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>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
WELCOME TO THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL ON PARKS, RECREATION AND
TRANSPORTATION.

TODAY IS -- THE HEARING ON
DOCKET NUMBER 1392, MESSAGE AND
ORDER APPROVING APPROPRIATIONS
OF \$1,025,000 FOR PROJECTS THAT
WILL HELP THE STREET WAYS AND
PARKS.

THIS WAS REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2017.
PLEASE, IF YOU HAVE CELL PHONES,
TURN THEM OFF.

>> TALKING TO ME?

>> I AM.

THIS IS BEING TELEVISED LIVE.
SO WITH THAT, WE HAVE OUR NEW
COLLECTOR, TREASURER, DREW SMITH
AND OUR SECOND COLLECTOR,
RICHARD.

WITH THAT, I'LL PASS IT ON TO
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SPEND THIS
\$1,025,000?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR.
BEFORE THE COUNCIL IS AN ORDER
FROM THE BROWN FUND OF SEVEN
PROJECTS IN WHICH THE BROWN FUND
COMMISSIONERS HAD MET AND SEEK
APPROVAL.

THE FIRST WOULD BE A LANDSCAPE
DESIGN GRANT FOR OUTDOOR PASSIVE
SPACE, INCLUDING RESTORATION OF
THE LIEUTENANT BOWDEN MEMORIAL
IN AUSTIN, WHICH SITS ALONG COM
MASS.

THAT GRANT WOULD BE FOR \$40,000
FOR A DESIGN GRANT.

THE SECOND PROJECT IS A
CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR THE
FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF
A MEMORIAL HONORING THE VICTIMS
OF A 2013 BOSTON MARATHON
BOMBINGS, THIS WOULD BE PART ONE
OF A TWO-PART PROCESS FOR A
CITYWIDE MEMORIAL.

FOR THOSE THAT HAD BEEN AFFECTED
BY THE MEMORIAL.

AND AN RFP WILL BE GOING OUT THIS WINTER.

THE SITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ALONG BOYLESTON STREET AND THEY WOULD BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITYWIDE PROCESS.

THE THIRD IS A DESIGN GRANT AS WELL FOR LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT WITH ARTISTIC PIECES TO THE CARBON SQUARE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.

THE NEXT ONE WOULD BE A CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR RENOVATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SPACE SURROUNDING THE GALLERIES AT MAX COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN.

THE NEXT ONE WOULD BE A CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR THE MEMORIAL TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN VETERANS IN THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHIEF JUSTICE EDWARD GORDON FOR ADDITIONAL \$250,000.

A CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR PUBLIC ART TO CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DIVERSITY AND CREATIVITY OF WOMEN WHICH BRING TRANSPORTATION TO BOSTON THAT WILL SIT AT SOUTH STATION, AT THE SOUTH STATION ENTRANCE OVERLOOKING THE ENTRANCE WAY. LASTLY, \$150,000 GRAND FOR THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC ART FOR MEMBERS THAT HAVE HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE BRIGHTON COMMUNITY.

>> OKAY.

JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS I HAVE IN REGARDS TO THE BROWN FUND.

SO WHAT IS THE BALANCE OF THE BROWN FUND?

DO WE KNOW?

>> THE COMMON MARKET VALUE IS \$15 MILLION.

>> 15 MILLION?

>> 15 MILLION.

WITH AN ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF \$750,000 EACH YEAR.

>> AND WE ALREADY DID A FEW GRANTS.

>> CORRECT.

WE DO AN ANNUAL GRANT EACH YEAR.

SOME YEARS DEPENDING ON THE
NUMBER OF APPLICANTS AND THE
STRENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE
APPLICATIONS.

SOME YEAR WE DON'T FULLY EXPEND
THE MONEY IN WHICH CASE WE ROLL
IT OVER TO THE NEXT FUNDING
CYCLE.

>> I HAVE NO QUESTIONS IN
REGARDS TO THE PROJECT.
THEY'RE ALL GOOD PROJECTS FOR
THE CITY OF BOSTON.
MR. CIOMMO.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
JUST WANT TO WELCOME DREW.
WE GOT TO MEET AT THE VERY FIRST
JOBS TRUST.

>> RIGHT.
THANKS VERY MUCH.

>> SO JUST WANT TO WELCOME YOU.
I'M A TRUSTEE WITH RICH ON THE
BROWNS FUND, SO I HAVE NO
QUESTIONS EITHER.

>> I'M OKAY WITH QUESTIONS.
THANK YOU.

>> MR. BAKER?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR, HOW ARE YOU?

>> GOOD.

>> SO 750 ANNUALLY.

SO WE'RE OVER A MILLION HERE.
THAT WAS ROLLED OVER FROM LAST
YEAR?

>> CORRECT, COUNCILLOR.

>> AND WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR
THE BROWN -- DO THEY --

>> WE TYPICALLY HAVE A DEADLINE
DATE OF MARCH 15.

ONCE ALL THE APPLICATIONS ARE
IN, THEY ARE REVIEWED TO MAKE
SURE ALL THE SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION FILL UP PROPERLY.
DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND
JULY AND AUGUST, THE BROWN FUND
COMMITTEE, WE HAVE USED THOSE
APPLICATIONS.

HAVE THE APPLICANT COME IN TO
MAKE A PRESENTATION AND GIVE THE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO VET SOME OF THE QUESTIONS
THAT THEY MAY HAVE WITH THE
APPLICATION.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THEN MAKE
A RECOMMENDATION TO THE

COMMISSIONERS AS TO THE PROJECT.
>> SO LIKE IF THERE'S SEVEN
PROJECTS HERE THIS YEAR, WHAT IS
IN THE PIPELINE?

DO WE HAVE ANY SENSE OF WHAT IS
MAYBE LOOKING TO GET IN THE
PIPELINE FOR NEXT YEAR?

LIKE ARE THERE PROJECTS THAT
DIDN'T MAKE THIS PART HERE THAT
COULD POTENTIALLY BE THERE FOR
KNICKS YEAR?

>> YES.

IF THE PROJECTS IS SEEKING
ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUNDING, THAT
THEY NEED TO DO SUBSTANTIAL
FUND-RAISING, THE COMMITTEE
WOULD ASK THE APPLICANT TO COME
BACK BEFORE THE BROWN FUND WHEN
THEIR GOAL IS AT THE VERY LEAST
HALFWAY MET TO USE THIS MONEY AS
LEVERAGE FOR FUND-RAISING.

>> SO IF IT'S A MILLION DOLLAR
PROJECT, YOU WANT TO SEE THEM
FUND RAISE \$500,000?

>> YES.

BECAUSE IT HAS \$750,000 TO SPEND
EACH YEAR.

WE TRY TO SPREAD IT OUT AS BEST
WE CAN.

IT DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF
PROJECT.

>> SO IF WE EXPEND THE \$750,000
THIS YEAR, HOW DO WE NOT DEplete
THAT?

DO WE STAY AT \$15 MILLION?

IS THERE A BOTTOM --

>> THE \$15 MILLION IS ACTIVELY
MANAGEMENTED WITH A WHOLE HOST
OF DIFFERENT INVESTMENT
ADVISERS.

AND WE USE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE
INVESTMENT RETURNS TO SUSTAINED
THE FUND.

>> SO WE KEEP THE \$15 MILLION
AND SPEND THE INTEREST.

>> YES.

WE'VE SEEN IT GROWN FROM \$13
MILLION TO \$15 MILLION.

SO EXPENDING THE \$750,000, WE'RE
ABLE TO CAPTURE THAT GROWTH AND
BRING UP THE FUND.

>> GREAT.

AND SO IT'S THE OLDEST MEMBER OF
THE CITY COUNCIL THAT IS ON THE

BOARD?
HOW DO WE --
>> IT IS.
>> NO LONGER SERVING?
>> THE OLDEST BY AGE.
>> THANKS FOR POINTING THAT OUT.
>> JUST CHECKING.
>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.
>> GO AHEAD.
THROW IT OUT THERE.
>> CAN YOU JUST TALK A LITTLE
BIT MORE ABOUT THE BOSTON
MARATHON MEMORIAL?
\$350,000.
>> SURE.
>> JUST GIVE US --
>> SURE.
THE SITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED,
THE SPACE, ALONG BOSTON STREET.
>> DO YOU KNOW WHERE?
ALONG BOYLESTON STREET?
>> IT'S NEAR THE SITE OF THE
FIRST BOMBING.
>> THE FORUM.
NEAR THE FORUM.
>> SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FIVE
FAMILIES THAT LOST LOVED ONES.
IT'S A PIECE OF THE ENTIRE
CITYWIDE MEMORIAL.
SO IT'S THE SMALL SEGMENT OF
WHAT THE CITY WILL DO.
>> IS THAT CITYWIDE MEMORIAL AT
THAT LOCATION OR ANOTHER
LOCATION?
>> AS FAR AS I KNOW, IT WILL
BE --
>> CITYWIDE?
>> WE HAVEN'T DETERMINED THE
LOCATION.
>> HAVEN'T DETERMINED THE
LOCATION.
[INAUDIBLE]
>> YOU WANT TO COME DOWN HERE
AND STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR
DEPARTMENT FOR THE RECORD?
>> I'M THE CHIEF DIVERSITY
OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.
THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO
DEMARCATHE THE TWO SPACES WHERE
WE HAD THE BLAST GO OFF IN 2013.
THE CONVERSATION STARTED AROUND
THE CITYWIDE MEMORIAL AND
REALIZED THERE'S SO MANY VOICES
THAT WANT TO HAVE A SAY IN THE

PROCESS WITH DECIDED A CITYWIDE
MEMORIAL WILL BE MORE
APPROPRIATE.

WE PUT OUT AN RFP FOR A PROJECT
MANAGE TO MANAGE THE PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT PIECE.

THAT'S WHAT WE ANTICIPATE WILL
BE OUT DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR.
THE FUNDS THAT WERE SPECIFICALLY
ASKING FOR, SOLY TO DEMARCATATE
THE SPACES.

THE CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED.
THE SUBSURFACE WORK HAS BEGIN.
WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR NOW IS
FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT.

>> GREAT.

I LOVE IT.

SO ON DREW SMITH, WELCOME TO THE
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL.

I WANT TO GIVE YOU AN
OPPORTUNITY TO TELL US ABOUT
YOURSELF AND HOW LONG YOU'VE
BEEN WORKING.

>> THANKS VERY MUCH.

SO AS YOU MENTIONED, I'M DREW
SMITH.

I'M THE SENIOR DEPUTY TREASURER
BY STATUTE.

THE FIRST ASSISTANT COLLECTOR
TREASURERS.

I'VE BEEN ON THE JOB TWO WEEKS
AND ONE DAY SO FAR.

I ORIGINALLY COME FROM THE STATE
WHERE I WAS DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TREASURER FOR DEBT MANAGEMENT
MANAGING THE DEBT PORTFOLIO.

ORIGINALLY HAILING FROM
ARKANSAS, I HAVE MY OWN ACCENT.
I'VE BEEN IN BOSTON EIGHT YEARS
NOW.

THRILLED TO BE HERE WITH YOU
TODAY.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN
THIS PARTICULAR CAPACITY.

TO THE EXTENT THAT I CAN BE
HELPFUL TO YOU OR ANY OF YOUR
COLLEAGUES, I HOPE THAT YOU LET
ME KNOW.

>> THANK YOU.

WELCOME TO THE CITY.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR BAKER.

>> SO IS THE CITY PAYING FOR THE
MARATHON MEMORIAL?

OR IS IT PRIVATELY RAISED OR --
>> THEY HAVE BUMPED OUT THE SIDE
OF THE ROAD AND REMOVED PARKING
SPACES.
LOOKING AT PLANNING NEW TREES.
ALL OF THAT MONEY WILL BE RAISED
WITH THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE
BROWN FUND.
>> WILL THEY BE MULTIPLE SPOTS
WHERE WE HAVE THINGS TELLING THE
STORIES OR --
>> THE TWO SPOTS ON BOSTON
STREET.
>> OKAY.
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.
THANK YOU.
ANYONE ELSE FOR QUESTIONS?
CONCERNS?
THANK YOU.
APPRECIATE THE WORK AND WELCOME
TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.
THIS HEARING IS CONCLUDED.
>> THANK YOU.