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I'D LIKE TO REMIND FOLKS IN THE CHAMBER TO SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT'S PRESENTATION WE'LL TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

WE HAVE A SIGN-IN SHEET TO MY LEFT AND ASK YOU STATE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND ANY AFFILIATION.

AS WE SAID WE'RE HERE TO REVIEW THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FY-18 BUDGET AS THEY PERTAIN TO DOCKETS 3536 TO 3538 ORDERS FOR THE FISCAL OPERATING '18 BUDGET INCLUDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS. ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATION FOR OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. DOCKETS 0539 THROUGH 0543, CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDING LEASE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

TO MY LEFT IS MY FRIEND AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY. TO MY RIGHT, COUNSELOR >> GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND OTHER CITY COUNCILORS.

I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUES TO START WITH. I'M JOINED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND THE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES TO MY LEFT AND DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS TO MY FAR RIGHT EAMON SHELTON.

IT'S MY FIRST APPEARANCE SINCE MY OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT AND IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO ACCEPT AND BEGIN AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS AND BEYOND AND REMAIN COGNIZANT OF MUCH OF WHAT WE DO AND DO GOING FORWARD COMES ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHAT CAME BEFORE US.

THERE'S HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 12 MONTHS I'D LIKE TO SITE TO BOOK END THE FIRST YEAR OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

EARLY IN THE YEAR THE REOPENING OF LIBRARY AND THE JAMAICA PLAIN PROJECT AND FUNDED UNDER THE CURRENT MAYOR, BUDGET APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL AND OUR TEAM HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DRIVING ACROSS THE FINISH LINE AND NOW SERVE FOR THE FOUNDATION OF YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO COME.

THEY REPRESENT THE BEST AND STRENGTH OF THE SYSTEM WITH A RENEWED CENTRAL LIBRARY AND NEW SYSTEM.

OVERALL WE CHALLENGE FOR A YEAR OF LISTENING AND A YEAR OF CONTINUED CHANGE.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE MAYOR AND STAFF THE COMMUNITY AND LOOK FORWARD TO FACING NEW EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES OF THE YEARS AHEAD.

IN PARTICULAR WE WON AWARDS FOR BOTH THE CENTRAL LIBRARY RENOVATION AND THE EAST BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY FROM THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

THESE TOGETHER REALLY ILLUSTRATE THE FUTURE OF THE BPL IS AS STRONG AS IT WAS IN 1848 AND THIS IS THE STANDARD WE HAVE TO HOLD THE ENTIRE INSTITUTION TO GOING FORWARD.

IN YOUR PACKETS YOU HAVE A DOCUMENT WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER FISCAL GOAL '17 AND GOALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR UPCOMING.

I WANT TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS AND WE CAN REPORT ON SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRESS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THAT PROGRESS IN THE YEAR AHEAD AS WE MOVE FROM A CAPITAL BUDGET WITH ABLE OUTLOOK OF \$90 MILLION TO ALMOST \$125 MILLION IF APPROVED. WE HAVE ACHIEVED ADDITIONALLY

SIGNIFICANT STEWARDSHIP
RESPONSIBILITY PROGRESS ACROSS
OUR PRINTS DEPARTMENT AND OUR
BOOK AND MANUSCRIPTS DEPARTMENT
AND WITH RESPECT TO
ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING IN
PARTICULAR.

THERE'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE YEAR
OF EXAMINE SYSTEM WIDE
EXHIBITIONS AND PROGRAMS AND
PROGRAMS OFFERED SYSTEM-WIDE.
IT'S A SYSTEM WHERE LITERACY
REMAINS AT THE CORE WHETHER IT'S
FROM THE NUMEROUS STORY TIMES AT
BRANCHES, THE HOMEWORK HELP AND
READING PROGRAMS TO NAME A FEW.
ACROSS THE BRANCH SYSTEMS
WHETHER IT'S THE CORNER OR
VETE -- VIETNAMESE GROUP AND
OTHERS COORDINATE AND
IMPLEMENTED MORE PROGRAMS.
ADDITIONALLY PROGRESS CONTINUES
ON THE DIGITAL FRONT WITH
HIGHLIGHTS HAVING CIRCULATED
OVER 1.3 MILLION E-BOOKS AND
AUDIO BOOKS IN 2016 AND THIS
DEMAND CONTINUES AND WE HAVE THE
ASSOCIATES AND THE SUPPORTERS OF
THE MAP CENTER.

THE BUDGET BEFORE YOU IS A
STRONG BUDGET FOR LIBRARIES WITH
APPROXIMATELY 4% INCREASE IN THE
OPERATING BUDGET AND POSSIBLY
THE LARGEST FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL
BUDGET IN DECADES WITH
APPROXIMATELY A \$40 MILLION
COMMITMENT IN FY-18 AND A TOTAL
FIVE-YEAR PLAN SUMMING \$125
MILLION.

SPREAD ACROSS THE CENTRAL
LIBRARY AND BRANCH SYSTEMS AND
COLLECTIONS IMPROVEMENTS.
THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR
AHEAD INCLUDE ALLOCATIONS FOR
SECURITY, FOR NEW SERVICES IN
CHINA TOWN, FOR FACILITIES
PERSONNEL AND INCREASE TO OUR
COLLECTIONS OR BOOK BUDGET AND
CRITICAL REPAIR AND A NUMBER OF
RECLASSIFICATIONS TO IMPROVE
TRANSPARENCY AND MANAGEMENT
GOING FORWARD.
CAPITAL PROJECTS TO SEE ACTIVITY
INCLUDE PARKER HILL, DUDLEY,

ADAM STREET, ROSLINDALE AND
IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SOUTH END,
WEST ROXBURY AND LOWER MILLS
BRANCHES.

THE BIGGEST PROJECT AT THE
CENTER LIBRARY IS THE RARE BOOKS
SPACES AND INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS.

WITH THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO
YOUR QUESTIONS ON THE
CORPORATING OR CAPITAL BUDGET.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE WE'VE BEEN
JOINED BY AYANNA PRESSLEY AND
OUR COUNCILOR MICHELLE WU.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FIRST LET ME
THANK YOU FOR THOSE THAT PROVIDE
SERVICES AND THOSE THAT WORK SO
HARD IN THE DIFFERENT LIBRARIES
TO ENHANCE THE PROGRAMMING WE
PROVIDE TO THE CITY.

I'M LOOKING AT THE BUDGET AND
SEEING YOU HAVE ONE OF THE
HIGHER PERCENTAGES AT 4.43% FOR
YOUR DEPARTMENT.

I'M LOOKING AT A 7.6% INCREASE
IN ADMINISTRATION AND LESS IN
OVERVIEW.

>> THE ADMINISTRATION BRANCHES
AND RESEARCH IS A PRODUCT OF
OUTDATED INFRASTRUCTURE.

HE IS UNDERGOING AN
INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGE.

WE WANTED TO MAKE CHANGES THIS
CAREER BUT WHEN WE MAKE THE
CHANGES WE'LL HAVE TO RECLASSIFY
THAT YOU'LL ALSO SEE
ADMINISTRATION HIGHER BECAUSE WE
LEAVE SECURITY COSTS IN THERE
AND WE HAVE A \$273,000 INCREASE
IN SECURITY COSTS GOING TO
BRANCHES BUT WON'T SHOW UP IN
THE CENTRAL LINE.

IT WILL SHOW UP IN
ADMINISTRATION AND SAME IS TRUE
FOR UTILITIES.

THE UTILITIES AT THE AG
AGGREGATE LEVEL.

>> AND PERSONNEL NO LAYOFFS.

>> HOPEFULLY NOT --

>> OR REASSIGNMENT.

>> WE'RE SEEING AN INCREASE
PROJECTED IN PERSONNEL
PARTICULARLY WITH THE ADDITION

OF THE TEMPORARY SERVICES IN
CHINA TOWN.

THOSE ARE NET NEW POSITIONS
INCLUDING ONE ADDITIONAL HEAD
COUNT FOR THE FACILITIES
DEPARTMENT AT THE CENTRAL
LIBRARIES.

>> I HAVE TO READ THIS, DEAR
COLLEAGUES I'M UNABLE TO ATTEND
THE HEARING -- SORRY, THIS IS
THE WRONG HEARING.
THIS TO FOR LATER.
THANK GOD.

>> NEVER MIND.

ANDREA CAMPBELL NAY -- MAY NOT
TO SHOW UP TO THIS ONE.
CAN YOU GIVE ME A TIME LINE FOR
THE LIBRARY IN PARTICULAR AND
THEN TALK ABOUT WHERE FANUEIL
LIBRARY IS IN THE CUE.

>> I'M EAMON SHELTON, DIRECTOR
OF OPERATIONS.

THE FIRST ITEM IS THE ALL STON
LIBRARY.

FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW WE'LL
IMPROVE THE EXTERIOR, SANDING
AND CLEANING IT UP.

WE HAVE A CONTRACTOR ON BOARD
NOW AND WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR
THE WEATHER TO TURN SO WE'RE
LOOKING FOR CONSISTENT WEATHER
ABOVE 60 DEGREES.

I EXPECT THEM TO START AND
MOBILE ICE WITHIN THE NEXT
COUPLE WEEKS AND THEN IT'S ABOUT
A MONTHLONG PROJECT AND IT WILL
BE STARTED AND COMPLETED AT
HONIN ALLSTON.

THEN WITH REGARD TO THE FANUEIL
BRANCH WE COMPLETED THE
PROGRAMMING STUDY IN 2015.

CURRENTLY WE HAVE THE BRANCH
WITH THE FULL ALLOCATION WITH
THE RECOMMENDED APPROACH FROM
THE PROGRAMMING STUDY AND
CURRENTLY THAT'S SLATED TO START
DESIGN IN FY-19, NEXT FISCAL
YEAR.

>> GREAT.

I WANT TO THANK, EAMON AND
PRISCILLA AND THE FOLKS THAT
MADE UP THE TASK FOR MADE OF THE
FRIENDS OF THE FANUEIL LIBRARY
TO GET THIS EXCITING PROJECT

GOING IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.
I APPRECIATE IT.
LET ME NOW RECOGNIZE COUNCILOR
MICHAEL FLAHERTY.
>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
GREAT TO SEE YOU, PRESIDENT
DAVID LEONARD.
CONGRATULATIONS.
PROBABLY THE FIRST OFFICIAL GO
ROUND.
VERY GOOD JOB AND VERY
RESPONSIVE AND WE MET OVER THE
WEEKEND AND 14 YEARS AGO WE WERE
SCRATCHING AND CLAWING TO GET
FUNDS AND TO SEE IT COME TO
FRUITION IT WAS A PACKED HOUSE.
>> IT WAS A GREAT DAY AND THE
STAFF AND COMMUNITY SEEMED TO EP
JOY THE EVENT.
>> AND SIMILAR EFFORTS WERE MADE
AS FORMER CITY COUNCIL TAKEN
ILL.
I LOVE THE EFFORT AT THE TIME TO
SECURE FUNDS FOR THE CHINA TOWN
LIBRARY.
THE FUNDS AT THAT TIME WERE
SECURED FOR A PLANNING AND
STUDY.
AS I LOOKED AT THIS YEAR'S
CAPITAL I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING IN
THERE WITH RESPECT TO THAT.
I KNOW THERE'S A SHORT-TERM AND
LONG-TERM PLAN.
MY CONCERN IS WITH RESPECT TO
THE LONG-TERM PLAN THERE'S NO
FUNDS IN THE CAPITAL TO SUPPORT
THAT.
AGAIN, WORKING WITH THE
CHINATOWN COMMUNITY I WANT TO
GET SNAPSHOT FROM YOU THE BIGGER
LONG-TERM PLAY AND WE HAVE TO
GET SOMETHING IN THE CAPITAL.
IF THAT'S US WORKING TOGETHER --
>> I'LL TALK THE LONG-TERM PLAN
FIRST, IF I MAY.
THE FY-17 BUDGET YEAR WE'RE JUST
ENDING HAS THE ALLOCATION FOR
ESSENTIALLY THE UPDATED PROGRAM
STUDY, SOME PEOPLE REFER TO IT
AS A FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH IS
CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.
WE'VE HELD A SERIES OF COMMUNITY
MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS COHORTS
FOR THE CHINATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD

OVER THE LAST COUPLE WEEKS.
THAT WORK IS CONTINUING AND
WE'LL WRAP UP IN SEVERAL MONTHS
TIME SO THE BUDGET IS THERE TO
COMPLETE IT'S JUST LISTED AS AN
FY-17 NOT FY-18 EXPENSE.

THEN THE RESULTS OF THAT STUDY
WILL FEED WHAT I WOULD EXPECT
WOULD BE FY-19 AND BEYOND
CAPITAL PRESENTATIONS AND WHAT
THE RIGHT RESPONSE IS BASED ON
THAT AND IT'S IN THAT CONTEXT I
THINK WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT
WHAT ARE PRECISELY THE RIGHT
SERVICES FOR THAT NEIGHBORHOOD
AND FOR THE CHINESE-AMERICAN
COMMUNITY MORE GENERALLY IN
BOSTON.

ONE WE KNOW THE REQUIREMENTS
WE'LL KNOW THE SPACE WE NEED TO
BE IN AND I DON'T SEE US MISSING
A BEAT BUT THE MONEY FOR THE
LONG-TERM STUDY WAS IN THE FY-17
NOT FY-18 BUDGET.

>> GREAT TO HEAR THAT.

IF THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO
TO MAKE SURE THE RESOURCES ARE
THERE WHEN THE TIME COMES TO
MAKE THAT A REALITY --

>> IN THE MEANTIME WITH RESPECT
TO TEMPORARY SERVICES WHICH IS
WHAT THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED IN HIS
STATE OF THE CITY SPEECH THIS
YEAR A COMMITMENT TO START
OPERATING TEMPORARY SERVICES IN
CHINATOWN BEFORE THE END OF THIS
CALENDAR YEAR.

THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
PPDA WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT ON USE
OF SPACE AND A BUILD OUT FOR
THAT SPACE WHICH IS PROJECTED TO
BE ON THE THREE TO FIVE-YEAR
TIME FRAME FOR OPERATING.

SO BY THE END OF THE YEAR WE
SHOULD BE OPERATING OUT OF THAT
SPACE.

>> GREAT.

I CAN TAKE YOU TO LINE 51,5100.
YOU THOUGHT THERE'D BE AN
INCREASE IN STAFF.

THE QUESTION IS ARE POSITIONS
BEING ELIMINATED OR MOVED TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET.

THERE WAS A REFERENCE THERE'D BE

A NEED TO STAFF UP.
I TAKE THE POSITION THE LARGE
LIBRARIES ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS
THE LIBRARIANS ASSIGNED TO THEM.
I STILL REMEMBER MRS. FLEMING.
SHE'S PROBABLY STILL WORKING FOR
YOU.

SHE WAS IN A SENSE THE SOUTH
BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY AND
EVERYBODY WENT TO HER FOR HELP
AND GUIDANCE AND PROJECTS.
>> SHE HAS RETIRED BUT ACTUALLY
ATTENDED A PROGRAM WITHIN THE
LAST TWO SO IS STILL THIS IN THE
COMMUNITY.

>> AS -- THAT'S AMAZING.
>> YOU SAID THERE WAS A RE-ORG
SINCE PRESIDENT LEONARD HAS
TAKEN OVER.
>> AS DAVID IS SETTING UP HIS
OWN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND
THERE'S BEEN SOME CHANGE INS
WHOM REPORTS TO WHOM.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING
AT, WHEN I LOOK AT THE 5100
EMPLOYEES AND THE INCREASE OF
\$211,000 ARE FOR FOUR AND A HALF
NEW POSITIONS AND THE BALANCE IS
REGULAR STAFFING INCREASES
OUTSIDE OF CONTRACTS SO THERE'S
ONLY STEP INCREASES NOW.

>> I'LL TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT MY
NUMBERS.
YOU HAVE CONTRACTED SERVICE LINE
52-900.

>> NO, WE HAVE \$300,000 IS
MOVING THE CRITICAL REPAIRS FROM
CAPITAL AND ANOTHER \$230,000 FOR
THE SECURITY BUT AS WE WENT
THROUGH THE BUDGET THIS YEAR WE
MOVED ABOUT \$240,000 OUT OF THAT
LINE AND DECIDED IT WAS
MISCHARACTERIZED.

IF YOU LOOK AT 52-1 AND 54-9
YOU'LL SEE THOSE COSTS WENT UP
SO NET OF THAT THAT INCREASE IS
OVER \$500,000 FOR CRITICAL
PREPARE WHICH IS JUST MOVING
CAPITAL MONEY AND THE REAL
INCREASE OF THE SECURITY COSTS.

>> AND I WAS ONE STEP AHEAD OR
BEHIND.
I WAS IN THE EXTERNAL FUNDS.
>> SORRY.

>> THAT WAS ME.
>> WE CAN GO TO THAT.
THE EXTERNAL FUNDS I HAVE THAT
HERE TOO.
THE EXTERNAL FUNDS CAN BE A BIT
OF AN ESTIMATE SOMETIMES.
IT'S NOT AS LONG TERM -- HAS AS
LONG A LIFE AS THE OPERATING
BUT.
SO WHEN WE PUT THE BUDGET
TOGETHER WE KNEW THE ASSOCIATES
WOULD GIVE US MORE FOR POSITIONS
AND WE HAVEN'T FILLED THEM YET.
WE HIRED A NEW ASSOCIATE WITH
FUNDING BUT PROMOTED A CURATOR
OUT OF ASSOCIATE'S FUNDING AND
RARE BOOKS IS PAID OUT OF THAT.
IT TOOK US LONGER TO HIRE SOME
PEOPLE.
THAT'S NOT A CUT.
IT WAS JUST A LITTLE OVERLY
OPTIMISTIC HOW QUICKLY WE'D FIND
THOSE PEOPLE.
>> AND THE INCREASE IN
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES?
>> WE WERE LOW THIS YEAR AS WE
CAME OUT OF FY-16 WE HAD HIGH
COSTS IN FY-16 OWNING TO THE
CLEAN UP OF RARE BOOKS AND
INVENTORY.
WHEN WE PUT FY-17 TOGETHER WE
THOUGHT WE'D BE LOWER THIS YEAR
AND WE'RE ACTUALLY COMING IN
HIGHER.
THE RARE BOOKS INVENTORY MOVED
FROM THE PRINT TO RARE BOOKS TO
PHOTOGRAPHERS.
WE GOT MORE MONEY FROM
ASSOCIATES TO DO THAT.
WE ALSO HAD A BIG YEAR LAST YEAR
BECAUSE WE RESTORED THE
PHILOSOPHY PANEL MURAL AT THE
LIBRARY.
AS WE TOOK A DEEPER DIVE ON IT
WE DECIDED TO BRING IT UP FOR
NEXT YEAR.
WE COULD SAY WE WERE OVERLY
OPTIMISTIC AND HAVE A LOT OF
THINGS GOING ON IN RARE BOOKS.
>> AND THE INCREASE IS THAT FOR
SECURITY?
>> SPECIFIC TO EXTERNAL FUNDS WE
DID PAY SOME OF THE JOHNSON
SECURITY OUT OF EXTERNAL FUNDS

LAST YEAR NOT CAPITAL.
SPECIFIC TO THE INCREASE AS
EVENTS COME BACK BECAUSE JOHNSON
WAS CLOSE WE CUT BACK ON
EXTERNAL EVENTS AND AS THAT
COMES UP WE PAY FOR SECURITY AND
OVERTIME.

BUT ASIDE FROM THAT SO THE MONEY
WE'VE GOTTEN AS AN INCREASE IN
THE CITY BUDGET FOR SECURITY
WILL BE BOTH AT THE MOOTHERSHIP
AND THE BRANCHS PARTICULAR TO
THE EXTERNAL.

>> SO I THINK THE NET IMPACT
FROM THE PUBLIC'S POINT OF VIEW
IS WE'LL BE ABLE TO EMPLOY
ADDITIONAL SECURITY GUARDS AT
THE LIBRARY AND BRANCHES WHICH
IS SOMETHING I THINK EVERYBODY
HAS WANTED TO SEE FOR SOME TIME.

>> GREAT.

WE LOVE OUR LIBRARIES.
THEY'RE GREAT RESOURCES FOR OUR
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
COMMUNITY CENTER.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.
PRESIDENT LEONARD, WE LOOK
FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND
YOUR TEAM.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
McCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU, VERY MUCH.
GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY.
I'LL START WITH ROSLINDALE AND
\$6.7 MILLION OF THE REHAB AND I
KNOW THE FRIENDS OF THE
ROSLINDALE LIBRARY IS READY TO
GO AND IT'S LIKE CHRISTMAS.
EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR THE BIG
DAY TO GET THE MEETINGS AND
DESIGN IN.

IT'S LONG OVERDUE AND WE'RE
HAPPY THE WALSH ADMINISTRATION
AND YOU WILL STEER THE SHIP IN
THE RIGHT DICTION -- DIRECTION.
THE USUALLY OF LIBRARY IN
MATTAPAN AND THE CUSTODIAN THERE
IS PHENOMENAL.

THE PLACE IS IMMACULATE AND I
DON'T KNOW HIS NAME AND I
SHOULD.

I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS AND
SOME REQUESTS AND A QUESTION.
THERE'S A PAINTING TAKEN DOWN

AND IT'S A BIG HEAVY ONE AND
THEY NEED IT PUT BACK UP.
I WAS THERE LAST WEEK AND THE
LIBRARY GRABBED ME AND SAID I
KNOW THE HEARING'S COMING UP AND
SAID CAN YOU THROW THIS OUT
THERE AND I THOUGHT OF DOING IT
MYSELF BUT I ENVISIONED DROPPING
THE PAINTING AND NOT BEING ABLE
TO AFFORD TO REPLACE IT.

AND THE OPERATIONS ISSUES IS
WHEN YOU COME OUT TO THE MAIN
HALL INTO THE MAIN PART OF THE
LIBRARY THERE'S A VERY OLD
WOODEN FLOOR THERE AND IT'S
PRETTY BEAT UP.

AS SOMEONE WHO OWNS A
140-YEAR-OLD HOUSE MYSELF I'M
FEARING THE WOOD IS GETTING TO
THE POINT WHERE IT WON'T BE
REPARABLE BUT MAYBE WE CAN SAND
IT AND I NOTICED IT'S GOT RUGS
BUT WE'LL NEED TO DO THEM BEFORE
WE LOSE THEM ALTOGETHER.

MY LAST QUESTION IS ABOUT
RENTALS.

WE'VE HAD EVENTS AT THE HYDE
PARK LIBRARY AND THE HAVEN'T IS
\$2500 WHICH IS A BARRIER TO A
LOT OF GROUPS AND IT'S SUCH A
GREAT SPACE.

WHERE DID WE GET THAT NUMBER
FROM?

HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY HAVE MAYBE
SOME TYPE OF SMALL WAIVER FEES
FOR SMALL GROUPS AND SCHOOL
EVENTS.

>> I'LL TAKE YOUR SUGGESTIONS
ABOUT THE OPERATING
IMPROVEMENTS.

WE'LL WORK WITH THE TEAM IN HOW
TO ADDRESS THOSE IN DUE COURSE.
WITH RESPECT TO THE RENTAL
PROCEDURE AND COSTS.

WE JUST STARTED A PROCESS TO
LOOK AT THE POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES THAT PERTAIN TO
RENTALS OF OUR SPACE.

AND ENSURE WE'RE COVERING THE
COSTS APPROPRIATELY WHETHER IT'S
FOR CLEANING CUSTODIAL OR
CLEANING SERVICE OR IN THE EVENT
THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT THE
EXTERNAL EVENT WITH OUR OWN

EVENTS TEAM ENSURING WE HAVE THE COSTS BAKED IN.

ALSO UNDERSTAND HOW TO BEST RESPOND WITH THOSE REQUESTS COME FROM EITHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

>> I KNOW ANYTIME WE CAN GET MORE PEOPLE TO VISIT OUR LIBRARIES WHETHER IT'S THERE BECAUSE THEY'RE REALLY THERE BECAUSE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OR GIRL SCOUTS OR LOCAL SCHOOL OR THERE TO USE THE FACILITY IT'S A GREAT THING.

WE HAD AN EVENT FOR THE ROOSEVELT SCHOOL AT THE HYDE PARK LIBRARY AND THE PLACE WAS PACKED AND I CAN TELL YOU HOW MANY PARENTS HAD NEVER BEEN TO THAT LIBRARY FROM HYDE PARK AND WERE JUST WANDERING AROUND BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A GORGEOUS LIBRARY WITH THE OLD AND NEW.

>> WE ACCOMMODATE WHAT WE CAN BUT WE'RE NOT WELL SET UP TO ACCOMMODATE EVENTS ON EVENING WHEN WE'RE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR MCCARTHY.

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND CERTAINLY APPRECIATE SOME OF THE CONVERSATIONS SO FAR IN YOUR INITIAL PRESENTATION REFERRING BACK TO THE CONVERSATIONS LAST YEAR.

THE INCREASE IN SECURITY ACROSS THE SYSTEM WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT OF THAT LAST YEAR FOLLOWING FROM AN AUDIT DONE, CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THE EXTENSIVE SECURITY WHETHER ALL LIBRARY BRANCHES NOW HAVE SECURITY ON HAND AND TALK ABOUT THE NEED AND WHAT WAS RECOGNIZED THROUGH THE AUDIT.

>> NOT ALL BRANCHES HAVE SECURE GUARDS AND SOME FOR ONLY PEAK HOURS.

IT CONTINUES TO BE AN ONGOING CONVERSATION BETWEEN BRANCH MANAGEMENT AND HEAD OF OPERATIONS TO UNDERSTAND WHERE BEST TO DEPLOY SECURITY GUARDS

BASED ON BEHAVIOR PATTERNS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS. WE TEND TO MONITOR THAT AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR WE'LL BE ABLE TO DEPLOY SOME ADDITIONAL GUARDS ACROSS THE BRANCHES AND AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

>> AND HAVE ANY BRANCH LIBRARIES THAT DON'T HAVE SECURITIES THAT WOULD LIKE THEM?

>> OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD I DON'T KNOW.

WE CAN ASK PRISCILLA FOLEY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES TO JOIN US.

>> WE CAN FOLLOW UP AFTER. REGARDING THE 4 1/2 NEW POSITIONS CAN YOU TALK ABOUT WHERE THEY ARE AND WHERE THEY'RE GOING AND WHERE THE GAPS IN SERVICES ARE? BECAUSE WE'VE RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FORMALLY AND INFORMALLY ABOUT GAPS AND MISSING LIBRARIANS AND SERVICES ACROSS THE SYSTEM.

>> SURE.

THE FOUR AND A HALF EQUIVALENT --

>> A BRANCH LIBRARIAN AND 50% TIME COMMUNITY LIBRARIAN AND ASSISTANT AND CUSTODIAL STAFF.

>> WHERE WILL THEY BE DEPLOYED?

>> CHINA TOWN.

>> SO THIS IS ALL FOR CHINA TOWN.

>> THERE'S ONLY ONE NEW POSITION FOR CHINA TOWN AND THAT'S CAPACITY FOR THE TEAM BASED ON THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

>> ARE YOU STILL USING SPECIALISTS TO COVER VACATIONS AND DAYS OFF.

>> WE HAVE FLOATER LIBRARIANS THAT CAN WORK IN ANY LOCATION. IT'S ALMOST LIKE AN UNOFFICIAL TRAINING GROUND AND THEY MOVE UP THROUGH THE RANK AND TAKE PERMANENT CONDITIONS AND WE'RE CONTINUALLY REPLENISHING THE SUPPLY AND THEY'RE VERY BENEFICIAL FOR COVERING WHEN THERE ARE LONG-TERM ABSENCES OR UNEXPECTED SHORT-TERM ABSENCES.

>> WE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF
BRANCH LIBRARIES THAT WE'RE
REALLY UNDER STAFFED IN SOME OF
THOSE PLACES.
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE FEWER
AND FEWER LIBRARY SERVICES
AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS.
THE SYSTEM IS RELYING MORE AND
MORE ON OUR COMMUNITY LIBRARIES TO BE
PARTNERS AND AS KIDS AND
FAMILIES AND ADULTS COME TO USE
THE SERVICES THEY HAVE
PROFESSIONAL THERE'S TO SUPPORT
THEM IN THEIR WORK.
CAN YOU TALK ON THE CAPITAL
BUDGET.
IT SEEMS THERE'S A SUBSTANTIAL
DECLINE IN CAPITAL INVESTMENT
FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.
>> I THINK WHAT YOU'RE SEEING IS
THE COMPLETION OF THE CENTRAL
LIBRARY RENOVATION WHICH WAS
EFFECTIVELY A \$78 MILLION
PROJECT.
THE BULK OF THE FUNDING FOR
WHICH SURFACED IN THE FY-15, 16,
17 YEARS.
AS WE PIVOT TO PROJECTS MORE FOR
\$5 MILLION THAT ARE
SIMULTANEOUSLY --
>> THAT MAKES SENSE.
THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT.
>> THE PROJECTS ARE GOING UP NOT
DOWN THOUGH THE TOTAL DOLLAR
ALLOCATION LOOKS LIKE IT IS
TAKING A DECREASE.
>> THAT MAKES SENSE.
I APOLOGIZE.
IT'S A SILLY QUESTION BUT NOW I
KNOW.
CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
OUR AUDITING OF OUR FACILITIES
AS WE PLAN FOR FUTURE UPGRADES
AND HANDICAP UPGRADES.
>> THAT REMAINS IN THE CHOICE OF
THE BRANCH TO RENOVATE.
WE'RE STILL ON OUR 2013 SURVEY
OF BRANCH LIBRARIES.
I'M PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO SAY
EVERY PROJECT OR EVERY LOCATION
THAT WAS FLAGGED FOR MAJOR WORK
IN THAT 2013 STUDY AS OF THIS
YEAR NOW WE'LL SEE ACTIVITY
ACROSS THE SYSTEM.

THE JP BRANCH WHICH WE JUST OPENED SAW THE BENEFIT OF NOT ONLY AN ELEVATOR TO MAKE ALL THE FLOORS ACCESSIBLE BUT AN ENTRY WAY THAT IS FULLY ACCESSIBLE AND THE HEARING TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS STATE OF THE ART FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEIR SPACE AND THEIR LIBRARY.

THIS IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY DRIVERS FOR THE FANUEIL BRANCH WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER SCHEDULED FOR FY-19 AND THE ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS WHILE THERE'S CODE MINIMUMS WE WANT TO ADHERE TO BEST PRACTICES WHICH IN SOME CASES EXCEED THE CODE MINIMUMS.

>> WHAT'S THE TIME LINE FROM DESIGN TO COMPLETION?

>> IT WON'T START UNTIL JULY OF FY-19.

OUR DESIGN PROCESS IS ONE YEAR INCLUDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND AFTER THAT IT'S CONSTRUCTION. YOU'RE LOOKING AT REALISTICALLY A COUPLE YEAR.

IF YOU INCLUDE PROGRAMMING WHICH WE'VE DONE OBVIOUSLY THAT WAS THE FIRST STEP ALREADY DONE THAT'S ALREADY ABOUT THREE-YEAR PROJECTS AND THE CONSTRUCTION CAN TAKE ANYWHERE FROM 12, 18, TO 24 MONTHS DEPENDING ON THE SIZE AND SCOPE.

I'D SAY FOR THOSE CONSTITUENT FO PARTICULARLY OF FANUEIL WE'D LOOK TO START CONSTRUCTION IN FY-20.

>> THE MORE WE TALK ABOUT THE TRUE LENGTH OF TIME FROM CONVERSATION TO COMPLETED RENOVATION IS IMPORTANT.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY I'M SURE YOU HAVE A LOT OF TO TALK ABOUT.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

I FEEL AS THOUGH THE DOG THAT CAUGHT THE CAR AFTER SIX BUDGET SEASONS WE'VE BEEN MAKING THE PUSH.

I WANT TO THANK YOU.

THIS PAST SATURDAY AND TO BE WITH CURRENCIES FLAHERTY AND

PRESSLEY AND --
COUNCILORS FLAHERTY AND PRESSLEY
AND IT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE
LIFE.

IT INVITE YOU TO THE JAMAICA
PLAIN BRANCH AND A BUILDING THAT
HASN'T HAD A FULL RENOVATION
SINCE 1960 SOMETHING AND IT'D
BEEN FAR TOO LONG.

IT WASN'T EASY.

IT TOOK US A WHILE BUT IT IS
FANTASTIC AND THANK YOU TO MY
COLLEAGUES AS WELL WHO WERE SUCH
A PART OF IT.

I HAD NO IDEA BUT TWO
CONSTITUENTS OF MINE HARD OF
HEARING TALKED ABOUT THE
TECHNOLOGY AND IT WILL BE LOOPED
THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BUILDING
AND THAT'S THE STANDARD AS WE GO
FORWARD SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

WE TALKED ABOUT WONDER FULL
ADVOCATES AND WE HAVE THIS TEEN
CENTER THAT TALKED ABOUT
STAFFING AND MAKING SURE THE
STAFFING LEVELS ARE MED SO HOW
YOU'LL DRESS THAT GOING FORWARD.

>> WE'RE VERY CONSCIOUS THE
OPENING DAY IS A GREAT HAVEN'T
AND ONE TO BE CELEBRATED.

THE TEST BECOMES HOW WE ANIMATE
THE SPACES GOING FORWARD AND
ENSURE THEY HAVE ALL THE
PROGRAMS AND COLLECTIONS AND THE
USAGE WE WANT FOR THEM.

>> WELL SAID.

>> TO ADDRESS THE STAFFING
CONCERNS WE HAVE SEEN EVERY TIME
WE RENOVATE A BRANCH AND HOW IT
OPENS THEY COME AND UTILIZE
BRANCH SERVICES QUITE A BIT.

FOR THE SHORT TERM WHAT WE'VE
DONE IN ADDITION TO THE FLOATERS
WE HAVE THREE FULL-TIME
LIBRARIANS AND HAVE THEM TRAINED
IN THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE
ELEMENTS OF THE JAMAICA PLAIN
BRANCH AND WILL BE PERMANENTLY
ALTERNATING BY WEEK.

THIS ENABLES US TO OPEN THE
BRANCH ON SATURDAYS FOR A FULL
9:00 TO 5:00 THAN 9:00 TO 2:00
AND THAT WILL EXPAND THE HOURS
SATURDAYS.

WHEN POSITIONS BECOME VACANT WE
LOOK AT IF WE STILL NEED THE
NEED OR FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO
ANOTHER DEPARTMENT AND WE ALWAYS
RE-EVALUATE EVERY POSITION AND I
FEEL CONFIDENT JAMAICA PLAIN
WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL
PERMANENT STAFF PERSON IN THE
FUTURE.

>> AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
TEAM AT THE FREDERICK STREET
BRANCH AND THOSE WHO ABSORB THE
OVERFLOW.

SPEAKING OF THE WEST ROXBURY
BRANCH.

THIS WEDNESDAY I'LL PUT FORTH A
RESOLUTION WHICH I'M HOPEFUL WE
CAN SUSPEND RULES AND PASS
NAMING THE COMMUNITY RULE OVER
ALLISON HENNESSEY A DEVOTED
ACCOLADE OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC
LIBRARY AND MANY OF HER FRIENDS.
SHE WAS A FRIEND OF THE WEST
ROXBURY BRANCH AND PASSED AWAY
LAST MONTH AND ENCAPSULATE HER
SERVICE AND OUR PROJECT INCLUDES
REMODELLING THE MEETING ROOM.
IT'S ONE I HOPE TO BE THE
COMMUNITY ROOM.

CAN YOU TALK MORE ABOUT THAT,
EAMON.

>> SO THIS WEST ROXBURY PROJECT
IN PARTICULAR IS SORT OF NEWER.
WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADD
CARPET AND DATA AND POWER WHERE
IT DOESN'T EXIST.

IT'S LIKE A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO
DO PROJECTS AND MAKE BIG
IMPACTFUL EMIMPROVEMENT.

>> THESE ARE THINGS WE CAN DO
FOR RELATIVELY SHORT MONEY.
I DON'T MEAN TO MINIMIZE IT BUT
HELP TRANSFORM THE EXPERIENCE
AND BRING IT UP.

I KNOW THERE'S EFFORTS UNDERWAY
FOR OTHERS SO I'M GRATEFUL.
I GREW UP GOING TO THE WEST
ROXBURY BRANCH LIBRARY AS A KID.
I'M A FREQUENT CONNELLY LIBRARY
PATRON AND THERE'S SO MUCH
INCREDIBLE IMPORTANCE LIBRARIES
SERVE AND I GIVE TREMENDOUS
CREDIT TO ALL OF YOU AND THE MEN
AND WOMEN IN THE BRANCHES DOING

THE WORK EVERY DAY.
IT'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF
OUR JOB.
ONE OFTEN TAKEN FOR GRANTED AND
TO HAVE A GREAT DEDICATED TEAM
LEADING AND SUPPORTING OUR
LIBRARIES IS MARVELOUS SO THANK
YOU FOR YOUR GREAT WORK AND
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL THE HELP
WITH THE JAMAICA PLAIN BRANCH.
>> WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY
COUNCILOR ZAKIM.
LET ME RECOGNIZE COUNCILOR
AYANNA PRESSLEY.
>> THANK YOU.
FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND THE ROLE
OUR LIBRARIES PLAY EVERY DAY IN
FOSTERING HEALTHIER COMMUNITY.
I WAS AT A WONDERFUL EVENT AT
THE DPL.
AND THE THEME OF THE DAY WAS
WITH LITERATURE AND JUSTICE FOR
ALL AND I COULDN'T AGREE MORE.
THANK YOU AND TO ALL THOSE WHO
HAVE DEDICATED CAREERS IN THE
LIBRARY SCIENCES.
I HAVE TO GIVE A SHUTOUT TO THE
CHILDRENS LIBRARY.
WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY
STORY HOURS PLANNED THROUGHOUT
THE CITY SO I WANTED TO SAY
THAT.
MOST OF MY QUESTIONS AROUND
CHI-M6@;h
ANSWERED.
I DID WANT -- COUNCILOR McCARTHY
WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW INCREDIBLE
THE MATTAPAN LIBRARY IS AND ONE
THING I APPRECIATE ABOUT THE
DESIGN IS THE SEPARATE TEEN
SPACE.
WE KNOW THERE'S A GROWING NEED
FOR LIBRARIES THAT ARE ONE OF
THE FEW SAFE SPACES FOR OUR
YOUNG PEOPLE.
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT
JUST MEETING THE NEEDS OF THOSE
OF AGE BUT OLDER.
WHEN I THINK OF CHINATOWN WHAT
WILL WE ENSURE THAT CHINATOWN
AND OTHERS ARE INTERGENERATIONAL
AND SET ASIDE SPACE FOR TEENS?
>> THE QUESTION WITH THE
CHINATOWN COMMUNITY WE'VE MADE

IT A POINT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT PARTICULAR NEED BOTH TO OFFER PROGRAMS FOR THOSE OF SCHOOL AGE AND BEYOND AND TO DO SO WHERE POSSIBLE IN AN INTERGENERATIONAL MODEL.

OVER THE COURSE OF A YEAR, 25,000 TEENS CAME THROUGH THE SPACE.

THERE WERE 192 PROGRAMS WITH NEARLY,000 TEEN PARTICIPANTS >> THERE'S A MODEL FROM THE LEARNING OF THE RENOVATED SPACES WE DO.

I BELIEVE WE ADDED TO THE J.P. BRANCH.

>> I CAN ADDRESS THAT.

J.P. HAS ITS OWN DEDICATED TEEN SPACE AND THE ADAM STREET BRANCH WILL HAVE A TEEN SPACE AND IN CHINATOWN THE BENEFIT OF DOING THE LONG-TERM STUDY AND WORKING ON THE TEMPORARY SERVICES AT THE SAME TIME IS WE'RE LEARNING SO MUCH FROM THE COMMUNITY WE CAN QUICKLY ADJUST WHAT DOING FOR THE SHORT TERM STUDY.

WE HAVE TAKEN WHAT WAS MEANT TO BE A CHILDREN'S LIBRARY AND EXPAND TO A YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARY WHICH PROVIDES PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO TEENAGERS BECAUSE WE HEARD SO STRONGLY THE NED FOR SERVICES FOR TEENS IN THAT COMMUNITY.

THAT WILL CERTAINLY BE A STRONG ELEMENT AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO MORE PERMANENT SERVICES.

>> SO YOU'RE LOOKING TO SCALE UP AND MAKE SURE ACCESS TO THOSE PROGRAMS ARE EQUITABLE SO I APPRECIATE THAT.

CAN YOU TALK TO ME ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE RENOVATION TIME PERIOD FOR DUDLEY AND PARKER HILL RESPECTIVELY?

WILL THERE BE TEMPORARY SPACES OR EXPLORED POP-UP SPACES.

IS THAT BEING CONSIDERED AND PARKER AND DUDLEY WILL WILL UNDERGO AT THE SAME TIME?

>> WHEN WE CLOSE A BRANCH WE

ALWAYS TRY AND DO EXECUTE
TEMPORARY SERVICES ON THE
LIMITED BASIS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

WHICH IS WHAT WE DID FOR JP AND
WHAT WE DID FOR BRIGHTON WHEN IT
CLOSED AS THE TWO MOST RECENT
EXAMPLES OF RENOVATIONS
HAPPENING.

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE YEAR
AHEAD WE FACE TWO BRANCHES WIN
RENOVATION WITH AN OVERLAPPING
PERIOD.

WE'RE BEING MORE SAY AGGRESSIVE
OR THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THE TYPES OF
OFFERINGS WE NEED TO OFFER THOSE
COMMUNITIES THAT ARE RIGHT NEXT
TO EACH OTHER.

MICHAEL, THERE'S BEEN A COUPLE
IDEAS WE'RE SPECIFICALLY
EXPLORING NOW.

>> THERE'S THINGS WE CAN DO IF
WE DO STORY TIME OR COMMUNITY
CENTER OR HOMEWORK HELP SEEMS TO
BE IMPORTANT IN PARKER HILL.

WE'RE LOOKING AT ALTERNATE
SPACES TO DO THINGS LIKE THAT.

WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT OUR
PARTNERS IN THE AREA.

THE ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS
A PARTNER AND THEY'RE ALSO
UNDERGOING A RENOVATION FOR
THEIR LIBRARY BUT IT'S OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC AND SITUATED BETWEEN
PARKER AND DUDLEY HILL SO THEY
CAN CHANGE THEIR PICK UP
LOCATIONS AND WE'RE LOOKING AT
OTHER PARTNERS TO PROVIDE OTHER
SERVICES.

AND AGAIN BECAUSE OF THE
UNPRECEDENTED NATURE OF HAVING
TWO BRANCHES IN THE SAME
NEIGHBORHOOD WE'RE LOOKING TO
OTHER SERVICES.

>> I LIKE AGGRESSIVE AND
THOUGHTFUL.

I SUPPORT THAT APPROACH.
BECAUSE THERE IS SUCH A GREAT
IMPACT TO HAVE TWO THIS WAY WHY
ARE WE DOING THAT ESPECIALLY
HEADING INTO THE SUMMER MONTHS
AND AGAIN THESE SPACES ARE OFTEN
THE ONLY SAFE SPACES FOR SOME OF
OUR YOUTH IN PARTICULAR.

>> THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR THE PARKER HILL REPAIR WHICH IS IN SERIOUS NEED OF ATTENTION TO THE ENVELOPE, THE FACADE OF THE BUILDING AND WITH THE LEVEL OF ANALYSIS DONE ON THE BUILDING THE WORK NEEDS MORE ATTENTION. AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO DELAY THE WORK FOR A MONTH.

WIT -- IT WILL NOT CLOSE IN JUNE OR JULY BUT WE'LL HAVE DUDLEY ONCE IT GETS THROUGH THE CURRENT CHALLENGE IT'S CLOSED FOR A DRAIN ISSUE RIGHT NOW BUT WILL REPRN OPEN

REOPEN WITHIN A WEEK.

WE CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE RIGHT MODEL OF TEMPORARY SERVICE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE BOTH OF THESE NEIGHBORHOODS WHILE BOTH PROJECTS GET UNDERWAY.

>> I'M PLEASED TO HAVE THAT AND I CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY -- I HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE CAN MAKE IT WORK ON PAPER AND FINDING A WAY TO DO THIS SUCCESSFULLY, PLEASE CONTINUE TO ENGAGE COMMUNITY VOICE AND WHAT WOULD WORK BEST AND ANY REPORT ON THAT I'D APPRECIATE BECAUSE WE WANT TO ENSURE AS YOU'RE TRANSITIONING SERVICES WE WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR CONSTITUENTS KNOW WHERE THEY CAN GO SO RELY ON US IN THAT WAY.

A COUPLE OTHER QUICK QUESTIONS AND STICKING ON DUDLEY FOR TWO MORE THINGS ARE YOU PARTICIPATING IN THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM?

>> YES, WE ARE.

>> CAN YOU SPEAK TO THE LOCAL ARTISTS HOW THEY MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO OR COMPETE FOR THAT PROCESS?

>> THAT'S SET ASIDE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR A NUMBER OF OUR PROJECT.

NOT EVERY PROJECT WILL HAVE AN ART PROJECT ASSOCIATED WITH IT. BEEF WITHIN INCREDIBLY LUCKY TO

LEARN TWO OF THE BRANCH
RENOVATIONS ARE TWO OF THE FIRST
PROJECTS THAT WILL HAVE A
PERCENT OR THE LOCATION THOSE
BEING THE JAMAICA PLAIN BRANCH
WE JUST OPENED AND THE DUDLEY
BRANCH WE'RE IN SIGNED WITH.
THERE WILL BE RFPs ISSUED FOR
BOTH PROJECTS RUN BY THE OFFICE
OF ART AND CULTURE AND I CAN
REPORT THAT FOR THE JP ONE WHICH
IS A LITTLE EARLIER FOR THE

DIDLY -- DUDLEY ONE WE ARE WORK
ON INPUT FOR THE TIME LINE.
I IMAGINE THE SAME WILL HAPPEN
FOR THE DUDLEY BRANCH.
>> I'LL FOLLOW UP WITH JULIE.
THANK YOU.
>> WE HAVE HAD FOUR COMMUNITY
MEETINGS ON DUDLEY AND THERE WAS
A BRIEF BRIEFING AT THE LAST
MEETING ON THEcbo'; COMPONENT ON THAT
PROJECT.
>> AND I HAVE A QUESTION ON
ACCEPTABILITY.
FOR THE CENTRAL BRANCH, WAS THAT
A LANDMARK DECISION?
IT'S WORRISOME WE WOULD -- FOR
THOSE THAT HAVE MOBILITY
CHALLENGES WE SHOULD INCREASE
THEIR ACCESS NOT LIMITING IT.
>> BY CODE THAT'S ALL WE'RE
REQUIRED TO DO.
WE'RE GRANTED BY THE LAND MARKS
PERMISSION TO HAVE AN ACCESSIBLE
RANCH AND DOORWAY ON THE COPLEY
SQUARE SIDE FOR THE DURATION OF
THE RENOVATION PROJECT.
THEY'RE REQUIREMENTS WERE ONCE
THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETE AND THE
ENTRANCE ON BOYLSTON STREET WAS
OPERATIONAL WE'D REMOVE THE
TEMPORARY RAMP ON THE COPLEY
SQUARE SIDE.
AS A LIBRARY WE WOULD IN THE
LONG RUN PREFER TO HAVE THOSE
ENTRANCES FULLY ACCEPTABLE.
WE DON'T HAVE A PROJECT ACTIVE
YET TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS ON
THE COPLEY SQUARE SIDE.
>> OKAY.
>> I'M CURIOUS, THIS COUNCIL
DEBATED MIXED USE.

I'M CURIOUS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THE IDEA OF OUR LIBRARIES BEING MIXED USE AND HOUSING COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.

>> I THINK WE'RE VERY SUPPORTIVE IN PRINCIPLE.

I THINK IT WAS COUNCILOR BAKER WHO IN PARTICULAR HAD A FORMAL HEARING EARLY WITH THIS CONVERSATION.

WE'RE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF CONTINUING TO AT THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY FOR MIXED USE AS WE LOOK AT EACH RENOVATION PROJECT. NOT EVERY SITE I THINK IS APPROPRIATE.

CERTAINLY THERE WAS A MODEL PROPOSED BY A THIRD PARTY FOR THE FIELDS CORNER BRANCH AS AN EXAMPLE THAT INCLUDED THE POTENTIAL FOR HOUSING.

AS WE GET TO THAT PROJECT SOMEWHERE IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS I THINK ACTUALLY EARLIER --

>> I HOPE SO.

AS WE GET TO THOSE PROJECTS MORE SUITABLE FOR MIXED USE WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPLORING THE RIGHT

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

THANK YOU, DAVID AND YOUR CREW. I WANT TO START BY THANKING YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO AND PASS ON THE RAVE REVIEWS I CONTINUE TO GET ABOUT THE CENTRAL BRANCH RENOVATION FROM FOLKS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS IN THE CITY.

PEOPLE BRINGING THEIR SMALL CHILDREN IN THERE, SENIORS, YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WHO SAY I HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE LIBRARY FOR YEARS AND NOW WE'RE GOING ALL THE TIME.

IT'S REALLY A CREDIT TO YOU AND THE CITY I THINK.

GLAD TO HAVE THAT NEAR MY HOME.

THERE'S ANOTHER BRANCH IN MY DISTRICT, PARKER HILL.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ORGANIZE AND ATTEND THE COMMUNITY MEETING LAST WEEK.

A COUPLE FOLLOW-UP WORKING TO FIGURE

OUT REPLACEMENT SERVICES AT SOME LEVEL DURING THAT RENOVATION. COUNCILOR PRESSLEY WAS TALKING ABOUT, DUDLY WOULD ALSO BE CLOSED FOR MUCH OF THAT. CAN ANYONE TALK ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED?

I KNOW IT'S BEEN A WEEK LESS THAN A WEEK, I KNOW PEOPLE WERE DOING OUTREACH ABOUT POSSIBLE SPACE WHERE WE ARE ABOUT THAT AND THEN IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT THIS COUNCIL CAN DO TO HELP FACILITATE THAT.

>> I THINK MICHAEL HAS TALKED ABOUT THE ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY THAT PRESENTS ITSELF AS A PARTIAL CHALLENGE TO THE SOLUTION WITH PARKER HILLS CLOSURE. WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO THE CITY COLLEGE ABOUT OTHER CITY PROPERTY SO THOSE CONVERSATIONS NEED TO GO A COUPLE OF STAGES FURTHER BEFORE I CAN REPORT ANYTHING DEFINITIVE BUT THAT WAS A VERY WELL ATTENDED COMMUNITY MEETING AND A LOT OF GREAT IDEAS AND GREAT INPUT WAS SURFACED AND WE HAVE COMMITTED TO SEEING WHICH ONES OF THOSE ARE VIABLE, WHICH ONES CAN WE DO GIVEN THE LIMITATIONS THAT WE FACE. AND WE I THINK JOINTLY COMMITTED TO A FOLLOW-UP COMMUNITY MEETING OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. >> AND I THINK WITH THE JULY 1 CLOSURE HAVING ANOTHER MEETING BEFORE THEN AT SOME POINT IS IMPORTANT.

SO OBVIOUSLY WANT TO WORK TO SCHEDULE HAD A. SO FOLKS CAN GET UPDATED AND FEEL THERE IS AN ONGOING PROCESS HERE.

I'LL JUST REITERATE WHETHER WITH IT'S FROM AN OUTREACH PERSPECTIVE FROM COORDINATING WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, I THINK HAD BODY THROUGH THIS BUDGET PROCESS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS YOU KNOW AND I CERTAINLY WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO FACILITATE THAT.

I THINK WE HEARD OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS HOW IMPORTANT THIS BRANCH IS TO YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUNG LADY WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING WITH HER MOTHER WROTE BACK TO ME AFTERWARDS WITH SOME FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS.

SO AS FOLKS, STUDENTS IN SECOND AND THIRD GRADE AS FAR AS SENIORS IN THEIR 70s AND USES WHO REALLY USE THAT BRANCH AS A SOCIAL CENTER AS A PLACE TO GO AS A PLACE TO USE THE COMPUTER AND INTERNET.

SO I CERTAINLY WANT TO MAKE SURE WHATEVER WE DO, WE HAVE SOME SUBSTITUTE SPACE, WHETHER IT'S INCONJUNCTION WITH OTHER CITY AGENCIES OR OTHER PARTNERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

SO I THINK THAT IS MY MAIN QUESTION TODAY.

I DO WANT TO THANK YOU, THOUGH, FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN THAT AND TO CHANGE PLANS AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMMUNITY AND LOOK TOWARD TO CONTINUING THE WORK.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> I CHAIR THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY.

LAST MONTH WE TALKED ABOUT THE BPL ADDING SUPPORT SERVICES, BOTH CLIENTS ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND INCREDIBLY VULNERABLE AND HOW DO WE LOCK TO WAYS TO CONNECT THEM TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

I'M WONDERING WHAT SORT OF WORK HAS HAPPENED IF THAT SPACE AND HOW WE'RE SUPPORTING THOSE INDIVIDUALS?

>> THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF THINGS GOING ON.

WE HAVE SET UP A HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE WHICH WAS RECRITONENNED, I --

RECHRISTENED I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME, I'LL GET THAT FOR YOU. HOW TO SUPPORT THE STAFF FROM THAT THEY PUT TOGETHER A FEW RESOURCES FOR THE STAFF TO USE,

A COUPLE OF RESOURCES THAT HAS INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THE SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CITY.

THE COMMITTEE MAKES SURE THAT'S ALWAYS UPDATED.

IT'S A PUBLIC-FACING PAGE, THOSE FROM THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO UTILIZE THAT AND IT'S ALWAYS UP TO DATE. THEY MADE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW WE CAN LOOK TOWARDS FINDING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, WHETHER IT'S A SOCIAL WORKER ON STAFF OR CONTRACT WORKER TO HELP THE STAFF.

WE'VE BEEN EXPLORING WAYS TO FUND SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SOME LARGER URBAN LIBRARIES HAVE DONE SIMILAR THINGS SO WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING TO HAVE FUNDING SO WE CAN BRING SOMETHING IN. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT.

THEN KIND OF ON ANOTHER SIDE OF THINGS WE ARE REPURPOSING ONE OF OUR RESEARCH LINES TO BE A HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALIST.

NOT SOMEONE TO DIRECTLY WORK WITH THE HOMELESS OR VETERANS OR OTHER GROUPS, BUT TO REALLY BE LINKING OUR RESEARCH SERVICES AND OUR REFERENCE SERVICES TO OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS.

WE HOPE TO DO SOMETHING IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO TO DO SOMETHING FURTHER.

>> I WOULD PUSH AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE QUICKLY ON THIS. BASED ON OUR CONVERSATION AT THIS HEARING A YEAR AGO, THAT I HAD ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE A KEY PERSON IDENTIFIED AS SOMEONE WHO WOULD SUPPORT YOUR STAFFER IN THIS WORK AS THEY ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

BECAUSE IT IS SUCH A VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT DOES NEED SPECIALIZED SERVICES. ALSO RELATED NOT DIRECTLY BUT CERTAINLY CONNECTED TO THE CONVERSATION IS I'D LIKE TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SHOPS

PROTOCOL.

WE HAD A HEARING A NUMBER OF WEEKS AGO, REALIZES WE HAVE 20,000 IMPROPERLY DISARDED SHARPS ACROSS THE USE, HEROIN USE AND OPIOID USE IS PREVALENT, SO IF YOU COULD SPEAK A LITTLE BIT TO YOUR STAFF'S RESPONSE AND THEN ALSO ABOUT THE TRAINING YOUR STAFF HAS RECEIVED ON SAFE DISPOSAL PRACTICES.

>> SO OUR FACILITIES DEPARTMENT IS THE TEAM AND SPECIFICALLY THE CUSTODIANS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH DISPOSING OF NEEDLES ON LIBRARY PROPERTY.

WHEN THEY'RE AVAILABILITY.

IF THEY'RE AVAILABLE, A STAFF PERSON CONTACTS, AND HAS THE RIGHT MEANS TO DEAL WITH THAT.

THE STAFF CONTACT THE

APPROPRIATE CITY RESOURCE

WHETHER IT'S THE DISPOSAL TEAM

OR EITHER OR THE PUBLIC HEALTH

COMMISSION AS APPROPRIATE.

AND WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES BASED UPON

WHAT WE'RE HEARING FROM OUR

BRANCH STAFF ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

AND RIGHT NOW, AS RECENTLY AS

LAST WEEK, PARTICIPATED IN A

CITYWIDE CONVERSATION ABOUT ALL

WE'RE DOING, THE RIGHT THINGS,

IS THERE MORE WE CAN DO, AND

ENSURING THAT WE ARE IN SYNC

WITH WHAT OUR COLLEAGUES AT

OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND

ASSOCIATED AGENCIES ARE SAYING

AND DOING.

>> SO IS ALL LIBRARY STAFF

TRAINED IN APPROPRIATE OR SAFE

PRECAUTIONS?

>> SO I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY

ARE.

EVEN IF THE AUTHORITIES DEAL

WITH THE APPROPRIATE NEEDLE

ISSUE ITSELF.

>> THERE IS A PROTOCOL.

>> THERE IS A PROTOCOL.

>> FORMAL PROTOCOL ON WHAT STAFF

TAKES SHOULD THEY COME ACROSS A

NEEDLE?

>> THIS IS, YES.

>> CAN YOU TALK A LIBILITIESDZ ABOUT, I KNOW YOU IT'S UNUSUAL TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION IN A BPL HEARING BUT OF THE NUMBER OF OVERDOSES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN OUR LIBRARIES?

>> I'M NOT SURE WE HAVE THOSE NUMBERS TO DATE BUT THERE CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN A COUPLE. AGAIN, WE LOOK WITH OUR CITY AGENCIES TO DEAL WITH EACH OF THOSE SITUATIONS. CERTAINLY WE WANT STAFF CALLING 911 WHENEVER THE SITUATION WARRANTS IT.

AND THEN, WORKING WITH LIBRARY MANAGEMENT, WITH THE SUPPORT SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT WE DEAL WITH ANY FALLOUT OR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDED WHEN THOSE TRAGEDIES OCCUR.

>> I AM AWARE SEEING THAT FROM OUR SCHOOLS TO OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS TO JUST ACROSS THE BOARD HERE AT CITY HALL.

WE'VE HAD NARCAN TRAINING SESSIONS HERE FOR BOTH CITY HALL STAFF AND ALSO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

I'VE ATTENDED MY TRAINING. I ATTENDED A BRANCH OF EGGLESTON SQUARE BRANCH LIBRARY. AND IT'S A GREAT RESOURCE THAT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION PROVIDES, YOUR TRAINING IS. BUT IT IS UNFORTUNATELY A NECESSARY TRAINING FOR US, BOTH ACROSS THE PRIVATE, PUBLIC SECTORS.

>> AND WE HAVE OFFERED THAT TRAINING TO OUR STAFF, AT SOME LOCATIONS.

WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTUAL ADMINISTRATION IS AN OPTIONAL AND VOLUNTARY, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

BUT IN MY EXPERIENCE HAVING STAFF SIMPLY GO THROUGH THE TRAINING PROVIDES ADDITIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SOME OF THOSE CHALLENGES THAT THIS POPULATION IN CRISIS SEES.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I THINK WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE LIBRARY SECURITY EARLIER IN THE CONVERSATION AND THE ROLE THAT THEY PLAY, BECAUSE THEIR AWARENESS IS I THINK DIFFERENT THAN MAYBE A LIBRARIAN'S AND NOT THAT IT NECESSARILY SHOULD BE.

BUT YOU KNOW, LIBRARIANS ALSO ACTING AS SECURITY OR ACTING AS SOCIAL WORKERS OR ACTING LIKE A NUMBER OF OTHER DIFFERENT ROLES IS A DIFFICULT ONE TO ASK LIBRARIANS.

BUT WE ALL I THINK AS A SOCIETY NEED TO BE AWARE AND ALSO NEED TO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND SHOULD AN INCIDENT OCCUR.

>> YES, WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS ON THIS FRNT.

BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUALS WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT -- ON THIS FRONT. BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUALS WE ARE SPEAKING ABOUT ARE OUR PAILT RONS AS WELL AND ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING THEM THE RESOURCES WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

>> THANK YOU CHAIR.

>> I THINK THAT CONCLUDES. COUNCILOR PRESSLEY DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?

>> I'M SORRY YES.

JUST FOR DORCHESTER, RAPID FIRE HERE, JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING LOWER MILLS FALLS CORNER AND ADAMS.

>> ADAMS STREET JUST DROPPED OFF ITS PROGRAMMING STUDY ON A FULL RENOVATION OF THAT BRANCH. SO WE'RE REVIEW BEING THE RESULTS OF THAT PROGRAMMING STUDY IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE GO FROM PROGRAMMING STUDY TO DESIGN.

>> OKAY.

>> WITH RESPECT TO LOWER MILLS, AMON TALKED ABOUT THE WEST ROXBURY, MILLS IS ONE OF THE LOWER, IN ADDITION TO WEST ROXBURY THAT'S EARMARKED. IT'S FOCUSED ON THE CIRCULATION DESK SERVICE ENTRY WAY AREA WHICH WE FEEL COULD BE A BETTER

EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH THE STAFF
AND FOR PUBLIC.

>> GREAT.

>> AND WITH RESPECT TO FIELDS
CORNER, THAT IS DUE TO GO INTO
PROGRAMMING STUDY TO OUR -- SO
WE START TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE
THE NEEDS IN REALITY, AND YOUR
POINT EARLIER, THE MIXED USE
QUESTION CAN COME UP IN THAT
CONTEXT.

>> WONDERFUL, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
ONE FINAL THANK YOU, ONE OF THE
THINGS I LOVE PARTICIPATING IN
YOUR BRANCH LIBRARIES EVERY YEAR
IS COUNT DOWN TO CINLT.
THANKS ALWAYS FOR BEING A VENUE
FOR THOSE.

>> THANK YOU.

JUST ONE FINAL QUICK QUESTION ON
THE TRUST FUND.

WAS IT JUST A PERFORMANCE ISSUE,
WHY THERE WAS AN 11% CUT IN THE
TRUST FUND INCOME?

>> SO IT'S NOT AN 11% CUT IN
TRUST AND INCOME.

WE WERE THINKING WE WERE GOING
TO SPEND LESS THIS YEAR, THE
TRUST IS DOING QUITE WELL, THE
CORPUS IS UP TO 57.4 MILLION AS
OF DECEMBER SO WE'LL BE TAKING
2.8 MILLION IN DISTRIBUTION THIS
YEAR.

NOT ALL OF WHICH CAN BE SPENT
BUT THE TRUST FUNDS ARE IN QUITE
GOOD.

>> JUST FOR REFERENCE YOU CAN
DRAW AN AMOUNT IS IT JUST
CONFINED TO INTEREST INCOME OR
IS IT --

>> THE TRUST FUNDS ARE INVESTED,
WE USE NEW ENGLAND PENSION
INVESTORS, THE SAME THAT THE
CITY USES, ACROSS LARGE CAP
SMALL CAP SMALL CAP DOMESTIC,
INTERNATIONAL FUNDS, WE TAKE 5%
OF THE THREE YEAR AVERAGE SO WE
LOOK BACK AND THAT HELPS US SORT
OF RIDE OUT THE WAVES.

IF WEEZ HAD TAKEN FOR EXAMPLE
BEFORE THE FISCAL CRISIS, IF YOU
LOOK AT DECEMBER 2007 I THINK
THE BALANCE WAS ABOUT \$54
MILLION.

IF YOU LOOK AT A YEAR LATER IT WAS \$39 MILLION.

IF WE DID JUST ABOUT THAT YEAR, WE HAVE GONE FROM 2.8 MILLION DRAW TO JUST 2 MILLION DRAW. WE DREW 2.7 IN ONE YEAR TO 2.6. IT REALLY HELPS US BALANCE IT OUT.

>> THE DELL AS THE WERE WITH RESPECT TO LAST YEAR HAVING HIGH HIGHER EXPENDITURE AND UNSPENT BALANCES TO DEAL WITH A COUPLE OF CRISIS OR UNEXPECTED EVENTS SO WHAT YOU ARE SEEING IS MORE OF A CORRECTION BACK TO A NORM THAN A CUT PER SE.

>> AND THE \$54 MILLION OR \$57 MILLION?

>> I WANT TO SAY \$57.8 I BELIEVE.

>> 57.8 GREAT.

AND ACTUALLY REBOUNDING FROM 2007 LOW OF 39 --

>> YES, IT'S COME BACK TO JUST ABOUT WHERE IT WAS.

THERE'S BEEN SOME FLUCTUATIONS, BUT WHATEVER THE MARK HAS COME BACK SUBSTANTIALLY.

>> OF THOSE FUNDS ARE RESTRICTED TO THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AREA IN PARTICULAR.

SO WHILE IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE DISCRETION, ONCE YOU LOOK AT THE RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE THERE'S NOT AS MUCH DISCRETION AS YOU MIGHT THINK.

>> THERE ARE ABOUT 190 TRUSTS, ABOUT 80% OF THEM ARE RESTRICTED.

>> RIGHT, VERY GOOD THANK YOU. BEFORE WE START PUBLIC TESTIMONY LET ME NOTE TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT WE RECEIVED WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM ALYSSA CAVELIK, PRESIDENT OF THE AFSCME 1526. I WILL DISTRIBUTE TO MY COLLEAGUES AND TO THE DEPARTMENT.

AND WITH THAT DAVID VIERRA LAST SIGNED UP AND MARLENE LEANHOUSE. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR WAY DOWN.

THANKS AMON.

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>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN,
GOOD AFTERNOON COUNSELORS, GOOD
AFTERNOON MY FRIENDS OF THE BPL.
MY NAME IS DAVID VIERRA, FRIENDS
OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, I FIRST
WANT TO SAY I HAVE EVERY
CONFIDENCE IN THE TEAM THAT RUNS
THE LIBRARY NOW.

AND I WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS
BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LOT OF WORK
THAT THEY'VE DONE AND HAVE A LOT
OF WORK THEY'RE CONTINUING TO
DO.

I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF MAJOR
CONCERNS.

COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, PRESIDENT
LEONARD WAS AT THE DUDLEY
LIBRARY AND HE SAID TO THE GROUP
THAT WAS THERE, WE WANT YOU TO
TELL US WHAT YOU NEED.

WE ARE MEERL THE CUSTODIANS --
MERELY THE CUSTODIANS OF YOUR
LIBRARY.

SO HAAS YEAR, CONSUME, LAST --
SO LAST YEAR EXCUSE ME LAST
WEEK, THE TEMPORARY RAMP WAS
TAKEN AWAY, WE ALL KNEW IT WAS
ONLY TEMPORARY.

WE ALL KNEW THAT ONCE THE
BUILDING WAS OPENED, THE
TEMPORARY RAMP WOULD GO AWAY.
25 YEARS AFTER THE AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITIES ACT WAS
PASSED, WHY IS THIS LIBRARY
STILL HAVING A DISCUSSION ABOUT
WHY WE'RE ONLY REQUIRED TO HAVE
ONE ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE UNDER
CODE?

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN COPLEY
SQUARE IS THE MOST USED PUBLIC
BUILDING IN THE CITY, BAR NONE.
NOT ONLY DO OUR CITY RESIDENTS
USE IT REGULARLY, WE HAVE
TOURISTS COMING IN, WE HAVE
BABIES WITH STROLLERS.

WE ARE ONE OF THE PREMIER
BUILDINGS OF THE CITY.

THERE IS NO REASON IN THE YEAR
2017 THAT WE CAN'T FIND A SMART
ARCHITECT TO SIT DOWN WITH THE
BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION AND WORK
OUT A WAY TO PUT A NICE, AND A

PRETTY RAMP, ON THE COPLEY
SQUARE ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING.
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT LOOKING
PRETTY, FOLKS.

I CAN GET INTO THAT BUILDING
RIGHT NOW WITHOUT AN ACCESS
RAMP.

THERE MAY BE A DAY THAT I WON'T
BE ABLE TO GET INTO THE BUILDING
WITHOUT AN ACCESS RAMP.

MY FRIEND JOHN KELLY, WHO
TESTIFIED SEVERAL TIMES IN
TRUSTEES MEETINGS OVER THE YEARS
WITH ME, IS IN A WHEELCHAIR.
AND WHEN JOHN KELLY APPROACHED
THE BOYLESTON SIDE OF THE
BUILDING HE HAD TO PUSH A
DOORBELL AND WAIT FOR SOMEBODY
TO LET HIM IN.

WELL, THE MCGIN SIDE IS JUST
THE SAME NOW.

PEACH APPROACHING THE BUILDING
FROM THAT END OF THE STREET IN A
WHEELCHAIR ISN'T HAVE TO COME
ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE PLAZA,
TRAVERSE A VERY BUSY AND
COMPLICATED SIDEWALK BETWEEN
DARTMOUTH STREET AND EXETER
STREET, COME ALL THE WAY DOWN TO
THE BOYLESTON SIDE OF THE
BUILDING, GET IN, AND THEN IF
THEY ARE USING THE
McTBVMENTINN BUILDING THEY
HAVE TO REVERSE THEIR COURSE
THROUGH BUILDING AND TRAVEL
THROUGH THE BUILDING TO GET TO
WHERE THEY WANT TO GO.

IT'S 2017, FOLKS.

WE NEED TO FIX THIS.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN IS,
DURING THE GROUP OF REALLY
REALLY COOL DAYS, THE AUTOMATIC
DOORS AT THE BOYLESTON STREET
SIDE WERE SHUT OFF BECAUSE THE
DOORS OPENING SIMULTANEOUSLY
CREATING A WIND TUNNEL INTO THE
BUILDING.

SO YOU HAVE A BUNCH OF BRIGHT
ARCHITECTS THAT BUILT IT, IF
SOMEBODY HAS AN ACCESS ISSUE AND
YET CAN'T GET IN, THEN IT'S
USELESS.

I HAVE A SOLUTION.

IF THERE'S TWO SETS OF DOORS

THERE, TURN OFF THE AUTOMATIC
OPENING OF ONE SIDE.
THE OTHER SIDE, PUT A SIMPLE
PUSH-PLATE THERE SO THAT THE
DOORS AREN'T OPENING AND CLOSING
WHEN EVERYBODY GOES IN.
NOT EVERYBODY NEEDS AN AUTOMATIC
DOOR.

VERY SIMPLE SOLUTION.

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
WE'RE JUST BUILDING TO MINIMUM
CODE STILL IN THIS BUILDING,
AFTER HAVING SPENT \$78 MILLION
TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD.

MI LAST COMMENT IS SOMETHING
YOU'VE ALSO HEARD BEFORE AND I
WILL CONTINUE TO SAY IT.

I CONTINUE TO BE OPPOSED TO THE
CONTINUED COMMERCIALIZATION OF
OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

HEARING IS BEING PROPOSED IN THE
NEW SPEED CAFE AND THEY ARE
EXPANDING OUT TO THE PATIO SIDE
ON THE EXETER STREET SIDE OF THE
BUILDING.

WE'VE TURNED THE BUILDING INTO
AN APPLE STORE WITH CATERING AND
A FEW BOOKS INSTEAD OF A LIBRARY
PROVIDING SERVICES, IT ALL LOOKS
GOOD, AND IT'S PRETTY AND
THERE'S LOTS OF FASHION LIGHTS
AND BIG SCREENS.

BUT IF WE CONTINUE TO SACRIFICE
OUR LIBRARY SPACE TO FUND THE
LIBRARY OPERATIONS WE'RE GOING
THE WRONG WAY.

IN 1848, THE COMMONWEALTH MUCH
MASSACHUSETTS AND THE CITY OF
BOSTON PAID A CONTRACT WITH THE
PEOPLE OF BOSTON -- MADE A
CONTRACT WITH THE PEOPLE OF
BOSTON TO FUND A MUNICIPAL
LIBRARY, FREE AND OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC.

NOT A LIBRARY WHERE THERE ARE
MANY CHANGES IN THE TEMPLE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT WISHES
TO TESTIFY?

>> HELLO EVERYONE.

I'M MARLENE LINEHOUSE OF THE
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY AND I WAS
THINKING, FIRST TIME I WAS AT A

LIBRARY BUDGET MEETING WAS MORE THAN A DECADE AGO, 11 OR 12 YEARS AGO, I MET DON HABER AT THE TIME, LOBBYING TO GET MONEY FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE BRANCH.

THEY WERE DOING THE SAME THING AND SO WAS I, SO I'M THRILLED TO FIND MYSELF HERE, AT THE ADVANCED AGE, KIND OF AND JP LIBRARY IS OPEN, IT'S A FANTASTIC LIBRARY.

AND THE CHINATOWN LIBRARY IS ON ITS WAY AS WELL ABOUT WHICH I'M VERY PLEASED.

AND EVEN ABLE TO SECURE SOME CAPITAL FUNDING FOR WHAT WE HOPE IS THE FIRST OF A FIVE-PHASED RENOVATION PLAN OF THE SOUTH END BRANCH.

I WAS HERE LAST YEAR, TALKING MORE ABOUT THESE FIVE PHASES. BUT THE FIRST PHASE IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT ONE BECAUSE THE SOUTH END BRANCH REFLECTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE A PARTICULAR PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS REALLY OVERWHELMED BY HOMELESS PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, WHO HAVE NO OTHER PLACE TO GO AND GATHER IN THAT VERY TINY LIBRARY.

IT HAS BECOME REALLY A CRISIS TO MANAGE FOR STAFF.

IT HAS PREVENTED A NUMBER OF SOUTH ENDERS FROM USING THE LIBRARY.

THEY DON'T FEEL EITHER SAFE THERE OR COMFORTABLE, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY HAVE CHILDREN THERE.

AND BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A CRAMPED SPACE AND EVERYTHING IS TOGETHER.

SO WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE GOTTEN THE FIRST ALLOCATION FOR THIS EARLY PHASE.

AND I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE SOUTH END IS PLANNED FOR SOUND END IS BRANCH MAY BE THE FIRST ONE IN THE HISTORY OF THE BRANCHES IN THE BPL IN THE CITY OF BOSTON THAT HAVE ALSO

AGREED TO RAISE PRIVATE FUNDING
AS PART OF THE RENOVATION.
SO WE'RE HOPING TO GET CLOSE TO
\$200,000.
WE HAVE COMMITTED TO RAISING
\$50,000 IN ADDITION TO THE
\$132,000 BY OCTOBER.
I CAN SAY THAT WE ALREADY V ARE
CLOSE TO \$20,000, EVEN THOUGH WE
HAVE NOT EVEN BEGUN TO ACTUALLY
ORGANIZE THE GROUP.
SOME ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL
EITHER MEET OR EXCEED THAT.
AND WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT
AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
AND I HOPE WE CAN GET YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR IT.
AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT
WE'VE HAD SOME REALLY EXCELLENT
AND VERY POSITIVE MEETINGS WITH
THE STAFF AND THE LEADERSHIP OF
THE BPL.
WE'RE VERY PLEASED ABOUT THAT
TOO.
>> GREATLY TO HEAR.
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS HERE I
AM.
>> THANK YOU.
>> THANKS TO YOU ALL THE
FRIENDS.
>> OKAY GREAT THANK YOU.
>> EVERYBODY GOOD?
THANK YOU.
PRESIDENT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY AND
THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S HEARING
ON THE FY 18 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.
THIS HEARING'S ADJOURNED.
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