGIC VISION FOR HOUSING IN THE DOCUMENT.

SUBMIT IT SO AS CRAIG SAID THIS WAS A MULTIPHASE PROJECT.

THE FIRST FOCUSED ON THE CHALLENGES AND GOALS RELATED TO HOUSING FACING OAK PARK AND THIS WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD BACK IN OCTOBER AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE ASSESSED ALL OF THE VILLAGES HOUSING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS BEFORE DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS IS AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE SCREEN, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR EVERY PART OF THAT PROCESS THERE WERE TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS, 17 FOCUS GROUPS AND OVER 600

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INFORMED EVERY STEP OF THIS PROCESS FROM IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES AT THE BEGINNING TO IDENTIFYING RECOMMENDATIONS.

HERE IS A VISUAL DOCUMENT, WHICH PROVIDES MUCH MORE DETAIL AND CAN BE SUMMARIZED BRIEFLY TONIGHT, BUT FOLLOWING THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES, THEN SELECTING GOALS THAT CORRESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES AND AFTER ASSESSING THE VILLAGE'S CURRENT APPROACH, MOVING INTO RECOMMENDATIONS.

THAT'S HOW THIS PRESENTATION WILL FLOW THIS EVENING.

STARTING WITH THE HOUSING CHALLENGES AND GOALS.

THIS IS THE SAME LIST THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD BACK IN OCTOBER SO RATHER THAN GOING THROUGH THE SAME LEVEL OF DETAIL AND DATA ANALYSIS FROM THEN, WHAT I WILL DO IS GO THROUGH EACH OF THESE CHALLENGES AND THE CORRESPONDING GOALS ONE BY ONE AND PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT WHERE IT IS HELPFUL.

SO AS WE HAVE HEARD THE FIRST CHALLENGE IDENTIFIED IN THE TOP CHALLENGE FOCUSES ON RENTAL AFFORDABILITY AND THE GOAL CORRESPONDING TO THAT CHALLENGE IS TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.

YOU WILL SEE ON THE SCREEN AND IN THE DOCUMENT, THE GOALS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCREEN ARE ALL FORWARD-LOOKING GOALS, LOOKING OVER THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS AND IN THE DOCUMENT WE PROVIDE SOME POTENTIAL MEASUREMENTS THAT THE VILLAGE CAN USE FOR EACH OF THESE GOALS TO MEASURE YOUR PROGRESS INCREMENTALLY.

THE SECOND CHALLENGE FOCUSES ON HOMEOWNERSHIP AFFORDABILITY AND THE CORRESPONDING GOAL IS TO EXPAND THE VARIETY OF HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

THAT IS TO BE DEFINED AS ADDING MORE CONDOS, TOWNHOMES AND MULTIFAMILY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES.

THE THIRD CHALLENGE FOCUSES ON RACIAL DIVERSITY AND INTEGRATION. MORE SPECIFICALLY FOCUSING THAT BLACK AND LATINO HOUSEHOLDS ARE UNDERREPRESENTED AS TO THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE CORRESPONDING GOAL CAN BE MEASURED BY SEEING A INCREASE IN RACIAL DIVERSITY ACROSS ALL PARTS OF OAK PARK AND ACROSS ALL CENSUS TRACTS OVER TIME.

THE FOURTH CHALLENGE SPEAKS TO THE NEED TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND ADAPT CLIMATE IMPACTS AS DEFINED IN OAK PARK'S CLIMATE

READY ACTION PLAN AND THE CORRESPONDING GOAL YOU CAN MEASURE PROGRESS IN THE NUMBER OF STRATEGIES FROM THAT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN THAT ARE ADDRESSED OVER TIME.

THE FIFTH CHALLENGE FOCUSES ON THE RACIAL HOMEOWNERSHIP GAP IN THE CORRESPONDING GOAL CAN BE MEASURED BY MEASURING HOMEOWNERSHIP RATES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY IN OAK PARK OVER TIME.

THE SIXTH CHALLENGE FOCUSES ON THE RISING NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND YOUTH THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY.

THE CORRESPONDING GOAL IS TO EXPAND THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING OPTIONS FOR THIS GROUP.

MORE SPECIFICALLY THEY CAN BE MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS, INTERIM HOUSING AND SHELTER BEDS IN OAK PARK.

THE SEVENTH CHALLENGE TITLED "AGING AND COMMUNITY" SPEAKS TO HOW OAK PARK AND THE CHICAGO REGION HAS A GROWING NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE OVER 65 AND IN OAK PARK WAITED FOR THAT WHETHER THESE OLDER ADULTS ON THEIR HOME OR RENT THEIR HOME, MANY FACE CHALLENGES AFFORDING HOUSING SO THE CORRESPONDING GOAL HERE IS TO INCREASE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR OLDER ADULTS TO DOWNSIZE THAT CAN BE MEASURED IN DOWNSIZING OPTIONS FOR OLDER ADULTS THAT OWN THEIR HOME AND AFFORDABLE RENTAL OPTIONS FOR OLDER ADULTS THAT RENT.

THE SEVENTH CHALLENGE FOCUSES ON THE PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY.

THE CORRESPONDING GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE HOMES THAT CAN BE MEASURED BOTH BY THE NUMBER OF ACCESSIBLE HOMES ADDED OVER TIME THROUGH NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ALSO BY THE NUMBER OF HOMES SERVED THROUGH THE VILLAGES ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAMS.

THE EIGHTH CHALLENGE FOCUSES ON HOUSING FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

SOMETHING WE LEARNED FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND FOCUS GROUPS IS THAT ILLINOIS AS A STATE FACES A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF HOUSING OPTIONS FOR THIS GROUP.

THERE IS A WAIT LIST OF ROUGHLY 13,000 INDIVIDUALS SO THE CORRESPONDING GOAL HERE IS TO SUPPORT HOUSING OPTIONS THAT SERVE ADULTS WITHIN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND THE NINTH CHALLENGE THAT FOCUSES ON THE OLDER HOUSING STOCK IN OAK PARK, THE CORRESPONDING GOAL IS TO CONTINUE ADDRESSING HOUSING MAINTENANCE ISSUES ACROSS THE

VARIETY OF OAK PARK'S HOUSING STOCK GRID THAT INCLUDES VINTAGE APARTMENTS, VINTAGE CONDOS AS WELL AS SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES.

SO AFTER ASSESSING ALL OF THE VILLAGES CURRENT HOUSING POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND RECENT DEVELOP OUTCOMES WE ARE PRESENTING A LIST OF NINE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE WILL WALK THROUGH ONE BY ONE.

YOU WILL SEE WITH EACH OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS THEY FOLLOW A SIMILAR FORMAT HERE ON THE SLIDES.

WE WILL START WITH BACKGROUND CONTEXT IN A WAY EXPLAINING THE "WHY" BEHIND EACH RECOGNITION AND THEN EACH RECOGNITION CONCLUDES WITH A STRATEGY OR THE "HOW".

SO THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION IN THE REPORT IS TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL MULTIFAMILY HOUSING WITHIN OAK PARK'S BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND OTHER SUITABLE DEVELOPMENT SITES.

AS WE ALL KNOW OAK PARK HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO ADD MULTIFAMILY HOUSING OVER THE PAST DECADE AND AT THE SAME TIME PRICES FOR BOTH RENT AND CONDOS IN OAK PARK HAVE BEEN RISING FASTER THAN INCOME SO TO MAKE PROGRESS ON A NUMBER OF HOUSING GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT, OAK PARK NEEDS MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN GENERAL AND MORE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING IN PARTICULAR.

BEFORE LOOKING FORWARD INTO THE RECOMMENDATION WE WILL START WITH LOOKING BACKWARDS AT SOME RECENT PLAN DEVELOPMENTS YOU WILL SEE THAT SEVERAL OF THESE PLAN DEVELOPMENTS WERE ALLOWED TO ADD HOUSING AT 2-3 TIMES THE NUMBER THAT WAS ALLOWED IN THE ZONING DISTRICT.

NONE OF THESE WERE EASY STRAIGHTFORWARD DECISIONS, BUT THEY ARE PROVIDED IMPORTANT BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY.

SOME INCLUDED AFFORDABLE UNITS.

ALL OF THEM WERE ABLE TO HELP MEET THE NEED AND DEMAND FOR BOTH RENTALS AND CONDOS IN THE COMMUNITY AND ALL OF THEM HELP SUPPORT THE ACTIVITY AND VIBRANCY IN THEIR BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

SO THE TABLE SHOWN ON THE SCREEN HERE IS REALLY THE CORE OF THIS RECOMMENDATION.

AT THE TOP HALF OF THE TABLE YOU SEE THE AMOUNT OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING THAT IS ALLOWED AT EACH OF OAK PARK'S HOUSING DISTRICTS ON A VARIETY OF THE LOT SIZES.

ON THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE TABLE YOU SEE WHAT IT COULD BE ALLOWED IN THESE DISTRICTS WITH SOME POTENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS.

I WILL ZOOM IN ON ONE EXAMPLE TO ILLUSTRATE A POINT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ROW THAT YOU SEE NEAR THE TOP, THAT IS THE MOST COMMON ZONING DISTRICT APPLIED TO OAK PARK'S BUSINESS DISTRICT. YOU CAN SEE THAT 12 OR FEWER MULTIFAMILY HOMES ARE ALLOWED, EVEN ON A RELATIVELY LARGE LOT FOR OAK PARK.

AT THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE SCREEN YOU SEE WHAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ALLOW MIDSIZE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING AND BY THAT WE MEAN IN THE REPORT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING WITH 20, 25, 30 UNITS AND THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT BENEFITS I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ALLOWING THESE MIDSIZE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING UNITS ARE BETTER ABLE TO MEET THE DEMAND AND NEED, SIMPLY BY PRODUCING MORE HOUSING, BUT A SECOND VERY IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT DEVELOPMENTS WITH THIS SIZE, NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS HAVE A HIGHER LIKELIHOOD OF ACCESSING STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING THAT COULD SUPPORT THESE BEING AFFORDABLE.

SO THERE IS ONE STRATEGY WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION AND THAT IS TO UPDATE DEVELOPMENT POLICY TO ALLOW MORE HOUSING BY RIGHT IN OAK PARK'S BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

SO AS SHOWN IN THE REPORT THIS WOULD NOT BE ANYTHING COMPLETELY NEW TO THE VILLAGE, IF ANYTHING IT COULD BE BETTER ALIGNING THE CURRENT ZONING REGULATIONS WITH THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS AND AS WE SHOW IN THE TABLES, ALLOWABLE DENSITY IN THESE BUSINESS DISTRICTS COULD BE INCREASED, MARKING THAT MULTI-SIZED MULTIFAMILY TO VOLUNTEER BELOW THE DENSITIES THAT WERE RECENTLY ALLOWED IN THE - - MOVING INTO THE SECOND RECOMMENDATION, WHICH IS TO MODIFY OAK PARK'S ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING.

CONTEXT SHOWN ON THE SCREEN HERE AND PROVIDING MUCH MORE DETAIL ON THE REPORT, PRICES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES IN OAK PARK ARE INCREASING THE OUT OF REACH HOUSEHOLD MEETING THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME AND WE ALSO DETAIL IN THE REPORT THAT THE LACK OF HOUSING VARIETY IN SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOODS OF OAK PARK DOES POSE A CHALLENGE FOR PURSUING DIVERSITY AND INTEGRATION ACROSS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

FIRST LET'S DEFINE WHAT WE MEAN BY MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING.

SO THIS CONTEXT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TYPES OF HOUSING.

DUPLEXES, TRIPLEX'S, FOR PLEXUS AND TOWNHOMES.

THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO ALLOWING MORE OF THIS KIND OF HOUSING IN A COMMUNITY.

WHETHER THAT'S THROUGH CONVERSION FROM A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME OR THROUGH REDEVELOPMENT.

I WILL HIGHLIGHT JUST A FEW HERE.

ONE IS THAT INCREASING HOUSING RIGHT ACROSS OAK PARK, THAT CAN HELP SUPPORT THE GOAL OF INCREASING DIVERSITY AND INTEGRATION ACROSS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

SECOND BENEFIT TO POINT OUT IS THE MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING CAN INCREASE THE VARIETY OF HOMEOWNERSHIP OPTIONS IN THE NUMBER OF DOWNSIZING OPTIONS FOR OLDER ADULTS.

1/3 BENEFIT IS THE MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING THAT IS RENTED TYPICALLY THAT OFFERS TWO OR THREE OR MORE BEDROOMS.

THEY CAN BE A VERY RARE OPTION FOR FAMILIES THAT RENT.

IT CAN BE HARD TO FIND AN APARTMENT BUILDING, MUCH MORE LIKELY TO FIND THAT IN THE MIDDLE HOUSING.

THE FIRST STRATEGY HERE IS TO START BY BUILDING CONSENSUS ON YOUR GOALS FOR MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING AND WHAT ZONING CHANGES WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS.

SOMETHING WE SAY IN THE REPORT IS THAT THE VILLAGE HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS CAPACITY TO LEAD THROUGH ZONING AND REGULATORY CHANGES, YOUR ACCESSORY DWELLINGS ORDINANCE, YOUR APPROACH TO ADAPTIVE REUSE AND YOU MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER INCLUDING A TEMPORARY TASK FORCE TO HELP WITH THE PROCESS.

SIMPLY BECAUSE OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE TAKEN ON THE ZONING REFORM HAVE FOUND A TASK FOR IS HELPFUL IN BRINGING TOGETHER RESIDENTS OF DIFFERENT OPINIONS AND ALSO BRINGING IN AFFORDABLE AND SMALL-SCALE MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING EFFORTS TO INFORM THE APPROACH.

SO THAT IS AN OPTION TO CONSIDER.

SECOND STRATEGY IS TO THINK ABOUT AFFORDABILITY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS.

ONE KEY TAKE AWAY FROM COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING REFORM IS THAT REGULATIONS PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE COST OF MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT.

SPECIFICALLY PARKING REQUIREMENTS, THE BUILDING SIZE ALLOWED AND THE TYPES OF HOUSING, TYPES OF MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING THAT ARE ALLOWED.

BASED ON THIS OUR RECOMMENDATION IS TO ALLOW FOUR PLEXES AND TOWNHOMES, BUT THAT IS FOR THE VILLAGE TO MAKE A DECISION FOR ITSELF

AND THE FINAL STRATEGY FOR MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING IS TO THINK WHERE, WHERE TO ADD THESE CHANGES.

WE COULD PILOT THEM, YOU CAN ALSO CHOOSE TO APPLY ZONING CHANGES MORE BROADLY, RECOGNIZING THAT AS DETAILED IN THE REPORT, COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE TAKEN THIS STEP HAVE SEEN AN INCREMENTAL PACE OF DEVELOPMENT.

IT'S WORTH POINTING OUT HERE THAT OUTCOMES FROM THIS SORT OF ZONING CHANGE WOULD LOOK DIFFERENT BASED ON DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY. FOR EXAMPLE IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS WHERE OVER 90% OF PROPERTIES ARE CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES THAT ARE PROTECTED FROM DEMOLITION AND ARE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH THE HISTORIC REVIEW PROCESS FOR ANY EXTERIOR CHANGES VISIBLE FROM THE STREET AND THOSE HISTORIC DISTRICTS, ANY CHANGES WOULD BE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE INTERNAL, SIMPLY CONVERSION FROM A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME TO A DUPLEX, WHILE STILL GOING THROUGH THE HISTORIC REVIEW PROCESS, RATHER THAN REDEVELOPMENT.

SO MOVING INTO THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION, WHICH IS TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND PARKING IN A HOLISTIC MANNER.

WE CAN SEE THAT THE FIRST TWO RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE A CLEAR CONNECTION TO THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THIS REPORT.

HOWEVER, THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE LIMITED WITHOUT A LOOK AT PARKING AS WELL.

SO THE FIRST STRATEGY IS TO REVISE MINIMUM ON-SITE PARKING REQUIREMENTS.

WE KNOW THAT MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE CHOSEN TO EITHER REMOVE OR REDUCE THEIR ON-SITE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW HOUSING. SIMPLY AS A MEANS TO AN END.

AS A MEANS TO DEVELOPMENT BID WE HAVE EXAMPLES IN OAK PARK WHERE RECENT AFFORDABLE DEVELOPMENTS WERE GRANTED PARKING REDUCTIONS AND THIS WAS HELPFUL FOR THE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY OF THEM.

OAK PARK DOES HAVE EXCELLENT ACCESS TO TRANSIT.

YOU ARE IN A BETTER POSITION THAN MOST COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE TAKEN THIS STEP, BUT WHAT WE SAY IN THE STRATEGY IS TO THINK OF THIS AS A MEANS TO AN END.

BASICALLY ASKING, WHAT ARE THE PARKING REQUIREMENT REDUCTIONS THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ALLOW AND ENABLE MORE MIDSIZE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENT REDUCTIONS THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ENABLE MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY.

SO ASKING THOSE QUESTIONS.

THE SECOND HALF OF THIS RECOMMENDATION OF PARKING IS TO RECONSIDER LIMITATIONS ON OVERNIGHT ON STREET CURBSIDE PARKING.

IF THE VILLAGE ALLOWS BROADER USE OF OVERNIGHT ON STREET CURBSIDE PARKING THIS WOULD SUPPORT THE PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF ADDING MORE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND ALLOWING FOR MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THIS COULD BE SIMPLY BUILDING ON MODIFICATIONS THAT CAME OUT OF THE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM THAT IN RECENT YEARS SLIGHTLY EXPANDED THE AVAILABILITY OF ON STREET PARKING DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO MULTIFAMILY HOUSING.

SO THIS COULD BE A STAGED APPROACH.

IT COULD BE A BROADER APPROACH.

REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE SAY IN THE REPORT IS THAT IT SHOULD UTILIZE THE VILLAGES TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

THE FOURTH RECOMMENDATION IS TO CLARIFY GOALS FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND CONTINUE TO STABILIZE ITS REVENUE.

SO THIS FUND HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR OAK PARK TO MAKE PROGRESS ON ITS AFFORDABILITY GOALS.

AS YOU SEE ON THE SCREEN SINCE THE FUND WAS FIRST UTILIZED IN 2016 IT'S DISPERSED ROUGHLY \$400,000 PER YEAR AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FUND, YOU AS A BOARD RECENTLY APPROVED TWO NEW REVENUE SOURCES AS SHOWN ON THE SCREEN, ONE BEING DEMOLITION FEES AND SECOND BEING A INCREASE TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAXES.

THOSE ARE EXPECTED TO GENERATE A COMBINED ROUGHLY \$140,000 PER YEAR OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

YOU CAN SEE IN THIS COMPARISON ON THE SCREEN THAT UNLESS THERE ARE LARGE DEVELOPMENTS THAT PROVIDE IN LIEU FEES, WHICH THERE ARE NONE PENDING THAT WE KNOW OF NOW, IF THE VILLAGE WANTS TO CONTINUE USING THIS FUND AT THE SAME PACE IT HAS, AT SOME POINT THIS WOULD REQUIRE MORE ANNUAL REVENUE.

OUR RECOMMENDATION IS NOT TO SIMPLY REPEAT THIS PAST USE FOR ITS OWN SAKE, BUT TO BE STRATEGIC AND GO THROUGH A PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING WHAT YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THE FUND AND LETTING THOSE GOALS INFORM ANY FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OR DECISIONS ABOUT REVENUE.

SO BEFORE LOOKING FORWARD LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK AT SOME LESSONS FROM RECENT USES OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS YOU HAVE SUPPORTED.

YOU SEE THE FIRST THREE EXAMPLES ARE FUNDING OR CAPITAL FUNDING PROVIDED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

THE FOURTH EXAMPLE HERE IS RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND THE KEY TAKE AWAY FROM THIS TABLE IN THIS ANALYSIS IS THAT THE FUND HAS BEEN USED TO HAVE A VERY EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IMPACT WITH GAP FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS BEING AN ESPECIALLY EFFICIENT USE OF THE FUND.

SO IT IS GENERALLY A BEST PRACTICE FOR COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS OF GOAL SETTING TO IDENTIFY WHAT YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THEN LET THAT INFORM ANY REVENUE SOURCES YOU PURSUE OR CONSIDER.

THIS TABLE IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THAT PROCESS COULD RESULT IN.

I WANT TO BE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE NUMBERS THAT YOU SEE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCREEN ARE SHOWN PURELY FOR EXAMPLE ONLY.

THOSE ARE NUMBERS SIMPLY PULLED FROM RECENT USES OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

WHAT PART OF THIS TABLE IS OUR RECOMMENDATION IS WHAT YOU SEE ON THE LEFT, THE PRIORITIES.

IT DOES MAKE SENSE FOR GAP FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS TO REMAIN A PRIORITY, JUST GIVEN HOW EFFICIENTLY IT HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST.

THERE IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE CONSIDERING THAT THIS PREVENTS EVICTIONS AND MANY OF THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM EVICTIONS.

IT MAY MAKE SENSE TO SET ASIDE AN ADDITIONAL OR EARMARKED AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT YOU CAN USE FOR FUTURE INITIATIVES.

MAYBE THAT COULD BE A DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

MAYBE THAT COULD BE EXPANDING SHELTER AVAILABILITY.

MAYBE THAT COULD BE RESPONDING TO AN ISSUE THAT PRESENTS ITSELF IN FIVE YEARS THAT HAS NOT YET PRESENTED ITSELF.

SO AGAIN, THIS TABLE IS SHOWN AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THAT GOALSETTING PROCESS COULD RESULT IN.

ULTIMATELY THAT'S A PROCESS BEST FOR THE VILLAGE.

SO IF THE VILLAGE DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE GOALS YOU HAVE FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND THAT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL REVENUE COMING IN, THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS THAT YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER TO FILL THAT GAP.

TONIGHT WE WILL HIGHLIGHT JUST TWO.

THE FIRST IS TO CONSIDER A MORE NUANCED SHORT-TERM RENTAL LICENSE STRUCTURE AND BY THAT WE MEAN YOU COULD CONSIDER INCREASING THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS WHO HAVE SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN OAK PARK, BUT DO NOT LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY.

ANOTHER OPTION IS INCREASING THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR PEOPLE WHO OWN MULTIPLE SHORT-TERM RENTALS ABOVE A SET THRESHOLD.

MAYBE FOUR OR FIVE SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND THEY ARE OPERATING MORE LIKE A BUSINESS, RATHER THAN JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

SO A SECOND POTENTIAL STRATEGY HERE IS TO EVALUATE THE PROS AND CONS OF A GRADUATED REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX.

AS WE ALL KNOW A REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX IS A TAX TAKEN AT THE POINT OF THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY AND A GRADUATED REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX, PROPERTY SELLING ABOVE A CERTAIN PRICE POINT ARE TAXED AT SALE AT A SLIGHTLY HIGHER RATE THAN PROPERTY SELLING BELOW THIS THRESHOLD AND SO SEVERAL STATES UTILIZE THIS, VERY SMALL NUMBER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED THIS.

WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING THESE EXAMPLES AND LEARNING FROM THEM IN BOTH THEIR SUCCESSES AND SHORTCOMINGS.

THE BENEFIT OF THIS STRATEGY, THIS POTENTIAL REVENUE SOURCE IS THAT IT CAN BE VERY TAILORED FOR THE VILLAGE.

YOU COULD ESTIMATE WHAT YOU WANT TO UTILIZE THE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR.

THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL REVENUE COMING IN AND CALCULATE A VERY INCREMENTAL INCREASE THROUGH A GRADUATED REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX. JUST ENOUGH TO FILL THAT GAP.

OF COURSE ANY CHANGES TO THE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX WOULD REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL THROUGH A BALLOT REFERENDUM.

MOVING ON TO THE FIFTH RECOMMENDATION, WHICH WE CAN SEE IS ESSENTIALLY CONTINGENT ON THE PREVIOUS ONE, WHICH IS IF HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE IS PURSUED, DO IT IN A WAY THAT ADDRESSES RACIAL DISPARITIES AND ACCESS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP AND I WANT TO POINT OUT A TENSION HERE THAT IS SHOWN ON THE SCREEN.

THE FIRST PART IS THAT THE FUNDS EVALUATION CRITERIA CURRENTLY PRIORITIZES PROJECTS THAT SERVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS. HAD THE LONGEST TERM OF AFFORDABILITY AND SERVE HOUSEHOLDS WITH THE LOWEST INCOMES.

THESE ARE ALL VERY SOUND CRITERIA AND WE RECOMMEND KEEPING THEM. AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE CAN IMAGINE THAT A DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, IT MIGHT FEEL LOWER ON EACH OF THESE CRITERIA THAN THE ESTABLISHED USES YOU HAVE HAD FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND THAT FOCUS ON RENTAL INITIATIVES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ADDRESSING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN ACCESS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP WAS ONE OF THE TOP RANKED STRATEGIES IN THE COMMUNITY SURVEY.

SO THERE IS A TENSION THERE.

OUR STRATEGY IS THAT IF THE VILLAGE DECIDES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH EVALUATING THIS OPTION, TO TAKE TWO STEPS.

ONE IS TO CONSIDER THE EFFICIENCY AND POTENTIAL IMPACT OF A DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN COMPARISON TO THE USES YOU HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

THE SECOND STEP WOULD BE TO DESIGN A PROGRAM THAT YOU WOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH TO FOCUS ON RACIAL EQUITY AND ADDRESSING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN ACCESS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP.

MOVING ON TO THE SIXTH RECOMMENDATION, WHICH IS TO UPDATE THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE OR IHO IT TO REFLECT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

SO WE SEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR OAK PARK MOVING FORWARD LOOKING DIFFERENT THAN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS.

THERE ARE FEWER OF THE MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD LARGE-SCALE PRIME DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES NEAR OAK PARK'S DOWNTOWN, BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH POTENTIAL IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS, HOWEVER THESE OPPORTUNITIES, THEY VARY IN IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS LIKE THE SIZE AND THE LOCATION THROUGHOUT OAK PARK.

SO THAT SUGGESTS A MORE TAILORED APPROACH TO THE IHO.

THERE ARE THREE STRATEGIES THAT WE PRESENT HERE.

THE FIRST IS TO EXPAND THE IHO THAT GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND THIS BECOMES ESPECIALLY RELEVANT IF YOU DECIDE TO ALLOW MORE HOUSING BY RIGHT AND BUSINESS DISTRICTS INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE OPPORTUNITIES WITH A COMMUNITYWIDE BENEFIT THROUGH AFFORDABILITY.

ONE CHALLENGE WITH A COMMUNITYWIDE ORDINANCE IS THAT SOME ORDINANCE MAY VARY IN IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS.

FOR EXAMPLE THE AMOUNT OF RENT THEY CAN CHARGE.

SO ONE THING THAT IS EVALUATING A HIGHER IN LIEU FEE.

DOWNTOWN OAK PARK VERSUS THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE SECOND STRATEGY HERE IS TO CREATE A UPDATED IN LIEU FEE AMOUNT AND A PROCESS FOR FUTURE UPDATES.

SO MANY MUNICIPALITIES USE A FORMULA FOR THIS.

ESSENTIALLY CALCULATING THE LOSS THAT HE DEVELOPMENT TAKES ON BY INCLUDING AFFORDABLE RENTS COMPARED TO MARKET RATE RENTS AND THE BENEFIT OF USING A FORMULA THAT IT CAN BE USED FOR UPDATES EVERY SO OFTEN, EVERY YEAR, EVERY TWO YEARS, EVERY THREE YEARS THAT ALLOWS THE FEE TO GRADUALLY CHANGE BASED ON CHANGING COSTS SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION OR MARKET RATE.

WE RECOMMEND AS THE VILLAGE WOULD GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS TO NOT ONLY SET A PROCESS AND A TIMELINE FOR FUTURE UPDATES, BUT ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY BECAUSE YOU WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY FEE DOES NOT SHUT OFF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE THIRD STRATEGY RELATED TO THE IHO IS TO ENCOURAGE AFFORDABILITY THROUGH A TIERED APPROACH TO AFFORDABILITY REQUIREMENTS AND STRONGER INCENTIVES.

AN EXAMPLE OF THIS POTENTIAL TIERED APPROACH IS SHOWN ON THE SCREEN.

IT COULD BE REQUIRING 15% OF UNITS TO BE AFFORDABLE FOR LARGER DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE MORE THAN 25 UNITS IN A SLIGHTLY SMALLER 10% OF UNITS REQUIREMENT FOR DEVELOPMENTS WITH 15-25 UNITS THAT WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THIS COULD WORK.

THIS IS A VERY TECHNICAL DECISION THAT WARRANTS MORE ANALYSIS, BUT THE THOUGHT BEHIND THIS IS THAT LARGER DEVELOPMENTS AND BUILD UNITS MORE EFFICIENTLY AND SMALLER GOVERNMENTS HAVE A HARDER TIME REDUCING AFFORDABLE UNITS OR BY PAYING A FEE SO IT'S A FRAMEWORK THAT WOULD REQUIRE MORE ANALYSIS.

THE SECOND HALF OF THE STRATEGY, THE CARROT HALF IS TO INCREASE THE INCENTIVES WITHIN THE IHO.

SPECIFICALLY THE DENSITY BONUS.

SO CURRENTLY THE VILLAGES IHO ALLOWS A DEVELOPER TO ADD ONE MARKET RATE UNIT FOR EVERY AFFORDABLE UNIT THAT IS PROVIDED WITHIN THE BUILDING.

THAT IS A PRETTY STANDARD RATIO FOR COMMUNITIES, BUT BECAUSE THAT CARROT CAN BE SO HELPFUL FOR DEVELOPERS WE RECOMMENDED THE VILLAGE LOOK INTO INCREASING THAT RATIO AND STRENGTHENING THAT DENSITY BONUS. NOW THE SEVENTH RECOMMENDATION OF THIS REPORT IS TO EVALUATE FUTURE SUPPORT OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTERS LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM BASED ON HOW IT EVOLVES OVER TIME TO BETTER MEET HOUSING INTEGRATION CHALLENGES.

NOW THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX RECOMMENDATION THAT WARRANTS A GOOD AMOUNT OF BACKGROUND CONTEXT.

SO THE FIRST PART BEING THAT ONE COMPONENT OF THIS REPORT WAS A HIGH LEVEL REVIEW OF THE VILLAGES PARTNER AGENCIES ALONG WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IF APPROPRIATE AND AS WE ALL KNOW AND BELIEVE, SINCE ITS FOUNDING THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER HAS PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN MAKING OAK PARK A UNIQUELY DIVERSE AND INTEGRATED COMMUNITY.

AT THE SAME TIME THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM HAS BEEN RECENTLY LIMITED AND ITS SCALE AND INFLUENCE IN ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE.

NOW SOME DETAILS ARE SHOWN ON THE SCREEN.

THE FIRST BEING THAT THE VILLAGE HAS LOWERED THE ANNUAL AFFIRMATIVE MOVE GOAL SIGNIFICANTLY IN RECENT YEARS.

SOME DETAIL HERE, THE VILLAGE SETS AN ANNUAL GOAL IN ITS CONTRACTS WITH THE HOUSING CENTER FOR THE NUMBER OF AFFIRMATIVE MOVES, WHICH ARE DEFINED AS MOVES WHERE A HOUSEHOLD MOVES INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THEY ARE CURRENTLY UNDERREPRESENTED AND THEREFORE IT IS AN INCREASE IN THE DIVERSITY AND - - AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

A SECOND DATA POINT IS THAT DATA THAT WE ARE PROVIDED SHOWS HOUSING CENTER HAS SUPPORTED APPROXIMATELY 150, 160 AFFIRMATIVE MOVES PER YEAR IN RECENT YEARS.

THE THIRD DATA POINT HERE IS THAT APPROXIMATELY 25% OR ONE IN FOUR OF THE APARTMENTS IN RECENT YEARS THAT WERE LISTED IN THE RECENT YEARS WERE RENTED TO HOUSING CENTER CLIENTS.

MEANING THAT THESE APARTMENTS MANAGEMENT PARTNERS WHO ARE LISTED WITH THE HOUSING CENTER ARE FILLING THE MAJORITY OF THOSE LISTINGS THROUGH OTHER METHODS, POSSIBLY USING ONLINE METHODS.

SO THIS TABLE ESSENTIALLY SPEWED GO-AHEAD TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YOU MENTIONED AROUND AFFIRMATIVE MOVES THAT IT WAS MOVING FOLKS INTO AN AREA WHERE THEY ARE UNDERREPRESENTED.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE AFFIRMATIVE MOVES WAS TO RICHLAND AND IT WAS ON ONE OR THE OTHER SIDE OF RICHLAND BASED ON RACE.

IS THAT CORRECT OR DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT DEFINITION?

>>SPEAKER: I CAN GO TO THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL.

DATA WE ARE PROVIDED SHOWS THAT AFFIRMATIVE MOVES ARE DEFINED BY THE VILLAGE AS HOUSEHOLDS OF COLOR MOVING WEST OF RICHLAND AND NORTH OF EISENHOWER AND WHITE HOUSEHOLDS MOVING EAST OF RICHLAND OR SOUTH OF EISENHOWER.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: GREAT.

THANK YOU.

I THOUGHT THAT DETAIL WAS NEEDED.

>>SPEAKER: THIS TABLE JUST REPEATS NUMBERS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY READ.

THE FIRST ROW YOU SEE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MOVES OF CLIENTS INTO OAK PARK.

THE SECOND ROW IS THE NUMBER OF AFFIRMATIVE MOVES IN THIRD ROW IS THE NUMBER OF AFFIRMATIVE MOVES AND GOALS IN VILLAGE AGREEMENTS, WHICH WAS 600 PRIOR TO 2020.

SO IN THIS REPORT WE LAY OUT TWO STRATEGIES MOVING FORWARD.

ONE IS THAT FOR THE HOUSING CENTER TO REMAIN IN IMPACTFUL PARTNER OF THE VILLAGE TO DEMONSTRATE PLANS FOR THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PLAN TO IMPROVE SCALE UP AND BETTER MEET ONGOING HOUSING AND INTEGRATION STRATEGIES.

THE SECOND HALF OF THIS IS A STRATEGY FOR THE VILLAGE TO INCREASE MUNIICATION WITH THE HOUSING CENTER.

BETTER UNDERSTAND ITS CHALLENGES, AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES.

AS I SAID THIS IS A HIGH-LEVEL ASSESSMENT IN THIS REPORT FOCUSING ON ANNUAL FIGURES, PERHAPS WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IS UNDERSTANDING THE EXACT CLAUSES OF LIMITATIONS AND WHAT IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE MOVING FORWARD.

ONE SMALL DETAIL THAT IS WORTH NOTING THAT WAS IN THE REPORT, THROUGH THIS PROCESS WE RECOMMEND THE VILLAGE EVALUATE OTHER PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER BECAUSE OTHER PROGRAMS WERE NOT EVALUATED TO THE SAME DEGREE AS THE LIVE IN OAK PARK PROGRAM.

SO THE EIGHTH RECOMMENDATION OF THIS REPORT IS TO CRAFT FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES WITH HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN MIND.

OAK PARK'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IDENTIFIED THAT HOUSING IS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN THE COMMUNITY.

YOU AS A COMMUNITY HAVE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED A SEVERAL STRATEGIES FROM THAT PLAN.

YOU HAVE PROVIDED ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS.

YOU'VE ADOPTED A ELECTRIFICATION ORDINANCE THAT APPLIES TO NEW CONSTRUCTION.

WE DID HERE THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS SOME CONCERNS THAT IF AN ELECTRIFICATION ORDINANCE WAS APPLIED TO MAJOR RENOVATIONS THIS WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONSIDERING THAT SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDERS MAY NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO TAKE ON ELECTRIFICATION AT THE SAME TIME AS MAJOR RENOVATIONS.

SO OUR RECOMMENDATION IS NOT THAT THE VILLAGE MUST ADOPT THE STRATEGY BY A CERTAIN DATE.

THAT IS ALREADY STATED AND DEFINED IN YOUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN.

OUR RECOMMENDATION IS PULLING LESSONS FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE NAVIGATED THIS CONFLICT.

THAT HAVE PURSUED AMBITIOUS ELECTRIFICATION AND ENERGY RELATED POLICIES WHILE MINIMIZING THE CONFLICT AND POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE AFFORDABLE RENTAL STOCK.

SO THE FIRST STRATEGY HERE IS TO ENGAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STAKEHOLDERS.

MEANING BOTH RENTERS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDERS WILL NOT ONLY IN THE EARLY STAGES OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO AS A POLICY IS IMPLEMENTED, POSSIBLY BY INCLUDING THEM IN A COMMISSION.

A SECOND STRATEGY HERE IS TO CONSIDER ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PATHWAYS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDERS.

THIS IS A TECHNICAL TERM, ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PATHWAYS THAT ESSENTIALLY MEANS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDER COULD MAKE AN APPEAL FOR A REDUCED OR A DELAY COMPLIANCE OPTION BASED ON SET CRITERIA.

COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE UTILIZED THIS HAVE USED THE CRITERIA OF THE HOUSING PROVIDER HAVING INCOME RESTRICTED UNITS OR PARTICIPATING IN A FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAM WHILE ALSO DEMONSTRATING A PLAN THAT IF THEY ARE NOT COMPLYING THIS YEAR THEY HAVE A PLAN AND A STRATEGY FOR ACCESSING OUTSIDE FUNDING FOR FUTURE YEARS.

THIRD STRATEGY HERE IS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING AND FACILITATING ACCESS TO COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS, MEANING FUNDING PROGRAMS.

ONE POINT THAT WE MAKE IN THE REPORT IS THAT THE VILLAGES ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS MOVING FORWARD SHOULD HAVE A GREATER FOCUS ON APARTMENTS AND CONDOS AND INCOME ELIGIBLE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND PAST USES OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS SHOWN IN THE REPORT, MAJORITY WENT THROUGH THE NON-INCOME BASED SINGLE-FAMILY HOME PROGRAM SO OUR RECOMMENDATION IS TO HAVE A GREATER FOCUS ON APARTMENTS AND CONDOS AS WELL.

IN THE NINTH AND FINAL RECOMMENDATION IS TO CONTINUE THE VILLAGES HOUSING REHABILITATION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

I WILL GO THROUGH THESE ONE BY ONE.

THE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME AND SMALL RENTAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, BOTH OF THOSE REMAIN IMPORTANT FOR ADDRESSING ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS, HEALTH AND SAFETY NEEDS, AS WELL AS ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN HOUSING.

NEXT THE VILLAGE HAS A LONG-STANDING PRACTICE OF PROVIDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUPPORT FOR HOUSING THAT SERVES ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

THIS IS HELPFUL TO CONTINUE JUST CONSIDERING THAT THESE PROGRAMS RECEIVE LIMITED STATE FUNDING FOR OPERATING THAT HOUSING.

1/3 STRATEGY HERE IS TO HELP ENSURE THAT RENTERS IN OAK PARK HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY HOUSING TO CONTINUE THE RENTAL LICENSE AND THE RENTAL INSPECTION PROGRAMS AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE RENTERS KNOW ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL TENANT LANDLORD ORDINANCE.

IN THE FINAL PIECE HERE IS TO CONTINUE THE SMALL CONDO ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND CONSIDER EXPANDING IT.

SO THE SMALL CONDO ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONDO ASSOCIATIONS UP TO 12 UNITS.

GUIDANCE ON HOW TO MANAGE THOSE ASSOCIATIONS.

WE HEARD FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT THERE ARE SOME CONDO ASSOCIATIONS THAT ARE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THIS 12 UNIT THRESHOLD THAT COULD ALSO USE SUPPORT.

SO THAT CONCLUDES THE RECOMMENDATION.

I KNOW THERE ARE SOME NEXT STEPS IN CONVERSATION HERE.

I DO WANT TO SAY A VERY HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM THE MAYOR'S CAUCUS TO ALL OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT PARTICIPATED AND GAVE YOUR TIME, WHETHER THROUGH FOCUS GROUPS, WHETHER GOING THROUGH PUBLIC MEETINGS OR CONTRIBUTING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY SURVEY.

IT WAS VERY HELPFUL AND GREATLY APPRECIATED BY US.

THANK YOU.

I WILL HAND IT OVER TO DEPUTY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DIRECTOR.

>> THANK YOU, BEN, AND FOLKS AT THE MAYOR'S CAUCUS.
APPRECIATE THE REPORT.

LET ME SEE IF I CAN PULL IT UP HERE QUICKLY.

SO GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY.

AGAIN, THANK YOU GUYS.

GOING TO QUICKLY RUN THROUGH HERE SOME OF THE POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES OR ACTION ITEMS THAT WE CAN AS STATIC FORWARD.

SHOULD THE BOARD MOVE FORWARD WITH ADOPTING THE HOUSING STUDY PREPARED BY MMC, WHICH STAFF RECOMMENDS IS DONE, WE AS STAFF CAN BEGIN TO FORMULATE SOME IMPLEMENTATION PLANS AND DETAILED ACTION PLANS FOR VIEWING AT FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS.

THESE WERE SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT WE AS STAFF HAVE PRIORITIZED, BUT WE ARE OPEN TO FEEDBACK AND INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

A FIRST ITEM HERE WOULD BE THE - TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN OAK PARK'S BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

STAFF WOULD STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING MULTIFAMILY AND WITHIN OUR BUSINESS DISTRICTS THAT'S A SPECIAL USE PROCESS AND THIS WOULD ACHIEVE SOME OF THE BOARD'S GOALS OF COMMUNITY AFFORDABILITY AND REMOVING BARRIERS, SUPPORTING - - ENTRANCE POINTS AND THE LIKE, AND AGAIN, THIS WAS MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW PRIOR TO THIS EVENING AND THEN TAKING THE STREET FROM THE BOARD.

DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT TRUSTEE?

MOVING ON.

MOVING ON WE HAVE GOT OUR SECOND RECOMMENDATION, WHICH IS TO REASSESS OR CONTINUE TO REASSESS OUR OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN RESTRICTIONS AND HIGH FEES.

AS WE ARE AWARE THERE CAN BE SOME EQUITY CHALLENGES THERE.

SO WE AS STAFF WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE CHALLENGES AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO PROGRESS THESE INITIATIVES FORWARD.

AND LASTLY IT WOULD BE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CATALYZING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THROUGH A TIERED APPROACH TO OUR INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE OR IF IT IS STRONGER INCENTIVES, AND AGAIN, I WILL NOT READ TO EVERYTHING ON THE SCREEN, BUT THESE ARE SOME

OF THE BOARD GOALS THAT WE FEEL WOULD BE ADVANCED BY STAFF TAKING THOSE ACTIONS.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I THINK THAT CONCLUDES THIS STAFF PRESENTATION AND THE PRESENTATION FROM THE CAUCUS.
WE WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD.
NOW WE ARE OPEN FOR BOARD DISCUSSION, ASKING FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO RESPOND, REACT OR SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE REPORT AS PROVIDED.
TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I HAVE A FEW INITIALLY CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE - I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS BETTER FOR STAFF WITH THE MAYOR'S CAUCUS ABOUT SOME OF THE ANALYSIS THAT WAS DONE IN THE REPORT. I WILL THROW THEM OUT THERE AND YOU GUYS DECIDE WHO IS BETTER TO RESPOND.

SO THE FIRST QUESTION I HAVE IS THERE WAS A COMMENT ON THE OUTSET EARLY ON IN THE PRESENTATION ABOUT INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND I'M CURIOUS WHETHER YOU ARE UTILIZING THAT AS THE TERM OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR IF YOU ARE SAYING THAT WE SHOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF UNITS THAT ARE PROVIDED AT AFFORDABLE RENTAL PRICE POINTS.

DO YOU SEE THE DISTINCTION THAT I AM MAKING?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A TERM OF ART, AS DETERMINED BY THE FORMULAIC AMI IN OUR ORDINANCE OR ARE YOU SAYING THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING SOMETHING TO MOVE THE NEEDLE ON RENTAL PRICES IN OAK PARK OVERALL GIVEN THAT WE HAVE SUCH A LARGE PERCENTAGE AS REPORTED IN YOUR PRESENTATION OF RENTERS THAT ARE COST BURDEN?

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU, TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
AT THE EXACT DEFINITION OF THAT GOAL, THE TERMINOLOGY IS TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.

IT IS DEFINED THROUGH A MEASUREMENT AS THE NUMBER OF RENTAL OPTIONS THAT ARE AFFORDABLE FOR HOUSEHOLDS EARNING 60% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME.

WE CHOSE THAT ONE BECAUSE IT IS THE MOST COMMON AND WIDELY ACCEPTED DEFINITION OF RENTAL AFFORDABILITY.

SECOND ALIGNMENT IS IT DOES ALIGN WITH THE VILLAGES CURRENT ORDINANCE BECAUSE IT IS ALSO USED BY OTHER, YOU KNOW, AGENCIES THAT THE ILLINOIS HOUSING AUTHORITY.

IT IS ALSO ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO JUST MEASURE PROGRESS THROUGH THE SINGLE METRIC OVER TIME.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY, OKAY.

DID YOU BREAK DOWN YOUR ASSESSMENT OF AFFORDABILITY WITH RESPECT TO RENTAL UNITS BETWEEN COMMERCIALY OWNED BUILDINGS AND OAK PARK HAS A LARGE SUPPLY OF THESE TWO, THREE, FOUR UNIT RENTAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE OFTEN OWNER OCCUPIED AS WELL.

I'M CURIOUS IF YOU IN YOUR ANALYSIS HAD ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN THOSE TWO TYPES OF RENTAL PROPERTIES?

>>SPEAKER: EXCELLENT QUESTION AND I WISH IT WAS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA THAT BREAKS DOWN THAT TYPICAL RENT PRICE BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE BUILDING OR THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP.

UNFORTUNATELY IT IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE TYPICAL RENT THROUGH THE MOM AND POP THROUGH THOSE COMPARED TO LARGER BUILDINGS AND COMPANIES.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: MANAGER JACKSON, INTRUSIVE STAFF CAN BRING THIS BACK TO US, WHETHER THERE'S ANY WAY WE CAN CAPTURE THAT. I THINK AS WE LOOK AT THE SMALLER BUILDINGS THAT HAVE THE TWO, THREE, FOUR UNITS AND TEND TO BE OWNER OCCUPIED, WHETHER WE TRY TO MOVE THE NEEDLE ON RENT PRICES THAT WE ARE UNINTENTIONALLY TREATING A COST BURDEN ON THE OWNER.

AND THEY ARE WANTING TO KEEP THEIR PROPERTY, CLICK THE MORTGAGE. THE THING THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN A COMMERCIALY OWNED, LARGER MULTIUNIT PROPERTY.

I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S SOME WAY THAT WE CAN SORT OF CAPTURE INFORMATION THAT MAKES THAT DISTINCTION, BUT I THINK THERE IS ENOUGH IN OUR RENTAL SUPPLY OF THE LATTER, THE SMALLER UNITS TO MAKE THAT DISTINCTION AS WE TRY TO IMPACT AFFORDABLE RENT.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WE CAN LOOK INTO THAT AND FOLLOW-UP. SOME SORT OF SURVEY TO SOME EXTENT, RIGHT.

>>CRAIG FALOR: MAY BE TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT WE DO HAVE A RENTER REGISTRY, EVERYONE WHO IS RENTING WE HAVE TO DO INSPECTIONS SO WE CAN DO A DEEPER DIVE INTO THE INFORMATION.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY.

THAT IS GREAT.

I'M IN FAVOR OF ADOPTING THE STUDY WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS.

I WILL GO THROUGH THEM BY RECOMMENDATION.

ONLY THREE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, NOT ALL NINE.

SO ONE IS RECOMMENDATION NUMBER FOUR.

ESSENTIALLY WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS WE HAVE TO DOUBLE OUR ANNUAL HOUSING TRUST FUND REVENUE FROM WHERE WE ARE AT CURRENTLY.

CORRECT?

WE JUST APPROVED THE SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE STREAM, BUT YOU ARE SAYING WE ONLY ARE REALLY HALFWAY TO WHERE WE NEED TO BE WITH INCOMING REVENUE FOR THE FUND.

CORRECT?

THAT IS HOW I READ IT.

>>SPEAKER: VERY GOOD CLARIFYING AN IMPORTANT CLARIFYING QUESTION. SO OUR RECOMMENDATION IS NOT THAT THE VILLAGE SET A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT YOU DISPERSED EACH YEAR.

IT IS REALLY FOR THE BOARD TO DECIDE THAT.

400,000, 300,000, 500,000 EACH YEAR.

THAT IS A DECISION BEST MADE BY YOU.

IT REALLY OUR RECOMMENDATION IS TO GO TO THE GOALSETTING PROCESS AND THEN CONSIDER REVENUE OPTIONS AFTERWARDS.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THE THING IS WE ACTUALLY DID THAT AND THAT IS HOW WE WOUND UP AT THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX INCREASE GOING INTO THE FUND, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE STILL REALLY FALLING SHORT FROM BEING ABLE TO HAVE JUST A SUBSTANTIVE IMPACT ON AFFORDABILITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND SO IT SORT OF SEEMED LIKE YOUR ANALYSIS WAS GETTING AT THAT POINT AS WELL.

SO I THINK AS WE HAVE STAFF BRING THIS BACK I WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER REMOVING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY GRANT FUNDING FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

THAT IS THE ONLY PARTNER AGENCY THAT PULLS FROM A SEPARATE FUND OUTSIDE OF THE GENERAL FUND AND SO THAT WOULD BE A WAY WITHOUT DEDICATING ADDITIONAL DOLLARS THAT WOULD BE A WAY TO INCREASE THE BALANCE OF THE FUND NATURALLY BECAUSE THAT GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT COULD COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND, LIKE ALL THE OTHER PARTNER AGENCIES DO.

SO THAT PROVIDES SOME CONSISTENCY WITH THAT AND SECONDLY IS THE RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE - TO REVISE THE PARKING REQUIREMENTS.

THAT RECOMMENDATION SEEMS LIKE IT CAME SOLELY FROM - BASED ON RENTAL UNIT AVAILABILITY, CORRECT?

>>SPEAKER: GREAT QUESTION.

TRUSTEE ROBINSON, ARE YOU REFERRING TO ON-SITE PARKING?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: YES.

THE RECOMMENDATION - IS IT STRICTLY RELATED TO ON-SITE PARKING? THAT YOU WERE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT WE LOOK AT THE OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN, TO.

>>SPEAKER: TWO HALVES OF THAT.

THE FIRST HALF FOCUSING ON THE ON-SITE REQUIREMENTS.

THAT STRATEGY IS NOT EXCLUSIVE TO NEW RENTAL MULTIFAMILY HOUSING.

ONE KEY LESSON FROM COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ALLOWED MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING IS THAT PARKING REQUIREMENTS PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THAT FEASIBILITY OF ADDING A TOWNHOME, ADDING A FOUR-PLEX.

PARKING IS REALLY FOCUSING ON BOTH MULTIFAMILY AND MISSING MIDDLE.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: GOT IT.

GOT IT.

OKAY.

THAT WOULD BE ONE EXCEPTION I WOULD TAKE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU HAVE PRESENTED HERE THIS EVENING.

I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF MAKING AN ADJUSTMENT THROUGH THE OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN, WITH RESPECT TO OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PARKING FOR OUR RENTER POPULATION WE ACTUALLY ALREADY EXPANDED THE MAP AND THE STAFF CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO WAIT LIST FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS.

SO I DO NOT SEE THE NEED TO LIFT ANY OF THOSE RESTRICTIONS GIVEN WE DO NOT HAVE SORT OF AN INCREASED DEMAND THAT WE ARE SEEING FROM OUR RESIDENTS THAT WOULD SUPPORT THAT AND SO I DO ALSO LIKE THE ABILITY TO GRANT PARKING VARIANCES AND USE THAT TO ENCOURAGE THE KIND OF DEVELOPMENT THAT WE WANT TO SEE.

I WOULD TAKE EXCEPTION TO THAT RECOMMENDATION FOR THOSE TWO REASONS. AND THEN THE LAST RECOMMENDATION IS THE IZO UPDATES AND I FULLY SUPPORT TAKING A LOOK AT THE IZO AND CONSIDER ADJUSTING THE FEE IN LIEU AND I THINK THE MAP SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE EXPANDED.

I THINK THE QUESTION BECOMES HOW AND HOW MUCH DO WE EXPAND IT?

DO WE GET RID OF THE MAP ALTOGETHER AND SAY OAK PARK IS THE MAP OR DO WE - RIGHT?

THAT IS CERTAINLY ONE POSSIBILITY AND I THINK - RIGHT.

THAT'S A SIMPLE WAY OF DOING IT, BUT AGAIN, BUT I WANT SOME STAFF ANALYSIS ON THAT IF WE COULD GET THAT.

I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH THE HOMEOWNERSHIP FOCUS.

I CANNOT SAY THAT ENOUGH.

I HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR A WHILE AND PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST ROUND OF HOUSING TRUST FUND APPLICATIONS TO FOCUS ON HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS AND SO, YOU KNOW, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WITH RESPECT TO THAT IS TO SORT OF RESTRUCTURE OUR PARTNER AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS AND LOOK FOR PARTNERS THAT CAN PRIORITIZE HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT WE HAVE BOTH AN EFFICIENCY IMPACT AND ACTUALLY A SUBSTANTIVE IMPACT ON CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP PATHWAYS.

NOT TO SAY THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE LOOKING AT AFFORDABLE - AFFORDABILITY IN THE RENTAL SPACE, BUT I THINK THERE IS SOME FLUIDITY BETWEEN THE RENTAL SPACE AND THE HOMEOWNERSHIP SPACE THAT WE ARE NOT REALLY ACKNOWLEDGING AND I THINK THAT RENTERS SOMETIMES WANT TO BE HOMEOWNERS.

I THINK GIVEN THAT WE DO NOT REALLY HAVE SORT OF A NICE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE TWO, THERE IS A GAP THERE THAT IS UNINTENTIONALLY BEING CREATED. THE OTHER THING IS THE LACK OF RENTAL STOCK THAT IS SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES.

YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A LOT OF STUDIO, ONE BEDROOM, TWO BEDROOM RENTAL UNITS, BUT THAT REALLY DOES NOT PARLAY FOR A FAMILY THAT NEEDS MORE THAN TWO BEDROOMS.

AND SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO REALLY FOCUS ON THAT HOMEOWNERSHIP PIECE AND I WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT AS PART OF YOUR ANALYSIS OVERALL.

MANAGER JACKSON, I HAVE LOTS OF HOMEOWNERSHIP IDEAS, BUT I KNOW STAFF IS GOING TO COME BACK WITH SOME SPECIFICS, BUT SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE NOT REALLY TALKED ABOUT IS PARTNERING WITH LENDERS THAT OFFER MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE OR MORTGAGE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE MORE FLEXIBLE CRITERIA FOR EXAMPLE.

SO I THINK IF WE COULD EXPAND WHAT OUR PARTNERS LOOK LIKE, I THINK THAT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: DEFINITELY AND ON THAT SPECIFIC POINT WE'VE HAD SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CAUCUS AS WE ARE DEVELOPING THIS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING SPECIFIC CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THINGS WE CAN DO AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH BANKS, LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO ADDRESS HOMEOWNERSHIP.

>> ABSOLUTELY AND I ASKED THAT THAT COME BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE STUDY WAS DELAYED AND I KNOW IT WAS NOT ANYBODY'S FAULT, BUT I THINK WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS A LOT AND I WANT TO SEE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN GET SOME REAL ACTIONABLE POINTS ON THESE THINGS, PARTICULARLY THE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I TALKED ABOUT, NOT THE PARKING ONE, BUT THE IZO AND ADJUSTING THE HOUSING TRUST FUND BUDGET TO NO LONGER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OAK PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY FUNDING.

OKAY.

I AM GOING TO END HERE.

WITH RESPECT TO HOUSING PROGRAMS AND PARTNERS I REALLY WANT TO PRIORITIZE THOSE THAT INCLUDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR LANGUAGE ACCESS. SO THE CONVERSE IS ALSO TRUE.

I WILL NO LONGER SUPPORT HOUSING PROGRAMS OR PARTNERS THAT DO NOT HAVE LANGUAGE ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS AND THIS WAS TOUCHED ON A LITTLE BIT IN ONE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS.

THE TRUTH IS THAT LANGUAGE ACCESS HAS TO BE A PART OF OUR DIVERSITY FRAMEWORK AND I THINK WE ARE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION I THINK TO A LARGE EXTENT WE ARE TAKING REALLY IMPORTANT STEPS IN THAT EFFORT, BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO BE MORE DELIBERATE ABOUT THAT AND I WANT TO SEE US BE SUPER DELIBERATE ABOUT IT IN THE REALM OF HOUSING.

THE LATINO POPULATION NATIONWIDE IS GROWING AT RECORD PROPORTIONS. WE BOUGHT HER A U.S. CITY WITH THE THIRD LARGEST LATINO POPULATION AND LATINOS ARE THE LARGEST ETHNIC GROUP IN CHICAGO.

AS A COMMUNITY OAK PARK HAS SEEN RECORD GROWTH FROM THIS ETHNIC GROUP. OUR DEPARTMENTS LAST PLAN SHOWS A DOUBLED INCREASE.

IT HAS INCREASED BY TWO FROM THE PREVIOUS MMC AND NO OTHER ETHNIC GROUP HAS HAD THE GROWTH IN THAT THIS COMMUNITY AND THEY THINK IT IS TIME FOR OAK PARK TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE, PRESENCE, AND THE NEEDS OF OUR LATIN POPULATION AND AS A POLICYMAKER MY VOTES WILL REFLECT THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSIDERING

DIVERSITY FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE FROM THE LANGUAGE ACCESS PERSPECTIVE AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I HAVE ONE OR TWO QUESTIONS FOR LUCIA AND WE WILL GO TO TRUSTEE BUCHANAN FOR CLARIFICATION SO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CAN ALSO RESPOND TO WHAT YOU HEAR FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES AS WE GO AND BE EFFICIENT WITH OUR DISCUSSION THIS EVENING.

SO YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO NOT - TO TAKE THE FUNDING THAT IS PROVIDED TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND TAKE THAT FROM OUR GENERAL FUND, RATHER THAN THROUGH THE HOUSING FUND, IS THAT TO BE CONSISTENT IN THAT WHERE WE PULL MONEY FOR GRINS, CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT?

IT STARTS TO DEFINE WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE THE USE OF THE HOUSING FUND BE BECAUSE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS MAY VERY WELL BE STRUCTURED IN A SIMILAR WAY OR POTENTIALLY WITH THOSE SAME PARTNERS. AND IN A GRANT FORMAT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: NOT SO MUCH THE GRANTS THEMSELVES, BUT OUR FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND JUST OUTSIDE OF THE WHOLE HOUSING TRUST FUND GRANT PROCESS AND THAT IS REALLY WHAT I'M REFERRING TO.

IF THAT PARTNER AGENCY WANTS TO SEPARATELY APPLY FOR A MINI GRANT, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU ARE BASICALLY SAYING RATHER THAN IT BEING AN AUTOMATIC FUNDING RELATIONSHIP, YOU WANT IT TO ACTUALLY BE A GRANT PROCESS THAT LIKE OUR OTHER PARTNER AGENCIES HAVE TO GO THROUGH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: RIGHT.

WEIGHT CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE OTHER PARTNER AGENCIES TO PULL THEIR FUNDING THE ANNUAL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE WITH THEM FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

NOW IF THE FLIPSIDE WERE TRUE AND IF THE AGENCY WANTED TO SOLELY PROVIDE PROGRAMS THAT ARE 100% IN LINE WITH THE HOUSING TRUST FUND ORDINANCE THAN I COULD SEE US SOLELY FUNDING THAT GRANT WITH THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, BUT RIGHT NOW THAT IS REALLY NOT WHAT IS HAPPENING.

WE ARE NOT REQUIRING THAT PARTNER AGENCY TO FALL IN LINE WITH WHAT OUR INITIATIVES ARE UNDER THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

WE'RE SAYING WE ARE GOING TO FUND YOU FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND CONTINUE TO FUND YOU AT YOUR STANDARD GRANT AMOUNT AND THERE IS NO

OTHER SORT OF SEPARATE REQUIREMENT TO SAY YOUR PROGRAMS MUST BE IN LINE WITH THE HOUSING TRUST FUND APPLICATIONS AND MINI GRANT PROGRAM. IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

SO IF THE CONVERSATION WERE HAD WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: ABSOLUTELY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GO FOR IT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I THINK THAT IS A GREAT POINT AND MY ANSWER WOULD BE YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO YOU JUST THEN WANT TO HAVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF HAVE FUNDING FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND BE VERY STRICTLY SIMILAR?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: RIGHT.

RIGHT.

OR WE FUND IT FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE, WHICH I THINK ARE GREAT PROGRAMS. I DO NOT WANT TO SORT OF PUSH THEM TO PROGRAMMING THAT IS DIFFICULT OR PROBLEMATIC FOR THEM OR JUST NOT IN LINE WITH THEIR MISSION, BUT IT IS A WAY TO INCREASE THE BALANCE OF THE HOUSING TRUST FUND WITHOUT FUNNELING A ADDITIONAL SOURCE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I THINK IT IS LIKE \$40,000.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I KNOW.

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I OPEN IT UP TO DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

TRUSTEE BUCHANAN WAS NEXT AND THEN I THINK MAYBE TO THIS SIDE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS, CONFERENCE, CAUCUS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS THOROUGH EVALUATION.

IT WAS JUST REALLY A PLEASURE AND IT WAS EXCITING TO READ AND I KNOW THERE ARE RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK THAT GRIPE ABOUT OUR USE OF CONSULTANTS, BUT THIS IS WHAT WE GET WHEN WE USE CONSULTANTS.

WE GET FANTASTIC EXPERTISE AND I DO APPRECIATE THAT.

I WANTED TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION ON SIMILAR TO TRUSTEE ROBINSON ON THIS ISSUE OF THE DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE BECAUSE TELL ME IF I'M

UNDERSTANDING THIS CORRECTLY, THE STATE OF ILLINOIS REQUIRES A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MUNICIPALITIES AND OAK PARK MEETS THAT EASILY.

WE EXCEED IT.

WE ACTUALLY DO BETTER THAN MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF AFFORDABLE GIVEN THE TECHNICAL DEFINITION THAT WE HAVE BEEN USING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

NOW THIS WHOLE REPORT IS PREMISED OR IMPLIES THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH I'M JUST WONDERING IF YOU CAN ADDRESS THOSE TWO OPPOSING CONCEPTS?

>>SPEAKER: THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION TRUSTEE BUCHANAN. THE RATIONALE BEHIND THAT BEING IDENTIFIED AS A CHALLENGE AND THE GOAL WAS PRIMARILY THE INPUT THAT WE RECEIVED THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. SO ONE PIECE OF DETAIL THAT I DID NOT SAY IN THE PRESENTATION, THE CHALLENGE OF RENTAL AFFORDABILITY IS BY FAR THE TOP THEME THAT WE HEARD THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTPUT.

IT DOUBLED THE FREQUENCY OF EVERY OTHER TOPIC.

BOTH SEEM TO BE TRUE.

ONE THAT OAK PARK IS OUTPERFORMING MANY OF YOUR PEERS IN TERMS OF THE PERCENTAGE OF HOUSING THAT IS AFFORDABLE, AT THE SAME TIME WHAT WE HEARD, ALMOST CONSTANTLY FROM RESIDENTS IS A DESIRE TO CONTINUE THAT AND EXPAND ON THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THAT IS VERY HELPFUL.

THE OTHER THING I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD ADDRESS IS THIS ASSUMPTION THAT I HAVE HEARD THAT THE WAY TO APPROACH THE OVERALL HOUSING SHORTAGE IN THE U.S. IS BUILD MORE UNITS.

BUILD MORE UNITS, BUILD MORE UNITS, REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF UNIT OR THE PRICE OF THE UNIT.

DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT STATEMENT THAT BUILDING THE HIGH-RISES, THE LUXURY HIGH-RISES DOWNTOWN OAK PARK DOES HELP RELIEVE THE PRESSURE? CLEARLY IT IS NOT WORKING BECAUSE HE STATED RENT IS GOING UP ANYWAY, BUT IN GENERAL IS THAT A TENANT THAT IS CORRECT OR TRUE?

>>SPEAKER: I THINK THAT IS A QUESTION THAT WOULD REQUIRE A WHOLE PRESENTATION IN ITSELF.

THERE ARE VERY GOOD ARGUMENTS FOR A VERY SIMPLE SUPPLY AND DEMAND IDEA THAT YOU JUST SHARED TRUSTEE BUCHANAN, BUT IT IS DIFFERENT WHEN YOU

ARE TALKING ABOUT A COMMUNITY OF A 50 OR 60,000 COMPARED TO THE ENTIRE REGION.

I THINK A SHORT ANSWER IS SORT OF YES/AND THE INCREASE IN SUPPLY OVERALL IS HELPFUL JUST BECAUSE THEN YOU HAVE LESS COMPETITION FOR WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE, BUT THEN INCREASING SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIFICALLY IS HELPFUL.

IT IS REALLY NOT AN EITHER/OR, BUDDY BOTH.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: PACKETS TO THIS DEFINITION OF AFFORDABILITY BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONCEPTS THAT WE ARE USING.

ONE IS SUBSIDIZED HOUSING THAT MIGHT BE LUXURY UNITS LIKE WITH THE IHO WHERE IT IS STILL IN A FANCY BUILDING, BUT IT DOES NOT COST AS MUCH TO LIVE THERE VERSUS THIS MIDDLE, THIS MIDDLE AREA OR WAY OF INCREASING HOUSING BY BUILDING SMALLER UNITS SO PEOPLE JUST LIVE IN A CHEAPER/SMALLER UNITS.

THOSE ARE TWO SEPARATE CONCEPTS, CORRECT?

IN THIS REPORT IS KIND OF ADDRESSING AND INCLUDES ALL OF THOSE IN YOUR DEFINITION OF HELPING OAK PARK INCREASE ITS AFFORDABILITY?

>>SPEAKER: THOSE ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT STRATEGIES OF ARRIVING AT THE SAME END OF AN AFFORDABLE MONTHLY RENTAL PRICE.

OUR REPORT IS NOT SAYING THAT ONE HAS TO BE BETTER THAN THE OTHER IF THAT IS WHAT THE QUESTION IS.

I THINK THERE ARE GREAT EXAMPLES HERE WITHIN OAK PARK OF BOTH STRATEGIES WORKING.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: IT HELPS TO HEAR YOU SEE THEY ARE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES AND BOTH CAN HELP.

THEY ARE POSITIVE.

ANOTHER QUESTION IS AM INTERESTED IN THIS ISSUE OF CHANGING THE ZONING TO CREATE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE MIDDLE AND IF WE DID ZONING CHANGES AND TO ALLOW THESE DUPLEXES OR THESE COURTYARD BUILDINGS OR FOUR UNIT BUILDINGS, DO YOU THINK ON A RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY STREET, WOULD DEVELOPERS COME IN AND BUILD THOSE OR IS IT MORE ATTRACTIVE RIGHT NOW FOR THEM TO BUILD THESE LITTLE MINI MANSIONS THAT THEY'RE BUILDING? ARE YOU JUST ASSUMING THAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE CHANGE THE ZONING?

>>SPEAKER: ALSO A GREAT QUESTION.

PART OF THE REASON WE SUGGESTED A TASK FORCE AS YOU COULD ASK THAT TO SMALL-SCALE SINGLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS DIRECTLY BECAUSE A LOT OF IT DEPENDS ON THE SITE.

IT IS HARD TO ANSWER THAT IN A BROAD SENSE.

I THINK ONE TAKE AWAY FROM COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE TAKEN THIS ZONING APPROACH IS THAT DEVELOPMENT CAN BE PRETTY INCREMENTAL.

THERE ARE A FEW.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I HEARD YOU SAY, UNTIL EARLIER. OUR EVENING IT DID NOT WORK VERY WELL BECAUSE IT WAS SLOW?

>>SPEAKER: THERE IS ONE TABLE IN THE REPORT THAT SPEAKS TO PORTLAND AND PORTLAND IS A VERY DIFFERENT COMMUNITY THAN OAK PARK IN MANY WAYS, BUT IT'S ONE OF THE FEW COMMUNITIES THAT DOES HAVE A WHOLE YEAR WORTH OF OUTCOMES AND BY INCREMENTAL, WHAT THEY SAW WAS REDEVELOPMENT HAPPENED AT THE PACE THAT THE HOMEOWNER WANTED TO SELL THEIR HOME.

IT CAME AT THAT PACE OF THE DECISIONS FROM HOMEOWNERS.

THE BEST ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS IT VARIES BASED ON THINGS LIKE THE INTEREST RATES THAT DEVELOPERS ARE WORKING WITH AND THE LOT SIZES THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT IN THE VALUE OF THE EXISTING LOT SIZE THEY ARE LOOKING AT WHAT THEY COULD GET FROM CREATING FOUR-PLEX'S AND WHAT THEY COULD GET FROM CREATING DUPLEXES.

IT REALLY VARIES ON ALL OF THE FACTORS.

AS FAR AS PACE GOES.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: THANKS.

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR STAFF AND THAT I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS AND I WILL BE QUITE.

WONDERING HOW YOU CHOSE THOSE THREE OUT OF THE NINE BECAUSE I DEARLY LOVE ALL NINE.

SO HOW DID YOU LAND ON THREE?

>>CRAIG FALOR: ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE END?

I WILL LET BRANDON ANSWER THAT.

HE PREPARED THAT FOR YOU.

>>SPEAKER: STAFF WANTED TO PRIORITIZE BASED ON HOW FAR-REACHING WE THOUGHT THAT THOSE INITIATIVES COULD BE.

SO WE WERE REALLY LOOKING FOR THINGS THAT WE COULD THEORETICALLY START TOMORROW THAT WOULD HAVE A HIGH IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO DELIVER ON HOUSING GOALS.

THAT WAS THE RATIONALE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I WOULD LOVE DEPENDING ON OUR DISCUSSION HERE, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A TIMELINE THEY PLAN FOR ALL NINE OF THEM AS FOR OUR NEXT MEETING ON THIS.

I WILL SEE WHAT MY COLLEAGUES SAY.

SO I JUST THINK A FEW COMMENTS I WANTED TO MAKE WAS IT SOUNDED LIKE THERE WAS A BIT OF PUSHBACK ON THE CLIMATE GOALS FOR HOUSING THAT THE HOMEOWNERS OR MULTI-BUILDING UNIT OWNERS WERE HOPING THEY COULD GET SOME ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PATHWAYS FOR AFFORDABILITY AND I WAS - I'M HOPING THAT WE COULD CREATE - WE HAVE THESE ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT GRANTS THERE IS A TON OF FEDERAL MONEY AND A TON OF STATE MONEY SO PERSONALLY I WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE IN FAVOR OF ALTERNATIVE CLIENTS - COMPLIANCE PATHWAYS, BUT FINDING WAYS TO MAKE IT AFFORDABLE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THESE RETROFITS ARE GOING TO BE EXPENSIVE FOR ALL OF US AND CERTAINLY THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHOULD GET EXTRA ATTENTION AND NOW THAT THERE IS A LOT OF FEDERAL MONEY IT SEEMS LIKE WE COULD TAP INTO THAT.

I THINK I HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THAT I DO SUPPORT ALL OF THESE.

THERE IS NOTHING HERE THAT I DISAGREE WITH.

SO I REALLY LOVE THIS.

I, UNLIKE TRUSTEE ROBINSON I AM READY TO DISCUSS GETTING RID OF THE OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN.

I THINK IT'S A HUGE EQUITY ISSUE ANYTHING TRUSTEE WESLEY HAS MENTIONED THAT BEFORE SO THERE MIGHT BE MOTIVATION TO DO THAT FROM THIS PARTICULAR BOARD.

THEN MY LAST COMMENT, LET ME SEE IF I HAVE EVERYTHING.

JUST TO THE PUBLIC AND TO POINT OUT THAT AS ELECTED OFFICIALS WE EXPERIENCE A LAW OF PUSHBACK AGAINST DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION. HUGE PUSHBACK.

WE HAVE A HUGE HISTORY OF THAT.

THERE'S A BIG CONTENTION OAK PARK OF PEOPLE WHO WANT IT TO STAY THE SAME AND THAT MEANS SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING AND NO HIGH-RISES.

THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN SUED BECAUSE OF DEVELOPMENT.

I'VE BEEN TOLD IF THIS BUILDING GOES UP IT WILL RUIN MY LIFE.

WE HAVE HAD MULTIPLE YARD SIGN CAMPAIGNS AGAINST DENSITY IN DIFFERENT AREAS.

A POLITICAL PARTY WAS FORMED AND RAN A CANDIDATE AGAINST DEVELOPMENT. SO JUST TO EXPRESS THE AMOUNT OF PUSHBACK THERE IS ON THIS.

IT IS BIG, IT IS REAL AND IT DETERMINES WHETHER SOME PEOPLE END UP ON THIS BOARD OR NOT AND I DON'T THINK WE CAN IGNORE THAT, BUT I MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC IS, IN MY OPINION YOU CANNOT SAY YOU CARE ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THEN PROTEST AGAINST DENSITY.

IT JUST DOES NOT WORK.

SO WE EITHER CARE ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUPPORT DENSITY IN OUR VILLAGE, WHICH MEANS OUR VILLAGE WILL CHANGE.

IT WILL BE MORE DENSE AND HAVE MORE PEOPLE IN IT.

THERE WOULD BE MORE PEOPLE STUFFED IN OUR 4 MI.².

THAT IS THE FACT OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING - THAT IS THE RESULT OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH HERE TONIGHT.

I THINK THAT IS THE END OF MY COMMENTS.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

IT REALLY QUICKLY, JUST RESPONDING TO SUSAN ON ONE OR TWO THINGS. PUSHBACK IN DEVELOPMENT IS NOT UNIQUE TO OAK PARK. JUST SAYING.

AND THE CELL IN YOUR REPORT IT IS NOTED THAT SOMEPLACE I REMEMBER READING IT THAT THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE UNITS THAT WE HAVE, NOT EVERYONE LIVING IN THEM IS RENT BURDENED.

SO THERE ARE SOME STRATEGIES LIKE 801 S. OAK PARK AVENUE WHERE WE HAVE MORE CONTROL OVER THAT OR A VOUCHER SYSTEM WITH HOUSING AUTHORITY AND POTENTIALLY OUR OWN, BUT JUST INCREASING THE STOCK ALONE DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE TOWN HALLS WHERE PEOPLE SAY WE HAVE ENOUGH.

SO JUST WHEN WE CONSIDER OUR STRATEGIES TO UNDERSTAND AND REFLECT ON THAT.

AND SO THEN TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU SO MUCH TO METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A GREAT PRESENTATION.

I THINK FOR ME PERSONALLY SEEING A LOT OF THIS HELPED TO REAFFIRM A LOT OF THINGS WHEN WE WERE CAMPAIGNING THAT WE SAW IN OUR COMMUNITY

THEY LOT OF FEEDBACK THAT WE GOT DURING A LOT OF ONE-ON-ONE'S AND 14 FORUMS.

I THINK WE GOT A LOT OF THIS INFORMATION AND IT IS REASSURING TO HEAR THAT THERE IS PATHWAYS FORWARD LIKE OTHER MEMBERS HERE HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS.

MY PARENTS ARE AGING IN OAK PARK AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO AGE IN OAK PARK AND AFFORDABILITY IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK CRIPPLES A LOT OF OAK PARKERS TO THE POINT WHERE YOU SEE PEOPLE - I WILL RUN INTO PEOPLE AT FOREST PARK IT WERE LIKE I JUST COULD NOT AFFORD IT ANYMORE AND WE WANT TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE ADAPT THIS STOCK HAS HOUSING STOCK TO TRULY ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE THEY THINK SEEING A LOT OF THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS THAT WERE ON HERE, THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS, ALL NINE OF THEM POSE A LOT OF ANSWERS AND WHAT WE PERCEIVED TO BE ANSWERS MOVING FORWARD SO I APPRECIATE THAT AND I THINK THE IN LIEU OF FEE IS SOMETHING WE ALL TALK ABOUT IS SOMETHING WE COULD REALLY START TO PUSH HARDER AND I THINK YOU WERE SAYING BEFORE ABOUT CREATING A RELATIONSHIP WITH DEVELOPERS AND FIGURING OUT, OKAY, HOW CAN WE MAKE THIS MORE AFFORDABLE AND HOW CAN WE MAKE THIS PROJECT DOABLE.

NO ONE IS EXCEPTION, VAN BUREN, THESE ARE EXCEPTIONS WHERE THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS THAT HELP TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE SO I AM VERY LOOKING - VERY MUCH SO LOOKING FORWARD TO HOW WE GET TO THOSE POINTS SEEING THE MIDDLE HOUSING IS A BIG PORTION THERE AS WELL.

SENIORS OR WHAT?

THE ONLY GROWING SUBSTANTIAL GROWING DEMOGRAPHIC THAT WE SAW SIX OR 7% GROWTH AS OPPOSED TO BLACKS HAVE GONE DOWN ALMOST 10% IN THAT SAME TIME PERIOD.

HOW DO WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE AND I THINK WE ARE ALL SAYING, IT WILL BE IF WE PUT A LITTLE BIT MORE EMPHASIS ON THE 20% IN EACH OF THESE BUILDINGS.

PUTTING AFFORDABILITY AS AN ACTUAL THOUGHT, NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT AND I THINK BEFORE WE WERE SEEING THIS AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT.

LIKE OKAY, WE HAVE A DEVELOPER AND THEY WANT TO BUILD SOMETHING HERE, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GIVE US \$100,000 FOR EACH OF THESE UNITS AND WE KIND OF WERE OKAY WITH IT SO I THINK NOW UNDERSTANDING HOW THIS REALLY PLAYS OUT WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR FUND.

IF WE REALLY ASK FOR A LITTLE BIT MORE AND FIND DEVELOPERS THAT ARE INTENTIONAL AND LOOK TO SEE, HOW DO WE GET TO THAT MISSING MIDDLE?

ARE THEY WILLING TO BUILD OTHER UNITS IF WE OPEN UP ZONING I THINK THAT IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US SO I THINK A LOT OF THIS REALLY DEPENDS ON HOW INTENTIONAL WE WANT TO BE IN THE LONG TERM BECAUSE I THINK WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME MINDSET THAT WE WANT TO SEE HOUSING THAT BECOMES MORE AFFORDABLE, NOT JUST FOR THE PERSON WHO GOT A REALLY AWESOME JOB BECAUSE WE CAN SEE BY THE NUMBERS THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS ADDING UP TO THE 60% PAY CHECK.

I KNOW WHEN I STARTED HERE I LIVED IN AN APARTMENT THEY GOT SO DAUNTING AS THE RENT KEPT GETTING HIGHER AND HIGHER ISSUE THAT WE MAY AS WELL BUY A HOUSE AND THAT IS WHAT WE DID BECAUSE WE WERE GETTING TO THAT POINT WHERE WE COULD NOT FIND AFFORDABILITY ANYMORE IN THE RENT. SO I THINK THAT IS A REAL THING THAT WE ARE SEEING WITH OAK PARKERS THAT MIGHT NOT ALWAYS MAKE THE SCALE AND I THINK THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WE LIVE IN A PLACE THAT HAS THE MOST AMOUNT OF MASTERS DEGREES PER CAPITA.

SO WE DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND THIS, BUT NOW WE CAN SEE THE NUMBERS AND SAY, OKAY, THIS IS HOW WE GAUGE THIS.

I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT WENT BEHIND THIS AND OUR STAFF AS WELL TO ASKING THE TOUGH QUESTIONS OF RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW MANY RENTERS THAT DO NOT WANT TO BE HOMEOWNERS. WHETHER THAT'S A TRADITIONAL HOUSE OR WHETHER THAT IS A CONDO, A TOWNHOME.

MOST PEOPLE WANT TO OWN SOMETHING BECAUSE IT IS A SENSE OF OWNERSHIP AND YOU FEEL PROUD OF THEIR OWNERSHIP.

I THINK YOU HAVE GIVEN US A REALLY GOOD PATHWAY TO LOOKING AT THIS AND BEING ABLE TO NOW MAKE THE ACTION.

THANK YOU ALL AND THANK YOU SO MUCH TO DIVERSITY OAK PARK FOR BRINGING MORE ATTENTION TO THIS BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T THEY CAN GET LEFT ON THE BACK BURNER AND I'M SO HAPPY THAT WE DID.

SO THANK YOU.

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

SO AMICABLE TONIGHT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I HAVE ENJOYED THE PROCESS OF WORKING WITH YOU, ALL THE CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD AND I ENJOYED READING THE RESULTS.

OF COURSE I READ IT AS IS SOMEBODY WHO THINKS THAT DIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT AND AFFORDABILITY IS IMPORTANT FOR DIVERSITY SO

THAT CORRELATION IS CLEAR, BUT I ALSO READ THIS REPORT AS SOMEONE WHO IS A LITTLE BIT OF A SKEPTIC OF HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND HOW WE CAN ACHIEVE THAT IN THE CONTEXT IF EVERYTHING THAT WE DO AT THE BOARD TABLE AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY IS TO TRY TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY MORE DESIRABLE AND IN THAT CONTEXT HOW DO YOU MANAGE PRICES FROM AN AFFORDABILITY PERSPECTIVE, ESPECIALLY HOME PRICES SO THAT WE KEEP THAT AFFORDABLE.

SO THAT IS THE MENTION THAT I HAVE HAD WITHIN ME THAT I HAVE BEEN GRAPPLING WITH.

SO HAVING SAID THAT I THINK THIS REPORT IS GIVEN ME A LOT TO CHEW ON I THINK THERE ARE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THAT THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED.

I THINK WHAT I LIKE IS THE THOUGHTFUL DENSITY RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU HAVE AROUND THE MULTIFAMILY HOMES FOCUSED AROUND BUSINESS DISTRICTS. THAT KIND OF AN APPROACH DOES MAKE A LOT OF SENSE AND I THINK IT WILL BRIDGE SOME OF THE MISSING MIDDLE AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THAT IT WILL ALSO HELP US LEARN A LOT MORE AS WE THINK ABOUT BROADENING THAT.

THERE IS THE TENSION BETWEEN SUSTAINABILITY, AFFORDABILITY AND EQUITY THAT I SEE IN THE REPORT, WHICH IS GOING TO BE A TRICKY ONE AND I THINK ALL OF THEM HAVE FUTURE IMPLICATIONS, BUT I THINK SUSTAINABILITY HAS TO BE PRIORITIZED TO SOME EXTENT BECAUSE LOOKING AT OUR LONG-TERM GOALS IN SUSTAINABILITY WE ARE LOOKING AT GETTING TO NET ZERO BY 2050 AND FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS IT HAS GENERATIONAL IMPACT INTO THE FUTURE.

HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT COMPROMISING ON THAT?

HOW DO WE CLEAR THAT?

MY REQUEST TO STAFF WOULD BE THAT BALANCE, THAT TENSION, A WAY TO MANAGE THAT, WHATEVER COMES BACK WOULD BE GOOD TO UNDERSTAND THAT IN MORE DETAIL BEFORE WE MAKE ANY DECISIONS.

THE OTHER TENSION I SEE IS AROUND HOMEOWNERSHIP VERSUS RENTAL AND THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE DOLLARS THAT WE HAVE AND ITS EFFICIENCY AND USE AGAINST THAT.

SO THAT IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING TO POINT BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE OUR DEPLOYMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS SO FAR HAS BEEN ON THE HIGHER EFFICIENCY ASPECTS OF BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS ON THE RENTAL SIDE OF THINGS.

SO AGAIN, ON THE HOMEOWNERSHIP SIDE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WITH THE GIVE AND TAKE AROUND THAT IS IN TERMS OF THE METRICS OF - LET'S SAY WE HAVE

\$100,000, HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN A RENTAL SIDE, HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN WE SUPPORT?

HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN WE BRING INTO THIS COMMUNITY CREATE A PATH FOR THEM?

THE SAME \$100,000 IF YOU TRANSLATE THAT TO HOMEOWNERSHIP OR ASSISTANCE, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IS THAT 100 BECOME TWO PEOPLE OR 10 PEOPLE?

WHAT IS THE RATIO IN TERMS OF EFFICIENCY THAT WE CAN DERIVE SO THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER PIECE THAT I'M LOOKING TO FIND IT DETAILS AROUND WHEN WE DO THE ANALYSIS AND THEN BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON, THE OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN, I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT I HAVE HEARD A WHOLE LOT OF, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS REALLY NEEDED.

I AM ACTUALLY IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE BAN BASED ON WHAT IS AVAILABLE AT THIS POINT UNLESS THERE IS COMPELLING METRIC ON THE CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY WHERE IT IS NEEDED, WHERE THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING TOO RESTRICTIVE SO I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND THAT MORE BEFORE WE MAKE ANY DECISIONS IN THE INCLUSIONARY ZONING ORDINANCE, AND WILLING TO LOOK AT WHAT COMES BACK.

MY UNDERSTANDING AROUND THAT AS MORE INFORMATION COMES AND I'M HAPPY TO LOOK AT WHAT OTHER ALTERNATIVES ARE GOING TO BE AND HOW IT PLAYS OUT, WHAT METRICS OR LENSES WE NEED TO APPLY TO LOOK AT THAT OR EVALUATE THAT.

HAPPY TO CONSIDER.

THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS I HAD.

YEP.

THAT IS IT.

THANKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: ARE BROADLY SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AS A WHOLE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SEVERAL OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SPECIFICALLY CALL FOR FLESHING OUT WITH ADDITIONAL DETAIL FOR FURTHER STUDY WAS STAFF AND WITH THE BOARD.

ONE OF THE THINGS I APPRECIATE MOST ABOUT THIS REPORT IS HOW IT REFLECTS THE COMPLEX AND INTERRELATED NATURE OF SO MANY OF THESE POLICY AREAS BECAUSE WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ADDITIONAL MULTIFAMILY UNITS AND OAK PARK BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ADDRESSING THE MISSING MIDDLE, THAT NECESSARILY IMPLICATES MINIMUM

PARKING ON THOSE LOTS BECAUSE WITH LOT SIZES AND OAK PARK, WHEN YOU HAVE TWO PARKING SPACES THAT IS ENOUGH TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL UNIT. THAT SQUARE FOOTAGE.

WHEN WE ARE REQUIRING MANDATORY MINIMUM PARKING ON-SITE IT REDUCES THE NUMBER OF UNITS WE ARE NECESSARILY GOING TO DEVELOP.

SO THAT PLAYS INTO THE NEED TO ADDRESS AND EXAMINE THE OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN BECAUSE WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THE MISSING MIDDLE ISSUE, REDUCING MANDATORY MINIMUM PARKING IN OUR ZONING WILL INCREASE THE ABILITY TO DEVELOP THESE UNITS, BUT IT IS GOING TO PUT PRESSURE ON PARKING, WHICH CAN ONLY BE ACCOMMODATED WITH ADDRESSING OVERNIGHT PARKING.

THESE ARE ALL POLICY INITIATIVES THAT WE DO HAVE TO MOVE IT FORWARD AND ADDRESS IN A COORDINATED MANNER BECAUSE ALL OF THESE THINGS HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF INTERPLAY SO I DO THINK THAT THIS REPORT DOES A GOOD JOB REFLECTING THAT.

I URGE EVERYONE WATCHING ON TV, IT IS A GOOD 100 PAGE REPORT AND YOU CAN REALLY DIG IN AND GET YOUR FEET WET ON UNDERSTANDING EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON IN OAK PARK.

ENJOY.

I DO THINK THAT SOME OF THE THINGS WHEN STAFF IS DIGGING INTO THESE ISSUES THAT I REALLY HOPE THAT WE LOOK INTO HOW DENSITY BONUSES ARE GOING TO PLAY INTO THE MISSILE MIDDLE ZONING ISSUES BECAUSE I THINK THAT WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN POTENTIALLY MAKE UPDATING OUR ZONING TO MOVE AWAY FROM PEERS SINGLE UNIT ZONING TO ZONING THAT ALLOWS FOR MULTIUNIT HOUSING, WE WANT TO PROVIDE SOME INCENTIVE FOR A DEVELOPER WHO IS BUYING A RANCH AND CONSIDERING, WHILE I COULD EITHER DO A TWO FLATWARE THREE FLAT OR I COULD JUST BUILD ANOTHER 6000 SQUARE-FOOT HOME AND HAVE A MUCH EASIER SALE PROCESS THERE.

WE NEED TO FIND WAYS TO INCENTIVIZE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING AND SO I THINK LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN DO THAT THROUGH DENSITY BONUSES IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT.

ONE AREA THAT STAFF RECOMMENDS WE APPROACH AND THE REPORT DOES IS REVISING THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE.

THERE IS OPTION REALITY IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE REPORT.

I HOPE AS WE ANALYZE THIS WE REALLY ARE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT WHERE WE WANT TO SET THAT MINIMUM FOR WHERE THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE APPLIES.

CURRENTLY IT IS AT 25 UNITS WHEN YOU LOOK ACROSS THE COUNTRY THERE ARE A LOT THAT ARE LOOKING AT SINGLE DIGIT UNITS.

YOU KNOW, WE COULD TALK ABOUT STARTING IT AT FIVE UNITS OR 10 UNITS, BUT I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT TRYING TO BRING THAT NUMBER DOWN SO MORE NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE.

I AGREE THAT WE NEED TO FIND A REAL MARKET RATE FOR THE IN LIEU PAYMENTS BECAUSE RIGHT NOW NOBODY IS OPTING FOR THE BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH TELLS ME THAT WE HAVE SET THE IN LIEU PAYMENTS AT A RATE WHERE EVERYBODY SAYS, THAT IS CHEAPER.

LET'S DO THAT.

SO THAT TELLS ME WE HAVE NOT FOUND WHAT THE MARKET RATE IS AND WE SHOULD DO THAT AND I THINK IN THE REPORT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE RECOMMENDATION AND THE DISCUSSION TODAY ABOUT WE MAY WANT THAT TO BE FLEXIBLE DEPENDING ON WHERE IN OAK PARK THE NEW DEVELOPMENT IS BECAUSE THERE ARE PARTS OF OAK PARK, PARTICULARLY CLOSER TO TRANSIT THAT ARE NECESSARILY GOING TO SUPPORT HIGHER RENTS AND SO THAT IN LIEU PAYMENT MAY BE HIGHER THAN OUTLYING AREAS.

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW THAT FORMULA WORKS, BUT I THINK THINKING OF A FORMULA BASED APPROACH MAKES SENSE AND I WOULD SUPPORT THE IHO COVERING ALL OF OAK PARK.

THAT IS A NECESSARY STARTING POINT.

I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AS WELL.

FOR AMI, HOW IS THE AMI FOR OAK PARK DETERMINED?

>>SPEAKER: AMI IS ALWAYS THE REGION.

SO THE CHICAGO REGION.

>> IT IS FOR THE ENTIRE COOK COUNTY AREA OR MORE BROADLY REGIONAL?

>>SPEAKER: MORE BROADLY REGIONAL.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO OUR AMI IN THE REPORT WAS 84,000.

SO WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WHAT AFFORDABILITY LOOKS LIKE, IT IS BASED ON THAT MEDIAN INCOME.

>> CORRECT.

A BRIEF WALK-THROUGH IS IN THIS REPORT, THE MEDIAN INCOME IN 2022 WAS ROUGHLY \$85,000.

THAT IS 100% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME THEN FINDING 30% OF THAT AND FINDING OUT WHAT IS AFFORDABLE TO THAT HOUSEHOLD.

>> SO IT'S 30% OF 60% OF \$84,000 IS WHAT WOULD BE AFFORDABLE ON A MONTHLY BASIS?

I THOUGHT ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS IN THE REPORT WAS AROUND HOUSING OWNERSHIP AND WHAT COST OF THE UNIT WOULD HAVE TO BE TO BE AFFORDABLE THEY DO NOT RECALL OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, BUT IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE IT WOULD NEED TO BE A SINGLE UNIT AT LIKE 290,000 AND THE MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF A UNIT IS 500 SOMETHING AND SO THE MEDIAN UNIT THAT WE ARE SELLING RIGHT NOW IS LIKE \$230,000 MORE EXPENSIVE THAN WHAT WOULD BE AFFORDABLE UNDER THAT CALCULATION, RIGHT?

>> I CAN READ OFF THOSE AGAIN.

IT IS A GOOD MEMORY.

IN 2022 THE AFFORDABLE HOME PRICE FOR SOMEONE RUNNING THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME WAS ROUGHLY 293,000.

MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AT BEING \$525,000.

AS SHOWN IN THAT TABLE IS FIGURE 8 ON PAGE 8.

IT IS NOT LIKE OAK PARK 10 YEARS AGO THE PRICES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES DID PERFECTLY ALIGNED, BUT THERE IS AN UPWARD TREND.

>> FOR ME THAT IS WHY THIS MISSING MIDDLE STRATEGY I THINK MAKES THE MOST - MAKES SO MUCH SENSE BECAUSE WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT TRYING TO ADDRESS HOMEOWNERSHIP IN PARTICULAR, UNDERSTANDING THAT HOME DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN A SINGLE UNIT HOUSE, BUT CAN BE A TOWNHOME, CAN BE A CONDO.

FINDING WAYS TO DEVELOP MUCH MORE DIVERSITY OF HOUSING IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND ONE OF THE FEW WAYS THAT WE MIGHT ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO GET TO AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND NOT JUST AFFORDABLE HOUSING FROM A HOUSING PERSPECTIVE.

THAT IS SOMETHING I'M INTERESTED IN MOVING FORWARD AGGRESSIVELY ON. SORRY, I HAD SOMETHING AND THEN IT JUST LEFT MY MIND, BUT I GUESS I WILL LEAVE IT THERE AND MAYBE I WILL BE ABLE TO COME BACK.

I DO APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU PUT TOGETHER HERE.

IT'S A VERY COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AND I THINK IT PROVIDES US WITH AN EXCITING PATH FORWARD.

THANK YOU.

THIS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO KNOW EVERYTHING TODAY.

TRUSTEE WESLEY?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME FOR LAST BECAUSE I KNOW I WILL DO THE MOST TALKING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I CALL FOR A MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING RIGHT NOW.

WE HAVE A POLICY TO MAKE A MOTION TO EXTEND AT 10:00 P.M..

ARE WE IN FAVOR OF EXTENDING THE MEETING BEYOND 10:00 P.M. THIS EVENING?

I'M SORRY?

4:50 PM?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: THAT THIS ONE IS TOUGH.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND AND SECONDED BY SEVERAL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THINK ABOUT WHETHER YOU ARE AT ALL INTERESTED IN TABLING FOR NOW THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT.

THAT IS AN OPTION TO US.

OKAY.

>> FIRST THING I WILL SAY HERE IS THAT WE NEED TO BUILD MORE AND THAT IS THE ONE THING I DO NOT SEE STATED EXPLICITLY THIS REPORT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 10 OR MAYBE NUMBER ZERO THAT SAYS BUILD UP MORE UNITS AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MAYBE A RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 0B THAT SETS A TARGET FOR THE NUMBER OF UNITS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO BUILD MORE PER YEAR OVER A FIVE AND 10 YEAR PERIOD.

WHAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS HERE IS THAT BUILDING MORE UNITS CORRELATES POSITIVELY WITH MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR VILLAGE.

WE HAVE SEEN THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE NOT BUILT MUCH FOR THE HOUSING IN OUR VILLAGE OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS.

I THINK WE'RE VERY PROVED THAT THE CONCEPT OF ADDING MORE HOUSING UNITS AS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS I THINK IS A GOAL SHARED WITH EVERYONE AT THIS BOARD TABLE.

I WILL TALK A LITTLE BIT HERE AND I WILL GET TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN A BIT, BUT I WANT TO ADD A LITTLE BIT OF CONTEXT HERE BECAUSE THIS IS A BIT OF A PASSION PROJECT FOR ME.

THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION RELEASES NUMBERS EVERY FIVE YEARS THAT RATES MUNICIPALITIES OF ILLINOIS ON THE PERCENTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN EACH MUNICIPALITY AND THEY USE - THE NUMBERS ARE FOR RENTERS IT IS 60% OF AMI AND FOR HOMEOWNERS IT IS 80% OF AMI THAT IS HOW THEY DECIDE WHETHER A UNIT IS AFFORDABLE.

IN 2013 WE HAD AN AFFORDABLE PERCENTAGE OF 18.4% AND IN 2010 WE HAD AN AFFORDABLE PERCENTAGE OF 22.6% THAT IS DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE BILL ANY FORMAL HOUSING.

WHAT WE DID BUILD - WE HAD A LOT OF MARKET RATE HOUSING.

IT PROBABLY ACTUALLY IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS ENDING IN 2021 WE BUILT THE MOST UNITS OF HOUSING OF ANY PLACE IN ILLINOIS.

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BECAUSE THAT YOU SEE WE JUMP FROM 18.4% OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO 22.6%.

THE 2023 REPORT WAS RELEASED LAST DECEMBER OUR NUMBERS WENT UP NOT AS DRASTICALLY BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WITH THE PANDEMIC IN THE CHANGE OF WORKING ADDITIONS WE DID BUILD AS MANY UNITS, BUT IT WENT FROM 22.6% TO 23.4%.

JUST BY BUILDING MORE UNITS IN OUR VILLAGE WE HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE UNITS IN OUR VILLAGE WITHOUT HAVING TO TARGET ANY BUILDING ANY SPECIFIC TYPE OF UNIT.

BY MAKING HOUSING AVAILABLE.

MAKING IT EASY TO BUILD, EASY-ISH I SHOULD SAY, EASIER.

MAYBE THAT IS GOOD HAS ALLOWED US TO INCREASE OUR OFFER WILL HOUSING PERCENTAGES WITHOUT TAKING A HUGE DIRECT IMPACT OR A DIRECT IMPACT IN THE MARKET.

HERE'S ANOTHER THING THAT I WANT TO THROW OUT HERE BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS ALSO IMPORTANT.

MY ASSUMPTION OR PRIOR TO INCEPTION OF THE YEAR 1939 OAK PARK HAD A TOTAL OF 14,566 HOUSING UNITS, RIGHT?

THAT IS OAK PARK WAS FOUNDED IN 1902 I WOULD SAY WE HAVE PROBABLY BUILT SOME STUFF BEFORE THAT ENDED UP INCORPORATED INSTEAD OF OAK PARK SO CALL IT 50 YEARS, 14,566 UNITS.

OAK PARK TODAY CURRENTLY HAS 24,708 UNITS PER THE UNITED STATES CENSUS.

SO FROM 1940 TO 2024 WE HAVE BUILT ABOUT 10,000 HOUSING UNITS VERSUS IN 50 YEARS AND THE INCEPTION OF THIS VILLAGE WE BUILT 15,000.

SO WE WONDER WHY THE VILLAGE ISN'T AFFORDABLE IS BECAUSE WE STOPPED BUILDING THINGS.

WE STOPPED ADDING HOUSING UNITS AND SO FOR ME AND I THINK LOOK.

I DO WANT TO SHARE THIS, BUT I WANT TO SAY I LOVE THIS REPORT.

I THINK IT IS AMAZING AND I LOVE THE CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE.

THEY ARE GREAT AND I DO SUPPORT PRACTICALLY EVERY RECOMMENDATION IN HERE I WILL GET TO THAT IN A SECOND, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE OF THE THINGS I REALLY WANTED TO SEE HER WAS A CALLOUT THAT WE NEED TO BUILD MORE UNITS AGGRESSIVELY.

RIGHT?

I DO NOT SEE THAT HERE AND I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE THAT AND I WOULD LIKE THIS BOARD TO TAKE THAT AS A CHALLENGE TO BUILD MORE UNITS IN OAK PARK IF WE REALLY WANT TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT SCALE.

NOW I WILL GET TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS NOW BEFORE PRESIDENT SCAMAN GIVES ME THE EYE.

SO I DEFINITELY SUPPORT PRETTY MUCH ALL OF THESE.

SO THE ONE THING I WANTED TO TOUCH ON WITH THE MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING. I REALLY, REALLY SUPPORT MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING AND WHEN THIS COMES BACK I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE OPTION THAT MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING IS A DIRECT FEATURE OF THE ZONING CODE NOT SOMETHING THAT HAS TO GO THROUGH APPROVAL PROCESS AND NOT SOMETHING THAT WAS EMPLOYED IN THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE VILLAGE.

I THINK ULTIMATELY WHAT TENDS TO HAPPEN IN THESE SITUATIONS AS WE COME TOGETHER AND SAY THESE THINGS ARE ALL GREAT AND WE WANT THESE THINGS EVERYWHERE AND ONCE WE GET TO IMPLEMENTATION PHASE WE DO STRAIGHT WHERE WE PUT THESE THINGS BECAUSE THESE FOLKS OVER HERE WILL GET MAD AND THESE FOLKS OVER HERE GET MAD SO THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM GETTING MAD IS TO PUT IT EVERYWHERE.

SO WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO HOW WE DEPLOY A LOT OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

I WOULD LIKE US TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND VIEW THE VILLAGE ITSELF AND ITS ENTIRETY AND REALLY TARGET, YOU KNOW, US AS A SYSTEM AND NOT INDIVIDUAL SILOS OF INDIVIDUAL PLACES THAT WE DO THINGS LIKE SAY MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING, BUT ONLY IN A SOUTHEAST OAK PARK.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE SOMETHING COME BACK LIKE THAT, BUT MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING, BUT NOT IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT.

THERE IS ONLY SPECIAL INTERESTS OR THERE WILL BE SO MANY SPECIAL INTERESTS ONCE WE START TRYING TO ADD HOUSING.

IF WE TAKE ANY KIND OF PIECEMEAL APPROACH TO THIS I DON'T THINK WE WILL EVER GET TO THE RESULT THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR, WHICH IS ULTIMATELY A MORE AFFORDABLE VILLAGE AND WE KNOW THAT WE CAN GET THERE WITHOUT BUILDING AND THERE WILL BE FOLKS WHO WILL NOT LIKE THAT AS TRUSTEE BUCHANAN VERY ELOQUENTLY PUT EARLIER AND I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH THAT STATEMENT.

YOU CANNOT BE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IF YOU ARE NOT PRO-DENSITY. THE TWO DO NOT MIX YOU CAN SEE THAT RIGHT NOW WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DATA THAT IS IN THIS REPORT.

WHO CAN AFFORD A \$500,000 HOUSE, RIGHT?

I HAVE SAID THIS IN PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS AND I WILL SAY IT AGAIN, THE MEDIUM INCOME FOR A BLACK FAMILY IN AMERICA IS SOMEWHERE AROUND \$54,000.

THERE IS NO WAY THAT YOU ARE GOING TO GET BLACK HOMEOWNERSHIP AT SCALE IN OAK PARK WHERE HOME PRICES ARE ABOVE HALF A MILLION.

THIS IS A SYSTEM, IT IS NOT A SILO.

WHEN WE ARE THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WE NEED TO TAKE THIS HOLISTICALLY AND MAKE THESE HARD CHOICES BUT THE THINGS WE NEED TO DO AND UNDO THE THINGS THAT WE INTENTIONALLY DID BECAUSE THIS WAS AN INTENTIONAL CHOICE THAT WE CREATED.

AGAIN, FROM FREE INCEPTION TO OAK PARK TO - - FROM 1940 TO 2024, 10,000 UNITS.

THIS WAS A CHOICE AND THE CHOICE IRONICALLY AS WE SIT HERE AND TALK ABOUT RACIAL INTEGRATION AND RACIAL INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY.

THE CHOICE WAS TO LIMIT THOSE THINGS.

IT WAS TO CONTROL IT.

LOOK, I DO NOT KNOCK WHAT HAPPENED IN 1968 BECAUSE IN 1968 OAK PARK AT 0% (WORD?) POPULATION, SO TO GET ANYTHING DONE FROM A DIVERSITY PERSPECTIVE, TO GET ANYTHING DONE THERE, THE WAY IT WAS DONE I THINK WAS PROBABLY THE ONLY WAY IT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY WAY IT WORKED IN THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY, HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL DEALING WITH THE LEGACY OF THAT.

YOU LOOK AT HISTORIC DISTRICTS, AGAIN, 1968 WE PASSED THE FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE AND IN 1972 WE TREATED THE FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT DISTRICT THAT CARVED OUT A HUGE PORTION OF OAK PARK AND SAID NOTHING HERE CAN BE CHANGED.

WHAT THAT MEANT WAS NO NEW BUILDINGS CAN GO UP HERE.

IF YOU CANNOT BUILD ANY BUILDINGS WE KNOW THAT BUILDING BUILDINGS IS HOW YOU GET AFFORDABLE HOUSING YOU ALSO - AS A BYPRODUCT CREATE AN UNAFFORDABLE VILLAGE.

WE DID THE SAME THING IN 1981 WHEN WE CREATED THE RICHLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT, WHICH IS A HUGE HISTORIC DISTRICT REALLY ONLY SHARES ONE COMMONALITY AND IT IS STUCCO.

YOU SHOULD READ THE INCORPORATING ORDINANCE.

IT IS VERY ENLIGHTENING, BUT THE HIGHLIGHT AND THE REASON I SAY THAT IS IN 1981 IS WHEN THE 1980 CENSUS RESULTS WERE PUBLISHED AND IN THE 1980s CENSUS RESULTS IT SHOWED THAT OAK PARK FROM 1970 WAS 0% BLACK IN 1980 WAS 11% BLACK AND AFTER THAT WE CREATED THIS HUGE HISTORIC DISTRICT THAT HAS ONE THING IN COMMON.

STUCCO.

YOU CANNOT MAKE THIS STUFF UP.

AND SO WE ESSENTIALLY HAVE HALF OF OUR VILLAGE PRESERVED UNDER GLASS TO PREVENT BLACK FOLKS FROM LIVING THERE AND WHAT IT HAS DONE IS PREVENTED LIKE FOLKS FROM LIVING HERE.

IT HAS CREATED UNAFFORDABLE VILLAGE WHERE, YOU KNOW, WHERE WE ARE NOW TRYING TO UNDO IT, BUT WE CANNOT UNDO IT WITHOUT NAMING IT.

THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING HERE TONIGHT WHY I'M A LITTLE OFF SCRIPT FROM THE PRESENTATION BECAUSE THEY THINK WE NEED TO SET THE BASELINE OF WHY THIS HAPPENED IN ORDER FOR US TO REVERSE IT FROM HAPPENING.

WHAT ELSE DO I HAVE HERE?

I WAS ON A ROLL.

THE IHO.

I'M SUPPORTIVE OF A IHO, BUT WHAT I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE IHO THAT PREVENTS US FROM ADDING MORE UNITS.

I THINK WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS IN HOW WE DEVELOP THAT AND HOW WE ESCALATE IT, ESPECIALLY IN A MARKET THAT IS NOW WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT 7% INTEREST RATES WHERE IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ACTUALLY BUILD ANYTHING AND SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE IHO I AM VERY HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT BROADENING IT AND I'M HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT WHATEVER THIS BOARD

SEES FIT, BUT WHAT I DO NOT WANT TO DO IS SAY WE ARE GOING TO CREATE A HOUSING POLICY THAT IS IN DEBT CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT THERE IS A LAYER IHO ON TOP OF IT THAT STOPS US FROM DOING IT.

THAT MIGHT BE IT.

NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

SO THERE IS IN CHICAGO THERE IS ALDERMAN (NAME?), HE IS NO LONGER THE ALDERMAN OF THE 39TH WARD I THINK AND IN HIS OUTGOING NEWSLETTER TO THIS COMMUNITY HE WROTE THEY QUOTED THIS ABOUT A YEAR AGO, EVEN THOUGH I CREATED THE 46 WARD, EVEN THOUGH I GREETED THE 46 TOWARD A ZONING COMMITTEE THAT UTILIZED THE MORE INCLUSIVE AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS IN ANY OTHER WARD IN THE CITY THERE WAS STILL TENSION ABOUT THE CAUSES OF INCREASINGLY HIGH RATE RENTS IN THE AREA.

SOUNDS FAMILIAR.

HIS CONCERNS ARE VALID AND THE 46 GREAT WORLDS ASSETS IS ITS DIVERSITY AND IT DESERVES PROTECTION.

THIS REALLY RESONATES.

OUR MAIN ISSUE IS EVERYONE HAD A DIFFERENT OPINION OF HOW TO KEEP OUR WARDS DIVERSITY IS ENTIRE NORTH SIDE WAS GOING THROUGH GENTRIFICATION, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE LAKEFRONT.

THE UIC PROFESSOR THAT FOCUSES ON THE ISSUE GENTRIFICATION AND UPTOWN PRESENTED OUR ZONING COMMITTEE WITH A PAPER ENTITLED "THE EFFECT OF MARKET RATE DEVELOPMENT ON THAT NEIGHBORHOOD RENT".

IT REVIEWED SIX DIFFERENT RESEARCH ARTICLES THAT STUDIED GENTRIFICATION AND IN THE HUNDREDS OF AREAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH A GOAL OF ASSESSING WHETHER OR NOT BUILDING NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING ONES THAT WERE HIGH AND DEPARTMENTS WILL CAUSE OTHER NEARBY RENTS TO GO UP.

TO THE SURPRISE OF MANY, FIVE OF THE SIX STUDIES SHOW THAT AREA RENTS ACTUALLY WENT DOWN AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS WERE BUILT.

GOING TO REPEAT THAT SO WE'LL GET THERE.

TO THE SURPRISE OF MANY FIVE OF THE SIX STUDIES SHOW THAT AREA RENTS ACTUALLY WENT DOWN WHEN NEW DEVELOPMENTS WERE BUILT.

WHEN RENT WAS ARISING IT IS PRIMARILY DUE TO HIGH DEMAND FOR MORE UNITS DUE TO LOW APARTMENT VACANCIES WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THAT IS OAK PARK.

WE ARE A VERY DESIRABLE COMMUNITY AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT HOUSING NOW HERE COSTS HALF A MILLION. RIGHT?

SO BECAUSE THERE IS A HUGE DEMAND TO LIVE IN OAK PARK, THERE IS ALSO A LOT HIGHER PRICES BECAUSE OF IT.

ONE STUDY ALSO SHOWED THAT BUILDING MORE OF ANY TYPE OF HOUSING HELPS PROTECT THE NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE AREA, WHICH SURPASSES THE COMBINED TOTAL OF ALL THE CHA, HUD AND NONPROFIT HOUSING IN THE WARD.

WHAT THIS IS SAYING IS ALL THE HOUSING THAT WAS BUILT DECADES AGO THAT IS NOW NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURPASSES ALL OF THE INTENTIONALLY CREATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT NOW EXISTS IN THAT WARD WHAT THAT MEANS IS HAD WE BUILT DECADES AGO WE WOULD HAVE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NOW VERSUS TRYING TO INTENTIONALLY CREATE IT, WHICH WE SHOULD STILL DO, BUT JUST KNOW THAT WE WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH THE NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE BUILD 100 YEARS AGO.

SO THIS IS BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO MOVE HERE WILL NEVER PRINTING NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IF THEY CANNOT FIND THE HIGHER PRICED RENTAL UNIT THEY REALLY WANT AND THAT IS WHAT DRIVES OUR PEOPLE WITH LOWER INCOMES FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

THAT HAPPENS HERE, TOO BECAUSE PEOPLE MOVE HERE BECAUSE OUR SCHOOLS ARE MISSING, BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY IS AMAZING THEY WILL TAKE THE HIT AND LIVE IN A PLACE THAT IS BELOW THEIR INCOME LEVEL, BELOW THE ABILITY THEY CAN AFFORD IT JUST TO BE HERE.

I THINK THAT SAYS A TON OF GREAT THINGS ABOUT OAK PARK, BUT WHAT IT DOES IS INCREASINGLY MAKES IT A LESS DIVERSE PLACE.

IT INCREASINGLY DECREASES THE RATIO AND CLASS OF DIVERSITY IN OUR VILLAGE MEN GOING TO SIDEBAR HERE FOR A MINUTE BECAUSE ONCE YOU START DECREASING THE RATES IN CLASS DIVERSITY IN THE VILLAGE YOU'RE GOING TO DECREASE EQUITY AND THAT IS A VICIOUS CYCLE BECAUSE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE MINORITY REPRESENTATION HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR EQUITY THE EQUITY STARTS TO GO DOWN AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE MORE PEOPLE IN HERE THAT DO NOT PRIORITIZE IT AND SO THAT IS GOING TO DRIVE EQUITY DOWN EVEN FURTHER THAT WILL DRIVE RACIAL DIVERSITY DOWN EVEN FURTHER, WHICH DREADS CLASS DIVERSITY DOWN AND NEXT THING YOU ARE LIVING WITH (WORD?) AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF US THAT LIVE HERE IN OAK PARK WANT TO LIVE IN WINNETKA AND I THINK WE HAVE TO BE INTENTIONAL WITH WHAT WE ARE TRAINED TO CREATE HERE.

SO I WILL WRAP THIS UP.

SO THE ONE THING HE SAID HERE THAT I REALLY LOVE IS THAT SOME MAY AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES, BUT AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL I CANNOT JUST RELY ON MY PERSONAL OPINION ABOUT WHAT WILL RESOLVE AN ISSUE.

I'M NOT RELYING ONLY ON MY PERSONAL OPINION WHEN I SAY THESE THINGS. I HAVE DONE THE RESEARCH I'VE LOOKED AT PEOPLE WHO DON'T EVEN LIVE HERE IN OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ALSO DONE THE RESEARCH AND HAVE SHOWN THAT THE THINGS THAT WERE TRYING TO DO HERE, THE THINGS I'M SUGGESTING WE DO HERE WORK IN THOSE PLACES AS WELL AND SO WHAT I'M SUGGESTING IS THAT WE TAKE THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW WORK AND DO THOSE THINGS HERE.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AGREED.

NO OFFENSE TO WINNETKA.

SORRY.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WAS REMINDED OF THE TWO QUICK THINGS THAT I WANT TO ADD AND PARTIALLY FROM WHAT YOU SAID BECAUSE IN RESPONSE TO SOME OF THOSE COMMUNITY CRITICISMS THAT WE ANTICIPATE WE MIGHT HEAR FROM MOVING FORWARD WITH THESE THINGS AND ONE IS THE ISSUE OF DENSITY AND THEY THINK IS WORTH NOTING THAT LOOKING BACK AT HISTORICAL CENSUS DATA WE ARE ACTUALLY LESS DENSE OF PEOPLE WITHIN THE OAK PARK BORDERS THAN WE WERE 50 YEARS AGO AND THEN WE WERE 80 YEARS AGO FROM 1940 TO 1970 I THINK WITH 60,000 PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN OAK PARK'S BORDERS.

MANY OF THEM WERE KIDS, YES.

BUT ALSO, SINCE THE ADVENT OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING ZONING WE HAVE SEEN ONE OF THE HISTORICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, THOSE DUPLEXES, THE THREE FLATS BEING DOWN CONVERTED TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING ZONING.

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WHAT THE CHARACTER OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IS, THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF OAK PARK NEIGHBORHOODS INCLUDES MULTIFAMILY HOUSING.

IT ALWAYS HAS.

WE HAVE OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS ROBBED OAK PARK OF THE HISTORICAL CHARACTER OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ALLOWING MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING IN OAK PARK, WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT SOME NEWFANGLED THING.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RESTORING THE HISTORICAL CHARACTER OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT OAK PARK WAS.

THAT IS PART OF WHAT DEFINED US UNTIL RACIST ZONING POLICIES WERE ENACTED AS THEY WERE ACROSS AMERICA DURING THAT TIME PERIOD.

SO I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IN SOME OF THE HISTORICAL FORCES THAT TRUSTEE WESLEY SPOKE SO ELOQUENTLY TO AND ALSO TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT HAVING NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN OAK PARK THAT ARE HERE TO UNHEARD OF.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MAYBE RETURNING DIRECTIONALLY TOWARDS POPULATION LEVELS WE PREVIOUSLY HAD IN RETURNING TO TYPES OF HOUSING THAT OAK PARK PREVIOUSLY HAD.

THIS IS INTO SOME SCARY THING.

THIS IS KEEPING OAK PARK WHAT IT ALWAYS WAS.

THAT IS ALL.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: AT THIS IS IN REACTION TO EVERYTHING I HAVE HEARD SINCE MY COMMENT SO I WILL MAKE IT VERY QUICK.

FIRST OFF THE DENSITY COMPARISONS FROM THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD AND IN THE U.S. HAD MORE KIDS SO THAT HAD AN IMPACT ON THAT.

THE OTHER THING IS IN THE MISSING MIDDLE THIS IS A POINT I WANTED TO MAKE BACK EARLIER.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AFFORDABILITY FOR PEOPLE DEFINING A VERY SPECIFIC WAY IN TERMS OF HER EX INCOME LEVEL AND 30% OF THAT, BUT WHAT I WANT TO KIND OF .2 IS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST ABOVE THAT.

LET'S SAY WE HAVE AN ARTIFICIAL LINE OF SAY 70,000 FOR SIMPLICITY LEVEL.

THAT 70,000 TWO LET'S SAY 150,000, THAT GROUP ALSO NEEDS HOUSING THAT THEY CAN AFFORD THAT IS RIGHT FOR THEM.

NOW THERE ARE PEOPLE COMING INTO THIS COMMUNITY.

SOMEBODY IS EITHER OVER BUYING A HOUSE, STRETCHING THEMSELVES A LITTLE TOO MUCH TO BUY A HOUSE THAT IS BIGGER THAN THEY ACTUALLY NEED OR CANNOT AFFORD AND SOME PEOPLE ARE BUYING LOWER BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT IS AVAILABLE AND THAT IS WHAT THEY FEEL IS A BETTER CHOICE FOR THEM.

THAT TAKES A LOT OF SUPPLY OUT OF THE MARKET AND THAT ARTIFICIALLY CREATES A PROBLEM IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

NOBODY IS REALLY TALKING ABOUT THE 70-1 \$50,000 HOUSEHOLDS BECAUSE THEY ALSO NEED A PLACE HERE AND WE ARE TAKING A LOT OF THESE AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS ON THE BACK OF THAT MIDDLE.

WHEN WE'RE SAYING MISLEADING: MISSING MIDDLE, THE MIDDLE OR ALSO OVERBURDEN IN TERMS OF THEIR HOUSING COMMITMENTS THE LACK OF SUPPORT THEREOF.

IN THE INTEREST OF ANY SMALLER GROUP THAT WE HAVE ARTIFICIALLY DEFINED AS BASED ON SOME STATISTICS IS FALLING UNDER A PARTICULAR THRESHOLD. SO I DO WANT US TO CONSIDER BROADENING THAT TO MAKE APPROPRIATE HOUSING FOR DIFFERENT INCOME LEVELS SO THAT OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK IS ALSO PROTECTED FOR TRULY AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS. JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT POINT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: SOUNDS LIKE YOU JUST SAID BUILD MORE. BUILD MORE, RIGHT?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THE MUSIC EUPHEMISM. THOUGHTFUL DEVELOPMENT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: BILTMORE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I AGREE WITH TRUSTEE PARAKKAT BECAUSE AS WE ARE TO IDENTIFY OUR MORE SPECIFIC GOALS AROUND HOW WE ARE GOING TO USE OUR HOUSING TRUST FUND AND THE GUIDELINES IN WHICH WE USE IT AND CHOOSE PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, DEVELOPMENT THAT ACTUALLY GET US TO THOSE GOALS WE WILL HAVE TO BE INTENTIONAL AND I WANT TO SEE THOSE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT ALLOW US TO MAINTAIN SOME LEVEL OF CONTROL OR AT LEAST ABILITY TO TRACK WHETHER WE ARE ACCOMPLISHING WHAT WE WANT TO DO.

SO WHETHER THAT LOOKS LIKE AN 801 WHERE WE KNOW THAT IT IS DESIGNED FOR A POPULATION THAT WE KNOW NEEDS HOUSING, MORE HOUSING OR ADDITIONAL HOUSING VOUCHERS AND WE ARE - THOSE FOLKS WHO NEED THE ASSISTANCE TO GAIN ACCESS TO IT AS SOMEBODY WITH GOOD CREDIT IS GOING TO GET THAT APARTMENT BEFORE THAT AFFORDABLE APARTMENT BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE.

EVERYWHERE IN HERE WHERE WE REDUCE THOSE ACCESS POINTS OF DISPARITIES, I THINK THAT IS WHERE WE NEED TO FOCUS OUR ATTENTION AND JUST THAT INTENTIONALITY.

I WILL SAY AS WE COME TO A CLOSE TONIGHT THAT I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THE REPORT AS IT IS PRESENTED.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING THE CONVERSATIONS IN REVIEWING THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ZONE ORDINANCE AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IDENTIFYING MORE REVENUE SOURCES FOR OUR TRUST FUND.

I'M COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE WITH REVIEWING ZONING.

BECAUSE WE HAVE AMAZING STAFF THAT ARE GOING TO GUIDE US THROUGH THAT PROCESS IN WAYS THAT HELP US AND EVALUATE FOR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AND MAKE SMART DECISIONS I AM ALSO INTERESTED IN THE PARKING BAND. WE HAVE TESTED A PILOT IN DENSER AREAS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A LOT OF COMPLAINTS FROM THOSE AREAS AND WE HAVE RELIEVED SOME STRESS IN INEQUITABLE SERVICES IN THOSE AREAS.

IF YOU DRIVE TO DOWNTOWN OAK PARK OR THE PLEASANT DISTRICT REALLY EARLY IN THE MORNING YOU WILL STILL SEE A LOT OF PARKING TICKETS UP AND DOWN STREETS WHERE THERE JUST IS NOT ENOUGH PARKING AVAILABLE. NOW WHETHER OR NOT WE NEED THAT BAN TO BE THE FULL VILLAGE, I WILL LOOK TO HAVE HOSTING THAT CONVERSATION WITH MORE CONVERSATION TO DETERMINE THAT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'M EXTREMELY GRATEFUL AND WE WILL SEE WHAT HAPPENS, RIGHT?

MHM.

WITH THAT, WOULD YOU LIKE US TO ACCEPT THE REPORT TONIGHT?

I KNOW WE HAD SOME AMENDMENTS - PAUL?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING IT BACK.

TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE FEEDBACK THAT OCCURRED THE NIGHT AND PUT IT BACK ON THE AGENDA FOR YOU ALL TO ADOPT AND I THINK THAT'S THE APPROACH WE CAME INTO THE MEETING THINKING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE SO WE ARE OKAY WITH THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: EXCELLENT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: CAN I ASK THAT ANY CHANGES WE GET A REDLINE OF ANY CHANGES ON THE REPORT?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: ABSOLUTELY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT TABLING THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT?

YES?

OKAY.

THANK YOU CHIEF FOR BEING HERE.

I'M SURE EVERYBODY WANTED TO HEAR FROM YOU.

SO WE WILL TABLE - WITH MY PROPER MOTION HERE.

>> I MOVED TO TABLE ITEM AT U.

>> ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

NORMANS - - ANNUAL BUDGET.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: @DONNAGADON, INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS FOR US.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING EVERYONE WHAT WE HAVE IN 2024 WE ARE ASKING TO CARRY OVER 14.886 AND WHAT I WANTED YOU WILL ALL KNOW IS THERE IS NO NEW FUNDING EXCEPT FOR GRANTED THAT WE RECEIVED BECAUSE IN 2023 YOU CARRIED OVER 12.2 MILLION ANY OF 1.9 IN YOUR FUNDING. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN TWO OR THREE YEARS THAT THERE IS NO NEW FUNDING.

IT IS ALL CARRYOVER FROM PRIOR YEAR AND STAFF IS HERE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, BUT WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ANY QUESTIONS?

TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT:

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: I HAD A QUESTION ON THE NEW FUNDING GRANT AND I CANNOT REMEMBER EXACTLY MY QUESTION SO I'M LOOKING FOR IT IN THE DOCUMENT.

THE STRENGTHENING THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

I WANTED TO CONFIRM THAT THAT IS ALL GRANT FUNDING.

ISN'T SOMETHING COMING OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND TO SUPPORT THAT?

>> IT IS ALL GRANT FUNDING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE PARAKKAT?

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: JUST A QUICK CLARIFYING QUESTION ABOUT HOW THE CARRYFORWARD IS HANDLED IN THE BUDGET.

SO LET'S SAY WE HAVE 2024 BUDGET IS \$100 MILLION.

WE ARE CARRYING FORWARD \$10 MILLION FROM 2023 TO 2024.

SO THE BASE BUDGET FOR 2024 BECOMES 110 MILLION?

>>DONNA GADON: IT INCREASES.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: IT INCREASES IN THE 2025 BUDGET, IS THAT GOING TO BE BASED OFF OF THE 2024 REVISED NUMBER?

>>DONNA GADON: NO.

THE CARRYFORWARD FIRST, LET ME GO BACK.

THE 2024 CARRYFORWARD ARE PROJECTS THAT WERE NOT COMPLETED IN 2023 AND THEY ARE MOVING TO 2024.

WHEN WE DO THE 2025 BUDGET WE ARE ONLY BASING IT ON PARTIALLY THE BUDGET THAT WAS ACTUALLY DONE FOR 2024.

NOT BASED ON ANY CARRYOVER.

THEY WILL BE COMPLETING THE PROJECTS, WHICH MEANS THE CARRYOVER SHOULD BE DECREASING.

AT NO TIME IS A BUDGET EVER CREATED BASED ON CARRYOVER.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: SO IT IS ONLY THE FRESH SPENDING AMENDMENTS THAT ARE ACTUALLY FORMED - THAT BECOME THE BASIS OF THE CARRYFORWARD DOES NOT?

>>DONNA GADON: YES.

IF WE HAVE NEW FUNDING, NEW FUNDING IS ONLY GRANTS THAT WE WOULD HAVE SO IN ORDER TO HAVE ANY NEW FUNDING THAT HAS TO BE APPROVED WE WOULD NOT BUILD A BUDGET LIKE THIS GRANT WAS \$21,000, WE WOULD NOT BUILD A NEW BUDGET BASED ON THIS GRANT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: COOL.

THAT IS ALL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NO OTHER QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PUTTING THAT TOGETHER AND BEING HERE TO PRESENT IT.

DO WE NEED TO DO AND ALL IN FAVOR?

ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU.

CALL TO BOARD AND CLERK.

CLERK WATERS?

>>CLERK: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT AS WE ALL KNOW EARLY VOTING ENDED YESTERDAY AND THE FINAL COUNT FOR EARLY VOTING WAS 2502 VOTERS.

THAT IS IN COMPARISON TO LAST YEAR AT 1407 SO THAT IS AWESOME.

I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE STAFF THROUGHOUT ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AT VILLAGE HALL AND PUBLIC WORKS, IT IS A BIG LIFT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN EVERY ELECTION CYCLE AND THE STAFF IS PHENOMENAL TO WORK WITH.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO BOOK WORKS BECAUSE CURRENTLY YARD SIGN RECYCLING AT PUBLIC WORKS IS HAPPENING AT 7:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS, MARCH 19 THROUGH APRIL 2 AND THE FIRST FLOOR LOBBY AT PUBLIC WORKS CENTER WHICH IS LOCATED AT 201 SOUTH BLVD.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN CONTACT 708, 358, 5700.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: DO NOT HAVE TOO MUCH TO SAY.

JUST HAPPY FOR THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO VOTE.

I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT SOME PEOPLE TAKE FOR GRANTED AND I HOPE THAT PEOPLE REMEMBER ALL THE SACRIFICES THAT MAKE THAT POSSIBLE AND EVERY TIME YOU VOTE YOU KNOW THE HISTORY BEHIND IT.

I WAS TELLING MY KIDS THIS BECAUSE THEY HAD THE DAY OFF THERE LIKE WHERE YOU GOING?

I HAVE TO VOTE.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES FOR SO I TRULY APPRECIATE THAT ALL THE WORK THAT CLERK WATERS PUTS INTO THIS WITH VILLAGE STEP TWO MAKING THAT POSSIBLE, BUT ALSO ALL OF THE DIFFERENT BALLOT BOXES ALL OVER AND PEOPLE THAT ARE PUTTING THEIR TIME INTO MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

IT IS ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND A GREAT EXPERIENCE.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RUNS THE ONE BY MY HOUSE.

IT IS COOL TO SEE HOW INVOLVED OUR COMMUNITY GETS.

ONE THING I WANT TO POINT OUT AND SOMETHING I AM VERY HOPEFUL FOR IN THE FUTURE AS YOU PROBABLY SAW TRUSTEE STRAW TRYING TO HELP OUT AND ELDERLY COMMUNITY MEMBER IS OUR ACCESSIBILITY AND TALKING ABOUT THE NEW BUILDING AND YOU KNOW THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE HERE AND THOSE ARE REAL CHALLENGES.

I KNOW WE SOMETIMES DOWNPLAY, BUT YOU CAN SEE IT FIRSTHAND WITH MULTIPLE AGING COMMUNITY MEMBERS I CAME IN HERE AND TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO BE PARTICIPATING IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND THERE ARE CHALLENGES AROUND IT, BUT I KNOW THAT OUR STAFF, OUR VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE THAT IS WORKING ON THIS TO PUT FORWARD TO SOME OF THOSE IDEAS OF HOW WE CAN MAKE THIS MORE ACCESSIBLE GOVERNMENT, BUT IN MORE PEOPLE FRIENDLY AND HOPING WE HAVE LESS OF THESE SITUATIONS AND HOPEFULLY MORE ENGAGING ONES.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TONIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CLERK WATERS?

>>CLERK: I WANT TO SAY ONE LAST THING, I WANT TO THANK MY MOTHER WHO WAS AN ELECTION JUDGE THIS YEAR AND I ASKED HER TO SERVE IN THAT WAY AND SHE DID SO AT JULIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

YOU ARE AWESOME, MOM.

THANKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AMAZING.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I WANT TO THANK THREE COLLEAGUES IN PARTICULAR.

TRUSTEE BUCHANAN, WESLEY, AND PARAKKAT.

I HAD TO MISS THE LAST FEW MEETINGS, WHICH WAS UNFORTUNATE, BUT UNAVOIDABLE AND SO I HAVE CAUGHT UP ON THEM, BUT SINCE I COULD NOT BE HERE I DID ASK THE THREE OF THEM TO ELEVATE SOME CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS I HAD ABOUT SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT WERE DISCUSSED AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THEM DOING THAT SO WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU EVEN THOUGH I WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE I WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT THOSE THINGS WERE PART OF THE DISCUSSION.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YOU ARE WELCOME.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: I WILL SAY YOU ARE WELCOME AS WELL.

AT THE PLEASURE WAS ALL OURS.

I JUST HAVE ONE ITEM.

SO 25TH OF MARCH IS Holi THIS YEAR AND I JUST WANT TO WISH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY A HAPPY Holi.

Holi IS THE FESTIVAL OF COLORS I ALSO WANT TO THANK DOCTOR WALKER. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON Holi RELATED PROGRAMMING AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL AND HER EFFORTS AND TEAMS EFFORTS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED SO WE WILL HAVE THAT ON APRIL 14 AND I THINK WE WILL GET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE COMMUNITY, BUT SO EXCITED THAT IT IS HAPPENING AND WANT TO TELL THEM IN ADVANCE BECAUSE ACTUAL Holi IS MARCH 25, BUT I THINK APRIL 29 WE WILL HAVE A PROCLAMATION AND APRIL 14 IS WHEN THE ACTUAL EVENT IS. WANT TO INVITE EVERYBODY THERE IN ADVANCE AND WE WILL DO MORE IN TERMS OF GETTING THE WORD OUT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I APPRECIATE THAT AND THANK YOU TO DOCTOR WALKER AS WELL.

WE HAVE BEEN CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WILL HOST A WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM NEXT DOOR AT THE CRC BUILDING STARTING AT 10:00 A.M.. TRUSTEE BUCHANAN AND ROBINSON AND I WILL BE ON A PANEL WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CHERYL POTTS IN THE 97 SUPERINTENDENT DOCTOR (NAME?), THANK YOU DOCTOR WALKER RANTING FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.

WE WILL BE SPENDING TO QUESTIONS TAILORED TO INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONS AS WOMEN LEADERS ARE STRATEGIES FOR NAVIGATING SOMETIMES MALE-DOMINATED SPACES AND ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN EQUALITY.

SIMILARLY LAST WEEK I HAD THE PLEASURE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERVIEW LED BY WEDNESDAY JOURNAL FREELANCE WRITER JESSICA MCKINNON ALONGSIDE RIVER FIRST PRESIDENT KATHY A DUCEY, SHATONYA JOHNSON, AND OUR OAK PARK POSTMASTER KENYA THOMAS AND IT WAS AN ABSOLUTE PLEASURE. IN THIS DISCUSSION WE SPOKE A BIT ABOUT OUR ROLE, OUR ROLE MODELS AND HOW WE LEAD TO MENTOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE LEADERS.

LAST THURSDAY'S INTERVIEW WAS BEAUTIFULLY SUPPORTIVE AND EMPOWERING. I FELT LUCKY TO PARTICIPATE AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SATURDAY'S PANEL WITH THE AMAZING WOMEN THAT ARE DEI TO PERMIT HAVE BROUGHT TOGETHER, BUT AS I REFLECT ON EXPENSE AS A WOMAN AND AS VILLAGE PRESIDENT I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE ALL HERE TO WORK FOR THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THIS AMAZING COMMUNITY, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

I ENJOY MY ROLE AND I AM RESILIENT AND POWERFUL AND HOW I LEAD WITH EMPATHY AND COMPASSION.

I WORK HARD TO CENTER THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR RESIDENTS, SERVING IN THIS ROLE IS EXACTLY THAT.

SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND NOT ABOUT ME.

HOLDING THIS PERSPECTIVE THAT MY SERVICE IS NOT ABOUT ME, HELPS ME NOT INTERNALIZE CRITICISM AND WORK TOWARD TO LEARN FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

IT IS WITH THAT IN MIND AND IN RESPONSE TO RECENT EVENTS AT THIS POOR TABLE THAT HAVE OTHERWISE CONTRIBUTED TO A LESS THAN PRODUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW I LEAD.

I'VE BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING "YOU NEED TO FEEL THE WEIGHT OF THE ROLE OF YOUR SHOULDERS WHEN YOU SERVE IN THIS ROLE ".

I'VE BEEN ASKED, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

FOR ME, A COUPLE OF THINGS.

FIRST THAT I NEED TO BE THAT MUCH MORE CAREFUL TO NOT SAY ANYTHING OR DO ANYTHING THAT COULD POSSIBLY HURT THE REPUTATION OF OAK PARK.

I DO NOT ACCEPT INTERVIEWS WITH TV STATIONS, RADIO STATIONS OR NEW STATIONS THAT HAVE THE INTENT OF TAKING SOUNDBITES OUT OF CONTEXT TO USE AGAINST OUR VILLAGE.

I CHOOSE TO WORK HARDER TO LISTEN TO THE POSITIONS OF MY COLLEAGUES IS DULY ELECTED BY THE GOOD PEOPLE OF OAK PARK AND DO MY BEST TO BRING THOSE VOICES TOGETHER.

I ENCOURAGE OUR TRUSTEES TO DO THE SAME AND TO BE UNAPOLOGETICALLY THEMSELVES.

THIS MEANS I HAVE TO WORK TO CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR ALL PERSPECTIVES FOR THE MOST PART WHILE NOT PERFECTLY I THINK I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT DOING THAT.

I APPRECIATE THAT WE NOT ONLY HAVE A RACIALLY DIVERSE BOARD, BUT ALSO DIVERSE IN PERSPECTIVE.

WE ARE FOR THREE MORE OFTEN IN RECENT HISTORY, BUT I AM OF THE OPINION THIS LEADS TO HOPEFULLY MORE OF OUR RESIDENTS FEELING HEARD.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS I'M GRATEFUL FOR THIS BOARD.

TONIGHT IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THAT.

I'LL BE AT A LENGTHY DISCUSSION PROVIDE VALUABLE CONTEXT AND INFORMATION FOR OUR STAFF TO HELP US ACCOMPLISH OUR NOTABLY LOFTY GOALS.

AS I HAVE SERIOUSLY - - ALSO I TAKE SERIOUSLY MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SHUT DOWN ABUSIVE, BULLYING BEHAVIOR THAT IS UNPRODUCTIVE, VIOLATES OUR VALUES AND GUIDELINES AS A BOARD IN HOW WE OPERATE AND IT INTERFERES WITH OUR WORK.

EVEN IF THAT MEANS ADJOURNING A MEETING THAT WE ARE OTHERWISE LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING AS HAS RECENTLY BEEN THE CASE.

I AM RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TRAINED AND I WALKED THIS EARTH WITH THAT MINDSET.

THIS TRAINING CHALLENGES ME TO WORK TO UNDERSTAND WHY BULLYING BEHAVIOR LEADS TO AN INDIVIDUAL CHANGING FACTS TO SUIT THEIR OWN AGENDA.

RELATED TO MOST RECENT EVENTS AT THIS TABLE, VERY UNCOMFORTABLY, A LETTER TO THE EDITOR HAS BEEN PRINTED THAT DOES NOT REPRESENT THE FACTS CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENTION TO REPAIR HARM.

THIS HAS BEEN AN EXTERNALLY CHALLENGING TIME FOR MYSELF AND MY FAMILY. I WILL CONTINUE TO RELY ON MY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SKILLS AND SUPPORT SYSTEM TO CARE FOR MYSELF AND WORK TO ENSURE THAT THIS BOARD CAN FOCUS ON OUR IMPORTANT WORK AND SHARED GOALS.

I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

THANK YOU.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN QUACKS SECOND QUACKS ALL IN FAVOR.

>>SPEAKER: AYE.

>> MEETING ADJOURNED.