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>> MARK CIOMMO THE CHAIRMAN OF  
THE WAYS AND MEANS AND DISTRICT  
NINE CITY COUNCILOR.  
TODAY IS MONDAY, MAY 14.  
WE ARE HERE WITH OUR GOOD  
FRIENDS FROM THE BOSTON CENTER  
FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES.  
I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND FOLKS  
THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING.  
IT IS BEING BROADCAST AND  
RECORDED ON RCN 82, COMCAST  
CHANNEL 8, VERIZON 1964, AND  
STREAMED AT  
BOSTON.GOV/CITY-COUNCIL-TV.  
I ASK FOLKS IN THE CHAMBER TO  
SILENCE THEIR ELECTRONIC  
DEVICES.  
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT'S PRESENTATION AND  
QUESTIONS FROM COLLEAGUES WE  
WILL TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.  
THERE ARE SIGN-IN SHEETS LEFT OF  
THE DOOR.  
STATE YOUR NAME, AFFILIATION,  
RESIDENCE, AND CHECK THE BOX IF  
YOU DO WISH TO TESTIFY.  
I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND FOLKS  
SEVERAL WAYS TO TESTIFY  
PUBLICLY.  
YOU CAN COME TO ONE OF OUR  
HEARINGS, OR YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL  
US AT CCC.WM@BOSTON.GOV OR ALSO  
SEND US SNAIL MAIL AT BOSTON  
CITY HALL, 1 CITY HALL PLAZA.  
REVIEWING THE FY19 BCYF BUDGET  
PERTAINING TO DOCKETS 0559-0563.  
AND ORDERING THE FYOPERATING  
BUDGET INCLUDING ANNUAL  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT,  
AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT,  
APPROPRIATION FOR OTHER  
POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC RAIL  
IMPROVEMENT AND FOR CERTAIN  
APARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS AND  
DOCKETS 0564-0565, CAPITAL  
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDING  
LOAN ORDERS AND LEASE AND  
PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

IN ORDER OF THEIR APRIVATAL,  
JOINED BY DISTRICT CITY  
COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS AND KIM  
JANEY TO MY RIGHT.  
AND TO MY LEFT, WE HAVE DISTRICT  
CITY COUNCILORS TIMOTHY MCCARTHY  
AND MATT O'MALLEY.  
AND I DID SHOWER TODAY, BUT --  
[LAUGHTER]  
>> SO WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO  
HAND IT OVER TO WILL MORALES  
FROM THE BOSTON CENTER FOR YOUTH  
AND FAMILIES, THANK YOU.  
AND YOUR TEAM IN THE GALLERY  
TODAY.  
>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR CIOMMO  
AND THE REST OF THE COUNCIL  
PRESENT TODAY.  
I APPRECIATE BEING HERE TODAY  
AND INTRODUCING THE STAFF  
JOINING ME THE DEPUTY  
COMMISSIONER OF PROGRAMS, AND  
MICHAEL, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.  
I ALSO LIKE TO WELCOME AND THANK  
MARTY MARTINEZ THE NEW CHIEF OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WHO IS  
HERE SUPPORTING US HERE TODAY.  
WE ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF BCYF  
STAFF IN THE GALLERY, THANK YOU  
TEAM FOR BEING HERE WITH ME,  
TOO.  
AS WELL.  
I AM HONORED TO BE HERE BEFORE  
YOU AS THE COMMISSIONER OF BCYF  
AND THANK MAYOR WALSH FOR HIS  
CONFIDENCE IN ME AND HIS SUPPORT  
OF BCYF AND THE IMPORTANT WORK  
WE DO.  
IN YOUR PACKET YOU HAVE  
DOCUMENTS SHOWING OUR  
ACCOMPLISHMENT AND FY19  
INITIATIVES.  
I TAKE A MINUTE TO HIGHLIGHT A  
FEW OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR  
YOU. FY18 WE INCREASED THE  
NUMBER OF TEAMS OF TEENS  
PARTICIPATING IN THE YOUTH  
VENTURE PROGRAM.  
23 BCYF TEAMS ARE PART OF THIS  
PROGRAM LEARNING EVERYTHING FROM  
CREATING A BUSINESS MODEL,  
DRAFTING A BUSINESS PLAN AND  
LAUNCHING A PRODUCT OR SERVICE.

OVER 1700 GIRLS PARTICIPATED IN OUR CITYWIDE GIRLS NIGHT ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT 2017. AS PART OF THE GIRLS' INITIATIVE WE PILOTED A NEW GIRLS LEADERSHIP COPE. THE PROGRAM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO INCREASE GIRL OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH BOSTON. WE NEARLY DOUBLED OUR BCYF BLOCK PARTY ATTENDANCE TO 1400 PARTICIPANTS, TAKE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ATTRACTING PEOPLE WHO HAD NOT BEEN ENGAGED WITH THE BCYF PROGRAMS BEFORE. CONNECTING THEM NOT ONLY TO OUR PROGRAM BUT OTHER CITY PROGRAMS AS WELL. AND THE POOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER BECAME A NEW SIX-DAY-A-WEEK SITE FIRST TIME EVERY NOW OPENING UP SATURDAYS. WE CELEBRATED SEVERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INCLUDING THE OPENING OF THE BCYF PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER AND \$12 MILLION RENOVATION. THE OPENING OF THE YARD AT THE BCYF TOBIN COMMUNITY MISSION HILL, ADDITIONAL RENOVATIONS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, PROGRAMMING AND WE HOPE MORE. WORKED WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON LAW DEPARTMENT TO DRAFT SITE COUNSEL MOU'S, TO DIRECT INEFFICIENCIES AND DEFINE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SITE COUNCILS. MOU'S DISCUSSED AND EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED THIS SUMMER. INCREASED OUTREACH TO BOSTON SENIORS, ATTENDING SENIOR RESOURCE FAIRS, A SENIOR PAGE TO THE WEBSITE, SENIOR MARKETING MATERIALS AND A DATA BASE OF THE BCYF PROGRAMMING TO THE BOSTON ELDER SERVICE PROVIDERS. AND LISTENED TO THE COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND COMMITMENTS AND COMMENTS, AND OPENED AND ENHANCED SENIOR PROGRAM AT THE BCYF COMMUNITY CENTER. FIRST TIME EVERY, ALL OF THE

CITYWIDE SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED ONLINE WITH A NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS.

WORKING WITH THE FOUNDATION FOR BCYW INCREASED ATTENDANCE AT THE FUNDRAISER AND IT ALL GOES BACK INTO THE CENTERS FOR PROGRAMMING.

IDENTIFY AND SECURED MANY NEW SPONSORS OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, ALLOWING US TO SUPPORT BCYW PROGRAMS SUCH AS FAMILY GYM BCYF PROGRAMS, AND SUPPORTS THE IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS CREATING IMMIGRANT AREAS AT SELECTED CENTERS.

AND A FEW INITIATIVES FOR FY19. WE CAN'T TO INCREASE POSITIVE INTERACTION WITH LOCAL YOUTH STRENGTHEN UNIVERSITY RELATIONS, AND ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS.

IN THE BUDGET \$1.6 MILLION INTO THE STREET WORKER PROGRAM TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF REDUCING CRIME AND VIOLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUTH IN NEED.

THE INVESTMENT BRINGING MORE SOCIAL AS FAR ASS TO PROMOTE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY AND BRING MORE RESOURCES TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES.

WE ARE CONTINUING THE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS OF THE BCYF FACILITIES, AND INCREASES TO CENTERS THIS SUMMER, AND THE UPCOMING TO THE BCYF CURLEY AND THE PARISH STREET POOL AS WELL. AND ALSO HAVE SOME RELOCATION STUDIES FOR THE BCYF CHARLESTOWN AND ZARO COMMUNITY CENTERS, AS WELL AS THE NEW POSSIBLE DORCHESTER LOCATION.

THANKS TO THE PROPOSAL PROCESS WE WERE PROVIDED AND ACQUIRE A NEW AND IMPLEMENT A NEW TRACKING SYSTEM MEETING DATA AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS.

AND MEMBERS WITH BETTER SERVICE, INTEGRATES SEAMLESSLY WITH BCYF AND CITY OF BOSTON SYSTEMS AND ABLE TO GROW AND CHANGE AS WE

DO.

WE WILL PARTNER WITH OUR FOUNDATION TO CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY AND ENGAGE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND OBTAIN INSTITUTIONAL SPONSORS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS TO SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT WORK WE DO.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO COME AND SPEAK TO YOU.

IT IS AN HONOR TO BE WORKING WITH THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH US TO CREATE TRANSFORMATIVE RELATIONSHIPS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED FY19 BUDGET WITH YOU NOW.

>> THANK YOU.

SPECIAL PROPOSITIONS LINE ON ON 56200, SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FY18.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATION WAS?

>> WELL, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT ON IT?

>> THE \$2 MILLION.

>> SURE.

>> AND IT'S UNDER SPECIAL APPROPRIATION LINE.

>> THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATION \$2 MILLION WAS THE CITY FUNNELING MONEY THROUGH THE BCYF PROCESS FOR THE NEW ICE SKATING RINK PROPOSED AT THE JACKSON SQUARE CENTER.

IT IS BYPASS MONEY THAT CAME THROUGH.

>> THAT'S MONEY FROM THE TD GARDEN THAT THE --

>> I THINK IT WAS ALSO RECEIPT KNEWING OF THE LEASE, TOO, OF THE OLD CITY HALL AS WELL.

IT WAS PART OF THAT.

>> OK.

AND IT LOOKS -- YEAH, IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR BUDGET WENT DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY THIS YEAR.

SO IS THAT THE EXPLANATION?

>> YEAH, THAT'S PART OF THE EXPLANATION.

>> IT CAME IN AND WENT OUT.

>> YEAH, IT CAME IN AND WENT

OUT.

THAT'S PART OF THE EXPLANATION,  
ALSO A RENEWING OF THE UTILITIES  
FEES AND SO FORTH AS WELL.

THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT THERE  
MIGHT BE SOME COSTS AND SAVINGS.  
OVERALL WE ALSO HAVE PICKED UP,  
I GUESS WE PICKED UP ADDITIONAL  
POSITIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE  
VERY HELPFUL TO US, LIKE THE  
CLEVELANDS RELATING TO THE  
MARSHALL, ABLE TO PICK UP  
ADDITIONAL STAFF THERE AS WELL.  
AND THE ADDITIONAL STAFF TO KEEP  
BOTH THE DRAPER AND CONDON OPEN  
ON SATURDAYS.

>> SPEAKING OF STAFFING,  
INCREASE OR DECREASE IN STAFFING  
OR THE SAME THIS YEAR?

>> I THINK THERE IS AN INCREASE.  
>> YEAH.

SO FOR FY19 WE'RE GETTING SOME  
ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AT THE  
MARSHALL COMMUNITY CENTER.  
WE'RE GETTING TWO LIFEGUARDS AND  
ANOTHER -- A BUILDING MANAGER  
POSITION.

AT THE CONDON COMMUNITY SENT TWO  
EMPLOYEES TO SUPPORT THE  
SIX-DAY-A-WEEK OPERATION.

WE GET A COUPLE, BUT I THINK NET  
IT COMES OUT PRETTY SIMILAR.  
BUT GAINED A COUPLE OF POSITIONS  
OVER LAST YEAR.

>> YOU MENTIONED ABOUT SETTING  
UP THE IMMIGRANT CENTERS AT  
VARIOUS SITES.

CAN YOU PROVIDE US WITH THOSE  
SITES?

>> YEAH, THAT IS PARISH STREET  
AND CURTIS HALL.

AND THEY ARE NOT IMMIGRANT  
CENTERS, IMMIGRANT INFORMATION  
CENTERS.

THERE IS ACTUALLY LITERATURE  
THERE TO BASICALLY SUPPORT ANY  
NEW IMMIGRANTS THAT MIGHT HAVE  
ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, OR  
ARE JUST LOOKING FOR RESOURCES.  
PART OF THAT PROVIDES OUR STAFF  
WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAVE  
THEM INFORMATION ON WHERE THEY  
CAN CONTACT OFFICES THAT SUPPORT  
THEIR GOALS AS THEY'RE TRYING TO

MANEUVER THROUGH THIS ERA OF IMMIGRATION.

>> OK.

AND YOUR BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR OVERTIME HAS BEEN EXCEEDED EVERY YEAR, NOT UNLIKE MANY DEPARTMENTS.

AND YOU BUDGETED KIND OF THE SAME FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT YOUR OVERTIME IS TO DATE RIGHT NOW?

>> I AM PRETTY SURE -- I MEAN OBVIOUSLY IT'S KIND OF LIKE A SNOW REMOVAL BUDGET, YOU KIND OF BUDGET THE SAME THING AND GO OVER THE NEW DEAL NOT KNOWING WHERE IT WILL LAND.

I THINK RIGHT NOW WE ARE UP AROUND \$200,000 GIVE OR TAKE. MOST OF THE OVERTIME IS GENERATED DUE TO FACILITIES, SNOW REMOVAL AND LIFEGUARDS. IF THERE IS A LIFEGUARD THAT SOUGHT WE HAVE RATIOS TO MAINTAIN AND WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE PROPERLY STAFFED WHEN IT COMES TO LIFEGUARDS.

A LOT OF THE OVERTIME IS DEDICATED TO COVERAGE IN REGARDS TO THE POOLS AND LIFE GUARDS.

>> GREAT.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU.

I JUST HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS TO GO THROUGH SOME OF ANALYSIS ABOUT THE MOU'S AND ALSO SERVICES IN MY DISTRICT.

FIRST I WANT TO COMMEND YOU IN YOUR LEADERSHIP AND GETTING AHEAD AND MAKING SURE THAT THE MOU'S IN PLACE AND TRYING TO GET ESSENTIALLY TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IT IS TO MAKE SURE THERE IS TRUE EQUITY IN THE CENTERS AS EACH ONE IS RAISING ITS MONEY, BUT ALSO HAVE DIFFERENT RESOURCES AND DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES RAISE AROUND THEM.

I SAY FIRST THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I WANTED TO ASK FOR THE UPDATE IN TERMS OF NOT ONLY ARE YOU PREPARING THE MOU 'S BUT

WHEN DO THEY HAVE TO BE SIGNED.  
IF THEY ARE NOT SIGNED, WHAT IS  
THE NEXT STEP.

>> IT IS GREAT TO REPORT THAT MY  
CONTACTS HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE,  
AND THEY WANT A CLEAR  
UNDERSTANDING, THE WORD  
PARTNERSHIP THE ROOTED WORD IS  
"PART" UNDERSTANDING THE PARTS.  
I DON'T THINK WE FACED ONE THAT  
SPLIT NEWS A SITUATION WHERE  
THEY THINK THEY ARE NOT GOING TO  
SIGN.

AND CONTINUALLY, BOTH THE CHIEF  
AND I, CHIEF MARTINEZ AND I ARE  
CONTINUING TO DO ROUND-ROBINS  
WITH A FEW WE HAVE IN PLACE.  
THERE IS AN UPCOMING MEETING  
THAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILOR AGAIN TO KIND OF  
DISCUSS IT, HOPEFULLY MAYBE  
CAPTURE THE LAST NOOKS THEY MAY  
HAVE OR QUESTIONS THEY MIGHT  
HAVE IN REGARDS TO IT.

BUT WE FEEL PRETTY CONFIDENT  
SOMETIME BY THIS SUMMER ALL THE  
COUNCILORS WILL HOPEFULLY FINE  
IT AND MOVE ON WITH THE PROCESS  
AS WE PROCEED.

AND HOPEFULLY SOME OF THE  
LONG-TERM STRATEGIES, LOOKING AT  
HOW WE BUILD ON OTHER'S  
CAPACITIES AND STRENGTH.  
WHAT CAN BE OUTCOMES AND GOALS  
AND HAVE METRICS SO WE ARE  
ALIGNING OURSELVES A LITTLE BIT  
MORE TACTICALLY.

SO THAT WHATEVER A CONSTITUENT  
WALKS INTO THE FACILITY THERE IS  
IS AN OUTCOME OF THEIR  
EXPERIENCE IN OUR SITES.  
HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO GET  
THERE WITH THEM.

>> IT WILL BE CONSISTENT.

>> YEP.

>> AND PART THAT IS STILL THE  
COMMITMENT TO HAVING AN ONLINE  
PLATFORM.

>> YEP, YEP.

WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS OF THAT  
RIGHT NOW AROUND WHAT MIGHT BE  
THE OTHER TOOLS WE CAN GET.

>> ON THE SAME VEIN FOR MY  
EDUCATION, ABOUT WHAT PERCENTAGE



DO YOU ESTIMATE, ON AVERAGE, ARE THE FUNDS ACTUALLY RAISED PRIVATELY TO SUPPORT A BCYF CENTER.

I DON'T KNOW IF I WAS CLEAR --  
>> ARE YOU SAYING FROM ALL THE SITE

>> ON AVERAGE DO YOU FIND THAT HALF OF THE MONEY FROM THE BCYF CENTER IS COMING FROM COUNCILS AND PRIVATE FUNDS?

>> WE WANTED YOU TO GET CLARITY ABOUT HOW FUNDS ARE EXPENDED. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT IT IS, THEY CAN'T PICK THROUGH THE BOOKS BUT CAN SURFACE 990S, BUT SOMETIMES THAT DOESN'T PAINT A CLEAR PICTURE.

CURRENTLY NOW, BUT HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE WE WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THAT WITH THE COUNCIL AND CITY WITH REGARDS TO HOW THEY ACTUALLY COLLECT AND RE-INVEST IN THE CENTERS.

>> SUMMER IS COMING UP, AND I KNOW THAT'S REALLY PRIME TIME FOR YOU GUYS.

IT IS WHEN YOU SHINE THE MOST. AND THE CITY PROBABLY NEEDS YOUR DEPARTMENT THE MOST DURING THE SUMMERTIME BECAUSE OUR KIDS ARE OUT THERE AND I AGAIN, WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR THE WORK HAVE YOU DONE AT LEAST IN MY DISTRICT OF HEARING OF ALL THE CENTERS, AND KNOWING THAT OUR POOL IS GETTING TAKEN CARE OF, IT IS A HUGE DEAL FOR US.

AND I THANK YOU AND PERSONALLY THANK THOSE FOR THEIR WORK, DEDICATED TO THE KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY.

I WANTED YOU TO TELL ME MORE, EDUCATE ME MORE ABOUT THE PREVENTION WORK, OR IS BCYF WORKING IN PREVENTION OF TWO AREAS.

I KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO STREET VIOLENCE, ABSOLUTELY.

BUT ALSO WHEN IT COMES TO, I THINK PREVENTION WORK IN TERMS OF ADDICTION AND RECOVERY NEEDS TO START YOUNG.

AND WE ARE IN A CRISIS WHEN IT

COMES TO THAT.

I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR INITIATIVES OR HOPE.

BECAUSE I REALLY DO THINK WE NEED TO HAVE REAL CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR YOUTH UNFORTUNATELY, BUT WE DO NEED TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION AND I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT THAT.

>> SURE.

>> THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY.

AND THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE TODAY, AND THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING, SUPPORTING ALL THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR.

>> THANK YOU.

>> YOU KNOW, AS WE THINK OF DOCTOR -- AND THAT WAS A GREAT QUESTION BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING WE DON'T THINK ABOUT AS MUCH AS WE SHOULD.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS CLEARLY A CONCERN AS WE SEE ALL THE RAVAGES OF THE OPIOID CRISIS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO SAY, ALL OF THE WORK WE DO AROUND PREVENTION IS REALLY TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE.

AS WE THINK OF THE 40 CAMPS THAT WE'RE PROVIDING, AS WE THINK ABOUT THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY THAT WE ARE PROVIDING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

AS WE THINK ABOUT THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WE PROVIDE, ETC. BUT THE ONE THING I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE GREAT FOR US THIS SUMMER, AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF RECOVERY, AND REALLY THINK INTENTIONALLY HOW WE ARE GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE THE TOOLS TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.

WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK ALONG SIDE THE OFFICE OF RECOVERY, BUT THE ONE THING WE DID DO IN RECENT YEARS IS THAT WE TOOK ALL OF OUR YOUTH WORKERS THROUGH A TRAINING AROUND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

AND WE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AN EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION, HAVE A CURRICULUM THAT WE DEVELOPED. AND THAT CURRICULUM IS STILL IN USE TODAY.

WE ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH TO USE THAT CURRICULUM TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE.

BUT ESPECIALLY, AS YOU MENTIONED, AS YOUNG AS 6 YEARS OLD WE HAVE TO --

>> HAVE THE CONVERSATION.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

AND MAKE SURE THAT PARENTS ARE PART OF THAT DIALOGUE.

SO WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET MORE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AROUND THOSE TYPES OF CONVERSATIONS.

WHICH AS EVERYONE KNOWS, IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY AND IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT IS SPECIFIC TO BCYF.

I THINK THAT'S ALWAYS A CHALLENGE WITH A LOT OF YOUTH AGENCIES WHEN TRYING TO ENGAGE PARENTS.

THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO, ENGAGE PARENTS MORE AROUND THAT ISSUE.

>> SPEAKING OF COHESIVE AND WORKING TOGETHER, THERE ARE A LOT OF NON-PROFITS THAT ARE ALSO DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH, AND I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIPS, OR DO YOU WORK WITH ROCA, THE SOCCER PROGRAMS, AND JUST TELL ME -- THE WORST IS THAT YOU HAVE REPLICATION, YOU WANT TO REALLY BUILD OFF OF EACH OTHER.

>> YES.

AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT, YOU KNOW, IS IMPORTANT, AND SO THAT WE'RE NOT DUPLICATING SERVICE, IS THAT WE'RE TALKING ON A REGULAR BASIS.

AND WE HAPPEN TO BE FORTUNATE IN THAT ALL THE PARTNERS THAT YOU MENTIONED WE ACTUALLY HAVE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS.

WE TALK ON A REGULAR BASIS.

ROCA ATTENDS SOME OF OUR

MEETINGS, OUT OF IN EAST BOSTON  
ALL THE TIMES.  
WE BASICALLY WANT TO FILL IN THE  
GAPS, AND WE CAN'T FILL IN THE  
GAPS IF WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE  
GAPS ARE.  
WE CAN'T PROVIDE ALL THE  
SERVICES, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY  
DO A REALLY GOOD JOB OF  
PARTNERING AND ALLOWING THE  
EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO  
AMAZING WORK AND HELP SUPPORT  
BOSTON YOUTH AND FAMILIES.  
>> MY FINAL QUESTION, I PROMISE,  
IS SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE -- I  
THINK WE DISCUSSED AND I WANT TO  
BE CLEAR ABOUT THE TENNIS BUBBLE  
IN CHARLESTOWN.  
IT IS GOING TO BE, TELL ME,

DEMISSIONED, BUT TRYING TO MAKE  
SURE TO USE THAT LAND OR THAT  
BUBBLE, SOME FOLLOW-UP?  
>> YEAH, THAT BUBBLE HAS BEEN  
OPERATED BY BCYF -- WELL, IT'S  
BEEN A BCYF FACILITY OR ASSET  
FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS NOW.  
THE TENNIS COURTS THEMSELVES ARE  
OWNED BY BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  
WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE  
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STILLMAN  
TENNIS CENTER.  
I HAVE BEEN IN REGULAR TALKS  
WITH BOTH FACILITIES AND PARKS  
AND RECS AND DEPARTMENTS OF  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AROUND HOW  
THAT WILL WORK.  
THE BUBBLE REACHED THE END OF  
ITS LIFE EXPECTANCY AND IT  
LASTED LONGER THAN THEY THOUGHT  
IT WAS.  
IT WAS DEEMED STRUCTURALLY  
INSTIFF BY ISD AND THE VENTER  
THAT DOES THE INFLATABLE  
STRUCTURE.  
IT ULTIMATELY HAD TO BE TAKEN  
DOWN AND DISPOSED OF.  
SO I KNOW THE FOLKS FROM THE  
STILLMAN TENNIS BUBBLE CONTINUE  
TO USE THE OUTDOOR COURTS AND  
CONTINUE CONVERSATIONS WITH  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND FOLKS  
ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THAT.  
BCYF, LIKE I SAID, DOES NOT OWN

THAT PROPERTY.  
BCYF'S ONLY TIE THAT PROPERTY  
WAS THE BUBBLE ITSELF.  
SO NOW THAT THAT'S BEEN REMOVED,  
LIKE I SAID I KNOW THOSE FOLKS  
HAVE BEEN TALK TALK NEIGHBORHOOD  
SERVICES AND WHAT NOT.  
AND WE'VE ALSO BEEN UPDATING THE  
MAYOR'S OFFICE AROUND THAT WHOLE  
SITUATION.  
ULTIMATELY I THINK THE BIGGEST  
QUESTION IS WHAT THE FUTURE OF  
THAT LOOKS LIKE.  
AND WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP IN ANY  
WAY NECESSARY.  
BUT REALLY THE BIG PART OF BCYF  
OPERATION HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM  
THAT FACILITY.  
>> ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY  
MUCH.  
>> AND WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY  
AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR ANNISSA  
ESSAIBI GEORGE AND AT-LARGE  
COUNCILOR AYANNA PRESSLEY.  
RECOGNIZING COUNCILOR JANEY.  
>> THANK YOU FOR ALL BEING HERE.  
JUST TO KIND OF ECOTHE COMMENTS  
AND QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS  
RAISED BY MY COLLEAGUE,  
COUNCILOR EDWARDS AROUND THE  
MOU, I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT  
THAT IT'S MOVING FORWARD SO THAT  
WE HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
TRANSPARENCY.  
AND THINK IT'S ALSO VERY  
IMPORTANT FOR EQUITY TO MAKE  
SURE THE DIFFERENT CENTERS ARE  
MUCH MORE EQUITABLE.  
BUT I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT  
TO MAINTAIN THAT KIND OF  
COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND THEY  
CONTINUE TO BE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN  
IN THIS PROCESS.  
I AM HOPING YOU CAN COME BACK TO  
US FOR SOME SORT OF SUPPORT THAT  
ASKS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ASKED  
TODAY.  
I HAVE QUESTIONS ON VINE STREET,  
STILL ON TRACK TO BE COMPLETED  
OCTOBER 2018 OF THIS YEAR?  
>> YES, IT IS STILL ON TRACK.  
RENOVATIONS GOING EXTREMELY  
WELL.  
THE PLACE LOOKS GREAT.

THEY ARE MAKING A LOT OF  
PROGRESS.

I GO TO THE WEEKLY JOB MEETINGS  
THERE AND THINGS ARE LOOKING  
GOOD.

AND WE DO IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT.  
NO ISSUE WITH TIMELINE OR  
SCHEDULES, VERY MUCH ON TRACK  
FOR THAT COMPLETION DATE.

>> AND JUST SO THAT YOU'RE  
CLEAR, I DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT  
THE DIVERSITY OF THE WORKERS ON  
THE JOB SITE, THAT THERE ISN'T  
DIVERSITY.

NOW THAT WAS \$4 MILLION OUT OF  
18, FY18?

>> SOMEWHERE AROUND THAT NUMBER.

>> IT'S ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION.  
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERMS OF  
SERVICES?

IN THE INTERIM DURING THE  
RENOVATIONS.

HAVE THEY BEEN MOVED TO ANOTHER  
COMMUNITY CENTER?

>> YES, WHAT WE ARE DOING IS THE  
STAFF, AND THE PROGRAMS ARE  
RELOCATED BETWEEN EITHER THE  
BLACKSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER IN  
THE SOUTH END AND MADISON PARK  
COMMUNITY CENTER, CLOSE  
APPROXIMATE -- CLOSE TO VINE  
STREET.

>> AND THE GROWTH HALL SITE THEY  
ARE DOING SENIOR PROGRAMMING,  
WHICH IS IMPORTANT.

ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO ADD YOUTH  
PROGRAMMING THERE?

>> CURRENTLY PLANS FOR YOUTH  
PROGRAMMING, NO.

NOT ANYTHING CONCRETE.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS WORKED WITH  
PROJECT RIGHT IN THE PAST, WHO  
CONTINUES TO GET ACCESS TO THE  
SPACE, TO BOTH THE COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS AND AND FOR USAGE.

WE COULD ACTUALLY LOOK AT HAVING  
CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM ABOUT  
WHAT THEY MIGHT WANT TO CONTINUE  
TO USE THE SPACE IN THE EVENING,  
BUT DEDICATED TO HAVE STAFF  
THERE FOR FACILITY OPEN UNTIL  
7:00 I BELIEVE, EVEN THOUGH THEY  
THE SENIORS ARE DONE AT 5:00.

AND WE HAD TALKED AND IN THE  
PROCESS WITH THE HOLLAND  
COMMUNITY CENTER 501 C3 ABOUT  
MAYBE DOING PROGRAMMING BUT WANT  
TO GET THROUGH THE PROCESS OF  
MOU SO THERE IS CLARITY OF WHAT  
RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM  
OR WHAT MIGHT COME BACK TO US  
THAT COULD BE INVESTED THERE.  
AT NO TIME HAS THERE BEEN ANYONE  
OR PARTNER EXPRESSED INTEREST OF  
USING THE SPACE FOR  
YOUTH-RELATED IN THE EVENINGS.  
WE ALWAYS MADE IT AVAILABLE.  
>> THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.  
>> THE STREET WORKERS, \$1.6  
MILLION FOR FY19.  
IS THAT LEVEL FUNDING?  
IS THAT THE SAME AS IT WAS FOR  
FY18?  
THE STREET WORKER PROGRAM IS  
THAT AN INCREASE?  
>> IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF AN  
INCREASE.  
I THINK WHAT WE'RE DOING, TOO,  
THERE WERE QUESTIONS IN REGARDS  
TO PART OF THE STREET WORKER  
PROGRAM IS ALSO THE VIOLENCE  
INTERRUPTERS THAT EMERGENCY WITH  
-- MERGE WITH STREET SAFE.  
PART ABSORBING INTO THE STREET  
MODEL, AND MAKING SURE THE  
NUMBERS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE  
NEEDS OF STET -- CITY IN REGARDS  
OF WORKING WITH THE THOSE THAT  
MAY BE COURT-INVOLVED OR  
GANG-INVOLVED.  
>> AND DO YOU THINK IT IS  
MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CITY OR  
SHOULD BE THERE BE AN INCREASE  
BEYOND THE \$1.6?  
>> I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS WE  
ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS  
YEAR WITH RE-INVESTMENT, MAKING  
SURE NOT ONLY IS IT ADEQUATE  
AMOUNT OF STAFF ON THE GROUND,  
BUT ARE ABLE TO ALLOCATE  
RESOURCES FOR THE WRAP-AROUND  
SERVICES NEEDED FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE.  
ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE LOOKING  
TO DO -- IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS  
SINCE WE WORKED ALONG SIDE THE  
BOSTON FOUNDATION TO INCORPORATE

STAFF AND BCYF, IT WAS \$3.1 MILLION AT THE TIME.  
WE'RE AT THE END OF THAT FUND, SO THE FUND IS BASICALLY GOING TO BE DRYING UP AFTER -- PROBABLY AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.  
WELL ACTUALLY, GOING INTO THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.  
ONE OF THE THINGS WE THINK IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY THINK ABOUT HOW WE'RE OPERATING IN TERMS OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE WORK.  
AND SO I THINK THAT WE'RE GOING TO REALLY BE ABLE TO BE INTENTIONAL AROUND NOT ONLY HAVING ADEQUATE STAFF OUT ON THE GROUND.  
WE CURRENTLY HAVE 47.  
WE DON'T ANTICIPATE THOSE NUMBERS DWINDLING MUCH, BUT THE ADDITION, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REALLY THINK ABOUT HOW DO WE PROVIDE THE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES, WHICH CURRENTLY THE STREET WORKERS ARE.  
BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE GROUND, BUT ALSO GOING AROUND AND SECURING THOSE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES.  
>> AND JUST TO FOLLOW-UP ON THAT, SO CURRENTLY 47.  
DOES THIS FY19 BUDGET SEE AN INCREASE IN FTE'S OR NO?  
IT STAYS AT 47?  
>> IT WON'T BE AN INCREASE.  
>> HOW WILL YOU --  
>> ALL 47 STAFF ARE NOT ON THE OPERATING BUDGET.  
SO THERE'S 32 -- 28 STREET WORKERS AND 4 WORKERS.  
AND THEN ADDITIONAL 15 VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS.  
>> THAT'S HELPFUL TO UNDERSTAND. IN TERMS OF THAT FUNDING SOURCE THAT'S DRYING UP, SHALL THERE PLANS TO REPLACE THAT SOMEHOW? HAS SOMEONE ELSE STEPPED IN TO PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THIS AREA?  
OR NO?



>> WE'VE WITHIN WORKING WITH  
SOME EXTERNAL FOLKS AROUND  
ADDRESSING THAT ISSUE.

>> OK.

CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE MOA  
WITH BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

>> YEAH, SO WE HAD A PRIOR MOU  
IN PLACE WITH THE BOSTON PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS DATED BACK I BELIEVE  
SIGNED IN 2009.

WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TALKS WITH  
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AS WELL  
AS THE COUNCIL TO GET THAT  
BECAUSE IT IS SUCH A CLOSE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AT ONE TIME  
AGENCIES TO GET SOMETHING SHORED  
UP.

BPS MADE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS OR  
EDITS TO THE MOU THAT HAS BEEN  
HANDED OVER TO THE BOSTON PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS FOR FEEDBACK FROM THEIR  
PRINCIPLES AND WE ARE TRYING TO  
GET THE NEW MOU SIGNED AND  
ROLLED OUT TO ALL OF OUR SITE  
COORDINATORS THAT ARE IN SCHOOL  
BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS THE SCHOOL  
PRINCIPALS FROM THOSE SCHOOLS SO  
EVERYONE IS ON THE SAME PAGE.  
WE ARE JUST WAITING ON FEEDBACK  
FROM BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON  
THEIR END AND HOPEFULLY GETTING  
IMPLEMENTATION AND SIGNED PRIOR  
TO SUMMER.

>> ARE YOU ABLE TO SHARE WHAT  
THOSE CHANGES WOULD BE HERE?

>> THE MOU PUT TOGETHER IN 2009  
WAS REALLY GOOD.

IT WAS REALLY KIND OF COVERING  
OUR BOLTS CONCERNS AND NEEDS.  
AND WHAT IT WAS MORE OF, FOLKS  
BECAME UNFAMILIAR WITH THE  
DOCUMENT DUE TO TURNOVER IN BOTH  
BCYF AND WITH PRINCIPALS THAT  
THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE  
DOCUMENT EXISTED AND THE  
ENFORCEMENT OF IT.

AND IT WAS AROUND BECAUSE IT IS  
SIGNED BY FOLKS NO LONGER HERE.  
SO IT WASN'T SO MUCH THE CONTENT  
OF THE DOCUMENT THAT WASN'T  
GOOD, MORE THE REFRESHER GETTING  
THE UPDATED SIGNATURES,  
REFRESHED AGREEMENT.

SOME OF THE THINGS WERE SMALL.

SOME OF THE THINGS WE  
RECOMMENDED ON OUR END ARE  
ENSURING THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT  
SCHOOLS ARE CLEAR DURING  
SNOWSTORMS AND THINGS LIKE THAT  
WHEN WE OPEN UP FACILITY THE, WE  
WORK REALLY WELL WITH BOSTON  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NO MAJOR  
CHANGES, JUST SMALL DIFFERENT  
THINGS AROUND SCHEDULING AND  
PERMITTING, THINGS LIKE THAT.  
NOTHING TOO MAJOR, BECAUSE I  
SAID THE DOCUMENT WAS PRETTY  
GOOD AT ADDRESSING A LOT OF OUR  
ISSUES AND CONCERNS FROM THE  
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IN 2009.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR.

WE ARE JOINED BY AT-LARGE CITY  
COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY.  
COUNCILOR TIMOTHY MCCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
MR. CHAIRMAN AND WELCOME  
GENTLEMEN.

A COUPLE OF THINGS.

FIRST I START WITH A GOOD THING.  
THE MATTAPAN CAPITAL BUDGET, IF  
YOU CAN GIVE ME A QUICK OVERVIEW  
OF THE TIMELINE AND TOTAL  
EXPENSE AS YOU GUYS KNOW IT HAS  
GONE THROUGH A TRANSITION.  
IT HAS BEEN A TOUGH TIME FOR  
THAT IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH  
CLOSING AND REOPENING OF THE  
SCHOOL IN A DIFFERENT VEHICLE.  
RELOCK AND SOME ISSUES THERE.  
IT IS A GREAT COMMUNITY CENTER  
AND GREAT LOCATION AND THIS IS  
MONEY WELL SPENT BY THE MAYOR.  
AND COMMUNITY CENTERS.

IF YOU CAN GIVE AN UPDATE ON  
TOTAL EXPENSE AND TIMETABLE WHEN  
WE WILL START HAVING COMMUNITY  
MEETINGS REGARDING WHAT EXACTLY  
IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

>> SURE.

AND MIKE CAN MAYBE ADD A LITTLE  
MORE TO THIS.

WHEN WE LOOK AT IT, SCHEDULED  
\$1.9 MILLION, BCYF TOOK BACK THE  
OPERATION IN JULY OF 2015 AND  
IRONICALLY I WAS THE ONE AT RLOC  
THAT TOOK IT FROM THE CITY.

I AM THE BOOK-ENDS FOR BOTH

PROJECTS.

WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN  
COMMUNITY ACCESS AND WORK WITH  
THE SCHOOL, AS A TRANSITION TO  
EARLY-EDUCATION CENTER.

AND GREAT SUCCESS TAKING IT  
BACK.

AND I THINK THE CAPITAL INVEST.  
S ARE HOPEFULLY JUST GOING TO  
HELP US AUGMENT ITS PRESENCE  
THERE EVEN FURTHERMORE.

AND WE HAVE SORT OF THIS LIGHT  
CONVERSATION WITH PARKS AND  
RECS, TOO, IN REGARDS TO THAT  
SPACE AND LOOKING AT WHAT COULD  
BE THE POTENTIAL.

WITH THE FEEL THAT IF IT GOT A  
LITTLE TLC, WHO KNOWS WHAT THE  
IMPACT WOULD BE.ñi

ANYTHING ELSE TO ADD?

>> LIKE THE COMMISSIONER IS  
STATING, IT'S AROUND \$2 MILLION.  
WE HAVEN'T DONE DESIGNER  
SELECTION YET SO OBVIOUSLY THAT  
STILL HAS TO HAPPEN.

AND ONCE THE DESIGNER IS  
SELECTED, WE WILL GET MORE INTO  
THE NITTY-GRITTY AROUND THE  
PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH SIDE OF IT.

BUT IT'S FOCUSED -- A LOT OF THE  
WORK IS FOCUSED ON THE COMMUNITY  
CENTER PARTS OF THE BUILDING.  
THE GYM, THE COMMUNITY ROOM,  
SOME FRESH IMPROVEMENTS IN THOSE  
AREAS TO HELP US.

I KNOW IT'S PART OF THE  
CHANGEOVER TO THE  
EARLY-EDUCATION CENTER, BPS  
SPOKE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE  
COMMUNITY CENTER AS PART OF THE  
TRANSITION.

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE BACK AND  
SERVE THAT COMMUNITY, AND  
EXCITED ABOUT THE \$2 MILLION  
INVESTMENT THE MAYOR DEDICATED  
TO HELP US IMPROVE SOME SPACES  
WE HAVE.

LIKE THE GYM AND COMMUNITY SPACE  
THERE.

WE ARE EXCITED BUT NOT AT THE  
POINT OF DESIGNER SELECTION,  
HOPEFULLY GETTING THERE SOON.

>> THAT'S GREAT.  
AS WE MOVE FORWARD I THANK YOU  
FOR THAT.  
IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO THE  
COMMUNITY.  
AND WILL MENTION THE FIELD NEXT  
DOOR, CHRIS KNOWS WE HAVE BEEN  
CLEARING THAT FOR YEARS.  
IT IS MORE OF A VACANT LOT THAT  
IS MOWED RATHER THAN A PLAYING  
SERVICE.  
AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH FUTURE  
CAPITAL PLANS THAT WOULD BE  
PERFECT.  
AND CHRIS COOK WILL KILL ME FOR  
BRINGING IT UP, BUT THAT WOULD  
BE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO PUT  
LIKE IN ANOTHER TURF FIELD.  
I KNOW WHEN THEY ARE EXPENSIVE,  
BUT ONCE THEY ARE DOWN WE KNOW  
THE PARKS ARE JAM-PACKED AND  
THEY ARE THE JEWEL OF PARKS AND  
REC.  
IT WOULD REALLY BE NICE IF WE  
COULD LOOK AT FIELD, REHAB THE  
FIELD FOR, YOU KNOW, SOCKER,  
LACROSSE.  
CRICKET.  
THE SECOND QUESTION ON THE  
SCHEDULED HOURS AND SCHEDULED  
CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY  
CENTERS.  
I HAVE A NUMBER OF GREAT  
COMMUNITY CENTERS, GREAT  
DIRECTORS, THEY RUN GREAT  
PROGRAMS.  
HOW EFFECTIVE IS IT THE  
ADDITIONAL HOURS, CHANGE IN DAYS  
WORKED?  
NOT ONLY DISTRICT FIVE BUT  
THROUGHOUT THE CITY.  
WE FOUND IT HAS BEEN A GOOD  
CHANGE OR NOT?  
>> I MEAN OVERALL FOR ME I THINK  
IT HAS BEEN A GOOD CHANGE.  
I HAD CONSTITUENTS COME AND SAY  
THE FACT THAT NOW SUNDAYS ARE  
OPEN AT CERTAIN FACILITIES, IT  
GIVES ME TIME TO DO THINGS WITH  
MY FAMILY.  
YOU KNOW WE HAVE FAMILIES THAT  
ARE WORKING INTO SATURDAYS NOW,  
AND SOMETIMES THEY JUST DON'T  
HAVE THE TIME TO SPEND WITH

THEIR KIDS.

I HAVE GOTTEN AT LEAST SOME GOOD FEEDBACK.

I THINK STAFF REALLY HAS KIND OF ADJUSTED INTO THE WORK HOURS, INTO THE SCHEDULES.

BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO LOOK AT IT CLOSER.

I AM HOPING WHEN WE MAKE NEW INVESTMENT INTO THE MEMBER AND DATA SYSTEM, IT ALLOWS THE MOST PERSON WHO HASN'T BEEN ASKED ABOUT THE HOURS IS THE

CONSTITUENTS.

AND WHERE THE EARLY HOURS ARE OPENING UP, IF THEY ARE BENEFICIAL TO THEM AND THEIR LIFESTYLES AND WHO THEY ARE AS USERS, BUT ALLOW US TO CAPTURE THOSE NUMBERS MORE ACCURATELY AND GIVE US A GOOD PICTURE OF WHAT, YOU KNOW, WHAT CERTAIN HOURS ARE DOING AND HOW THEY ARE BEING UTILIZED, ALLOWING TO US MAKE ADJUSTMENT FOR WHATEVER THEY WERE.

AND THE EVENING HOURS IN THE COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED WITH CONCERNS EVER VIOLENCE AND NOT GIVING MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS TO PARTICIPATE, THEY CAN PICK THEM UP AT 9:00 AND THEY ARE IN A SAFE PLACE AND WE WEREN'T SHUTTING THEM DOWN AT 8:00 OR 7:00 LIKE WE HAVE HAD PREVIOUSLY.

>> THAT'S GREAT, THANK YOU AND IT WILL WORK ONCE WE START TO CAPTURE THOSE NUMBERS THE PROOF WILL BE IN THE PUDING AND I APPRECIATE THAT.

AND MY LAST QUESTION, I BRING IT UP EVERY YEAR SINCE I HAVE BEEN ON THE COUNCIL.

IS THE FUNDRAISING.

AND I MET WITH CHIEF MARTINEZ WHO IS HIDING UP THERE IN THE CROWD.

FIRST ROW, WE MUST BE DOING ALREADY.

BUT HAVING SAID THAT, YOU KNOW, THE FUNDRAISING FOR EACH COMMUNITY CENTER, EACH COMMUNITY CENTER DOES IT DIFFERENTLY

WHETHER IT IS ROAD RACES OR GOLF TOURNAMENTS OR OTHER CONTINUES OF THE ONE THING WE TALKED ABOUT AT LENGTH, I WANT TO SEE WHERE WE ARE AT WITH IT THE RENTING OUT OF SPACE FOR COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS.

PARTICULARLY DISTRICT FIVE, WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF LARGE FUNCTION HALLS THAT CAN DO 80, 100, 200 PEOPLE WHETHER IT IS A SENIOR EVENT.

I KNOW TO MY LEFT COUNCILOR O'MALLEY HAS SEVERAL BIG SPACES LIKE THE IRISH SOCIAL CLUB. WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY BIG SPACES LIKE THAT.

AND THE RESISTANCE IN THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION FOR BEER AND WINE AND HAVING IT, I DON'T MEAN TO TURN EVERY SINGLE COMMUNITY CENTER INTO THE IRISH EMERALD SOCIETY, BUT HAVING SAID THAT, I THINK WE'RE MISSING A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE SOME DOUGH FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER WITHOUT ACTUALLY CONSTANTLY HITTING THE SAME PEOPLE TO SPONSOR HOLES IN THE GOLF TOURNAMENT, TO RUN THE ROAD RACE, TO GO TO WHATEVER THE NEXT FUNCTION IS.

WHERE ARE WE WITH THAT?

HAVE WE LOOKED INTO THAT A LITTLE BIT DEEPER?

>> WE SCRATCHED A LITTLE BIT OF THE SURFACE.

THE BIGGEST CONCERNS IS LIABILITY AND IT IS ONE OF THE THINGS WITH THE NEW STRUCTURE OF THE MOU, SOME OF THE RENTAL FEES AND MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE ACTUALLY RETURNING BACK TO THE CITY, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

PART OF ME IS I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IT CLOSER AND JUST MAKE SURE WE MIGHT JUST SAY BEER AND WINE, BUT GOD FORBID IF SOMETHING HAPPENS AND IT IS TRACKED BACK TO THE CENTER, WHO ACTUALLY OWNS IT, IT IS THE BIGGEST QUESTION WE HAVE TO KIND OF SURFACE.

>> AND ALSO TOO, I THINK USING

THE CITY OF BOSTON FACILITY FOR RAISING MONEY IS AN ISSUE, ALSO.  
>> HERE'S THE THING, I WILL END IT WITH THIS.

THE CITY OF BOSTON WE CONTINUE TO HIDE BEHIND THE WORD LIABILITY, IT IS NOT A CRITICISM, JUST MY OWN OPINION. EVERY TIME WE TRY TO GO OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS OF WHATEVER WE USED TO BE, IT'S OOOH, LIABILITY, WHO IS TO BLAME.

WE HAVE A WHOLE SIXTH FLOOR OF LAWYERS UP THERE, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGURE IT OUT.

IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT THE MOST.

IF YOU CAN MAKE A COUPLE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN A FACILITY AND NOT HIT UP THE SAME PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY PAYING FOR THE KIDS TO GO THERE TO BEGIN WITH, I THINK IT IS A POSITIVE.

I THINK THE SIXTH FLOOR CAN PROBABLY FIGURE THAT OUT.

SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU.

WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREA CAMPBELL. AND COUNCILOR O'MALLEY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND GOOD AFTERNOON THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.

I ECHO MY SENTIMENTS HAVE MY COLLEAGUE FROM DISTRICT FIVE. CHANGE CAN BE UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT SOMETIMES WE NEED TO GET OUTSIDE OF OUR OWN COMFORT ZONE AND EMBRACE NEW IDEAS, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO SUSTAINABILITY OF IMPORTANT PROGRAMS.

CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT WILL, THERE WAS A LOT OF CONCERN AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER LAST YEAR ABOUT CHANGES AND HOW YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK TO ADDRESS THAT, SPECIFICALLY AS IT RELATES TO SENIOR PROGRAMMING.

>> OK, YEAH SURE.

>> I THINK LAST YEAR WE HAD THE UNDERSTANDING OF WHO ACTUALLY INCURRED THE COSTS OF RUNNING

THE SENIOR PROGRAM.  
AND WE HAVE BEEN KIND OF  
EXPLORING MORE AND FOUND A  
SOLUTION TO THE NEED OF SENIOR  
PROGRAMMING AND I THINK IT HAS  
BEEN BENEFICIAL TO BOTH THE CITY  
AND COUNCIL ITSELF.

AND SO I AM VERY PROUD.  
ACTUALLY HAD HOPED TO ACTUALLY  
INVITE SOME OF THE SENIORS HERE  
TO ACTUALLY TESTIFY TODAY WHO  
HAVE BEEN BENEFITTING FROM THAT  
PROGRAM.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S REALLY  
BEAUTIFUL, IT IS ALSO GETTING  
TAPPED TO OTHER CITY SUPPORT  
SERVICES AS WELL.  
SOME HAVE BEEN CONNECTED TO SOME  
OF THE HOUSING, THE SENIOR  
HOUSING SUPPORT THAT TENDS TO  
HAPPEN.

SOME OF THEM CAN'T GET ON TOP OF  
THEIR ROOFS AND CLEAN THE  
GUTTERS OUT, SO WE HAVE SEEN THE  
DOTS CONNECTED BECAUSE OF THE  
RELATIONSHIP.

IT SERVED AS AN EXAMPLE ONE TO  
THE POINT, THE RECENT BENEFITS I  
HAVE SEEN NOW AT CURTIS HALL  
UNDER YOUR DIRECT IS TAPPING THE  
EXPERTISE TO SEE WHAT SENIOR  
PROGRAMMING LOOKED.

WE WORK IN A COLLABORATIVE WAY  
WE CAN HAVE A COLLECTIVE IMPACT  
IN HOW COMMUNITIES CAN BE SERVED  
AND DOCK THE WORK -- DOING THE  
WORK WE ARE DOING.

AND WE HAD AN MOU TALK WITH THEM  
AS WELL AND IN A WAY BETTER  
PLACE.

>> WHAT IS THE NEXT TIME THE  
LEASE, THE LAST MOU WRITTEN WITH  
THEM?

>> THERE WAS JUST THE ONE PLAN  
OF OPERATIONS WRITTEN IN 1973, '74.  
AND THIS IS GOING TO BE A VERY  
NEW THINGS FOR A LOT OF THE  
COUNCILS, BUT I THINK ONE THEY  
THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN WANTING AS  
WELL.

BECAUSE IT KIND OF SPELLS OUT A  
LOT OF THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN 40  
YEARS.

AND ESPECIALLY THE WAY



NONPROFITS WORK WITH THE CITY ENTITIES OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK THIS GIVES IT A LITTLE MORE CLARITY AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT OUR PARTS ARE.

>> I AGREE, I AGREE.

MANY OF THESE AGREEMENTS HAVEN'T BEEN UPDATED IN MANY OF OUR LIFETIMES AND IT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP AND I APPRECIATE THAT. THE LAST WORD ON THIS, JUST SO THOSE WATCHING CAN SORT OF UNDERSTAND IT AND PERHAPS FOR THE EDIFICATION OF MY COLLEAGUES, WITH THE HOUR CHANGES WERE INTRODUCED LAST YEAR, THE MEANS OF OPENING CENTERS TO MORE PEOPLE, BUT PARTICULARLY THE SCHOOL-BASED CENTERS HAVE MORE AFTER SCHOOL TO GET MORE KIDS AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND WORKING ADULTS IN THE PROGRAMMING.

AS IT RELATES TO THE ORENBERGER, PROBABLY SERVING MORE SENIORS BECAUSE OF DEMOGRAPHICS, THERE WAS CONCERN THERE WOULD BE PROGRAMMING REMOVED BECAUSE IT IS AT 11 A.M. OR 12-NOON HOUR. THE NOW HOURS WERE TO REMAIN LATER.

BUT BROUGHT IN A SENIOR COORDINAOR AND THERE IS ZERO LOSS IN SENIOR PROGRAMMING NOW COMPARED TO TWO YEARS AGO. HAVE YOU SEEN THE MEMBERSHIPS INCREASE WITH THE HOUR CHANGES? WITH THE LATER HOURS?

>> ONE OF THE THINGS WE GOT SELECTED TO DO, WE HAVE A VERY OUTDATED SYSTEM THAT SOMETIMES DOESN'T CAPTURE THE NUMBERS THE WAY WE WOULD LIKE TO CAPTURE THEM ACCURATELY.

>> NUMBER OF BALLPARK?

>> DO YOU HAVE A BALLPARK ON THE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS?

>> I HAVE IT HERE SOMEWHERE.

I WILL FLIP THROUGH.

>> WE CAN GET BACK TO YOU.

>> AND I AM MORE CURE USE U.S.O. THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

AND YOU ALSO HAD A GREAT CAREER

AT YMCA BEFORE THIS A MEMBER OF  
BOTH COMMUNITY CENTERS AND  
YMCA'S, AND YOU WANTED THE  
COMMUNITY CENTERS TO ARE A RIVAL  
FOR THE YMCA'S AND IF THIS IS  
SOMETHING WE CAN GET NUMBERS AND  
CHECK QUARTERLY.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THE STEAM  
PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING HELD?

>> THE SENIOR PROGRAMS?

>> STEAM.

STEAM PROGRAMS.

>> I AM MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE  
ONE OFFERED AT THE MANINO CENTER  
IN THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

AND STEAM CONTINUES, IT IS SIGH  
ELSE, TECHNOLOGY,  
ENGINEERING --

>> A IS THE ARTS AND MATH.

>> AND A ROBOTIC PROGRAMS AT THE  
CENTER THAT LOOKS FAVORABLE.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE DONE  
IN THE LAST YEARS, AND I MIGHT  
HAVE SAID THIS LAST YEAR, WE  
ATTEMPTED LAST YEAR THAT WE  
COULD CREATE A PLATFORM FOR  
ADMINISTRATORS TO COME TOGETHER  
AND TALK.

KEY AREAS, PROGRAMS, DEVELOPMENT  
AND STAFF --

>> LET ME CUT YOU OFF, A

SPECIFIC AQUARIUM

PARTNERSHIP -- CHRIS IS NODDING  
HIS HEAD.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT, PLEASE?

>> WE WORK WITH, PARTNERS WITH  
THE AQUARIUM TO CREATE THIS  
STEAM PROGRAM OVER AT CURTIS  
HALL.

IT OPERATES ON SUNDAY.

THE ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN

PHENOMENAL.

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR TO SEE SO  
MANY FAMILIES TAKING ADVANTAGE  
OF THE OPPORTUNITY.

WE WENT BACK AND TALKED TO THE  
AQUARIUM AND SAID HEY, WE'D LOVE  
TO EXPAND IT.

WE HAVE ADDED AN ADDITIONAL  
SITE, PARISH STREET.

>> THE AQUARIUM, ARE THEY PAYING  
FOR THIS.

>> NO COST.

>> HOW MANY KIDS PARTICIPATED AT

CURTIS SIGNAL

>> I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT NUMBERS.

>> ENOUGH THAT IT WAS A POSITIVE ENOUGH PROGRAM?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I HAVE GONE OVER THERE A COUPLE OF SUNDAYS AND THE FAMILIES, THEY COME OUT AND REALLY ENJOY IT.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

AND FINALLY A PROGRAM THAT I AM INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THAT HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE I WAS A YOUNG PERSON IS CAMP JOY.

AND BCYF RUNS CAMP JOY.

DO YOU HAVE THE NUMBER OF HOW MANY KIDS INCREASE IN CAMP JOY EVERY SUMMER?

DO WE SEE AN INCREASE?

ARE THERE ENOUGH YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED AS COUNSELORS?

>> CAMP JOY IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PROGRAMS.

I THINK MS. ROBERTA SMALL, WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE AND DOES A WONDERFUL JOB WITH THAT PROGRAM, NOT JUST IN THE SUMMER BUT YEAR-ROUND.

IN THE SUMMERTIME IT'S JUST A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SOME EQUITABLE PROGRAMMING FOR FAMILIES WHO SOMETIMESING DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO, YOU KNOW, GET SERVICES FOR THEIR YOUNG FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, RIGHT.

SO THIS YEAR WE'RE REALLY HOPING IF NOTHING ELSE, WE ARE ABLE TO BE A LITTLE BIT CONSISTENT.

HAD ABOUT 250 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATE LAST YEAR AND ARE HOPING TO KEEP THAT LEVEL AT BEST.

AND SO ONE THING I DO WANT TO SAY, IT HAS BEEN QUITE SOME TIME SINCE THE STAFF HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY FUNDING IN TERMS OF THEIR SALARIES.

SO THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE REALLY --

>> YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE COUNSELORS?

>> THE COUNSEL STAFF.

THEY WORK REALLY HARD.  
WE ARE JUST HOPING THAT WE ARE  
ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT.  
A LITTLE BUMP FOR THEM SO THEY  
CAN CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK THEY  
ARE DOING.

>> SO NO MONEY IS ALLOCATED  
CURRENTLY FOR A LITTLE BUMP FOR  
THE COUNSELORS AT CAMP JOY?

>> TECHNICALLY RIGHT NOW WE ARE  
WORKING WITH ROBERTA TO  
REALLOCATE.

THERE ARE GUIDELINES AROUND THE  
RATIOS AND THEY ARE GETTING  
STRICTER FOR THAT PROGRAM.

ROBERTA IS CURRENTLY WORKING  
THROUGH TO TRY TO RE-ALLOCATE  
SOME MONEY SO WE CAN POSSIBLY  
GET INCREASES FOR HER STAFF.  
SHE KIND OF STRUGGLES WITH SHORT  
PROGRAM, COUPLE OF WEEKS, GETS  
COMPETITIVE FOR STAFF THAT ARE  
LOOKING FOR JOBS.

SHE'S REALLY TRYING TO FIGURE  
OUT A WAY TO INCENTIVIZE WORKING  
FOR CAMP JOY SO GET THE  
CALLIFIED HELP SHE NEEDS.

OBVIOUSLY YOU NEED R.N.S AND  
NURSES AND PEOPLE QUALIFIED AND  
WE ARE TRYING TO USE THE MONEY  
PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO XHEN SAY  
THE -- ÑiCOMPENSATE THEM AND GIVE  
THEM A LITTLE RATE.

AND ALSO BATTLING WITH THE  
GUIDELINES, AND THINGS IN PLACE  
TO HOPEFULLY ADDRESS BOTH.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL  
WITH THAT IN OUR BUDGET PROCESS.  
IT SEEMS LIKE A COMMON SENSE  
SOLUTION.

CAMP JOY, DO WE WORK WITH THOSE  
WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
CHALLENGER LEAGUE OR OTHER SPORT  
PROGRAMS FOR KIDS DEALING WITH  
SPECIAL NEEDS, MENTAL, PHYSICAL  
NEEDS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY  
ARE AWARE OF CAMP JOY AND TO  
SORT OF HELP GROW THE NUMBER SO  
250 IS THE BASE LINE AND NOT THE  
CEILING?

>> ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE  
MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION DOES  
VERY WELL IS ENGAGE EXTERNAL  
PARTNERS TO ONE, YOU KNOW, DO

SOME OUTREACH IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THEY'RE AWARE THAT CAMP JOY EXISTS.

BUT ALSO, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF FOLKS WHO ACTUALLY DO SOME REALLY GOOD STUFF OUT THERE LIKE STRIVE.

AND WE'RE ALWAYS TALKING WITH THEM, JUST TO, YOU KNOW, FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

BUT YES, WE SPEND QUITE A BIT OF TIME AROUND MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH.

>> GOOD, THANK YOU ALL.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU, I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DECLINE OR DROP IN SPENDING PLAN FOR SPORTS AND FITNESS CATEGORY.

IT IS ABOUT A \$2 MILLION DECREASE AND I AM JUST INTERESTED IN WHY.

AND PAGE 16 OF THE OVERALL CATEGORY.

YOU GO FROM --

>> I AM ASSUMING IT MIGHT BE AN APPROPRIATION THERE THAT YOU CAME IN AFTER WE DISCUSSED \$2 MILLION AROUND THE ICE SKATING AND FIELD.

>> OK THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.

AND ALSO MIKE MENTIONED THE ADDITION OF TWO NEW LIFEGUARDS FOR THIS COMING YEAR

ORIFICE -- OR FISCAL YEAR AND TWO ADDED LAST YEAR.

AND THE KIDS OR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ACCESSING SOME OF THE AQUATICS PROGRAMMING.

THERE IS A DECREASE FRIDAY THINK \$24,000 PROJECTED FOR THIS CURRENT YEAR.

THAT'S ALSO PAGE 16.

AND NOW THERE IS A TARGET OF \$2,000.

PAGE 16 UNDER "SPORTS AND FITNESS" AGAIN.

I AM A BIG PROPONENT OF TEACHING KIDS HOW TO SWIM.

I THINK IT SHOULD BE MANDATED THAT ALL KIDS LEARN TO SWIM

BEFORE THEY GRADUATE.  
BEING A HARBOR CITY I THINK IT  
IS A GREAT SKILL.  
AND THE TARGET OF KIDS LEARNING  
HOW TO SWIM AS PART OF YOUR  
TARGETS, I GUESS I AM  
REITERATING THE IMPORTANCE OF  
TEACHING KIDS HOW TO SWIM, BUT  
TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAVE  
DROPPED THE PROJECTED TARGET OF  
KIDS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE  
AQUATICS PROGRAMMING.

>> I DON'T KNOW WHY WE DROPPED  
THE PROJECTED NUMBER, BUT I DO  
WANT TO SAY THAT I CONCUR WITH  
THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY YOUNG  
PERSON IN THIS CITY HAVING AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO  
SWIM.

YOU KNOW, I AM A YOUNG  
PERSON -- I USED TO BE A YOUNG  
PERSON IN THE CITY.

>> WE'RE ALL YOUNG.

>> AND I GREW UP AND DIDN'T KNOW  
HOW TO SWIM AND ACTUALLY JUST  
LEARNED HOW TO SWIM.

>> CONGRATULATIONS.

>> ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO  
SAY IS WE RUN AN UNBELIEVABLE  
AQUATICS PROGRAM AND THEY HAVE  
WORKED HARD TO GROW THE PROGRAM.  
OVER 300 PEOPLE JUST  
PARTICIPATED IN THE SWIM LEAGUE  
CHAMPIONSHIP THAT WAS  
PHENOMENAL.

ONE OF THE THINGS I REALLY  
ENJOYED ABOUT THE AQUATICS  
PROGRAM, NOT ONLY THE  
OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO  
LEARN HOW TO SWIM, THAT'S THE  
ONE PLACE WHERE WE KNOW WE GIVE  
GREAT PARENT PARTICIPATION.  
BECAUSE PARENTS DON'T LEAVE  
THEIR CHILDREN AT THE POOL.  
THEY STAY THERE.

AND, YOU KNOW, I CERTAINLY CAN  
CONCUR.

AND I KNOW THAT THOSE POOLS GET  
A LOT OF GOOD USE.

I WAS AT THE FLARITY POOL THE  
OTHER DAY AND DRAPER POOL AND  
BOTH OF THE POOLS HAD LOTS OF  
YOUNG PEOPLE THERE LEARNING HOW  
TO SWIM.

I CERTAINLY AGREE WITH YOU AND  
THINK WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND  
LOOK AT THAT.

>> HOW MANY OF OUT OF CENTERS  
HAVE POOLS?

>> WE HAVE 17 POOLS.

>> OUT OF THE 35.

IS THERE ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTERS THAT DON'T  
HAVE POOLS AND THE COMMUNITY  
CENTERS THAT DO?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

WE ENCOURAGE IT.

AND ACTUALLY AS WE THINK ABOUT  
PREVENTING AN INTERVENTION, WE  
THINK THAT IS ONE OF THE GREAT  
WAYS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET  
TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

AS WE INTRODUCE YOUNG PEOPLE  
ACROSS THE CITY, YOU KNOW, IN A  
SPACE WHERE THERE'S A POOL.

OR A GYM THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE,  
OR ROCK WALL THAT THEY MAY NOT  
HAVE.

IT GIVES THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

SO WE CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE THAT  
WITH OUR YOUTH WORKERS.

>> JUST TO ADD TO, AS WELL,  
WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING A  
RE-INVESTMENT IN THE PARISH  
STREET HILL.

MOVING FROM THE CLEVELAND TO THE  
MARSHALL, A POOL THAT HAS BEEN  
DRAINED AND NOT OPERATIONAL.

IT IS ONE THAT WE HOPELY CAN  
BEGIN TO INVEST THE WORK IN IT  
SO IF WE HAVE IT OPERATIONAL BY  
THE NEXT, THEN WE ADD ANOTHER  
COMMUNITY POOL BRINGING US UP TO  
18 POOLS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

BUT I THINK WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING  
AT THE DATA, SOMETIMES SOME OF  
THE CHALLENGES IS OUR DATA  
SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T CAPTURE THE  
DATA WE CAN'T TO CAPTURE.

WE HOPE THE DATA SYSTEM WE BRING  
ONLINE WILL GIVE US THE REAL  
DATA WE NEED THAT HELPS US DRIVE  
THE DECISIONS.

BUT SWIMMING IS VERY IMPORTANT,  
GIVEN THE FACT MY FIRST YEAR  
HERE, THE TRAGEDY I DEATH WITH

AS A COMMISSIONER, MAKING SURE WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKE SURE WE ARE COMMITTED AND OUR NEXT IS BETTER THAN NOW AND WHAT WE DO WITH KIDS AND WATER.

AND I THINK IT PROVIDES AN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY AS WE EXPERIENCE LIFEGUARD SHORTAGES, SO DOES THE Y'S, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, HOW DO WE BE THE PIPELINE TO GET THE KIDS IN THE MEANINGFUL JOBS TO BE THE FIRST PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.

SWIMMING IS A KEY PIECE TO THE WORK WE DO.

>> I KNOW POOLS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE TO RUN.

UNFORTUNATELY, U MASS BOSTON IS LOOKING AT GETTING RID OF THE COOL.

AND SOME PROGRAMMING THAT SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY POOLS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.

I THINK PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MY DETIRE TO GET MORE KIDS TO SWIM, YOUR DESIRE TO GET LIFEGUARDS ON BOARD, IT CAN CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT ALSO A GREATER AWARENESS OF WATER SAFETY.

BUT THEN, ALSO, YOU MAKE THE MONEY ON THE OTHER END WITH IT SO I WONDER IF THERE IS ANY OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR BCYF THAT ARE CONNECTED TO OR CONNECTED TO THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHEN WE HAVE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CENTER AND THE SCHOOL, HAS BCYF LOOKED TO PARTNER AT ALL WITH BUILD BCYF OR AT LEAST BE AT THE TABLE WHEN THERE IS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BUILD BPS?

AND THERE ARE SOME SCHOOLS CONNECTED KIDS DURING THE DAY USE, AND I THINK THAT RELATIONSHIP SHOULDN'T END AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY OR WHATEVERS THAT THERE'S A LONGER RELATIONSHIP THAT COULD BE RELATED TO BUILD BPS.

ARE YOU INVOLVED AT ALL IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS?



>> I DON'T BELIEVE SO WITH THE BUILD BPS KIND OF MODELS, BUT ARE UNDER CONVERSATIONS UNDER CHIEF MARTINEZ'S LEADERSHIP LOOKING AT SPACES WE SHARE WITH SCHOOLS AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO

HOPEFULLY COMPLIMENT WHAT THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM OFFERS. AND IT IS A BIG ISSUE, WHETHER IT IS IN THE FORM OF PROVIDING EARLY DRUG PREVENTION, EDUCATION, VIOLENCE PREVENTION, ETC., THE FACT THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT KIDS AND HOW THEY ARE ATTRACTED TO WATER, ME BEING A FATHER OF FIVE, THEY TAKE OFF ON ME IF I AM AT A POOL OR BEACH, IT CAN BE ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN BE CREATIVE AND THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX AND CREATING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH BPS.

YOU ARE ALREADY UTILIZING WHAT IS IN THE SCHOOLS WE ARE TIED WITH.

>> I AM AT THE END OF MY TIME, THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

>> WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN, TOO.

>> THANK YOU GOOD CHAIRMAN AND GOOD AFTERNOON.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THIS WORK. IT IS SO CRITICAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE ROLE YOU PLAY IN COMMUNITY ALL AROUND.

I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR REOPENING THE MARSHALL COMMUNITY IN DORCHESTER AND EXPANDED HOURS.

ARE THERE PLANS TO EXPAND IN OTHER BPS LOCATIONS.

>> LIKE I SAID WHEN I CAME ONBOARD IT WAS AT THAT TIME LIKE 34, 35 FACILITIES, ALL DIFFERENT OPERATIONAL HOURS.

THE FACT WE WENT TO CONSISTENT HOURS, KEEPING THEM OPEN TO 9:30, IT IS REALLY GOOD WHERE WE ARE AS FAR AS THE THRESHOLD AND TROORDZ -- REGARDS TO THERE.

AND EXPANDING WAS A NO-BRAINER,  
ACCESS TO AN IN-DOOR BASKETBALL  
COURT AND NOW ACCESS TO THE POOL  
ON SATURDAYS MAY HELP WITH  
ACCESS TO THAT COMMUNITI.

WE ARE WHERE WE WANT TO BE WITH  
HOURS OF OPERATION.

I THINK NOW IT IS TO MAKE SURE  
OUR CONSTITUENTS KNOW WE ARE  
HERE, OPEN AND READY TO SERVE  
THEM.

>> HOW DO YOU TRACK THE FOOT  
TRAFFIC TO BETTER UNDERSTAND  
WHAT ARE THE CORRELATIONS.

I KNOW YOU ALL HAVE DONE  
DOOR-KNOCKING AND CANVASSING  
BEFORE.

AND I KNOW WE HAVE AGGRESSIVE  
SORT OF MULTI-MEDIA CAMPAIGNS  
AND THIS SOMEONE OF THE BIGGEST  
CHALLENGES FOR US IN GOVERNMENT,  
WE CAN DO THAT, THEY SAY YOU  
BUILD IT THEY WILL COME, BUT  
THAT'S ONLY IF THEY KNOW ABOUT  
IT, RIGHT?

HOW DO YOU GAUGE, BASED ON YOUR  
OUTREACH PLATFORMS AND EFFORTS,  
IF YOU ARE THEN SEEING A  
COMPARABLE UP-TICK, HOW DO YOU  
GAUGE THE FOOT TRAFFIC NOW?  
DO YOU CLICK FOLK AS THEY COME  
IN?

HOW DO YOU GET AN AGAINST OF  
THAT?

>> WE HAVE A DATA SYSTEM, IT IS  
ONE WHEN I GOT HERE IT NEEDED A  
REVAMP, NEEDED A RE-WORK.

AND I KNOW IN THE LAST COUPLE OF  
YEARS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF  
CHRIS WHEN HE WAS THE INTERIM,  
IT WAS SOMETHING FOCUSED TOO AND  
WE HAVE A SYSTEM CALLED BOS  
TRACKS.

AND SIMILAR TO WHAT THE KIDS  
HAVE.

THERE ARE SO MANY ELEMENTS.

>> THERE IS A MARGIN OF ERROR.

>> GETTING THE TIME TO GET BACK  
AND INPUT TO UPLOAD BECOMES  
REALLY REDONE -- REDUNDANT  
PROCESS.

>> IS THERE SOFTWARE THAT CAN  
CHANGE THAT?

>> YES, AND THROUGH THE CAPITAL

PROCESS AND THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT, WE'VE GOTTEN AN ALLOCATION TO ACTUALLY REVAMP OUR SYSTEM AND TO LOOK AT WHAT A BRAND NEW SYSTEM COULD BE INTRODUCED INTO OUR SYSTEM.

CURRENTLY WE ARE IN THE PRELIMINARY TALKS EXPLORING WHAT IT WOULD MEAN.

BRINGING IN A PROJECT MANAGER AND DISCUSSING THE PROCESS SO WE HOPEFULLY HAVE THAT.

THE OUTREACH AND DEDICATION, ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT HAVING THE COUNCILS, THEY ARE ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITIES.

ATTENDING NOT JUST WHAT HAPPENS AT BCYF BUT ALSO WHAT HAPPENS IN THE COMMUNITY.

THEY ARE GREAT AMBASSADORS ARE GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT WHAT SERVICES WE ARE OFFERING OUR COMMUNITY.

ANOTHER GREAT RESOURCE IS THE STREET WORKER PROGRAM.

TO ME I ALWAYS ENVISION -- I SAY ABOUT THEM THAT THEY ARE CENTERS WITHOUT WALLS BECAUSE THEY ARE REALLY IN EVERY BACK ALLEY.

>> LET ME ASK A QUESTION.

BASED ON -- I AM JUST TRYING TO GET A SENSE DO YOU KNOW RIGHT NOW WHICH OF YOUR CENTERS HAVE THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST FOOT TRAFFIC?

THAT TO ME PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY AS WE THINK OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZES AND TRYING TO SYNC OUTREACH EFFORTS. I AM TRYING TO GAUGE WHETHER THE KIDS THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE, HAVE THE GREATEST NEED, HOW DO WE GAUGE IT WITHOUT DATA.

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA WHICH CENTERS HAVE THE HIGHEST AND LOWEREST FOOT TRAFFIC?

>> YEAH, WE KNOW.

OVERALL THE CURLY COMMUNITY CENTER IS THE MOST TRAFFICKED IN SOUTH BOSTON, FOLLOWED BY CURTIS HALL TO OUR CALCULATIONS.

THE SYSTEM DOES IT SOUNDS PEOPLE AND WE CAN TELL YOU.

>> AND WHAT ARE THE TWO LOWEST

PERFORMING?

>> SORRY, I WILL RUN OVER THE NUMBERS REAL QUICK.

>> OK.

>> IT LOOKS LIKE DRAPER POOL, OBVIOUSLY IT IS JUST A POOL OPPOSED TO A COMMUNITY CENTER THAT MAY HAVE A POOL AND OTHER THINGS.

AND THE MENINO CENTER LOOK LIKE AT ONE TIME LOWEST RIGHT NOW.

>> ALL RIGHT.

IN THAT VEIN, COULD YOU TALK ME ABOUT ANY EVENING YOUTH PROGRAMMING IN THE GROVE HALL AREA SPECIFICALLY?

HEARING A LOT OF FEEDBACK FROM YOUTH AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZES THAT THERE'S NOTHING THAT SPECIFICALLY -- TARGETED IS TOO AGGRESSIVE OF A WORD, BUT ACCESSIBLE.

CAN YOU SPEAK TO THAT?

>> THE COMMISSIONER MENTIONED EARLIER, WE DON'T HAVE A DEDICATED YOUTH PROGRAM AT THE GROVE HALL COMMUNITY CENTER, BUT WE TRIED TO PARTNER WITH SOME EXTERNAL FOLKS, PROJECT RIGHT AND OTHERS TO PROVIDE SOME PROGRAMMING.

WE HAVE A SENIOR CENTER THAT'S AT THE GROVE HALL COMMUNITY CENTER CURRENTLY.

HOWEVER WE DO HAVE SOME STAFF WHO WORK IN AND AROUND THAT COMMUNITY.

STREET WORKER STAFF.

AND THEY'RE SUPPORTING SOME OF THE EFFORTS WITH BASKETBALL LEAGUE AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROJECT RIGHT PROVIDES.

AND WE HAVE ANOTHER COMMUNITY CENTER IN CLOSE LOCATION TO GROVE HALL, THE HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER AND WE HAVE TWO YOUTH WORKERS THERE.

AND THEY DO A GREAT JOB OF PROVIDING YOUTH PROGRAMS.

>> WE LOVE PROJECT RIGHT BUT DO YOU THINK THAT IS SUFFICIENT OR MEETING THE NEEDS IN THE GROVE HALL AREA?

IF NOT WHAT WOULD YOU NEED AND

WHAT WOULD THAT LOOK LIKE?

>> ONE OF THE THINGS WHEN WE STARTED LOOKING AT GROVE HALL, THERE WAS, I THINK, A CLEAR NEED FROM -- IN TERMS OF WHAT WE SAW IN TERMS OF DATA.

AND, YOU KNOW, SENIORS WERE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO GO AS WELL.

AND THE ONE THING WE NOTICED, BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION, BEING IN A SCHOOL WHERE IT GETS A LOT OF USE FROM SCHOLASTIC USES, THE ACCESS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WAS LIMITED.

I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE TRANSITIONED TO THE SENIOR SENIOR.

BUT I THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REALLY THINK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, SOME STRUCTURE UP IN THE GROVE HALL COMMUNITY AT SOME POINT.

>> THANK YOU.

AND I DO APPRECIATE WE HAVE BEEN BANGING THE DRUM FOR A WHILE ABOUT NOT ONLY A DIVERSIFICATION OF TEAM PROGRAMMING THAT IS SKEWED TOWARDS OLDER YOUTH, BUT ALSO MAYBE SOME GENDER-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING.

A SHOUT OUT TO ERIC BUTLER WHO DOES AN INCREDITABLE -- I AM COMPLETELY UNBIASED, SHE DOES AN INCREDIBLE JOB WITH GIRLS CORPS.

AND WE HAD ABOUT A CENTER, BUT WHICH IS CENTER LOCATION.

AND YOU LOOK AT THOSE WHO HAS THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION.

AND I AM GLAD TO SEE THERE IS A COMMITMENT TO EXPANDING AND HAVING ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMMING IN THESE CENTERS SINCE IT WILL ALLOW US TO HAVE A BROADER REACH.

I THINK AT SOME POINT WE HAVE TO RE-VISIT AN ACTUAL DEDICATED SENIOR CENTER, ONE OR TWO.

BUT APPRECIATE THAT COMMITMENT.

JUST GIVEN THE ROUND, THE EXTENDED HOURS, I AM CURIOUS DO WE CURRENTLY PROVIDE ANY ESOL PROGRAM WITHIN OUR BCYF CENTERS?

ANYBODY, CAN YOU SPEAK THAT?  
WHAT IS THE CAPACITY THAT?  
HOW MUCH IT REACHED, HOW MANY  
POOLS IS THE COMMUNITY PARTNER.  
>> WE HAVE AN ESOL PROGRAM OVER  
AT THE CLEVELAND COMMUNITY  
CENTER, WHICH WILL BE  
TRANSITIONING TO THE MARSHALL.  
AND IT'S ACTUALLY A  
WELL-ATTENDED ESOL PROGRAM.  
AND I THINK WE ALSO HAVE SIX  
COUNCIL PARTNERSHIPS, SO THEY'RE  
NOT ACTUALLY BCYF-RUN BUT A  
COUNCIL-RUN ESOL PROGRAMS.  
>> THE SIDE COUNCILS?  
>> YES, SIDE COUNCILS.  
>> IN CHINATOWN IN THE SOUTH  
END, THE MATCHER SIDE IN EAST  
BOSTON, THE ALSTON BRIGHTON, AND  
CLEVELAND, PERKINS, AND ALSO  
JAMAICA PLAIN OFFERED ALSO.  
>> EAST BOSTON, BRIGHTON, SOUTH  
BOSTON, CHINA TOWN, JAMAICA  
PLAIN.  
>> YES.  
>> IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT HERE,  
WOULD LOVE TO KNOW THE REACH OF  
THE PROGRAM.  
WE ALL SAW IN THE GLOBE SERIES  
THAT SADLY REPORTED THAT WE ARE  
LAST IN THE COUNTRY IN TERMS OF  
LATINO OUTCOMES AND WHAT'S  
CONTRIBUTING TO THAT IS THE  
16,000-PERSON WAIT LIST FOR ESOL  
CLASS.  
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE  
MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE FREE  
PROGRAMMING.  
IF YOU HAVE A SENSE HOW BIG THAT  
IS THAT WOULD BE GREAT.  
AND I THANK THE CHAIR FOR HER  
INDULGENCE HERE.  
FOR THIS ROUND, JUST TWO QUICK  
THINGS.  
WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME CALLS FROM  
YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AT  
BCYF EXPRESSING GRIEVANCES OF  
NOT GETTING PAID IN WHAT TIMELY  
MANNER.  
AND I AM HOPING AT THE TIMES AN  
ANOMALY --  
>> THE DIRECTOR OF THAT, THE  
HEARING IS RIGHT AFTER THIS  
MAYBE IF YOU WANT TO SAVE THAT

QUESTION SO WE'RE NOT --  
>> GREAT.  
THEN MY FINAL QUESTION FOR THIS  
ROUND AND IT REALLY WILL BE, CAN  
YOU SPELL IN GREATER DETAIL HOW  
THE \$284,000 DEDICATED TO  
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAUMA TEAMS, HOW  
THAT WILL BE USED.  
THAT'S IN THE NEXT HEARING TOO?  
>> YOU SAID \$284,000 THE TRAUMA  
TEAM?  
>> I DON'T THINK THAT'S OURS.  
>> I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME  
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CENTERS.  
>> WE HAVE WITHIN WORKING  
CLOSELY WITH THEM ON THAT BUT IT  
IS NOT IN OUR BUDGET.  
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.  
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.  
>> GOOD MORNING QUESTION.  
GOING TO PAGE 11, THE DEPARTMENT  
HISTORY.  
STARTING WITH PERSONNEL.  
PERMANENT EMPLOYEES, HOW MANY  
PERMANENT EMPLOYEES FROM BCYF?  
>> I THINK WE'RE AROUND 380 GIVE  
OR TAKE.  
>> 380 AND SOME CHANGE.  
EMERGENCY EMPLOYEES WHAT IS AN  
"EMERGENCY EMPLOYEE"  
>> AN EMERGENCY EMPLOYEE IS  
SEASONAL EMPLOYEES.  
LIFEGUARD, CAMP JOY,  
NON-PERMANENT.  
>> THEY PROBABLY MAKE UP ABOUT A  
QUARTER OF EMPLOYEES.  
IN ADDITION TO 380.  
380 PERMANENT AND IN ADDITION  
HOW MANY SEASONAL?  
>> I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER AT  
THE TIP OF MY FINGERS, BUT I  
KNOW IT'S SEVERAL HUNDRED.  
MAYBE 1,000.  
>> EMPLOYEES?  
>> FOR THE SEASONAL EMERGING  
EMPLOYEES.  
>> I SAW EMERGENCY EMPLOYEES AND  
DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THAT STOOD FOR.  
AND LOOK AT THE OVERTIME.  
WHAT WOULD REQUIRE OVERTIME  
GIVEN THAT WE'RE ALMOST SEVEN  
DAYS A WEEK.  
WHO WOULD BE GETTING OVERTIME?

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OVERTIME?

>> A LARGE MAJORITY IS  
LIFEGUARDS.

THEY CALL IN SICK, TAKE A  
VISION.

WE HAVE TO BE STAFFED.

SNOW REMOVAL, FACILITY REPAIRS,  
THOSE ARE PROBABLY THE TOP  
REASONS FOR OVERTIME.

>> THE SEASONAL EMPLOYEES ABOUT  
QUARTER OF THE OVERALL EMPLOYEE  
BUDGET AND PROBABLE CAUSE FOR  
OVERTIME.

I WOULD SUGGEST TIGHTENING THAT  
IT, IF WE HAVE TO PUT ON MORE  
LIFEGUARDS TO AVOID OVERTIME.  
AND COMMUNICATION BUMPED DOWN,  
\$340,000 WHAT IS THAT FOR?

NEWSPAPERS, FLIERS?

OR IS THAT COMMUNICATION EMPLOY  
DEGREES

>> NO, IT IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE.

IT IS THINGS YOU TALKED ABOUT.

PRINTING AS FAR ASS,

>> AND PRINTING FARCE THINGS YOU  
TALKED ABOUT.

>> ARE WE TRANSPORTING CHILDREN  
TO THE CENTERS, OR GOING TO THE  
BALLGAME OR A PARK OR A BEACH?

>> AND MOST OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION CENTERS AROUND  
CAMP JOY IN THE SUMMERTIME,  
YEAH.

>> THEY HAVE DOOR-TO-DOOR  
TRANSPORTATION THAT GETS COSTLY,  
BUT THAT'S WHAT THAT IS.

>> WOULD IT MAKE SENSE TO LEAVE  
FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER?

GET ALL THE KIDS TO THE  
COMMUNITY CENTER AND THEN  
TRANSPORT THEM FROM THE  
COMMUNITY CENTER?

SAYING GOING AROUND PICKING KIDS  
UP AT THEIR RESPECTIVE HOMES  
LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO SCHOOL?

>> YEAH, THE REGS, THE  
SPECIALIZED REGS FOR THE  
POPULATION WE ARE SERVING, WE  
HAVE TO HAVE THE SPECIALIZED  
TRANSPORTATION FOR THEM.

>> GOT IT.

AND THEÑr CONTRACTED SERVICES.  
CAN YOU GIVE ME A SAMPLE OF WHAT  
THE CONTRACTED SERVICES ARE?



>> YEP.  
CONTRACTED SERVICES A BUNCH OF  
DIFFERENT THINGS.  
EXTERNAL GRANTS THAT GO INTO  
THAT, REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, ANY  
CONTRACTOR SERVICE WE HAVE IN  
OUR DEPARTMENT AND IT FALLS  
UNDER THAT LINE ITEM.  
LIKE I SAID, SEVERAL GRANTS ALSO  
WE GIVE UP THAT'S PART OF THAT?  
>> AND LEGAL LIABILITIES DID  
4600 BUT A MATTER WAS JUST  
REVOLVED.  
IS THAT COMING OUT OF WHAT  
BUDGET?  
>> I HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON  
THAT ONE.  
I AM NOT EXACTLY SURE WHERE  
THOSE FUNDS IF IT HITS -- I  
DON'T BELIEVE IT HITS OUR  
OPERATING BUDGET.  
>> I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHERE  
THAT HITS.  
THAT IS IT AN EXECUTION OF  
COURTS, ARGUABLY UNDER LEGAL  
LIABILITIES AND THE BUDGET SAYS  
4600 FOR LEGAL LIABILITY.  
AND SHIFTING TO CAPITAL IF YOU  
CAN RUN THROUGH -- USUAL STATUS.  
YOU HAVE IN CONSTRUCTION,  
SELF-EXPLANATORY.  
TO BE SCHEDULED, NOT SURE WHAT  
THAT MEANS.  
NEW PROJECT.  
STUDY UNDERWAY, I AM NOT SURE  
WHAT "STUDY UNDERWAY" MEANS AND  
IMPLEMENTATION UNDERWAY.  
AND CITYWIDE ONES THAT TOTAL I  
THINK ABOUT \$2.6 MILLION.  
IT IS KIND OF LOOSEY-GOOSEY AND  
NOT THAT SPECIFIC.  
YOUTH BUDGET ROUND ONE, YOUTH  
BUDGET ROUND TWO -- TOTALLING  
\$2.6 MILLION BUT WE NEED A  
LITTLE MORE SPECIFICS ON THAT.  
>> YEAH.  
SO LIKE YOU SAID, COUNCILOR, "IN  
CONSTRUCTION" BEING ENKNOW VAT

-- TO BE COMPLETED.  
SHOVEL IN THE GROUND.  
AND THE POLICY MANAGER, DOING  
WITH US TO BE SCHEDULED AND "TO  
BE SCHEDULED" MEANS WAITING

WAITING FROM PUBLIC FACILITY TO BE SCHEDULED.  
THE FIRST STEP IS USUALLY DESIGN SELECTION.

NEW PROJECT MEANS IT WAS JUST ADDED TO THE BUDGET AS A NEW ADDITION AND NEW TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

STUDY UNDERWAY, THE NORTH END THERE WAS A STUDY, PROGRAMMING STUDY THAT WAS DONE.

IT IS UNDERWAY, AT THE FINAL STAGES OF THAT, IDENTIFYING DIFFERENT LOCATIONS WHERE A POSSIBLE COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE NORTH END COULD SIT.

AGAIN, THEN LIKE YOU SAID, IMPLEMENTATION UNDERWAY.

YOUTH BUDGET, PROJECTS VOTED ON, MONEY IS THERE, WAITING FOR DEPARTMENTS OR DEPARTMENTS TO SPEND THE ACTUAL MONEY ON THE DEPARTMENT VOTED ON BY THE YOUTH.

IN DESIGN, WE HAVE ALREADY GOT A DESIGNER AND THEY ARE WORKING ON THE PROCESS.

>> AND GOING TO THE TOOL, NO EXPENDITURES, IF THE CHILD GOES TO THE FLAHERTY POOL WHAT INFORMATION DO HAVE YOU IT WILL BE IN WORKING ORDER.

IT SAYS TO BE SCHEDULED NO, EXPENDITURES.

THAT MIGHT BE THREE, FOUR, FIVE YEARS DOWN THE ROAD THERE IS NOTHING BACKING IT UP.

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

>> YEP.

THESE EXPENDITURES ARE JUST FY19.

THERE ARE SPENDING AMOUNTS FURTHER IN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN, BUT THIS POOL SPECIFICALLY WE ARE DOING TEMPORARY REPAIRS TO GET US THROUGH THE SUMMER, AND THEN HAVING DISCUSSIONS ON GETTING THAT FACILITY ADDRESSED WITH REGARDS TO A CAPITAL PROJECT FOLLOWING THE SUMMER.

>> WE WILL SEE AN AUTHORIZATION AND EXPENDITURE FOR CLARITY POOL WHEN?

THIS TIME NEXT YEAR?

NOW AND THEN?

>>

>> I WOULD SAY IT WOULD FALL EARLY FY20.

>> AND CITYWIDE, NO SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD, NO SPECIFIC PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY CENTER. IT IS JUST KIND OF BROAD-BASED CITY WIDE BCYF AND IT'S TO THE DO YOU KNOW OF \$2.6 MILLION. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE THAT IS TOO LOOSE FOR ME, WE NEED TO DIAL IN ON THAT THING.

>> AND CITYWIDE FOR THE YOUTH BUDGETING, THAT MONEY IS SPENT IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS, WHY AT THE LABELED IT CITYWIDE.

IT IS OPEN TO BE SPENT IN ANY PART OF THE CITY.

>> WHEN WILL WE VERY WELL MORE SPECIFIC AT TO WHERE IT WILL BE SPENT?

>> WE CAN FOLLOW IT THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND ENGAGEMENT HAS A LIST AFTER THAT AND THEY CAN GIVE A MORE DETAIL LIST OF ARE PROJECTS CHOSEN AND WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO GET THAT. IT HAS TO BE TIGHTER FOR ME TO SUPPORT THIS ONE.

AND THE STREET WORKER PROGRAM, TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW MY CALL FOR ONE MALE, ONE FEMALE STREET WORKER PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOLS, GRADE 7-12.

WHEN THERE IS IT AN ISSUE GOING ON OR SOMETHING IS PERCOLATED, THEY ARE LESS INCLINED TO TELL THE TEACHER, A PRINCIPLE, OR A POLICE OFFICER.

AND YOU CAN SPEAK THIS, THEY WILL GO TO THE STREET WORKER AND OFTEN THEY ARE ABLE TO STAVE OFF THE VIOLENCE AT THE SITE BEFORE IT TRICKLES TO THE TRAIN STATION OR SCHOOL YARD.

I THINK THEY ADD TREMENDOUS VALUE AND IMPORTANCE THAT WE PUT PRESSURE ON BPS ALLOWING ACCESS TO ONE MALE, ONE FEMALE STREET WORKER FOR THE SCHOOLS 7-12 CATEGORY.

AND WE AS COUNSEL FORGOT WE HAVE THIS PARTNERSHIP WHERE THE COMMUNITY CENTERS WERE ALLOWED TO -- I DON'T KNOW IN WE RENT THEM OUT.

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO OUR BPS PARTICIPANTS WITH NOT ABLE TO USE THE FACILITY BECAUSE THEY WERE RENTED OUT.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS? HAVE THEY EXPANDED?

HAVE WE CARVED IT OUT SO PEOPLE WHO CAN USE THE FACILITIES DURING THEIR HOURS.

>> COUNCILOR THANK YOU.

YOUR POINT, WE WILL KEEP IT INTO CONSIDERATION AS WE THINK OF MOVING FORWARD.

THE STREET WORKER PROGRAM.

AS WE THINK ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIPS, WE HAVE A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT THAT EXISTS, AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WILL HAPPEN AS WE DOT OUR I'S AND CROSS OUR T'S, THAT THE MOU WITH OUR SITE COUNSELORS THAT WILL BE CLEARLY DEFINED AS WELL.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE BELIEVE IN, AS YOU DO, IS THAT OUR FRIENDS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND RENTAL SHOULD NOT IMPACT THE ABILITY TO GET INSIDE OF OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS.

SO WE HAVE BEEN REALLY WORKING ON THAT AROUND ACCOUNTABILITY, MAKING SURE THAT OUR SIDE COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERS ARE ADD -- ADHEARING.

>> AND WHAT HAS OPENINGS INSTEAD OF THE DIRECTOR OR LEADER COLLECTING SOMEONE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

THE ISSUE I HAVE IS THAT COMMUNITY CENTERS ARE COMMUNITY-BASED YOU AND WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE EMPLOY THAT ACTUALLY KNOW THE FAMILY, THE KIDS.

AND THE SCHOOL-SITE AUTONOMY WHERE THE PRINCIPAL SELECTS TEACHES ARE, HOW MUCH AUTONOMY IS GIVEN TO THE CENTERS IN TERMS

OF PICKING THE GROCERIES.  
>> IN TERMS OF HIRING.  
>> IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART AND  
IMPORTANT PIECE OF MAKING THOSE  
DECISIONS.  
BUT NOT THE ONLY DECIDING  
FACTOR.  
THERE IS HUMAN RESOURCES FOLKS  
INVOLVED, CENTRAL OFFICE FOLKS  
INVOLVED TO NOT ONLY SEE THE  
PROCESS THAT THE SITE IS HIRING  
WHO THEY NEED BUT A CITY LENS IS  
PUT ON IN REGARDS TO HIRING.  
WE DON'T WANT SITES WITH  
DIFFERENT FACTORS THAT MAY COME  
INTO PLACE.  
IT SHOULD NOT BE MADE BY ONE  
PERSON, MORE OF A TEAM APPROACH  
WITH HIRING FOLKS.  
A LOT OF THE POSITIONS ARE UNION  
AND WHEN IT COMES TO TRANSFERS  
AND THINGS LIKE THAT, IT IS  
PRETTY SPELLED OUT IN BLACK AND  
WHITE.  
COMING TO HIRING NEW EMPLOYEES,  
OBVIOUSLY THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE  
OPTION OF HIRING WHO IT IS THEY  
FEEL IS MOST FIT FOR THAT  
POSITION, AND NOT  
NECESSARILY -- THE ONLY OPTION  
IS NOT INTERNAL FOLKS, IT CAN BE  
EXTERNAL APPLICANTS.  
>> AND A LOT OF SITES HAVE SITE  
COUNCILS.  
AND I SERVED RECENTLY ON ONE.  
WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SITE  
COUNCILS?  
WHAT, IF ANY, INPUT DO THEY HAVE  
IT RESPECT TO THE RUNNING OF THE  
FACILITY, MAINTENANCE OF THE  
FACILITY, FUNDRAISING AROUND THE  
FACILITY OR PROGRAMMING AROUND  
THE FACILITY MOVING FORWARD.  
IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF A SITE  
COUNCIL WHAT ARE YOUR  
EXPECTATION AS TO YOUR ROW WITH  
BCYF PROGRAMMING, SITE ISSUES,  
FUNDRAISING, ETC.  
>> WITH THE MOU'S, BRINGING  
DOCUMENTS BEFORE YOU ABOUT HOW  
WE WORK WITH EACH OTHER.  
AND IN FIGURING OUT THE HOW,  
WHAT ARE THE BEST SHARED GOALS,  
OUTCOMES, AND MEASURING EACH

OTHER'S PERFORMANCE MAKING SURE  
WE CAN DO THE BEST WE CAN FOR  
CONSTITUENTS THAT COME THROUGH  
THE DOORS.

I THINK THAT WILL CONTINUE TO  
HAPPEN.

WE'RE HOPING WITH THE MOU IT  
ALSO DEEPENS OUR RELATIONSHIP  
WITH THE COUNCIL IN A WAY THAT  
HASN'T BEEN EXISTANT IN YEARS  
PAST.

I DON'T SEE THINGS CHANGING AS  
LONG AS WE WORK TOWARDS THE  
MUTUAL GOALS WE DISCUSSED  
BEFORE-HAND AND ALLOWING US TO  
MAKE SURE THE CENTERS FLOURISH  
AND ARE A BEACON OF HOPE FOR THE

CONSTITUENTS THAT COME THROUGH  
IT.

>> AND THERE IS OBVIOUSLY AN  
EXPECTATION OF PEOPLE WANT TO BE  
INVOLVED, WANT TO PARTNER, DOCK  
GREAT THINGS AND THEY RECOGNIZE  
THE VALUE.

OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS, VERY MUCH  
LIKE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH  
CENTERS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

THE LIFELINE OF FAMILY AND  
ENGAGEMENT FROM THAT  
PERSPECTIVE, ANYTIME THERE IS  
ANY TYPE OF CHANGE, OFTEN IT IS  
HOW IT IS ROLLED OUT AND/OR NEED  
TO IMPROVE FOLKS IN THE PROCESS.  
CONCERNS PARTICULARLY AROUND  
SITES THAT HAD SUCCESS RAISING  
FUNDS THEY HOPED WENT BACK TO  
THAT CENTER RATHER THAN A  
CENTRAL POT.

AND THE THAT WOULD DISSWAYED  
INVOLVEMENT AND FROM GETTING  
PEOPLE TO WRITE A CHECK.

WE CAN'T TO MAKE SURE WE ARE  
RUNNING ON ALL CYLINDERS.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND  
ALL YOU DO.

IT IS NOT EASY WORK.

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MY QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERS.  
TO FOLLOW-UP ON A COUPLE OF  
REQUESTS, THE THIS IS IT A  
FOLLOW-UP ON COUNCILOR PRESSLEY

POINT.

THE COMMUNITY CENTERS MOST USED AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT, CAN THAT BE FORWARDED TO THE COMMITTEE SO WE CAN SEE IT?

IN ADDITION, THERE

WAS, THERE WAS ANOTHER INFORMATIONAL QUESTION.

OH, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY POINT.

ON THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IT IS A LITTLE CONFUSING.

YOU DIDN'T NECESSARILY KNOW WHEN SOMETHING NIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE CAN BE COME AS I UNDERSTAND OF TIMELINE ATTACHED, EVEN IF IT IS THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, PEOPLE OFTEN ASK THESE QUESTIONS AND WE DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS GOING THROUGH THE CHART AND WHAT IT TEAMS, OR THE TIMELINE OF WHAT IT MEANS IN TERMS OF WHEN IT WILL HAPPEN IS HELPFUL AS WELL. THE MOUS, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME SHIFTS LOOKING AT THE MOU'S, DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT WITH THE MOU'S.

CAN YOU TALK THROUGH WHAT THAT MIGHT MEAN?

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE SUBSTANTIVE THAN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH MICHAEL FLAHERTY. >> AND IT SPEAKS TO LIABILITY. AND SPEAKS TO INSURANCE, SOME CARRY THEIR OWN INSURANCE, IT IS TO PROTECT THEM AND PROTECT THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

YOU HAVE THE DIRECTOR INSURANCE THAT IS PART OF IT, AND PROBABLY GENERAL LIABILITY AS TO THE FACT THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS NOTHING DIFFERENT THAN WE ASK OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THE Y COMES IN ON THE BASKETBALL COURTS, WE MAY ASK THEY ARE WE KNOW THEY ARE INSURED YOU MIGHT WRITE US INTO THE INSURANCE PLAN KIND OF PIECE.

AND ANOTHER BUCKET IS REPORTING. ANOTHER THING WE WANT TO DO IS MAKE SURE THEY ARE DOING WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO IN REGARDS TO

MEETING THE REPORTING  
MECHANIC -- MECHANISMS AND  
MAKING SURE THEY ARE MAINTAIN  
503 STATUS UP TO STAR FOR  
WHATEVER PURPOSES.  
THERE ARE TIMES WHERE SOMEONE  
MADE A CONTRIBUTION TO A COUNCIL  
AND THEY ARE CALLING MY OFFICE  
FOR A RECEIPT.  
AND HAVING A LITTLE MORE CLARITY  
IN REGARDS TO THAT.  
AND THE LAST PIECE THAT IS PART  
OF THE PROCESS IS THIS THING  
ABOUT FEES RELATED TO OUR  
BUILDINGS.  
THE RENTAL FEES AND MEMBERSHIP  
FEES.  
AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAD  
DISCUSSIONS WITH THOSE.  
BUT THESE ARE FEES THAT WILL BE  
ACTUALLY NOW COLLECTED THROUGH  
CITY OF MOST AND RE-INVESTED  
BACK INTO THE CENTERS.  
AND WHERE WE HAD POSITIVE  
CONVERSATIONS IN REGARDS TO IT  
WITH THE COUNCILS.  
IT'S REALLY THE WAY IT HAVE  
CLARITY ABOUT THE WAY THINGS ARE  
GOING TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE.  
JUST EXPECTATIONS TO MAKE SURE  
THEY ARE DOING EVERYTHING TO  
PROTECT THEMSELVES, DOING  
EVERYTHING TO HOPEFULLY PROTECT  
US, WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING TO  
PROTECT THEM.  
AT THE END OF THE DAY, TRYING TO  
PROTECT THE FAMILIES COMING INTO  
THE BUILDINGS TOGETHER AND DOING  
THE PROGRAMMING THAT IS MUTUALLY  
BENEFICIAL.  
>> HOW DO YOU STRIKE A BALANCE  
WITH THOSE COUNCILS THAT HAVE  
MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, MAYBE  
EVEN TRAINING AROUND  
FUNDRAISING.  
CAN GET RESOURCES, LEVERAGE  
RELATIONSHIPS TO BRING IN MORE  
TO A CENTER VERSUS ANOTHER  
CENTER THAT DOES NOT HAVE THAT  
NETWORK, THAT SOCIAL  
CONNECTIVITY AND THAT SORT OF  
THING.  
IS THE MOUS GOING TO ADDRESS  
PART OF THAT BALANCE SNL



>> YES, PART OF THE GOAL WE WILL BE TRANSPARENT WITH EACH OTHER WE CAN SEE THE PICTURE, WHERE THE LACK OF RESOURCES EXIST AND WHICH ARE RESOURCE-RICH. AT THE SAME TIME LOOKING AT HOW DO WE BUILDUP THE COUNCILS TO COME UP TO THAT CAPACITY, AND WHERE THEY, THEMSELVES, CAN BE STRONG.

I THINK THERE ARE MISSED OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING COUNCILS TOGETHER SO THAT THEY CAN DISCUSS EACH OTHER'S BEST PRACTICES AND DO CROSS-TRAINING AND LOOKING AT AREAS THEY JUST MENTIONED.

I THINK IT DOES THE FIRST TIME, ALLOWS US TO SEE A PAINTED PICTURE AND NOT ONE UP HERE IN THE CLOUDS ABOUT WHO HAS MORE AND WHO DOESN'T, WHO HAS LESS. BUT REALLY PAINTING A PICTURE OF WHO THEY ARE AND WHERE WE CAN, OURSELVES, SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR OWN GROWTH AND IN SUPPORTING THE WORK TOGETHER.

HOPEFULLY IT IS MORE OF A QUESTION I THINK WHEN WE SEE WHAT WE HAVE GOT, WE CAN SEE WHERE WE CAN DO THE MOST WORK. BECAUSE WE'RE REALLY LOOKING TO MAKE SURE EQUITY IS REALLY ACROSS ALL OF OUR CENTERS AND THAT'S THE BIG PART. AND THE MOU GIVES US THE FIRST BIG STEP IN SEEING THAT CLEARER.

>> WHAT IS THE TIMELINE OF THE REVIEW AROUND THE MOU'S? REDRAFTING, TALKING THROUGH NEXT STEPS.

>> ACURRENTLY WE HAVE DONE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, A LOT EVER ROUND-ROBINS AND SITTING DOWN AND DISCUSSING MORE ON THE MOU.

THEY PROVIDED US FEEDBACK ABOUT SOME OF THE LANGUAGE AND WHERE WE CAN MAKE SOME MODESTS, BUT KNOCK SUBSTANTIVE CHANGED MUCH ABOUT IT I THINK THEY WELCOMED IT A LOT.

WE STILL HAVE A FEW MORE WE HAVE TO FOLLOW-UP AND A FOLLOW-UP

MEETING WITH THE MAYOR TO KIND OF DISCUSS IT A LITTLE BIT MORE. BUT OUR HOPES IS TO HOPEFULLY HAVE THE MOU SIGNED AND IN PLACE HOPEFULLY BY THE SUMMER, EARLY SUMMER.

AND THEN HOPEFULLY BEGIN TO HOPEFULLY THEN ROLL OUT THE OTHER PROCESSES WE NEED TO ROLL OUT TO BRING IT TO ITS FULL FRUITION HOPEFULLY BY FALL.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT.

LOOKING FORWARD TO STAYING IN CONTACT.

AND YOU CAN IMAGINE, PEOPLE REACH OUT AND ASK US ABOUT CERTAIN THINGS AND BEING INFORMED IS ALWAYS HELPFUL.Ñi I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS.

THE SHANNON GRANT, HOW IS THAT USED CURRENTLY?

>> THE SHANNON FUND WE RECEIVE SOME FUNDING FOR A PROGRAM AND PROVIDED SOME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOME YOUNG PEOPLE,Ñiçó AS WELL AS SOME LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. AND THE OTHER DAY WE HAD A LEADERSHIP SUMMIT, AND IT WAS AMAZING.

>> WAS THIS LED BY ERICA?

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, ERICA.

>> THIS PAST SATURDAY AND A PHENOMENAL GIRLS' LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.

IT IS A YEAR-ROUND OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE SOME FUNDING FOR YOUTH IN THE STREET WORKER PROGRAM, PROVIDING ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DO LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE SHANNON FUND.

>> THE STREET WORKER PROGRAM, TWEAKS, CHANGES, WHAT DO YOU SEE NOW AS TO WHERE IT WAS.

>> WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF WHAT THAT MAY LOOK LIKE.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE FEEL AS WE'RE CONTINUING TO REALLY PUT IT IN PLACE, THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF STAFF ON THE GROUND THAT WOULD ENABLE US TO

CONNECT WITH YOUTH AND YOUNG  
ADULTS IN A HEALTHY WAY ACROSS  
THE CITY.

BUT ALSO, I THINK THE ADDITIONAL  
LAYER IS ADDED THAT DOES  
ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS AROUND  
ACCOUNTABILITY, AS WELL AS  
SOMEWHAT WE CALL SERVICE  
COORDINATORS TO PROVIDE SOME OF  
THE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES THAT  
MANY OF THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN  
THAT OUR STREET WORKERS ARE  
WORKING WITH MAY NEED.

>> AND WHEN DO YOU ANTICIPATE,  
CHRIS, SOME OF THE NEW  
ACCOUNTABILITY METRICS AND ANY  
OF THE OTHER TWEAKS YOU GUYS  
THINK ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE  
PLAN TO BE IN PLACE?

>> SURE.

WE'RE STILL HAVING SOME  
CONVERSATIONS.

BUT I BELIEVE THAT PROBABLY AS  
EARLY AS THE BEGINNING OF THE  
FISCAL YEAR WE SHOULD BE READY  
TO START TO SEE SOME OF THE  
FRUITIONS TO THE CONVERSATIONS.  
I THINK THERE'S A LITTLE MORE  
WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT.

ALSO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK  
AROUND THE GALLIVAN AND  
MARSHALL.

AND SOME FEEDBACK ON THE  
EXTENDED HOURS.

AND I KNOW MIKE IS HERE AND KNOW  
HE WILL PROBABLY SPEAK AT SOME  
POINT REGARDING GROWTH HALL.  
WE INTERACT WITH MANY FOLKS IN  
THAT COMMUNITY.

I KNOW THE SENIORS ARE VERY  
HAPPY.

THE LAST BUDGET HEARING SENIORS  
SHOWED UP AND TESTIFIED ABOUT  
THE PROGRAM.

THE PROGRAMMING OFFERED AT THE  
GROVE HALL COMMUNITY CENTER,  
WHAT IT MEANT TO THEM.

AND THEN, OF COURSE, WHAT  
HAPPENS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE,  
PARTICULARLY THE EVENINGS AND  
WEEKENDS.

AND LOOKING AT WHETHER IT IS THE  
BURKE OR OTHER PLACES WHERE NOT

ONLY CAN THERE BE PHYSICAL SPACE, BUT WITH THE PROGRAMMING ITSELF CAN LOOK LIKE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

SO RIGHT NOW BCYF HAS A PARTNERSHIP WITH PROJECT RIGHT. ARE THERE OTHER PARTNERSHIPS THAT EXIST WITH THE CITY AND SOMEONE ELSE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE?

OR IS THAT STILL ONGOING IN TERMS OF --

>> IN GROVE HALL YOU MEAN?

>> IN GROVE HALL SPECIFICALLY.

>> NO.

WE'VE WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR BCYF HOLLAND AND BCYF HOLLAND COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMMING IN GROVE HALL.

>> AND LOOKING AT TRYING TO FIND MORE PROGRAMMING THAT CAN GO CLOSER TO GROVE SHALL GOING TO CHALLENGE -- CHRIS I KNOW YOU SAID IT IS NOT DEDICATED.

HOW DO WE GET AROUND THAT?

>> OBVIOUSLY IT IS A CONVERSATION THAT WE NEED TO HAVE, RIGHT?

BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE ASSETS THAT ARE IN PLACE RIGHT NOW.

I KNOW CURRENTLY, YOU KNOW, AS I SAID, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO WORK AROUND BPS BECAUSE AS I LIKE TO SAY, WE ARE GUESTS IN THEIR SPACE RIGHT NOW.

AND, YOU KNOW, AS WE LOOKED AT THE USAGE OF THAT BUILDING, OFTENTIMES IT WAS, EVEN FOR US, VERY DIFFICULT TO GET IN THERE BECAUSE THEY WERE DOING SCHOLASTIC PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

AND THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.

SO WE JUST HAVE TO BE A LITTLE BIT CREATIVE AROUND HOW WE UTILIZE THAT SPACE AS IT EXISTS NOW.

BUT I KNOW MAYBE THERE'S, YOU KNOW, OPPORTUNITY AND WHO AM I TO PUT IT OUT THERE, BUT AS A CITIZEN, MAYBE THEY SHOULD THINK ABOUT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A STAND HAD BEEN -- STAND-ALONE

OVER THERE, I DON'T KNOW.  
>> THANK YOU NOR -- FOR SAYING  
THAT I THINK IT IS A  
CONVERSATION WE NEED TO HAVE,  
THANK YOU.  
>> COUNCILOR FLYNN.  
>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR ESSAIBI  
GEORGE.  
THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS.  
CAN YOU GIVE US A RUNDOWN ON THE  
CURLY RECREATION CENTER?  
I KNOW THERE IS PROPOSED FUNDING  
FOR IT, BUT GIVE US AN IDEA OF  
WHAT'S TAKING PLACE NOW AND  
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN OVER THE  
NEXT SIX MONTHS, 12 MONTHS, AND  
WHAT PHASE ARE WE IN?  
>> I WILL DEFER TO MIKE, BUT  
GOING THROUGH A PHASE EVER  
INVESTMENT WHERE WE ARE LOOKING  
AT DESIGN WORK AND THE SCOPE OF  
THAT.  
>> ARE WE IN THE DESIGN PHASE  
NOW?  
>> YES.  
WE ARE CURRENTLY -- WE JUST HAD  
A MEETING, OBVIOUSLY THE \$15  
MILLION PUT INTO THE FIVE-YEAR  
CAPITAL PLAN.  
THE MAYOR OBVIOUSLY FAST-TRACKED  
IT.  
YOU GO BACK TO YEARS AGO IT  
WASN'T EVEN IN THE CAPITAL  
PROJECTS.  
SO THE FACT THAT IT'S IN, AND  
ALSO GOT PRIORITY TO GET PLACED  
IN THE FRONT END OF THE  
FIVE-YEAR PLAN.  
AND ALSO, WE DID HAVE PUBLIC  
FACILITIES RUNS AND HELPS US  
OPERATE CAPITAL PROJECTS, WE  
DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO DO SO.  
WE DID HAVE A COUPLE -- I THINK  
IT WAS PROBABLY TWO OR THREE  
MONTHS AGO WE HAD WHAT WAS  
CALLED A DESIGNER SELECTIONS  
REVIEW.  
ALL THE BIDS HAD BEEN RECEIVED  
FOR DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECTS  
THAT WANTED TO DO THE PROJECT.  
WE DID SELECT A DESIGNER, AND  
THEY ARE IN NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT  
FACILITIES AND THE DESIGNER  
COLLECTED TO NEGOTIATE THE

CONTRACT.

WE'RE NOT IN DESIGN QUITE YET,  
BUT ONCE THE CONTRACT IS  
FINALIZED, THE DESIGNER WILL GO  
RIGHT INTO DESIGN.

I AM HOPING WE WILL BE IN DESIGN  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE, ABSOLUTELY.  
DESIGN TYPICALLY TAKES A YEAR,  
PROBABLY A YEAR OR SO IS THE  
DESIGN PROCESS.

>> IN THE MEANTIME, COULD I  
POSSIBLY GET A WALKING TOUR OF  
THE FACILITY AND SOMEONE POINT  
OUT EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING TO TAKE  
PLACE AT THE CURLY?

>> YEAH, ABSOLUTELY.

YOU ARE WELCOME WE CAN AVERAGE  
FOR YOU TO GET A WALK-THROUGH.  
SOME BASIC SCOPE OF WORK HAS  
BEEN IDENTIFIED, BUT ONCE THE  
DESIGNERS GETS WORK, THERE WILL  
BE MORE SPELLED OUT WITH THE  
EXACT WORK THAT WILL BE DONE.  
BUT WE CAN HAVE A TOUR AND GO  
OVER THE LARGER ITEMS WE SEE AS  
IMPROVEMENTS.

>> IN TERMS OF PROGRAMMING AND  
SERVICES, WHAT'S HAPPENING AT  
THE TINDIN.

>> AND IT IS NOW A SIX-DAY SITE  
WHICH I THINK HAS BEEN REALLY  
GOOD FOR THAT COMMUNITY.

>> THE SWIMMING POOL?

>> THE ENTIRE FACILITY.

IT IS OPEN ON SATURDAY AND I  
THINK THAT'S A GOD-SEND FOR THAT  
COMMUNITY.

THEY HAVE GOT SOME REALLY GOOD  
STAFF OVER THERE, SOME REALLY  
SOLID YOUTH WORKERS WHO WORK  
HARD IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE A  
REAL FAMILIARITY WITH THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE FOLKS OVER AT THE TINEN,  
THEY HAVE ADDITIONAL YOUTH WORK  
OVER THERE.

AND JOHN AND HIS TEAM HAVE DONE  
A REALLY GOOD JOB IN TERMS OF  
PROVIDING QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

BUT THEY RECENTLY DID AN EVENT  
WHERE THEY TOOK SOME YOUNG  
PEOPLE OUT TO -- AND I AM GOING  
TO FORGET THE NAME OF THE -- OH,

BOY, THAT IS TERRIBLE.  
BUT ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS  
ABOUT THE CITY IS HAVING ACCESS  
TO DATA, BUT A LOT OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE DON'T GET TO TAKE PART IN  
IT.

SO THEY WERE ABLE TO TAKE SOME  
PEOPLE TO THE THEATER JUST  
RECENTLY, AND I JUST THINK THEY  
REALLY RAISED THEIR GAME IN  
PROVIDING QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR TEENAGERS, WHICH, YOU KNOW,  
AS WE THINK ABOUT SOME OF THE  
CHALLENGES SOUTH BOSTON IS  
SEEING RECENTLY, IR -- I THINK  
IT IS GOING TO BE REALLY  
IMPORTANT AS THEY HAVE SEEN  
INCREASES, ESPECIALLY THE WEST  
BROADWAY D STREET DEVELOPMENT  
SXKS AND WANT TO CONTINUE THAT.  
>> AND I VISITED SATURDAY THE  
TOBIN AND I SAW THEM HOSTING A  
BASKETBALL GAME WITH THE BOSTON  
POLICE.

IT WENT OVER VERY WELL.  
IT IS GOOD YOU ARE DOING  
PROGRAMS LIKE THAT, BRINGING  
YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH THE  
POLICE.

AND I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT AS  
WELL.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO JOSIAH  
QUINCY, ANY PROGRAM CUTS TO THE  
CENTER?

>> NO, NO CUTS.

THEY ARE DOWN A YOUTH WORKER AND  
I THINK WE ARE IN THE HIRING  
PROCESS FOR THE YOUTH WORKER.  
BUT JOSIAH QUINCEY IS WELL RUN  
AND WE THINK IT IS, AND OUR  
NETWORK IT IS ONE OF THE  
STRONGER PROGRAMATICALLY-RUN  
SPACES.

>> I HAVE BEEN IN THAT FACILITY  
AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AND THEY  
ARE DOING A GOOD JOB.  
I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A  
COUPLE OF THINGS.

THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL THAT YOU  
HAVE BCYF.

AND I AM LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS  
ASIAN 2% OF PERSONNEL IS ASIAN.  
IS THAT ACCURATE?

IS THAT WHERE YOU WANT TO BE?

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE THAT NUMBER?  
>> WELL I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS, YOU KNOW, AS WE THINK ABOUT THE CITY GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE CERTAINLY STRIVING TO BE AS DIVERSE AS A CITY. WE'RE NOT THERE YET, BUT WE CERTAINLY WANT TO GET THERE. AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO, YOU KNOW, ENGAGE EXTERNAL PARTNERS TO HELP US WITH THAT. CERTAINLY THE POPULATION'S GROWING. BOSTON IS INCREASINGLY MORE DIVERSE. AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENT REFLECTS THAT. SO WE CERTAINLY KNOW THAT. WE CAN'T DO THAT ALONE, WE HAVE TO PARTNER WITH A LOT OF THE EXTERNAL AGENCIES, THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHO KNOW THE PEOPLE. AND I THINK IT ALSO SPEAKS TO I THINK WHAT COUNCILOR FLAHERTY RAISED EARLIER, WHICH WAS HOW DO WE WORK WITH THE FOLKS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL TO ENSURE THEY ARE HELPING US IDENTIFY FOLKS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE COMMUNITIES THAT CAN HELP PROVIDE QUALITY OUTCOME FROM SERVICES WE LOOK FOR.  
>> I CAN HELP IN THAT AS WELL, IN CHINATOWN EVERY DAY, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT NUMBER INCREASED.  
2% DOES SEEM A LITTLE -- ALSO WE HAVE A GROWING VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN DORCHESTER. IT IS NOT MY DISTRICT BUT I THINK WE NEED MORE VIETNAMESE-SPEAKING PEOPLE THERE AS WELL.  
>> YOUR POINT'S WELL TAKEN.  
>> AND NOT TO CONTINUE ON THAT SUBJECT, BUT I'LL JUST ADD ONE MORE THING ABOUT IT. THE TOP SALARIES OF BCYF, THERE SHOULD BE, YOU KNOW, 28 TOP MANAGERS IT SEEMS. AT LEAST ONE OF THEM SHOULD BE ASIAN IN MY OPINION.



SO MAYBE WE CAN LOOK AT THAT AGAIN OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, YOU KNOW, DO SOME MORE RECRUITING.  
BRING SOME PEOPLE ONBOARD.  
BUT I THINK WE NEED SOME SENIOR LEADERS FROM THE ASIAN COMMUNITY AT BCYF AS WELL.  
DO YOU GUYS AGREE?  
>> YES, ABSOLUTELY.  
>> HOW MANY STREET WORKERS THERE ARE IN THE QUESTION?  
>> CURRENTLY THERE'S 30 -- 28 STREET WORKERS.  
4 SENIOR STREET WORKERS AND 15 VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS THAT ARE -- 15 VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS, BUT 7 ACTUALLY ON PAYROLL.  
>> HOW MANY ARE ON PAYROLL?  
>> 7.  
THERE IS A TOTAL OF 47.  
>> CAN YOU GIVE ME AN IDEA OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE AT THE BLACKSTONE?  
I KNOW IT'S OPEN ON SATURDAYS ALSO FROM 9:00 TO 5:00.  
I THINK THAT'S A GREAT ADDITION. THIS POOL AND A GYM.  
WHAT OTHER TYPE OF OUTREACH ARE WE DOING IN BLACKSTONE,  
INTERESTING THAT IT'S KIND OF IN THE MIDDLE, AND ARE WE DOING ENOUGH FOR PEOPLE IN VHA AS WELL?  
>> WE'VE GOT SOME PRETTY GOOD STAFF ON THE GROUND THAT ARE DOING SOME REAL INTENTIONAL OUTREACH.  
WE, YOU KNOW, PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE SPACE, WHETHER WE ARE GOING OUT TO WALK OR BRING THE VAN OVER.  
BUT WE ALSO HAVE, YOU KNOW, THE SOUTH END IS VERY DIVERSE COMMUNITY.  
AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S GREAT WHEN YOU WALK INTO THE BLACKSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER BECAUSE YOU SEE THAT DIVERSITY PLAY OUT.  
THERE'S -- YOU KNOW WE HAVE SOME YOUTH WORKERS OVER THERE, TWO REALLY GOOD YOUTH WORKERS WHO DID SOME REAL CREATIVE WORK.  
WE HAVE A GREAT YOUTH VENTURES

TEAM OVER THERE THAT ARE DOING  
SOME REALLY COOL STUFF.  
I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THEY  
ARE DOING IS ONE EVER -- OF THE  
TEAM ARE DOING A CELL PHONE  
REPAIR PROGRAM, AND THAT'S  
PRETTY AWESOME.  
I THINK IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
US AS WE HAVE OUR FAMILY GYM  
OVER THERE, YOU KNOW.  
WE HAVE SOME FAMILIES WHO  
PROBABLY WOULD NOT COME INTO THE  
BCYF SPACE ANY OTHER TIME.  
AND THEY ARE OVER THERE ON A  
DAILY -- ON SATURDAYS YOU GO  
OVER THERE AND THE GYM IS PACKED  
WITH THOSE FAMILIES.  
YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A FITNESS  
CENTER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH B.U.  
AT THE BLACKSTONE.  
IT IS ACTUALLY VERY NICE FITNESS  
CENTER.  
THERE'S SOME REALLY GOOD WORK  
THAT'S TAKING PLACE OVER THERE.  
BUT WE CERTAINLY WANT TO GET  
STRONGER, AND WE HAVE TO  
CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH THAT  
COMMUNITY AND THOSE EXTERNAL  
PARTNERS TO PROVIDE THOSE  
QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE  
CLOCK.  
>> LOOKING AT ONE OF THE  
BROCHURES THAT YOU PROVIDED.  
DEPARTMENT HISTORY.  
CURRENT -- I CAN'T READ IT ALL  
THAT CLOSELY.  
THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH DOWN.  
BUT BASICALLY SAYS AID TO  
VETERANS.  
IT'S ON THE SECOND PAGE.  
THE FIRST PAGE IS COMMITTEE OF  
WAYS AND MEANS FY19 BUDGET  
HEARING.  
THE SECOND PAGE IS DEPARTMENT  
HISTORY.  
FOUR PARAGRAPHS OR FOUR BLOCKS  
DOWN.  
IT SAYS "SAID TO VETERANS."  
LINE ITEM 54.  
CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT TO ME?  
>> I AM PRETTY SURE IT SAYS  
ZERO, RIGHT?  
>> YES.  
>> I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS A

MISTAKE, I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS A  
REGULAR LINE ITEM FOR US.  
NO THINK WE EVER HAD MONEY  
BUDGETED THERE.

>> WAS THERE EVER A PROGRAM OF  
BCYF HELPING VETERANS?

>> NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF.

>> IS IT MORE OF A TYPO THAT THE  
WORDS "AID TO VETERANS" IS IN  
THERE?

>> I AM THINKING IT IS, YES.

>> IF IT IS DIFFERENT, THERE IS  
FUNDING IN THE PAST, CAN YOU LET  
ME KNOW?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> MAYBE IT IS SOMETHING TO  
CONSIDER DOWN THE ROAD IF THERE  
IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP  
VETERANS IN ANY BCYF FACILITIES,  
I THINK IT WOULD GO OVER WELL.  
THE MAYOR HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT  
JOB OF HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS  
GET HOUSING.

AND HE IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH A  
LOT OF VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS  
ACROSS THE STATE AS WELL.

AND IF YOU ARE FOR THE LONG-TERM  
CONSIDER WHAT OPTIONS YOU MIGHT  
HAVE FOR VETERANS IN MILITARY  
FAMILIES, I THINK IT WOULD GO  
OVER WELL.

>> NOTED.

>> BUT AT THE SAME TIME TALKING  
ABOUT THE VETERANS, WHEN YOU  
THINK ABOUT THAT INITIATIVE THAT  
COMMISSIONER STERLING, A LOT OF  
THEM KICK OFF AN OUR BCYF  
CENTERS.

THAT'S WHERE THEY GATHER DO, A  
LOT OF THE WORK.

THE FACT WE ARE ON THE SAME  
CABINET DOES NOT MEAN WE HAVEN'T  
BEEN EXPLORING WAYS TO WORK  
TOGETHER.

HAVING GREAT IDEAS AT TIMES  
WHERE OUR SITES ARE  
UNDER-UTILIZED, AND MAYBE THE  
BUGLE LEAGUE, A CHANCE FOR THE  
SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN TO HAVE A  
BASKETBALL LEAGUE OR INDOOR  
SOCCER LEAGUES, WHATEVER IT IS  
THEY MAY WANT TO DO.

SHE IS A VISIBLE PARTNER AT OUR  
BLOCK PARTIES AND COMMUNITY

EVENTS, PUTTING A TABLE OUT,  
INFORMING THEM OF OPPORTUNITIES.  
BUT AT THE SAME TIME PROMOTING  
OUR BCYF FACILITIES IS  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO GET  
RECREATION AND CHILD CARE NEEDS  
AS WELL.

I THINK UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF  
MARTINEZ, ONE THINGS HE WANTS TO  
DO IS IT BETTER COORDINATE HIS  
OWN CABINET LOOKING AT HOW DO WE  
MAKE EACH OTHER'S SPACES AND  
PROGRAMS PART OF OUR THREAD OF  
OFFERINGS TOGETHER.

>> THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND  
MANY OF THE THANK A VETERANS  
EVENTS AND THEY WENT OVER VERY  
WELL.

WELL HELPFUL TO OUR RETURNING  
VETERANS AND OUR HOLD A VETERANS  
AS WELL MILITARY FAMILIES.

THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR FOR  
ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR ALL  
MILITARY FAMILIES.

I THINK THAT'S A GREAT  
ACCOMPLISHMENT THIS  
ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE.  
THAT'S ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAVE.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR.  
COUNCILOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU AGAIN.

JUST TO KIND OF ECHO THE  
IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY, I HAD  
AN EARLIER QUESTION AND I REALLY  
APPRECIATE COUNCILOR FLYNN'S  
QUESTIONS.

CERTAINLY AGREE THE STAFF, IN  
TERMS OF CITY EMPLOYEES, SHOULD  
REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF OUR  
CITY.

AND WE'D LOVE TO SEE MORE  
DIVERSITY IN OUR CENTERS.  
IT IS GREAT TO SEE YOU GUYS  
HERE.

AS COMMISSIONER, DEPUTY  
COMMISSIONER CERTAINLY OUR CHIEF  
IN THE AUDIENCE.

ALONG THOSE LINES, EARLIER THERE  
WAS A QUESTION REGARDING THE  
IMMIGRATION INFORMATION CENTERS.  
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO ASKED IT,  
WHO BROUGHT IT UP.

AND YOU SAID THERE WERE  
MATERIALS OFFERED IN VARIOUS

LANGUAGES.

WHAT LANGUAGES ARE ACTUALLY  
SPOKEN THERE?

>> YOU KNOW I CAN'T COME OFF THE  
TOP OF MY HEAD.

SPANISH WOULD BE OBVIOUS.  
VIETNAMESE AND SO FORTH.

NORMALLY A LOT OF THAT  
INFORMATION, IT THE NOT  
SOMETHING WE SELECTED, WE WORKED  
WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF  
IMMIGRATION ADVANCEMENT WHO  
ACTUALLY MAKES THAT SELECTION.  
WE CAN GET BACK TO YOU, FROM  
THEM, WHAT ARE THE LANGUAGE  
THERE IS AND GET IT BACK TO YOU  
SO YOU CAN HAVE IT.

>> QUICKLY ONE MORE QUESTION, I  
THINK.

TO FOLLOW-UP AROUND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT AND THE EQUITY PIECE.  
I DON'T KNOW MAYBE ABOUT A MONTH  
AGO I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
MEET WITH RESIDENTS AT ALICE  
TAYLOR.

THERE IS A COMMUNITY CENTER IN  
THE MIDDLE OF THE HOUSING  
DEVELOPMENT THERE AND THE  
RESIDENTS EXPRESSED CONCERN  
ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO UTILIZE  
THAT SPACE.

NOT HAVING ACCESS TO THE SPACE,  
BUT ALSO THAT THE PROGRAMMING  
THERE WAS NOT PROGRAMMING THAT  
THE RESIDENTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO  
UTILIZE.

AND I KNOW THERE'S BEEN SOME  
CHANGE SINCE AN RFP, AND I THINK  
THAT'S GREAT.

THAT CERTAINLY IS SOMETHING I  
WOULD LIKE TO SEE, MAKING SURE  
THERE IS AN RFP WITH LANGUAGE IN  
THAT AT THAT TALKS ABOUT  
COMMUNITY USE AND WE TALKED OF  
GROVE HALL AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE.  
CERTAINLY WANTING TO SEE YOUTH  
PROGRAMMING IN THE GROVE HALL  
AREA.

I THINK ALL OVER OUR CITY, BUT  
IT SHOULDN'T COME AT THE EXPENSE  
OF SENIOR PROGRAMMING.

IT IS NOT AN EITHER-OR.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR YOUNG  
PEOPLE, AS WELL AS OUR SENIORS,

ARE ABLE TO UTILIZE SPACE, BUT ALSO HAVE THAT VOICE IN TERMS OF WHAT KIND OF PROGRAMMING THEY WANT TO SEE.

CAN YOU KIND OF TALK TO ME ABOUT HOW THAT HAPPENS?

>> THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

>> THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, BUT ALSO CAPTURING THE VOICE AROUND THE PROGRAMMING MAKING SURE THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS TO SEE IN THEIR AREA.

>> SURE.

IN REGARDS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SOMETHING I TAKE SERIOUS.

I TEND TO REPRESENT A POPULATION NOT BEING JUST LATINO, BUT SERVING TIME IN PRISON DOESN'T HAVE A VOICE, I CAN TELL YOU MY PERSONAL COMMITMENT I WORK REMIGHTILY FROM SITES AND I PUSH A BROOM AND WILL MOVE A CHAIR, IT MAKES ME CLOSER TO BEING IN THE RIGHT SPACE ABOUT SOMEBODY THAT OFFERS ME MORE ABOUT WHAT OUR SPACES CAN DO, AND THAT IS A CONSTANT ONGOING BEAST.

AND MY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN THE GALLEY HEARD THAT ONE THING WE WANT IS PARTNERSHIPS. MAKING SURE WE ARE NOT JUST OPERATING WITHIN THE FOUR WALLS, BUT LOOKING AT THE FOUR CORNERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND LOOK ACT WHO IS IN OUR BACKYARD.

WHAT IT IS WE ARE DOING FOR THEM, WHAT CAN WE OFFER THEM. THE BEST IS TO TAKE TIME TO LISTEN AT ALL TIMES.

THAT CONTINUES TO BE SORT OF THE BIG PART OF IT IT'S LIKE THE ALICE COOPER, THE JOHNSON CENTER, HAPPENED PRIOR TO THIS ADMINISTRATION COMING IN.

AND WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW COMMUNITY ACCESS TO THE SPACES CAN BE BETTER TO MAKE SURE IN WE OFFER SOMETHING THE COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED AS A NEED, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, US DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE SITE COUNCILS IS BECAUSE THEY ARE

PEOPLE WHO ARE REAL FOOT  
SOLDIERS AND HAVE A GRASP OF  
WHAT THAT COMMUNITY IS ASKING  
FOR.

MAKING SURE IN THE CAPACITIES  
THAT WE CAN, RECAN REFLECT THAT  
IN THE PROGRAMMING WE TEND TO  
OFFER.

THAT IS ALWAYS MY CONTINUING  
COMMITMENT TO MAKE SURE THERE IS  
A STRONG PRESENCE OF COMMUNITY  
INPUT IN THE PROGRAMMING WE DO,  
BECAUSE COMMUNITY CENTER CHANGE  
IF WE'RE ONLY LOOK ACT WHAT IS  
HAPPENING IN OUR FOUR WALLS, NOT  
OUTSIDE OF THEM, WE DON'T CHANGE  
WITH THEM.

WHAT HAPPENS, WE DON'T BECOME  
STRONGER BY NOT TAKING THE TIME  
TO LISTEN AND BE A PART OF IT.  
AND UNTIL -- THAT'S MY PERSONAL  
COMMITMENT THAT YOU WILL  
CONTINUE TO HAVE.

THE SAME COMMITMENT THAT I ASK  
MY TWO DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS ON  
THE SIDE TO DO, SPEND TIME  
OUTSIDE OF OUR ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICE AND GET A GOOD LISTEN TO  
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITHIN OUR  
BUILDINGS AND COMMUNITIES AT ALL  
TIMES.

>> I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.