

; 05/06/20 4:07 PM

;

;;;BCC B 200506

>> WELL, THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT, SO I'M GAVELING THIS WORKING SESSION OF THE COUNCIL'S WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TO ORDER.

I'M KENZIE BOK, CHAIR OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. I'M JOINED TODAY SO FAR BY MY COLLEAGUES COUNCILOR BREADON OF DISTRICT NINE, COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR ED FLYNN AND MATT O'MALLEY.

THIS IS BEING LIVESTREAMED AT BOSTON.GOV/CITY-COUNCIL-TV. IT WILL BE REBROADCAST ON COMCAST CHANNEL 8, RCN82, AND VERIZON CHANNEL 1964.

THE COUNCIL'S BUG REVIEW PROCESS THIS YEAR IS COMPRISE OF A COMBINATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND WORKING SESSIONS WHICH ARE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILOR TO GENERATE QUESTIONS TO SEND OVER TO.

SO WE DON'T TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT WORKING SESSIONS. BUT YOU'RE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT YOUR PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN ONE OF A NUMBER OF WAYS.

YOU CAN TESTIFY AT THE ACTUAL HEARING.

THERE IS A LINK, A ZOOM LINK THAT CONNECTS TO EACH HEARING. YOU HAVE TO WATCH THE HEARING ON TOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL TV.

YOU WILL BE PERMITTED TO TESTIFY AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT TESTIMONY/COUNCIL/FY21 BUDGET. YOU CAN SUBMIT WRITTEN OR VIDEO TESTIMONY THERE.

WE'LL, IF YOU SUBMIT VIDEO TESTIMONY, WE'LL APPEND IT TO THE VIDEO AT THE APPROPRIATE HEARING.

YOU CAN ALSO E-MAIL THE COMMITTEE AT BCC.WM AT BOSTON.GOV.

AND WE'LL HAVE A MAY 26th

HEARING AT 6:00 P.M. AND ONE ON
MAY 28th AT 6:00 P.M. ABOUT
THE REST OF THE BUDGET.
YOU CAN ALSO TWEET YOUR
QUESTIONS INFORMALLY USING THE
#BOSBUDGET.

SO WE ENCOURAGE YOUR
PARTICIPATION.

TODAY'S HEARING IS ON DOCKET
0058 AND FY21 OPERATING BUDGET
INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND OTHER
BENEFITS.

DOCKET 0591, 0592, ORDERS ON
TRANSFER, AND 0593 TO 09D 56.

SO THOSE ARE THE COMPLETE SET OF
DOCKETS THAT MAKE UP OUR CITY
COUNCIL MAYOR'S BUDGET
SUBMISSIONS TO CITY COUNCIL THIS
YEAR, HOWEVER, TODAY'S FOCUS
AREAS WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THE
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND
PARKS, AND THE PARKS AN
RECREATION DEPARTMENT INCLUDING
THE REVOLVING FUNDS ASSOCIATED
WITH THAT DEPARTMENT, AND THE
PARKMAN FUND, AND THE LANDMARKS
COMMISSION, WHICH IS ALSO WITHIN
THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, AND
THEN SEPARATELY FROM THE
ENVIRONMENT CABINET, THE
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT.

SO NEXT WEEK WE'LL BE HAVING A
HEARING WITH DND ON TUESDAY AND
THEN WE'LL BE HEARING FROM THE
ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION
COMMISSION, AND LANDMARKS, AND
PARKS ALL ON THURSDAY.

SO THE AIM HERE AGAIN IS TO
GENERATE QUESTIONS FOR THEM.
AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST,
WHERE WE'VE HAD MULTIPLE TOPICS,
I'M GOING TO DO TWO SORT OF
INITIAL ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS SO
THE FIRST ONE WILL BE ASKING
COUNCILORS TO RAISE THEIR
QUESTIONS ABOUT ENVIRONMENT AND
THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND
PARKS, AND THEN THE SECOND ROUND
WILL DO DND AND ALSO ANY
QUESTIONS ABOUT LANDMARKS.
JUST TO KIND OF GIVE US A LITTLE

BIT MORE FOCUS.

IN EACH OF THOSE TOPIC AREAS

SOME THAT'S THE PLAN.

I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE'VE ALSO
BEEN JOINED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
KIM JANEY, AND WELCOME COUNCIL
PRESIDENT, AND, YEAH, SO I THINK
THERE'S NO TIME AS I SAID LIKE
THE PRESENT, SO WE'LL GET GOING.

AND ANDERSON WE'RE JOINED BY
COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA AT LARGE.
SO WE'LL GET GOING.

AS I'VE DIDN'T A NUMBER OF TIME,
I'LL SAVE MINE UNTIL THE END.

SO THE ORDER RIGHT NOW IS
COUNCILOR BREADON AND COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR FLYNN,
COUNCILOR BAKER, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JANEY AND COUNCILOR MEJIA AND
THEN I'LL GO.

I'LL JUST REMEMBER EVERYBODY,
ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ARE BEING
TAKEN DOWN BY OUR EXTREMELY
DEDICATED AND WONDERFUL CENTRAL
STAFF, AND THEY GET COMPILED
INTO THOSE QUITE THOROUGH
DOCUMENTS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN
SEEING FLYING OVER TO THE
ADMINISTRATION.

SO THAT'S THE PROCESS HERE.

SO IF YOU DON'T SEE ME TAKING
NOTES, DON'T WORRY.

AND YEAH, AND AGAIN, JUST A
SECOND AGO, I'LL REMIND
EVERYONE, WE'RE GOING TO DO
QUESTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENT, THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND
PARKS, AND THE FIRST ROUND, AND
THEN WE'LL DO DND AND LANDMARKS
IN THE SECOND ROUND.

AND I WILL JUST NOTE, BECAUSE I
THINK FOR THOSE WATCHING AT
HOME, IT'S WORTH KNOWING, THERE
ARE SOME DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY
THAT WE HAVE A BUDGET HEARING
FROM EVERY YEAR.

AND PARKS AND RECREATION IS ONE
OF THEM SOME THE DEPARTMENT OF
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT
TYPICALLY, BUT THERE ARE ALSO
SMALLER DEPARTMENTS IN TERMS OF
BUG AUTHORITY THAT WE DON'T HEAR
FROM EVERY YEAR, AND WE SORT OF

CYCLE THROUGH DIFFERENT ONES.
AND SO THIS YEAR WE'RE HEARING
FROM ENVIRONMENT, AND UNDER THE
COMMON LANDMARK, AND WE REALLY
MADE THAT DECISION ON THE WAYS
AND MEANS COMMITTEE BECAUSE
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND COUNCILOR
WU WERE INVOLVED IN THE WIG WET
LANDS ORDINANCE LAST YEAR THAT.
WILL COME UP, BUT THERE IS SOME
SIGNIFICANT NEW RESPONSIBILITIES
ON THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SIDE.

THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL
BUDGET COMMITMENTS ON THE
ENVIRONMENT SIDE IN GENERAL.
SO WE DECIDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE
ENVIRONMENT BUDGET ITSELF MAY
NOT BE HUGE, THAT ITS IMPACTS
ARE HUGE.

THAT'S REALLY WHY WE ARE HAVING
A HEARING FOCUSED ON THIS.
AND AS A HISTORIAN MYSELF, I
FEEL THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION IS
UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY
DOESN'T ALWAYS GET THE LOVE AN
ATTENTION THAT IT DESERVES.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE ALSO HERE.
SO WITH THAT BACKGROUND, I WANT
TO JUMP INTO QUESTIONS ON PARKS
AND RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT AND
THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FROM
COUNCILOR LIZ BREADON.

YOU'RE UP FIRST.

>> ALL RIGHT.

ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU, CHAIR WOMAN BOK.
I HAVE SOME GENERAL QUESTIONS,
SOME BROAD QUESTIONS IN RELATION
TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
COVID-19 CRISIS, ARE WE SEEING
ANY SHIFTS IN PRIORITIES IN
TERMS OF OUR CLIMATE AGENDA?
I KNOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT,
THE GROUPS MOST ADVERSELY
AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 CRISIS
ARE ALSO GROUPS THAT LIVE IN
AREAS THAT ENVIRONMENTAL
DEGRADATION, POLLUTION, AND ALSO
A LOT OF POVERTY.

SO I'M JUST SEEING THE
INTERSECTIONALTY OF ALL THOSE
ISSUES COME TOGETHER, AND I'M

LOOKING AT THE ENVIRONMENT, THE PART TO SEE HOW WE'RE NAVIGATING THAT SPACE TO SEE IF WE CAN MITIGATE SOME OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION.

CONSERVATION IS ONE ISSUE OUT HERE.

WE HAVE SEEN -- WE'VE LOST SO MUCH OF OUR GREEN SPACE TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

TEN YEARS AGO WE HAD A GREEN SPACE ADVOCATES GROUP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WE DID A TOUR OF ALL THE OPEN SPACES.

SO MANY OF THOSE HAVE DISAPPEARED AND BEEN GONED. I'D LIKE THE SEE MORE EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THOSE SPACES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

AND PARKS, I HAVE A QUESTION. THIS MAY SEEM A LITTLE WEIRD, BUT THIS IS THE PARKS DEPARTMENT OVERSEAS OUR CEMETERIES.

I WONDER HOW MANY ACTIVE PUBLIC CITY OF BOSTON CEMETERIES DO WE HAVE AND WHAT SORT OF -- IN TERMS OF STEWARDSHIP OF THOSE SPACES, THOSE CEMETERIES OR ACTIVE GREEN SPACES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND I'D BE INTERESTED IN A HOW WE'RE MANAGING THOSE AREAS.

I KNOW THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY IS HERE.

THERE'S A LOT OF TREES THAT NEED A LITTLE CARE, AND TO DO THEM, ANN ARBORIST TO TAKE AND DO AN AUDIT OF THE TREES AND SEE IF WE CAN JUST ADD TO OUR TREE CANOPY IN THAT PARTICULAR CEMETERY.

AND THAT'S REALLY ALL TONIGHT.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR BREADON.

NEXT UP, WE HAVE COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY, AND THEN IT WILL BE COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

JUST TO GIVE YOU AN OVERALL FEELING AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ANY

OF THESE DEPARTMENTS ARE RUNNING A SURPLUS, AGAIN, JUST GIVEN WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS NOW, BUT SO IF THERE IS A SURPLUS, WE ALWAYS IDENTIFY THAT SURPLUS AND FIND NEW WAYS TO REDIRECT IT TO THE COVID RESPONSE.

WITH RESPECT TO THAT, I'M ACTUALLY IN FRONT OOUR RESIDENT GREEN THUMB, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY. OUR KNEW TREE PLANTING AND OUR CURRENT TREE PRUNING, WE GET A LOT OF CALLS, CONSTITUENT CALLS, PUBLIC SAFETY CALLS WITH TREE ROOTS UPROOTING THE SIDEWALKS AND INTERFERING WITH PEDESTRIAN TRAVEL AND CYCLE TRAVEL. THOSE DIFFICULTIES IN TRAVERSING OUR CITY STREETS AND SIDEWALKS. IT'S BECOMING AN IMPEDIMENT WE GET THAT A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYWHERE.

HEARING YOU MAY FARM OUT OR SUBCONTRACT OR CONTRACT A WORK OUT.

I WANT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THAT.

I THINK WE CAN HAVE OUR OWN TRUE PRUNING AND TREE CLAMPING DIVISION, A CITY OF OUR SIZE AND PARTICULARLY THE PRIVATELY PUT IN OUR PARK SYSTEM, I'D LIKE TO KIND OF GET THE WEEDS ON THAT A LITTLE BIT.

HOW MANY FOLKS DO WE HAVE THAT ON STAFF THAT PLANTED OUR TREES, HOW MANY FOLKS DO WE HAVE THAT TRIM AND PRUNE OUR TREES AND DO WE CONTRACT THAT WORK OUT AND TO WHO, ET CETERA.

SO THE FACT THAT THE MEMBERS OF OUR CITY COUNCIL, WE CAN CALL AND GET A TREE TRIMMED OR PRUNED THAT'S CAUSEING HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION, THIS IS A HEAD SCRATCHER.

SO THAT'S KIND OF THE POINT I'M AT.

AND ALSO IN THE ENVIRONMENT, JUST IDENTIFYING THOSE TROUBLE SPOTS ON THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY SIDE.

SO WE LEARNED A LOT LAST NIGHT.
I KNOW, MADAM CHAIR, YOU HAD TO
JUMP OFF TO ANOTHER MEETING, BUT
WE LEARNED A LITTLE BY ABOUT
SOME OF THE DECISION-MAKING
PROCESSES THAT GOES BEHIND THE
PRESERVATION AND GIVE A LOT OF
THOUGHT AND A LOT OF WEIGHT TO
THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY PIECE OF
THE EQUATION.

WHERE THEY'RE GOING.

COINS HAIR FLYNN ANDRY VERIED TO
OF THE MOAKLEY PARK.

THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF
EFFORT UNDERTAKEN.

IT'S A REAL HOT SPOT, IF YOU
WILL, FROM POTENTIAL FLOODING
SITUATIONS, AND SO I WANT THE
MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING IN
THE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE A SEAT
AT THE TABLE AND PARTICULAR MY
FROM A PROGRAMMING STANDPOINT,
MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE
UNDERTAKING CLIMATE RESILIENCY
EFFORTS THAT WERE IN CONTACT
WITH THE USERS, THE CUSTOMERS OF
THAT PARK, IF YOU WILL, THE
SPORTS TEAMS AND THE LEAGUES AND
THINGS LIKE THAT, SO THEY HAVE A
SEAT AT THE TABLE AND THEY'RE
NOT GETTING THIRD HAND OR
THROUGH IT.

I THINK THAT'S IT IN A NUTSHELL.
I'LL OBVIOUSLY WAIT TO GET
ANOTHER ROUND IN, BUT THAT'S
WHERE I'M AT.

SO I APPRECIATED THAT, MADAM
CHAIR.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH,
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> YES, AND WHEN I WAS WORKING
AT THE BHA, I WAS INVOLVED IN
GETTING HOUSING AUTHORITY
RESIDENTS INVOLVED IN THE
PLAYING PROCESS AT MOAKLEY PARK.
SO VERY MUCH I SECOND YOU ON
THAT.

NEXT STEP IS COUNCILOR FLYNN.
THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM COUNCILOR
BAKER, THEN COUNCILOR O'MALLEY,
THEN IT GOES TO COUNCILOR JANEY.
EN COUNCILOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

THANK YOU, COINS HAIR BOK.

STARTING WITH THE ENVIRONMENT,
WE HAVE -- I WANT TO LEARN OR
GET SOME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE WORK THE ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT DOES WITH THE PUBLIC
HEALTH COMMISSION, AND DO THEY
WORK TOGETHER ON ANY STUDIES IN
VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS?
I'D LIKE TO SEE, YOU KNOW, WE
OBVIOUSLY HAVE NOT SEEN CARS AND
TRUCKS ON MANY OF THE ROADS OVER
THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS.
WHAT IMPACT WILL WE HAVE ONCE
THESE CARS AND TRUCKS GO BACK
INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.
WHAT IMPACT DOES THAT HAVE ON
THE ENVIRONMENT.
WHAT IMPACT DOES THAT HAVE ON
PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WELL.
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO KIND OF
CONNECTED BOTH OF THEM.
THE ENVIRONMENT, I DIDN'T -- I
THINK THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF
ISSUES IN SOUTH BOSTON.
IN AND AROUND THE ANDREWS SQUARE
AREA.
IT'S A DENSE AREA.
THERE'S A LOT OF ACCESS TO THE
HIGHWAY SYSTEM.
AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT THINKS OF
THAT AREA AS IT RELATES TO
PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES.
I THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT I
WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON.
THE OTHER ONE, OF COURSE, IS THE
ENVIRONMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AS IT RELATES TO ASTHMA IN AND
AROUND THE LEATHER DISTRICT AND
CHINATOWN, AS WELL.
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY MENTIONED
MOAKLEY PARK.
THAT'S A MAJOR PARK IN MY
DISTRICT.
SO WE BOTH HAVE GREAT AFFECTION
FOR MOAKLEY PARK.
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
VOICE OF RESIDENTS ARE HEARD AND
A LOT OF THESE YOUTH SPORTS HAVE
ACCESS TO THESE BALL FIELDS AND
THESE KIDS IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING
DEVELOPMENTS AND MARY ELLEN
McCORMICK AND WEST BROADWAY
AND OLD COME FIRST BASE THEY

DESERVE A BEAUTIFUL PARK, WHICH
THEY DO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL PARK.
BECAUSE THE PUBLIC -- THE PARKS
DEPARTMENT DOES AN OUTSTANDING
JOB THERE.

BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT
CONTINUES TO BE LIKE THAT.
SO THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR
ME.

I HIGHLIGHTED YESTERDAY, I
TALKED ABOUT -- AND YOU SHARE
WITH ME KENZIE, BOSTON COMMON
AND THE PUBLIC GARDEN.

I KNOW IT'S MOSTLY IN YOUR
DISTRICT, BUT I HAVE A LOT OF
CONSTITUENTS JUST ON THE
OPPOSITE END THERE IN THE BAY
VILLAGE.

IT'S VERY CLOSE, BUT THEY LOVE
THE PUBLIC GARDEN.

THEY LOVE THE BOSTON COMMON.

AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE
THAT WORKING WITH THE
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, I
WOULD LOVE TO SEE US A LONG-TERM
PLAN OF HOW WE CAN BETTER
CONNECT TO BAY VILLAGE IN
CHINATOWN AND SOME AREAS IN AND
AROUND BEACON HILL AND BACK BAY
WITH THE BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE
PLAN FOR PEOPLE CAN GET TO THE
PUBLIC GARDEN AND TO THE BOSTON
COMMON IN A SAFER WAY.

THAT'S SOMETHING I HAVE TALKED
TO CHRIS COOK ABOUT FOR A WHILE,
AND THAT'S SOMETHING I'M GOING
TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON.

AND THE SOUTH END HAS A LOT OF
BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND I JUST WANT
TO SEE WHAT THE SHORT TERM AND
LONG TERM PLANS ARE ON
RENOVATIONS OF OUR PARKS IN THE
SOUTH END.

AND FINALLY, ON PARKS, I KNOW WE
HAVE SOME PARKS IN AND AROUND
THE BHA DEVELOP IN WEST
BROADWAY, AND I KNOW WE ARE
MAKING PROGRESS ON SOME OF THOSE
PARKS.

BUT I WANT THE MAKE SURE THOSE
KIDS GET THE PARKS THEY NEED.
THERE IS NOTHING WORSE THAN
SEEING A PARK A KID CAN'T USE.
SO I'M GOING TO FOCUS ON PARKS

IN AND AROUND THE BHA
DEVELOPMENT.

AND WITH THAT, COUNCILOR, I
THINK I'M GOING TO STOP AND GIVE
SOMEONE ELSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
SPEAK.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR
FLYNN.

CERTAINLY ALTHOUGH I CLAIM THE
COMMENT IN THE PUBLIC GARDEN IS
MINE, I RECOGNIZE OUR CLOSE
SHARED INTEREST IN THOSE.
AND I THINK IT DOESN'T MAKE
SENSE TO HAVE THEM BE SURROUNDED
BY UNSAFE SPEEDWAYS.

SO I THINK THAT WILL BE
SOMETHING WE MOVE FORWARD ON.

SO NEXT UP IS COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY, AND THEN IT WILL BE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT YAINY AND
COUNCILOR MEJIA.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE, MICHELLE.
I'LL THROW A LOT OF QUESTIONS AT
YOU.

I'LL TRY TO KEEP IT SPECIFIC TO
PARKS FOR THIS GO AROUND.

FIRST WITH PARKS, THE
RENOVATION, THE CAPITAL
PROJECTS, WE HAVE THOUGHT BEEN
TALKING ABOUT THAT FOR YEARS,
AND REALLY BY FOCUS WE'VE HAD
NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS WITH
EVERYONE IN CITY GOVERNMENT.
I WILL GET INTO WHY THIS IS
NEEDED AND WHY THIS IS SO
VALUABLE.

SPECIFICALLY, IN WEST ROXBURY,
SECONDLY WE WANT TO SAY, I HAD
SORT OF TEASED THIS QUESTION
LAST NIGHT AT THE CPA MEETING
ABOUT USING STATES OR CITY
ACQUISITION OF LAND TO ADVANCE
OUR CLIMATE RESILIENCY GOALS.
CPA COULD BE POTENTIALLY ONE
SOURCE TO ADDRESS THAT AND
WANTED TO SEE MORE GENERALLY
CHIEF COOK OR COMMISSIONER
SPECTER, ANY SPECIFIC
OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY VIEWED
DOWN THE PIPELINE IN TERMS OF
ACQUISITIONS TO ADDRESS AGAIN

OUR CLIMATE READY GOALS.
THIRDLY, PARK MAINTENANCE AND
THIS ACTUALLY DOVETAILS NICELY
WITH SCALE, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN
UNDERMAINTAINED FOR MANY YEARS.
SO THAT'S THE BILLING QUESTION
AND ALSO THE GENERAL PARKS
MAINTENANCE, SPECIFICALLY
COVERAGE AT NIGHT AND WEEKENDS
AND WHAT THAT MEANS.
WE'RE OBVIOUSLY SEEING
UNPRECEDENTED -- WELL,
INCREDIBLY HIGH PARK USAGE AS OF
LATE DURING THE PANDEMIC.
YOU WANTED TO ADDRESS THAT GOING
FORWARD.
OF COURSE, THE MOUNTED RANGER
UNIT.
I WOULD VENTURE TO GUESS NEARLY
ALL OF US WILL BRING UP
QUESTIONS BECAUSE OF THE
FABULOUS AND IMPORTANT LOBBYING
EVIDENT BY SOME REALLY DEDICATED
PARKS AS THE KIDS OF WHICH I
CONSIDER MYSELF ONE OF THEM IN A
VERY MODEST \$225,000 INCREASE IN
THE UNIT WILL GO A LONG WAY TO
PROVIDING PROTECTION AS WELL AS
MAINTENANCE, AND IT'S REALLY
IMPORTANT.
THIS IS SOMETHING FOR OUR NEWER
MEMBERS.
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT FOR QUITE
SOME TIME.
THE SUPPORT OF THIS IS
INCREDIBLY WIDE AND INCREDIBLY
DEEP.
IT REACHES EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD.
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE CONTINUE
TO PROTECT THIS PROGRAM.
SPECIFICALLY AGAIN AS IT RERATES
TO BOTH THE RANGER UNIT AND
MAINTENANCE.
I ALSO WANT TO DRILL DOWN ON
FRANKLIN PARK, WHICH IS
SOMETHING THAT, YOU KNOW, IS A
CROWN JEWEL IN MY OPINION, OR
COULD BE THE CROWN JEWEL IN THE
AMARAL -- EMERALD NECKLACE.
IN TERMS OF ADVANCING REAL MONEY
FOR THIS INCREDIBLE RENOVATION,
I WANT AN UPDATE ON THAT AS WELL
AS SOME STRATEGIES ON HOW WE CAN
ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES

HAPPENING CURRENTLY.
NEXT UP IS THE ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT, LAST YEAR WE BEGAN
MANDATING A CARBON-TRUE TROPICAL
BUILDING ASSESSMENT AS PARTED OF
OUR ARTICLE 37 ZONING PROCESS.
I'M CURIOUS TO SEE HOW MANY
BUILDINGS VOLUNTARILY COMPLIED
WITH THAT.

SADLY, I THINK THE ANSWER IS
QUITE LOW.

I'M LOOKING TO SEE HOW WE CAN
GROW PARTICIPATION IN THAT SO
THIS NET ZERO CARBON READY
ESSENTIALLY ASSESSMENT FOR THESE
NEW BUILDINGS.

I DON'T WANT TO DELVE DEEPER
INTO WHAT SOME OF THE ANALYSIS
IS FROM THOSE THAT DID
PARTICIPATE.

AND I ALSO WANTED TO SEE IF
THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAMP
UP PARTICIPATION, EITHER THROUGH
THE CARROT APPROACH OR THE STICK
APPROACH.

A QUESTION WE HAVE BEEN ASKING
FOR QUITE SOME TIME IS TO GET A
DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN AND AN
ENGINEER, A PERSON THAT WOULD BE
STATIONED WITH THE ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT OR THE BPBA
STRUCTURE, WHICH IS DIFFICULT
BECAUSE OF THEIR STRUCTURE.
BUT THEY'VE BEEN DOING AMAZING
WORK.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BE ABLE
TO SUPPORT THEM WITH A
DESIGNATED MANAGER.

LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF OUR EFFORT,
WE WERE ABLE TO HELP PASS AND
WORK WITH THE MAYOR TO REQUIRE
ALL NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WITH
NET ZERO CARBON.

I KNOW CHIEF BROPHY TALKED ABOUT
THIS IN HIS HEARING WEEK OR TWO
WEEKS AGO, BUT I WANT TO SEE
SPECIFIC NUMBERS ON WHAT THIS
LOOKS LIKE FOR THIS ROLLOUT FOR
THESE NEW PLANNED BUILDINGS.

SIMILARLY, THERE ARE ABOUT 300
OR SO BUILDINGS THAT ARE
COMPLIANT.

THAT'S THE BOSTON ENERGY
ORDINANCE, WHICH WE PASSED BACK

IN 2012.

I BELIEVE NEARLY ALL IF NOT ALL
PARKS ARE COMPLIANT.

WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT.
BUT MY QUESTION IS, IS THERE AN
ASSESSMENT FOR THOSE TO SEE HOW
THEY CAN BE RETROFITTED FOR NET
ZERO CARBON.

RECOGNIZING THE FACT THAT THAT
IS GOING TO HAPPEN, YOU KNOW,
AND IT'S CRUCIAL TO HEPA.

NEXT UP AS IT RELATES TO ZERO
WASTE, MOST OF OUR QUESTIONS
WILL BE OBVIOUSLY WITH THE
PROPER AUTHORITY, WHICH WOULD BE
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
IN TERMS OF TALKING ABOUT THE
INCREDIBLY HIGH EXPENSES THAT
AFFECT LAND, TRASH, AND EFFORTS
TO MOVE AWAY FROM THAT.

OTHERWISE, AS FAR AS THE
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT GOES, AS
FAR AS THAT GOES, I'D BE LOOKING
AT CLARITY ON TWO OTHER
INITIATIVES, ONE IS TEXTILE
RECYCLING, THE OTHER IS CURBSIDE
COMPOSTING.

AGAIN, THIS IS SORT OF THE
POLICY POINT OF VIEW, NOT
NECESSARILY THE IMPLEMENTATION.
THAT COULD BE BETTER SERVED BY
DPW, BUT JUST LOOKING TO SERVE,
THERE WAS SOME PUT OUT FOR BOTH.
OBVIOUSLY COVID-19 HAS STOPPED
ALLOTTED OF OTHERWISE WORTHWHILE
AND WORTHY INITIATIVES.

AND I WANT TO DELVE DEEPER INTO
THE WETLANDS ORDINANCE THAT WE
PASSED LAST YEAR, HOW THAT'S
CHANGE WHADZ THEY'RE LOOKING
FOR, WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING LIKE,
WE'RE STILL SORT OF IN THIS YEAR
PERIOD WHERE WE'RE FINE-TUNING
SOME OF THE ASPECTS OF THE
ORDINANCE.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY
HAVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED.
THAT SEEMED TO BE ONE OF THE FEW
REAL CONCERNS AS WE'RE DRAFTING
THE ORDINANCE, THAT THAT WOULD
BE OVERWHELMED WE SUCH AN
ORDINANCE.

WE DISAGREED AND WE WERE ABLE TO
I THINK WORK WITH THEM TO

ADDRESS IT, BUT I WANT TO CHECK
IN ON THAT.
AND I THINK THAT OBVIOUSLY I
ECHO THE SENTIMENTS, MAKING SURE
THAT WE HAVE THE RESOURCES.
I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALSO
LOOK TO PERHAPS... I WON'T SAY
UNORTHODOX OR UNUSUAL.
THE WORD IS ESCAPING ME, BUT
LOOKING OUTSIDE THE BOX TO, USE
AN EXPRESSION I HATE NEW YORK
TERMS OF SUPPLEMENTING OUR TREE
CANOPY AND COVERAGE, THE ARNOLD
ARBORETUM BOASTS SOME OF THE
FINEST BOUGHTTTISTS IN THE WORLD.
IT'S RUN BY HARVARD UNIVERSITY.
I'M SURE COUNCILOR BREADON WOULD
AGREE THAT COULD BE MORE
GENEROUS TO THEIR PILOT PAYMENT,
SO THIS COULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO ADDRESS SOME OF THAT WORKING
WITH THE GREAT BOTANICAL
STUDENTS AND THOSE WHO CAN HELP
US MAINTAIN OUR GARDENS AND HELP
US NOT REPLACE OUR INCREDIBLY
DEDICATED PARK EMPLOYEES, BUT
LOOKING AT TREES TO BE ASSESS
CANNED TAKE A MORE BECAUSE THERE
IS SUCH A PAUCITY OF
PROFESSIONALS TO HELP ADDRESS
THAT.
SO THAT'S SOMETHING WE'LL BE
LOOKING AT, AS WELL.
THAT'S ALL FOR THIS ROUND.
>> GREAT.
THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.
PERHAPS CREATIVE OR
UNCONVENTIONAL OR I DON'T KNOW.
TRYING TO THINK WHAT WORD YOU
WERE THINKING OF.
REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THAT
AND APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP.
NEXT UP IS COUNCIL PRESIDENT KIM
JANEY, THEN IT WILL BE COUNCILOR
MEJIA AND COUNCILOR ARROYO WHO
HAS ALSO JOINED US FROM DISTRICT
5.
COINS HAIR JANEY, GO AHEAD.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I ECHO YOUR SENTIMENTS ABOUT THE
LEADERSHIP OF CHAIR O'MALLEY.
AND I WANT TO ECHO THE
SENTIMENTS AND QUESTIONS
REGARDING FRANKLIN PARK, WHICH I

THINK IS THE CROWN JEWEL.
AND IT'S CERTAINLY IN MY
DISTRICT AND MANY KNOW HOW PROUD
I AM OF MY DISTRICT AND THE
ASSET IN MY DISTRICT, I'M VERY
PROUD SEEING BEING THE DISTRICT
SEVEN COUNCILOR THAT HAVE SUCH A
LARGE PERCENTAGE OF GREEN SPACE
IN THE CITY, AND SO A LOT OF MY
QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF
ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS WILL BE
DEDICATED TO SOME PROJECTS IN MY
DISTRICT, SO I'M REALLY
INTERESTED TO HEAR WHERE WE ARE,
BECAUSE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
PARKS THAT I THINK ARE IN DESIGN
PHASE OR THAT WE'RE GETTING
READY TO MAYBE BREAK GROUND OR
WHEREVER THEY ARE, I JUST WANT
TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE ARE IN
THE PROCESS.

AND SO I WOULD HIGHLIGHT CERTAIN
PARKS, LIKE DEWITT, MALCOLM X,
CRAWFORD STREET, JONES, AND
WINTHROP.

AND I WOULD WANT TO KNOW IF
THERE ARE ANY RSPs OUT FOR ANY
OF THESE, PLANS TO INVOLVE THE
COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IF ANY
OF THIS IS MOVING QUICKLY, AND
WE ARE STILL KIND OF IN THE
SHUTDOWN MODE.

SO YOU KNOW, IT'S... ARE WE
DOING ANYTHING ONLINE.

I AM ALSO VERY MUCH INTERESTED
IN KIND OF FOLLOWING UP AN ISSUE
THAT CAME UP IN A HEARING LAST
WEEK ON THAT COUNCILOR EDWARDS
AND I HELD AND SHE CHAIRED ON
THE RED DIDN'T SI JOBS POLICY
AND THE PARKS DEPARTMENT WAS ONE
OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT WE WERE
LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF SOME OF
THOSE PROJECTS, SO I WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN UNDERSTANDING FOR
ANY OF THE CITY PARKS PROJECTS
THAT REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION WHAT
THE CITY IS DOING TO IMPROVE ITS
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE BOSTON
RED DIDN'T SI JOBS POLICY GOALS
AND THEN FOR ANY, YOU KNOW,
MONEY THAT IS SPENT FOR GOOD OR
FOR CONTRACTED SERVICE, I WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN HOW MUCH OF

THAT IS GOING TO BUSINESSES THAT ARE OWNED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR, WOMEN, OR BUSINESSES THAT ARE LOCALLY OWNED.

AND THEN, YOU KNOW, I'M THINKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, COVID'S IMPACT ON VERY VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND HOW IT HAS BEEN DEVASTATING, YOU KNOW, THE BLACK COMMUNITY, POOR PEOPLE HAVE HAD A DIFFICULT TIME CERTAINLY OUR ELDERLY HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED, AND I JUST WON'T DER IN

DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED. I JUST WONDER IN TERMS OUR PREPAREDNESS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT AND RESILIENCY AND WHAT WE'RE PREPARING TO DO MOVING FORWARD, ARE THERE THINGS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT NOW THAT WE EXPERIENCING SOMETHING THAT NONE OF US THOUGHT WE WOULD EXPERIENCE?

I GUESS THERE'S A QUESTION AROUND IS THERE ANY CERTAIN POTENTIAL COVID IMPACT GIVEN THAT WE ARE KIND OF VULNERABLE IN TERMS OF WHERE WE ARE AROUND PROTECTING OURSELVES AND PREPARING OUR PLANET.

THAT'S IT FOR ME ON THIS ROUND, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP, MADAME CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAME PRESIDENT.

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE COUNCILOR MEJIA.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT. THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT HAS TROUBLE HIRING FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS.

AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE HEARD.

I'M JUST WONDERING IF THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO WALK US THROUGH THE HIRING PROCESS AND EXPAND UPON THE RECRUITMENT PATHWAYS IN PARTICULAR.

I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT WHO THEY TALK TO, WHERE THEY GO, HOW ARE THEY KEEPING TRACK OF THEIR OUTREACH EFFORTS, WHAT

INFLUENCES DO THEY GET FROM
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

I'M THINKING OF CAREER LINKS,
GOODWILL.

I'M JUST REALLY THINKING ABOUT
WHAT THIS RECRUITMENT PROCESS
LOOKS LIKE.

I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW THEY'RE
FINDING THE WAY TO FILL THESE
POSITIONS WITH QUALIFIED PEOPLE
IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE
POTENTIALLY NOT HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY.

I'M CURIOUS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
HIRING -- IT WOULD BE GREAT TO
SEE A SAMPLE OF ONE OF THE JOB
DESCRIPTIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT ARE
THE BARRIERS.

IS IT BECAUSE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE
DEGREES?

I WANT TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT
THE PROBLEM IS IN TERMS OF BEING
ABLE TO HIRE DIVERSITY.

THE OTHER QUESTION IS,
COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN BOSTON
ARE BEARING IN BRUNT WITH
CLIMATE CHANGE.

I'M CURIOUS WHAT'S BEING DONE TO
ACTIVATE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
FEELING SHUT OUT OF THE
CONVERSATION.

WHAT ROLE IS THE ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT PLAYING IN COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT, IN COMMUNITY

CONVERSATIONS?

THEN TAKING THE LEAD FROM THOSE
TO HELP INFORM THEIR THINKING.

I'M JUST CURIOUS THE ROLE THAT
COMMUNITY PLAYS IN THAT.

THEN IN REGARDS TO THE PARKS AND
RECREATION DEPARTMENT, THE
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT HAS HAD
TROUBLE HIRING.

I'M GOING TO ASSUME THIS IS ALSO
THE CASE FOR PARKS AND
RECREATION.

WE HEARD THAT LAST TIME.
VERY SIMILAR TO THE SAME
QUESTIONS WE WOULD ASK THE
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE PARKS
AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

UNRELATED TO HIRING, ONE OF GOALS THIS YEAR WAS TO PLANT 2,000 STREET TREES.

I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHAT OPPORTUNITIES EXIST TO CREATE A NETWORK OF BLACK ARBORISTS AND LANDSCAPING BUSINESSES, JUST REALLY FIGURING OUT HOW WE ARE CONTRACTING BLACK ARBORISTS IN THIS PROCESS.

I KNOW A FEW.

IF THEY NEED HELP, I CAN GIVE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT I'M REALLY CURIOUS WHAT THAT PROCUREMENT LOOKS LIKE.

I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE, COUNCILOR BACH, BEFORE THIS WORKING SESSION.

I THINK IT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A PATHWAY TO A VIABLE CAREER OPTION.

JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW BOTH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS COULD BE TAPPING INTO BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO STUDENTS TO ENGAGE THEM IN CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES.

AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL JANEY MENTIONED, I'M CURIOUS ABOUT MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES AND WHAT ROLE THEY PLAY IN CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES.

THAT'S IT.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR MEJIA.

NEXT UP IS COUNCILOR ARROYO AND THEN COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, WHAT PORTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT'S CONTRACTS ARE MINORITY OWNED, WOMEN OWNED, OR SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS?

FROM THE DOCUMENTS WE GOT, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY OF THEM. IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHAT EFFORTS IS THE ENVIRONMENTS DEPARTMENT MAKING TO INCLUDE CONTRACTS WITH MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES AND SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES?

I'M JUST ROLLING THROUGH HERE.

WHAT INVESTMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE HEAT ISLAND EFFECT?

THAT'S A BIG ISSUE IN DISTRICT 5 AS WELL AS STORM WATER FLOODING IN BOSTON.

ONE OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IS A CLIMATE-READINESS IN BOSTON PHASE 2, WHICH IS FOR NEIGHBORS AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE.

THE FOCUS IS ON THE COASTLINE OR WILL THIS APPLY TO DISTRICT 5 THAT HAS THE HEAT ISLAND EFFECT AND STORM WATER FLOODING?

CREATING A TREE CANOPY PLAN, A PROGRESS REPORT, 2019 REPORT, WHEN WILL THAT PLAN BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW?

I WANT TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE IT IS DUE.

I THINK FLAHERTY AND O'MALLEY LOOKED UP THE CANOPY AND TREE PLANNING, BUT THERE'S AN ISSUE THAT'S IMPORTANT TO MULTIPLE COUNCILORS.

I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WHEN WE CAN REVIEW THAT.

FOR THE CONCOM, WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO ADDRESS THE DUMPING OF MATERIALS INTO WILDLIFE?

WE HAVE VERY IN DISTRICT 5. OF THE PARK AND REC 98

CONTRACTS, ONLY 5 SEEM TO BE HELD BY MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES OR BOTH.

WHAT EFFORTS IS PARKS AND RECREATION DOING TO ADDRESS THAT?

I THINK THAT'S ALREADY BEEN ASKED SO I'LL SKIP THAT, BUT I BELIEVE FLAHERTY ASKED ABOUT WHAT THE PLAN IS FOR MONEY THAT HASN'T BEEN ALLOCATED AS IT GOES TO COVID.

THE CAPITAL PROJECT PARCEL PRIORITY PLAN IDENTIFIES LANDS OF RECREATION AND HABITATS. WHAT IS THE PROCESS AND WHAT LAND SHOULD BE PROTECTED AS OPEN SPACE?

ARE THERE ANY PROGRESS REPORTS ON THIS PROJECT?

IF NOT, WHEN CAN WE EXPECT THAT

REPORT?

IS THERE PLANNING FOR DISTRICT 5
TO HAVE OPEN SPACES?

TO WHAT EXTENT IS THE PUBLIC AND
COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN THE
PROCESS?

FOR THE CAPITAL PROJECT OF THE
STATE TREE PLANTING, WHEN ARE
THESE TREES BEING PLANTED?

IS THAT CITYWIDE OR CONCENTRATED
IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS?

IS IT EQUITABLE?

I'M TRYING TO RUN THROUGH THIS
AS QUICKLY AS I CAN.

[READING].

ARE THERE ANY PLANS BY THE CITY
TO ACQUIRE THE OAK LAWN DRIVING
RANGE AND TURN IT TO OPEN SPACE?

THESE ARE LARGE SWATHS OF LAND
THAT HIT THE MARKET PRE-COVID
THAT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE
HOPING WE CAN POSSIBLY LOOK AT
ACQUIRING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION.

THAT'S IT FOR THIS PORTION.

THEN THE REST I'LL HOLD FOR
NEXT.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR
ARROYO.

NEXT UP IS COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

THANK YOU FOR THE MUTE THERE.

I APOLOGIZE IF I'M LATE.

MY CHIEF OF STAFF HAS BEEN TUNED
IN, SO I'M HOPEFUL TO NOT REPEAT
ANY OF THE QUESTIONS.

ONE THAT I DO WANT TO FIND OUT,
I KNOW COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
MENTIONED IT [BREAKING UP].

PROTECTION FOR HORSES IN
PARTICULAR.

LAST YEAR, WE PASSED THE
WETLANDS ORDINANCE.

I'M WONDERING IF WE HAD AN
UPDATED BREAKDOWN AND TIMELINE
REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
IT.

WONDERING IF THIS PANDEMIC HAS
IMPACTED THAT TIMELINE AT ALL OR
WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S BEEN AN
RFP AND IF NOT, WHAT'S THE PLAN.

CURIOUS ABOUT SOME OF THE FLOOD

RESILIENCY ZONES AND THE IMPACT OF THE ORDINANCE ON THOSE AND GIST THE WORK THAT CONTINUES FROM THAT ORDINANCE. ON THE WATER PIECE, REALLY UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACTS ON THE COASTLINE BUT THE IMPACTS INLAND AS WELL. I THINK THE WETLANDS ORDINANCE WORKS TO SOME OF THAT. COUNCILOR O'MALLEY WAS PART OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM ON THAT. LOOKING FORWARD TO AN UPDATE ON THAT. ALSO, THE WORK AROUND THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, HOW DOES THAT CONSIDER THE WORK OF OUR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, SOME OF OUR SOCIAL NETWORKS, OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COALITIONS? THESE GROUPS ARE ALL COMING TOGETHER AND WORKING IN A RESILIENT WAY, BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN AND WHERE ARE WE WITH SORT OF MOVING ON THAT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN? IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, HOW ARE WE DEFINING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS? HOW ARE THOSE POPULATIONS BEING INCLUDED IN THE CONVERSATION GOING FORWARD? THERE'S ALSO SOME ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT WE'RE STILL SEEING IN THE SEAPORT AREA. JUST WONDERING THE IMPACTS OF THOSE PLANS CONSIDERING THIS NEW ORDINANCE AND THE WORK THAT CONTINUES. ALSO, I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF CONVERSATION THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO HAVE AS A CITY AROUND THE IMPACTS OF THIS PANDEMIC ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PLANS. THEN THERE WAS SOME SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS ON THE CAPITAL SIDE WHEN THINKING ABOUT CLIMATE RESILIENCY IN OUR CITY. CURIOUS ABOUT THAT. I WAS PART OF A CONVERSATION THE OTHER NIGHT WITH THE ALLENDALE COALITION. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A VERY

SPECIFIC LINE ITEM CALLED THE ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, AOP.

THEY NOW RECOMMEND THAT -- THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN INCREASE IN INVESTMENTS ON THAT CLIMATE PLAN.

I MAY NEED TO START WEARING GLASSES DURING ALL THESE ZOOM CONVERSATIONS.

SOMETHING WE TALKED IN DETAIL ABOUT LAST BUDGET CYCLE AND I BELIEVE THE CYCLE BEFORE THAT WAS OUR INVESTMENT IN THE URBAN WILD.

ACROSS THE CITY, WE HAD SOME INVESTMENTS LAST YEAR IN THE URBAN WILD, BUT LOOKING TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE IMPACT AND HOW WE HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT IS MANAGING THESE 35 URBAN WILDS THAT ARE ACROSS OUR CITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND IF THEY'RE ABLE TO CONTINUE AT THAT CAPACITY, ESPECIALLY IF WE WANT TO MAINTAIN AND BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR URBAN WILD IN A MEANINGFUL WAY.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER COUNCILOR MEJIA TALKED ABOUT THE URBAN

FORESTRY, BUT I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT.

THERE'S STILL IMPROPER DISCARDING OF SYRINGES AND THINGS LIKE THAT ACROSS OUR PARKS.

I DO KNOW OUR PARK RANGERS ARE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO DO THE MAJORITY OF THE WORK.

I'M A PROPONENT OF LIMITING THE [INAUDIBLE] SORRY NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON NOT JUST THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR PARKS, BUT THEY HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT AS WELL, ESPECIALLY IN MANY OF OUR WATERWAYS.

CURIOUS ABOUT THOSE EFFORTS AND WONDER IF -- THE GOSLINGS HAVE ALREADY HATCHED THIS YEAR. I'M CURIOUS WITH THE PANDEMIC AND THE SHUTDOWN WERE WE ABLE TO DO ANY [INAUDIBLE] IN THAT AREA THIS YEAR AND HOW THAT

WORKED OUT.

IN OUR PARKS BUDGET, CURIOUS ABOUT ATHLETIC PROGRAMMING IN OUR FIELDS AND TALK ABOUT THE YOUTH OF OUR LOCAL ATHLETIC PROGRAMMING, WHETHER IT IS SOCCER, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, LITTLE LEAGUE, BUT ALSO CURIOUS ABOUT THE USAGE BY PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE USING OUR ATHLETIC FIELDS. COUNCILOR FLYNN AND COUNCILOR FLAHERTY TALKED ABOUT THE PARKS AND THE WORK THAT'S HAPPENING THERE.

THERE'S SOME PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT ARE CHARGING AND MAKING A FORTUNE OFF OF ORGANIZED ATHLETIC PROGRAMMING, PAY TO PLAY.

WE'VE TALKED IN THE PAST AT PAST BUDGET HEARINGS AND PARKS HEARINGS THE IDEA TO DO SOME FOR-PROFIT PROGRAMMING. OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES HAVE COME IN AND PUT THEIR OWN LIGHTS UP BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO USE THE CITY'S LIGHTS OR PAY FOR THOSE.

I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. ALSO, FACILITIES AT OUR PARKS, ESPECIALLY THE IMPACT THAT A LACK OF FACILITIES HAS ON WOMEN. I THINK ABOUT MY YEARS COACHING SOFTBALL AND A LACK OF FACILITIES CREATED A REAL PROBLEM FOR OUR YOUNG WOMEN IN PARTICULAR.

THERE'S NO RESTROOMS TO BE HAD. CEMETERIES.

WITH COVID IN PARTICULAR, WE'VE SEEN AN INCREASE IN BURIALS. JUST CURIOUS THE IMPACT THAT'S HAD ON OUR CITY CEMETERIES. I'M INTERESTED IN A GENERAL BREAKDOWN OF THE TYPES OF

PERMITS FOR USE OF OUR PUBLIC SPACES, WHETHER IT IS WEDDINGS OR OTHER PRIVATE EVENTS OR ATHLETIC PROGRAMMING. SORT OF CURIOUS AS TO ALL OF THAT.

I HAVE A FEW ADDITIONAL

QUESTIONS.

I KNOW I'VE COME ON LATE.

I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

I'LL STOP THERE AND WAIT FOR THE
NEXT ROUND AND SUBMIT THEM TO
YOU DIRECTLY.

THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR

ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

I CAN CONFIRM THERE WAS ADDLING
DESPITE THE COVID CRISIS.

IT WAS NOTED BY A NUMBER OF MY
CONSTITUENTS.

>> THAT WAS GREAT TO HEAR.

>> I'LL QUICKLY ASK MY QUESTIONS
ON THE SUBJECT.

THEN WE'LL GO BACK UP TO THE TOP
AND DO D&D AND LANDMARKS.

ON THE ENVIRONMENT FRONT, THERE
IS SOME ADDITIONAL STAFFING
CAPACITY FOR COMCOM AND WALKING
THROUGH THE WETLANDS ORDINANCE.

WE EXPECT TO IMPLEMENT INTO
ZONING THE NEW GUIDELINES, THE
COASTAL PLANNING GUIDELINES,
THAT WERE BEING DISCUSSED LAST
NIGHT.

I THINK THOSE ARE PRETTY
EXCITING, BUT THEN THERE'S THE
CHALLENGE OF THE COASTAL FLOOD
GUIDELINES AND OVERLAY.

WE'VE SEEN OFTEN SEEN GUIDELINES
FIT IN THIS IN-BETWEEN SPACE FOR
YEARS.

THAT COULD BE A REAL ISSUE
AROUND FLOODING.

I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT
OUR TIMELINE ON IMPLEMENTING
THAT IS.

THAT'S ONE BIG THING FOR ME.

IN GENERAL, I WANT TO UNDERSTAND
THE 10% OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET
THAT'S GOING TO RESILIENCY.

I THINK IT'S REALLY EXCITING.

I WANT TO KNOW HOW WE'RE
THINKING ABOUT THAT AND
EVALUATING.

IS IT JUST THINK WHERE WE'RE
DEALING WITH FLOODING OR
MITIGATION THAT WE COUNT IN THAT
BUCKET?

DO WE THINK ABOUT SPECIFICALLY
HOW MUCH WE'RE BRINGING DOWN

EMISSIONS THROUGH WORK IN THAT BUCKET?

I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT 10% GETS EVALUATED. WE'RE HOPEFULLY GOING TO BE RESPONDING TO THIS ECONOMIC CRISIS WITH A SUBSTANTIAL CAPITAL BUDGET FOR A FEW YEARS NOW.

THE MORE WE CAN WORK ON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, THE MORE WE CAN HIT A DOUBLE BOTTOM LINE OF BOTH SUPPORTING OUR CITY ECONOMY AND EMPLOYING FOLKS AND MAKING THE CRITICAL PROGRESS WE NEED TO MAKE ON CLIMATE CHANGE.

THOSE ARE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT QUESTIONS.

I HAVE A BUNCH OF SUPER SPECIFIC BUILDING STANDARD QUESTIONS IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE MY DISTRICT HAS SO MANY HISTORIC AND OLDER BUILDINGS.

BOSTON HAS SO MANY SUCH BUILDINGS.

RETROFITTING IS A HUGE PART OF GETTING TO ANY PART OF OUR CLIMATE TARGETS.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY REFERENCED BUILDINGS.

WE HAVE LARGER PRIVATE BUILDING STOCK.

WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES FOR GETTING THOSE IN RETROFITTED IN A WAY THAT USES LESS CARBON.

I'LL APPEND THE RECORD OF THIS WITH VERY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT BUILDING STANDARDS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO TAKE COUNCILORS' TIME.

I WOULD LIKE THEM TO ALSO SPEAK TO THE TREE PLAN.

I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF EXCITEMENT IN COUNCIL.

I CERTAINLY HEARD IT IN MY BUDGET MEETINGS WITH COUNCILORS ARROYO AND O'MALLEY AND MEJIA AND ESSAIBI-GEORGE ABOUT THE REAL INTEREST IN GROWING THAT CANOPY.

I THINK IT IS REALLY EXCITING THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED TO

DOUBLING THE PLANTINGS NEXT YEAR.

IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE CATCHING UP ON OUR STANDARD YEAR'S PLANTING THIS FALL BECAUSE WE'RE NOT PLANTING AT THE SAME RATE THIS SPRING. WE'LL DEFINITELY HAVE TO HAVE A SUPER CHARGED PLANTING SPRING AND UNDERSTAND HOW WE'RE THINKING ABOUT DOING THAT EQUITABLY ACROSS THE CITY. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF INTEREST IN MY PART OF THE CITY TO OPEN UP TAR TO TREES.

I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR PEOPLE REQUESTING THAT.

IT'S SOMETHING PARKS IS OPEN TO, BUT A LOT OF NEIGHBORS FEEL IT JUST CAN'T BE DONE, SO WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THAT AND REALLY THINK ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO ACCELERATE OUR TREE CANOPY TO MAKE US A MUCH GREENER CITY AND DO THAT AN ENVIRONMENTALLY EQUITABLE AND SOCIALLY SUSTAINABLE WAY.

I'LL ECHO THE QUESTIONS ON CONTRACTING AND EMPLOYMENT. AGAIN, WITH A LARGE CAPITAL BUDGET, MORE THAN EVER HAVING A DIVERSE POOL OF CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS IN THOSE JOBS IS SO IMPORTANT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT EQUITABLE RECOVERY.

SPECIFICALLY WITH PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT, IT DOES SEEM LIKE ONE OF THE ISSUES WE'RE RUNNING INTO IS THE FACT THAT THERE MIGHT BE SPECIFIC CREDENTIALS, LIKE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, WHERE WE'RE PULLING FROM A VERY WIDE POOL OF APPLICANTS.

I WONDER IF THERE'S BROADER JUSTICE FRAMEWORK THAT WE COULD OPEN UP THE APPLICATION POOL WHILE STILL GETTING REALLY GREAT CANDIDATES.

MINE IS A DISTRICT OF PARKS. WE HAV MANY, MANY WE CARE ABOUT.

PEOPLE WOULD LOVE TO SEE A DEDICATED LINE ITEM.

CERTAINLY, WE'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW WITH SO MANY PEOPLE USING OUR PARK OUTDOORS ISSUES AROUND MASK WEARING AND APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING THE BENEFIT OF HAVING UNIFORMED FOLKS IN THE PARKS WHO CAN TALK TO PEOPLE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO USE THE PARKS IN A PROSOCIAL WAY.

I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT.

WHAT I MEANT TO SAY ON THE TREES WAS I WANT THEM TO EXPLAIN THE INCREASE IN URBAN FORESTRY.

THAT SHOULD PAY FOR AN EXTRA ARBORIST.

THERE'S AN INCREASE IN TREE PLANTINGS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS. HOW DOES THAT INTERACT?

THERE'S SOME YOUNG PEOPLE THAT COULD WATER THE TREES IN THE SUMMER.

IS THAT SOMETHING WE CAN DO MORE BROADLY TO HELP OUR TREES AND HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

I'D ECHO COUNCILOR FLAHERTY IN THE QUESTION AROUND CONTRACTING AND JUST TRYING IN GENERAL TO MAKE MORE OF OUR TREE PROGRAMS FIT UNDER THE CITY REMIT.

A BIG INVESTMENT IN THE BACKSPACE PATHWAYS.

THE CONTINUATION OF THEM IS REALLY IMPORTANT IN MY DISTRICT. I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT THOSE AND ABOUT SOME OF THE PLAYGROUND PROJECTS.

THE MISSION PLAYGROUND.

I'M CERTAIN I HAVE MANY OTHERS, BUT I'M GOING TO NOW RECOGNIZE COUNCILOR BREADON.

WE'LL BE ADDRESSING NOW QUESTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, WHICH I'LL NOTE IS HAVING A TRANSFORMATIVE INCREASE IN ITS BUDGET THIS YEAR.

IT IS FAIRLY UNIQUE AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS.

THEN ALSO THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION.

>> NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, OKAY.

I WANT TO PUT UP FOR DISCUSSION AN HISTORIC ICE POND IN

BRIGHTON.

THEY HAVE TO HAVE A SCOPE.
THEN THEY GO TO THE PARKS
DEPARTMENT TO GET SOME OF THESE
THINGS.

WE HAVEN'T GOT A PRICE FOR WHAT
THEY CAN BID ON TO GET SOME
FUNDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN
OPEN UP THAT LOGJAM AND GET
SOMETHING GOING THERE.

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL URBAN SPACE.

BACK TO THE DMV BUDGET.

IF THEY HAVE AN INCREASED
BUDGET, WHAT ARE THEIR
PRIORITIES FOR USING THAT
BUDGET?

I HAD A THOUGHT WHEN YOU WERE
TALKING ABOUT THE TREES.

NOT ONLY IS IT IMPORTANT TO
PLANT TREES BUT TO MAINTAIN
THOSE TREES.

IN TERMS OF NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT, IF WE COULD DEVELOP
A YOUTH CORPS OR A GROUP OF
YOUNG PEOPLE -- YOU COULD DO
SOMETHING WHERE YOU WOULD LEARN
ABOUT HUSBANDRY WITH TREE
MAINTENANCE AND THEN DO LIKE AN
INTERNSHIP OVER THE SUMMER TO
TRY AND MAINTAIN SOME OF THE
URBAN FOREST THAT WE'RE TRYING
TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN.

THEN HISTORIC PRESERVATION, WAS
THAT THE OTHER PIECE?

>> YES.

>> YEAH, THIS IS A REALLY
IMPORTANT PIECE.

I FEEL SO MANY OF OUR HISTORIC
ASSETS, NOT ONLY BUILDINGS BUT
PUBLIC SPACES, EVEN CERTAIN
TYPES OF OUR BUSINESSES ARE PART
OF OUR HISTORIC INFRASTRUCTURE.
IT'S REALLY TO SAD TO LOSE THEM.
I'M THINKING OF INSTITUTIONS
THAT ARE HISTORIC MEETING
PLACES.

I WOULD LOVE TO SEE OUR APPROACH
TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION HAVE A
LOOK AT THE CULTURAL
PRESERVATION AS WELL AND SOME
CAPACITY TO TRY AND PRESERVE
SOME OF THOSE SPACES IN OUR

NEIGHBORHOODS.
THEY COULD BE PUBS.
THEY COULD BE CHURCHES,
WHATEVER, BUT THEY'RE VERY
SPECIAL IN THE CULTURAL LIFE OF
OUR CITY FOR A LONG TIME.
WHAT ELSE HAVE I GOT ON MY LIST
HERE?
YEAH, THAT SEEMS TO BE ALL FOR
NOW.
THANK YOU.
>> GREAT.
THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR
BREADON.
NEXT UP IS COUNCILOR FLYNN.
THEN IT WILL BE COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY.
COUNCILOR FLYNN?
COUNCILOR FLYNN, ARE YOU THERE?
ALL RIGHT.
I'M GOING TO SKIP HIM FOR A
MOMENT.
WE'LL COME BACK IF HE RESURFACE.
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.
>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.
ON LANDMARKS SPECIFICALLY,
THERE'S ACTUALLY A UNIT ON HEATH
STREET IN BETWEEN OUR TWO
DISTRICTS THAT'S BEEN WAITING
FOR SOME GUIDANCE IN TERMS OF
ITS DESIGNATION OR APPLICATION
FOR DESIGNATION FOR LANDMARKS.
I GUESS THERE'S GENERAL
QUESTIONS AS TO HOW THE PROCESS
IS.
A LOT OF PEOPLE MAKE THE MISTAKE
THAT WE JUST DESIGNATE SOMETHING
AS A LANDMARK.
IT IS OFTEN MORE COMPLICATED AND
COMPLEX THAN THAT.
SOMETIMES FOR THE BETTER.
SOMETIMES NOT.
I'M LOOKING AT WHAT THE PROCESS
IS FOR DESIGNATING SOMETHING AS
A LANDMARK.
I CAN FOLLOW UP OFFLINE WITH
HER.
AS IT RELATES TO THE DMV,
LOOKING AT WHAT THE NEXT SORT OF
PHASE LOOKS LIKE IN A POST-COVID
WORLD OR AT LEAST WHEN THINGS
BEGIN TO RETURN TO SOME
SEMBLANCE OF NMALCY HOW WE'RE

GOING TO ADDRESS THE ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, NEW DEVELOPMENTS, NEW PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.

THERE WAS A STATISTIC THAT CAME OUT YESTERDAY IN THE STATE AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

WE COLLECTED EXACTLY 50% OF OUR TAX REVENUES IN APRIL OF 20 AS OPPOSED TO APRIL OF 19.

A 50% DECREASE.

THAT NUMBER IS DEVASTATING.

THAT AFFECTS ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF OUR WORK AND NOT SO ACUTELY FELT IN HOUSING IN TERMS OF SHORT-TERM FIXES.

SOME GENERAL QUESTIONS ON THAT AS WELL AS LOOKING AT SOME SPECIFIC DISTRICT PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS OTHER IDEAS THAT BOTH COLLEAGUES HAVE VIA THE VOUCHER SYSTEM, VIA SOME SORT OF OTHER WAYS TO GROW OUR POOL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS SOME OTHER IDEAS THAT SHEILA AND HER TEAM HAS PRESENTED AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

NEXT UP IS COUNCILOR JANEY AND THEN COUNCILOR MEJIA.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

MY FIRST QUESTIONS WILL SOUND A LITTLE FAMILIAR, AS I'VE JUST ASKED THEM DURING THE LAST ROUND.

I WOULD BE INTERESTED FOR ANY DMV PROJECTS SAME QUESTIONS AROUND MEETING THE BRJP GOALS AND WHAT THE PLAN IS TO INCREASE THOSE NUMBERS AND THEN ALSO FOR ANY MONEY THAT IS SPENT FOR GOODS OR FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES.

HOW MUCH OF THAT IS GOING TO BUSINESSES OWNED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR, WOMEN, AND ARE LOCALLY OWNED?

AGAIN, I WOULD WONDER WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE TO IMPROVE IN THAT

AREA AS WELL.

I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JUST UNDERSTANDING WHERE WE ARE AROUND THE CITY-FUNDED RENTAL VOUCHER PROGRAM.

I KNOW MANY OF US ARE EXCITED ABOUT THAT AND WERE ADVOCATING FOR THAT.

AND THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THAT WE WOULD HAVE THAT.

JUST KEEPING UP WITH THE RENTAL RELIEF POT OF MONEY AND THIS POT OF MONEY, I WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE IN THAT AND WHERE THAT WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE FY '21 BUDGET IN TERMS OF JUST DOLLAR AMOUNTS AND WHAT THE THINKING WOULD BE IN TERMS OF THE PROCESS FOR ROLLING IT OUT AND WHAT LESSONS WE WOULD APPLY FROM THE RENTAL RELIEF FUND TO THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM.

I'D BE INTERESTED IN THAT AS WELL.

THEN I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF OUR HOUSING GOALS.

EACH YEAR, A NUMBER OF UNITS ARE BEING BUILT.

THE MAYOR HAS STATED GOALS AROUND MAKING SURE EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HOUSED HERE GIVEN THE HOUSING CRISIS AND THE SHORTAGE.

I WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF MEETING THAT GOAL.

AS WE TALK ABOUT JUST THE LAYOUT OF THE MIX OF HOUSING THAT HAS BEEN BUILT SINCE WE STARTED THIS, I WOULD LIKE A BREAKDOWN OF THE TYPE OF HOUSING, LIKE HOW MUCH OF THAT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING VERSUS MARKET RATE OR VERSUS SOMETHING THAT IS SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE.

IN TERMS OF TIMELINE FOR THOSE GOALS, JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF COVID HERE.

THERE'S BEEN A CONSTRUCTION PAUSE OBVIOUSLY.

AND I DON'T HAVE YOU UP, SO IF THERE'S A TIMER, A BUZZER, FEEL FREE BECAUSE I'VE GOT MY NOTES UP.

I CAN'T SEE YOUR GAVEL.
I KNOW THE OTHER HEARING YOU HAD
A TIMER.
FEEL FREE.
I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE HOW
COVID IS IMPACTING -- OBVIOUSLY,
WE HAD THE CONSTRUCTION PAUSE.
I'M WORRIED, TOO, ABOUT
BOTTLENECKING.
THAT'S MAYBE NOT SO MUCH WAYS
AND MEANS, BUT IT IS ABOUT HOW
WE MOVE THIS MONEY AND SPEND
THIS MONEY THROUGH.
IF WE HAVE BOTTLENECKS BECAUSE
OF THE PAUSE, I WANT TO KNOW HOW
WE PLAN ON CAREFULLY, SAFELY
PHASING IN THIS WORK AND WHAT
THE IMPACT OF COVID IS IN TERMS
OF MONEY AND IN TERMS OF
TIMELINE.
AND THEN AM I TO UNDERSTAND
WE'RE LOSING ALMOST A HALF
MILLION FROM VARIOUS GRANTS?
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHICH
PROJECTS WOULD BE AFFECTED BY
THAT DECREASE.
AND THEN I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS
HAPPENING AROUND AFFORDABLE HOME
OWNERSHIP.
I WAS THRILLED TO SEE IN THE CPA
HEARING WE HAD LAST NIGHT THE
NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN MY
DISTRICT THAT HAVE AFFORDABLE
HOME OWNERSHIP.
I WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE IN
TERMS OF THOSE GOALS, INCLUDING
INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE ONE
PLUS BOSTON MORTGAGE PROGRAM AND
WHERE THAT IS IN THIS BUDGET.
THAT IS, I THINK, IT FOR ME,
MADAME CHAIR.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
>> GREAT.
THANK YOU SO MUCH, PRESIDENT
JANEY.
THERE'S 2.5 MILLION IN THE DMV
BUDGET.
THAT'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING WE
EXPECT THEM TO SPEAK TO.
>> EXCELLENT.
>> THANK YOU.
NEXT UP IS COUNCILOR MEJIA.
THEN IT WILL BE COUNCILOR ARROYO
AND THEN COUNCILOR

ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, ONE OF
THE PERFORMANCE GOALS FOR THE
OFFICE OF HOUSING AND STABILITY,
THERE'S 850 EVICTIONS NEXT YEAR.
I'M WONDERING IF THAT TARGET WAS
CREATED BEFORE OR AFTER THE
CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK AND WHAT
MEASURES ARE IN PLACE NOW TO
HELP WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE
IN EVICTIONS.

I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT
WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

ONE OF THE DND GOALS IS TO TRY
TO CREATE TWICE AS MANY
AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES IN 2021.

I WANT TO KNOW HOW THE PANDEMIC
IMPACTS THESE GOALS.

I'M ALWAYS ASKING ABOUT THE
PROCESS AND THE WAY THAT WE'RE
ENGAGING COMMUNITY, SO I'M
CURIOUS IN TERMS OF THE ROLE
THAT NONPROFITS, COMMUNITY
ACTIVISTS, AND OTHERS HAVE
PLAYED IN HELPING TO SHAPE THEIR
AGENDA AND THEIR EFFORTS.

JUST REALLY CURIOUS BECAUSE I'VE
HEARD FROM A LOT OF FOLKS OUT ON
THE STREETS THEY DON'T FEEL
INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS.

I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING
HOW MUCH MONEY, IF ANY, THEY'RE
DEVOTING TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
AND OUTREACH AND WHETHER OR NOT
THAT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
OUTREACH IS DONE IN MULTIPLE
LANGUAGES.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ABUTTERS
MEETINGS.

I THINK THOSE ARE GREAT, BUT I'M
CURIOUS HOW THEY'RE REACHING
EVERYONE TO BE ENGAGED IN THE
DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

AND THEN FOR THE LANDMARK
COMMISSION, CAN WE GET SOME
INFORMATION ABOUT OUTREACH TO
COMMUNITIES THAT DON'T SPEAK
ENGLISH?

JUST REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT
THAT LOOKS LIKE.

ARE DOCUMENTS ON THEIR WEBSITES

AVAILABLE IN OTHER LANGUAGES?
TO BE HONEST, THE LANDMARKS
COMMISSION -- PROBABLY THE CITY
COUNCILORS KNOW EVERY SINGLE
COMMISSION THERE IS IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT THE FUNCTION IS OF THIS
COMMISSION AND WHO IS ON IT AND
HOW -- YEAH.

IS THIS THE HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION FOLKS?

>> YES.

THERE'S A SERIES OF HISTORIC
DISTRICTS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS
AROUND THE CITY.

THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION IS KIND
OF OVER THE WHOLE CITY, AND
THEY'RE ABLE TO DESIGNATE BOSTON
LANDMARKS AND ALSO ISSUE THESE
DEMOLITION DELAY STAYS IF
THERE'S AN HISTORIC BUILDING
THAT'S ABOUT TO BE KNOCKED DOWN.

>> I'M GLAD YOU GAVE ME CLARITY
AROUND THAT BECAUSE I'VE SAT IN
ASSOCIATION MEETINGS WHERE
THERE'S BEEN SOME BUILDINGS THAT
WERE EARMARKED OR THEY COULD
HAVE BEEN BECAUSE SUCH AND SUCH
LIVED THERE HUNDREDS OF YEARS
AGO, BUT THEN THOSE BUILDINGS
ARE UP FOR BEING DEMOLISHED AND
REFURBISHED, AND BLAH BLAH BLAH.
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY
INPUT WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDINGS
THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD CONSIDER
TO BE HISTORIC BUT THEN THEY'RE
NOT, WHAT THEIR PROCESS LOOKS
LIKE.

THEN I'M CURIOUS IN TERMS OF
WHAT LANDMARKS ARE UPLIFTING
DIVERSE COMMUNITIES.
DO THEY HAVE AN ASSESSMENT THAT
GOES TO SHOW HOW [INAUDIBLE].
I'M SURE I CAN READ ON THEIR
WEBSITE, BUT I STILL WANT THEM
TO TELL ME BECAUSE I THINK IT
WILL BE VALUABLE FOR THE PEOPLE
WHO ARE LISTENING IN TO LEARN
ALONGSIDE US.

YOU CAN STRIKE THAT QUESTION IF
YOU DON'T THINK IT IS
APPROPRIATE, BUT I'LL DO MY OWN
RESEARCH IF I HAVE TO.

>> NO.

I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, BUT I ALSO THINK PART OF THE WHOLE REASON WE'RE HAVING LANDMARKS COME IN -- THEY DON'T ALWAYS COME IN -- IS THEY DON'T ALWAYS GET ATTENTION.

ASKING THE COMMISSION TO SPEAK TO WHAT IT DOES AND HOW IT OPERATES IS A REASONABLE THING TO ASK.

>> THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE YOU ENTERTAINING THAT TUTORIAL FOR ME AND FOR FOLKS TUNING IN.

THIS IS OUR TAX DOLLARS AT PLAY. WE SHOULD HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THEY DO.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

COUNCILOR ARROYO, YOU'RE UP NEXT.

>> THANK YOU.

THIS WILL BE PRETTY BRIEF.

I THINK PRESIDENT JANEY BROUGHT THIS UP, BUT AN OVERVIEW ON HOW COVID IS AFFECTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS SPECIFICALLY IN MY DISTRICT, WHICH PHASES ARE CONTINUING AND WHICH ARE DELAYED BY COVID, IF THEY KNOW AT THIS POINT.

THE OTHER ONE IS ABOUT CONTRACTS OF DND.

THEY HAVE ABOUT 133.

ONLY 3.7% OR 5 ARE OWNED BY MINORITIES OR WOMEN OR LOCAL BUSINESSES.

THE REASON I'M GOING TO HARP ON THIS, OTHER THAN JUST EQUITY AND JUSTICE, OVER AND OVER AGAIN DURING THESE PROCEEDINGS, IT GIVES THEM AN IDEA OF MORE OF THE VIEW I'M LOOKING AT THIS FROM AS WE TRY TO ECONOMICALLY RECONSTRUCT OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR CITY.

IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT THAT, A, WE CAN GIVE THEM GOVERNMENT MONEY AND SERVICES.

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT IT REACH OUR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE BEING HURT RIGHT NOW IN REAL WAYS.

I'M NOT JUST INTERESTED IN HOW THEY PLAN TO INCREASE THOSE DISMAL NUMBERS BUT HOW THE PROCESS IS GOING TO WORK MOVING FORWARD WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CONTRACTS IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT A LOT OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES HAVE REALLY TAKEN A HIT AND CAN REALLY USE THIS KIND OF INJECTION OF REAL CONTRACT MONEY AND INCREASED EMPLOYMENT IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DRAMATICALLY AFFECTED BY COVID. MY OVERALL FOCUS IS GOING TO BE ON THAT AS A WHOLE PRETTY MUCH ON ANYBODY THAT GIVES OUT CONTRACTS IN THE CITY. TO GIVE THEM A BETTER SENSE OF WHERE MY ANGLE IS ON THAT ISSUE, IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECONSTRUCT THE CITY IN A REALLY STRONG WAY THAT REFLECTS OUR VALUES, BUT IT IS ALSO SUPER DIRECT. IT'S AN INJECTION OF CASH. THERE'S NOT A LOT OF OTHER WAYS WE CAN REALLY DO THAT, SO THIS IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO GET THAT DONE AND CLEARLY 3.7% IS NOT A GOOD NUMBER REGARDLESS. THOSE ARE THE TWO QUESTIONS. AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MY DISTRICT AND HYDE PARK AND HOW THAT'S BEEN IMPACTED AND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AS A RESULT OF COVID AND THEN WHAT THE CONTRACT PROPOSAL PROCESS IS GOING FORWARD UNDER THE REALITY OF COVID. ARE WE LEAVING THAT THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN? ARE THERE ADJUSTMENTS BEING MADE? WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO CHANGE THOSE DISMAL NUMBERS? THAT'S IT. >> GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR ARROYO. YOU DON'T HAVE QUESTIONS FOR LANDMARKS AT THIS TIME? >> NO. WE ALL SOUND LIKE THE LORAX OUT HERE.

THIS IS GREAT.
EVERYBODY SPEAKS FOR THE TREES.
I APPRECIATE IT.
I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES
LIFTING THAT UP.
I LOVE IT.
>> OKAY, GREAT.
AWESOME.
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YOU'RE
UP NEXT.
>> THANK YOU AGAIN, MADAME
CHAIR.
SPEAK FOR THE TREES IS ACTUALLY
AN ORGANIZATION THAT DOES A LOT
OF THE WORK THAT COUNCILOR
BREADON MENTIONED IN HER
CONVERSATIONS.
THEY'RE REALLY DOING AMAZING
WORK WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
FOR ME, I WILL JUST ECHO THE
CONVERSATIONS AND QUESTIONS THAT
HAPPEN HERE AROUND HOUSING
AFFORDABILITY, OWNERSHIP, AND
RENTALS, BUT THAT OWNERSHIP
PIECE IS REALLY CRITICAL IN
CREATING EQUITIES FOR MANY OF
OUR RESIDENTS IN THEIR OWN
HOMES.
THAT SHOULD BE A PRIORITY FOR
US.
THERE'S AN INCREASE IN SUPPORT
FOR DND TO DO SOME OF THAT WORK.
I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT
THAT.
I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT
THE COMMUNITY RENTAL HOUSING
PROGRAM AND SOME OF THE DOWN
PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR
FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS AND SOME
OF THE SUPPORTS FOR WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN
PARTICULAR.
THE HOUSING NAVIGATOR PROGRAM, I
WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THE
GOALS AROUND THAT EXPANSION AND
HOW ARE WE SHARING THAT WE HAVE
THESE RESOURCES WITH OUR
RESIDENTS IN THIS COMMUNITY.
AND THEN SOME OF THE
IMPROVEMENTS, I KNOW IT'S
IMPORTANT TO YOU, COUNCILOR, AND
THE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS IN
DHA.
AROUND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS, I

THINK THE DND WILL LIKELY COME PREPARED WITH RESPONSES. IT'S SOMETHING I TALK TO THEM FREQUENTLY ABOUT, AND THEY'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN MY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS. I'M INTERESTED IN THE WORK NOT JUST TO END INDIVIDUAL HOMELESSNESS FOR OUR VETERANS AND ELDERLY, BUT TAKING THOSE SAME GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND PHILOSOPHIES AROUND THAT WORK AND APPLYING IT TO FAMILIES. CHIEF DYLAN AND HER TEAM HAVE BEEN REALLY GOOD ABOUT ENGAGING WITH THE FAMILY SHELTER PROVIDERS, BUT NOW TAKING THAT NEXT STEP, I'VE ASKED FOR A PLAN TO BE WRITTEN TO END FAMILY HOMELESSNESS. THAT COULD BE PART OF OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES THROUGH THAT WORK. THERE IS A PLAN, I SUPPOSE, TO CREATE AN ADVISOR ON FAMILY HOMELESSNESS, WHICH I APPLAUD AND LOVE. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO UNDERSTAND THAT ROLE BETTER. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO UNDERSTAND IF DND IS TRACKING FAMILIES NOT JUST DURING THIS TIME. IT'S COME UP IN SOME OF OUR OTHER WORK. HOW CAN THE CENTER COMMUNICATE WITH AND CONNECT WITH AND UNDERSTAND FAMILIES THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR WHO BECOME HOMELESS IN OUR CITY? THERE'S SPECIFIC WORK IN INVESTING AROUND YOUTH HOMELESSNESS. WE'VE SEEN ABOUT A \$5 MILLION INVESTMENT IN SOME OF THOSE EFFORTS AROUND SUPPORT NETWORKS AND CREATING HOUSING. I WANT TO HAVE SOME OF THAT HIGHLIGHTED. LAST YEAR BUDGETS, DND RECEIVED FUNDING FOR FOUR HOMELESS PEER NAVIGATORS. THEY'RE CONNECTING THEM WITH PERMANENT HOUSING PATHWAYS.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO UNDERSTANDING THAT. I THINK WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THERE'S BEEN INTENSE CASE MANAGEMENT WORK THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING.

THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DND, HOMELESS SERVICES, AND BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION TO GET OUR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS INTO MORE SUPPORTIVE AND PERMANENT HOUSING.

WHAT'S CHANGED OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS YOU'LL MAYBE HEAR ABOUT TOMORROW OR THAT THAT HEARING THAT WE'VE MADE.

IT'S DIRECTLY GOING TO THE FRONT DOOR TRIAGE THAT'S HAPPENING. WE'RE LOOKING FOR AN INCREASED INVESTMENT IN THAT FRONT DOOR TRIAGE.

I'M CURIOUS HOW WE'LL REALIZE THAT AND WHAT THAT WILL LOOK LIKE IN BEST PRACTICE.

I WANT TO HAVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THAT ROLE WORKS ITSELF OUT.

I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT OUR HOUSING GOALS FOR 2030 AND HOW THAT'S CHANGED OVER THE YEAR.

I'M LOOKING FOR AN UPDATE ON THAT.

WITH THE PAUSE IN CONSTRUCTION ON HOUSING, I THINK WE NEED TO SPEND SOME TIME THINKING ABOUT AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FROM THIS PAUSE IN CONSTRUCTION, THE IMPACTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION TEAMS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THEN A HEARING I HELD TWO YEARS AGO NOW REGARDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE UNITS AND THE OCCUPANCY OF AFFORDABLE UNITS ACROSS OUR CITY.

THERE WAS A PERIOD OF TIME, A LONG DELAY.

THEN THOSE AFFORDABLE UNITS CAME ONLINE.

THEY WERE ACTUALLY OCCUPIED,
BOTH RENTAL AND OWNERSHIP.
HOPING WITH DND'S LEADERSHIP
THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO -- I KNOW
INITIALLY THEY HAD SUCCESS IN
HEATING UP THAT PROCESS.
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THAT.
THEN IF WE COULD HAVE A DEEPER
CONVERSATION WITH DND ABOUT THE
BREAKDOWN IN THE AFFORDABILITY
OF THOSE AFFORDABLES.
WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE THAT ARE
MEETING AMI?
WHAT DO WE PROJECT TO BE
BUILDING AT IN THIS NEW ECONOMY?
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THIS
CONSTRUCTION PAUSE -- HOW THAT
IMPACTS THOSE NUMBERS ON THE
OTHER END, HOW THAT WILL IMPACT
ANY SORT OF CONSTRUCTION LOANS
AND MORTGAGES GOING FORWARD ON
FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF BOTH
OWNERSHIP AND RENTAL.
I THINK I'M GOING TO TAKE A DEEP
BREATH THERE AND GO ON TO
OTHERS.
I MAY HAVE ANOTHER ROUND FOR
LANDMARKS.
THANK YOU, CHAIR.
>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY?
>> VERY GOOD.
APPRECIATE THAT.
APPRECIATE THE DETAIL.
I'LL PICK UP, MADAME CHAIR,
WHERE COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE
LEFT OFF AROUND THE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING PIECE AND SEE WHAT DND
IS DOING WITH RESPECT TO OUR
MIDDLE CLASS.
WE'RE DOING A LOT OF GREAT WORK
ON THE BOOKENDS.
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF HOUSING FOR
THE VERY RICH.
WE'VE GOT HOUSING FOR THE POOR.
IT'S THE FOLKS IN THE MIDDLE
THAT ARE BEING SQUEEZED OUT OF
OUR CITY.
I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT
THOSE, PARTICULARLY INDIVIDUALS
THAT HAVE A PRETTY GOOD
ENTRY-LEVEL JOB, BUT THEY'RE
MAKING A LITTLE TOO MUCH TO
QUALIFY FOR ANY OF OUR PROGRAMS,

BUT THEY'RE NOT MAKING ENOUGH TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES AND TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO LIVE IN THE CITY.

THAT'S AN ABSOLUTE TRAVESTY. SOME OF THOSE FOLKS MAY BE STRAPPED WITH SOME STUDENT LOAN DEBT, ET CETERA.

WE'RE LOSING OUR MIDDLE CLASS TO THE SUBURBS AND BEYOND.

I'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE WHAT DND HAS PLANNED TO TRY TO PROTECT THAT GROUP OF FOLKS ALONG WITH ALL THE GREAT WORK THAT WE'RE DOING ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SIDE.

LOOKING TO TAKE A DEEPER DIVE AS TO WHAT THAT AFFORDABILITY LOOKS LIKE AND HOW WE CAN TRY TO HAVE IT COVER MORE FOLKS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE MIDDLE CLASS.

IF WE LOSE OUR MIDDLE CLASS, THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MAJOR PROBLEMS HERE IN OUR CITY.

ALSO, ON THE CONSTRUCTION BAN. DO WE ANTICIPATE ANY OF THE COST OF THE DND PROJECTS TO INCREASE DRAMATICALLY AS A RESULT OF THE CONSTRUCTION DELAY?

WE'RE HEARING FROM SOME FOLKS THAT THE DELAY IS ULTIMATELY GOING TO COST THEM MONEY, WHETHER IT IS A CONSTRUCTION COST OR CARRY COST.

I'M INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT, IF ANYTHING, DND HAS TO SAY ABOUT THAT.

THE CITY IS USING A ROOM OCCUPANCY TEST FOR BOSTON RESIDENTS.

I'M LOOKING FOR AN UPDATE ON THAT.

WE PASSED THAT LAST YEAR I THINK IT WAS TO THE TUNE OF AROUND 5 MILLION.

I WOULD LIKE TO GET AN UPDATE ON THAT.

I'M EXCITED TO HEAR ABOUT THE INCREASED FUNDING IF R THE ONE PLUS BOSTON MORTGAGE PROGRAM AND IF THEY CAN GO INTO DEEPER DISCUSSION ON THAT.

THEN THE EXTERNAL FUNDS.

DO WE ANTICIPATE ANY CHANGES IN THE EXTERNAL FUNDS CATEGORY?

THERE'S OFTEN A DECLINE.

THAT'S IT FOR ME.

I APPRECIATE THE ATTENTION TO DETAIL ON THIS.

ANYTHING WE CAN GET BACK ON WOULD BE GREAT.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

I'LL JUST RAISE MY OWN QUESTIONS NOW FOR DND AND LANDMARKS ON THE DND FRONT.

WE'LL DO A FINAL THIRD ROUND FOR ANY OF THE COUNCILORS WHO MAY HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION.

YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND AND LET ME KNOW.

>> MADAME CHAIR, CAN I INTERJECT ON JUST ONE FINAL POINT BECAUSE I HAVE TO JUMP ON ANOTHER CALL? IF WE ASK DND TO GIVE THEIR THOUGHTS ON HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING LINE ITEM.

I THINK WOULD BE MORE THAN APPROPRIATE TO HAVE A LINE IN OUR BUDGET FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO -- WE NEED TO CREATE A MECHANISM FOR THE CITY TO RECEIVE FUNDS NOT JUST ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING TRUST SIDE, BUT IF THE COMMERCIAL TAX PIECE PASSES UP AT BEACON HILL.

HAVING AFFORDABLE LAND COULD BE THE CLEARINGHOUSE TO GET THOSE FUNDS RIGHT TO WORK IN ALL OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

APPRECIATE YOU LETTING ME SNEAK IN ONE MORE QUESTION THERE.

>> SURE.

NO WORRIES, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

SOME QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE FOR DND.

ONE IS THAT DND HAS GOTTEN A BUNCH MORE RESPONSIBILITY AND WITH THIS BUDGET IN PARTICULAR A BUNCH MORE HOUSING CAPITAL DOLLARS TO SPEND, BUT THEIR FTEs HAVE DECLINED OVER THE LAST COUPLE YEARS.

I'M JUST WONDERING ABOUT THE CAPACITY TO DO ALL THIS WORK AND DO IT QUICKLY SINCE THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WANT, RIGHT, IS TO BUILD OUT THAT PIPELINE.

BUILDING CAPACITY COULD BE A REAL CONSTRAINT THERE.

WOULD LOVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

I'M INTERESTED IN THE HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM AND THE CITY VOUCHER PROGRAM AND THE WAYS THAT CAN FILL UP HOLES THAT EXIST IN THE EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL VOUCHER PROGRAMS.

THOSE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE MORE MONEY THAN WE HAVE, BUT I WANT TO KNOW IF WE CAN DO SOMETHING UNIQUE TO HELP OUR FAMILIES.

THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME.

LOOK FORWARD TO THAT CONVERSATION.

DEFINITELY ENCOURAGED BY THE CAPITAL FUNDING TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT'S IN THIS BUDGET, THAT 5 MILLION.

WE WOULD LOVE TO TALK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THAT.

AS WE TALK ABOUT AN EXPANDED CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE IMMEDIATE YEARS AHEAD, I JUST KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF -- I KNOW FROM MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THERE ARE A LOT OF EXISTING, READY-TO-GO CAPITAL BACKLOG MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

I THINK TAKING CARE OF SOME OF THOSE FOR OUR SENIOR HOUSING IS IMPORTANT.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MONEY TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE DOLLARS.

I ALSO WANT TO ASK ABOUT THE HOME REPAIR LOAN PROGRAM THAT DND HAS.

IS THERE A POSSIBILITY FOR US CREATING RECOMMENDED POOL OF CONTRACTORS TO HELP DIRECT PEOPLE WHO GET THOSE HOME REPAIR LOANS TOWARD THE CONTRACTING POOL?

WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE CHALLENGES, BUT THOSE HOME REPAIR PROJECTS ARE LITTLE SUBJECTS.

IT'S NOT A PUBLIC PROJECT. IT'S SOMETHING THAT A PRIVATE HOMEOWNER IS DOING IN CONTRACTING PRIVATELY, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THERE MIGHT BE A WAY WITH OUR REPAIR LOANS TO KIND OF ENCOURAGE SPREADING THAT MONEY AROUND MORE.

AND THEN I HAVE A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS FOR DND RELATED TO JUST HOW WE'RE GOING TO SHIFT ON TO THE OFFICE OF HOUSING STABILITY IN THIS CRISIS.

AND THINK ABOUT CREATIVE WAYS TO CREATE MORE -- I WOULD LOVE TO SEE US GET BACK IN THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING SOME NEW PUBLIC HOUSING.

THINKING ABOUT CREATIVE THINKING WE CAN DO, AGAIN, AS WE EXPAND THE CAPITAL BUDGET OUR CITY LANDS.

SOME QUESTIONS ON THAT FRONT. THEN ON LANDMARKS, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE'RE -- ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I, AS A CHAIR, HAVE PUSHED TO HAVE A HEARING ON LANDMARKS IS IT IS OFTEN A NEGLECTED AREA.

THE TOOLS THAT OUR PUBLIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION HAS ARE NOT THE TOOLS THEY NEED.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS OFTEN SEE A CRITICAL PIECE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD FABRIC, AND IT DOESN'T GET LANDMARKED.

THAT'S BECAUSE LANDMARK HAS A VERY HIGH BAR FOR WHAT COUNTS AS HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT, BUT I THINK WE NEED -- THAT WAS SORT OF THE INNOVATION IN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION 50, 60 YEARS AGO, WAS TO PROTECT THE BUILDINGS THAT PAUL REVERE BUILT OR WHATEVER.

NOW WE'VE GOT MORE OF AN UNDERSTANDING AS TO HOW A WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD'S HISTORIC FABRIC CONTRIBUTES TO THE COMMUNITY. WE NEED NEW TOOLS ON THAT FRONT.

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT.
I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE BACKLOG
IN CONSIDERATION OF PRESERVATION
PLANS AND POTENTIALLY
LANDMARKABLE AREAS AND ASK ABOUT
WHETHER THE STAFF CAPACITY FOR
LANDMARKS IS REALLY RIGHT SIZED
FOR THE WORK THAT IT NEEDS TO
DO
AND WHETHER THERE'S A WAY FOR US
TO SUPPORT LANDMARKS TO BE IN
THE CONVERSATION EARLIER IN THE
PROCESS.

I THINK RIGHT NOW THE DYNAMIC IS
THINGS COME BEFORE THE LANDMARKS
COMMISSION, AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMISSION IS AT THE VERY END OF
THE PROCESS.

OFTEN AT THAT POINT, IT CAN BE A
HASSLE FOR PEOPLE BUILDING
THINGS.

I THINK THERE COULD BE LESS
CONFLICT IF WE COULD MOVE THESE
MORE IMPORTANT HISTORIC
PRESERVATION CONSIDERATIONS
EARLY IN THE PROCESS.

THOSE ARE SOME OF MY QUESTIONS
FOR LANDMARKS.

I'M MINDFUL OF THE TIME, SO I
WILL PAUSE MYSELF THERE.

I AM GOING TO ASK A QUESTION
ABOUT AIR QUALITY AND WHAT WE'RE
DOING AROUND THAT AND THE
DIFFERENTIAL IMPACTS ON
ENVIRONMENT.

THAT'S IT FOR ME.

NOW I WILL LOOK -- I THINK
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE HAS
SOME QUESTIONS ON LANDMARKS, BUT
I'M GOING TO GO BACK IN ORDER
FOR THE THIRD ROUND.

COUNCILOR BREADON, DO YOU HAVE
ANY THIRD-ROUND QUESTIONS?

>> I HAVE A QUESTION THAT
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE -- IT
MIGHT BELT IN WITH SOME OF HER
ISSUES.

JUST THINKING ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE
THAT ARE AGEING OUT OF THE
FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, THEY'RE
BECOMING HOMELESS.

I WONDER IF THERE'S A WAY WE
SHOULD BE LOOKING AT DEVELOPING
A CO-HOUSING MODEL

UNTIL THEY'RE ABLE TO BE
SUCCESSFUL IN SOCIETY, BUT, YOU
KNOW, I'M SURE THAT'S JUST
ANOTHER THING TO PUT ON THE MENU
OF HOUSING OPTIONS THAT WE
SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT.
AND THEN I ALSO FEEL THAT -- I
REALLY ECHO COUNCILOR FLAHERTY'S
QUESTION ABOUT MIDDLE-CLASS
HOUSING.
WE'RE LOSING SO MANY FAMILIES
FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS.
I REALLY SEE THE NEED TO TRY TO
DEVELOP SOME SORT OF A FRAMEWORK
IN WHICH WE COULD SUPPORT
YOUNGER HOME-OWNERS TO WANT TO
DOWNSIZE AND LIVE IN THEIR
NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THEY GREW UP
OR WHERE THEIR SUPPORT NETWORK
IS, AND THEN HAVE THEIR HOMES
BE, YOU KNOW, TRANSFERRED
THROUGH A RENT TO BUY OR SOME
MECHANISM WHERE THOSE RETIREES
COULD MOVE INTO SMALL APARTMENTS
IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS AND AND
THEN THEIR HOMES COULD BECOME
FAMILY HOMES FOR OTHER FAMILIES
WHO WANT TO STAY IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.
I THINK WE MIGHT NEED TO PUT
SOME MONEY INTO MAKING THOSE
OLDER HOMES FAMILY FRIENDLY.
AND AGAIN, THE WHOLE ISSUE OF
AFFORDABILITY, I ALMOST -- IT'S
SORT OF THERE ALL THE TIME, AND
I ALMOST NEED TO RESTATE IT
AGAIN.
NOT IN PRESENT COMPANY, OF
COURSE.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES
AND HOME-OWNERSHIP ARE VITALLY
IMPORTANT.
BELOW 10 % AND IT'S REALLY
DETRIMENTAL TO THE FABRIC OF OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS SO ANY WHICH WAY
WE CAN SUPPORT NONPROFITS TO TRY
TO BUILD SOME AFFORDABLE
HOME-OWNERSHIP IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS WOULD BE REALLY
FABULOUS.
THE OTHER QUESTION I HAD WAS IN
RELATION TO -- I DON'T KNOW IF
THERE'S ANY STRATEGIES TO TRY TO
PRESERVE SOME OF THOSE

AFFORDABLE UNITS IN EXPIRING USE
PROJECTS, SUCH AS RESERVOIR
TOWERS, IN BRIGHTON, THEY'RE
ACROSS THE CITY, AS WELL.

>> GREAT THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
BREADON.

COUNCILOR MEJIA, ANY THIRD-ROUND
QUESTIONS?

ALL RIGHT, SEEING NONE, I'M
GOING TO JUMP TO COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> HI, HOW ARE YOU?
SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I DON'T HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS.

I DO WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR
BREADON FOR BRINGING UP THE
CO-LIVING MODELS, THE VILLAGE
LIVING THAT EXISTS IN A FEW
SPOTS ACROSS OUR CITY.

BUT NOT NECESSARILY I THINK,
WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT.

OFFLINE WE COULD HAVE A
CONVERSATION FOR THAT.

BUT FOR ME ON THE LANDMARKS
PIECE, YOU KNOW, I AM CURIOUS
ABOUT THEIR ROLE IN THE CPA
PIECE.

[SNEEZES]

EXCUSE ME.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THEIR ROLE IN
THE PROCESS, BUT THEY ARE LOOPED
IN.

I DO WANT TO STRESS THAT.

ALTHOUGH WE'RE WORKING ON A
BUDGET THAT IS AN INCREASE OVER
LAST YEAR, THAT'S -- HISTORIC
PRESERVATION BECOMES EASY TO
DIVEST FROM, I JUST WANT TO
REITERATE WE'LL DO THIS AT THE
HEARING HOW IMPORTANT OUR
LANDMARKS COMMISSION IS AND
THEIR WORK IS ACROSS THE CITY.
ESPECIALLY DURING THESE TIMES,
BECAUSE IT IS, UNFORTUNATELY, A
TIME WHERE SOME MAY WALK AWAY
FROM THAT PRESERVATION PIECE.

SO YOU KNOW, I EXPECT THAT
THEY'LL SHARE SOME OF THE PAUSE
IN THEIR WORK, BUT I EXPECT TO
HEAR THAT FROM THEIR COMMENTARY.

SO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FOR
EVEN BRINGING THEM BEFORE US AS

PART OF THIS PROCESS.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

YEAH, I'M EXCITED TO HAVE
LANDMARKS COMING IN AND I AGREE
WITH YOU IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT
WE CAN LET GO BY THE WAYSIDE AT
THIS TIME.

AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD, I
MEANT TO SAY BEFORE, BUT I WILL
ALSO BE ASKING A COUPLE OF
QUESTIONS ABOUT SUPPORTIVE FOR
COOPERATIVES, AND NOW, WE CAN
MAKE THAT PART OF THE SUITE OF
THINGS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON
FROM THAT SIDE.

ALL RIGHT.

IF ANYBODY HAS ANY FURTHER
QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD RAISE YOUR
BLUE HAND NOW.

OTHERWISE, I'M ABOUT TO END THIS
SESSION.

ALL RIGHT.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE.

ALL RIGHT, SO I AM NOW GOING TO
ADJOURN THIS MEETING OF THE
WORKING SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE
ON WAYS AND MEANS AND LOOKING
FORWARD TO FURTHER HEARINGS AND
WORK SESSIONS AHEAD.

THANK YOU ALL.

>> THANK YOU.

S.

SEE YOU SOON.