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GOOD MORNING EVERYONE, MY NAME IS MARK CIOMMO THE CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS AND THE DISTRICT NINE CITY COUNCILOR REPRESENTING ALLISTON BRIGHTON.

TODAY IS MONDAY, MAY 13 AND WE ARE HERE WITH OUR GOOD FRIENDS FROM THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT AS PART OF OUR FISCAL YEAR 20 BUDGET REVIEW, PERTAINING TO DOCKETS 0622 THROUGH 0625, ORDERS FOR THE FY 20 OPERATING BUDGET INCLUDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOL -- FOR DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS. AS WELL AS DOCKET 0626 THROUGH 0628, CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDING LOAN ORDERS AND LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND FOLKS THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING BEING RECORDED AND BROADCAST ON COMCAST CHANNEL 8, R CN8 TWO, VERIZON 1964 AND STREAMED AT BOSTON.GOV BACKSLASH CITY COUNCIL TV.

I WOULD ASK FOLKS IN THE CHAMBER TO SILENCE THEIR CELLPHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES ... AT DIFFERENT TIMES THROUGH THE HEARING WE WILL TAKE SOME PUBLIC TESTIMONY, FOLKS CAN SIGN IN TO MY LEFT BY THE DOOR, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, YOUR ADDRESS, ANY AFFILIATION AND PLEASE MARK THE BOX YES IF YOU DO WISH TO TESTIFY.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN TESTIFY OVER THIS BUDGET REVIEW PERIOD.

YOU CAN COME TO ONE OF THE HEARINGS AND SIGN UP AS I JUST DESCRIBED.

YOU CAN COME TO THE HEARING  
DEDICATED TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH BETWEEN THE  
HOURS OF 2:00 AND 6:00 P.M.,  
HOWEVER WE WILL STAY AS LONG AS  
WE NEED TO TO HEAR EVERYONE WHO  
WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE  
BUDGET.

YOU CAN ACCEPTED YOUR TESTIMONY  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS, BOSTON CITY COUNCIL,  
FIFTH FLOOR, BOSTON CITY HALL,  
BOSTON MASS, 00210, AND  
CCC.WM@BOSTON.GOV, IN ORDER OF  
THEIR ARRIVAL I AM JOINED BY MY  
PREPARED TO MY LEFT FROM SOUTH  
BOSTON, MY COLLEAGUE COUNCILOR  
FLYNN, TO MY IMMEDIATE RIGHT MY  
FRIEND FROM JAMAICA PLAIN,  
COUNCILOR MATT O'MALLEY, TO MY  
FAR LEFT, MY FRIEND FROM  
DORCHESTER, AT LARGE CITY  
COUNCILOR ANNISSA ESSAIBI  
GEORGE.

WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER  
THE PRESIDENT LEONARD.

WELCOME.

>> GOOD MORNING.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
MR. CHAIRMAN.

FIRST OF ALL, CONGRATULATIONS TO  
YOU ON COMPLETING SO MANY YEARS  
OF INCREDIBLE SERVICE TO THE  
COUNCIL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> WE HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR  
LEADERSHIP AND YOUR SUPPORT FOR  
OUR WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.  
THIS IS MY FOURTH YEAR  
PRESENTING AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FIFTH  
YEAR COUNTING MY YEAR AS  
INTERIM.

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN WITH SOME  
OPENING REVIEW STATEMENTS FROM  
THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND THEN WE  
WILL MOVE FORMALLY TO LOOK AT  
THE BUDGET MATTERS AND OPEN  
QUESTIONS.

>> OKAY.

THE DOCUMENT THAT WE PROVIDED AS  
PART OF THE PACKAGE INCLUDES A  
39 PAGE REPORT ON OUR  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS FOR

THE YEAR, PAGES 2 THROUGH 6  
INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THAT WORK,  
WHICH I THINK IS BEING  
INCREDIBLE, OVER THE COURSE OF  
THE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE SEEN  
CONTINUED INCREASING DEMAND AND  
USE SAM ACROSS THE SYSTEM PO FOR  
THE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND AT OUR  
25 BRANCH LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT  
THE CITY.

USAGE FOR BORROWING BOOKS, USES  
OF SPACES, PROGRAMMING CONTINUES  
TO BE VERY HIGH.

WE CONTINUE TO STAND UP TO THE  
BUDGET CHANCE WE HAVE AND REALLY  
MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY  
BOTH FOR BOSTON, FOR  
MASSACHUSETTS AND VISITORS FROM  
BEYOND.

A KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT INCLUDE A  
NUMBER OF IMPORTANT HIRES ON THE  
LEADERSHIP TEAM.

WE HAVE ADDED A NEW CHIEF  
TECHNOLOGY OFFICER IN THE LAST  
SEVERAL WEEKS, WHICH IS IN SOME  
WAYS THE FIRST TIME THAT MY OLD  
POSITION HAS BEEN BACK FILLED AT  
THE LIBRARY ON A PERMANENT  
BASIS, AND A NEW DIRECTOR OF  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND I AM  
PLEASED ALSO TO ANNOUNCE THAT  
OUR AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION  
FORMERLY THE FOUNDATION OF THE  
BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY NOW NAMED  
FUND FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC  
LIBRARY HAS HIRED A NEW  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND WILL HAVE  
A PUBLIC LAUNCH OF THIS IN THE  
WEEKS TO COME.

THE RELEVANCE OF THAT IS THAT IS  
HOPED TO BRING ADDITIONAL  
PRIVATE MONEY TO OUR BUDGET AND  
REALLY CLOSE SOME OF THE GAPS  
THAT WE HAVE.

THE CITY'S APPROPRIATION  
CONTINUES TO BE STRONG AND WE  
WILL IN THE UPCOMING YEAR, THE  
PROPOSED BUDGET FROM THE MAYOR  
DON'T STRENGTHEN BOTH ON THE  
OPERATING SIDE AN ON THE CAPITAL  
SIDE BY ADDING A NUMBER OF LINES  
AND INCREASES TO OUR BUDGET.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH RELATE  
TO THE BRANCHES AND I KNOW OUR

CITY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES FOCUS VERY MUCH ON THE BRANCHES AS PART OF THE SYSTEM, THE DUDLEY BRANCH RENOVATION IS PAST THE HALFWAY BUDGET AND IS ON SCHEDULE TO OPEN IN EARLY 2020. LOOKING BACK WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL OPENING, REOPENING OF THE PARKER HILL BRANCH FOLLOWING MORE MODEST RENOVATIONS IN JULY OF 2018.

IT, AT THE START TOFFIES CAL YEAR.

DESIGN IS BEING COMPLETED FOR BOTH THE ADAM STREET BE BRANCH AND ROSLINDALE BRANCHES AS WELL AS THE RARE BOOKS DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

THOSE THREE PROJECTS ARE NOW ON THE GUY FINALIZING DOCUMENTATION AND GOING STRAIGHT INTO CONSTRUCTION NATURAL RENOVATION.

.. AND WE HAVE KICKED OFF THE BOTH THE PUBLIC PROGRAMMING STUDY FOR THE FIELDS CORNER BRANCH AND WILL DO SO ALSO WHEN DESIGNER SELECTION IS FORMALLY COMPLETED FOR THE SAMUEL BRANCH.

ADDITIONALLY, WE WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SMALLER INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR RENOVATION PROJECTS AT ABOUT THE 100,000-DOLLAR LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR WEST ROXBURY -- MILLS AND SOUTH BOSTON.

THOSE PROJECTS ARE IN THE VARIOUS STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION AND A FOURTH OF THOSE IS THE SOUTH END BRANCH WHICH WE WILL BE COMPLETING LATER THIS FALL.

THE -- THE OTHER AREA, TWO AREAS I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT RELATE TO OUR COLLECTIONS WORK AND PART OF THIS RELATES TO OUR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AREA.

WE WERE VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE EXHIBITION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS OF THE 2 LOOSE LA TRACK EXHIBITION THIS IS THE LARGEST LOAN THAT THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS DONE IN A SINGLE INSTITUTION CERTAINLY IN RECENT YEARS WHERE MORE THAN 100 WORKS ARE A PART OF THAT EXHIBITION,

AND RATHER THAN JUST DO THIS AS  
A LOAN AS WE WOULD DO  
INSTITUTION TO INSTITUTION, WE  
WERE ABLE THROUGH THE  
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MSA AND  
THEIR SPONSOR TO ENSURE THAT ANY  
MEMBER OF OUR INSTITUTION,  
ANYONE WITH THE BOSTON PUBLIC  
LIBRARY CARD CAN VISIT THE MSA  
FOR FREE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE  
AND NOT JUST SEE THE EXHIBITION  
BUT THE OTHER ASSETS.  
ALSO ENSURING WHEN WE DO A LOAN  
WE ARE ALSO STILL FAITHFUL TO  
BEING FREE TO ALL AS INSCRIBED  
ON THE FRONT OF OUR BUILDING.  
IN PUBLIC SERVICE, I IN  
PARTICULAR WANT TO HIGHLIGHT  
THREE AREA WHERE WE ARE REALLY  
ENGAGING MORE EXPLICITLY AND  
FORMALLY WITH ISSUES OF THE DAY.  
THE FIRST RELATES TO THE BY LOT  
PROGRAM WITH PINE STREET INN  
WHERE WE ADD ADD SOCIAL WORK OUT  
REACH NAVIGATOR TO OUR STAFF AND  
THAT PERSON HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE  
FOR SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS  
OBTAINING HOUSING AND WE ARE --  
IF THE BUDGET IS APPROVED AS  
PRESENTED WILL BE ADDING  
CAPACITY TO THAT TEAM OVER THE  
COURSE OF THE COMING YEAR.  
SECONDLY, WE LAUNCHED A WIFI HOT  
SPOT LENDING PROGRAM WHERE  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH A  
LIBRARY CARD CAN GO TO A BRANCH  
AND BORROW A HOT SPOT WHICH IS A  
SOLUTION TO THOSE WHO DO NOT  
HAVE ACCESS TO BROADBAND AT HOME  
OR CANNOT AFFORD A FULL-SERVICE  
DATA PLAN ON THEIR PHONES, AND  
ANOTHER WAY OF ENSURING THAT ALL  
OF THE RESIDENTS OF OUR CITY AND  
STATE HAVE ACCESS TO THESE  
SERVICES AND THE RESOURCES THEY  
NEED IN THEIR OWN LIVES.  
ADDITIONALLY, IN THE, IN THE  
PROGRAMMING SPACE WE CONTINUE TO  
PICK UP THE THEMES OF SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND OF COURSE OVER THE  
LAST YEAR NOTABLE WOMEN AND  
OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE BEING WELL  
ATTENDED, EVERYTHING FROM  
DEMOCRACY AND CAPITALISM, DUE TO

GUN CONTROL ADVOCACY AND OTHER PROGRAMS AS WELL.

AT THIS POINT, I THINK YOU CAN GET A SENSE OF THE OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

THE MAIN GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR CONTINUE TO INVOLVE IMPROVING OPERATIONS, ENSURING THAT OUR CAPITAL PROJECTS ARE CONTINUED TO BE EXECUTED ON SCHEDULE AND ON TIME, AND BUILDING OUT OR WORKING WITH OUR AFFILIATES TO BUILD TOUT PRIVATE FUND-RAISING CAPACITY SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MEET THE DEMAND OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL AS BRING NEW SERVICES INTO THE MIX, IN ADDITION TO THE TRADITIONAL SERVICES THAT WE OFFER, WHETHER IT IS PRINTED BOOKS, E BOOKS OR OTHER OPTIONS.

AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPERATING BUDGET, WE SEE INCREASES SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR COLLECTIONS BUDGET, FOR SECURITY ACROSS THE SYSTEM.

AS I AS I NOTED FOR EXPANSION OF OUTREACH SERVICES AND ADDITIONALLY WE HAVE FUNDING PROPOSED TO ADD FOUR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO OUR BUDGET NEXT YEAR, THREE OF WHICH ARE FRONT LINE PATRON FACING SERVICES.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I WILL PAUSE THERE AND WILL GO TO THE FINANCIALS AND OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY MY FRIEND FROM BACK BAY COUNCILOR JOSH ZAKIM.

>> LET ME JUST DIVE INTO A LITTLE DISCREPANCY, BUT I THINK I KNOW WHAT IT IS.

LAST YEAR'S APPROPRIATION WAS A LITTLE SHY OF 37 MILLION AND IT SHOWS IN THE CURRENT THAT WE ACTUALLY APPROPRIATED 38.1, IS THAT DUE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

>> COLLECTIVE BARGAINING -- THIS YEAR.

>> GREAT.

>> --

>> RIGHT.

SO TO THE ACTUAL REFLECTED IN  
BRINGING THEM UP TO WHERE THEY  
SHOULD HAVE BEEN --

>> CORRECT.

>> -- LAST YEAR.

GREAT.

>> AND BEEN FUNDED BY THE  
RESERVE THAT THE CITY HOLDS.

>> RIGHT.

GREAT.

AND THEN THE STAFFING.

I WAS LOOKING, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU  
-- YOU SAID YOU ADDED FOUR NET  
POSITIONS?

BUT REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET  
BOOK, IT LOOKED LIKE 4 -- WHERE  
DO I HAVE IT?

IT WAS 492?

THERE WERE.

>> THERE WERE SOME DOUBLE  
COUNTED POSITIONS FROM THE  
PRECEDING YEAR THAT WERE CARRIED  
FOR REASONS OF SWAPPING AND  
REPURPOSING AND SO IN THE  
TRANSITION FROM FY 19 INTO FY-20  
THAT DUPLICATION IS BEING  
REMOVED SO IN EFFECT THE HEAD  
COUNT REMAINS FLAT AND THEN WITH  
FY-20 WE ARE PLANNING TO ADD  
FOUR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS, ONE  
FOR, ONCE THE BUDGET IS  
APPROVED, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND  
TEEN LIBRARY SERVICE.

>> GREAT.

AND YOU MENTIONED EARLIER THE  
NEW CHIEF OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.

>> YES.

THOSE BECOME FILLED POSITIONS AS  
WELL AS OPPOSED TO NET NEW  
POSITIONS, ALTHOUGH FOR THE YEAR  
PRECEDING ONE OF THOSE WAS AN  
ENTIRELY NEW POSITION ADDED TO  
THE --

>> I GUESS MORE OF A CENTRAL  
LIBRARY QUESTION, I HAVE HEARD  
MORE AND MORE PEOPLE GETTING  
MARRIED AT THE FACILITY, AT THE  
CENTRAL LIBRARY.

CAN YOU SPEAK A LITTLE TO WHAT  
YOU ARE SEEING, ANY TRENDS?

IS IT POSITIVE?

>> SO WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A VERY

STRONG EVENTS TEAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CATERED AFFAIR WHO IS THE CURRENT INCUMBENT OF THE CATERING CONTRACT.

TO MARKET AND DRAW NOT JUST WEDDINGS BUT CORPORATE EVENTS AND OTHER PRIVATE EVENTS THAT ARE HELD AT THE LIBRARY, AFTER HOURS MOSTLY, AND MOSTLY ON WEEKS AFTER-HOURS.

AND I THINK THE ONE TREND THAT WE ARE AWARE OF BETWEEN FY 19 AND 20 IS THAT WE DID A LARGER, LARGE NUMBER OF EVENTS BUT NOT QUITE AS MANY AS TRULY LARGE EVENTS .. TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE ENTIRE FACILITY.

AND SO THAT IS ACTUALLY A NET POSITIVE TO US.

THE FUNDS AND PROFITS, IF YOU WILL, FROM THOSE RENTALS GOES TO SUPPORT MANY OF THE OPERATIONAL LINE ITEMS THAT OUR OTHER BUDGET LINE ITEMS ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE.

INCLUDING UPKEEP OF THE BUILDINGS AND WHETHER IT MIGHT BE WEAR AND TEAR.

ADDITIONALLY I WOULD DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO ONE OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT WAS FUNDED LAST YEAR, BUT WE WILL BE FORMALLY COMMENCING.

IN FACT WE HAVE FORMALLY COMMENCED IT WHICH IS A REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMMING AND RESTORATION NEEDS OF THE MCKENDALL BUILDING, 1985 BUILDING ON COPLEY SQUARE AND TAKING A DEEPER DIVE IN LOOKING AT THE BUILDING IN TERMS OF WHAT IT NEEDS IN TERMS OF RESTORATION, INDEED IF THERE IS WEAR AND TEAR THAT HASN'T BEEN ADDRESSED THROUGH NORMAL OPERATIONS AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES TO PROGRAM SPACE THAT IS NOT CURRENTLY IN SERVICE AND WE HOPE ULTIMATELY PROVIDING EXPERIENCE TO ACCESS OUR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

THAT WOULD BE THE JOHNSON RENOVATION EQUIVALENT, BUT IN A



MORE HISTORIC AND PRESERVATION  
LENS, IF YOU WILL.

>> GREAT.

AND THEN SOMETHING MORE CLOSER  
TO MY HOME, GOOD TO SEE YOU,  
EMON, COULD YOU JUST GIVE ME THE  
LATEST UPDATE FOR THE PUBLIC 0  
ASSUMPTION, CONSUMPTION  
REGARDING THE LIBRARY, WE  
APPROPRIATED MONEY FOR DESIGN IN  
THE FY 19 BUDGET WHICH WE ARE  
IN, CAN YOU GET US UP TO SPEED  
ON WHERE THAT PROCESS IS NOW?  
WE HAD OUR OWN CONVERSATION THIS  
WEEK ABOUT SELECTION AND GETTING  
READY TO MOVE FORWARD SO --

>> SURE THING.

THE -- THANK YOU.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

THANK YOU.

SO THE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET FOR  
THE NATHANIEL PROJECT IS  
12.6 MILLION.

WE HAVE 20 -- WE HAVE \$100,000  
APPROPRIATED IN FY-20 AND THAT  
WILL BE LARGELY FOR THE DESIGN  
PROCESS.

SO THE CITY -- WELL THE LIBRARY  
ALONG WITH THE PUBLIC FACILITIES  
DEPARTMENT GOT TOGETHER AND  
COMPLETED DESIGNER SELECTION,  
THE DESIGNER SELECTION PROCESS  
IS, THERE IS ACTUALLY A VOTE ON  
MAY 15TH IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC  
FACILITIES COMMISSION IN ORDER  
TO AWARD THAT CONTRACT.

AFTER CONTRACT AWARD THERE IS  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATION AND THEN WE  
EXPECT TO START IN THE SUMMER  
WITH THE FULL DESIGN PROCESS,  
THE COMMUNITY PROCESS, AND THAT  
TYPICALLY TAKES ABOUT A YEAR.

>> RIGHT.

AND THAT WILL KIND OF FOLLOW THE  
PROGRAM STUDY OR MAKE SURE THAT  
THE PROGRAM STUDY IS REFLECTED  
IN THE DESIGN AS WELL?

>> THAT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

SO THE PROGRAMMING STUDY SETS UP  
ALL OF THE CRITERIA FOR THE  
DESIGN AND THE DESIGN  
ESSENTIALLY, USING THAT AS A  
ROAD MAP TO DELIVER THE PROJECT  
AT THE COMMUNITY --

>> GREAT.

>> AND WE HAVE THE BENEFIT IN THIS CASE OF HAVING A VERY DETAILED PROGRAMMING STUDY THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REGARDING, AND SO MY PERSONAL BELIEF IS THAT THAT ENDED WITH A VERY STRONG SENSE OF DIRECTION, SO AS THE NEW ARCHITECT ONCE APPROVED CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT, THERE IS VERY LITTLE REINVENTING OF THE WHEEL OR STARTING FROM GROUND ZERO THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN.

>> RIGHT.

>> IT HAS BEEN A COUPLE OF YEARS SO THERE WILL NEED TO BE SOME REFRESH AND ASSURE ASSUMPTIONS ARE THE SAME, BOTH IN TERMS OF WHAT WE THINK MAKES SENSE BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY MAKES SENSE, BUT WE DO BENEFITS IN THIS CASE FROM HAVING A VERY STRONG PROGRAMMING STUDY THAT LED US TO WHERE WE ARE.

>> WELL, GREAT.

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTIONS AND WE HAVE BEEN SINCE JOINED BY MY PREPARED FROM HYDE PARK, COUNCILOR TIMOTHY MCCARTHY AND MY FRIEND FROM DORCHESTER, COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER LET ME NOW RECOGNIZE COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO AND THANK YOU TO THE PANELISTS FOR BEING HERE.

AND, DAVID, I HAVE A FEW FEW QUESTIONS.

OUR MUTUAL FRIEND MARLENE FROM THE FRIENDS ON THE SOUTH END LIBRARY IS HERE AND WE TALK TO HER FREQUENTLY.

WHAT IS THE LATEST ON THE SOUTH END LIBRARY SITE, POSSIBLY BUILDING A NEW LIBRARY?

WHAT IS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT?

>> GREAT.

SO I WILL GIVE A HIGH LEVEL AND THEN ASK DAMON TO COMMENT ON THE ACTUAL TIMELINE.

SO AS I THINK OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR, WE ALL MAY REMEMBER THERE WERE TWO TRACKS

APPROVED, ONE FOR INTERIOR REFRESH AND IMPROVEMENTS AND THAT WORK IS LARGELY FOCUSED ON PAINTING, CARPETING AND WHAT WE HAVE IN THE CASE OF THE SOUTH END THAT WE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE IS A VERY STRONG FRIENDS GROUP WITH THE ABILITY TO DO INDEPENDENT FUND RAISING SO IN THEIR CASE THEY BROUGHT ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO TO THE TABLE, SOME OF WHICH WE HOPE TO USE FOR SOME INTERNAL FURNITURE IN ADDITION TO THE CITY APPROPRIATED WORK AND THAT SHOULD BE HAPPENING AND WE CAN SPEAK TO THIS OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTH.

AGAIN THE FRIENDS HAVE BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS AND CONTINUE TO PUSH US FORWARD -- A LITTLE BIT MORE SO I THINK WE WILL END UP WITH A VERY STRONG INTERIM SET OF IMPROVEMENTS THERE.

THE OTHER AGREEMENT THAT WE HAD WITH THE FRIENDS, WITH YOURSELF, WITH OUR CITY COLLEAGUES WAS THAT THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP WAS TO DO A FULL PROGRAMMING STUDY FOR THE BRANCH IN THE SOUTH END, SO THAT WE KNOW WHAT ITS FUTURE REQUIREMENTS TRULY ARE AND THAT IS ONE OF THE PROGRAMMING STUDIES THAT IS SLATED TO COMMENCE IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMMING STUDIES, AS YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WILL NOTE, AND SO THERE MAY BE SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO COMBINE SOME EFFORTS AND WE WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AT PROPERTY IN THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TO SEE WHERE THERE ARE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND MOVE MORE QUICKLY THAN WE WOULD NORMALLY BE ABLE TO DO.

THANK YOU, DAVID AND I AM ENCOURAGE BY YOUR COMMENTS. AS YOU KNOW SOUTH END LIBRARY PROVIDES EXCELLENT SERVICES TO

SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD, ESPECIALLY MANY OF  
OUR FRIENDS IN THE VILLAGE OF --  
AS WELL SO I AM PROUD THAT  
PROGRAMMING STUDY IS MOVING  
FORWARD.

>> COULD I SHIFT A LITTLE BIT ON  
THE CHINATOWN LIBRARY?

WE HAVEN'T HAD A LIBRARY IN THAT  
COMMUNITY IN 50 YEARS UNDER  
MAYOR WALSH WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT  
TEMPORARY LIBRARY.

I KNOW WE ARE MOVING FORWARD ON  
POTENTIALLY HAVING A PERMANENT  
LIBRARY WHICH IS VERY  
ENCOURAGING SO I WANT TO SAY  
THANK YOU TO YOU.

AND TO THE WALSH ADMINISTRATION.  
CAN YOU GIVE US A LITTLE BIT OF  
UPDATE ON WHAT THE LATEST IS?

>> WE HAVE STAYED VERY CLOSE TO  
OUR COLLEAGUES AT BPD ATTACHMENT  
AND THE FRIENDS OF THE CHINATOWN  
LIBRARY IN TERMS OF THE  
DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD.

BPDA, THIS IS SUCH A DENSE  
NEIGHBORHOOD .. THAT THERE ARE  
VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF POSSIBLE  
SITES WHERE A PERMANENT HOME --  
A NEW HOME FOR THE CHINATOWN  
LIBRARY COULD BE.

THE ACTIVE DEBATE, THE ACTIVE  
CONVERSATIONS RELATE TO THE  
PARCEL 12 LOCATION AND THIS IS A  
PROCESS THAT FALLS DIRECTLY  
UNDER THE BPDAS AUTHORITY AT  
THIS POINT BUT OUR CONVERSATIONS  
WITH THE DEVELOPER WITH THE BPDA  
AND WITH THE FRIENDS, THE  
DEVELOPERS IN PARTNERSHIP -- IT  
IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN A  
COUPLE OF ENTITIES, INCLUDING  
THE ASIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION AND I AM VERY  
CONFIDENT THAT WE ARE ALL HEADED  
IN EXACTLY THE SAME DIRECTION  
AND THAT SUBJECT TO BPDA  
APPROVAL BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE  
AUTHORITY AT THIS STAGE OF THE  
PROCESS THAT WE WILL HAVE STRONG  
NEWS IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT  
FUTURE.

>> THANK YOU.

I KNOW THAT IS ENCOURAGING AND  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON  
THAT IMPORTANT ISSUE.

IT IS GOING TO BE A TREMENDOUS  
ASSET FOR THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE  
THE NEW LIBRARY IN CHINATOWN.

>> SINCE 1953, I BELIEVE.

>> AND YOU ARE HEADING INTO YEAR  
THREE OF THE TEMPORARY LOCATION  
AT THE CHINA TRADE CENTER, EVEN  
THOUGH IT IS ONLY A 15 SQUARE  
FOOT SPACE IT IS WELL SUCCESS  
AND GOOD ATTENDANCE.

>> THE HEAD LIBRARIAN HAD A  
CHANCE TO MEET HER SEVERAL WEEKS  
AGO AND DOING AN OUTSTANDING  
JOB: THANK YOU.

>> THE SOUTH BOSTON PUBLIC  
LIBRARY, I KNOW THEY ARE DOING  
THE COURTYARD OUTSIDE OVER, I  
HAD A CHANCE TO GO BY THERE LAST  
WEEK.

I KNOW IT IS IN SOUTH BOSTON  
MOTHERS TODAY WERE ASKING ME  
ABOUT A CHANGING -- A CHANGING  
STATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN MAYBE  
IN THE, I GUESS MAYBE THE  
WOMEN'S ROOM THRSM IS ONE THERE  
BUT IF IT COULD BE A LITTLE  
LARGER, BUT ALSO OVERALL GOAL IS  
TO, AS WE ARE GOING TO DO ON THE  
SOUTH END AND CHINATOWN IS  
BUILDING A NEW, BUILD IS BUILD A  
NEW BUILDING IN SOUTH AND  
CHINATOWN AS WELL.

ANY THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS ABOUT  
BEING A, BUILDING A NEW LIBRARY  
THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER AND  
WITH THE ADMINISTRATION?

AND JUST IN THE SHORT-TERM IF WE  
CAN MAYBE ADDRESS THAT ISSUE 0  
OF THE CHANGING STATION.

FOR THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS.

>> I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE THAT  
UNDER CONSIDERATION.

ALONG WITH MANY OTHER THINGS  
THAT WE NOW CONSIDER, YOU KNOW,  
JUST A STANDARD OFFERING THAT WE  
SHOULD HAVE IN ALL OF OUR  
LOCATIONS, WHERE THERE ARE  
OPPORTUNITIES TO ENSURE THAT  
THERE ARE CHANGING STATIONS IN  
MORE THAN ONE OF THE REST ROOM  
FACILITIES, THAT MAKE SENSE

WHETHER HE CONTINUE TO DO THAT,  
AND WE WILL TAKE THAT UNDER  
CONSIDERATION AND WE WILL  
HAPPILY UPDATE YOU THERE.  
WITH RESPECT TO THE LONG-TERM  
POSSIBILITIES, YOU KNOW, WE ARE  
NOW IN YEAR 3 OF WHAT HAS BEEN  
THE STRONGEST AND LARGEST  
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITMENT BY THE  
CITY AND BY THE MAYOR AND  
HOPEFULLY AGAIN THIS WILL BE THE  
CASE WITH YOUR APPROVAL IN  
FY-20, ALL RENOVATIONS ACROSS  
THE SYSTEM.

AND SO ALL OF THOSE LOCATIONS  
THAT WE FLAGGED NEEDING  
SUBSTANTIAL WORK IN OUR PROCESS  
IN 20-- 2012 -- NOW HAVE A  
PROJECT.

OF COURSE, TIME HAS MOVED ON  
SINCE THAT ORIGINAL STUDY WAS  
DONE AND THERE IS A NEXT LEVEL  
OF ASSESSMENT WORK WE NEED TO DO  
AND SO WE AGAIN WOULD HAPPILY  
WELCOME DIALOGUE ABOUT ANY OF  
THOSE LOCATIONS THAT DON'T YET  
HAVE A LONG-TERM PLAN BUT I  
WOULD NOTE THIS IS ALREADY A  
STRONG .. CAPITAL PLAN AND OUR  
BOWL IS TO EXECUTE THAT WHICH IS  
ALREADY APPROVED SUCCESSFULLY AS  
WE POSSIBLY CAN BUT IN THE  
MEANTIME WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE  
FUTURE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT OTHER  
AREAS THAT HAVE NEEDS TOO.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND  
GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR THE  
GREAT WORK YOU DO EACH AND EVERY  
DAY.

LIKE MANY PEOPLE I WAS LUCKY  
ENOUGH TO HAVE GROWN UP IN THIS  
CITY AND GOING TO THE WEST  
ROXBURY BRANCH LIBRARY AS A KID.  
IT IS SOMETHING I LOOK FORWARD  
TO EVERY WEEK, AND I REALLY  
VALUE THE LIBRARY SYSTEM IN  
BOSTON AND I MEAN THIS IN ALL  
SINCERITY.

I THINK THE SYSTEM IS BETTER RUN  
NOW THAN IT EVER HAS AND I WANT  
TO REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE MAYOR

WALSH'S COMMITMENT, YOUR LEADERSHIP, DAVID, YOUR INCREDIBLE TEAM, SOME REALLY GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AND I APPRECIATE NOT ONLY THE RESOURCES, THE SUPPORT, THE BUDGET GROWING AS IT SHOULD, I AM HOPEFUL IT CAN GROW A LITTLE MORE WHEN WE ARE DONE WITH THIS PROCESS BUT YOU HAVE ALSO BEEN NIMBLE AND REEKED TO THE FACT PEOPLE USE LIBRARIES DIFFERENT NOW THAN WHEN MANY OF US FIRST WENT.

THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT.

FIRST QUESTION IT IS MORE OF A REQUEST. I HAVE A NUMBER OF YOUNG PARENT IN MY DISTRICT, OBVIOUSLY, AND THEY REALLY LOVE THE PROGRAMMING THAT IS OFFERED IN BRANCH LIBRARIES DURING THE WEEK.

THERE IS OFTEN A BILINGUAL STORY HOUR, AT THE CONNOLLY BRANCH LIBRARY WHICH IS VERY POPULAR AND OTHER THINGS AT WEST ROXBURY.

THE OTHER ISSUES IS THE CENTRAL LIBRARY IS THE ONLY ONE THAT OFFERS PROGRAMMING ON SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS.

PROBABLY BECAUSE OF A JUST THE WAY THE SHIFTS WORK, I ASSUME, BUT GIVEN THE FACT THAT SO MANY PARENTS WORK AND WANT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES, CAN WE OR HOW DO WE ABLE -- EVEN IF IT IS ONE SATURDAY OR ONE SUNDAY A WEEK, IN SOME OF THE BRANCH LIBRARIES IS THERE A WAY TO OFFER SAM OF THAT PROGRAMMING IN THE WEEKENDS?

>> NOT EVERY WEEK BUT AT LEAST MAYBE ONCE A MONTH?

>>

>> MICHAEL, DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT?

>> THANK YOU.

YES.

I BELIEVE THIS ISSUE CAME UP THROUGH SOME OF THE CONSTITUENTS AT THE JP BRANCH.

>> YES.

AND PRISCILLA FALL THE DIRECTOR OF THE BRANCHES HAS SPOKEN TO KP AND HAVE ALREADY BE IF UNSTARTING TO DO SOME PROGRAMMING ON SATURDAYS, I BELIEVE.

IT IS A SCHEDULING ISSUE WITH STAFF.

>> JP IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST, IS, IS THE BUSIEST BRANCH IN THE SYSTEM, IT IS DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP WITH THE PEOPLE COMING IN AND OUT OF THE DOOR BUT WE HAVE LIBRARIES THAT MOVE FROM BRANCH TO BRANCH, SO BY SCHEDULING AN EXTRA FLOATER ON THE DAYS THAT THE -- PROGRAMMING WE CAN ACCOMMODATE.

SO WE PLAN TO DO THAT ALREADY.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

OKAY.

WE WILL JUST ADD THAT ALL OF THE BRANCH LOCATIONS DO HAVE OPENING HOURS ON SATURDAY BUT NOT SUNDAYS.

>> YES.

>> AND SO WHERE THERE IS OPPORTUNITY, WE ARE CONTINUING TO TRY AND ADD SOME PROGRAMMING ON THE SATURDAY MORNINGS AT LEAST.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

>> WHERE THAT IS APPROPRIATE.

YOU WILL SEE IN THE FY-20 PROPOSED BUDGET THAT THREE OF THE FOUR NEW POSITIONS PROPOSED ARE IN CHILDREN AND TEEN SERVICES AND SO EVEN IF THOSE ARE BASED AT CENTRAL IT ADDS MORE CAPACITY TO THAT LAYER OF OUR OFFERINGS ACROSS THE SYSTEM. AND WOULD FREE UP SOME OF THE FLOATERS POSSIBLY ON THE WEEKENDS.

SO THAT IS CERTAINLY WHAT WE WOULD LOVE TO DO.

IT IS KIND OF BEING VICTIMS 0 OF OUR OWN SUCCESS.

>> YES.

MR. CHAIRMAN, EVERY, I WISH EVERY BUDGET HEARING WENT SO SMOOTHLY.

YOU ASK FOR SOMETHING AND YOU GET IT.



YOU GUYS ARE DOING WELL.  
CAN YOU TALK ABOUT DIEGO AND  
SQUARE BRANCH RENOVATIONS.

I WILL PASS THAT BACK TO --

>> SURE.

SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE SHOULD  
PREFACE WITH ALL CAPITAL  
PROJECTS IN THE UPCOMING YEAR WE  
ARE GOING TO BE IN DISCUSSIONS  
WITH THE PUBLIC FACILITIES  
DEPARTMENT AND SO WE BOTH SHARE  
CAPACITY ISSUES FROM TIME TO  
TIME AND WE HAVE TO COORDINATE  
BOTH OF OUR SCHEDULES SO THERE  
ARE TIMES WHERE WE ARE READY AND  
THEY ARE NOT AND VICE VERSA.  
SO ED SON WE HAVE HAD SOME  
DISCUSSIONS THIS CAREER IN THE  
PUBLIC ASSETS CONVERSATIONS SO  
THAT HAS BEEN SORT OF PART OF AN  
ACTIVE DISCUSSION.

IN TERMS OF NEXT YEAR, WE ARE  
GOING TO START A PROGRAMMING  
STUDY FOR -- AND SO WE DON'T  
HAVE THAT IN THE TIMELINE YET,  
JUST YET OF EXACTLY WHERE IT  
WILL FALL IN THE YEAR BUT LIKELY  
IT WILL BE THIS THE FALL OR  
EARLY WINTERTIME FRAME.

>> OKAY.

AND I KNOW THESE THINGS TAKE  
TIME AND SO INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL  
TO OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
JAMAICA PLAIN BRANCH, ONE THING  
I AM VERY PROUD TO HAVE PLAYED A  
LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THIS.

THIS IS MORE OF A SUGGESTION  
GOING FORWARD IS THAT, YOU ARE  
GOING TO HAVE SORT OF -- BECAUSE  
MANY OF THE FACILITIES ARE OLD  
AND ARE IN DISREPAIR YOU ARE  
GOING TO HAVE SORT OF A  
CLAMORING FOR EVERY -- WHEREVER  
DISTRICT COUNCILOR IS GOING TO  
MAKE THE CASE FOR HIS OR HER  
BRANCH LIBRARIES.

MAYBE IT WOULD MAKE SENSE GOING  
FORWARD, LOCK AT A 10, 20 YEAR  
PLAN, ALMOST SIMILAR TO BUILD  
BPS IN TERMS OF WHEN WE CAN  
EXPECT THINGS BECAUSE I DO THINK  
SOMETIMES PEOPLE EXPECTATIONS  
CAN'T BE MET AS WELL AS PERHAPS  
WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO.

SO I KNOW IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN,  
BUT I WANT TO SET EXPECTATIONS  
AT A REASONABLE SORT OF LEVEL  
WITH MY FOLKS.

>> SURE.

AND ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO  
ADD TO DAVID'S POINT EARLIER  
BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE CAPACITY  
ISSUES WE ARE GOING TO BE  
LOOKING THIS YEAR TO BUNDLE SOME  
OF THESE PROGRAMMING STUDIES,  
NOT THE DESIGN PROCESS BUT JUST  
THE PROGRAMMING -- THIS COULD BE  
A CANDIDATE WHERE WE ARE WORKING  
ON MULTIBRANCHES AT ONCE.

>> GOOD.

AND THEN BRIEFLY BEFORE MY TIME  
EX-FOR ROUND CAN YOU TALK A  
LITTLE BIT TO THAT END THERE HAS  
BEEN SOME TALKING AT LOOKING AT  
A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, SOME OF  
THE BRANCH RENOVATIONS I, I LOVE  
THE IDEA IF WE COULD GET TO NET  
ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS.  
COULD WE TALK ABOUT SORT OF THAT  
AND I MEAN IT IS MOSTLY MANY,  
SERVE THE MORE DOWNTOWN BRANCHES  
WE ARE WILL BEING AT THAT.

>> YES.

>> THIS HAS BEEN A VERY  
INTERESTED AND COMPELLING IDEA  
TO RESEARCH.

WE HAVE LOOKED AT EXAMPLES BOTH  
FROM NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND OTHER  
PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY  
HAVE SOME CASES OF MIXED USE, IN  
SOME WAYS THE CENTRAL LIBRARY IS  
MIXED USE BECAUSE WE NOW HAVE  
THIS GBH STATION THROUGH THAT  
PARTNERSHIP AS WELL AS THE --  
AFFAIR ROOM RENTAL  
OPPORTUNITIES.

SO WE ARE USED TO DOING MIXED  
USE AT SOME LEVEL BUT THE IDEA  
OF DOING LOW OR AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING IN CONJUNCTION WITH A  
LIBRARY IN A NEW SPACE AND SO  
THE FIVE LOCATIONS WHERE THIS IS  
FORMALLY ON THE TABLE FOR AT  
LEAST EXPLORATION, I THINK WAS  
COUNCILOR BAKER WHO WAS VERY  
FIRM ON THIS, TWO YEARS AGO THAT  
WE START LOOKING TIMOR FORMALLY,  
THE FIVE WHERE WE HAVE

IDENTIFIED THIS AS POSSIBLE, NOT THAT IT WILL DEFINITELY HAPPEN THERE BUT WE SHOULD EXPLORE IT, INCLUDES FIELDS CORNER WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND THIS IS BEING DISCUSSED PUBLICLY AT THE TWO COMMUNITY MEETINGS WE HAVE HAD THERE SO FAR AND THE COMMUNITY SEEMED VERY OPEN TO IT.

OBVIOUSLY THE DEVIL WILL BE IN THE DETAILS AND WE WANT TO SEE MORE, BUT FIELD CORNER, ECHOLS SON SQUARE, THE WEST END .. CHINATOWN WILL PROBABLY ALL GOING WELL WILL REALLY BE THE BEST EXAMPLE OF MIXED USE ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE MIX OF HOUSING SPECIFICALLY WILL BE ON THAT DEVELOPMENT. AND THE FIFTH ONE IS ESCAPING ME.

SO WE CAN GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT.

>> -- CORNER.

>> GREAT.

OF COURSE THAT IS MULTISITE RFP AND SO WHETHER THERE IS ACTUALLY HOUSING AND/OR A DIFFERENT USE IN COMBINATION WITH A LIBRARY ON THE SPECIFIC SITE WILL REMAIN TO BE SEEN BUT AS A MULTISITE DEVELOPMENT, THAT CERTAINLY WILL BE A MIXED USE PROCESS:GREAT.

THANK YOU, DAVID, MICHAEL, ELLEN, FOR ALL OF YOUR GREAT WORK.

AND THANK YOU PARTICULARLY FOR THE INCREDIBLE FRIENDS OF -- WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH DYNAMIC FRIENDS OF OUR BRANCH LIBRARIES. THERE HAS BEEN SOME GREAT CROSS COLLABORATION, AT THE BRANCH WE HAD FOLKS FROM, FOLKS FROM WEST ROXBURY AND COUNCILOR MCCARTHY'S DISTRICT COME AND HELP WALK THEM THROUGH THE PROCESS AND SEEING INCREDIBLE PROGRAMMING, GREAT AUTHOR TALKS AND IT IS REALLY -- THEY HAVE BEEN THE UNSUPERVISING HEROES AND A GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL OF YOU.

THANK YOU.

>> AND WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREA CAMPBELL AND HER SON.

>> THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

THANK YOU, CHAIR AND THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY TO, TODAY AND ALL OF THE WORK YOU DO ACROSS OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND PARTICULARLY IN THE DOWNTOWN BRANCH WHICH IS THE FLAGSHIP, ALTHOUGH I THINK EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD THINKS THEIR LIBRARY IS THE FLAGSHIP.

THROUGH COURSE OF THE YEAR WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY HAS WITHIN OUR BRANCH LIBRARIES AND IN THE DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND THE WORK THAT -- AND THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THE LIBRARIES HAVE TO CONNECT INDIVIDUALS DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS, DEALING WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS, DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS.

THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THEM, CAN WE TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW WE HAVE CHANGED THE MODEL, HOW WE PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THAT WORK AND IN OUR LIBRARIES?

>> SURE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THIS IS WORK THAT LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY STAFF HAVE BEEN DOING FOR MANY, MANY, MANY YEARS AND SO THE CURRENTLY.

>> CURRENT CRISES THAT WE SEE FOR PATRONS AT RISK REALLY HAS TAKEN IT TO A MORE FORMAL STEP. OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR, WE TOOK A VACANT LIBRARIAN POSITION AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND MADE THAT PERSON A SPECIALIST IN HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, REALLY TO BE A REFERENCE AND RESOURCE TO EITHER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM A VARIETY OF CHALLENGES, SUCH AS YOU HAVE MENTIONED THEMSELVES, OR MAYBE HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER AND WANT TO KNOW HOW TO SUPPORT THEM BETTER.

ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIP WITH PINE STREET INN WE ADDED A FULL-TIME SOCIAL WORKER TO OUR STAFF.

THAT PERSON IS FUNDED JOINTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY OUT OF NONCITY FUNDS.

THAT PERSON IS A PINE STREET INN EMPLOYEE BUT DEDICATED TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND SPENDS A LOT OF TIME BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE LIBRARY JUST CONNECTING WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO ENGAGE AND ARE READY FOR THAT CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT IS THE SUPPORT THEY NEED OR WHAT ARE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES THEY ARE HAVING IN THEIR OWN LIVES.

THAT IS A PROGRAM THAT WE BELIEVE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND YOU SEE FUNDING IN THE CITY BUDGET FOR FY-20 TO EXPAND THAT. WE WANT TO EXPAND THAT IN TWO WAYS, NOT JUST SIMPLY ADD A SECOND PERSON TO THAT TEAM, WHICH WOULD THEN GIVE US CAPACITY TO OKAY AT THE BRANCHES THAT SEE A SLIGHTLY LARGER NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH THOSE KIND OF CHALLENGES IN THEIR LIVES.

BUT ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE THAT WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH THE SIMMONS -- SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SO WE WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY FROM ADDITIONAL PERSON BUT HAVE THAT INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISE AND MENTOR SOME INTERNS FROM THE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AT SIMMONS COLLEGE. AND SO WE THINK THE COMBINATION TOGETHER AS WELL AS WITH TRAINING FOR EXISTING STAFF AND OUR SECURITY OFFICERS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH PATRONS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY WILL CONTINUE TO ALLOW US TO BE A STRONG RESOURCE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

>> I APPRECIATE THAT AND, YOU KNOW, IT IS FINDING THE RIGHT

BALANCE BETWEEN THE LIBRARY SERVICES THAT OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR VISITORS DESERVE BUT THEN ALSO MAKING SURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS WHO ARE DEALING WITH A CRISIS AT THE MOMENT ARE ALSO GETTING THE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED.

YOU HAD MENTIONED SOME INCREASES IN SECURITY.

CAN YOU JUST TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT, THE ADDITIONAL MEASURES THAT ARE IN PLACE AND THE INVESTMENT?

>> DAMON CAN GIVE YOU DETAILS ON THAT BUT THIS IS SYSTEMWIDE.

>> YES.

SO IN TERMS OF THE INCREASING IN SECURITY COVERAGE, WE EXPECT TO INCREASE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS.

AND THIS IS INCREASED HOURS OF OUR SECURITY GUARD.

SO IT IS ECHOLS SON, HYDE PARK -- CORNER AND THEN FINALLY AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY WE WANT TO INCREASE SPECIFICALLY AT TECH CENTRAL WHICH IS THE PUBLIC COMPUTER AREA, AND THEN ALSO THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

WHAT IS THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT?

>> 250?

>> 250,000.

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>> GREAT.

THANK YOU.

I WILL END THERE ON THAT NOTE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

>> THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED.

>> MY MIKE IS ALREADY ON.

>> NEVER MIND.

>> MY MIKE IS ALREADY ON.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, DAVID, YOUR TEAM, GOOD TO SEE YOU.

I WILL BE FAIRLY BRIEF.

I JUST WANT TO FIRST START OFF BY JUST APPLAUDING THE WORK BOTH FROM A STAFF AND SERVICE PERSPECTIVE AS WELL AS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH WHICH IS

OBVIOUSLY SERVES EVERYONE IN THE CITY BUT AS MY NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCH, AS A PLACE I WAS TALKING EARLIER.

BY SON LIKES TO GO AND HOW MUCH HE IS UNDERSTANDING IT AT FIVE MONTH BUT REALLY ENJOYS STORY AND GOING OVER THERE.

SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

IT IS A REALLY A GEM FOR THE CITY, AND EVERYONE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF WHERE THE BACK BAY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING EARLIER THIS MORNING AND THEY ARE RECOGNIZING MANY CITY THE FROM PINE STREET, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, YOU WERE PRESENTING THE AWARDS FOR THE OUTREACH WREFORTS THE HOMELESS POPULATION OF FOLKS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP, WHETHER MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION, WHATEVER ISSUES CONGREGATE AROUND THE LIBRARY BECAUSE IT IS A SAFE SPACE, CENTRALLY LOCATED AND THE SERVICES -- OBVIOUSLY THERE IS MORE WE CAN BE DOING BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAM FOR 0 THAT WORK.

ONE QUESTION I HAVE ABOUT TWO OTHER BRANCHES THAT ARE IN MY DISTRICT, YOU KNOW, MISSION HILL, OBVIOUSLY WE WENT THROUGH, THE REROOFING; IS THAT RIGHT, AMON.

>> THAT WAS RIGHT TERM, ENVELOPE.

>> AND PEOPLE ARE JUST THRILLED, YOU KNOW, TO HAVE THAT BACK UP AND RUNNING.

I THINK THAT PROJECT WORKED VERY WELL WITH TEMPORARY SERVICES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

AND I SEE ON THE CAPITAL -- CAN YOU SPEAK TO THAT.

WHERE YOUR THINKING IS ON WHAT WORK IS BEING DONE, IF SOME OF THOSE BART SHIPS PROGRAMS, YOU KNOW, PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, USING THAT LAND, SO WE HAVE A BRANCH LIBRARY BUT PROGRAMS EXPANDING, PARTNERING WITH SOME SORT OF OTHER

DEVELOPMENT THERE, IF YOU SPEAK TO THAT.

>> YES.

AND WE ARE STILL AT THE VERY EARLY STAGES FROM A PLANNING POINT OF VIEW ON THE LIBRARY AGENDA WITH RESPECT TO THE WEST END, BUT THE CITY'S HOUSING AND INNOVATION LAB DID A PROJECT OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR AND THIS WAS ONE OF THE LOCATIONS WHERE THERE WAS BOTH DEVELOPER INTEREST AND STRONG COMMUNITY INTEREST IN TAKING THIS A STEP FURTHER TO SEE WHAT COULD HAPPEN ON THAT SITE WITH RESPECT TO HAVING A RENOVATED LIBRARY BUT BENEFITING FROM A DEVELOPMENT ON THAT SITE AS WELL, SO THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP GIVEN THAT LEVEL OF INTEREST IS FOR US TO ARTICULATE THROUGH THE PROGRAMMING COMMUNITY, WHAT WE SEE THE PERFORM BEING ON THAT LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FIVE, 10, 20 YEARS, AND THAT PROCESS AS IT DOES OUR OTHER LOCATIONS CAN THEN SEE WHAT THE OPPORTUNITY --

>> WHAT IS THE FOOTPRINT OF THAT PARCEL?

I MEAN, I DON'T HAVE THAT. MY RECOLLECTION IS, IT IS LARGER THAN THE ACTUAL STRUCTURE.

>> THERE IS PARKING BEHIND IT SO THE SITE IS MUCH LARGER THAN THE BRANCH ITSELF.

>> SO I WOULD JUST PUT THE HERE, CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT THE DEVELOP IN OTHER WORDS THE AREA THAT AS FAR AS CAPITAL COSTS GO, I THINK WE WOULD SEE A LOT OF ABILITY FOR SOME OF THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FOR SOME OF THE LARGE DEVELOPMENTS THERE, MASS GENERAL IS EMBARKING IN A \$1 BILLION EXPANSION, ADJACENT TO THIS SITE, AND, YOU KNOW, DOING THAT, OBVIOUSLY, A THOUGHTFUL PLANNING PROCESS, I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO A NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE WANT TO ENHANCE THE LIBRARY THERE, BUT IF WE HAD A LIBRARY ON THE FIRST COUPLE OF FLOORS OF, YOU KNOW, A



NEW APARTMENT BUILDING OR LAB SPACE OR OFFICE SPACE THAT WOULD OBVIOUS INCREASE TAX BASE FOR THE CITY, PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL AND EVEN ON GOING OPERATING SUPPORT FORTH FOR THAT LIBRARY I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY AND CERTAINLY IT IS AN AREA THAT EVEN IN OUR INFREQUENT AND HOPEFULLY FAR OFF ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS IT WILL STILL BE BUSTLING GIVEN MASS GENERAL, SOME OF THE OTHER COLLEGES, SOME OF THE OTHER HOSPITAL THERE IS, SO I THINK THAT IS REAL OPPORTUNITY, AND SO I HEAR FROM NEIGHBORS QUITE A BIT THAT TO MAKE SURE THE LIBRARY STAYS THERE BUT WE CAN LOOK AT SOME DEVELOPMENT AND LOOK AT PARTNERSHIPS THERE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR MCCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR AND WELCOME TO THE BPL STAFF.

AS COUNCILOR O'MALLEY STATED THIS IS USUALLY ONE OF THE EASIEST HEARINGS WE HAVE.

I REALLY HAVE VERY LITTLE --

>> AT LEAST IN RECENT YEARS.

>> AT LEAST IN RECENT YEARS, YES.

IT IS ALL GOOD.

IN DISTRICT 5 WE HAVE MATTAPAN, A BRAND-NEW LIBRARY, FIRST I WANT TO ASK YOU FOR THE STAFF YOU HAVE THAT GUILLE ON A DAILY BASIS, WHETHER COMMUNITY MEETINGS THERE OR 00 WITH GOING TO THE HYDE PARK, YOU KNOW, FOR BOOKS AND I AM AN AUDIO BOOK GUY MYSELF.

I WISH IT WAS A IT WAS A BIGGER SELECTION BUT THAT IS A WHOLE OTHER ISSUE.

BUT MATTAPAN WE GO TO MEETINGS THERE AS WELL AS THE HYDE PARK AND MATTAPAN IS A BRAND-NEW LIBRARY, THE STATE OF THE ART, AND IT IS BEAUTIFUL.

0 ROSLINDALE, WE WILL BE LOOKING

FORWARD TO CONTINUE -- WELL,  
THAT WAS QUICK FOR ME.

YES.

THAT WAS AN EASY -- I AM LOOKING  
FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE  
PROCESS OF THE ROSLINDALE  
LIBRARY.

I MEAN IT IS REALLY EXCITING AND  
HAVE SO MANY GREAT PEOPLE WORK  
TONG PROJECT.

I PROBABLY WON'T BE ELECTED BY  
THE TIME WE PUT A SHOVEL IN THE  
GROUND OR DEFINITELY BEFORE A  
RIBBON IS CUT BUT I AM GOING TO  
SHOW UP ANYWAY FOR THE FREE  
COFFEE.

THE HYDE PARK LIBRARY, JUST A  
COUPLE OF ISSUES I HAVE.

I KNOW WE ARE DOING THE  
WATERPROOFING AND TO THE  
ANTI-MOLD STUFF DOWN IN THE  
BASEMENT WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY  
NEEDED.

MY ONE CONCERN IS LAST YEAR I  
REQUESTED SOMEONE TAKE A LOOK AT  
THE FLOORS.

WHEN YOU ENTER, YOU HAVE THE  
FRONT FOYER AND YOU COME THROUGH  
AND WHERE YOU CHECK YOUR BOOKS

IN AND OUT YOU HAVE THE  
FIREPLACE IN THE OLD LIBRARY AND  
THEN THE NEW COMPUTER, LITTLE  
LAB THERE, THOSE FLOORS ARE THE  
ORIGINAL FLOORS, AND IT IS  
STARTING TO GET IN TOUGH SHAPE

AND I ASK THIS -- I REQUESTED  
THIS LAST YEAR TO HAVE SOMEBODY  
LOOK AT IT AND NOW IT HAS GOTTEN  
ONE MORE YEAR AND I THINK IF YOU  
LET GO IT GO A COUPLE MORE YEARS  
YOU ULTIMATELY GOING TO NEED TO  
REPLACE THOSE FLOORS WHICH WOULD  
BE A SHAME. I HAVE A

140-YEAR-OLD HOUSE MYSELF WE HAD  
SPOTS WHEN WE FIRST BOUGHT THE  
HOUSE NEEDED TO REPAIR.

WE TOOK THE WOOD OUT OF THE  
CLOSET SO WE COULD MAINTAIN THE  
OLD WOOD BUT IF YOU PULL UP SOME  
OF THE CARPETS WHICH WE DID LAST  
WEEK IN PREPARATION OF THIS  
MEETING YOU LITERALLY HAVE SOME  
ROTTED PLANKS AND YOU FEEL IT  
UNDER YOUR FEET.

IT REALLY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

>> WE WILL CERTAIN I ARE TAKE A MORE CONSIDERED LOOK AT THAT. I RECENTLY WAS AT THE FRIENDS MEETING THERE, THEIR ANNUAL MEETING AND THAT IS ONE OF THE TOPIC THAT CAME UP DIRECTLY.

>> YES.

>> IT WAS AN ISSUE.

>> IF SOMEONE WANTS TO MEET ME OUT THERE I WILL BRING THE COFFEE JUST TO GO OVER IT, BECAUSE I THINK IT COULD GO UNDER AN EMERGENCY REPAIR CATEGORY AND 0 NOT GO THROUGH THE WHOLE GAL THING AND I THINK IT IS TO THAT POINT YOU ARE EITHER GOING TO BE RIPPING UP THAT 34 AND PUTTING IN BRAND-NEW FLOORING WHICH WOULD BE PA SHAME, I THINK SO --

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, GOOD MORNING, TO YOU, DAVID, AND TO YOUR TEAM.

0 SO I HAVE A LOT GOING ON IN MY DISTRICT, ADAM CORNER, GETTING READY TO START CONSTRUCTION IN THE FALL OR --

>> SUMMER.

>> SUMMER?

>> EVERYBODY IS EXCITED ABOUT THAT.

>> FIELDS CORNER, CAN WE TALK A LITTLE BIT, JUST TOUCH ON FIELDS CORNER, IS IT A CAC THAT WE HAVE FORMED FOR JUST -- JUST SO I CAN EXPLAIN AND IT IS ACTUALLY IN COUNSELOR CAMPBELL'S DISTRICT BUT WE SHARE IT AND WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE CALLING, JUST TO RUN UP TO IT, WE DO A PROGRAMMING STUDY FIRST AND THEN CAN YOU LAY THAT OUT FOR ME, PLEASE?

>> SURE.

WITH ANY RENOVATION, THERE ARE THREE PHASES.

THERE IS PROGRAMMING STUDIES, THERE IS DINE, AND THEN THERE IS CONSTRUCTION.

OFTEN THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN THE PROGRAMMING STUDY AND DESIGN,

BUT WE GENERALLY REALLY LIKE TO GO STRAIGHT FROM DESIGN INTO CONSTRUCTION.

THAT SEEMS TO BE OPTIMUM CONFIGURATION.

>> DURING BOTH PROGRAMMING STUDY AND DURING DESIGN, WE HAVE A FORMALIZED COMMUNITY ENGAGE PROCESS.

THESE ARE TWO SEPARATE PROCESSES, ONE DURING THE -- STUDY AND ONE DURING DESIGN. THEY AVERAGE THREE TO FIVE FULL ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

WHILE WE DO DESIGNATE A COMMUNITY ADVISOR -- ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ALL OF THE MEETINGS -- THAT COMMITTEE DOES NOT MEET SEPARATELY THAN THE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

THE PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCESS.

AND I THINK THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION WITH RESPECT TO THE FIELDS CORNER COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS.

I THINK AS YOU NOTED THIS IS A RATHER BUSY COMMUNITY FROM A NUMBER OF PROJECTS GOING ON AND I KNOW THE BPDA HAS A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT APPROACH WHEN THEY RUN COMMUNITY PROCESS WHERE THERE ARE MORE DEDICATED COMMITTEES THAT HAVE SEPARATE MEETINGS FROM THE FORMAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND SO I THINK THAT IS REALLY THE SOURCE OF THE CONFUSION.

THERE I THINK OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS WE HAVE GONE AN EXTRA MILE TO CLARIFY HOW THAT WORKS AND ENSURE THAT ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE A PART OF A PROCESS CAN KNOW WHEN THE MEETINGS ARE AND IS WELCOMED TO COME TO THE MEETINGS.

WE HAVE HAD TWO AT FIELDS CORNER SO FAR AND THEY HAVE BEEN WELL ATTENDED.

AND I THINK PEOPLE HAVE A LOT OF GREAT IDEAS AND, YOU KNOW, PROBABLY AS USUAL, WANT US TO MOVE FASTER BUT NONETHELESS THE COMMUNITY THERE IS VERY ENGAGED

AND VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING WHAT THE MIXED USE OPPORTUNITIES COULD TRULY BE.

>> YES.

SO JUST BRIEFLY EXPLAIN TO ME HOW THAT MAY WORK OUT SO THAT WOULD BE A PRIVATE DEVELOPER WILL COME IN, AND THIS IS -- MAY NOT EVEN HAPPEN, BUT HOW DO YOU -- IF WE ARE ABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT IT, HOW WOULD THAT SORT OF DEAL COME TOGETHER, PRIVATE DEVELOPER, BUILD THE -- EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PLATFORM --

>> THERE ARE A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT MODELS WE CAN USE BOTH DURING PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION AND THEN -- PARDON ME -- THE MODEL FOR WHAT THE END USE -- WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY, WHO LEASE IT IS PROPERTY, IS IT CONDO-IZED, A LOT OF DIFFERENT MODELS THAT CAN BE USED. THIS IS NEW AREA FOR US IN BOSTON, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO LIBRARIES.

>> AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT YOU ARE TRYING TO RUN ON THE BALL HERE, THANK YOU.

>> AND SO WITH RESPECT TO FIELDS CORNER, HOW I THINK THIS COULD UNFOLD IS AS WE GET FARTHER ALONG IN THE PROGRAMMING STUDY, WE, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMUNITY WILL BE DETERMINING WHAT IS THEIR OPENNESS TO ON THAT SITE. I THINK THE ARCHITECTS AT THE LAST MEETING SHOWED WHAT A THREE, FOUR, FIVE STORY MASSING BUILDING COULD LOOK LIKE, MASSING BUILDING COULD LOOK LIKE, THE IDEAL BEING, WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO STICK TO IN BOSTON FOR LIBRARIES IS, WHERE POSSIBLE, A SINGLE STORY LIBRARY THAT HAS A CLEAR PRESENCE ON THE STREET.

THOSE ARE KIND OF OUR STARTING POINTS.

NOW, YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD SAY IN EAST BOSTON WHICH IS A BEAUTIFUL SITE AND SO THE MODELS OF JP OR DUDLEY WHERE THE MAJORITY OF

LIBRARIES ARE ON A SINGLE STORY  
BUT THERE IS A MEZZANINE OR  
THERE IS A SMALL BASEMENT FOR  
ANCILLARY SERVICE THOSE ARE  
MODELS WE CAN USE.  
SO ONE COULD ENVISION, EITHER  
SIMPLY RENOVATE, SIMPLE  
RENOVATION ON THE FIELDS CORNER  
SITE TO JUST BUILD A BETTER  
LIBRARY OR A MODEL THAT HAS  
SOMETHING ABOUT IT, AND THEN,  
YOU KNOW, ONCE WE COMPLETE THE  
PROGRAMMING STUDY WE DECIDE WHAT  
WHAT IS THE RIGHT GUY DO THIS  
NEXT.

IS IT WHERE A DEVELOPER COMES TO  
THE TABLE AND OWNS THE WHOLE  
PROCESS OR WE DO IT JOINTLY OR  
-- SO THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS  
WE CAN DO THAT.

SO 17 AT A TIME.

WE WILL SEE WHAT THE APPETITE  
IS, WHAT THE PLAN LOOKS LIKE AND  
THEN FIGURE OUT HOW TO BRING IT  
ALTOGETHER.

>> AND WE CLEARLY ARE RELYING ON  
EXPERTISE BOTH FROM THE BPDA AND  
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, FROM A  
HOUSING POINT OF VIEW, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, FROM WHAT IS THE  
BUSINESS APPETITE IN THE AREA,  
AND SO IN CONJUNCTION WITH, OF  
COURSE, PROPERTY AND  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, SO THIS  
REALLY A TEAM EFFORT WITH THE  
COMMUNITY.

BUT RIGHT NOW, FOR FIELDS CORNER  
IT IS PROGRAMMING STUDY, WHAT  
ARE THE LIBRARY REQUIREMENTS AND  
WHAT ARE THE --

>> AND WHAT IS THE OPENNESS TO  
WHAT TYPE OF MIXED USE FACILITY.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> COUNCILOR CAMPBELL BELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO  
AND THANK YOU, ALL FOR THE WORK  
YOU ARE DOING, DAVID, YOUR TEAM  
AS WELL, AND OF COURSE BEHIND ME  
AND THOSE ACTUALLY AT THE  
LIBRARIES DOING INCREDIBLE WORK.

I DO HAVE MATTAPAN LIBRARY,  
FIELDS CORNER, COPLEY SQUARE, WE

DO A LOT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PERHAPSING IN THESE SPACES AND THE STAFF ALWAYS MAKE IT EASY. JUST THE INSTITUTIONS THEMSELVES, I MEAN WHAT THEY ARE DOING ON THE GROUND IS WHAT THESE LIBRARIES ARE MEANT TO DO FOR COMMUNITY AND THEIR STAFF,, YOU KNOW,, THIS CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT INCREDIBLE STAFF SO KNOW THE FOLKS ON THE GROUND ARE REMARKABLE SO I JUST WANTED TO THANK THEM AS WELL.

I -- THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTIONS OF COUNCILOR BAKER AND YOUR SONSES WITH RESPECT TO FIELDS CORNER.

WE ARE TAG TEAMING THAT, SO IT IS VERY HELPFUL.

REALLY EXCITED TO SEE THE INVESTMENT IN A MILLS LIBRARY AS WELL.

I DIDN'T MENTION THAT IS ALSO ONE IN MY DISTRICT THAT FOLKS USE FREQUENTLY, SO THAT IS FANTASTIC.

I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO COG MAN SQUARE, EXCITED TO SEE INVESTMENT .. CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT THAT WILL COVER, AND WHAT THE VISION IS FOR COG MAN SQUARE, OBVIOUSLY A LOT MORE TO DO THERE AND THEN I HAVE SOME FOLLOW-UP SQUARES ON COG MAN.

>> I AGREE WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE ACTUALLY AN INCREASE IN THE BUDGET FOR -- MILLS, SO EVEN THOUGH IT IS A MORE MODERN INTERIOR SET OF REFRESH WE ARE ABLE TO DO A LITTLE MORE THAN WHAT WE INITIALLY THOUGHT WE WOULD BE CONSTRAINED BY. SO WE AGREE THAT'S A LOCATION WE ARE ABLE TO DELIVER ON EXPECTATION THERE IS.

COG MAN SQUARE IS NOW IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMMING STUDY AND WE CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT PROGRAMMING STUDIES THIS MORNING IN TERMS OF WHAT IT CAN COVER. YOU KNOW, AMON ALSO SUGGESTED THAT BECAUSE THERE ARE

A NUMBER OF PROGRAMMING STUDIES ON DECK FOR FY-20, WE WANT TO SEE ARE THERE ECONOMIES OF SCALE WHERE WE CAN DO MULTIPLE AT ONCE.

AGAIN, WITHOUT SHORTCHANGING THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD OR THE COMMUNITY PROCESS, THAT WOULD BE A NONSTARTER.

AND SO WE HAVE, I THINK, FELT THAT, YOU KNOW, OF THE BRANCHES THAT WERE IN THE CAPITAL PLAN BUT SHOULD BE UP NEXT, COG MAN SQUARE WAS OBVIOUSLY IN GREATER NEED THAN WAS ORIGINALLY IDENTIFIED IN I THINK 2000, 2012, COUNCILOR MCCARTHY'S FLOORING ISSUE AT HYDE PARK NOTWITHSTANDING.

MEXICO F AGAIN, WITH COG MAN SQUARE WE WILL START WITH, WELL, WHAT IS THE CHANGING NEIGHBORHOOD LIKE IN COG MAN SQUARE, WHAT THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THAT ENVIRONMENT.

IN THE THAT IS QUITE A SUBSTANTIAL SITE ALSO, AND SO I THINK WE CAN GO THROUGH ALL OF THE USUAL ASSESSMENTS ABOUT WHAT WOULD BE THE RIGHT VISION TO HAVE FOR CODMAN SQUARE LIBRARY.

>> AND JUST HOW .. ON AVERAGE, HOW LONG WOULD A PROGRAMMING STUDY GO?

>> PROGRAMMING STUDIES USUALLY TAKE A FULL YEAR BY THE TIME -- BECAUSE WE DO BRING ON AN ARCHITECT TO LEAD THAT PROCESS WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AT PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT.

AND THEN, YOU KNOW, DESIGN IS USUALLY A YEAR TO 18 MONTHS AND CONSTRUCTION CAN BE AROUND THE 18 MONTH AS WELL.

AND THERE IS OFTEN A GAP AS WE HAVE NOTED EARLIER, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO -- THERE IS INDEED OFTEN A GAP BETWEEN PROGRAMMING STUDY AND GOING TO DESIGN.

>> AND THEN IF THIS WERE TO GO THROUGH THE BUDGET, WHEN MIGHT THIS PROGRAMMING STUDY ACTUALLY



START?

>> SO WE WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO START NO EARLIER THAN JULY 1, AND ONCE THE BUDGET IS APPROVED, WE SIT TOWN WITH PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, PLAN OUT ALL OF THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR FY-20. WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO START WITH THE ONES THAT ARE IN FLIGHT AS IN THOSE SUCH AS DUDLEY, ADAMS, ROSLINDALE THAT ARE EITHER GOING IN CONSTRUCTION OR INTO CONSTRUCTION, AND THEN SCHEDULE -- SCHEDULE THE PROGRAMMING STUDIES BASED UPON ALL OF OUR CAPACITY.

AS NOTED EARLIER, THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL HEAD COUNT REQUESTED IN OUR OPERATING BUDGET, OUR PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET, THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR AN ADDITIONAL STAFF PERSON IN OUR PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO HELP MANAGE THE SLATE OF PROJECTS, SO THAT WE DON'T RUN -- RUN INTO THE PROBLEM OF SETTING AN EXPECTATION AND THEN NOT BEING ABLE TO DELIVER IT FOR THE COMMUNITY.

JUST QUICKLY I AM LOOKING AT, THERE IS A RESIDENT, I AM GOING BLANK IN HER NAME THAT E-MAILED THIS MORNING ABOUT CODMAN AND I TOLD HER THERE IS SOME STUFF IN THE PIPELINE.

IT IS NOT GOING HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.

IF WE CAN MAKE IT%  
IF WE COULD MAKE IT HAPPEN, WE WOULD.

IN THE INTERIM, IN THE IMMEDIATE, WE GET A LOT OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT WALTON STREET ON THE BACK SIDE, THE TRASH, MAINTENANCE.

ARE YOU GUYS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE ON THE EX-EXTERIOR OF THE LIBRARY?

>> IT VARIES BY LOCATION, WHICH IS PART OF THE COMPLICATION IN RESPONDING TO CONSTITUENT'S REQUESTS.

THEY HAVE A VERY GOOD HANDLE ON

WHICH RULES APPLY.

WE'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OVER  
THE LAST YEAR TO RESTRUCTURE  
PART OF OUR FACILITIES  
DEPARTMENT.

ONE OF THE MANAGERS THAT WE ARE  
BRINGING ON TO A VACANT POSITION  
WILL HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR BRANCH FACILITIES, WHICH WAS  
NOT THE CASE PREVIOUSLY.

SO I THINK OVER THE COURSE OF  
THE NEXT YEAR, WE'LL SEE AN  
INCREASED ABILITY ON OUR STAFF  
AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY THAT HAS  
SYSTEM WIDE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE  
RESPONSIVE TO NEIGHBORHOOD  
NEEDS.

>> OKAY.

>> YES, WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THE EXTERIOR.

>> AND WHAT IS THE BEST WAY --  
WHO IS THE BEST PERSON IN THE  
DEPARTMENT TO GET SOMEONE OUT  
THERE WHEN THINGS GET SORT OF  
UNRULY?

>> YOU'RE TALKING TO HIM RIGHT  
NOW.

>> SO WE'LL FOLLOW UP FOR SURE.  
APPRECIATE IT.  
VERY HELPFUL.

I KNOW YOU HAVE VERY COMMITTED  
RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORS THAT  
LIVE -- THAT DO INCREDIBLE WORK  
IN TERMS OF MAINTENANCE AND  
CLEANLINESS.

>> THERE ARE SOME OF THE FRIENDS  
GROUPS THAT HAVE CHOSEN TO PLAY  
A ROLE IN HELPING BEAUTIFY  
SEVERAL OF THE LOCATIONS.

>> WE'RE TRYING TO THINK HOW WE  
CAN COORDINATE BETTER.

THANK YOU, GUYS.

THANKS VERY MUCH.

>> BEFORE I GO FOR A SECOND  
ROUND, MARLENE, YOU WANT TO  
TESTIFY?

I DON'T KNOW IF DAVID, YOU  
SIGNED UP.

[INAUDIBLE]

>> OKAY.

I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT IN  
THE LAST 12 YEARS I'VE BEEN  
COMING HERE, THERE'S BEEN SOME  
CONTENTIOUS MEETINGS WITH ME AT

THE CENTER.

I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THIS LAST YEAR HAS BEEN POSITIVE IN TERMS OF HOW WE WORK WITH BPL AND DAVID LEONARD AND HIS PROJECT TEAM.

WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE UPCOMING REFRESH IN THE LIBRARY. AS DAVID POINTED OUT, THERE WAS AN ALLOCATION BY THE CITY AND THE FRIENDS RAISED ALMOST \$100,000 IN PRIVATE FUNDS TO ADD TO THIS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, WHICH I THINK IS THE FIRST TIME THE BRANCH EVER RAISED MONEY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT PART OF -- PART OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ALSO INCLUDE PARK.

THIS LIBRARY HAS A PARK THAT IS OWNED BY THE BPL.

AND BECAUSE IT'S A PARK, IT'S MANAGED BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT.

WHILE IT CAN BE GREAT TO HAVE TWO AGENCIES MANAGE THE SAME PROPERTY, IT FELL BETWEEN THE CRACKS.

WHEN I CAME IN, IT WAS A NEEDLE PARK.

AS A RESULT, FUND-RAISING AND ACTIVE BOARD INVOLVEMENT OF THE FRIENDS HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS.

LAST YEAR THE PARK WAS ACTUALLY REBUILT AND REDESIGNED AND REBUILT.

SO IT IS NOW A PLACE THAT IS OPEN AND TRANSPARENT.

IT HAS A WONDERFUL PATIO PAVEMENT AREA WHERE WE CAN HAVE CONCERTS AND EVENTS.

THE ONE THING THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FUNDING WAS PLANTINGS AND IRRIGATION.

THE PARKS DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT WE APPLY TO COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING, WHICH WE DID.

WE WERE -- WE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY MONEY.

HOWEVER, OUR NEW STATE REP FOR THE SOUTH END, JOHN SANTIAGO, HAS REQUESTED AS A LINE ITEM FUNDING FOR PLANTING AND

IRRIGATION FOR LIBRARY PARK.  
HE TELLS ME THAT AS OF THIS  
MOMENT, IT ALL LOOKS VERY GOOD.  
SO IT'S A GOOD TESTIMONY.  
I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
I WANT TO BPL TEAM FOR HAVING  
WORKED WITH US.  
SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY.  
THANK YOU.

>> THAN YOU.

>> WE'RE JUST LOOKING AT LINE  
ITEM -- THE 440,000 INCREASE,  
444 IN LINE 52900.

IT'S UNDER MISCELLANEOUS AND  
MATERIALS.

JUST WANT TO -- CONTRACTED  
SERVICES.

>> THAT IS PRIMARILY THE MONEY  
FOR THE NEW -- THE INCREASE IN  
THE SECURITY CONTRACT.  
AND THEN SOME OTHER SMALLER  
CONTRACTS THAT CAME UP THIS  
YEAR.

>> GREAT.

AND YOU MENTIONED SEVERAL OF THE  
LIBRARIES THAT YOU'RE INCREASING  
THE HOURS.

THAT'S DUE TO THAT.

OKAY.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.  
THANKS TO THE STAFF.

I KNOW COUNCILLOR ZAKIM ALREADY  
MENTIONED THE WEST END LIBRARY,  
ALTHOUGH THAT SO NOT IN MY  
DISTRICT, IT'S A SHORT WALK  
AWAY.

SO I WOULD SUPPORT COUNCILLOR  
ZAKIM AND WORKING CLOSELY WITH  
YOU ON THE FUTURE OF THE WEST  
END LIBRARY.

I KNOW IT SERVES A LOT OF PEOPLE  
IN MY DISTRICT.

DAVID, CAN YOU GIVE A BRIEF  
UPDATE ON THE LIBRARY ON THE  
NORTH END?

ITS NOT IN MY DISTRICT BUT A  
SHORT WALK AWAY.

A LOT OF MY CONSTITUENTS FROM  
THE DOWNTOWN AREA DO USE THE  
NORTH END LIBRARY.

>> I'LL DEFER TO AMEN ON THIS.

>> SURE.

SO ALTHOUGH WE'VE DONE SOME  
MINOR OPERATIONS AND  
MAINTENANCE-TYPE ENHANCEMENTS,  
THE NORTH END PROJECT HAS BEEN  
IN THE CAPITAL PLAN AS LONG AS  
I'VE BEEN HERE.

THAT'S SIX YEARS.

THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR THAT I'VE  
ALSO INCLUDED AS CASH FLOW FOR  
PROGRAMMING STUDY.

WE EXPECT TO KICKOFF PROGRAMMING  
IN THIS UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR.

AS WE DISCUSSED EARLIER, WE ARE  
LOOKING TO POTENTIALLY INCLUDE  
THIS ALONG WITH SOME OF THE  
OTHER PROGRAMMING STUDIES TO SEE  
IF WE CAN BUNDLE THAT EFFORT.

THANK YOU.

I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING CLOSELY  
WITH COUNCILLOR EDWARDS AS WELL.  
SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK.

THEN MY FINAL QUESTION, CAN YOU  
GIVE SOME INFORMATION, DAVID, ON  
THE OUTREACH WE'RE DOING ON ELL  
ISSUES TO REACH COMMUNITIES THAT  
MAY NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, WHAT TYPE  
OF SERVICES YOU'RE PROVIDING AND  
VARIOUS LIBRARIES?

>> I'LL ASK BOTH MICHAEL FROM A  
SERVICES POINT OF VIEW AND LAURA  
FROM A COLLECTIONS POINT OF VIEW  
TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

>> WE DO HAVE A LITERACY  
SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR ADULT  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING.  
WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH THIS  
LAST YEAR TO REPURPOSE VACANT  
POSITIONS TO HIGHER ESL TRAINER.  
SO WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE  
WHAT WE'VE PROVIDED ACROSS THE  
SYSTEM IN BASIC ENGLISH AND SOME  
EXPANSION OF CREATIVE WRITING  
CLASSES FOR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
SPEAKERS.

WE'RE ALSO PART OF -- I'VE BEEN  
GOING TO THE MEETINGS WITH THE  
NEW LANGUAGE AND ACCESS ABILITY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY.

THERE'S BEEN FUNDING EARMARKED  
FOR VARIOUS USES.

WE'RE USING THAT FOR A LOT OF  
TRANSLATION SERVICES TO  
TRANSLATION THE POLICIES AND  
OTHER DOCUMENTS.

WE HAVE SEVERAL DOCUMENTS  
ALREADY TRANSLATED LIKE THE  
LIBRARY CARD REGISTRATION.  
WE WANT TO EXPAND THAT TO HAVE  
MORE MATERIAL EXPANDED.  
AND WE'RE LOOKING TO PROVIDE  
ON-THE-SPOT TRANSLATION OF  
PEOPLE COMING IN.

THERE'S A LANGUAGE LINE THAT  
WE'RE TALKING ADVANTAGE OF.  
IF SOMEONE COMES IN PEOPLING OF  
A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH,  
WE CAN HAVE THEM CALL ON A DESK  
PHONE AND HAVE A TRANSLATOR FOR  
US.

>> FROM THE COLLECTION SIDE,  
WE'RE CONTINUALLY LOOKING AT  
VARIOUS LANGUAGE NEEDS IN THE  
COMMUNITY, WHETHER IT'S LEARNING  
A LANGUAGE OR HAVING MATERIALS  
IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGE OTHER THAN  
ENGLISH.

WE CHECK IN WITH THE STAFF AT  
THE OTHER BRANCHES TO SEE WHAT  
DEMANDS THEY'RE SEEING FROM THE  
COMMUNITIES AND SET UP  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL BOOK  
STORES AND VENDORS THAT ARE  
SPECIFIC TO COMMUNITIES TO ADD  
MATERIALS TO THE COLLECTION.

IN THE LAST YEAR, WE ALSO  
ENHANCED OUR ONLINE CATALOG SO  
IT CAN BE TRANSLATED TO ENGLISH  
AND CHINESE SO THAT PATRONS CAN  
LOOK FOR MATERIALS IN DIFFERENT  
LANGUAGES.

>> WE CURRENTLY COMMUNICATES ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA IN LANGUAGES OTHER  
THAN ENGLISH?

>> WE CAN CHECK THAT AS GUIDANCE  
WHERE WE -- THAT'S AN AREA THAT  
WE CAN DO BETTER.

>> OKAY.

YEAH, THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT HAS  
BEEN IMPORTANT TO ME.  
JUST MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE  
TO COMMUNICATE WITH AS MANY  
PEOPLE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN IN  
ENGLISH AND IN LANGUAGES OTHER  
THAN ENGLISH AS WELL.

SO WHATEVER ASSISTANCE YOUR  
OFFICE CAN DO WOULD BE VERY  
HELPFUL.

>> CERTAINLY WITH RESPECT TO

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS, WE TRY TO DO THAT.

THIS IS AN AREA THAT WE CAN GROW.

>> WE DO ADVERTISE MANY PROGRAMS IN OTHER LANGUAGES IN DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS.

WE JUST HIRED -- WE DO A PRETTY ROBUST INSTRUCTION, TEACHING PEOPLE HOW TO USE COMPUTERS AND A RECENT HIRE THERE.

SPEAK FLUENT SPANISH.

SHE'S BEEN ABLE TO ASSIST US WITH SPANISH AS WELL.

>> LAST QUESTION.

WHAT TYPE OF OUTREACH ARE YOU DOING TO RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES?

>> THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WAS RAISED QUITE CLEARLY TO US AT THE END OF LAST CALENDAR YEAR. I'M IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING TOGETHER AN ACCESS ABILITY WORKING GROUP WITH THE LIBRARY TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.

>> IS THAT A WORKING GROUP THROUGHOUT THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES OR CERTAIN BRANCHES?

>> WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

THE ISSUE CAME UP ABOUT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

PROBABLY START THERE.

WE'LL BE LOOKING AT ALL THE LOCATIONS.

>> CAN YOU KEEP ME POSTED ON THAT WORKING GROUP?

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. JUST LOOKING OVER THE PACKET.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU PROVIDED THIS OR CENTRAL STAFF MAY HAVE. IT'S PERFORMANCE MEASURES.

JUST CURIOUS.

THE ACTUAL NUMBER FOR 17 SEEMS TO ROUND AND TOO CLEAN TO BE THE ACTUAL NUMBER.

MAYBE THAT'S MORE OF A GUESSTIMATE.

SO LOOKING AT LIBRARY CARD DAILY USAGE, 3.3 MILLION.

ACTUAL 183 MILLION.

AND THEN THE PROJECTED 3 MILLION  
FOR 19, PROJECTED 3 MILLION FOR  
20.  
LIBRARY REACH AN EVEN 10 MILLION  
IN 17.  
FOR 18, 10 MILLION.  
PROJECTED 1920.IS THAT A RIGHT

ASSUMPTION?

THAT WE REACHED 10 MILLION?

>> THE ACTUAL 17 -- THE ACTUAL  
18 NUMBERS LOOK ACCURATE.

THE 17 NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATES.

>> MORE CURIOUS THAN ANYTHING  
ELSE.

>> I WONDER IF WE SHOULD BE  
INCREASING THE PROJECTED.

OUR ACTUAL PROJECTED FOR LIBRARY  
CARD DAILY USAGE IS TECHNICALLY  
LESS THAN 18 FOR 19 AND 20 AND  
SLIGHTLY MORE.

I HAVE ALL THE FAITH IN THE  
WORLD THAT WE CAN DO BEYOND  
THAT.

>> WE DO REVIEWS EVERY YEAR.  
FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE REPORT,  
THEY TAKE THE TARGET OF THE  
PREVIOUS YEAR AND PASS IT  
THROUGH.

>> AND YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE  
CONTRACTED SERVICE AT 440,000.  
THAT'S FOR SALARIES AND CHANGES.  
LINE ITEM 53, 900.

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS --

>> INCREASE IN THE COLLECTION  
BUDGET.

>> EXCELLENT.

>> WE ALWAYS HAVE AN ISSUE  
CALLING BOOKS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL  
TO WHAT WE DO.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

YEAH.

>> AND IN THE -- THERE ARE 109  
OF THE 300 LOOSE TRACK ITEMS ON  
LOAN.

>> FANTASTIC.

ONE OF MY FAVORITE PAINTERS.

>> ALSO FOUR OF THE POSTERS  
BEING PUT ON DISPLAY AT THE  
CENTRAL LIBRARY AS A TEASER, IF  
YOU WILL, AND A REMINDER TO  
VISITORS THIS IS PART OF OUR  
COLLECTION.

YOU CAN SEE THE BALANCE ON



DISPLAY.

YOU KNOW, PART OF OUR MISSION  
AND OUR RENEWED MISSION IS TO  
ENSURE THAT OUR SPECIAL  
COLLECTIONS ARE AS ACCESSIBLE TO  
THE PUBLIC AS THEY CAN POSSIBLY  
BE.

WHERE WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY  
TO PUT ON AN EXHIBITION OF THAT  
SIZE AT THE MOMENT, DOING THAT  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ANOTHER  
INSTITUTION LIKE THE LFA  
SEEMS --

>> EXCELLENT.

>> IS THERE ANY TALK OF A CROSS  
PARTNERSHIP AT THE ARCHIVES?  
WE HAVE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT --

>> I DON'T KNOW THAT WE SHOW  
THEM OFF ENOUGH OR MAKE  
ACCESSIBLE TO MORE PEOPLE.

>> WE'VE DONE SOME WORK WITH THE  
CITY ARCHAEOLOGISTS AS WELL.

YOU KNOW, I THINK THE  
OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW IS REALLY  
ON SPACE MANAGEMENT.

BUT WE HAVE JUST -- ABOUT TO  
HOPEFULLY APPROVE A TRENDS FAIR  
OF ITEMS, THE BLUEPRINTS  
COLLECTION.

MAYBE LAURA CAN SPEAK TO THAT.

>> SINCE THE 70s, WE'VE HELD THE  
BLUE PARENTS COLLECTION THAT WAS  
AT THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.  
THEY NORMALLY HAVE SPACE FOR IT.  
WE TOOK IT IN.

ANY BUILDINGS FROM 1900 TO 1960  
AND REGISTERED FOR A PERMIT, THE  
CITY GOT A COPY OF THE  
BLUEPRINTS.

THEY CAME TO THE LIBRARY AS SORT  
OF AN INFORMAL TEMPORARY BASIS.

SO WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF  
TRANSFERRING THOSE OVER TO THE  
CITY ARCHIVES SO THEY CAN BE  
MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.  
IT'S RESTRICTED WITH WHAT WE CAN  
DO WITH IT.

IT'S BEEN AT THE CITY ARCHIVES  
FOR ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC.

>> AND BOTH AS THE CITY ARCHIVES  
AND THE LIBRARY WHICH SHARE A  
SPACE AT THE WEST ROXBURY  
CENTER, REALIZED THAT WE BEGUN  
TO UTILIZE THE SPACE BETTER IN

BOTH DEPARTMENTS, WE'RE REALIZING THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE TO HOUSE ALL OF THE MATERIALS THAT WE HAVE IN THE PROPER CONDITIONS.

SO THERE ARE ONGOING PROJECTS TO TRY TO COME TO TERMS WITH THAT. YOU'LL SEE IN THE CAPITAL PLAN SOME SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT ARE MAYBE NOT AT THE GRAND SCALE THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING AT TODAY BUT POINT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF ENSURING THAT COLLECTIONS, WHETHER THEY BE IN THE CARE OF THE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT OR THE CARE OF THE LIBRARY OR OTHER DEPARTMENTS REALLY ARE PRESERVED AND INDEED DIGITIZED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

>> CAN I ASK BRIEFLY, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF OUR BOOKS THAT ARE TAKEN OUT ARE TAKEN OUT FOR AN E READER?

>> THE DIGITAL AND STREAMING IS ABOUT 25%.

>> WOW.

>> THAT'S E BOOKS AND E AUDIO BOOKS.

>> WOW.

I'M SURE THE DAY WILL COME WHERE IT SURPASSES --

>> IT'S GROWING RAPIDLY.

>> I STILL LIKE HOLDING THE BOOKS IN MY HAND.

>> WE HAVE FOUND THAT CERTAIN PRINTED MATERIALS ARE INCREASING IN DEMAND AND USAGE SUCH AS CHILDRENS LITERATURE, SCIENCE FICTION, MYSTERY AND BIOGRAPHY. THAT TELLS US SOMETHING THAT -- DEMAND FOR INCREASE TO DIGITAL MATERIAL MAY BE INCREASING, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE USE OF THE PRINTED MATERIAL WILL EVER GO AWAY ENTIRELY.

>> CERTAINLY NOT.

WHAT WAS THE MOST REQUESTED BOOK THIS YEAR?

>> WE'RE ON TRIVIA NOW AT THIS POINT.

>> I THINK IT WAS "BECOMING".

>> I LIKE IT.

>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE?

>> I PROMISE TO YOU THAT EVERY

MINUTE IS SAVED.  
AND WE TOUCHED ON IT IN THE  
FIRST ROUND.  
AS YOU KNOW, I DO A LOT OF WORK  
AROUND HOMELESS.  
LAST YEAR WE TALKED ABOUT KIOSKS  
BEING ADDED INTO -- INSTALLED IN  
SOME LIBRARIES IF NOT ALL OF  
THEM FOR PROPER NEEDLE DISPOSAL.  
HAVE WE DONE THAT?  
WHERE ARE WE THAT?  
>> I CAN TAKE THAT.  
>> THERE'S SHARPS LOCATIONS IN  
ALL OF THE REST ROOMS IN THE  
CENTRAL LIBRARIES.  
>> WHAT ABOUT BRANCHES?  
>> IN THE BRANCH LIBRARIES, WE  
HAVE THEM AT EVERY BRANCH  
LIBRARY.  
>> AND ARE THEY REGULAR KIOSKS  
OR JUST DISPOSAL BUDGETS?  
>> THEY'RE ATTACHED TO THE WALL.  
THEY'RE PROBABLY THE SIZE OF A  
LITTLE BIT SMALLER THAN A  
NOTEBOOK.  
>> ATTACHED TO THE WALL.  
WHEN YOU SAY CONTAINER, TRYING  
TO VISUALIZE.  
WHEN YOU SAY CONTAINER, ALL OF  
THE PUBLIC REST ROOMS IN ALL OF  
THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES?  
>> THAT'S CORRECT.  
>> WHAT IS THE UTILITY RATE.  
ARE WE EMPTYING THEM WEEKLY  
OR --  
>> VARIES BY LOCATION.  
SO BECAUSE THE PROGRAM WAS NEW  
LAST YEAR, WE'RE STILL WORKING  
ON SORT OF THE METRICS.  
THERE'S SOME LOCATIONS WE  
INITIALIZED -- WE INITIATED THE  
PROGRAM WHERE WE WOULD SIGN UP  
TO PICK THEM UP JUST ONCE A YEAR  
OR TWICE A YEAR DEPENDING ON THE  
LOCATION.  
SO THE CENTRAL LIBRARY HAS BEEN  
THE MOST FREQUENTLY EMPTIED.  
IT'S NOT WEEKLY.  
IT'S EVERY COUPLE MONTHS.  
THE OTHER PROBLEM DISTORTING OUR  
METRICS, WE'VE HAD PEOPLE TAMPER  
WITH THEM FROM TIME TO TIME.  
SO WE'VE BEEN GETTING FALSE  
POSITIVES.

>> I'M SORRY.  
FALSE POSITIVES?  
>> LIKE IT'S FULL WHEN IT'S NOT.  
>> ALL RIGHT.  
>> WE SEND SOMEONE OUT TO EMPTY  
IT BUT IT WOULDN'T BE EMPTY.  
SOMEBODY TAMPERED WITH IT.  
>> WHAT IS THE BUDGET FOR THE  
NEEDLE DISPOSAL FOR THAT  
WHOLE -- DO WE HAVE --  
>> SO WE ARE WORKING WITH A  
PRIVATE CONTRACTOR TO DO THAT.  
THEY SUPPLIED ALL OF THE BOXES  
AND THEY WOULD SUPPLY THE  
SERVICES FOR PICKING THEM UP.  
I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE THE  
FIGURE.  
IT'S LESS THAN 10,000.  
I CAN TELL YOU THAT.  
>> I WOULD BE CURIOUS OFF LINE  
TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION ON  
HOW MANY REST ROOMS OR KIOSKS WE  
HAVE, THE DISPOSAL BUCKETS, THE  
FREQUENCY OF DISPOSAL AND THE  
COST OF THAT.  
I'M A BIG ADVOCATE OF PROVIDING  
NEEDLE DISPOSALS IN PUBLIC  
SPACES LIKE REST ROOMS.  
PRIVATE BUSINESSES ARE DOING IT.  
AIRPORTS ARE DOING IT.  
WE WANT PROPER DISPOSAL.  
WE DON'T WANT THEM IN THE WASTE.  
>> AND WE'RE LOOKING AT  
IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE RENOVATION  
PROJECTS TO HAVE MORE BUILT IN  
SO THEY LOOK BETTER AND IT'S NOT  
JUST A BOX ON THE WALL LIKE A  
TRASH RECEPTACLE.  
>> THANK YOU.  
LAST YEAR WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT  
VOLUNTARY NARCAN TRAINING.  
AGAIN, I REALIZE WE'RE IN A  
LIBRARY HEARING, BUT THIS IS OUR  
NEW REALITY.  
UNFORTUNATELY THE OVERDOSES ARE  
HIGH IN OUR CITY.  
CAN WE TALK ABOUT NARCAN  
TRAINING AND HOW THAT HAS DONE  
OVER THE LAST YEAR?  
>> SURE.  
WE'VE DONE SEVERAL ROUNDS OF  
NARCAN TRAINING FOR STAFF.  
WE DO THAT PERIODICALLY.  
I THINK WE'RE LOOKING AT DOING

THAT ABOUT ONCE A YEAR NOW.  
A SERIES OF TRAININGS THAT  
PEOPLE CAN ATTEND.  
SOME BRANCHES HAVE DONE SOME  
TRAININGS THAT THE PUBLIC --  
THAT ANYONE CAN ATTEND.  
OUR STAFF TRAINER IS LOOKING  
INTO HAVING NARCAN AVAILABLE AT  
EVERY LOCATION.  
JUST THEY CAN BE REPLENISHED  
WHEN WE RUN OUT.  
>> THANK YOU FOR THAT.  
AGAIN, BECAUSE THE WORK THAT IS  
EXPECTED OF THE -- THE  
CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE FACING IN  
OUR LIBRARIES REQUIRES US, BUT  
WE'VE ALSO IN THE PAST  
TALKED -- THIS IS RELATED TO THE  
SOCIAL WORK EFFORTS IN OUR  
LIBRARIES.  
CAN YOU TALK ABOUT ANY TRAININGS  
AROUND DEESCALATION, MENTAL  
HEALTH, FIRST AID, YOU KNOW,  
ACTIVE --  
>> THAT'S THE MAIN FOCUS OF MOST  
OF OUR TRAININGS IN THE LAST  
YEAR.  
FOR THE GENERAL STAFF, WE'RE  
JUST DOING A SECOND ROUND OF  
DEESCALATION TRAINING.  
I WENT TO IT LAST WEEK.  
WE HAD GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR THOSE  
TRAININGS.  
WE ALSO DID THE CONFLICT ACTIVE  
BYSTANDER TRAININGS.  
>> FOR STAFF OR PUBLIC?  
>> STAFF.  
WE'VE WORKED WITH SIMMONS  
UNIVERSITY AS DAVID MENTIONED,  
THE COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND  
SCIENCES AND SOCIAL WORK WHERE  
THEY CAME AND DID FOCUS GROUPS  
WITH STAFF TO SEE THE COMMON  
ISSUES THEY'RE FACING.  
THEY'RE NOW ROLLING OUT  
TRAININGS BASED ON WHAT THEY  
LEARNED FROM THE STAFF.  
THE ONE THING THAT I WANT TO  
MENTION, WE ALSO HAVE THE  
COACHES IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS.  
WE HAVE I BELIEVE FIVE  
LOCATIONS.  
IT JUST CAME BACK INTO MY MIND.  
I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF DETAILS

AROUND THAT.

THAT WAS INITIATED AT THE  
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

>> MY BELL RANG BUT I WANT TO GO  
OVER -- IF THE CHAIR WILL  
INDULGE ME.

I KNOW YOU HAVE A WORKING GROUP  
OF LIBRARY EMPLOYEES THAT ARE  
FIGURING OUT THE BEST WAY TO  
RESPOND TO INCIDENTS IN GENERAL  
CHANGES IN WHAT SERVICES YOU  
NEED TO PROVIDE.

>> YES.

THE COMMUNITY -- THEY HAVEN'T  
MET FOR A WHEEL.

THEY'VE BEEN FOCUSING ON  
EXTERNAL PARTNERS WE'VE BEEN  
WORKING WITH.

THE WOMAN THAT -- SINCE THE  
CREATION OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES SPECIALIST, SHE'S BEEN  
TAKING CARE OF A LOT OF THESE  
ISSUES.

THAT COMMITTEE DOES EXIST.

I'LL RECOMMEND HAVING THEM COME  
BACK TOGETHER TO SEE HOW THINGS  
ARE GOING.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR BAKER?

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

CAN YOU MENTIONED THE PARODY  
SERVICES AGAIN?

WHAT ARE THEY?

>> SO IT'S CALLED POLICE  
ASSISTED ADDICTION AND RECOVERY  
INITIATIVE.

THEY ARE -- CAME THROUGH THE  
POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

I BELIEVE THERE'S FIVE BRANCHES  
WHERE THEY HAVE PUBLISHED  
APPOINTMENTS THROUGH THE WEEK  
WHERE THERE IS A PERRY COACH  
ASSIGNED TO THAT BRANCH.

PEOPLE MAKE APPOINTMENTS THERE  
DEALING WITH RECOVERY AND  
ADDICTION ISSUES.

THEY MADE AN APPOINTMENT.

>> THAT'S THROUGH THE

>> YES.

>> THANKS.

DAVID?

>> THEY ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN

RECOVERY THEMSELVES AND HAVE REACHED TO POINT WHERE THEY'RE ABLE TO THEN GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

>> LIKE A RECOVERY COACH? WHO ARE THEY MEETING WITH? ARE THEY MEETING WITH PEOPLE THAT THEY KNOW AND ARE ALREADY HELPING?

HOW DOES THAT -- HOW IS THAT CONNECTION --

>> THAT IS THE PLAN CERTAINLY TO HAVE THESE INDIVIDUALS BE AT A KNOWN LOCATION.

OTHERS THAT ARE, YOU KNOW, ABOUT TO MAYBE -- ALL READY TO HAVE THE ADVICE OR INFORMATION, BE A CONNECTION, BE A RESOURCE FOR THEM.

WE NEED TO GET AN UPDATE ON HOW THE PROGRAM IS GOING.

WE'RE ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH WHAT WAS PLANNED TO BE THE PILOT FACE OF THIS.

>> GOOD.

SOUNDS GOOD.

CAN WE TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT -- THE LIBRARY'S RESPONSIBILITY, YOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN THE CORNER BRANCH LIKE MOVING FORWARD -- I KNOW IT'S PUBLIC FACILITIES.

WHAT WOULD THE VISION BE?

WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY THERE.

I'M SO EXCITED FOR -- WE'RE ABLE TO TIE THE STRAND IN.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT, DAVID?

WHAT YOUR VISION MAY BE IF --

>> SO WE -- I MEAN, THE EXISTING CORNER BRANCH HAS NEEDED A NEW HOME FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

IT DOESN'T MEET THE ACCESS ABILITY STANDARDS OR EVEN BASIC STANDARDS FOR GOOD LIBRARY SERVICE TODAY.

ALTHOUGH THE STAFF THERE DO AN INCREDIBLE JOB AND THE LOCATION IS WELL-LOVED BY THE COMMUNITY. NONE OF THAT IS IN DISPUTE.

SO THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF MORE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD REIMAGINING PROCESS HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE.

WE'VE BEEN PRESENT THROUGHOUT

THE 2030 PLANNING PROCESS AND THE WORKING ADVISORY GROUP, THAT PROCESS IS BEING LEAD BY JOHN BARROS.

I THINK ONE OF THE KEY DELIVERABLES OF THAT PROCESS IS TO THINK OF THIS REDEVELOPMENT OR THIS REIMAGINATION AS ANCHORING A NEW ARTS AND CULTURE DISTRICT.

WE'RE JOINED IN THE AUDIENCE BY THE CHIEF OF ARTS AND CULTURE. THIS PROVIDES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OUR TWO AREAS TO COLLABORATE ON THE GROUND AS A TRUE PIECE AND EQUALLY AS A KEY ANCHOR PIECE FROM A PHYSICS AND CULTURAL POINT OF VIEW.

WE THOUGHT OF HAVING THE LIBRARY, YOU KNOW, AS IN THAT CASE, ITS SPECIAL CHARACTERISTIC, HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE ARTS AND CULTURE SECTOR.

AND AS WE SEE THE NEW R.P. PROCESS GO FORWARD, WE ENGAGE WITH WHAT WILL BE AN ABBREVIATED PROGRAMMING STUDY, MORE OF A PROGRAMMING UPDATE TO DEFINE WHAT THOSE NEEDS WILL BE.

YOU KNOW, THERE'S A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT SITES THAT ARE POSSIBLE FOR WHERE THE LIBRARY WILL BE.

WE CAN PUT IT ALL TOGETHER WITH WHAT --

>> DO WE HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR AND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IN SQUARE FOOTAGE UP THERE?

>> WE DO.

I CAN GET BACK TO YOU ON WHAT THE ACTUAL DOCUMENT CALLS FOR.

>> SO THE BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING IS NOT BIG ENOUGH?

>> NOT AS IS.

>> YEAH.

MAYBE THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO AUGMENT THAT FACADE OR THAT BUILDING AND HAVE THAT --

>> THAT'S ONE OF TWO OR THREE POSSIBLE LOCATIONS IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD WORK FOR OUR LIBRARY.



>> FABULOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR US  
IN BOSTON.

AND I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.  
WITH YOU TALK ABOUT THE CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENTS AREA?

WHAT IS IT?

WHO IS COMING?

>> SO WE'RE JUST REACHING THE  
END OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THIS  
PROGRAM.

AND THE -- ONE OF MY PERSONAL  
HIGHLIGHTS WAS JUST THE ABILITY  
TO INTERVIEW DAVID HOGG, ONE OF  
THE PARKLAND SURVIVORS.

WE'LL BE DOING ONE IN THE  
SUMMER, WHICH IS A NEW BOOK ON  
CHASING THE MOON, WHICH TALKS  
ABOUT THE APOLLO STORY.

A STRONG PIECE OF THAT THAT  
TALKS ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING  
ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS FRONT DURING  
THAT PERIOD OF AMERICAN HISTORY.  
THESE ARE TWO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT  
TOPICS BUT ARE ENGAGING IN ONE  
CASE GUN CONTROL ADVOCACY AND IN  
THE OTHER CASE THE CIVIL RIGHTS  
ISSUES AND THE CONTEXT OF GOING  
TO THE MOON.

>> WILL YOU MAKE SURE THAT WE  
HAVE COMMUNICATION ON THAT  
SERIES?

I'D LIKE TO SIT IN ON THAT.

WILL YOU TALK ABOUT THE GALA?

>> GALA.

>> WHATEVER WAY YOU SAY IT.

>> CERTAINLY.

THE UPDATE -- SO THE PUBLIC RPF  
SPEAKS UP TO 20,000 SQUARE FEET  
AS BEING DEDICATED.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IS SHARED  
SPACE VERSUS DEDICATED SPACE  
VERSUS -- WE HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS  
OF THAT.

WE THINK THAT SOMEWHERE IN THE  
12,000 TO 15,000 SQUARE FOOT  
RANGE IS WHERE THE SWEET SPOT OF  
A TYPICAL BRANCH LIBRARY COULD  
BE.

WE HAVE LOCATIONS FROM 1,500  
SQUARE FEET RIGHT NOW IN  
CHINATOWN TO DUDLEY, WHICH IS  
27,000 SQUARE FEET.

GOING BACK TO THE GALA.

SO WE'VE SPENT THE LAST TWO

YEARS EFFECTIVELY STRATEGIZING,  
PLANNING A RELAUNCH OF OUR  
PRIVATE FUND-RAISING EFFORTS.  
THE FOUNDATION WENT ON HIATUS  
TWO YEARS AGO SO THAT WE COULD  
WORK OUT WHAT THE NEW STRATEGY  
WOULD BE WORKING WITH OUR  
AFFILIATE PARTNERS.  
WE'LL RELAUNCH AS THE FUNDS FOR  
THE BOSTON LIBRARY COMES IN THE  
COMING WEEKS.  
THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS ON  
BOARD AND HAS STARTED.  
THE SIGNATURE TO LAUNCH THIS  
ASIDE FROM A PRECEDENT THAT  
WE'LL DO BETWEEN NOW AND THEN SO  
ON JUNE 7, FRIDAY JUNE 7, WILL  
BE THE LIBRARY'S INAUGURAL AGAIN  
LA.  
I GUESS WE SHOULD WORK OUT BY  
JUNE 7 WHAT THE RIGHT  
PRONUNCIATION SHOULD BE.  
>> AND THE FUNDING GOES FOR  
OPERATION?  
>> YES.  
THE GOAL IS AFTER THE COSTS ARE  
PAID FOR THAT THOSE FUNDS WILL  
BE AVAILABLE TO THE BOSTON  
PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE  
ENHANCEMENT OF SERVICES.  
YOU KNOW, WE DO AN AMAZING JOB  
WITH THE RESOURCES FROM THE CITY  
OF BOSTON AND HOPEFULLY YOU'LL  
APPROVE THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED  
BUDGET FOR FY-20.  
WE DO HAVE STATE ALLOCATIONS  
THAT WE TRY HARD TO ENSURE STAY  
IN PLACE YEAR OVER YEAR.  
ALL OF THAT TOOK HITS IN 2001  
AND 2009.  
THE PRIVATE FUND-RAISING HAS NOT  
IN THE RECENT DECADE BEEN WHERE  
IT CAN BE.  
WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF HAVING A  
STRONG, HIGH-LEVEL FUND-RAISING  
PLAN THAT WILL BRING ADDITIONAL  
FUNDS TO THE TABLE.  
FROM INDIVIDUALS, FROM  
CORPORATIONS, PEOPLE OF WEALTH.  
THE LEADERS IN THE PHILANTHROPIC  
COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN VERY  
ENCOURAGING OVER THE COST OF THE  
LAST YEAR.  
WE'LL HAVE SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS ON

THAT FRONT IN COMING WEEKS AS WELL.

WE BELIEVE WE'RE REALLY STRONGLY SET UP FOR SUCCESS.

AND WE'LL BE MANAGING THROUGH ELLEN'S TEAM AND HER GREAT WORK AROUND ENSURING THAT THOSE DOLLARS, ONCE THEY COME THROUGH THE FUND, ENHANCE WHERE THE MOST URGENT AREAS OF NEED ARE, WHETHER THAT IS IN STAFFING OR PROGRAMMING.

SO WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS ON THAT FRONT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

I JUST WANTED TO --

>> COULD I ADD THAT WHILE THAT'S THE HIGHER LEVEL FUND-RAISING, THAT IN NO WAY DIMINISHES THE SMALLER GROUPS DO AT THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL.

OUR VISION IS TO HAVE GREATER COORDINATION AMONG ALL OF THE FUND-RAISING EFFORTS THAT ARE GOING ON.

>> THANK YOU.

JUST WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT EXTERNAL FUNDING.

LOOKING BACK TO FY-17.

WE'RE BACK WHERE WE WERE.

WE HAD FLUCTUATIONS DOWNWARDS IN 18 AND 19, BACK UP TO WHERE 17 LEVELS WERE.

I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE STATE AID AND WHERE THE FUNDS ARE COMING FROM AND IF YOU CAN PROVIDE US AT ANOTHER TIME THE HISTORICAL GOING BACK TO FY-18 AND THE CURRENT SOURCES OF THE EXTERNAL FUNDS?

>> SURE.

QUICKLY ON WHERE WE ARE FOR NEXT YEAR, IF YOU LOOK INTO FY-17, WERE A LITTLE OVER 9 MILLION. PROJECTING WE'LL BE AT THE SAME IN 20.

FY-17 WAS COMING OFF INVENTORIES AND THE MOLD OUTBREAK.

IN 18 AND 19 WITHOUT THE FUND IN PLACE, WE HAD PUSHED SOME OUR SALARY COSTS TO THE CITY.

THE CITY ALLOWED TO US DO THAT.

OUR SPENDING WILL GO UP BECAUSE THE FUND IS COMING BACK ON AND WE'VE SET ASIDE -- WE DIDN'T HAVE A CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER. WE USED ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR A LOT OF I.T. COSTS.

WE PUT THE FUNDS ASIDE.

NOW HE'S COMING ON, WE HAVE MONEY FOR HIM TO SPEND.

WE ASSUME THAT WILL HAPPEN.

AS YOU KNOW, THE CITY BUDGET DOESN'T INCLUDE FUNDS TO REPLACE FUTURE.

WE'VE TRIED TO STOCKPILE MONEY FROM ENTERPRISE AND PUT \$100,000 AWAY TO REPLACE FURNITURE.

THAT'S THE THREE BIG THINGS WE EXPECT.

>> WITH RESPECT TO STATE FUNDING THE LAST TWO TO THREE YEARS, WE'VE SEEN MODEST INCREASES.

AGAIN, THAT IS NOWHERE NEAR THE LEVEL THAT IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DOES SERVE AS A LIBRARY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE PARTICULAR PROGRAM UNDER THAT FUNDING IS TO ASSIST LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE WITH BRINGING THEIR COLLECTIONS ONLINE.

WE DO SUPPORT THE PORTAL THAT PROVIDES ACCESS.

DIGITALCOMMONWEALTH.ORG.

THE TRAJECTORY THE STATE IS ON FOR THIS COMING YEAR DOES SUGGEST THERE COULD BE MORE THAN A SLIGHTLY MODEST INCREASE IN THAT FUNDING IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.

WE'RE NOT DONE THERE YET.

>> WE'RE AT ABOUT \$3 MILLION OF STATE FUNDING.

LOOK BACK IN THE EARLY 2000s, IT WAS OVER \$10 MILLION.

>> WOW.

DOESN'T SURPRISE ME.

SO THERE WAS OTHER -- WAS IT LIBRARY OF LAST RECOURSE?

>> YEAH.

MICHAEL CAN TALK TO THAT.

THAT BECAME THE LIBRARY FOR THE

COMMONWEALTH AS WE MOVE MORE INTO THE DIGITAL AGE.

>> GOT YOU.

SO AGAIN, YOU WERE CITING WHAT NUMBERS?

ABOUT 2010 OR --

>> THE STATE AID?

THE STATE FUND SOMETHING BACK IN THE EARLY 2000s IS WHEN IT STARTED GOING DOWN.

NOW WE'RE AT 3 MILLION.

>> 3 MILLION.

WENT THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES AROUND FY-10 AND 11, 9, 10 AND 11.

>> THE HIGH LEVELS WERE BACK IN THE EARLY 2000s AND NEVER RECOUPED THAT.

>> A FEW OF US WERE HERE DURING THOSE HORRIBLE YEARS WHEN WE WERE CUTTING STAFF, CUTTING -- ALMOST ATTEMPTED TO CLOSE LIBRARIES.

NOW WE'RE BACK.

BUT IT'S NOT -- HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF ANY LARGESSE FROM THE STATE. IT'S RESOURCES.

>> AND I'D SAY THE ENTERPRISE MONEY, TOO.

THE PRIVATE EVENT HAS BEEN A FAIRLY ROBUST --

>> YEAH, IF YOU CAN SEND ME ONE LINE WITH THE HISTORICAL.

I GUESS THERE'S COMMONWEALTH AID AND STATE AIDE TO LIBRARIES.

ARE THEY UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES?

YOU CAN DO A NET STATE AID STATEMENT, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE?

>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN?

>> I'M SORRY.

THANK YOU.

JUST TWO POINTS MAYBE.

I KNOW WE MENTIONED THE OUT REACH ON ELL AND DISABILITIES. I THINK ABOUT IN MY DISTRICT IN SOUTH BOSTON, IF YOU'RE LIVING AT OLD COLONY HOMES AND THE BAKER DIRECT, WHAT TYPE OF OUTREACH ARE YOU DOING TO REPS -- RESIDENTS IN BHA.

MIGHT BE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION TO THE LIBRARY.

MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO GET THERE, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION-WISE.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, ARE YOU BRINGING SERVICES TO THEM AND THEIR RESIDENTS?

>> EACH BRANCH IS TARGETED ON TASKED -- MICHAEL CAN TALK TO THIS -- WE ALSO HAVE THE MOBILE UNIT THAT TRAVELS TO LOCATIONS ACROSS THE CITY.

WHICH I BELIEVE WE'RE ABOUT TO ADD A SECOND ONE.

>> YEAH, WE'VE REALLY BEEN TAKING OUTREACH MORE SERIOUSLY. OUR YOUTH SERVICES HAVE ALWAYS DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB WITH THAT, BETWEEN SCHOOLS, THEY WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES FOR INCARCERATED TEENS. WITH THE ADDITION OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALISTS, WE'VE FOCUSED ON HOMELESS SHELTERS AND OTHER AREAS WHERE WE CAN PROVIDE SERVICES IN OTHER LOCATIONS.

SO MAKING NOTE OF THE VHAs AND THINGS LIKE THAT, I'LL MAKE SURE THAT IS ON THE LIST OF AREAS WE'RE LOOKING AT.

AS DAVID MENTIONED, WE'RE ASKING FOR A LIST OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT THEY'RE DOING OUTREACH TO TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE IDEA.

>> AND THE DEVELOPMENT IN BHA, HAS UNITY DAY.

THE SUMMERTIME, IT'S A COOKOUT. PEOPLE COME TOGETHER.

NONPROFITS, SOCIAL SERVICES.

COULD THE LIBRARY SYSTEM BE PART OF THAT AS WELL?

>> YES.

>> AND IF YOU WANT TO TOUCH BASE WITH BILL.

AND I JUST WANT TO -- I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY -- WE'RE GETTING EXCELLENT HELP FROM KIM JANEY. WE SHARED THE DISTRICT.

AARON, JOHN SANTIAGO, FRANK BAKER AS WELL AS THE AT LARGE COUNCIL.

NOT ONLY IS IT THE CITY

OFFICIALS BUT LATE AND  
LEGISLATIVE AS WELL.

I WANTED TO PASS THAT ALONG.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> NOW IT'S MY TURN.

THANK YOU.

SO I RECEIVED A QUESTION FROM A  
CONSTITUENT IN PREPARATION FOR  
TODAY'S HEARING.

IT WAS ABOUT THE ENTERPRISE  
FUND.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT THAT IS?

WHAT -- WHERE THAT MONEY COMES  
FROM AND WHAT IT'S USED FOR.

>> THE ENTERPRISE MONEY IS FOR  
PRIVATE EVENTS AT CENTRAL  
LIBRARY.

WE BRING IN A LITTLE OVER \$2  
MILLION RECENTLY AND WE PAY ALL  
THE ASSOCIATED COSTS OUT OF IT.

IT INCLUDES A FOUR-PERSON STAFF,  
INCLUDES OVERTIME FOR  
CUSTODIANS, SECURITY, WE HAVE TO  
HAVE HVAC PEOPLE ON SITE IN CASE  
SOMETHING HAPPENS.

AFTER THAT, THE MONIES CONTINUE  
IN TO OUR COFFERS.

WE USE THEM FOR COLLECTIONS  
BUDGETS, FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY  
FOR COLLECTIONS.

WE USE IT FOR I.T. SPENDING.

A WHOLE HOST OF ITEMS ACROSS THE  
LIBRARY.

AS I MENTIONED, WE'RE PUTTING  
MONEY ASIDE TO HELP REPLACE  
FURNITURE THAT COMES FROM THE  
ENTERPRISE FUND.

SO RIGHT NOW IT'S THE MAJOR  
SOURCE ASIDE FROM CITY BUDGET  
FOR DISCRETIONARY PURCHASES.

>> AGAIN, WHICH FALLS UNDER THE  
PURVIEW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FROM A BUDGETING AND APPROVAL  
PROCESS.

>> AND THIS FUND GOES THROUGH  
THE BOARD?

>> YES.

>> BASED ON MY QUESTIONS FROM  
EARLIER, THE EARLIER ROUND, I  
WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE  
WORK THAT YOU DO AND YOUR STAFF  
ACROSS THE ENTIRE SYSTEM DO.  
BECAUSE IT IS MORE THAN JUST THE

BOOKS ON THE SHELVES.  
THE WEALTH HAS CHANGED IN HOW  
WE'RE GETTING INFORMATION, SO  
THE TECHNOLOGY, THE AUDIO BOOKS,  
THE WAY THAT LIBRARY STAFF  
INTERACTS WITH ITS GUESTS AND  
ALSO SOME OF THE SOCIAL ISSUE  
THAT'S YOUR LIBRARY STAFF IS  
RESPONDING TO AND RESPONSIBLE  
FOR IN SO MANY WAYS.  
I WANT TO THANK THEM THROUGH  
YOU.

THE SYSTEM REALLY HAS HAD TO  
CHANGE AND ADAPTED AND BEEN VERY  
PROFESSIONAL.

IT'S MODIFYING THE WAY THAT THEY  
DELIVER THEIR SERVICES TO  
RESIDENTS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANYTHING ELSE?

AT THIS POINT DAVID, DID YOU  
WANT TO TESTIFY?

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

I'M DAVID FROM HYDE PARK.

I'D LIKE TO THANK THE LIBRARY  
STAFF FOR EVERYTHING THAT THEY  
DO.

I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT  
OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE BRANCH  
PROJECTS THAT ARE GOING ON RIGHT  
NOW.

THEY HAVE A LOT OF BALLS IN THE  
AIR.

I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW THEY DO  
IT ALL.

BUT I WILL SAY THEY ARE DOING A  
GREAT JOB.

I KNOW I'VE ADDRESSED WHAT I'M  
ABOUT TO SAY BEFORE.

I CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT  
THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF THE  
CENTRAL LIBRARY.

WHEN WE STARTED THIS PROJECT A  
FEW YEARS AGO, I WAS ALL IN  
FAVOR OF RENTING OUT SPACES FOR  
EVENTS, WEDDINGS, ET CETERA FOR  
AFTER HOURS.

THEN WE INITIATED A CAFE, WHICH  
GREW INTO A RESTAURANT, WHICH IS  
NOW GROWN INTO ANOTHER CAFE.

THE GBH RADIO STUDIO, WHICH IS A  
GREAT IDEA AND NOW WE EXPANDED



OUT TO THE SIDEWALK ON THE STREET SIDE AND SERVING BEER AND WINE.

I THINK WHEN THIS STARTED, I COMMENTED TO THIS COMMITTEE WHEN THESE PROPOSALS WERE BEING OFFERED THAT PERHAPS WE MIGHT BUILD A LAP POOL IN THE HALL AND SERVE DRINKS THERE, TOO.

I SEE THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE, BUT THE EXPANDING COMMERCIAL FOOTPRINT IN OUR FLAGSHIP LIBRARY CONTINUES TO BE VERY DISTURBING.

BACK IN 1848 WHEN OUR LIBRARY WAS FOUNDED, THE STATE AND THE CITY MADE A CONTRACT WITH THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON TO HAVE A PUBLICLY-FUNDED MUNICIPAL LIBRARY.

I KNOW WE'RE IN A DIFFERENT AGE NOW.

I KNOW THAT WE ARE IN A DIFFERENT FINANCIAL CLIMATE. BUT I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THE FOOTPRINT IN OUR LIBRARY, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT YOU ARE DISCUSSING MIXED USE IN OUR BRANCHES, TOO.

THERE'S GOT TO BE A LINE DRAWN SOMEWHERE.

SO FAR ALL I'VE SEEN IS EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL USE OF OUR LIBRARY.

IT CONTINUES TO DISTURB ME.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

I WANT TO THANK YOU, YOUR TEAM, ALL THE FOLKS IN THE FIELD WHO DO SUCH INCREDIBLE WORK EVERY DAY SERVICING OUR CONSTITUENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

I WANT TO -- I LOOK FORWARD TO WEDNESDAY'S MEETING WHEN THE TRUSTEES I BELIEVE WILL VOTE ON THE POTENTIAL COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE HALSTON LIBRARY.

I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES THAT SUPPORTED THAT RESOLUTION ON MY END, ON THE COUNCIL END AND I BELIEVE THE MAYOR WROTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT.

SHE'S GOING TO BE 90 IN SEPTEMBER.

I THINK AMEN KNOWS THAT WHEN YOU  
TALK ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE  
LIBRARY, SHE'S THE ICON OF  
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY.  
SHE'S BEEN DOING IT FOR DECADE.  
IT IS HER LOVE AND PASSION.  
I WANT TO THANK AMEN FOR COMING  
OUT TO THE LIBRARY AND WALKING  
THE GROUNDS WITH US AND TAKING  
CARE OF THOSE ISSUES.  
RATHER SLOWLY.  
I KNOW IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.  
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT  
THERE.  
I WANT TO SAY HOW GRATEFUL I AM.  
IT'S BEEN TUMULTUOUS SOMETIMES.  
WE'VE ALMOST LOST SOME BRANCHES.  
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR KEEPING  
THINGS ON TRACK.  
>> FOR THE RECORD, THAT MEETING  
OF THE TRUSTEES IS TOMORROW.  
>> OKAY.  
GREAT.  
LOOK FORWARD TO IT.  
THANK YOU.  
>> AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL ALL BE  
THERE FOR THE UNVEILING OR  
WHATEVER THE CEREMONY WILL BE.  
>> THANK YOU.  
>> THIS HEARING IS ADJOURNED.