

>> My name is mark Ciommo 10:51:35:17
commissioner of ways and means. 11:02:12:26
Boston bright on City councilor. 11:02:14:19
Today is Monday May 13th. 11:02:16:28
It is around 2:00 p.m. 11:02:19:09
We are here with our good 11:02:20:21
friends from the parks 11:02:22:10
department. 11:02:23:18
Part of our fiscal year 20 11:02:25:21
budget review. 11:02:29:19
Docket 0622-0625. 11:02:30:14
Orders for the FY20 operating 11:02:34:08
budget including annual 11:02:37:06
appropriations for departmental 11:02:39:04
appropriations. 11:02:42:03
Annual department appropriations 11:02:43:25
for the school department. 11:02:46:24
And appropriation for certain 11:02:47:25
public transportation, rail 11:02:51:01
improvements. 11:02:52:27
Dockets 0626-0628. 11:02:53:26
Capitol budget appropriations 11:02:57:17
including loan orderer and lease 11:02:59:14
purchase agreements. 11:03:02:20
I would like to remind everyone 11:03:03:25
this is a public hearing being 11:03:05:11
broad casT and recorded on 11:03:07:18
Comcast channel 8, RCN82, 11:03:09:14
Verizon 1964. 11:03:13:21
Streamed at Boston.GoV ... 11:03:16:14
Ask folks in the chamber to 11:03:21:12
silence their electronic 11:03:23:15
devices. 11:03:24:24
We have a sign in sheet to the 11:03:25:23
left for those who wish to 11:03:28:17
publicly testify at various 11:03:30:06
stages throughout the hearings. 11:03:36:29
There is a place to state your 11:03:38:24
name, affiliation, residence and 11:03:40:11
please check the box yes if you 11:03:42:19
do wish to testify. 11:03:44:15
There are several ways to 11:03:45:24
testify. 11:03:51:21
You can attend a public hearing 11:03:52:04
like today. 11:03:54:26
You can come to the hearing 11:03:55:19
dedicated to public testimony on 11:03:56:19
Tuesday June 4th from 11:03:59:13
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 11:04:02:18
We will stay as long as 11:04:05:00
necessary to hear from everyone 11:04:06:20
that would like to speak on the 11:04:11:06
budget. 11:04:12:21

You can send your testimony to 11:04:13:06
the committee on ways and means. 11:04:14:22
Boston city council fifth floor 11:04:17:12
Boston city, Boston mass. 11:04:20:03
Or E-mail the committee at 11:04:23:17
CCC.WM@ Boston.GoV. 11:04:25:16
In order of their arrival we 11:04:31:16
have to my mediate left my 11:04:34:00
friend from south Boston council 11:04:36:23
as R. at large Michael Flaherty. 11:04:39:05
To my mediate right, the chair 11:04:41:29
of education my friend from 11:04:43:21
Dorchester. 11:04:46:03
City councilor Essaibi-George. 11:04:47:15
To my far right counselor Lydia 11:04:49:23
Edwards. 11:04:52:22
To my left again district six my 11:04:53:10
friend from JP, Matt O'Malley. 11:04:56:14
City councilor of district 6. 11:04:59:21
Next to him district will City 11:05:03:02
councilor josh sake you mean. 11:05:06:02
Frank baker has stepped out 11:05:10:05
momentarily. 11:05:12:07
We also have Kim Janey from 11:05:13:15
district 7, and counselor Tim 11:05:15:21
Mccarthy from district 5. 11:05:18:05
With that I will hand it over to 11:05:20:18
you, chief. 11:05:23:15
Welcome. 11:05:24:14
>> Thank you, very much, chair. 11:05:24:28
My name is Chris cook. 11:05:26:18
I serve as mayor Martin J. 11:05:28:04
Walsh's chief of environment, 11:05:30:12
energy and open space. 11:05:32:17
I have the privilege being 11:05:33:17
joined by several of my 11:05:35:09
colleagues from the Boston parks 11:05:36:18
and recreation department. 11:05:38:01
Including our director of 11:05:40:12
maintenance, our director of 11:05:41:21
finance, our chief engineer, and 11:05:43:17
we will be joined, she is 11:05:47:08
currently in another hearing 11:05:49:06
now, our director of human 11:05:50:09
resources. 11:05:53:13
I want to thank you, chair, 11:05:54:12
counselor Ciommo for your 11:05:56:18
chairmanship of the hearing. 11:05:58:13
Thank counselor Mccarthy for 11:05:59:26
being the voice chair of the 11:06:02:01
committee. 11:06:03:09
The Boston parks and reaction 11:06:03:25
department has worked with you 11:06:07:21
through both of your tenures 11:06:11:28

this. 11:06:13:19
Is our last budget hearing, 11:06:13:26
together as the parks 11:06:16:01
department. 11:06:17:28
I want to acknowledge your 11:06:18:09
leadership on. 11:06:19:24
That I would be remiss if I 11:06:20:29
didn't acknowledge the 11:06:23:03
contributions of the council at 11:06:25:00
large and the support to the 11:06:27:00
department. 11:06:29:02
Boston parks is better for the 11:06:30:09
councils leadership. 11:06:32:12
I want to acknowledge the 11:06:34:21
leadership of the chair of 11:06:36:00
leadership counselor O'Malley 11:06:38:16
and vice chair WU for their 11:06:40:26
partnership with the department. 11:06:44:21
The department looks to continue 11:06:47:09
this partnership with the city 11:06:49:11
council. 11:06:51:25
I want to thank the counselors 11:06:52:17
for the cooperation and 11:06:54:23
coordination in the budget 11:06:56:02
process. 11:06:57:03
I want to especially thank the 11:06:57:21
office of budget management lead 11:06:59:14
by the chief and director. 11:07:02:19
Our budget analyst for her tire 11:07:08:06
less work on this. 11:07:13:18
We're excited to submit for your 11:07:15:03
review this FY20 department 11:07:17:07
budget from both an operating 11:07:19:26
perspective and capitol 11:07:21:26
perspective. 11:07:23:12
Mayor Martin J. Walsh has 11:07:24:27
demonstrated a steadfast 11:07:27:07
commitment to making our urban 11:07:29:26
green spaces the best in the 11:07:32:29
nation when it comes to access 11:07:34:08
and equity. 11:07:36:29
This means viewing our 11:07:37:22
investments through the lens of 11:07:39:11
parks first. 11:07:41:04
Parks first is a commitment to 11:07:42:00
achieving these goals through 11:07:43:06
design, excellence, and 11:07:44:25
management. 11:07:47:02
Our residence deserve access to 11:07:47:22
great parks. 11:07:50:07
There should be equity in how 11:07:51:06
the parks are invested in. 11:07:53:01
There needs to be excellence and 11:07:55:04
design for environmental goals 11:07:56:26

in regards to climate adaptation. 11:07:59:16
11:08:01:22
Our approach is getting results. 11:08:02:22
Last year Boston was recognized as the second city in the United States to have a hundred percent of residents within a five minute walk to a park. 11:08:04:28
11:08:07:07
11:08:08:18
11:08:13:14
11:08:15:12
Highlights of the FY20 budget include the transfer of animal care and control to the Boston parks and reaction department this. 11:08:17:10
11:08:19:24
11:08:21:15
11:08:22:27
11:08:25:19
Is a transfer we're excited about. 11:08:25:26
11:08:27:29
Many conflicts that occur between animal control and our urban spaces occur in prompt owned by the Boston parks and reaction department. 11:08:28:10
11:08:30:00
11:08:31:16
11:08:34:18
11:08:36:24
Whether it's off-leash dogs or wildlife in the city. 11:08:38:02
11:08:40:26
We are excited to collaborate and work with animal care and control. 11:08:42:08
11:08:45:18
11:08:48:16
We also want to highlight the edition of three full time and just to be clear full time employees not seasonal park rangers to be added to the roster. 11:08:49:07
11:08:50:27
11:08:52:18
11:08:54:00
11:08:56:12
11:08:57:26
I know this is something that has been a major point of advocacy through the years. 11:08:58:17
11:09:00:00
11:09:02:06
Not only to add to the sense of safety in the parks and rule enforcement to make sure there are ambassadors in the park and they're welcoming environments. 11:09:04:17
11:09:06:09
11:09:08:02
11:09:09:29
11:09:11:29
I want to highlight we expanded the horticulture division to include a new four person division. 11:09:13:26
11:09:16:03
11:09:18:20
11:09:20:06
This would be located at Martin's park. 11:09:20:24
11:09:22:10
Martin's park is a climate ready park in south Boston. 11:09:24:12
11:09:27:12
Part of mayor Walsh J. resilient harbor plan. 11:09:28:28
11:09:33:01
Four person will maintain the high level of horticulture and ex lens and design saving our city from flooding. 11:09:34:16
11:09:37:03
11:09:40:02
11:09:42:15
We have included a additional 11:09:44:14

hundred thousand dollars in the 11:09:47:11
operating budget through LIDAR 11:09:48:13
for our tree canopy this. 11:09:53:00
Is shared with research partners 11:09:54:29
to develop our urban forestry 11:09:58:13
master plan creating more 11:10:01:11
opportunities for planting in 11:10:03:10
our city. 11:10:04:24
Once again we're here to answer 11:10:05:21
any questions the council play 11:10:07:25
have. 11:10:09:22
Thank you. 11:10:10:06
>> Thank you. 11:10:10:29
Chief, can you elaborate a 11:10:12:00
little on the animal control. 11:10:14:15
We do have a resolving fund 11:10:16:10
later. 11:10:19:22
How many employees are you 11:10:20:10
taking on. 11:10:22:03
>> I will let Nicole speak to 11:10:41:12
the specifics. 11:10:43:22
I will talk about the fill osy 11:10:45:03
and the basic numbers. 11:10:47:05
44% of the total increase of the 11:10:48:27
operating budget is attributed 11:10:50:25
to the transfer. 11:10:53:08
It's something we're working 11:10:54:03
closely with commissioner 11:10:55:12
Christopher at inspectional 11:10:57:11
services. 11:10:59:26
We have been positive about. 11:11:00:14
I think most of the counselors 11:11:02:06
are aware from your constituent 11:11:04:02
services there is a consistent 11:11:06:12
city wide problem with off-leash 11:11:08:09
dogs and other wildlife in the 11:11:11:00
parks and open space. 11:11:13:01
While we enjoyed a close working 11:11:14:07
relationship with ISD I think it 11:11:16:21
was important to bring them in 11:11:18:28
house so we can really engage 11:11:21:07
and directly impact those most 11:11:23:21
impacted. 11:11:25:24
Especially when you talk about 11:11:26:21
the animal control officers 11:11:28:15
themselves and enforcement. 11:11:30:09
So often we're sending urban 11:11:31:29
spaces like noise park in east 11:11:35:24
Boston, south Boston parks and 11:11:38:09
throughout the entire system. 11:11:41:24
It seems to happen in our 11:11:43:15
spaces. 11:11:45:03
I think by having them in the 11:11:45:20
department they will inform the 11:11:47:16

design and construction choices 11:11:48:26
so as we design our parks 11:11:50:21
perhapses this are ways we can 11:11:52:27
incorporate into the design 11:11:55:03
where we don't have as many 11:11:56:26
conflicts. 11:11:58:21
That with the fact we have 11:11:59:11
management responsibility if not 11:12:01:03
ownership responsibility. 11:12:03:00
Most of the urban wilds in the 11:12:04:26
system are owned by the Donor is 11:12:08:12
vation system. 11:12:10:28
We have management of the urban 11:12:12:06
wilds. 11:12:15:25
That's where we see the 11:12:16:09
intersectionALITY of deer, 11:12:17:21
turkeys and rabbits making their 11:12:21:04
ways into the roads. 11:12:23:01
The idea of a management plan in 11:12:24:07
place with that with the 11:12:26:21
department may benefit. 11:12:28:06
Nicole, I don't know if you want 11:12:30:11
to talk about the specifics. 11:12:31:20
>> There are 18 positions coming 11:12:33:11
over. 11:12:35:13
44 % of our increase is related 11:12:37:25
to animal control. 11:12:41:28
\$1.3 million of our budget. 11:12:43:21
>> Great. 11:12:46:21
Great. 11:12:46:25
I want to get this out since 11:12:53:06
someone in the audience 11:12:55:09
approached us. 11:12:56:07
She was thankful -- I don't want 11:12:57:02
to speak for anyone but I'm 11:13:09:00
imagining so. 11:13:10:25
There is no money in for 11:13:12:10
equipment and/or uniforms. 11:13:14:04
Can you speak about that, chief. 11:13:18:09
>> Historically. 11:13:19:24
We're excited about the three 11:13:21:27
FTEs. 11:13:23:13
Historically we had a former 11:13:25:04
relationship with the friends 11:13:27:01
group. 11:13:28:12
The friends of the mounted unit 11:13:28:22
where they provided on a 11:13:30:09
contractual basis. 11:13:31:26
We had a contract for Boston 11:13:33:27
funds and reaction to supply a 11:13:35:25
certain amount of dollars 11:13:37:24
overtime. 11:13:38:29
What we have done in partnership 11:13:39:16
again with the CFo as well as 11:13:41:23

the oBM we have incorporated and 11:13:44:24
expanded our operating costs 11:13:48:11
associated with the park ranger 11:13:50:13
unit. 11:13:52:25
We want the friends group to 11:13:53:05
move into a territory where 11:13:54:18
they're not supplying a daily 11:13:56:09
operational cost but they're 11:13:59:10
actually supplying additional 11:14:01:00
benefits to the park ranger 11:14:03:16
program. 11:14:05:09
So we do have the capacity to 11:14:05:23
absorb some of the expenses 11:14:08:04
associated with the daily 11:14:12:07
activities through the fund for 11:14:13:22
parks and reaction and the park 11:14:15:23
ranger line. 11:14:17:18
Overtime we will continue to 11:14:18:16
work with oBM to incorporate the 11:14:19:29
costs. 11:14:22:26
One thing that is, you know when 11:14:23:11
you look at materials like 11:14:25:00
uniforms and equipment that has 11:14:27:22
to be part of a unified ask for 11:14:30:14
the department to make sure 11:14:33:11
we're not duplicating efforts. 11:14:34:17
For instance, when you go out to 11:14:37:21
bid on a piece of equipment 11:14:39:08
something seemingly as simple as 11:14:41:00
walkie-talkies you want to make 11:14:44:08
sure you get communication tools 11:14:46:09
and low price, for one buy. 11:14:48:17
That's why I think it's 11:14:51:04
important to absorb the costs in 11:14:52:20
the regular budget and not rely 11:14:54:28
on the fund for parks and 11:14:57:12
friends group for the costs. 11:14:59:08
That's the direction we're 11:15:01:15
heading in. 11:15:02:26
We're excited about the addition 11:15:04:08
of the rangers. 11:15:06:08
There will be additional costs, 11:15:07:09
we can absorb that through the 11:15:09:09
fund for Boston parks currently. 11:15:10:26
We will work to make sure that's 11:15:12:27
part of the unified ask on the 11:15:14:17
year to year basis. 11:15:16:29
I don't know if there is 11:15:18:29
anything to add to. 11:15:19:27
That. 11:15:21:06
>> Maybe you could supply us 11:15:21:03
with the amount of funds you 11:15:22:25
will dedicate out of that fund, 11:15:24:11
right. 11:15:26:15

Is that what you're saying. 11:15:27:15
Then next year when I will no 11:15:29:15
longer be here it will be 11:15:31:14
included in the FY21 line item. 11:15:33:10
>> We would be happy to 11:15:36:25
follow-up. 11:15:38:05
>> I would follow-up by saying 11:15:39:04
obviously uniforms and some 11:15:40:24
equipment would also be 11:15:42:16
collectively bargained for in 11:15:45:03
some cases. 11:15:50:06
I understand that could be a 11:15:51:02
glitch in that as well. 11:15:52:12
We now recognize counselor 11:15:53:29
Michael Flaherty. 11:15:57:01
>> Thank you chairman, thank 11:15:58:19
you, chief. 11:16:00:16
Good afternoon, everybody. 11:16:01:13
I want to talk about the winter 11:16:03:06
funds. 11:16:09:22
Have they hit the streets yet 11:16:10:19
are we putting them to work. 11:16:12:27
>> They. 11:16:15:03
Have what is really exciting. 11:16:15:16
Again I want to thank the 11:16:17:13
council's leadership on securing 11:16:18:26
the funds. 11:16:22:25
You're talking about the 11:16:23:13
\$2 million associated with the 11:16:24:14
sale of the winthrop square 11:16:26:24
garage dedicated to Franklin 11:16:28:27
park and the \$28 million 11:16:31:10
associated the winthrop square 11:16:33:02
guard dedicated to Boston 11:16:36:06
common. 11:16:37:22
We have begun. 11:16:38:06
We secured west and Samson as 11:16:39:22
the lead designer for the Boston 11:16:43:01
common master plan. 11:16:45:09
What is most exciting about both 11:16:46:18
of these processes, excuse me we 11:16:48:09
secured Reid hillbrand as the 11:16:51:19
lead designer with their team 11:16:54:15
for the Franklin park master 11:16:56:09
plan. 11:16:58:05
What is perhaps most exciting 11:16:58:12
these master plans progressing 11:17:01:15
for America's first park and the 11:17:03:21
city of Boston's largest park is 11:17:05:27
that we are doing it in concert 11:17:08:14
with the actual friends groups 11:17:10:18
who we co manage the properties 11:17:12:07
with. 11:17:14:27
Boston common we're working with 11:17:15:21

the friends of the public 11:17:17:10
garden. 11:17:18:16
In tandem we will go through the 11:17:19:21
community meeting process 11:17:22:27
together. 11:17:24:09
Last week we had stake holder 11:17:24:26
meetings with the maintenance 11:17:26:24
division W horticulture. 11:17:28:24
This week we're having meetings 11:17:30:28
with the MCCA. 11:17:32:23
Emerson and other butters of the 11:17:35:11
park. 11:17:38:12
Then we will start a full on 11:17:38:25
community meeting. 11:17:40:20
Hopefully by the end of the 11:17:41:22
summer for Boston common. 11:17:43:09
Franklin park is trailing a 11:17:45:13
little bit behind Boston common 11:17:46:26
from a capacity issue. 11:17:48:27
We don't want to accelerate both 11:17:50:21
at the same time. 11:17:53:00
Then also what is not present in 11:17:53:27
the operating budget but we will 11:17:56:00
be moving forward through the 11:17:58:02
capitol budget is we will have a 11:18:00:04
project managers associated with 11:18:03:00
both park projects. 11:18:05:24
That will becoming out of the 11:18:07:12
funds for the parks as well. 11:18:09:04
>> Similar method you use with 11:18:11:11
the CPA, community preservation 11:18:13:04
funds on those projects? 11:18:16:06
>> That's a excellent question. 11:18:18:04
Currently we with the first 11:18:20:01
round. 11:18:21:27
I think it's \$45 million or so 11:18:22:08
associated with the first two 11:18:24:24
rounds, with community 11:18:26:21
preservation act. 11:18:28:00
Not all of that is on Boston 11:18:29:01
parks property. 11:18:30:25
Currently we have been able to 11:18:32:03
manage those projects including, 11:18:33:24
especially the ones associated 11:18:36:20
with Boston parks property that 11:18:38:14
we actually applied for with the 11:18:40:10
existing project manager staff. 11:18:43:18
Think going forward we would 11:18:45:28
have to apply a mechanism 11:18:47:10
whether it's a consultant or 11:18:49:07
bringing a project manager into 11:18:51:07
the CPA to develop that. 11:18:54:04
>> Very good. 11:18:55:27
>> It's an absolute, the CPA, 11:18:56:21

thank you for the council's 11:19:01:05
leadership on it. 11:19:03:21
It's such a boom for the 11:19:05:10
department. 11:19:06:26
It's really a twoFER for the 11:19:07:07
department. 11:19:11:20
A lot of the preservation 11:19:12:01
requests are on our property. 11:19:13:21
>> As said through the chair to 11:19:20:22
the chief, best time to the 11:19:22:17
chief -- you're doing a great 11:19:24:25
job managing that program. 11:19:27:05
The commitment to the park, the 11:19:29:06
mayor's commitment is 11:19:30:22
phenomenal. 11:19:31:25
I'm excited to see the capitols. 11:19:32:21
All of these neighborhoods to be 11:19:35:12
the beneficiaries of what is 11:19:38:03
happening at the end of the 11:19:40:21
streets, the corner from the 11:19:41:23
house, where the children play. 11:19:43:13
A quick question when you look 11:19:44:26
through the capitol it's pretty 11:19:46:21
much four monIKERS. 11:19:48:11
What is peoples expectation to 11:19:56:04
see new project, in design or to 11:19:58:04
be scheduled. 11:20:04:10
>> It's a great question. 11:20:05:22
I will let Rob color this more. 11:20:06:17
I would say in general with the 11:20:08:26
new projects in design means a 11:20:10:23
current design process has been 11:20:13:11
done already. 11:20:16:09
We have been to the community. 11:20:17:00
Probably had the first community 11:20:18:26
meeting. 11:20:21:07
On most projects the Franklin 11:20:21:25
park master plan and Boston 11:20:24:21
master plan are large projects 11:20:27:21
with enormous amounts of money. 11:20:30:13
we generally have three meetings 11:20:34:01
and lots of ways to accept 11:20:36:07
community development in the 11:20:38:15
design development. 11:20:39:13
Rob. 11:20:41:01
>> the time line is typically 11:20:41:15
design is about a year. 11:20:43:29
Construction is about a year. 11:20:45:12
We do have a very intense public 11:20:47:06
process. 11:20:51:12
We like to get a lot of feedback 11:20:52:00
from the communities that we're 11:20:54:05
doing the parks. 11:20:56:03
In we want to deliver parks that 11:20:57:08

are useful for the people there 11:21:00:00
now. 11:21:03:06
For a big project with a master 11:21:03:17
plan process that will take a 11:21:05:23
year possibly longer in advance 11:21:07:29
of that. 11:21:10:07
So if you think about a year for 11:21:10:25
planning on those that are big 11:21:12:19
with planning and most projects 11:21:14:06
have about a year for design and 11:21:16:02
a year for construction. 11:21:18:06
Depending on the timing that 11:21:20:09
starts the thing to keep in mind 11:21:21:26
is a lost the parks grow grass. 11:21:24:10
You can only grow grass in the 11:21:26:19
spring or fall. 11:21:28:10
So if something ends in the 11:21:29:19
summer that pushes it to the 11:21:31:18
fall because you have to get 11:21:33:07
grass established. 11:21:35:12
It doesn't mean we won't open it 11:21:36:14
up. 11:21:38:28
When people see nothing going on 11:21:39:08
in the park they think the 11:21:41:07
construction is stalled. 11:21:42:16
A lost times that's just waiting 11:21:43:16
for the grass to grow. 11:21:45:14
>> With the resiliency piece are 11:21:48:04
you strapped with a lot of 11:21:50:04
resilient. 11:21:51:17
The climate changes, is that 11:21:52:19
reflected in the budget? 11:21:55:05
>> On the capitol size 11:21:56:15
absolutely. 11:21:57:28
From maintenance side a lot of 11:22:00:00
the work is TBD. 11:22:03:24
I will let josh speak to that. 11:22:05:19
As we develop the parks we have 11:22:09:21
to figure how to take care of 11:22:11:13
them. 11:22:14:01
The Walsh administration 11:22:14:15
committed 10% of total capitol. 11:22:18:00
We're far over that from the 11:22:21:07
latest tally. 11:22:22:20
Frankly because of the 11:22:24:05
leadership of people like chief 11:22:25:04
o\$good on the work. 11:22:27:27
On the capitol size we're good 11:22:31:03
preparing for sea level rise and 11:22:33:24
coastal flooding. 11:22:35:24
You look at the capitol budget 11:22:36:23
of parks and the development of 11:22:39:12
the master plan. 11:22:41:22
As we move forward we may need 11:22:43:05

additional models and maybe 11:22:45:01
expanded some partnerships to 11:22:47:14
make sure we're maining the more 11:22:49:17
complex parks at a higher level. 11:22:52:11
>> Thank you. 11:22:57:23
Thank you. 11:22:58:18
>> Thank you. 11:22:59:02
We have been joined by counselor 11:23:01:02
Ed Flynn and counselor Andrea 11:23:03:05
Campbell. 11:23:05:14
>> Thank you, chair. 11:23:13:16
Thank you for being here. 11:23:14:25
Next to the schools for the 11:23:16:17
children, the parks are the more 11:23:18:07
frequent place I intersect with 11:23:20:28
my home and family. a concern I 11:23:23:29
have, first the parks are 11:23:30:29
fantastic. 11:23:32:15
This are wet spots with the 11:23:33:05
rain. 11:23:35:07
We think about the baseball 11:23:35:17
season. 11:23:36:23
It's difficult to get a lot of 11:23:37:09
games scheduled and completed 11:23:38:26
because of the weatherer. 11:23:41:01
That's not your fault. 11:23:42:20
One of the things I have noticed 11:23:44:21
with our parks is sometimes 11:23:46:04
there are private for profit use 11:23:47:17
utilizing our space. 11:23:52:25
I think our parks are a great 11:23:54:09
resource for the city and 11:23:56:12
residents should have access to 11:23:57:21
them. 11:23:59:20
Our youth be the priority. 11:24:00:00
Can we talk about the usage of 11:24:03:09
private for profit interest in 11:24:05:01
our parks. 11:24:07:10
Utilization rate and perhaps any 11:24:08:24
fees they may pay for the use of 11:24:10:26
the space. 11:24:14:14
>> Sure. 11:24:16:14
So, it's a complicated picture. 11:24:16:29
I will try to synthesize it down 11:24:19:18
and follow-up with the 11:24:21:24
additional information you need, 11:24:23:22
counselor. 11:24:25:13
You're absolutely right. 11:24:26:01
Space is at a premium. 11:24:28:04
So, at the top the need needs to 11:24:29:24
be our kids. 11:24:33:12
Boston public schools get 11:24:34:10
permitted first. 11:24:46:04
Then we permit youth 11:24:47:06

organizations. 11:24:48:21
I will put an asterisk next to 11:24:49:20
that for a minute. 11:24:52:00
The next category is everyone 11:24:53:10
else. 11:24:56:10
A exception of preexisting 11:24:57:01
agreements in place. 11:25:01:03
Places like east Boston stadium 11:25:02:09
where Suffolks university and 11:25:04:13
east Boston high and the 11:25:06:22
neighboring organizations work 11:25:08:04
out permitting time together. 11:25:10:12
We let them approach permitting 11:25:12:03
in a collaborative way as long 11:25:14:15
as the youth organizations are 11:25:16:22
served. 11:25:18:15
The asterisk I put next to the 11:25:19:07
youth organizations is currently 11:25:21:19
we don't have the ability, this 11:25:23:18
is something that personally I 11:25:25:04
have been deficient on and we 11:25:26:20
need to continue to work on. 11:25:29:09
We don't have the ability to 11:25:31:04
tell the difference between 11:25:32:13
youth organizations offering 11:25:33:28
their leagues and activities for 11:25:36:15
free. 11:25:39:03
>> -- a public amenity to make 11:26:08:27
money on and creating a class 11:26:15:03
system. 11:26:17:07
The primary focus is on 11:26:18:02
organization that's have a 11:26:19:22
commitment to providing a really 11:26:21:02
low threshold if any for that 11:26:24:01
activity. 11:26:26:17
So that's something we need to 11:26:27:12
work hard on. 11:26:28:25
As far as the adult leagues it 11:26:30:25
is, it is fairly concerning when 11:26:33:04
it comes to organization that's 11:26:36:01
are actually making money on our 11:26:38:08
space. 11:26:41:19
That is an activity that should 11:26:42:00
be protected under article 97 of 11:26:45:01
mass general laws where in order 11:26:48:24
to have some sort of fiduciary 11:26:51:07
benefit on open space you need 11:26:55:03
to have a public process around 11:26:56:29
an RP or R5 or lease agreement. 11:26:58:26
There has to be a way for the 11:27:02:21
public to chime in on the 11:27:05:09
monetary value extracted from 11:27:06:25
the parks. 11:27:08:19
We think our best bet on that is 11:27:09:07

the development of a special 11:27:11:03
events in a parks permit fee 11:27:12:18
system. 11:27:16:17
We will be approaching oBM. 11:27:17:08
We have been in talks with oBM 11:27:20:21
as well as city, as well as city 11:27:23:00
council ultimately we need your 11:27:24:29
approval to do it as well as 11:27:27:11
parks commissioner approval to 11:27:29:12
set up a system by which 11:27:31:11
different classes of users pay a 11:27:34:09
different fee. 11:27:36:11
In that process we may have the 11:27:37:19
ability to actually exclude 11:27:39:15
certain uses. 11:27:41:23
So, if there is just something 11:27:43:02
that is totally a for profit 11:27:44:18
work out group that's taking 11:27:46:23
away field time from a soccer 11:27:48:21
league our priority should be 11:27:51:04
the soccer league focused on 11:27:52:17
youth. 11:27:54:16
That is a very complicated 11:27:54:27
answer to say we're behind on 11:27:57:05
this and we need to gauge on. 11:27:59:07
What we see is tighter and 11:28:03:03
tighter field space. 11:28:04:16
In what is you though we're 11:28:06:11
making enormous capitol 11:28:08:16
investments in the neighborhoods 11:28:12:26
and striving with how the parks 11:28:14:22
are invested in. 11:28:17:28
Now we need to make sure who is 11:28:19:04
in the parks reflects the 11:28:20:28
neighborhood parks. 11:28:22:07
>> Right. 11:28:23:18
A challenge is one for profit 11:28:24:21
organization that brings in 11:28:26:13
their own lights so we don't 11:28:27:26
have to pay for lights on the 11:28:29:25
park, they're bringing a trolley 11:28:31:14
that is filled with beer and 11:28:33:11
wine and drinks for the drinking 11:28:35:10
to happen on the trolley and the 11:28:37:12
ball playing is on the field. 11:28:39:12
It's a social network. 11:28:41:09
Which is a -- to have this. 11:28:43:12
They also need to reimburse the 11:28:50:10
parks for the wear and tear on 11:28:53:17
the fields for our kids and we 11:28:55:19
can maintain them. 11:28:57:23
I don't necessarily have a 11:28:58:25
problem with the for profit 11:29:00:21
entities creating the experience 11:29:03:01

for the residents in the city. 11:29:05:01
They have to make sure they're, 11:29:06:24
they're paying for that usage 11:29:09:10
and for the wear and tear. 11:29:11:00
They're for profit entity. 11:29:12:17
I think about the youth sports 11:29:15:00
and school teams we want them to 11:29:16:28
have access to high quality 11:29:18:28
playing surfaces and the wear 11:29:20:14
and tear from a for profit takes 11:29:22:13
from that. 11:29:24:27
Takes from that. 11:29:25:23
I appreciate. 11:29:26:20
That I appreciate you explaining 11:29:27:28
the complexity of figuring out 11:29:29:19
within the youth organizations 11:29:32:03
who is charging the nominal fee 11:29:34:09
to buy the T shirts and 11:29:36:24
equipment for kids. 11:29:38:12
>> That's right. 11:29:39:24
>> Who is making the larger 11:29:40:14
profit, non profit or for 11:29:42:17
profit. 11:29:46:16
Thank you, chair. 11:29:47:03
Thank you, chief. 11:29:48:00
>> Counselor Edwards. 11:29:48:29
>> I wanted to first compliment 11:29:50:08
you on the work you have done in 11:29:51:18
the district. 11:29:53:08
Excited about noise park. 11:29:54:20
Excited it will be about June. 11:30:01:03
>> Yes. 11:30:03:15
>> Excellent. 11:30:04:02
Thank you, also the green way a 11:30:04:27
lot of us use and run up and 11:30:06:16
down. 11:30:08:22
The drainage is working 11:30:09:02
excellently. 11:30:10:12
We don't have the flooding we 11:30:11:10
had before. 11:30:12:25
Speaking a little bit on the 11:30:13:19
green way. 11:30:15:15
Before I get into the district I 11:30:16:13
had two kind of, you know, 11:30:18:07
larger questions. 11:30:20:13
One is about safety in the 11:30:21:19
parks. 11:30:23:12
Specifically for kids with 11:30:24:22
allergies and concerns the 11:30:26:04
parents have approached me 11:30:28:07
specifically about how a simple 11:30:30:14
sign notes they're using in 11:30:31:27
other cities, that notes people 11:30:33:22
should eat at the picnic tables 11:30:35:18

and wipe hands. 11:30:37:24
That could save some kids lives. 11:30:38:29
I wonder if, it doesn't cost a 11:30:41:09
lot, could we have those same 11:30:44:03
signs in our public spaces. 11:30:45:29
Especially the parks where a kid 11:30:47:27
with a peanut but ther and jelly 11:30:50:10
sandwich plays all over the 11:30:52:14
place. 11:30:54:04
Again eat at the tables that 11:30:54:15
they're designated for. 11:30:57:02
Remind people to wipe their 11:30:59:09
hands this. 11:31:01:05
Is, we think a common sense 11:31:01:22
thing but demonstrates to 11:31:04:24
families with kids who have 11:31:06:17
allergies and have suffered that 11:31:09:00
they're welcomed and thought 11:31:11:03
about, but also the same time 11:31:12:18
it's a simple reminder. 11:31:14:25
>> Sure. 11:31:18:04
That's an excellent point. 11:31:18:16
Our deputy commissioner Ryan 11:31:20:05
woods working with all external 11:31:23:03
relations I think is working 11:31:25:26
with a Charles town resident now 11:31:27:16
about the different samples that 11:31:29:12
have been produced in other park 11:31:31:16
systems. 11:31:33:18
I think there is a interesting 11:31:34:23
opportunity as we develop the 11:31:38:08
rule signs. 11:31:40:03
Every park has a pretty standard 11:31:40:26
rule sign that includes 7 to 10 11:31:43:04
of the top rules we try to 11:31:47:12
enforce. 11:31:49:24
It's usually focused on 11:31:50:24
nefarious criminal behavior. 11:31:52:26
One interesting thing is we 11:31:55:12
developed that is it better to 11:31:57:04
stand alone in certain ToT lots 11:32:00:27
or the rules sign. 11:32:06:01
Whatever the cost associated 11:32:07:09
with that if it prevents an 11:32:08:22
incidental asphyxiation or death 11:32:11:15
it's worth it. 11:32:15:15
I think all of the counselors 11:32:17:06
are aware we do not wash off the 11:32:18:19
picnic tables on a regular 11:32:21:19
basis. 11:32:25:28
Most parents, I think are just 11:32:26:16
really busy and don't normally 11:32:28:22
think unless their own kid has 11:32:31:12
an allergy about that. 11:32:34:03

>> Thank you. 11:32:36:13
So there is a commitment of the 11:32:37:01
signage it's just a matter of 11:32:38:14
where? 11:32:40:28
>> Yes. 11:32:41:09
I think the focus is on ToT lot 11:32:41:27
features. 11:32:45:17
>> Going back to any spot then 11:32:46:14
hi the pleasure of going through 11:32:48:11
the caboose. 11:32:50:08
It was a wonderful opportunity. 11:32:51:12
Looking at what we could do with 11:32:53:05
some land that is historically 11:32:55:12
there but also we think could be 11:32:59:29
a welcoming gathering place. 11:33:01:14
I wonder if there is movement 11:33:04:05
on. 11:33:05:29
That would that be put out for 11:33:06:29
RFP. 11:33:08:25
>> The answer is yes. 11:33:09:29
What I don't know is if it's an 11:33:11:00
RFI or RFP. 11:33:13:06
We will pop up with your office 11:33:15:16
through IGR. 11:33:18:03
So, we don't know necessarily 11:33:19:27
what it could be either. 11:33:23:10
The inside is complicated. 11:33:26:00
>> Yes. 11:33:28:18
>> I will say that area of the 11:33:29:11
green way is such a densely 11:33:31:13
populated area. 11:33:33:08
We think there is an amenity to 11:33:35:10
be provided there. 11:33:38:14
I know it's a concept for the 11:33:39:17
past three years to develop as a 11:33:41:09
bike/coffee shop or some other 11:33:43:08
amenity. 11:33:46:21
I think it's a opportunity. 11:33:47:21
A lot of our parks. 11:33:50:18
Especially our parks that 11:33:51:28
provide connective tissue for 11:33:53:09
the city don't benefit from 11:33:56:16
having a reason to sort of stay 11:33:58:15
in the park. 11:34:00:17
If we activated that in a 11:34:01:18
positive way we might be able to 11:34:03:21
cut down on which has been 11:34:05:17
greatly reduced in fairness to 11:34:07:21
the Boston police department 11:34:09:18
some of the negative activity. 11:34:11:12
For instance when nothing is 11:34:13:22
happening at the caboose it's 11:34:15:00
one of the places you find 11:34:16:19
broken bottles and stuff like 11:34:17:25

that. 11:34:19:12
It's a darker area. 11:34:19:22
It's something we're looking at. 11:34:21:09
We don't have an amenity like 11:34:22:28
that in the city. 11:34:24:29
We think it's a cool 11:34:26:01
opportunity. 11:34:27:28
DoTTY Baxter is developing an 11:34:28:25
RFP for it. 11:34:32:03
>> Excited for it we think it 11:34:34:07
could be a gathering place for 11:34:36:07
folks. 11:34:38:05
Getting them out of the new 11:34:38:19
development on the waterfront 11:34:40:03
and connecting it to the other 11:34:41:08
folks in east Boston. 11:34:42:17
Just wanted to say a little bit 11:34:44:22
on, follow-up on counselor 11:34:47:09
Essaibi-George's question about 11:34:50:25
the privatization of parks. 11:34:53:10
With Downs developing they're 11:34:55:23
owning the parks, the streets, 11:34:57:05
everything there. 11:34:59:09
There is a question how well our 11:34:59:26
rights, first amendment rights. 11:35:02:25
Rights to organize, rights to 11:35:05:12
have access to the public 11:35:07:23
benefits created although 11:35:09:22
they're private Sri owned. 11:35:11:28
Curious in your own experience 11:35:14:04
dealing with this. 11:35:16:09
Lawn A, there was a property 11:35:17:18
with a privatization but there 11:35:19:09
was still public access and 11:35:21:04
protection. 11:35:23:17
>> Yes. 11:35:24:09
So really quickly on Suffolks 11:35:24:23
Downs we see it as a tremendous 11:35:28:03
opportunity to serve the area 11:35:30:25
with much needed open space. 11:35:33:03
As you know the geography of 11:35:34:25
that part of east Boston does 11:35:36:25
not lend itself to people in the 11:35:39:26
BHA housing development having 11:35:42:24
to walk completely up a hill and 11:35:44:29
down a really steep hill to get 11:35:46:28
to the amazing noise park, 11:35:48:28
right. 11:35:51:22
East Boston benefits from some 11:35:52:05
of the best open space in the 11:35:53:27
city. 11:35:55:27
That particular section of east 11:35:56:14
Boston is actually separated 11:35:58:18
from most of the properties. 11:36:01:23

So what we have asked Suffolks 11:36:03:01
Downs in our comment letters. 11:36:05:09
We have a commitment from them, 11:36:07:01
is to create sort of a 11:36:09:03
programmable open space, whether 11:36:11:00
it's a soccer field that in the 11:36:13:15
future some day is a lacrosse 11:36:15:18
field. 11:36:17:12
That is up to the community and 11:36:17:26
how they want to program it 11:36:19:12
moving forward. 11:36:21:04
What we have asked from them is 11:36:21:22
a commitment through the 11:36:24:07
process. 11:36:25:09
Will they commit to keeping that 11:36:25:23
specifically open space open to 11:36:28:25
the community the whole time so 11:36:30:10
parks and reaction has a comment 11:36:32:22
letter. 11:36:34:18
We have been very satisfied with 11:36:34:29
the MEPA finals nards to open 11:36:36:28
space and the commitment to 11:36:41:06
keeping the open space on-site. 11:36:42:29
I can't remember off the top of 11:36:44:29
my head. 11:36:46:21
I think it's about how acres 11:36:47:13
they have committed on-site. 11:36:49:23
Also the commitment to not 11:36:51:05
contributing. 11:36:52:14
In fact hopefully improving some 11:36:54:26
storm water management as well 11:36:58:03
as the, the title situation at 11:36:59:29
the marsh. 11:37:05:10
We have asked them for that 11:37:06:15
commitment. 11:37:09:13
That's what we hope to get 11:37:10:00
codified. 11:37:12:06
>> Counselor O'Malley. 11:37:13:06
>> Thank you, good afternoon 11:37:15:29
chairman, chief and your team. 11:37:17:17
Thank you for the incredibly 11:37:22:19
important work you do and 11:37:24:08
successful work you have done on 11:37:25:23
this capacity, chief. 11:37:27:18
Since the last budget season you 11:37:29:14
have assumed a bigger roll still 11:37:31:03
working. 11:37:33:11
Think it's safe to say the parks 11:37:34:05
have never looked better than 11:37:36:00
they do now in the city Boston. 11:37:37:12
Thanks to you all. 11:37:39:18
I want to get through as many 11:37:40:27
questions for the first round 11:37:42:17
before the second round. 11:37:44:00

First a concern to me, we're 11:37:45:03
able to grow our tree canopy in 11:37:47:15
the city. 11:37:49:27
I know I worked with both 11:37:50:21
counselor Mccarthy on a 11:37:52:14
hearing orderer and former 11:37:54:05
counselor now congress woman 11:37:55:15
Pressley on a hearing order 11:37:57:25
several years ago. 11:37:59:14
In that there was a talk about a 11:38:00:08
LIDAR study about a inventory. 11:38:02:14
Can you talk about that. 11:38:07:28
>> Thank you, counselor. 11:38:08:23
I want to thank you for your 11:38:09:29
leadership on the issue. 11:38:12:11
So, it was very important to 11:38:14:11
mayor Walsh when he understood 11:38:17:15
the complications associated 11:38:19:08
with the parent in equities on 11:38:21:25
the tree distribution in the 11:38:26:26
neighborhoods. 11:38:28:26
You look at socially vulnerable 11:38:29:14
communities you want to make a 11:38:32:15
impact and make sure they 11:38:33:21
benefit from the expansion and 11:38:35:00
co benefits from the street 11:38:36:29
trees and management of our 11:38:38:19
canopy and our urban wild areas 11:38:40:18
and forestry park land. 11:38:44:23
The first development was a 11:38:49:08
urban forestry master plan. 11:38:50:17
It didn't make sense to us from 11:38:53:23
a city perspective to work on, 11:38:55:28
you know, nearly decade old data 11:38:58:08
in some instances as we develop 11:39:01:11
a plan. 11:39:03:21
We partnered with oBM. 11:39:04:09
They have secured the funds for 11:39:06:17
us to secure LIdar data. 11:39:08:03
Which is essentially a fly over 11:39:11:15
that has the ability to 11:39:13:29
determine what is actually a 11:39:14:27
tree and what isn't a tree. 11:39:19:05
It won't capture grass. 11:39:21:04
It won't capture low lying brush 11:39:23:15
it will give a sense of the tree 11:39:26:25
canopy is. 11:39:29:22
The tree canopy approach opposed 11:39:31:24
to total tree approach we think 11:39:34:12
will be successful in solving 11:39:37:12
the in equities with the 11:39:39:15
benefits for storm -- the first 11:39:42:27
is the hundred thousand dollars 11:39:49:02
the LIdar fly over and the 11:39:50:21

assessment of that data. 11:39:53:04
We will then use that data, we 11:39:54:22
will share with our research 11:39:56:29
partners and friends group to 11:39:58:24
not only inform -- 11:40:00:16
>> Let me cut you off. 11:40:02:00
Sorry, chief, my time is 11:40:03:26
limited. 11:40:06:10
We need approve the budget to 11:40:06:24
fro up the hundred thousand 11:40:09:14
dollars. 11:40:11:10
Do we need an RFI for something 11:40:11:20
so specialized? 11:40:14:24
>> No, a normal bid process. 11:40:15:29
The important thing we're 11:40:18:04
preparing that now. 11:40:19:12
We want to do that when the 11:40:20:14
leaves are on the trees. 11:40:22:24
We don't want to wait until next 11:40:24:13
summer. 11:40:26:19
We're preparing that now. 11:40:27:23
Nicole S there anything to add. 11:40:29:03
>> I wanted to mention our 11:40:31:05
design and construction 11:40:32:19
department is working with 11:40:33:28
contracting to pull the 11:40:35:03
specifications together for the 11:40:36:22
bid. 11:40:38:16
As soon as you guy as prove it. 11:40:39:03
We get the funds we can hit the 11:40:40:22
ground running. 11:40:43:06
>> How confident are you this 11:40:44:01
will be done in July or August? 11:40:46:14
>> I think it's August. 11:40:48:29
>> I'm very confident it will be 11:40:50:16
done this summer. 11:40:52:16
You know summer extended a few 11:40:54:15
weeks into the fall. 11:40:57:07
I'm not confident how long it 11:40:58:12
takes to actually evaluate the 11:41:00:06
data. 11:41:02:24
>> So ten years ago when we did 11:41:03:28
this was it a similar -- a into 11:41:05:15
a over. 11:41:08:09
>> Yes. 11:41:09:06
It was. 11:41:09:18
It's not quite ten years old. 11:41:10:02
It was an exaggeration on my 11:41:11:24
part. 11:41:14:13
Think it's 7 or 8 years old. 11:41:14:27
It was 17%. 11:41:18:22
>> 17%. 11:41:20:13
>> You know, I think just with 11:41:21:09
the pace of development we have 11:41:22:26

had in the city when you look at 11:41:24:28
neighborhoods like lie park and 11:41:26:24
west Roxbury where there has 11:41:28:12
been significant canopy loss to 11:41:31:12
development I would be 11:41:34:10
surprised, even with our fairly 11:41:35:06
aggressive street tree planting 11:41:37:18
we expanded the canopy. 11:41:40:15
>> What is measured and managed. 11:41:44:06
We have that and can think of 11:41:45:27
strategies and approaches. 11:41:47:13
That's exciting. 11:41:49:07
>> Counselor, one other thing 11:41:50:11
the technology has come a long 11:41:52:02
way since that last one was 11:41:54:00
done. 11:41:55:11
The technology go counted 11:41:56:02
anything groan as canopy. 11:41:57:20
I think we will get a more 11:42:00:08
accurate number. 11:42:01:27
I wouldn't be surprised if the 11:42:02:22
number is lower. 11:42:04:08
Not far more than what we have 11:42:05:13
actually, if we lost canopy. 11:42:07:10
It will be. 11:42:09:21
Then grass is seen as canopy and 11:42:10:22
shrub is seen as canopy. 11:42:14:15
>> Great. 11:42:17:23
That's what we want the most up 11:42:18:18
to date inventory figure. 11:42:20:01
That's great. 11:42:22:18
-- pathway. 11:42:23:15
Excited. 11:42:27:12
Phase one nearly completed. 11:42:28:23
Phase two? 11:42:30:13
>> Phase two will be completed 11:42:31:24
this summer. 11:42:33:06
>> Great. 11:42:34:07
That's it. 11:42:34:19
Look forward to groundbreaking. 11:42:36:00
Okay I got through one and a 11:42:38:06
half of my seven questions. 11:42:39:19
I will reserve the rest for the 11:42:41:13
next round. 11:42:43:03
Thank you. 11:42:43:21
>> Thank you, counselor. 11:42:44:11
>> Before I recognize the next 11:42:45:21
colleague, counselor Zakim had 11:42:47:19
to step away and wanted me to 11:42:50:25
read this into the record. 11:42:52:27
Due to a prior commitment I am 11:42:54:16
unable to remain for all of 11:42:56:16
today's ways and means committee 11:42:58:13
for the parks and REC 11:43:00:20

department. 11:43:02:16
I want to commend chief cook and 11:43:02:24
his team for outstanding work 11:43:04:21
and steadfast commitment to our 11:43:06:14
city parks. 11:43:08:00
I am especially pleased with the 11:43:08:25
strong partnership between the 11:43:10:21
city, friends of the public 11:43:12:26
garden, and friends of the 11:43:14:15
mountain ranges which has lead 11:43:16:03
to increased funding for our 11:43:18:06
ranges as well as exciting 11:43:20:03
investments in the Boston 11:43:22:18
common, public garden and our 11:43:24:13
neighborhood parks. 11:43:26:06
I look forward to reviewing the 11:43:27:15
video and written testimony 11:43:29:17
submit today. 11:43:31:24
Sincerely josh Zakim. 11:43:33:03
Chair recognizes frank baker. 11:43:37:18
>> Thank you, Mr. Chair. 11:43:39:29
>> Good morning, everybody. 11:43:42:27
I was at a meeting with the 11:43:45:02
mayor the other night. 11:43:46:28
The discussion happened about 11:43:48:04
state land and city land. 11:43:50:25
Richardson park and the -- 11:43:52:09
playground. 11:43:57:16
We use to call it the Blakey. 11:43:58:07
Are we talking to the state at 11:44:00:13
all about those? 11:44:02:02
>> So -- 11:44:03:00
>> That in context of more, more 11:44:04:21
area think around the city where 11:44:08:20
other maybe state land maybe 11:44:10:23
better served if we had it. 11:44:14:23
Is there on going discussions 11:44:18:09
with that issue. 11:44:19:28
>> I would say it's consistent 11:44:21:06
informal conversations. 11:44:23:20
We would be happy to participate 11:44:25:27
in a formal conversation. 11:44:28:20
Counselor, if you want to 11:44:30:17
convene conversations. 11:44:31:27
What I will say there is 11:44:34:26
inherently. 11:44:36:14
There are inherent differences 11:44:38:05
between our operations lead by 11:44:40:08
josh in the maintenance division 11:44:42:14
of the properties we tend to 11:44:47:01
take care of and the properties 11:44:48:17
that are partnered agencies at 11:44:53:06
the commonwealth tend to take 11:44:57:00
care of. 11:44:58:26

They take care of larger 11:44:59:14
reservation types, urban 11:45:01:00
beaches, stony book 11:45:04:28
preservation. 11:45:07:10
They take care of the massive. 11:45:08:05
We tend to take care of more 11:45:10:18
hyper, urbanized, ball fields, 11:45:13:00
athletic spaces. 11:45:17:29
There is from a 20,000-foot view 11:45:19:24
there is an efficiency there 11:45:25:13
when you talk about the delivery 11:45:27:18
of services to constituents to 11:45:29:11
have the conversations. 11:45:31:22
They haven't progressed to 11:45:33:00
formal talks. 11:45:34:28
>> I would love to convene a 11:45:35:24
meeting. 11:45:37:24
I can't get an answer from 11:45:38:10
certain people. 11:45:40:00
Maybe you can help there. 11:45:40:20
Maybe the question is, can you 11:45:41:29
help convene meetings with the 11:45:43:10
state so we can move forward. 11:45:45:05
>> Yes. 11:45:47:17
>> Particularly in my district, 11:45:48:07
Richardson park and the meany 11:45:50:03
playground. 11:45:53:11
>> Counselor O'Malley talked a 11:45:56:21
little about the canopy. 11:45:58:16
When you say 17%. 11:46:00:01
You meaning 17% of land mass in 11:46:01:16
Boston is covered with canopy 11:46:04:03
space. 11:46:07:09
>> That's right. 11:46:07:29
>> Is there, is there anyway to 11:46:09:09
use community preservation money 11:46:11:20
for heritage tree maintenance? 11:46:17:04
>> So for maintenance it's 11:46:20:06
highly unlikely. 11:46:24:06
CPA funds have been pretty 11:46:26:15
narrowly defined as capitol 11:46:29:15
investments. 11:46:32:11
So, you know the idea that they 11:46:33:12
would last for the length of the 11:46:35:16
time as a capitol resource. 11:46:38:04
That being said we actually. 11:46:41:01
>> What do you mean -- 11:46:43:08
>> For instance, you could he 11:46:45:01
define the park life of a bench. 11:46:47:26
You know for being 10-15 years. 11:46:50:20
A better example is a athletic 11:46:54:02
turf field. 11:46:56:23
The shelf life of those. 11:46:57:14
That's a horrible example. 11:46:59:23

You can't use CPA funds for artificial turf. 11:47:01:23
11:47:03:20
What i would say a basketball court. 11:47:04:28
11:47:06:24
A basketball court as long as it's maintained properly could last as long as 20 years. 11:47:07:05
11:47:09:28
11:47:12:03
You may have to reinvest again that's not a maintenance cost that's a capitol cost. 11:47:13:20
11:47:17:11
11:47:18:24
What is interesting with CPA it has the ability to purchase trees though. 11:47:20:13
11:47:22:07
11:47:23:22
Trees are a capitol investment by the city. 11:47:26:12
11:47:28:11
Certainly now the co benefits we're associated with, with trees. 11:47:29:10
11:47:31:06
11:47:33:20
For the maintenance of it, that's a tough stretch to extract funds for the maintenance of the trees. 11:47:34:10
11:47:36:14
11:47:37:24
11:47:39:16
You raise a interesting point regardless were the funding comes from the goal of expanding the canopy isn't about planting. 11:47:41:15
11:47:43:10
11:47:44:23
11:47:48:14
It's about taking care of the big established trees. 11:47:50:22
11:47:52:09
It just takes so long to get the coverage that they provide. 11:47:54:04
11:47:56:14
>> Right. 11:47:58:15
So, for instance the hill park, we have those oaks, what probably 200 years old. 11:47:59:07
11:48:04:20
11:48:08:20
To me they look like they need some help. 11:48:10:09
11:48:12:03
You lose one of those trees you couldn't get that canopy back in 50 years. 11:48:13:17
11:48:18:20
11:48:21:14
With one tree. 11:48:22:05
So how do, how do I, how do I, not just there, I have dog park also. 11:48:23:07
11:48:26:26
11:48:29:26
Heritage trees also. 11:48:31:09
We have Geneva cliffs. 11:48:32:25
Outside of me. 11:48:34:28
I'm not sure what they have there. 11:48:36:17
11:48:38:00
I know the tree coverage. 11:48:38:11
What is the mechanism forgetting -- because in the hill it's probably a million bucks to do those trees. 11:48:40:03
11:48:41:08
11:48:45:29
11:48:47:18
>> Ya -- 11:48:49:00

>> If there are 50 large trees 11:48:50:09
you need to climb them all. 11:48:53:01
What should I be looking at? 11:48:56:24
>> I think you raise a important 11:48:58:21
question. 11:49:00:17
It's one that we would like to 11:49:00:27
partner with the council as we 11:49:02:18
develop it we have expanded our 11:49:05:27
tree funds. 11:49:07:27
As funds are available we have 11:49:09:03
allocated the resources 11:49:11:03
typically associated with 11:49:13:11
regular tree maintenance to what 11:49:15:19
we call our parks, our tree in 11:49:19:11
parks cue on 311. 11:49:21:24
In general we are highly 11:49:24:05
responsive. 11:49:27:01
Mostly because of the 11:49:30:05
vulnerability associated with 11:49:31:07
street trees. 11:49:33:28
For instance falling on a car, 11:49:35:19
falling in the right of way. 11:49:37:16
A lot of our funds on 11:49:39:00
maintenance goes to maintenance 11:49:41:05
on street trees. 11:49:42:22
A smaller portion goes to tree 11:49:44:01
and parks. 11:49:45:21
We have expanded it every single 11:49:46:08
year. 11:49:48:09
Like you said when you're 11:49:48:22
talking about big projects like 11:49:50:00
that we should probably do that 11:49:52:05
out of major capitol work 11:49:53:26
associated -- 11:49:56:01
>> Think I may of identified 11:49:58:05
money. 11:50:01:04
One minute, Mr. Chair, I think I 11:50:01:25
have identified money in the 11:50:04:02
state budget that could 11:50:05:28
potentially with the city match. 11:50:07:03
If you want to sit on that we 11:50:11:10
can look into a little further. 11:50:12:24
>> We would love to discuss. 11:50:15:19
That. 11:50:17:16
>> Thank you, thank you. 11:50:17:14
>> Counselor Janey is not here. 11:50:18:22
Counselor Mccarthy. 11:50:21:27
>> Making fun of counselor 11:50:24:28
baker. 11:50:26:06
Sorry. I didn't know the rules 11:50:26:24
when the buzzard went off you 11:50:28:24
kept going, I didn't know the 11:50:32:04
rule. 11:50:33:27
We will hash that out later. 11:50:34:08

[Laughing] 11:50:36:15
>> Chief, thank you for can 11:50:36:25
here, you and your staff. 11:50:38:15
As former park I love the parks 11:50:40:07
department. 11:50:43:16
Thank you to you and your staff. 11:50:44:01
If you could make the rain stop 11:50:45:24
that would be awesome. 11:50:47:19
I know that you are behind on 11:50:48:29
mowing. 11:50:50:28
>> Community -- that's just 11:51:59:19
district 5. 11:52:02:24
People are incredibly happy with 11:52:03:22
the parks department and should 11:52:05:16
be. 11:52:06:18
I also want to thank George 11:52:07:06
Wright and -- I know a lot of 11:52:10:07
people are not golfers. 11:52:15:03
Rated top ten courses, both 11:52:16:15
courses ranked top ten in golf 11:52:18:19
digest for municipal courses in 11:52:21:08
the state where you pay \$52 for 11:52:23:22
the weekend. 11:52:26:18
George Wright you play \$135 to 11:52:27:13
lay and other places on the 11:52:30:03
list. 11:52:33:01
Great staff. 11:52:33:19
I want to thank them too. 11:52:35:10
strange question out of left 11:52:38:06
field. 11:52:39:18
Since I was 4 years old I wanted 11:52:40:06
a street hockey rink at -- 11:52:42:23
field. 11:52:45:06
I can't play street hockey but 11:52:45:17
apparently I can play pickle 11:52:47:26
ball. 11:52:50:06
Can you give me the history on 11:52:50:20
pickle ball. 11:52:52:20
I have many seniors asking to 11:52:53:12
change a tennis court at regal 11:52:55:05
field into a pickle ball court. 11:52:58:23
>> So the answer is we're way 11:53:01:03
behind the pickle ball 11:53:02:12
phenomenon. 11:53:07:05
It is by far the fastest growing 11:53:08:00
recreational sport in parks 11:53:10:09
department throughout the 11:53:12:27
country. 11:53:14:00
We are anemic in the amount of 11:53:15:23
pickle ball offerings we. 11:53:20:08
Have the need is there. 11:53:22:18
We haven't, we haven't provided 11:53:23:12
the necessary resources. 11:53:29:29
What is embarrassing is what is 11:53:31:12

required is a few extra front on 11:53:33:05
a tennis court there. 11:53:35:18
Is a version of pickle ball to 11:53:36:24
play by repainting the tennis 11:53:38:21
courts. 11:53:41:10
>> We have a policy in place 11:53:43:23
now. 11:53:45:01
When we redo a tennis court we 11:53:45:14
evaluate it for pickle ball. 11:53:47:13
Every court we get done unless 11:53:51:01
there is a community push 11:53:52:29
against pickle ball we're 11:53:54:21
putting it in. 11:53:56:02
>> The anti-pickle ball people. 11:53:56:27
>> You never know there. 11:53:58:29
Are people that don't like 11:54:00:01
trees. 11:54:01:19
There maybe people that don't 11:54:02:07
like pickle ball. 11:54:03:19
>> They're in the wrong city. 11:54:05:20
I'm the first counselor to 11:54:07:07
request to take a peak at my 11:54:08:11
home park for pickle ball. 11:54:10:08
I was at the seniors breakfast 11:54:12:04
the other day and three or four 11:54:14:16
seniors who are, what do we call 11:54:16:12
them? 11:54:19:13
Age strong people, age strong 11:54:21:05
people said to me we have to get 11:54:23:05
a pickle ball court. 11:54:24:25
>> They're right. 11:54:27:08
>> I was like is it like WIFFLE 11:54:28:03
ball. 11:54:32:21
They said not really but I 11:54:33:19
looked up. 11:54:35:10
Everyone is doing it but me. 11:54:36:01
We're getting old. 11:54:37:21
We should get into pickle ball. 11:54:38:27
>> Five pickle ball courts is 11:54:41:04
something we're evaluating on 11:54:43:17
every court we're doing. 11:54:45:18
>> Every neighborhood. 11:54:47:28
>> Right I'm respectfully in for 11:54:49:18
a pickle ball court. 11:54:51:19
Thank you, Mr. Chair. 11:54:52:24
>> Counselor Flynn. 11:54:54:03
You stepped out and I went past 11:54:55:11
you. 11:55:03:04
>> Thank you, counselor. 11:55:04:06
>> Thank you, commissioner. 11:55:06:11
Commissioner I know we have 11:55:07:18
talked about medal of honor park 11:55:10:25
several times. 11:55:13:07
The safety surfacing that you 11:55:14:24

are doing is part of the new 11:55:16:20
project. 11:55:19:15
That's the basketball court, 11:55:20:01
isn't it. 11:55:21:18
>> There are two projects at 11:55:22:01
medal of honor. 11:55:24:10
I will let Rob discussion them 11:55:25:13
in detail. 11:55:28:09
I would say there are basketball 11:55:29:13
various courts project. 11:55:31:25
There is the addition of two to 11:55:33:14
five to the lot equipment at the 11:55:35:14
top. 11:55:37:26
>> Yes. 11:55:38:15
The reason I asked about this. 11:55:38:23
We talked about the basketball 11:55:40:16
court. 11:55:42:06
Almost very difficult to play 11:55:42:29
basketball there. 11:55:44:16
It's, it's in very rough shape. 11:55:46:01
Kids are breaking their ankles 11:55:49:05
and spraining their ankles. 11:55:50:29
Is there something we can do on 11:55:53:05
that? 11:55:54:24
>> That court is scheduled to 11:55:55:18
get redone. 11:55:57:17
It will get redone this season. 11:55:58:12
>> Okay. 11:56:00:26
>> To resurface that as part of 11:56:01:21
our various courts. 11:56:03:23
>> Any chance to get it done 11:56:06:02
before the start of the summer 11:56:07:22
so kids could play basketball 11:56:09:08
there this summer? 11:56:11:10
>> We will expedite it as 11:56:12:12
quickly as we can. 11:56:14:29
>> Thank you. 11:56:16:05
Medal of honor, I mean MoKELY 11:56:16:23
park as well. 11:56:21:05
We have talked many times about 11:56:22:00
the park. 11:56:23:23
My son plays babe ruth baseball 11:56:24:15
there. 11:56:27:08
For us it's always been a 11:56:27:12
opportunity to play sports. 11:56:29:07
Baseball, basketball, soccer. 11:56:31:10
What are we doing on programming 11:56:34:13
wise at MoGELY park? 11:56:37:01
I know we have a major 11:56:39:28
renovation. 11:56:41:16
What is the balance with the 11:56:42:07
renovation and programs. 11:56:43:22
>> Sure. 11:56:46:04
We host our mayor's cup 11:56:46:13

tournaments there. 11:56:48:16
We then try to prioritize large regional recreational opportunities. 11:56:49:17 11:56:52:18 11:56:54:00
We could follow-up with you, counselor, on the permit for it. 11:56:54:10 11:56:55:24
Our summer camp is actually at medal of honor Christopher Lee program now. 11:56:57:24 11:57:00:03 11:57:03:09
The numbers that we received were not that high at MoGELY and it's now at Christopher Lee. 11:57:05:03 11:57:06:28 11:57:11:20
That frees the park up for other recreational events. 11:57:13:19 11:57:15:22
We also have different concert series and movies throughout the year. 11:57:17:05 11:57:19:04 11:57:20:27
We will get you the schedule. >> Alright. 11:57:21:07 11:57:23:22
On the Christopher Lee are we able to get a canopy over the building there? 11:57:24:13 11:57:26:02 11:57:28:16
It's very hot there during the summer time. 11:57:29:29 11:57:31:14
It's tough for kids to get a little shade. 11:57:32:29 11:57:36:06
>> We're suppose to have pop up tents there. 11:57:37:25 11:57:40:05
We will make sure to provide those. 11:57:40:25 11:57:42:22
>> Thank you. 11:57:43:01
I see oRToN field getting renovations. 11:57:43:18 11:57:46:16
That is the middle of BHA. 11:57:47:18
I know that will go over well with the community. 11:57:50:07 11:57:52:21
I want to say thank you on that. Beacon hill. 11:57:53:11 11:57:56:23
Boast on common master plan. 11:57:58:07
I know we heard from counselor Zakim doing great work with you, commissioner. 11:57:59:27 11:58:02:10 11:58:05:06
How is that going? 11:58:05:24
What is the latest on the Boston common. 11:58:07:18 11:58:09:12
>> I think it's important when we talk about the time line of the Boston common master plan. 11:58:10:06 11:58:11:16 11:58:16:05
It's a year 2018 months. 11:58:17:29
I want to make clear for us, I can comfortably speak for the friends of the public garden on the issue. 11:58:19:21 11:58:22:08 11:58:24:05 11:58:25:22
We want to see investments in 11:58:26:17

the park during that time 11:58:28:14
period. 11:58:29:26
We don't necessarily have to 11:58:30:06
wait for a year or as well 11:58:31:15
months for positive changes. 11:58:33:11
>> If there are aspects of the 11:58:34:26
park to improve whether it's 11:58:36:15
something simple as post and 11:58:38:15
chain or fencing or a pathway 11:58:40:27
we're not removing we want to 11:58:44:08
advance the funds. 11:58:46:08
We have started the proses is 11:58:47:11
assess and looking forward to 11:58:49:10
the first community meeting. 11:58:50:12
>> Thank you. 11:58:52:18
The south end library park looks 11:58:52:26
beautiful. 11:58:56:05
I think they did an excellent 11:58:57:09
job with. 11:58:59:19
That anyway we could do more 11:59:00:09
work with it in terms of the 11:59:02:06
curving and some flowers around 11:59:04:08
or fencing around the area? 11:59:06:15
I was talking with Marlene of 11:59:09:20
the friends of the library 11:59:11:01
recently. 11:59:18:03
Can we talk after. 11:59:18:29
>> I think Cushmaning and 11:59:21:11
fencing I have to be on-site to 11:59:22:27
discuss that. 11:59:24:16
The reason the park looks so 11:59:25:18
good is not just because of the 11:59:27:07
great project management from 11:59:28:22
our team but frankly because of 11:59:31:19
the friends group. 11:59:33:09
They planted something amazing 11:59:34:15
like two thousand bulbs. 11:59:36:27
It looks beautiful. 11:59:41:18
She wants to work on a 11:59:42:27
horticulture plan there. 11:59:44:10
We're not opposed to it it's 11:59:45:21
just who maintains that there. 11:59:48:06
>> Thank you, Chris. 11:59:50:29
My final comment is on the green 11:59:51:23
way. 11:59:53:12
I know we spoke about the groan 11:59:53:22
way many times. 11:59:55:15
I'm not happy with the green way 11:59:56:19
as it looks in China town. 11:59:58:25
I know it's not a city of Boston 12:00:02:01
park it looks beautiful in the 12:00:04:09
other section of my district 12:00:05:28
near the New England aquarium 12:00:07:28
area. 12:00:10:22

Further towards China town it 12:00:11:03
doesn't look good at all. 12:00:12:27
We talk about equity often in 12:00:14:10
this body here. 12:00:16:20
That's a glaring example of the 12:00:17:25
green way 12:00:24:24
I want us to do more work on 12:00:31:04
reaching out to the green way 12:00:33:02
staff and making sure that they 12:00:34:14
know. 12:00:35:27
That they should know that 12:00:36:12
priority for us -- 12:00:38:07
>> This boils down to 12:00:56:08
constituent services. 12:00:58:20
If we're a partner in that we're 12:01:00:28
happy. 12:01:04:10
>> Thank you commissioner to you 12:01:05:07
and your staff as well. 12:01:06:12
>> Sorry about messing up -- 12:01:08:08
[Inaudible] 12:01:10:27
>> Thank you coming out on the 12:01:32:02
single digit cold day when we 12:01:33:23
took the tour of the green 12:01:36:10
spaces in my district. 12:01:37:24
One of the places we discovered 12:01:39:07
was the play area near the 12:01:46:03
winthrop school. 12:01:48:03
Is that out of the schools 12:01:49:15
budget or parks budget? 12:01:51:11
So I'm clear on the resources 12:01:53:02
for. 12:01:54:22
That this is the winthrop school 12:01:55:09
in district 7. 12:01:56:28
The play area. 12:01:59:21
A basketball court, tennis, in 12:02:00:19
dire need for capitol 12:02:03:20
improvements. 12:02:04:29
Is that school's budget or parks 12:02:05:28
budget. 12:02:09:28
Do we look into that? 12:02:10:09
>> I will follow-up immediately 12:02:11:15
after this. 12:02:13:05
We will follow-up. 12:02:13:22
I believe it's the school 12:02:14:24
department. 12:02:16:07
I will follow-up. 12:02:16:18
>> I would love to get that 12:02:18:03
straight. 12:02:19:10
>> Sure. 12:02:19:24
>> They need the investment 12:02:20:29
there. 12:02:22:22
Jones play ground is one of the 12:02:23:15
areas we looked at. 12:02:26:01
I'm looking for money in the 12:02:27:00

budget for that Manning process. 12:02:35:14
Resources for Jones. 12:02:37:18
This is about potential redesign 12:02:40:14
working with residents and folks 12:02:43:12
in that area. 12:02:45:05
Those who want to invest in that 12:02:47:00
park. 12:02:48:24
Counselor Flynn mentioned the 12:02:50:08
library park. 12:02:53:10
Great. 12:02:54:16
That's not quite the parks 12:02:55:00
department. 12:02:56:20
>> It's a interesting co lap 12:02:57:03
ration maybe the best word for 12:02:59:25
it we don't own that property at 12:03:01:20
all. 12:03:03:14
>> Thank you for your attention 12:03:04:10
and dedication to it. 12:03:05:29
>> David Leonard and Boston 12:03:07:22
public library do a lot for us 12:03:09:09
too. 12:03:11:27
They activate our spaces and 12:03:12:08
don't ask for anything in 12:03:14:00
return. 12:03:15:12
They're outstanding friends 12:03:15:22
group there. 12:03:17:14
We, we there is -- as far as the 12:03:18:04
community is concerned it's a 12:03:21:10
public park and we respond to 12:03:23:16
311 calls for it. 12:03:25:21
>> Throw other items I know wore 12:03:27:23
short on time. 12:03:31:10
One, new equipment over all for 12:03:32:10
people on your team who are 12:03:34:19
doing maintenance of the parks. 12:03:36:12
One issue I hear is that the 12:03:38:01
equipment that they ruse for 12:03:39:28
district seven is old and 12:03:42:16
outdated. 12:03:44:14
I want to make sure we have new 12:03:48:00
equipment. 12:03:50:06
Following up on the question 12:03:51:03
from counselor Essaibi-George. 12:03:52:01
Public use of the public 12:03:54:09
playground. 12:03:55:28
Recently the district playground 12:03:58:27
redone. 12:04:01:27
They think this is no longer a 12:04:02:26
public park. 12:04:04:20
They think northeastern own 12:04:05:18
it's. 12:04:07:16
A confusion is the big white 12:04:08:07
tent. 12:04:10:12
Can you talk briefly about the 12:04:10:27

tent. 12:04:12:18
It convinces people they can't 12:04:12:29
use the park. 12:04:14:20
Then I want to raise the issue 12:04:15:11
of needles. 12:04:18:12
-- not my district. 12:04:21:28
It's counselor bakers district 12:04:24:11
but I know needles are showing 12:04:26:14
up in the parks and my district 12:04:28:08
as well many. 12:04:31:29
>> Sure I think on the equipment 12:04:32:17
issue I know josh has been 12:04:34:17
working hard with oBM to develop 12:04:36:07
new really invigorated lease pur 12:04:38:27
clays program. 12:04:42:20
Josh can talk about that. 12:04:44:02
>> Yes. 12:04:45:23
Our equipment is very old. 12:04:46:12
We have pieces 20, 30 years old. 12:04:48:14
I'm trying to work so we have 12:04:52:21
new fleet and more to take care 12:04:55:18
of. 12:04:58:17
That. 12:04:59:04
>> Can I ask a follow-up 12:04:59:02
clarifying question. 12:05:01:07
How do we determine the new 12:05:02:16
equipment, who gets the new 12:05:05:18
equipment. 12:05:07:11
>> That goes by district. 12:05:08:06
You know it depends on the -- 12:05:09:23
district as well. 12:05:13:21
It goes by district. 12:05:15:18
So if you're in Dorchester or 12:05:17:20
west Roxbury for example 12:05:20:07
STPRUFPLT that most -- 12:05:22:02
>> That much what? 12:05:24:12
>> -- 12:05:25:15
>> What. 12:05:27:15
>> The high demand. 12:05:28:07
It will go there. 12:05:29:14
Depending. 12:05:30:24
We try to move with people that 12:05:32:00
can take care and -- 12:05:34:12
>> Yes. 12:05:37:28
I guess what I'm not hearing and 12:05:38:18
what would would be helpful 12:05:41:00
we're getting newie KWEUFPLT. 12:05:44:09
The city of Boston has purchased 12:05:45:29
X new lawn mowers. 12:05:48:25
How do we determine where those 12:05:50:13
go and I am not hearing that 12:05:52:06
from your response. 12:05:54:25
Beyond demand -- command is 12:05:56:26
great. 12:05:59:25

How do we determine if we have 12:06:00:06
old equipment in the yards when 12:06:02:08
we update does each yard get one 12:06:04:21
new lawn Moor. 12:06:07:11
Do we know this yard has all the 12:06:08:23
old ones so they're first in 12:06:11:04
line for the new one. 12:06:12:23
How does it work is my question. 12:06:14:09
>> I mean -- I want to separate 12:06:16:09
out vehicles opposed to 12:06:19:10
equipment. 12:06:20:22
So light equipment is hyper 12:06:21:23
localized on the crew level. 12:06:23:23
Frankly if they don't have 12:06:27:07
functioning equipment they have 12:06:28:23
to be near the top to receive 12:06:30:09
the newest equipment. 12:06:32:22
As far as vehicles as josh said 12:06:34:15
it's based on need. 12:06:36:13
Need is not necessarily the age 12:06:37:27
of the vehicle. 12:06:39:26
I really have to give credit to 12:06:41:01
the office of budget management 12:06:43:18
and josh in his short time 12:06:45:15
they're developing up a process 12:06:47:11
by which to look at the 12:06:48:27
equipment and our vehicles and 12:06:50:23
determine a systematic way to 12:06:53:13
invest. 12:06:59:14
Needles are important. 12:07:00:02
>> I will come back to that. 12:07:01:18
Around needles and other 12:07:03:17
investments for parks in my 12:07:04:28
district. 12:07:07:03
Thank you, Mr. Chair. 12:07:07:20
>> Andrea Campbell. 12:07:08:29
>> Thank you, counselor Ciommo. 12:07:10:12
Thank you commissioner of parks 12:07:12:21
and everything else. 12:07:15:26
You and your team and the folks 12:07:17:20
that couldn't be here because 12:07:19:18
they're out doing work. 12:07:20:28
You guys are responsive and do 12:07:22:08
the best you can with the 12:07:24:09
resources you. 12:07:25:21
Have we appreciate what you do. 12:07:26:29
A couple of quick questions. 12:07:28:24
One has to do with CPA projects. 12:07:31:19
It's very exciting when a 12:07:34:18
project gets CPA funding. 12:07:36:08
Then the next step is how do we 12:07:38:19
make that happen. 12:07:40:20
Obviously that comes to your 12:07:41:18
department. 12:07:43:21

I'm curious what the communication is between your shop, Christine pop shop and the follow-up is a specific project on normal street my district that got funding. It use to be a lot behind -- I'm going blank on the fare mont line stop. The residents advocated to get this lot bought by a local developer to turn no a park. CPA funding to make it happen and now the question is do you have the capacity to manage this. Clearly the CPA shop are not experts in parks. Curious what to do there. >> I can talk in general about CPA and specifically about the project if it makes sense. In general it's been a developing relationship. So CPA is relatively new to the city. We have had two rounds. It's only been in the calendar year. So at first as counselor Flaherty said we were so excited to receive these funds. We were applying for applying all we could and encouraging everyone to apply. We want that to happen still. Now it's turning into a management. Rob's project managers typically have 15-25 projects for any given time. The projects to be active. If these CPA funds are not associated with a on going park project there is a management capacity issue. We're going to be working and develop a system for a different project manager. That is different from the intent of the question. How are these projects advancing given our capacity and our responsibility city wide.

That relates to the specific project. 12:09:33:22
12:09:35:12
As we look at the development of something like normal street and there ask a community desire to have that be Boston park land then we have to be part of the development process. 12:09:36:03
12:09:38:00
12:09:39:14
12:09:41:27
12:09:44:12
12:09:46:04
We are engaged with our chief landscape architect on two different types of properties to develop that has underlying parks property ownership. One is parks property that we own and that we have to take care of. 12:09:47:18
12:09:50:21
12:09:53:06
12:09:54:25
12:09:56:16
12:09:58:09
12:10:00:24
12:10:02:16
Parks property that we don't own, that we own but don't have to take care of. 12:10:03:11
12:10:05:00
12:10:07:03
If it's in the ladder category and there is a MoA or MoU with a friends group or nearby developer you can enhance the level of maintenance required at that site. 12:10:09:03
12:10:11:06
12:10:14:09
12:10:15:28
12:10:18:00
12:10:20:21
>> If not we have to develop the design to our standards for our crews to handle. 12:10:21:08
12:10:22:24
12:10:25:28
>> Okay. 12:10:28:12
>> The relationship between the CPA officer, Christine's office and ours. 12:10:29:27
12:10:31:21
12:10:34:24
It's almost a daily community communication. 12:10:35:20
12:10:37:22
We are excited in the next round of CPA if someone wants to apply, which didn't exist in the first two rounds. 12:10:38:10
12:10:40:04
12:10:42:17
12:10:44:24
If someone wants to apply for a project on Boston parks land we have to have them fill out a form on our website to review that to make sure it's a priority for the department as well. 12:10:45:25
12:10:47:25
12:10:50:02
12:10:52:02
12:10:54:03
12:10:55:19
12:10:57:11
That way it's not an extra burden or non -- an example is we don't want someone to secure CPA funds. 12:10:57:21
12:10:59:21
12:11:04:22
12:11:07:00
They're valuable for a basketball court for a 4 million-dollar renovation of the park in two years. 12:11:08:02
12:11:09:15
12:11:11:29
12:11:13:21
>> That form is available 12:11:17:12

on-line. 12:11:18:19
>> It was put up last week. 12:11:19:21
>> Awesome. 12:11:21:08
I will continue the conversation 12:11:21:24
with you guys. 12:11:29:03
You have the dollars. 12:11:30:23
How do you make it happen. 12:11:31:28
I want to thank for not just 12:11:34:07
your advocacy with parks across 12:11:39:22
the city but particularly equity 12:11:43:15
and looking at the parks, being 12:11:46:06
intentional about making them 12:11:49:20
beautiful somewhere that is 12:11:51:15
not -- square park and the 12:11:52:10
conversation about doing great 12:11:55:09
things there but you're talking 12:11:56:29
to everyone and anyone you can 12:12:01:02
to make sure these are 12:12:03:01
happening. 12:12:05:06
I wanted to applaud you on. 12:12:05:17
That there is more detail in 12:12:07:16
here. 12:12:08:24
I wanted to give you and your 12:12:09:04
team a big thank you on those 12:12:10:21
parks particularly, those faces 12:12:13:03
particularly. 12:12:16:02
CoGman square. 12:12:18:06
I was at the council meeting not 12:12:20:09
long ago. 12:12:22:08
These folks are so excited with 12:12:23:03
the new design they have for 12:12:24:22
what they envision the park to 12:12:26:22
be rate R. right by second 12:12:28:15
church. 12:12:31:12
They pulled in second church to 12:12:32:00
be part along with the friends 12:12:33:16
of the park. 12:12:35:03
Really exciting stuff. 12:12:35:24
I am going to do what I can from 12:12:37:14
where I sit to push for funding 12:12:39:15
internally and externally. 12:12:41:19
I look forward to working with 12:12:43:22
your team on the vision which is 12:12:45:04
exciting. 12:12:47:05
Then lastly I guess two more 12:12:48:11
parks in my district. 12:12:53:17
One is mothers rest really 12:12:54:26
excited to see investment there. 12:12:59:09
Again applaud your attention to 12:13:01:23
equity and making sure certain 12:13:03:29
neighborhoods get parks 12:13:06:20
refurbished and revamped. 12:13:08:05
Then Ripley park in four corners 12:13:13:11
came up as a park that needs 12:13:15:29

help. 12:13:17:18
I think you know this. 12:13:17:28
I'm flagging it. 12:13:19:11
We advocated. 12:13:20:19
I think the next is this park. 12:13:23:09
We know there were unfortunate 12:13:26:23
violence that happened there not 12:13:29:17
too long ago. 12:13:31:04
Just adding that as a park that 12:13:32:07
we will continue to push to work 12:13:34:07
with you onto see what we can do 12:13:36:01
with respect to that park as 12:13:38:09
well. 12:13:40:01
>> Thank you. 12:13:42:02
>> I can wait for the next 12:13:43:03
round. 12:13:44:12
Thank you, counselor. 12:13:44:23
>> I will take a few folks for 12:13:46:04
public testimony before the next 12:13:48:26
round while we're doing that how 12:13:50:15
much have we appropriated from 12:13:53:27
the square? 12:13:59:16
>> Appropriated? 12:14:00:14
>> From the city council to 12:14:01:20
spend on common, Franklin park. 12:14:03:18
>> 72 if you include the emerald 12:14:06:22
necklace, Columbia road project. 12:14:09:03
That's not a Boston parks 12:14:12:18
project we're supportive of 12:14:14:17
public works as they further 12:14:16:06
that. 12:14:18:00
We do consider that essentially 12:14:18:11
a road project. 12:14:20:18
I can't speak for the housing. 12:14:24:11
My understand south heights 12:14:28:03
money sought the door. 12:14:31:03
>> So 72 million. 12:14:32:11
>> For the parks related 12:14:34:03
project. 12:14:35:22
>> Of the 150, okay. 12:14:37:06
Where is that other money, is it 12:14:39:18
designated yet? 12:14:42:21
>> That would be a good question 12:14:44:07
for oBM, sir. 12:14:45:23
>> Okay. 12:14:48:27
>> Some of us that voted for it 12:14:49:29
should get. 12:14:52:05
Some I will call up a few folks. 12:14:53:09
Julia Donahue. 12:14:55:16
Liz VISA and Sara freeman. 12:14:58:03
Just ask you folks to limit your 12:15:03:24
comments to three minutes that 12:15:09:08
would be great. 12:15:10:24
>> Good afternoon. 12:15:23:18

Everybody. 12:15:24:27
First of all I really want to 12:15:25:14
say thank you to all of you for 12:15:27:17
all you do for the citizens of 12:15:29:16
Boston. 12:15:31:07
It's just amazing to listen to 12:15:32:03
the breath of what the parks 12:15:35:27
department is. 12:15:39:28
And how they do so much in so 12:15:40:25
many areas. 12:15:47:10
Thank you, particularly Chris 12:15:48:01
and his team, and all of you. 12:15:49:10
I'm Julie Donahue. 12:15:51:21
I'm president of the friends of 12:15:53:27
the -- I do want to thank you 12:15:57:09
for putting in three permanent 12:16:00:22
positions for the rangers this 12:16:03:18
year. 12:16:05:28
That's fantastic. 12:16:06:16
Think we all heard a lot about 12:16:08:11
that last year. 12:16:10:07
I am extremely grateful to you 12:16:11:06
that you went forward and put 12:16:13:24
them in. 12:16:15:09
Perfect. 12:16:16:08
They're just two problems. 12:16:18:09
Of course two problems right. 12:16:20:08
One, there is nobody for the 12:16:22:13
equipment or the uniforms. 12:16:24:25
As it turns out -- 12:16:27:08
[Inaudible] 12:16:31:10
Secondly chief gene tells me 12:16:32:01
there is no operating money. 12:16:36:10
He can't manage without 12:16:38:04
operating money. 12:16:39:29
We understand we all like a cup 12:16:41:12
of coffee here and there. 12:16:43:24
Operating money is kind of 12:16:45:14
important. 12:16:47:20
I wanted to tell you even though 12:16:48:01
we don't give the city 155,000 12:16:50:01
we did more many years, as you 12:16:53:24
know, we haven't gonna way. 12:16:56:04
We bought the rangers a 12:16:58:01
customized and it had to be 12:17:00:21
customized because of the horses 12:17:03:10
in Boston are especially large. 12:17:05:11
So we couldn't get a used 12:17:07:20
trailer which I was looking for. 12:17:09:13
It had to be a brand new 12:17:11:21
customized trailer. 12:17:13:10
It's for three horses. 12:17:14:26
The first three horse trailer 12:17:18:09
that gene has had. 12:17:21:09

He will be able to deploy the horses more quickly into the parks.
We pay for that.
We haven't gonna way and I'm praying you don't go away until we get this job finished.
Thank you very much.
>> Thank you.
>> Thank you.
Chairman Ciommo, thank you for forgiving us the opportunity to speak on be half of the FY20 budget for the parks and reaction department.
I'm speak to get choir.
We all love our parks.
We know how essential they are for the quality of the life in Boston.
How incredibly hard the work is out there daily.
We need to thank them in the parks and not just assume they're not doing best work they can do.
That's why we need the funds to support the care they give.
I'm executive director of the friends of the public garden.
We're in our met year in partnership with the parks department to renew, care and ad row Kate for our parks in down Boston.
The neighborhood parks for over 50,000 people in five neighborhoods.
They're more than neighborhood parks.
They're green spaces used by the entire city and beyond.
The friends invest over one and a half million dollars of private funds into the parks.
This year over two million well.
Have heard a lot about trees and turf.
Very important.
A paramount part of what we do.
It's critical that private support be not seen as a reason not to fund our parks department.

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We're pleased the department's budget has grown the recent years. Particularly for capitol projects. It's terrific and reflects the commitment of the mayor to our green spaces. We're excited about passage of the community preservation act. We talked about that today. More resources for the open space. Again it's critical that funding not replace bunt funds for the parks. With the additional funding through the budget and CPA for park improvement projects comes enormous pressure to manage more projects. You have heard Chris talk about ten to fifteen projects for each manager. They're burdened with a work load that will only increase. For the common and master plans the plans are coming. That is great. To oversee the CPA program and the capitol budget. We hope the master plan comes soon. Asset heard from the chief they are needed now. The increased work load cost more capitol dollars creates a urgent need for planners, designers and managers in the department to shepherd these projects through the implementation. We're working hard on the master plan. Hopefully it will be done in a year to as well months through a robust public process. The common for a blue print of the capitol investment. As well as capitol money and management money we need increased operations funding. Every year you have heard this from the advocacy community.

The department needs more funding to keep up with the level of maintenance that is necessary throughout the city. Particularly for our heavily used green spaces downtown to meet having the best system in the country.

We need to make up for years of under funding for the parks system age and the historic growth.

The infrastructure to make capitol projects happen, the planning need to be put into place before a shovel hits the ground.

The maintenance sustaining us after the ribbon is cut needs to be insured for years to come. Every year we advocate for a joule of a building in a public garden.

Referred to as a toolshed. This structure was once a rest room facility for women and children.

Now the maintenance facility for the garden crew.

It continues to deteriorate with rotten wood, missing roof slates, water damage and places not up to code.

It's in urgent node of attention.

It would improve working conditions for the staff and give a public space to learn about the gardens and Gardners.

Lastly we're working on a plan for the mall and include this in next year's budget.

We will continue to advocate for that.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

>> Thank you.

>> Hello.

I'm Sara freeman.

I'm here to comment on be half of the -- owe littles.

I'm a emerald necklace park overseer and have a few general comments about that.

As others have said it's good 12:22:33:26
times for parks these days. 12:22:35:21
So, thank you for that. 12:22:38:06
But there are still a lot of 12:22:40:03
unmet needs. 12:22:43:11
So, thank you for all you do in 12:22:44:19
Franklin park, Jamaica pond, 12:22:49:17
UMinstead park and matching the 12:22:54:03
investments in the tree canopy. 12:22:56:23
The unmet needs that I wanted to 12:22:59:20
spend a moment focusing onto 12:23:02:15
follow-up on the tree inventory 12:23:04:27
and fly over that's a great 12:23:08:13
start but for years we had a 12:23:11:07
Boston urban forest collision 12:23:15:27
that no longer exists. 12:23:19:09
There is a new group for the 12:23:21:03
trees. 12:23:24:13
During that transition there 12:23:25:09
were recommendations. 12:23:27:05
I asked to think about moving 12:23:29:00
forward planting new trees, 12:23:31:13
protecting existing trees, in 12:23:34:01
the inventory if you knew a 12:23:37:15
little more detail then percent 12:23:39:27
canopy. 12:23:43:07
Something like emerald ash bury 12:23:45:01
you know where the ash trees are 12:23:47:22
to get that level of detail. 12:23:49:17
Moving on quickly geese are 12:23:51:28
paper sis tent problem. 12:23:54:18
The park rangers mounted unit 12:23:57:00
has talked about strongly 12:24:00:04
supporting giving them the 12:24:01:16
equipment they need to do the 12:24:03:09
job well. 12:24:05:06
Stonewalls throughout the city 12:24:06:07
were a historic city things like 12:24:10:05
that make our parks special. 12:24:13:24
They require maintenance and I 12:24:15:16
know some is being done. 12:24:17:16
In my neighborhood there is 12:24:19:25
between park land drive and 12:24:22:13
prince street there is a 12:24:25:11
orphaned park wall there. 12:24:26:20
Every year the neighbors say how 12:24:28:06
do we get this fixed. 12:24:30:03
My question is how do we know if 12:24:31:20
we're on the radar or in a cue. 12:24:33:18
I don't think people expect it 12:24:35:22
to be done right away. 12:24:37:29
With the work that DCR did at 12:24:39:12
Perkins there is more human 12:24:42:28
activity in that area. 12:24:44:19

I think it's up in priority 12:24:46:15
with. 12:24:52:03
That urban wild, not on the city 12:24:52:22
budget. 12:24:55:09
I think it got mentioned 12:24:55:19
already. 12:24:57:13
I won't repeat. 12:24:57:20
Other than to say enthusiastic 12:24:59:01
fan and they don't take care of 12:25:02:05
themselves. 12:25:04:19
It's a lot of acres. 12:25:05:09
So, thank you, hope you keep 12:25:07:05
supporting things like the muddy 12:25:10:05
river restoration maintenance, I 12:25:11:27
will stop there. 12:25:14:24
Thank you. 12:25:15:17
>> Thank you. 12:25:16:09
>> Counselor Flaherty. 12:25:17:21
>> Chief, a couple of quick 12:25:21:29
things. 12:25:24:21
The complaints I get from youth 12:25:25:04
groups the process to secure the 12:25:27:01
fields can sometimes be somewhat 12:25:30:15
painful and arguous. 12:25:33:19
They submit applications. 12:25:36:16
Sometimes it takes months. 12:25:38:24
Earlier you referenced the 12:25:40:16
technology benefits the park 12:25:42:13
department is seeing. 12:25:45:14
Why in 2019 do we have youth 12:25:46:15
teams and leagues submitting -- 12:25:49:04
go back to when I played. 12:25:51:11
Same coach and same commissioner 12:25:52:28
for 20-at that years. 12:25:54:24
It's not like the such and such 12:25:56:13
youth baseball league is -- I'm 12:25:58:17
not quite sure why it takes so 12:26:01:04
long given today's technology. 12:26:03:13
Why you can't submit an 12:26:06:10
application for the upcoming 12:26:08:00
season in a relatively short 12:26:10:00
period of time. 12:26:11:27
I'm told by coach as cross the 12:26:12:22
city it takes months. 12:26:14:28
For 2019 it's unacceptable. 12:26:16:15
I don't know who is in charge, 12:26:18:28
we have to dial that back in. 12:26:20:18
While on the subject of 12:26:22:24
permitting. 12:26:27:25
Your budget has permitting of -- 12:26:29:04
112,000 hours of athletic. 12:26:33:11
-- 298 hours of weddings. 12:26:37:12
How much revenue is collected 12:26:40:19
from the permits. 12:26:42:12

What parks see the most activities for the events. 12:26:43:24
12:26:45:03
>> Sure. 12:26:46:19
I will start with the, I will start with the permitting. 12:26:47:10
12:26:49:25
The answer is totally unacceptable. 12:26:51:10
12:26:53:05
Parks head coach, league commissioner shouldn't wait at all. 12:26:54:29
12:26:56:25
12:26:58:05
We have an on-line platform. 12:26:58:15
The on-line platform is for the submittal. 12:27:00:20
12:27:02:16
Then it has to go through what should be a very quick review process. 12:27:03:19
12:27:05:18
12:27:07:23
Because you have to make sure that all of the fields jive with what BPS has required. 12:27:08:12
12:27:10:01
12:27:15:20
The only thing I can think of counselor, it's not a excuse it's a point to follow-up. 12:27:19:07
12:27:21:02
12:27:24:01
Perhaps the youth leagues are applying as soon as the on-line portal is available with the start of the new year. 12:27:25:24
12:27:28:04
12:27:30:04
12:27:32:14
QPS hasn't decided the field usage at that point. 12:27:35:09
12:27:38:22
In which they may have to wait months. 12:27:40:17
12:27:43:12
That's not accounting for city wide. 12:27:44:06
12:27:46:06
That goes beyond the spring sports and the fall. 12:27:46:17
12:27:48:00
The answer is we have to follow-up on it. 12:27:48:28
12:27:50:14
It shouldn't be more than a few weeks at the most. 12:27:52:19
12:27:54:12
>> It's fare to say the 0% plus they're repeat customers. 12:27:55:23
12:27:59:03
>> Yes. 12:28:00:15
Totally unacceptable. 12:28:01:07
We try to prioritize. 12:28:03:16
If someone has a home field. 12:28:06:10
Such as Charles town we're not displacing them from Ryan playground. 12:28:08:29
12:28:11:04
12:28:12:27
That's their home. 12:28:13:25
That turn around time needs to be quicker. 12:28:15:00
12:28:16:13
It gives us something to look into. 12:28:17:08
12:28:18:21
As far as -- go ahead. 12:28:19:12
>> In defense they coordinate 12:28:21:28

with us when we take fields 12:28:26:11
off-line for construction. 12:28:28:07
I know it puts in a complication 12:28:29:19
sometimes. 12:28:32:27
We are doing so much in many 12:28:33:14
neighborhoods. 12:28:36:07
Before one or two neighborhoods 12:28:37:01
were affected by the 12:28:38:18
construction. 12:28:39:24
Now construction is going on 12:28:40:12
because projects are big and the 12:28:41:28
budgets are so big. 12:28:44:00
We're in all neighborhoods 12:28:46:07
there. 12:28:47:19
Is more juggling going on in the 12:28:47:26
permitting process. 12:28:50:15
>> I can see if we know where 12:28:52:11
the particular field in the 12:28:54:00
capitol. 12:28:55:22
We have the unknown here. 12:28:56:12
Ready in time. 12:28:57:25
I get that. 12:28:58:28
So many repeat customers are 12:29:01:03
coming through local sports 12:29:03:05
groups. 12:29:04:24
We take the guessing game out 12:29:05:07
and get the approvals done. 12:29:07:00
How much revenue is collected as 12:29:09:11
a result. 12:29:11:04
>> Sure counselor we will 12:29:11:17
follow-up with the exact 12:29:13:00
numbers. 12:29:14:16
The thing, except for the 12:29:15:00
weddings. 12:29:17:14
The only other associated cost 12:29:18:19
is the lighting fee. 12:29:21:01
Back to counselor 12:29:23:16
Essaibi-George's line of 12:29:24:16
questioning. 12:29:26:18
We think there should be a fee 12:29:27:06
development process for parks. 12:29:29:27
We don't want to put a burden on 12:29:34:09
youth leagues and free 12:29:36:25
opportunities. 12:29:39:01
When you look at the staggering 12:29:39:25
permit hours you're highlighting 12:29:42:04
there is loss revenue. 12:29:44:19
The only money we receive is the 12:29:45:29
lighting usage and the few 12:29:48:16
weddings. 12:29:50:12
>> there are for profits 12:29:50:27
involved in the hours as well. 12:29:52:26
Boston ski and sports club comes 12:29:54:12
to mind. 12:29:56:27

Using our field and generating a profit from it. 12:29:57:15
12:30:01:16
Nice to have a profit sharing hook in that for our fare share. 12:30:02:19 12:30:04:13
>> We will follow-up with specific numbers for you. 12:30:07:27 12:30:09:10
>> One outstanding pet peeve my next question, we have east Boston park workers in the morning ready for their shift. 12:30:11:04 12:30:13:15 12:30:15:07 12:30:17:24
We make them check in at the Boston common garage. 12:30:19:11 12:30:21:16
You have to go all the way to Franklin park to check in. 12:30:24:01 12:30:25:18

-- and get these approvals done. 14:16:17:12
How much revenue collected as a result of -- 14:29:06:12 14:29:07:27
>> Sure. So councilor, we will follow up with the exact numbers but the thing that is -- except for the weddings, the only other associated costs are the lighting fees, so back to councilor Essaibi George's originally line of questioning is we think that there should be a fee development process for parks permits. 14:29:08:24 14:29:10:21 14:29:11:21 14:29:14:24 14:29:16:24 14:29:18:12 14:29:21:18 14:29:23:09 14:29:24:09 14:29:26:12 14:29:28:21
We want to want to put a burden on youth league, especially youth leagues that are offering free recreational opportunities but when you start looking at the staggering amount of permitting hours you just highlighted there is lost revenue there because the only money we receive is from the lighting usage and the very few wedding processes. 14:29:29:27 14:29:31:18 14:29:33:00 14:29:35:09 14:29:36:15 14:29:38:03 14:29:39:18 14:29:40:27 14:29:42:06 14:29:43:15 14:29:45:03 14:29:48:15
>> And there are -- in these hours as well. 14:29:49:24 14:29:52:18
So Boston ski and sports club comes to mind, some of us using our fields but also generating a profit from it. 14:29:53:09 14:29:55:21 14:29:57:06 14:29:58:27
So nice to have some 0 type of profit sharing hook in that to get our fair share from that. 14:29:59:18 14:30:02:00 14:30:03:06
>> We will follow up with the specific numbers for you. 14:30:04:24 14:30:06:09
>> Okay. 14:30:07:00

Longstanding pet peeve, you are 14:30:08:00
probably aware of my next 14:30:09:27
question, we have east Boston 14:30:11:12
park workers in the morning 14:30:13:06
getting ready for their shift 14:30:14:06
and we make them go check in at 14:30:15:15
the Boston common garage. 14:30:17:27
If you working at -- field you 14:30:20:00
have to go all the way over to 14:30:22:15
frankly park to check in. 14:30:24:00
It is 50 to 60 of our employees 14:30:25:12
every day have to travel pretty 14:30:27:09
great distance sitting in 14:30:29:03
traffic, they are on the clock 14:30:30:03
by the way, it is a colossal 14:30:31:18
waste of resources from a 14:30:33:24
management perspective and you 14:30:35:09
are a manager, we have to be 14:30:36:15
able to figure that out, why 14:30:38:00
can't the east Boston workers go 14:30:39:18
directly to Pressley park where 14:30:41:00
kids in southerly go to Moakley 14:30:43:21
Park everybody has to zigzag, 14:30:45:15
you know what morning commute is 14:30:49:09
like. 14:30:50:15
>> It is crazy. 14:30:50:18
>> Josh has good news there. 14:30:51:18
>> Complain about my -- this is 14:30:53:12
50 to 60 -- all right? 14:30:55:00
50 to 60 guys in the a.m. and 14:30:57:03
p.m. just checking in and 14:30:59:21
checking out when you could have 14:31:01:06
a supervisor just bring the 14:31:02:06
people to the park and then have 14:31:03:18
the workers most of them are 14:31:05:00
from the neighborhoods anyways 14:31:06:12
go right start on the job 14:31:08:00
instead we have them get in 14:31:09:21
their a vehicle come all the way 14:31:11:03
introduces city, check in, and 14:31:12:15
then get back in their car and 14:31:14:24
have to go all the way back over 14:31:16:03
-- it is just -- I just don't 14:31:17:24
understand that so go ahead. 14:31:19:15
>> Yes. 14:31:20:12
Councilor Flynn, we are trying 14:31:20:27
to -- I mean, Boston -- 14:31:22:03
objective to Moakley, they are 14:31:25:06
right now and trying put a 14:31:27:15
system in place like, you 14:31:29:06
know -- in the morning and -- 14:31:31:03
take a road to our 0 office in 14:31:35:27
training Lynn park. 14:31:37:12
So we are going to eliminate all 14:31:38:12

of that travel back and forth 14:31:40:03
for a reason and we are working 14:31:41:15
on that. 14:31:43:06
>> So the change is made in 14:31:43:18
Moakley, the change where it 14:31:44:27
hasn't been made but will be 14:31:46:18
made with the update of the 14:31:48:06
Cassie difficult field house in 14:31:49:06
Brighton is upon terrace crew 14:31:51:03
will be reporting directly to 14:31:54:03
the Cassidy field house. 14:31:55:09
There they won't have to rely on 14:31:57:03
the fax machines, they will be 14:31:58:18
able to tap in right there and 14:32:00:12
keep time. 14:32:01:27
>> I would rather the mowing and 14:32:02:12
striping and fixing the fields 14:32:04:21
as opposed to sitting in the 14:32:05:27
vehicle driving all the way over 14:32:07:00
just to check this when you got 14:32:08:12
technology there, get on a 14:32:10:00
computer, get on an app, 14:32:11:12
supervisor, someone is 14:32:13:12
chronically late then it is the 14:32:14:15
wrong line of work for them. 14:32:16:09
>> Correct. 14:32:18:03
>> I know. 14:32:18:18
So so Moakley the problem has 14:32:19:09
been solved, east Boston, the 14:32:21:15
problem is solved, we still have 14:32:23:00
that same legitimate issue in 14:32:24:15
west Roxbury and Hyde Park. 14:32:27:15
>> And that involves 30 to 40 14:32:28:21
employees? 14:32:31:06
>> Less than that. 14:32:33:06
>> Gotcha. 14:32:34:00
>> I appreciate it. 14:32:34:21
Yes. 14:32:37:09
No. 14:32:37:18
I will say it is as a direct 14:32:38:15
result of your line of 14:32:41:06
questioning. 14:32:42:06
>> Thank you. 14:32:42:12
>> Councilor Essaibi George. 14:32:43:00
>> Thank you. 14:32:44:09
Again just to follow up on 14:32:46:00
councilor baker's questions 14:32:49:12
about some of the parks that are 14:32:51:12
-- are DC operated by perhaps is 14:32:55:00
there an opportunity for us to 14:32:57:18
look at the DC -- parks in the 14:32:58:24
city of Boston and perhaps mix 14:33:01:15
some hours? 14:33:04:09
>> That's a really big question 14:33:05:21

and I think the answer is, it 14:33:07:09
would depend on a lot of 14:33:10:09
different inputs, not least of 14:33:12:27
which is a budgetary 14:33:14:24
perspective. You know, we have 14:33:16:12
the largest parks department 14:33:18:12
budget in history but that is 14:33:20:06
for our 330 some odd properties. 14:33:21:09
And so we would have to look at, 14:33:24:00
you know, what is our capacity? 14:33:25:21
But I will say that we would be 14:33:27:18
happy to be part of a 14:33:29:00
conversation in talking about 14:33:30:15
properties, out could go either 14:33:32:18
way. 14:33:34:15
I mean perhaps there are 14:33:34:21
properties we have that would 14:33:36:09
benefit from the stewardship 14:33:37:06
that the state and the 14:33:38:24
commonwealth provide so we would 14:33:40:06
be happy to be a part of a 14:33:41:27
conversation. 14:33:43:12
I just think it would be 14:33:44:24
irresponsible for me to make a 14:33:46:03
commitment to a specific park at 14:33:48:00
this time without frankly also a 14:33:49:24
community process around it, so 14:33:52:06
you are talking about this 14:33:54:06
position of public, disposition 14:33:55:06
of public property. 14:33:56:24
I see there are a lot of 14:33:57:21
relationships between some of 14:34:00:06
our parks and our school 14:34:02:00
buildings and some of those 14:34:06:24
parks are DCR, state owned, 14:34:07:24
where it might make sense for 14:34:09:27
them to be owned and operated 14:34:11:18
and managed by the city, but I 14:34:13:06
also wonder about that 14:34:16:09
relationship between our parks 14:34:17:12
and the Boston public schools 14:34:19:06
and in particular where some of 14:34:21:03
those parks could benefit from 14:34:22:24
some of the build BPS funds 14:34:26:03
because I think with build BPS 14:34:28:03
we have looked really just at 14:34:30:06
the school facilities but I 14:34:32:15
think we forget to see that the 14:34:33:27
park area or the outdoor space 14:34:37:00
of that school, whether it is 14:34:39:03
school property or parks 14:34:40:12
property or DCR property 14:34:41:27
actually plays a very impactful 14:34:44:09
role in our students and their 14:34:46:03

experience in school. 14:34:48:06
>> My other set of questions. 14:34:49:12
So that would be an interesting 14:34:51:27
maybe conversation to have about 14:34:53:06
specific parks at another time. 14:34:54:18
This is a topic that came up 14:34:57:09
last year and just sort of 14:34:59:06
carrying this if there has been 14:35:01:00
any additional investment in 14:35:02:12
supporting our urban wilds in 14:35:03:27
the city of Boston as you know 14:35:06:09
we have 35 of them, and we make 14:35:07:12
some capital improvements to our 14:35:10:12
urban miles but not really able 14:35:12:00
to maintain any of that effort 14:35:14:21
in a substantial way. I will 14:35:16:15
say there is not additional [14:35:18:15
Wild] operating funds 14:35:20:21
associated with the urban wild 14:35:22:12
properties in this FY-20 budget. 14:35:24:00
That we do have is an updated 14:35:27:21
commitment from the maintenance 14:35:31:18
division under the leadership of 14:35:33:03
Josh Al Dorff, to get with the 14:35:35:21
urban manager. 14:35:40:21
There are urban wilds that are 14:35:41:15
closer in their design and 14:35:43:03
closer into the way they are 14:35:45:21
situated in neighborhoods where 14:35:47:24
they may be a better fit as just 14:35:50:09
a parks maintenance property and 14:35:52:06
so some of those conversations 14:35:54:27
are taking place around Geneva 14:35:56:18
cliffs and Buena Vista and other 14:35:59:06
urban wilds. 14:36:01:18
Paul Sutton does an amazing 14:36:02:27
amount of work managing the 14:36:05:03
urban wilds throughout the 14:36:07:09
system that we own but also the 14:36:08:18
conservation commission owns of, 14:36:11:00
largely with volunteers and 14:36:12:27
corporate volunteer groups. 14:36:14:18
But moving forward I think the 14:36:16:21
conversation has to be -- are 14:36:18:00
some of these just parks and do 14:36:20:15
we maintain them as such? 14:36:22:00
>> Thank you. 14:36:25:06
That's it for me. 14:36:26:00
Thank you very much. 14:36:26:24
>> Thank you. 14:36:27:12
>> Councilor O'Malley. 14:36:28:27
>> Thank you, chairman. 14:36:32:06
I do have to step up to a 14:36:33:18
minute. 14:36:35:12

I apologize if you went over this. 14:36:35:27
14:36:37:06
Can you talk about effort to offer recycling in our parks? 14:36:37:18
14:36:39:12
>> I will let Nicole talk about that. 14:36:41:12
14:36:43:03
>> So in the fiscal year we got \$250,000 from Coca-Cola to help expand our recycling in the budget department gave us an additional \$100,000 in our operating budget to help with the recycling, I believe Josh correct me if I am wrong I know we offered one -- have we got one. 14:36:43:15
14:36:46:06
14:36:48:21
14:36:50:09
14:36:52:00
14:36:55:15
14:36:56:18
14:36:59:21
14:37:01:18
14:37:03:24
>> We will get that July 1st, hopefully. 14:37:03:27
14:37:05:18
>> I am sorry. 14:37:06:12
>> We should get it to the park July 1st. 14:37:07:06
14:37:08:27
>> So essentially a truck that has the capacity not only to pick up trash but also recycling. 14:37:09:15
14:37:10:18
14:37:11:15
14:37:13:15
>> Yes. 14:37:14:00
>> You don't want to do mingle two streams? 14:37:14:12
14:37:16:09
>> Yes. 14:37:17:12
So right now, right now, they don't pick up the trash, you guys do that internally. 14:37:17:27
14:37:21:12
14:37:22:21
So we manage almost all of our trash pickup internally. 14:37:24:09
14:37:26:15
For a park that we recycle in most of that is actually a partnership with to the department of public works, place like Christopher Columbus, millennium park where we have the adjacent work. 14:37:37:27
14:37:40:15
14:37:42:24
Places like Boston common or where we expanded recycling quo that, we do that in-house but it is complicated we have to transfer the material twice, which is, you know, obviously we are not trying to extend our carbon footprint as we are trying to recycle more. 14:37:53:12
14:37:54:06
14:37:55:21
14:37:57:09
>> Yes. 14:37:58:12
>> That's where I am excited about the additional OBM funds as well as additional funds 14:38:00:21
14:38:03:03

secured from the grant. 14:38:04:03
>> Okay. 14:38:05:06
And so how many -- what 14:38:06:18
percentage of parks or how many 14:38:08:24
fax do we currently offer 14:38:10:09
recycling in? 14:38:12:15
>> We will get the numbers to 14:38:13:21
you. 14:38:14:24
>> A for small percentage? 14:38:14:27
>> Yes, compared to 330 14:38:16:24
properties it is probably single 14:38:19:21
digit. 14:38:21:03
>> This is a constituent 14:38:21:09
question. 14:38:22:27
Dear, a dear constituent of mine 14:38:24:06
is watching this and text Meg so 14:38:26:15
I will relay because I can't 14:38:28:00
answer this question. 14:38:29:24
She says he is very grateful he 14:38:31:09
has a street tree in front of 14:38:33:15
his property, two tree or three 14:38:35:18
guideposts placed when it was 14:38:37:27
first in and that was a number 14:38:39:15
of years ago, 15 years ago. 14:38:40:09
>> They are still there? 14:38:42:09
>> It is still there. 14:38:43:06
Do we typically what is the 14:38:44:12
process and can we talk off-line 14:38:45:15
an get them -- 14:38:47:15
>> yes. 14:38:48:06
Give me the specifics. 14:38:48:24
So yes, they should be -- they 14:38:49:24
should be removed once the entry 14:38:51:09
tree is established, so 14:38:53:15
obviously we must have been 14:38:54:12
inbetween contracts or something 14:38:55:18
that didn't happen. 14:38:57:03
If you give me address we will 14:38:58:00
do that. 14:38:59:12
I will say just because we are 14:39:00:00
on this subject for sort of a 14:39:01:15
PSA, what you will notice now 14:39:03:00
city beside on the guideposts we 14:39:05:12
are actually putting the 14:39:07:06
rainwater bag on the actual 14:39:08:18
guideposts and that will keep 14:39:10:21
from trunk rot from happening on 14:39:12:27
the street tree. 14:39:14:27
>> Okay. 14:39:16:03
Multitask I just tested you the 14:39:19:09
address. 14:39:20:27
>> Thank you. 14:39:21:09
>> I hope we can get that done. 14:39:21:27
Thank you. 14:39:24:06

>> Dog parks, what are we doing there? 14:39:24:09
14:39:28:09
>> So we have a good story there. 14:39:28:27
14:39:30:03
So a about five years ago we really had a -- Peters park and Ronan park and that was really it, since then we expanded it to DeFilippo and a new park in our DARBY park design and off leash program in partnership with the friends of the public garden. I will say that is a program that a has to be looked at because it requires an enormous amount of space on the common and takes a lot of use so we would have to look at maybe a permanent facility there. That combined with Massport and DCR's efforts on expanding dog parks there has been a significant change in the total number in the city. However, there is also just the numbers of dogs in our neighborhoods that are just off the charts so what we really need to start moving to is a model where where every neighborhood has at least a significant major off leash recreational dog space, and then I think we can move into a strict enforcement of our ball fields to make sure we are keeping to the off leash dogs off of the athletic fields.
>> Yes. 14:40:39:00
The benefit of dog parks are too numerous to list. I know you get it, Chief, I know they can often be politically divisive issues but I for one think that we need to even increase our efforts at all levels, the state is doing better as you said, we are doing better but there is a lot more work that needs to be done and people will be surprised how beneficial these are for the community, it whens public safety, helps with health of

dogs, health of dog owners, et 14:41:03:21
cetera. 14:41:05:12
It is well worth it. 14:41:05:24
Blind item, Nicole, 52900, line 14:41:09:03
item 52,900, contracted services 14:41:12:15
about \$330,000, can you speak 14:41:15:15
what that is for specifically? 14:41:18:21
>> 14:41:21:06
>> 100,000 of it is for the 14:41:25:21
light our study we spoke about. 14:41:29:06
100,000 was for the zero waste, 14:41:30:27
the recycling we talked about. 14:41:33:24
And then the other large one we 14:41:38:03
got \$60,000 to get -- to help us 14:41:40:00
implement an irrigation contract 14:41:42:21
to help out the maintenance 14:41:44:03
department with all of the 14:41:45:12
irrigation because each park, we 14:41:47:09
are doing these new parks and 14:41:49:06
they have to -- water features, 14:41:51:06
all of those lines have to be 14:41:53:09
winterized and then turned on. 14:41:54:24
>> Okay. And do that point, I 14:41:56:06
was very proud to help get the 14:41:59:12
first water filling station in 14:42:01:12
Boston near -- pond, two part 14:42:03:03
question. 14:42:05:18
It is a quick one, don't worry, 14:42:06:00
to, it is be completed phase 2. 14:42:09:15
>> Yes. 14:42:12:03
>> How many water filling 14:42:12:15
stations do we have at Boston 14:42:13:24
parks and playgrounds? 14:42:15:15
>> It is a good question and we 14:42:16:09
have an asset studily get an 14:42:17:21
exact answer for you as a 14:42:19:12
follow-up. 14:42:20:21
>> Excellent. 14:42:21:00
Thank you, Chief, thank you, 14:42:21:24
chair. 14:42:23:00
>> Councilor. 14:42:23:06
Councilor Baker. 14:42:24:27
>> Thank you, Mr. Chair. 14:42:26:09
I know down -- Memorial Day -- 14:42:27:12
can I get a timeline on that and 14:42:30:24
then also an update on McConnell 14:42:32:27
-- 14:42:35:09
>> I will talk the general terms 14:42:35:18
and let rob talk specifically. 14:42:37:18
First I would have to apologize 14:42:39:27
for the delay on -- a. 14:42:41:03
>> It is getting though, Chris 14:42:43:21
so -- 14:42:45:12
>> It is getting done. 14:42:45:27

I will say that the problems 14:42:47:24
there had nothing do with the 14:42:51:09
community process. 14:42:54:06
It had everything to do with 14:42:55:06
Boston parks and recreation 14:42:56:21
process, with the actual design 14:42:58:27
itself. 14:43:00:21
We are exited about the design 14:43:01:12
and also very excited we will be 14:43:02:12
able to accommodate dogs in that 14:43:03:27
space as well. 14:43:06:12
What I will say as far as 14:43:08:12
McConnell and GARBY, Garvey. 14:43:10:21
>> With were we able to work 14:43:15:03
with public works at all on the 14:43:17:00
slope -- 14:43:18:27
>> Yes. 14:43:20:00
Is there anything going to 14:43:20:12
happen there? 14:43:21:09
>> As far as capital 14:43:22:06
improvements I don't know the 14:43:23:00
answer to that but I will say 14:43:23:18
just in general what we have 14:43:25:00
heard is that public works is 14:43:26:09
really taken ownership of those 14:43:28:06
stairs, where historically it 14:43:29:24
was sort of a no-man's-land. 14:43:32:00
And so especially with snow 14:43:34:00
removal and actually keeping the 14:43:35:18
lights that are pointed there in 14:43:37:12
the working area we have been 14:43:38:24
able to coordinate with them. 14:43:40:24
We also have been able to 14:43:42:00
coordinate with them. 14:43:43:03
We are doing some tree removals 14:43:44:00
on the slope. 14:43:46:15
>> On the slope to open it up 14:43:47:18
and try to keep some of the -- 14:43:49:03
as part of the project. 14:43:50:27
>> Just on the timing and again 14:43:52:06
I will let rob talk about 14:43:54:27
specifics, GARBY is on the table 14:43:56:18
now, so theoretically, you know, 14:44:00:09
that is two season construction 14:44:02:03
project and I would say so 14:44:04:12
summer and if we have a really 14:44:06:06
good winter maybe significant -- 14:44:07:21
>> So significant construction 14:44:10:15
on GARBY this summer? 14:44:12:06
>> That's right, as long as we 14:44:13:27
have a reasonable bid which we 14:44:15:00
don't expect any problems with 14:44:18:00
that. 14:44:19:21
We have been waiting to do 14:44:20:03

McConnell for GARBY, but 14:44:21:09
McConnell has done it from a 14:44:24:03
concept July planning standpoint 14:44:25:24
so we will get through GARBY and 14:44:27:12
then get to McConnell? 14:44:30:18
>> For us, that is really -- it 14:44:31:24
is not a great reason but it is 14:44:33:15
the reason we have which is that 14:44:34:27
it is just a fundamental 14:44:36:03
permitting issue we have with 14:44:38:09
the two neighborhoods, so close 14:44:39:27
to each other and it is a shared 14:44:41:06
recreational space. 14:44:43:21
>> GARBY is scheduled to be 14:44:44:12
completed by winter. 14:44:48:03
That being said -- 14:44:51:09
>> This winter? 14:44:52:03
>> This winter. 14:44:52:24
That being said, you know, if we 14:44:54:00
get an early winter some of that 14:44:55:06
can push into the spring. 14:44:57:00
>> Right. 14:44:58:03
We have it scheduled such it 14:44:58:27
should be done before winter 14:45:00:03
hits. 14:45:01:24
And that's our goal and nothing 14:45:02:06
-- 14:45:05:03
>> and ten we will look at 14:45:05:06
McConnell after that? 14:45:06:18
>> Yes. 14:45:07:24
McConnell, we don't want to have 14:45:08:06
-- both out because they have 14:45:10:00
the same kind of facilities and 14:45:11:09
a with same kind of neighborhood 14:45:12:15
so we couldn't have both of 14:45:13:27
those out at the same time, but 14:45:15:09
it is scheduled to start this 14:45:18:15
spring. 14:45:19:21
So -- 14:45:20:27
>> And we were able to work with 14:45:21:27
the state on that dog park deal 14:45:23:18
down there, correct? 14:45:25:06
>> With the dog park -- oh, 14:45:26:09
GARBY, yes, absolutely, sir. 14:45:28:09
So there is -- through CPA -- 14:45:30:27
>> At the owned the parking lot 14:45:33:09
-- 14:45:34:12
>> Which is fantastic because 14:45:35:03
but for CPA, and the mayor and 14:45:36:09
city council and obviously the 14:45:40:00
community voting for it we 14:45:41:18
probably would not have been 14:45:43:06
able to expend capital funds on 14:45:44:03
that because it is state 14:45:46:00

property. So it is an amazing 14:45:46:24
-- 14:45:48:15
>> So CPA funds for that? 14:45:48:27
>> That's right. 14:45:50:21
Who applied for CPA. 14:45:51:00
>> Parks and recreation 14:45:52:12
department did. 14:45:54:12
>> Good. 14:45:54:27
Any questions about -- 14:45:55:18
>> No, sir I think we finished 14:45:56:24
with downer if you want to add 14:45:59:18
anything to --. 14:46:01:15
Well it is about to start any 14:46:02:06
day now. 14:46:03:06
>> Memorial Day. 14:46:03:21
>> If the contract hasn't been 14:46:07:03
awarded it is right there and I 14:46:08:24
think it is just a matter of 14:46:10:21
schedule when they are going to 14:46:12:06
go out there and start so it is 14:46:13:12
a matter of days. 14:46:14:24
>> Excellent. 14:46:15:12
Thank you. 14:46:16:00
>> Chris, have we done anything 14:46:16:15
with the water force at dog 14:46:18:06
park? 14:46:21:15
Figured that out yet? 14:46:22:06
We have decided what is -- 14:46:23:06
>> And -- 14:46:28:15
>> Dog park -- 14:46:29:24
>> We are looking into that 14:46:31:09
with. 14:46:32:12
>> We have our consultant -- 14:46:33:00
>> Looking into it and you are 14:46:35:18
at the timing a consultant to 14:46:36:24
see how we do the job? 14:46:38:18
>> Yes. 14:46:40:09
>> Any time frame on that? 14:46:40:24
>> 14:46:42:06
>> I don't have a time frame 14:46:43:00
right now. 14:46:44:03
>> Okay. 14:46:44:21
Let's stay, Chris, if we can 14:46:45:09
stay on top of that. 14:46:47:24
Chris, another update -- 14:46:49:24
fountain, cope-P found fountain 14:46:53:06
where is that. 14:46:58:12
>> I will follow up. 14:46:58:27
My understanding is they secured 14:47:00:09
CPA funds associated with that, 14:47:01:09
that will add advance them 14:47:04:15
through the concept July phase. 14:47:07:18
We approved from a concept July 14:47:10:03
standpoint, it is tough to say I 14:47:11:12

would 8090 percent of the 14:47:13:15
design, we still have concern 14:47:15:18
about some, some of the 14:47:17:06
materials they are using. 14:47:19:06
>> From the beginning when it 14:47:20:18
was just a concept, I attended a 14:47:21:12
lot of the meetings myself. 14:47:23:06
We now have a private manager 14:47:24:15
assigned to that project. 14:47:26:21
So once they have secured the 14:47:28:03
funding we will be right with 14:47:30:03
them. 14:47:31:09
>> They are moving right along 14:47:34:03
through the design project. 14:47:36:03
>> The project manager. 14:47:37:00
>> -- to that project -- helped 14:47:38:21
move the process along. 14:47:44:27
I know we have seen CPA funding 14:47:45:27
for more of the design but it is 14:47:48:03
not going to -- I don't think 14:47:49:27
they have currently funding 14:47:51:24
currently for the whole project. 14:47:53:27
>> And are you familiar with 14:47:55:03
that at all. 14:47:57:06
>> Efraim's corner. 14:47:57:21
>> No. 14:47:59:00
>> Okay. 14:47:59:18
We will have to -- 14:48:00:03
>> There is some talk around. 14:48:01:24
We will follow that one up 14:48:03:09
off-line. 14:48:05:03
>> do we own? 14:48:05:15
It. 14:48:06:18
>> I am not sure. 14:48:06:18
There was discussion on how the 14:48:08:00
neighborhood wants the park. 14:48:09:03
It is basically a highland in 14:48:10:15
the middle of -- the corner and 14:48:12:03
all dead ends that go up to it. 14:48:14:06
So I think it would be an 14:48:16:12
opportunity for some green space 14:48:18:15
there. 14:48:20:00
I will do some Hora research and 14:48:20:06
get back to you. 14:48:21:21
Thank you. 14:48:22:15
>> Thank you, Mr. Chair. 14:48:22:24
>> Councilor Janey. 14:48:23:24
>> Thank you so much, Mr. Chair. 14:48:25:09
>> before we go to follow up on 14:48:26:27
the background -- I want to 14:48:30:18
bring some new items up. 14:48:33:06
One, some very, I am very 14:48:35:00
grateful for the investment in 14:48:37:06
the park across from the B 14:48:39:18

2 police station. 14:48:40:27
So thank you for that. 14:48:41:27
I am wondering if you are 14:48:43:09
working with the veterans group 14:48:45:00
that has been -- okay you are. 14:48:46:24
>> we have to. 14:48:48:15
I mean, we are speaking about 14:48:50:06
this because the Cleveland 14:48:53:24
escape architect is project 14:48:55:06
managing that project but it has 14:48:58:03
been an arduous but very 14:48:59:15
important project because we 14:49:01:27
have been advancing public art 14:49:03:03
as part of that project too. 14:49:04:24
So in essence, our park design 14:49:06:06
part of it is almost done. 14:49:09:12
We are just waiting for the art 14:49:11:18
commission to have final say. 14:49:13:12
Right. 14:49:14:21
I am sure you are aware there is 14:49:15:06
a group pushing and trying to 14:49:16:18
raise money for the statue to 14:49:18:06
recognize and honor Justin 14:49:20:06
deport Dean, a vet. 14:49:25:06
So thank you for that 14:49:26:18
investment. 14:49:27:09
In terms of training Lynn park, 14:49:28:09
you mentioned the investments, 14:49:30:03
through Winthrop. Are you doing 14:49:32:12
any work around the plans for 14:49:33:21
shaddock? 14:49:35:06
Is the parks department 14:49:35:27
represented in those 14:49:37:09
conversations? 14:49:38:00
>> We are representing in a 14:49:38:12
informal way as part of the 14:49:41:18
advisory committees that they 14:49:43:27
have set up. 14:49:46:06
I will say it very formally is 14:49:46:24
definitely a state decam led 14:49:48:27
process on the property. 14:49:51:00
But we have been represented. 14:49:52:24
We have been at the meetings. 14:49:54:21
And, you know, we continue to 14:49:56:27
advocate for a solution with 14:50:00:09
cobenefits for both the park and 14:50:04:21
for the site. 14:50:06:09
We --, you know, we see 14:50:07:15
throughout our properties the 14:50:09:03
need. 14:50:10:18
There is for these kind of 14:50:12:09
services. 14:50:13:18
In the city and that they are 14:50:14:27
difficult services to cite. 14:50:16:21

But at the same time 14:50:19:06
historically not only was the 14:50:20:03
shaddock site park, par part of 14:50:22:15
Franklin park to begin with but 14:50:25:12
also that site has had a tough 14:50:27:00
relationship with the park from 14:50:29:12
a user perspective being at the 14:50:31:03
entrance of Franklin park. 14:50:32:27
>> Yes. So this is a good 14:50:34:00
example where I would like to 14:50:35:12
see Boston be in full control 14:50:36:18
and the parks department be in 14:50:39:09
full control of what happens in 14:50:40:24
Franklin park. This is a weird 14:50:42:12
case where we have an island 14:50:44:06
within our crown jewel which is 14:50:45:15
Franklin park that is the that 14:50:47:09
is not owned or managed by the 14:50:49:24
city of post. 14:50:52:03
It is what DCR, the state? 14:50:53:09
>> So currently, I believe it is 14:50:55:03
the decam currently because it 14:50:57:12
is going through process. 14:51:00:09
>> Okay. 14:51:01:15
So -- 14:51:02:15
>> State land. 14:51:03:03
>> it is state land -- 14:51:04:00
>> And I would like for it all 14:51:05:03
to be city land, to councilor 14:51:07:00
Essaibi George's earlier point. 14:51:09:03
I want to come back to 14:51:10:18
northeastern. 14:51:11:27
Northeastern is, in fact, they 14:51:13:00
did kind of help the city with 14:51:16:03
revamping the play drowned but 14:51:18:27
Carter's playground remains a 14:51:20:24
public playground. 14:51:22:18
Can you just say that for the 14:51:23:21
record? 14:51:24:21
>> No, it is really important, 14:51:25:06
it is 100 percent a public -- 14:51:27:12
>> Open to the public? 14:51:28:27
>> Open to the public. 14:51:29:24
>> And if anyone wants to use 14:51:31:12
the playground they can either 14:51:33:06
with a walk up and use it if 14:51:34:18
they want to do an event go 14:51:36:06
through permitting through city 14:51:37:06
of Boston? 14:51:38:18
>> That's right. 14:51:39:03
>> because there are people who 14:51:39:06
say they have to go to 14:51:40:12
northeastern to get permission 14:51:41:12
to use the park. 14:51:43:00

That's not case. 14:51:44:00
What I will say, though, is the 14:51:44:27
fact that I have heard that at 14:51:46:21
community meetings tells me that 14:51:50:00
we, parks department is not ding 14:51:52:06
a good job communicating about 14:51:53:15
this deal. 14:51:56:06
So not only is Carter remain ago 14:51:57:09
public park which we retain 14:52:01:24
permits authority on, but we 14:52:03:15
have actually expanded it. 14:52:05:21
That's the real benefit. 14:52:07:09
>> and I the I that is great and 14:52:08:03
looks great but I think whatever 14:52:09:18
we can do, your department, the 14:52:11:06
city of Boston, the mayor's 14:52:13:09
office 0 as well as what I can 14:52:14:15
do to make sure that there is no 14:52:15:24
longer confusion about that. 14:52:18:09
>> That's right. 14:52:19:21
And people understand the 14:52:20:09
process, I am happy to work in 14:52:21:03
partner with you. 14:52:23:09
I think part of the challenge is 14:52:24:12
signage, I have heard complaint 14:52:26:03
and concerns about the way the 14:52:28:15
new signs, you know, the wording 14:52:30:03
on the signs, which have been 14:52:32:12
reaffirmed for people that this 14:52:34:06
is, in fact, a northeastern 14:52:35:15
playground instead of a city of 14:52:37:03
Boston public parks, so if we 14:52:38:18
can maybe look at the signage 14:52:40:24
and see there is something we 14:52:42:15
need to do to maybe change the 14:52:43:21
signage so it is more clear and 14:52:45:27
I am happy to work with you on 14:52:48:15
that. 14:52:50:03
Okay. 14:52:50:15
Wonderful. 14:52:50:27
In terms of needles so we are 14:52:51:12
seeing needles in parks. I 14:52:53:03
mentioned quicker park which 14:52:54:09
even though it is not in my 14:52:55:18
district, it is near my district. 14:52:56:24
There are other parks. 14:52:58:15
Do we have my of the bins to 14:53:00:00
collect the needles sharps in 14:53:03:12
any of our parks and what are we 14:53:05:06
seeing if we do have them, where 14:53:06:12
are they? 14:53:08:06
And are we seeing fewer needles 14:53:09:06
on the ground? 14:53:11:06
Are they being collected and 14:53:11:27

disposed of properly or would 14:53:13:24
you say that is a success having 14:53:15:27
a needle box in a park or not? 14:53:17:21
>> Well so I would say that 14:53:19:06
historically, myself, me, I was 14:53:22:09
very reticent to put these boxes 14:53:25:21
in to our open spaces. 14:53:28:03
I was I seen't sure of the 14:53:30:03
signal it was going to send to 14:53:31:12
the community. 14:53:33:15
I was wrong. 14:53:35:12
I was 100 percent wrong. 14:53:36:09
And where the Boston public 14:53:37:18
health commission wants us to 14:53:39:15
expand the opportunities for 14:53:40:24
more sharp boxes I believe that 14:53:42:15
we should. 14:53:44:21
I understand that is a tough 14:53:45:12
decision and it is something 14:53:47:21
that we don't want to see, but 14:53:48:27
Mike, my chief concern is that 14:53:51:00
there are needles that are going 14:53:52:27
to be in the park that some of 14:53:55:06
them, not all of them but some 14:53:57:12
of them will actually make their 14:53:59:21
way into the sharps bobs and if 14:54:00:27
that box and if that translates 14:54:03:03
into one less needle in the 14:54:05:27
public park I think it is worth 14:54:07:15
it so it is a good relationship 14:54:09:09
for us. 14:54:10:15
There is one in Clifford and/or 14:54:11:03
charred park now and those are 14:54:13:00
the two sites where we see the 14:54:14:15
most needles. 14:54:16:03
>> Yes. 14:54:16:24
And/or card is the is on the 14:54:17:12
fence where the parking lot is. 14:54:19:24
>> That's right. 14:54:21:00
>> And there my understanding 14:54:21:09
was done in consultation with 14:54:22:15
parents at the school as well as 14:54:23:27
the school leadership there. 14:54:25:27
There are still other parents at 14:54:27:21
that school who were surprised 14:54:29:15
to find that bobs and maybe they 14:54:30:24
weren't a part of that 14:54:32:09
conversation so I think as we 14:54:33:18
roll this out a, you know, to 14:54:35:03
either more public spaces 14:54:40:12
particularly our parks, the way 14:54:41:15
we do that this partnership and 14:54:43:27
collaboration with different 14:54:45:06
stakeholders I think, you know, 14:54:46:27

will be important because I 14:54:48:06
think there is still confusion 14:54:49:03
on the orchard one and/or card 14:54:50:12
is in my district so I do want 14:54:52:03
to be responsive there. 14:54:54:00
>> And we obviously want to be 14:54:54:24
respectful to the community. 14:54:56:24
>> Wonderful. 14:54:58:06
Thank you. 14:54:59:00
>> Thanks. 14:54:59:06
Councilor McCarthy. 14:55:00:00
>> Thank you very much, 14:55:01:06
Mr. Chair. 14:55:02:15
I will be very quick. 14:55:03:15
Just hunts playground is on 14:55:06:12
docket to get reconstructed, 14:55:08:15
that's awesome. 14:55:09:24
A couple of years ago, we had an 14:55:10:18
event there where their and 14:55:15:06
think everybody got a little 14:55:16:12
over anxious and painted like 14:55:17:27
the Roxbury Puddingstone next to 14:55:19:06
the Mildred AVE. 14:55:21:18
>> Walker, I am sorry, that's 14:55:23:15
what I meant, walker. 14:55:25:00
It has been there for three 14:55:27:03
years or so. 14:55:28:00
We can probably I think it is 14:55:28:21
time to take the Puddingstone 14:55:37:03
and clean it up. 14:55:38:09
>> We will. 14:55:39:21
>> 14:55:40:12
>> It was very at that 14:55:46:15
enthusiastic. 14:55:48:06
>> And once it is on there it is 14:55:49:09
very difficult to get off. 14:55:50:24
Part of Puddingstone are very 14:55:55:15
hard and soft. 14:55:56:24
So if you do the additional kind 14:55:58:06
of cleaning you are leaving the 14:56:00:00
hard parts and starts to 14:56:02:09
crumble, yes. 14:56:03:24
>> I figured at much. 14:56:04:15
I know it is very porous at some 14:56:05:18
sections too. 14:56:08:00
So -- 14:56:08:27
>> It is just part of the 14:56:09:09
capital project we will analyze. 14:56:10:15
And open fires like barbecues 14:56:12:03
what is the policy now? 14:56:14:09
Because I think in the districts 14:56:15:24
we have confusion of police 14:56:17:12
department says that is park a's 14:56:19:00
department and if it is a 14:56:22:21

Sunday, you know, we don't have 14:56:23:15
a lot of Stapp staff on Sundays. 14:56:24:18
It is technically not allowed. 14:56:27:06
The only place in the Boston 14:56:28:18
park system we allow grilling is 14:56:32:12
Franklin park but that being 14:56:34:24
said grilling happens at almost 14:56:36:03
all, especially all of our it is 14:56:38:00
something we have to find an 14:56:43:27
appropriate system because what 14:56:45:06
we don't want to do is what you 14:56:46:09
are exactly describing is a 14:56:49:03
confusing situation where we 14:56:50:15
actually place coal barrels that 14:56:52:27
we don't allow with grilling at, 14:56:58:15
which doesn't make sense because 14:57:00:18
we are trying to keep coal off 14:57:02:06
the ground. 14:57:04:06
So we are trying to find a 14:57:04:21
system of where and how it is 14:57:05:24
allowed and how a constituent 14:57:07:00
pulls a permit for it. 14:57:08:21
>> I think it is great families 14:57:09:24
are getting together and 14:57:11:21
utilizing the park. 14:57:12:24
>> Exactly, building community 14:57:14:18
but it is one of those on a 14:57:16:09
Monday when we get phone call, 14:57:18:03
people are frilling and that's 14:57:19:24
this is the double edge of 311, 14:57:23:06
is you do have neighbors ratting 14:57:25:21
on other neighbors instead of 14:57:27:27
with knocking on the wind window 14:57:29:09
or door or say you can't put 14:57:31:03
your garbage out two Taiz early 14:57:32:24
they extend 311 and it is the 14:57:34:27
Hatfields and McCoys because 14:57:37:06
everyone is powerful behind a 14:57:39:24
keyboard instead of being 14:57:40:24
socially responsible and talking 14:57:43:00
to each other so those are the 14:57:45:00
calls I get so I wanted to bring 14:57:46:06
the fire pit up and my last 14:57:47:12
comment really on -- oh, Garrett 14:57:49:00
Kincaid park at -- 14:57:51:21
>> We can talk off-line about 14:57:53:12
that. 14:57:54:27
>> Yes, I believe it is 14:57:55:18
scheduled for a parks 14:57:56:24
commission. 14:57:58:00
I will find out. 14:57:59:09
>> Beautiful. 14:57:59:27
We have received all of the 14:58:01:00
material and I believe it just 14:58:02:00

needs to be scheduled -- 14:58:03:15
>> It is going to be a great 14:58:04:21
event. 14:58:05:24
Colorado street neighborhood 14:58:06:03
association is coming up next 14:58:08:12
week. 14:58:09:18
That is a great update for them 14:58:10:03
and finally so many great walks 14:58:11:18
in the area it is incredible. 14:58:13:15
A little bit of a speed bump at 14:58:14:21
Fallon with regard an ADA swing 14:58:17:00
and I just want to --. 14:58:19:06
There were some issues, a 14:58:24:27
muscular issue and can't sit up 14:58:26:06
in the handicapped -- in the 14:58:28:00
seats that they have now. 14:58:29:24
So the seats for the little 14:58:30:24
babies have like the bucket seat 14:58:33:21
because it needs a seat that has 14:58:37:15
a back. 14:58:40:15
So kind of look into that, and 14:58:40:27
if that can't be done, if we can 14:58:42:03
look into that as we put new to 14:58:44:12
the locks in, even I, tot locks 14:58:46:27
in. 14:58:51:00
I think it is -- 14:58:51:06
>> We will follow up on that. 14:58:52:12
>> You are the best. 14:58:53:27
I appreciate everything again 14:58:54:18
and thanks. 14:58:55:24
Thanks, Steve, he always takes 14:58:58:12
my texts and gets the job done 14:59:00:12
for me so I really appreciate 14:59:02:03
everything you guys do. 14:59:03:18
>> Thank you. 14:59:04:24
>> Councilor Flynn. 14:59:05:09
>> 14:59:06:03
>> Thank you, councilor Ciommo 14:59:08:12
and thank you, Chris and for 14:59:09:27
your team as well. 14:59:11:21
>> We recently did a tour of 14:59:13:06
Alan creek park in the south 14:59:15:15
end. 14:59:17:27
On Columbus avenue. 14:59:18:18
I know there is a trends group 14:59:20:24
there, that wants to kind of 14:59:22:03
renovate the park have you heard 14:59:24:06
anything about that? 14:59:28:09
So this is the public works 14:59:28:27
intersection. 14:59:31:24
>> That's right. 14:59:32:06
>> Yes. 14:59:32:24
And so we were proposed -- there 14:59:33:09
is actually one of the great 14:59:35:03

benefits of the mayor's coffee 14:59:36:03
hours. 14:59:37:18
I actually met the proponent. 14:59:38:03
She said she was going to send 14:59:41:15
me an e-mail. 14:59:43:21
She did but she sent it to Chris 14:59:44:18
cook and I am Christopher cook 14:59:47:00
so I didn't get it so when she 14:59:49:06
called to complain I hadn't 14:59:50:18
responded to the e-mail she will 14:59:52:21
be sending it to we will finish 14:59:55:09
up with Chris Osgood, as long as 14:59:58:24
it doesn't impact his public 15:00:00:21
realm we are happy to work with 15:00:02:12
the friends group. 15:00:03:21
>> excellent. 15:00:04:09
And in the south end did a tour 15:00:06:12
with some resident at Watson 15:00:07:21
park. 15:00:10:00
>> Yes. 15:00:10:15
They are trying to do some 15:00:11:18
renovation. 15:00:12:21
I know there is some security 15:00:13:06
issues related there. 15:00:14:18
Any updates on Watson park? 15:00:16:06
>> I don't have any dates. 15:00:18:09
And we don't have any capital 15:00:19:06
funds dedicated for Watson park. 15:00:21:09
It is a really small -- I know 15:00:26:00
there were a couple of 15:00:29:21
differences of opinion with the 15:00:30:24
immediate 0 -- about what should 15:00:32:06
be in the park but we would be 15:00:35:00
happy to work with your office 15:00:36:06
to find out the exact situation. 15:00:37:09
>> Okay. 15:00:38:15
And Tai Tung village park. 15:00:40:06
I thought Watson was small but 15:00:45:21
you just brought up the smallest 15:00:47:12
one, I think. 15:00:49:03
>> It is so small, but is there 15:00:49:21
anything we can -- I know it was 15:00:52:18
just renovate add couple of 15:00:54:18
years ago. 15:00:56:00
But is there anything at all we 15:00:56:24
can do to make it a little more 15:00:58:00
family friendly? 15:01:01:09
>> I would love to meet with you 15:01:04:12
and the community out there to 15:01:05:21
talk about it. 15:01:06:21
>> okay. 15:01:07:15
>> I actually -- it is so small, 15:01:08:03
a lot of our recreational tot 15:01:11:00
lot features because of the 15:01:15:15

safety standards, to worry such 15:01:16:15
a big circumference it is hard 15:01:20:12
to imagine another play feature 15:01:23:24
going in there but if wonder if 15:01:24:27
there is playable art or 15:01:26:18
horticulture to make it more 15:01:28:06
withinning. 15:01:29:27
>> Okay. 15:01:30:06
I appreciate that. 15:01:30:18
>> Peters park over the weekend, 15:01:31:12
the opening of south end 15:01:36:24
baseball. 15:01:38:03
Peters park looks great, thank 15:01:38:24
you to you and your staff. 15:01:40:03
>> We appreciate it. 15:01:43:00
You have a little bit of bad 15:01:44:15
news. 15:01:46:03
I throw out the first pitch and 15:01:46:09
it hit the two bounces before 15:01:48:06
the plate, so I can't let that 15:01:50:09
one, live that one down, Chris. 15:01:52:18
And the mayor went right over 15:01:54:15
the plate so he is giving me a 15:01:56:27
hard time about it. 15:01:58:15
>> Did you start on the mound? 15:01:59:21
>> Because I didn't even start 15:02:04:06
on the mound when I did it. 15:02:05:15
I basically handed it to the 15:02:06:27
pitcher. 15:02:09:21
>> Well, that is clearly a 15:02:10:03
problem with the field, 15:02:11:24
councilor. 15:02:12:21
>> Yes, it is the field. 15:02:13:03
>> You are used to playing on a 15:02:14:18
different field. 15:02:16:18
>> And then my last one, Chris 15:02:17:09
-- channel park, I know you are 15:02:19:15
doing some work there. 15:02:22:00
I think that is excellent. 15:02:23:21
Can you give us a little bit of 15:02:25:09
an update. 15:02:26:21
>> We are excited about this. 15:02:27:03
So the hong and short of it is, 15:02:28:12
in anticipation of maybe 15:02:31:03
receiving a FEMA premitigation 15:02:32:24
grant, which is FEMA, you know, 15:02:36:18
obviously is mostly involved 15:02:38:21
with rebuilding community after 15:02:40:12
a major disaster, they have this 15:02:42:00
federal about program where they 15:02:44:00
are actually high lie vulnerable 15:02:45:15
cities can qualify for a 15:02:47:27
matching grant by which you try 15:02:49:18
to stem off he climate disaster 15:02:51:09

in the future to actually 15:02:56:21
intervening early. 15:02:57:15
And so if we received the FEMA 15:02:58:24
grant our match would 15:03:02:03
be \$10 million and we would 15:03:04:15
roughly receive \$9 million 15:03:06:03
because it is a \$19 million 15:03:07:24
early intervention project at 15:03:09:06
four-point channel. To 15:03:11:24
essentially berm up the edge of 15:03:13:00
the existing channel, to sort of 15:03:15:18
replicate the height that we 15:03:17:18
just finished up at Martins park 15:03:19:06
and continue that down past the 15:03:22:06
Gillette and GE properties. 15:03:24:00
That would just be a first step, 15:03:25:24
though, that would get us 15:03:27:12
through coastal flooding 15:03:29:18
vulnerables from -- through 15:03:32:12
probably about 2050. 15:03:34:21
That happens in tandem with a 15:03:40:18
system with Moakley because what 15:03:42:27
happened with four inches of sea 15:03:44:15
level rise, those parks get 15:03:47:27
inundated and the water believe 15:03:49:18
it or not actually meets each 15:03:51:03
other and begins to flood the 15:03:52:24
neighborhoods moving backwards 15:03:54:15
into Roxbury into the back pay, 15:03:55:18
into the south end, so there is 15:03:58:00
a lot of socially vulnerable 15:04:00:09
neighborhoods that are 15:04:03:06
potentially at risk so we are 15:04:04:03
very excited about the 15:04:05:24
four-point channel investment 15:04:06:27
and the capital plan, and that 15:04:08:21
is a long way of saying, if we 15:04:10:27
tonight bet the FEMA grant, we 15:04:12:12
are going to come up with a 15:04:13:24
system in partnership with the 15:04:15:12
BPDA to move that forward. 15:04:17:21
>> Excellent. 15:04:20:03
>> Thank you. 15:04:20:18
>> Thank you. 15:04:22:27
Councilor Campbell bell. 15:04:23:27
>> Thank you, councilor Ciommo. 15:04:24:18
Just a quick question on the 15:04:30:00
burial fund. 15:04:32:24
How is that going? 15:04:35:24
And I am assuming we are going 15:04:36:27
to continue the existing amount 15:04:38:15
that is currently in the fund, I 15:04:40:03
mean, this this fiscal year? 15:04:41:27
>> We are going to keep the same 15:04:44:24

amount there and it has been 15:04:46:03
managed by the Lewis P brown 15:04:47:21
institute. 15:04:51:09

We are very happy with the 15:04:52:03
partnership, although, you know, 15:04:53:06
it went through an RFP, so as 15:04:54:21
you know -- so we will have to 15:04:57:18
look at that agreement in two to 15:05:00:18
three years and make sure we 15:05:03:15
still want to keep that group as 15:05:04:18
the designated group. 15:05:07:03

We feel that we really benefited 15:05:09:27
from it, because they are the 15:05:12:00
ones closest to trauma, the 15:05:13:15
victims of violence in our city. 15:05:17:18
It is not the Boston parks and 15:05:19:21
recreational department. 15:05:21:00

We are going to keep the amount 15:05:22:12
the same, I believe it is 15:05:23:18
\$75,000, but if I am wrong, you 15:05:24:24
know, -- 15:05:26:27

>> I think -- 15:05:28:09

>> 50? 15:05:29:12

>> 50. 15:05:29:27

Sorry. 15:05:30:12

I apologize. 15:05:30:21

>> I think we want it to be 75. 15:05:31:00

>> so \$50,000. 15:05:32:24

What I will say, though, is they 15:05:35:09
are giving us an annual report 15:05:39:12
that is due within the month and 15:05:41:15
so, you know, we intend that to 15:05:44:12
be a public document and would 15:05:46:12
be happy to share. 15:05:48:00

>> I know there have been 15:05:48:21

requests to try to have a 15:05:49:27

meeting with -- between our 15:05:51:06

office, coordinating with parks, 15:05:53:21

couldn't quite make it work but 15:05:55:06

at some point maybe with the 15:05:56:18

release of the report it might 15:05:58:00

be timely to have another coming 15:05:59:06

together. 15:06:00:24

>> Yes. 15:06:01:24

It is a great time. 15:06:02:06

We did have a recent departure 15:06:03:03

and we are very happy for Dennis 15:06:04:15

roach went to the public works 15:06:07:03

department. 15:06:08:18

So during this transition we 15:06:09:21

would be happy to take any 15:06:12:09

meeting. 15:06:15:03

>> Okay. 15:06:15:15

And I just wanted to echo the 15:06:16:18

comments of councilor O'Malley 15:06:18:12
with respect to the dog park, 15:06:19:27
particularly in my biggest 15:06:21:00
neighborhood as large as 15:06:23:15
Dorchester, all the way up to 15:06:25:06
the hall we have gotten requests 15:06:27:03
on dog parks and so loved your 15:06:28:21
response and look forward to 15:06:31:15
working with you with respect to 15:06:32:09
anything we can do in D 4 and 15:06:34:06
the dog park issue. 15:06:36:12
A quick question. 15:06:39:06
Are parks connected in any way 15:06:42:06
to this whole MBTA connection -- 15:06:44:24
>> No:well, are you talking 15:06:51:03
about the green -- the linear 15:06:53:09
greenway that is proposed by the 15:06:55:06
community? 15:06:56:15
>> Right. 15:06:57:03
>> So the answer is, we have 15:06:57:18
been politely kept in the loop 15:07:00:09
and we are generally very 15:07:03:06
supportive of anything that 15:07:04:15
provides green connections for 15:07:06:00
communities. 15:07:07:24
Especially anything that would 15:07:09:06
actually accelerate the process 15:07:10:18
of more people moving to 15:07:12:15
multiknowal transportation like 15:07:14:03
bikes or even walking in some 15:07:16:03
instances. 15:07:17:15
So -- but it is not our 15:07:18:27
property. 15:07:21:09
>> Right. 15:07:21:15
>> definitely we have been 15:07:22:00
working in conversations with 15:07:23:15
the chief since I was in my 15:07:25:00
first term, state folks, but 15:07:26:27
wanted to just see if you guys 15:07:32:12
have been plugged in. 15:07:34:06
It is great you are being kept 15:07:35:27
abreast and we can do that too, 15:07:37:24
it is just a thought. 15:07:39:15
>> And then 0 I don't know if I 15:07:40:06
had to step out quickly for a 15:07:45:21
matter of councilor O'Malley 15:07:46:27
brought this up. 15:07:50:06
What can we do to help what is 15:07:51:24
happening with the field -- 15:07:55:00
>> Are you talking about the 15:07:57:09
soccer fields or -- 15:07:59:15
>> Yes. 15:08:00:27
They have the turf there that 15:08:01:12
needs major work. 15:08:04:27

Some really -- 15:08:06:00
>> It is definitely -- we have a 15:08:06:15
new -- 15:08:08:18
>> Can I bring it up with 15:08:09:12
councilor O'Malley and split 15:08:10:21
that area and those are our con 15:08:11:27
stitch cent we share. 15:08:13:12
>> it is not a named project but 15:08:14:06
we do have money for artificial 15:08:17:06
turf replacement. 15:08:19:12
I believe it is about a million 15:08:20:24
dollars a year and that is one 15:08:21:12
of the locations that we are 15:08:23:06
looking at. 15:08:24:27
We kind of had the top five now 15:08:25:15
and tease amongst our top five. 15:08:27:03
>> And what is the time frame on 15:08:29:06
that? 15:08:31:03
What would that look like? 15:08:31:24
When could they expect something 15:08:33:00
to change? 15:08:34:06
>> I think we are in the process 15:08:35:03
of prioritizing those. 15:08:38:15
That is new money coming up for 15:08:40:00
the next fiscal year in FY-20 15:08:41:06
and we will probably be doing 15:08:43:18
about one a year over the next 15:08:45:09
five years, but we also have 15:08:46:18
been talking to OBM about the 15:08:48:24
possibility of accelerating that 15:08:51:06
somewhat. 15:08:52:12
>> 15:08:53:03
>> Still early. 15:08:53:24
It is a brand-new project and, 15:08:54:27
you know, we are looking to get 15:08:56:18
one done at least one done in 15:08:57:21
the next fiscal year. 15:08:59:15
>> Well, I know councilor 15:09:00:24
O'Malley and I, if I can speak 15:09:02:15
for him, he is shaking his head 15:09:04:21
yes, we are pushing for this 15:09:06:27
field to get it, the best thing 15:09:08:15
about this park I will tell you 15:09:09:21
is, I went to go visit and my 15:09:10:27
biggest neighborhood is 15:09:13:15
Dorchester and Mattapan, pockets 15:09:14:18
of people of, predominantly 15:09:17:09
pockets of color, Roslindale and 15:09:19:15
I went to this field to look at 15:09:21:15
this 0 soccer program I think it 15:09:22:24
is free, the diversity of the 15:09:23:27
young people and the student 15:09:26:06
that were participating and the 15:09:28:03
intentionality of the parent to 15:09:29:24

make sure they were pulling 15:09:31:00
members of the community, not 15:09:33:09
just from JP and Roslindale, 15:09:34:09
from all across the city of 15:09:36:09
Boston and especially frankly 15:09:37:06
Matt tan, for door and Roxbury 15:09:39:27
was really remarkable and they 15:09:42:03
weren't just saying it in he 15:09:43:15
nails, when I went to see it, I 15:09:45:03
have been more than once you saw 15:09:46:24
it in action with the parents 15:09:48:03
and the excitement. 15:09:49:21

So it is just a beautiful 15:09:51:21
example of families coming 15:09:52:24
together, across neighborhood 15:09:53:27
lines, across demographics, you 15:09:56:03
name it to support one another, 15:09:57:18
so I just wanted to applaud them 15:09:59:09
and their advocacy so I know I 15:10:01:12
pushed with councilor O'Malley 15:10:04:03
to be the first, hopefully. 15:10:06:15

>> Yes. 15:10:07:15

Page1 one of the oldest fields 15:10:08:18
we have in the city and also as 15:10:10:27
part of that project we would be 15:10:12:15
able to address the fencing 15:10:13:21
issue. 15:10:15:15

>> And that was my last 15:10:15:18
question. 15:10:16:21

Thank you so much. 15:10:16:27
And I know, you know, what could 15:10:17:21
we do if CPA pulled them this. 15:10:19:15
They don't cover turf but cover 15:10:22:09
other things so I think this is 15:10:24:15
what is happening as your shop 15:10:27:03
unfolds we would love to revisit 15:10:29:00
the idea of what the CPA can do 15:10:31:00
to complement where -- the 15:10:32:21
resources might be limited to 15:10:35:12
turf but there are other things 15:10:36:21
that need to happen in that 15:10:37:21
park. 15:10:38:24

So thank you for, commissioner 15:10:39:06
for paying attention to this, 15:10:40:24
and thank you as well for your 15:10:42:15
work. 15:10:43:21

And I think that's all I have. 15:10:44:18

Thank you, guys. 15:10:45:24

>> Thank you. 15:10:46:09

>> I just have a few indirect 15:10:47:06
questions that you can get back 15:10:50:27
to me on this stuff later. 15:10:52:00

I will kind of rattle them off. 15:10:53:09

Phase 2 -- chief -- just looking 15:10:55:24

to see what the balance is for a 15:11:02:18
completed phase 2. 15:11:04:00
I think there is 5.6 million. 15:11:05:21
Thank you very much for the 15:11:08:06
capital. 15:11:10:27
>> Yes. 15:11:11:00
Thank you, to mayor and the 15:11:12:12
taxpayers and the support of the 15:11:14:06
city council and the answer is, 15:11:15:15
we are still going to need some 15:11:18:12
additional external funds, and I 15:11:19:18
would say there is a strong pace 15:11:21:15
of development this that 15:11:23:12
neighborhood. 15:11:24:06
>> We are moving forward in 15:11:24:24
design. 15:11:26:00
>> Yes. 15:11:26:27
I think we are looking at 15:11:27:09
construction hope throw start 15:11:28:18
the spring of 21. 15:11:30:00
>> Perfect. 15:11:31:06
Yes. 15:11:31:24
>> So and again, my remaining 15:11:32:00
time here, I will certainly 15:11:35:00
advocate to the development 15:11:37:12
community and other 15:11:39:09
institutional partners for -- 15:11:40:27
>> Yes. 15:11:43:21
>> Harvard has been such an 15:11:44:00
amazing partner for that public. 15:11:46:27
And we would like to continue 15:11:48:03
that relationship if 15:11:49:09
appropriate. 15:11:51:18
>> And -- park just had -- it 15:11:51:24
was actually just taken down 15:11:58:09
because it was structurally 15:12:00:00
unsafe. Can you maybe provide 15:12:01:18
me, you know, what is going to 15:12:03:24
go there. 15:12:05:15
Obviously, we -- Roger park is a 15:12:06:12
master plan but no funds yet. 15:12:09:06
You might want to look into that 15:12:11:27
before I leave, maybe, but also 15:12:13:06
like my timeline with the fence 15:12:15:27
or is that going to be kind of, 15:12:17:15
you know -- 15:12:20:03
>> We can't wait for the master 15:12:20:09
plan. 15:12:21:21
He think we are installing a 15:12:22:03
chain link -- 15:12:23:18
>> Exactly what is going in 15:12:24:12
there -- 15:12:27:18
I want to follow up with -- 15:12:28:06
>> Can I just ask a favor? 15:12:29:18

Please don't put up chain link. 15:12:32:09
>> Okay. 15:12:33:27
>> Like seriously. 15:12:34:09
I would rather see nothing if 15:12:36:15
that is possible. 15:12:37:27
>> Okay. 15:12:38:12
>> Rather than throw money after 15:12:39:18
bad. 15:12:41:24
>> Just my 2 cents. 15:12:43:15
>> yes. 15:12:45:12
>> On that. 15:12:45:27
Ten men is 300,000 in the budget 15:12:49:18
for pan NIM, I just want to 15:12:51:09
connect with the project manager 15:12:54:21
that is going to be -- because 15:12:57:06
there are community benefits 15:12:58:12
from previous projects in the 15:13:00:27
area that I don't know if they 15:13:03:06
avail themselves a part of as 15:13:06:21
part of that 300,000 but I know 15:13:09:09
there are two specific 15:13:11:09
developments that committed 15:13:12:06
funds to PARAMEN, in that area 15:13:13:06
that we should follow up with 15:13:15:24
the BPDA on. 15:13:17:09
And then a question on the 15:13:19:18
median strips on Brighton AVE 15:13:21:15
and Brighton in Allston, I am 15:13:24:03
sorry, in Allston, I am assuming 15:13:26:00
they are public works, because 15:13:29:24
median strips aren't roads, 15:13:31:27
where roads typically are or are 15:13:33:27
you familiar -- basically, from 15:13:35:21
union square to pack cards 15:13:38:18
corner there are several medians 15:13:41:03
that line or separate both sides 15:13:42:21
of the roads all the way 15:13:46:27
through. 15:13:48:15
And I have been working with the 15:13:49:09
local developer who would like 15:13:51:21
to transform them, but, you 15:13:54:03
know, I also have a call in to 15:13:57:00
public works. 15:13:59:18
We are just trying figure out -- 15:14:01:00
>> Yes. 15:14:02:21
So my assumption is they are 15:14:02:27
probably owned by public works. 15:14:05:09
I wouldn't be surprised if they 15:14:06:15
are on our mowing schedule so we 15:14:08:03
have that situation on -- 15:14:10:18
>> Right. 15:14:12:18
>> I am just not sure of that 15:14:12:27
specific stretch. 15:14:15:24
>> Right. 15:14:16:12

>> But any opportunity for somebody else to maintain --
>> well, not only maintain it but improve the -- improve it, because the grass just isn't taking there.
>> Yes.
>> You know, there is a lot of better alternatives, lower maintenance and this developer may be interested within a certain cost framework to actually to them all.
We will connect with chief Osgood and contact you and set up the meeting.
>> Thank you, councilor.
>> If I could add going back to Penniman.
\$300,000 is not the full amount for the full project
>> Right that is basically to get design rolling.
>> gotcha. And just to put that out there we should check on the additional funds through the BPDA that are available at some point or some kind of project.
>> And then lastly, I want to thank Tom Sullivan.
He has worked really closely with me on the evergreen improvements a and I know the -- signage is happening.
At some point I am wondering, a do you have any a sense of when that may be finished?
>>
>> Oh, I am sorry.
>> I know that is ongoing now, the contractor is currently out there doing that.
I think because they are very fancy signs out there, there is a little bit of a lead time to produce those.
>> Got that.
>> But I think that is going to be beautiful once it is done.
That's a good example of CPA punning that went to that.
>> Right.
And it is something that was above and beyond what we would

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have been able to do without the 15:15:55:21
CPA funding. 15:15:58:00
>> And the resurfacing. 15:15:58:24
>> Yes. 15:16:00:06
>> -- again, it is a 15:16:00:18
neighborhood jewel in many ways. 15:16:03:03
>> It really. 15:16:05:18
>> And historic in many ways, 15:16:06:06
although it is not designated 15:16:07:18
historical, but there are some 15:16:09:21
full antique size and the 15:16:15:18
resurfacing and I want to thank 15:16:17:12
the work on all of the work on 15:16:18:18
bringing that up to a beautiful 15:16:20:27
state. 15:16:24:00
I was hoping it was going to get 15:16:24:21
done by Memorial Day. 15:16:26:06
Is that not happening? 15:16:27:18
>> I think -- once that gets 15:16:29:18
rolling it is going to happen 15:16:32:18
very quickly. 15:16:33:12
>> Okay. 15:16:34:00
>> Because it is a paving 15:16:34:12
project and putting in signs is 15:16:35:12
there is not a lot of 15:16:36:21
complicated work. 15:16:38:12
It is really going to come down 15:16:39:06
to the manufacturers' ability to 15:16:40:03
produce those Palestinians. 15:16:43:06
>> Gotcha. 15:16:43:27
>> So it is the lead time and 15:16:44:15
the signs have been ordered and 15:16:46:09
as soon as they come in, I think 15:16:47:15
it is going to be a meter of 15:16:48:15
probably a couple of months to 15:16:49:21
do the whole project. 15:16:51:06
>> Gotcha. 15:16:52:09
>> If it is possible, if it 15:16:53:00
starts anywhere, is a, there is 15:16:56:24
a Memorial Day service every 15:17:00:00
year at evergreen cemetery, it 15:17:02:09
is basically the entrance all 15:17:04:00
the way back. 15:17:05:06
I think, I mean, even if they 15:17:05:27
did that part first, you 15:17:08:27
know --able it can't happen if 15:17:10:03
you don't ask, I guess. 15:17:14:00
>> I will talk to my project 15:17:15:03
manager right after that this 15:17:17:00
and make sure she aware of that 15:17:18:09
and do what we can. 15:17:19:18
>> And again thanks to your -- I 15:17:20:09
also want to thank -- you 15:17:22:00
mentioned Ronnie Mattera, Chris 15:17:23:24

Lee and the crew and ALSTON 15:17:26:00
Brighton, great job all of them 15:17:28:18
Greg moss man, max Stein and 15:17:30:27
always very responsive and Steve 15:17:33:24
pastelly, we are able to get the 15:17:35:24
Smith park new basketball court 15:17:38:12
lights on. 15:17:40:09
Kevin's first women's basketball 15:17:44:09
league game. 15:17:46:03
So I want to thank Cathy baker, 15:17:46:24
cliff Stephen, public works, 15:17:49:15
that was all a joint effort, 15:17:51:24
including ever source to get 15:17:53:27
that to come together for the 15:17:55:00
first game so I want to thank 15:17:56:03
you, Chief,, and let me ask 0 15:17:57:06
councilor O'Malley. 15:18:00:18
>> Yes -- some revolving funds 15:18:01:21
after this. 15:18:06:21
So I will just use this time to 15:18:07:09
again thank all of you, thank 15:18:08:15
the advocates and your 15:18:09:27
incredible team, Chief. 15:18:11:12
Also I appreciate and hope we 15:18:12:21
can really focus on Himes 15:18:14:09
playground as well as -- field 15:18:17:09
and maybe that is something a 15:18:19:00
little further out in west 15:18:20:03
Roxbury, Hines, I know Hines and 15:18:21:15
millennium if we can focus on 15:18:25:12
that in the years healed and 15:18:27:15
appreciate the work at JP, the 15:18:28:15
wall, rebuilding, it is a great 15:18:31:24
partnership with the -- 15:18:33:12
arboretum, make sure, arboretum 15:18:35:15
of course everything happening 15:18:39:09
in Jamaica pond and echo the 15:18:41:03
council president urging we can 15:18:43:21
take a good look at the park 15:18:45:00
this year as well. 15:18:47:09
Thank you all. 15:18:48:12
Thank you Mr. Chairman. 15:18:49:12
>> Councilor Janey. 15:18:50:06
>> Just briefly, so I am just 15:18:52:09
thrilled, Chief, about the 15:18:54:09
investments in Malcolm X park, 15:18:56:06
justice deport Dean park as well 15:18:59:06
as trainly park and like to add 15:19:01:06
to the list Winthrop park and 15:19:03:12
chief Jones park. 15:19:06:03
And as 0 follow-up, if you could 15:19:06:27
get back with clarity around 15:19:09:18
Winthrop, whether that is parks 15:19:12:03
or whether that is BPS that 15:19:13:18

would be helpful. Two two kicks 15:19:15:03
questions and I know have we 15:19:18:09
have to move on. 15:19:19:27
I would be interested in the 15:19:20:18
follow-up on the needles. 15:19:21:27
How you measure success. 15:19:23:06
>> Sure. 15:19:24:18
>> So you talked about how you 15:19:24:27
are now a believer. 15:19:26:03
>> Yes. 15:19:27:06
>> so that's one. 15:19:27:15
And two, I noticed in the bundle 15:19:28:09
it looks like you are going to 15:19:30:15
have an increase of \$500,000 for 15:19:31:21
a contracting and I would like 15:19:35:15
to understand your plan to 15:19:37:03
ensure that half a million and 15:19:38:09
all the other money you have for 15:19:40:21
contracting will be distributed 15:19:42:15
in an equitable way in terms of 15:19:45:03
making sure we are contracting 15:19:46:24
with local resident, women owned 15:19:48:00
businesses as well as businesses 15:19:51:06
owned by people of color. 15:19:52:18
>> What I will say in general, 15:19:54:03
we have been fortunate to be 15:19:55:21
tracking at a slightly higher 15:19:58:15
percentage than the city wide 15:20:00:15
contract. 15:20:02:03
I think that has who do with 15:20:03:12
some of the value of our the 15:20:05:09
contracts, and so what we have 15:20:07:15
to be very intentional about 15:20:09:12
moving forward is when there is 15:20:11:12
an opportunity too expand 15:20:12:27
opportunity by breaking up the 15:20:16:18
work into individualized 15:20:17:15
sectors, I think that will 15:20:21:12
encourage more women and 15:20:23:09
minority owned businesses to bid 15:20:26:18
on our work. 15:20:28:27
The other thing we benefit from 15:20:31:09
and we just have to be really 15:20:33:18
honest about it is not 15:20:35:21
necessarily we are doing 15:20:37:03
anything specifically different, 15:20:38:00
landscape architecture is a 15:20:39:27
field of work that has very 15:20:44:09
prominent, established women 15:20:46:24
owned led firms. 15:20:49:03
So our numbers tend to track a 15:20:51:18
little bit higher because those 15:20:53:09
landscaped architecture firms 15:20:57:21
are women owned businesses. 15:20:59:15

So that is certainly my approach 15:21:00:21
when we are looking at some of 15:21:02:06
our show removal contracts. 15:21:04:18
We have smaller values so I 15:21:08:27
think that opens up the door to 15:21:10:09
more opportunity. 15:21:11:18
So we can do that and be 15:21:13:18
intentional about it. 15:21:15:06
As far as the needles, , you 15:21:16:09
know, what we have -- I mean, 15:21:18:12
successes that we know needles 15:21:22:18
in our parks, but all we can do 15:21:24:18
is pick them up when we are 15:21:26:24
there. 15:21:28:03
So in places like Clifford 15:21:28:09
and/or charred GARDENS we are 15:21:29:27
actually going to dedicate, see 15:21:32:03
one of our seasonal workers to 15:21:34:00
just be at those fields so we 15:21:36:09
may go three Taiz at Clifford 15:21:37:27
and two days at orchard park or 15:21:40:12
vice versa but there is going to 15:21:42:24
be a person, our hope is that 15:21:44:06
that pretty consistent presence 15:21:46:15
along with the BPD presence, 15:21:49:03
along with the sharps crew and 15:21:51:24
along with we have been asking 15:21:53:21
our park Rangers and chiefs 15:21:54:27
Sevilla, on their way back to 15:21:58:12
Franklin park from downtown they 15:22:01:21
have been stopping and going 15:22:03:00
through Clifford with their 15:22:04:15
lights on, our hope is that more 15:22:05:15
consistent uniform presence 15:22:08:18
leads to more needles in those 15:22:10:15
two very specific parks that are 15:22:12:06
particularly adversely affected 15:22:13:18
by the opiate crisis, but city 15:22:16:15
window I just think we need to 15:22:19:00
expand opportunities to really 15:22:20:21
have -- we can't have a stigma 15:22:21:27
around this disease. 15:22:24:27
We have to make sure we have as 15:22:25:24
many educational opportunities 15:22:27:12
as possible around the squeeze. 15:22:29:12
>> 15:22:30:24
>> Disease. 15:22:32:03
Thank you again to are your 15:22:33:00
amazing work and for your 15:22:33:27
partnership in all of this. 15:22:34:27
Thank you Mr. Chair. 15:22:36:06
>> Thank you. 15:22:36:27
We are going to go into public 15:22:37:12
testimony. 15:22:39:12

Let me call folks who have signed up.
Karen.
Thank you.
David MACHUL a.m. Janice Pascually.
Anna white and Ashley NAHANAMA
and just ask that you keep your comments to three minutes.
>> Hi.
Good afternoon.
My name is Karen moneybrook the president of the emerald necklace conservancy and wanted to thank the mayor and all the city councilors for their support of parks.
Parks are essential to every resident can and user of open space in Boston and I think the investments that we make in parks pay dividends in a variety of ways.
I really want to applaud this., the leadership of Chris cook and his team.
They do so much with very limited resources.
One of the things I am constantly impressed by is I think this team is constantly trying to ways to say yes even when it is hard.
I really do appreciate that and I know that they are push and pulled by a lot of different people that have a lot of different requests all the time.
I want to applaud the real significant increase that the city's capital budget has provided for the department to invest the projects throughout the city.
But particularly in the emerald necklace, the funds for Franklin park, the work that is happening in Jamaica pond pathways, Holmstead park when that starts is tremendous.
Additionally, this year, the parks department system actively is finding new ways to address the issues that we have in the

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Fenway, the back pay FINS in the 15:24:28:24
areas that are overgrown with -- 15:24:32:00
and I am very, very appreciative 15:24:34:18
that this department is doing 15:24:36:09
that this year. 15:24:37:03
I know it has not been easy and 15:24:37:24
it has not been inexpensive. 15:24:39:27
So I know the city council and 15:24:41:21
the mayor, you know, have to 15:24:43:06
continually support those 15:24:45:15
efforts with additional funds as 15:24:46:21
needed because these are not 15:24:48:09
inexpensive issues to address. 15:24:50:00
The parks often, as you heard in 15:24:51:24
the conversation today, in terms 15:24:54:00
of the needles, there is the 15:24:55:18
brunt of a lot of the challenges 15:24:57:18
that the city is facing than 15:24:58:24
team is doing an amazing job to 15:25:00:09
try and do that. 15:25:01:27
The emerald necklace conservancy 15:25:05:15
through our tree society program 15:25:08:12
matches dollar for dollar every 15:25:10:15
dollar this agency spends and 15:25:12:21
DCR and the town of Brookline 15:25:14:00
spend on trees and we continue 15:25:15:27
to support this council and the 15:25:16:27
mayor's continued investment in 15:25:19:21
expanding the tree program, I am 15:25:22:00
guyed to hear about the LIDAR 15:25:23:12
plan, I think that is fantastic. 15:25:26:12
The emerald necklace does have 15:25:28:12
tree database, it is one of the 15:25:30:24
only parks in the system that 15:25:32:21
does and really look forward to 15:25:34:24
think about ways to expand and 15:25:36:06
build on that work and I think 15:25:37:15
that that is tremendous, 15:25:38:18
especially as we are dealing 15:25:39:27
with climate change and the 15:25:40:27
things the city is managing. 15:25:42:27
I want to finally say I am 15:25:45:09
excited about the ideas of 15:25:48:21
starting to push recycling. 15:25:50:09
I think it is really complicated 15:25:52:03
these days to do that. 15:25:53:12
With the economics around 15:25:55:06
recycling are really challenging 15:25:56:06
but excited to hear you are 15:25:57:24
starting and maybe there are 15:25:59:24
some ways we can partner with 15:26:01:00
that. 15:26:02:09
Going forward. 15:26:03:03
I am very excited to see the 15:26:04:18

operate Oing budget for the 15:26:06:12
department, even when you 15:26:07:21
exclude the animal control 15:26:08:21
budget that came, that came ins 15:26:10:15
it is an increase and I think 15:26:13:15
that is fantastic and speaks to 15:26:15:06
everyone's belief in Chris and 15:26:17:00
his team and very excited to see 15:26:19:15
what we do in the years to come. 15:26:20:21
Thank you. 15:26:22:06
>> Thank you. 15:26:22:12
>> And any name is David 15:26:29:27
MESHARAM and cofound over a new 15:26:31:21
organization called speak for 15:26:35:18
the trees. 15:26:36:24
We that had pleasure of 15:26:38:03
testifying here a year ago. 15:26:39:21
About the tree canopy coverage 15:26:41:03
and happy to see that there is a 15:26:42:27
study that is going to help us 15:26:45:12
in our work in building a more 15:26:46:21
equitable distribution of the 15:26:49:09
health benefits and the social 15:26:51:12
benefits that trees bring. 15:26:52:27
I this think we all recognize 15:26:55:00
the importance of building that 15:26:56:24
canopy, for future of all Boston 15:26:59:09
residents, both from mitigation 15:27:01:15
and adaptation as we enter a new 15:27:03:24
era of climate change. 15:27:05:21
And also the many health and 15:27:07:09
mental and physical health 15:27:09:18
benefits including the community 15:27:11:00
building benefits. 15:27:13:03
And I just wanted to thank Chris 15:27:13:27
and his team for the support 15:27:16:24
they have shown and many of the 15:27:18:12
councilors who are no longer 15:27:19:27
here we had a wonderful tree 15:27:21:12
give away event on Saturday, and 15:27:23:18
there is a real hunger for this 15:27:25:21
in the community. 15:27:27:00
We gave away about 70 trees in 15:27:28:00
half an hour. 15:27:30:18
And there are 50 people who are 15:27:31:21
going to be getting trees in 15:27:33:12
coming weeks from our corporate 15:27:35:12
sponsor who was so excited to 15:27:36:24
see this. 15:27:38:12
So I think there is a real need 15:27:38:24
and a real desire for more 15:27:40:09
trees. 15:27:41:24
All throughout the city, and we 15:27:42:27
are here to help the city 15:27:44:27

council, the mayor's office, 15:27:47:21
parks and REC to fulfill that, 15:27:49:15
we see a real budding 15:27:52:03
partnership here, one of the 15:27:53:18
things we are doing is we are 15:27:55:06
doing a tree inventory and parks 15:27:56:24
has been very helpful in 15:27:59:06
providing us very constructive 15:28:00:12
feedback on information that 15:28:01:27
will be helpful for them as we 15:28:04:09
would love to come up with a 15:28:05:18
open master plan, hopefully that 15:28:08:15
will come together in the next 15:28:09:27
two years and have inventoried 15:28:11:06
all, we think there are about 15:28:12:09
40,000 trees throughout the 15:28:14:15
city, we are not quite sure. 15:28:15:24
But we are hiring a group of 15:28:17:00
teenagers through the Boston 15:28:18:21
youth engagement and employment 15:28:20:06
office. 15:28:21:21
They will be out in the streets 15:28:22:15
every day and we are going focus 15:28:23:18
this year on the east Boston, 15:28:25:00
south Boston, Roxbury, 15:28:27:09
Dorchester and Jamaica Plain, 15:28:28:27
the next year we will focus on 15:28:30:24
the rest of the communities so 15:28:32:09
we look forward to also engaging 15:28:33:12
community in that work and look 15:28:35:00
forward to introducing the 15:28:36:15
councilors for that work of 15:28:38:18
being out in the community to 15:28:39:27
continuing that conversation of 15:28:41:18
green trees to people. 15:28:43:21
Po those trees are critical, 15:28:46:00
because they are providing clean 15:28:48:06
he air to people in the spaces 15:28:49:06
where people live. 15:28:51:03
I also wanted for the record to 15:28:53:03
-- I am wondering if the tree 15:28:56:00
canopy coverage is 17 or 15:28:58:03
27 percent. 15:28:59:27
I remember it was 27 from the 15:29:00:24
last LIDAR study. 15:29:03:03
We just increased it by 15:29:05:09
ten percent. 15:29:06:27
We are halfway there. 15:29:07:15
And for councilor Baker, there 15:29:09:12
is a community at tree heritage 15:29:11:15
program I am happy to speak with 15:29:14:24
him further about the funded 15:29:16:09
through DCR the dollar for 15:29:17:27
dollar matching, and that is 15:29:19:18

something that I know could be 15:29:20:24
beneficial for city to take part 15:29:22:03
in. 15:29:24:00
There is money out there on the 15:29:24:06
table that I think can go a long 15:29:25:24
way to supporting the work that 15:29:28:09
parks does. 15:29:29:15
Thank you. 15:29:30:06
>> Thanks. 15:29:30:18
>> 15:29:31:12
>> Hello. 15:29:37:06
>> My name is Janice advocate 15:29:37:24
and community member. 15:29:43:12
In the north end. 15:29:45:15
My extended family has been this 15:29:46:15
the neighborhood since the 1980s 15:29:47:12
and we love our community. 15:29:49:03
Boston does a wonderful job at 15:29:50:18
maintaining our parks. 15:29:52:09
As our neighborhood board and 15:29:54:03
residents. 15:29:56:12
However, my two children are 15:29:57:00
diagnosed with threatening food 15:29:58:03
allergies to peanuts -- and have 15:30:00:15
had several reactions at our 15:30:02:24
local playgrounds. 15:30:04:24
Currently, every few minute a 15:30:06:09
person goes to an emergency room 15:30:08:21
due to anaphylaxis from catching 15:30:10:21
the residue on playground 15:30:14:00
equipment they have had their 15:30:16:12
eyes become eyes rashes and 15:30:17:18
hives and have had to leave 15:30:23:00
scared that the rash would 15:30:25:21
continue in severity -- on the 15:30:27:12
ground of the play structures 15:30:29:24
such as cheese, crackers and 15:30:31:09
nuts, also witnessed children 15:30:32:18
playing while running around 15:30:37:06
with food. 15:30:38:18
That can be dangerous to a 15:30:39:09
child. 15:30:40:09
This is best to remove this from 15:30:42:06
the area several times and 15:30:43:27
creates and unsafe and 15:30:45:06
exclusionary environment for our 15:30:46:06
children. 15:30:47:18
Who may have a physical 15:30:48:21
life-threatening reaction 15:30:51:18
defined by FFDA, this does not 15:30:53:24
relate to just my family. 15:30:56:15
And it is also about the safety, 15:30:57:27
for a growing population of 15:31:00:09
children this the general 15:31:01:12

public. 15:31:03:09
As it stand one in every 13 15:31:03:18
children has, child has a food 15:31:05:09
allergy. 15:31:07:12
That is, that is two children in 15:31:08:03
every classroom. 15:31:09:24
Young children, especially put 15:31:10:24
their hands in their mouths and 15:31:12:09
touch their face often. 15:31:13:21
And a child with threatening 15:31:15:06
food allergies this could be a 15:31:17:18
reaction when the food residue 15:31:19:15
from their hands makes its way 15:31:22:18
into the body, through their 15:31:24:06
eyes, 0 nose and mouth. 15:31:26:12
As a simple reasonable 15:31:28:09
accommodation for this 15:31:29:12
life-threatening invisible 15:31:30:09
disability I ask you please 15:31:32:18
consider adding playground signs 15:31:34:00
to help spread awareness and 15:31:35:18
decrease action, it is encourage 15:31:38:03
them to enjoy food at the 15:31:40:27
designated eating areas and wipe 15:31:42:06
hands after eating. 15:31:44:03
And the commercial -- these are 15:31:47:09
affecting in removing -- while 15:31:49:12
hand sanitizer is not. 15:31:52:09
Remind people to make slower 15:31:56:12
choices to slow down in school 15:31:58:15
zones or clean after your dogs. 15:32:00:09
This will allow children to play 15:32:03:21
more safely and keeps our park 15:32:05:24
cleaners for better hygiene to 15:32:08:00
reduce illness and decrease it 15:32:09:12
is risk of chosenning. 15:32:11:12
There are similar signs in the 15:32:12:15
playgrounds in our state in 15:32:13:27
Cambridge, and all around the 15:32:15:06
country as we speak. 15:32:18:00
Of course will not totally 15:32:19:09
eliminate all risk but spread 15:32:20:27
ago awareness can do a long way 15:32:22:09
toward improving overall health, 15:32:23:24
increasing community health. 15:32:28:09
This is something cities need to 15:32:30:09
consider when creating 15:32:31:27
structures for children in this 15:32:32:27
Kay and age as prevalence of 15:32:34:03
allergic diseases are rising. 15:32:37:00
In the leader of many areas I 15:32:39:18
hope Boston can lead the charge 15:32:41:03
for inclusion and safety at the 15:32:44:00
playgrounds. 15:32:46:18

Thank you for your time and consideration. 15:32:47:06
15:32:48:09
>> Thank you. 15:32:48:12
>> Hi my name is Anna, I have been a Boston resident since 2000, Boston since 2002 and Boston food allergy mom since 2009. 15:32:50:03
15:32:57:18
15:32:59:12
15:33:02:03
15:33:04:00
I have three children and two of them have severe life-threatening food allergies, their combined allergies are to dairy, peanuts, tree nuts, kiwi, fresh apple, chickpeas, Chicopees. 15:33:04:21
15:33:05:24
15:33:06:27
15:33:08:21
15:33:10:21
15:33:14:09
15:33:17:27
>> This is extremely difficult. According to the food allergy research group, one in 13 children in the U.S. has a food allergy. Think of the concern you see on a daily basis here in Boston. Many of those children are living with food allergies using 2017 population data for Boston and my terrible math skills that is about 10,000 children in our city. So I am suggesting food not be eaten on our playgrounds, on our play structures and in our tot lots could do a long way to help them feel safe and included in our recreation sites. In 2013 the Boston parks and recreation commission approved a smoking ban in city run parks, to, and I know there are Palestinians in fenced-in places in my neighborhood of South Boston prohibiting dogs or even in the play spaces, I am saying food and drinks are not allowed in the play areas -- Daley food allergies you can't understand the impact that our American snacking culture has on food allergy families. The constant vigilance of who is eating what and where and tracking all of the surfaces that kids have touched or potentially drift food on is

intense I have had to leave play 15:34:33:09
grounds in the past due to trail 15:34:34:27
mix, ice cream, gold crackers 15:34:36:24
and zippy cups. 15:34:40:00
These should be inclusive spots 15:34:42:12
for all of our family and I 15:34:44:06
understand into large part of 15:34:45:21
our culture, snacking is okay it 15:34:47:24
just should not happen on 15:34:49:12
playground equipment. 15:34:50:12
So I am stating why all of our 15:34:51:21
parks to go a long way to 15:34:53:27
increase acceptance,. 15:34:56:24
>> Let's extend that to our food 15:35:01:00
allergic kids and their 15:35:03:06
families. 15:35:04:24
>> Thank you. 15:35:05:03
>> Thank you. 15:35:06:06
>> 15:35:06:27
>> Hello I am Ashley and what 15:35:12:12
are you allergy genetic to. 15:35:18:24
>> Milk. 15:35:21:27
>> What happens if you touch 15:35:22:21
milk? 15:35:26:03
>> How do you feel if you touch 15:35:29:03
milk? 15:35:30:15
How does your skin feel? 15:35:30:27
>> UM. 15:35:33:09
>> Do you get itchy? 15:35:33:27
>> Yes. 15:35:37:18
>> Do you like it when you are 15:35:37:24
at the playground there are kids 15:35:39:27
who are eating ice cream or 15:35:41:03
cheese or things like that on 15:35:42:12
the play structure? 15:35:44:03
>> No. 15:35:45:03
>> So what would happen if they 15:35:46:00
were? 15:35:47:15
>> Would you go home? 15:35:50:21
>> Yes. 15:35:52:12
>> Yes. 15:35:52:21
So this is Aaron who is allergic 15:35:54:00
to milk and used to be allergic 15:35:57:00
to peanuts. This past week we 15:35:58:24
were at a playground and with a 15:36:00:03
bunch of trends who asked me how 15:36:01:24
is the peanut Aller I I didn't 15:36:05:09
going because he has been 15:36:07:06
outgrowing it and I said it is 15:36:08:00
fin and pulled out peanut eating 15:36:11:06
snacks for their children. 15:36:13:15
These are people who care 15:36:14:18
because they asked before they 15:36:16:09
pulled it out but it didn't 15:36:17:06

occurred occur to them there may 15:36:18:12
be other children who are also 15:36:20:00
allergic to peanuts. 15:36:21:09
So the reason I think that signs 15:36:22:15
would be a benefit because I 15:36:25:03
think most people do care and if 15:36:26:00
they read a sign that said there 15:36:27:15
are one in 13 children who have 15:36:28:27
food allergies and if you could 15:36:30:15
please keep your food off the 15:36:32:06
play structure, most people 15:36:33:21
would take the time to do that. 15:36:36:15
>> It is not that people aren't 15:36:37:18
aware that there are food 15:36:41:09
allergies but not necessarily 15:36:42:21
aware like the parents who I 15:36:44:03
visited with today exactly when 15:36:46:00
you need to be vigilant and when 15:36:48:00
you do, so simpling it makes a 15:36:50:18
difference. 15:36:52:15
I think councilor Kim Janey who 15:36:52:24
said earlier about the science 15:36:55:21
for northeastern work, about -- 15:36:57:15
kids are confused whether 15:37:01:12
northeastern or Boston park, so 15:37:03:15
it goes to show that 15:37:04:21
Palestinians really do make a 15:37:05:24
difference, if you have proper 15:37:06:24
sign imagine, people know what 15:37:09:03
to do. 15:37:10:03
They know what not to do. 15:37:10:15
And -- \$300,000 for this or 300 15:37:12:06
for that to put up signs at the 15:37:20:12
local playgrounds, would be a 15:37:21:27
big expense for the city so I 15:37:23:27
hope it is something you 15:37:25:06
consider, we really appreciate 15:37:26:00
the parks. 15:37:27:21
And it is our backyard. 15:37:28:24
For all of our children. 15:37:30:18
With or without food allergies. 15:37:32:18
Thank you for your time. 15:37:34:15
>> Thank you. 15:37:35:00
>> 15:37:35:24
>> Hi. 15:37:38:03
I signed up ahead of time 15:37:41:18
through e-mail. 15:37:42:27
My name is Emily baker. 15:37:44:03
I am a mom of two young children 15:37:46:12
who are well, well behaved right 15:37:48:09
now -- and also a 16 year 15:37:51:06
veteran of Charlestown but, this 15:37:53:21
is Sophie has life-threatening 15:37:55:27
food allergies to eggs, milk, 15:37:58:09

tree nuts and touch sensitive, 15:38:01:09
it has been a tough road for her 15:38:02:24
in the city where everything is 15:38:04:09
social. 15:38:05:12
Shared around other children, 15:38:06:03
often around food. 15:38:07:18
And we worked really hard to 15:38:09:00
manage it but unfortunately she 15:38:10:09
has that anaphylaxis several 15:38:11:21
times and others less severe 15:38:13:21
reactions as well which have all 15:38:16:12
been scary. 15:38:17:24
Most people are unaware of the 15:38:19:09
danger of food allergies the 15:38:20:21
things that makes it such a 15:38:22:27
challenge to manage is that we 15:38:24:12
depend on other people to be 15:38:25:21
aware and be responsible with 15:38:27:09
their behavior around food in 15:38:28:03
order to keep our kids safe. 15:38:30:00
One of the biggest challenges 15:38:32:09
for me is just for my daughter 15:38:33:12
is that public playgrounds. 15:38:36:12
There are only way to really get 15:38:39:18
outside because we don't have a 15:38:42:21
yard. 15:38:43:21
We live in the city. This is 15:38:44:03
what we do basically every day 15:38:45:15
this is basically our backyard 15:38:47:18
but it is such a challenge to 15:38:49:06
keep her safe and reaction 15:38:50:24
entry. 15:38:52:00
It is very often we are at a 15:38:52:09
playground and we have to leave 15:38:54:00
because there is a child that is 15:38:55:15
running around the play 15:38:56:12
structure holdings structure 15:38:57:15
holding food while and touching 15:39:00:15
play equipment and toy and 15:39:03:12
wanting to play tag with my 15:39:04:21
father. 15:39:06:00
My father has had a reaction 15:39:06:27
about once a month on the 15:39:08:09
playgrounds so it has been 15:39:09:09
really scary and had to stop and 15:39:11:06
see if it is going to progress 15:39:12:18
and give her medicine and have 15:39:13:21
to leave because of the 15:39:15:24
progressive we have to go to the 15:39:17:21
hospital, if it is progressive 15:39:19:03
and I really don't blame anybody 15:39:21:21
for having a child run around 15:39:24:12
because you would never know 15:39:27:03
that is dangerous to my child, 15:39:28:06

unless you lived, unless you 15:39:31:00
lived this life you wouldn't 15:39:32:21
know. 15:39:34:15
So I think the cycle goes a long 15:39:34:24
way to sort of spreading 15:39:36:27
awareness and I brought an 15:39:38:12
example of a sign. 15:39:39:12
But 0 public parks all around 15:39:41:27
the country, actually in 15:39:43:27
Cambridge I heard some will be 15:39:45:00
going up soon and I don't know 15:39:46:21
if you want to take a look at 15:39:47:27
them. 15:39:49:09
>> This is very simple. 15:39:49:12
>> We have -- the sign 15:39:51:09
unanimously in some of the 15:39:53:24
testimony. 15:39:54:27
>> We have some of the sign 15:39:55:21
thanking in the testimony we 15:39:57:00
will distribute to everybody. 15:39:57:27
>> Thank you. 15:39:59:03
>> What I think it is a very 15:39:59:27
straightforward, simple way of 15:40:01:09
spreading awareness. 15:40:03:00
Please don't eat on the play 15:40:05:00
structure and use a water based 15:40:06:00
rinse after eating and 15:40:08:24
scientific studies have shown 15:40:10:18
that almost every mom -- it is a 15:40:12:03
very, very simple thing to 15:40:17:12
spread awareness. 15:40:19:00
Most parents carry wet wipes and 15:40:20:15
it would two a long way to help 15:40:23:06
us and helping our kids feel 15:40:25:00
more safe and included. 15:40:26:18
Obviously it won't solve 15:40:28:18
everything, but I do think it 15:40:31:09
can go a long way, just like we 15:40:33:00
have signs that say there is a 15:40:34:24
deaf child here or please clean 15:40:36:18
up after your dog it does spread 15:40:38:00
awareness and I agree with what 15:40:40:00
Ashley said, I think people if 15:40:41:21
only knew they would change 15:40:44:03
their behavior. 15:40:45:09
Because I think people really do 15:40:46:03
care. 15:40:47:18
>> thank you. 15:40:48:00
>> Thank you. 15:40:48:09
>> 15:40:49:00
>> Hi, I apologize. 15:40:52:21
I didn't realize I was supposed 15:40:54:24
to -- 15:40:55:24
>> I am going to be very quick. 15:40:57:00

My Nairn is -- just going to 15:40:58:18
echo, food allergy mom and echo 15:41:00:15
what my fellow food allergy mops 15:41:03:00
are say. 15:41:06:12
I am a rent, da children 15:41:07:09
festival and run local support 15:41:09:06
group for moms with -- parents 15:41:10:24
with food allergies, parent of 15:41:12:21
children with food allergies. 15:41:14:12
Allergies. 15:41:18:27
I first realized my son had tree 15:41:19:18
nut, milk, and dairy. 15:41:24:09
>> I had him tested after that 15:41:26:15
-- spilled on his hands and his 15:41:27:27
eyed swelled up, FINGERS his 15:41:31:18
mouth and it came into contact 15:41:33:15
with his system. 15:41:35:21
After that, he has had about 14 15:41:38:21
reactions, he is 18, eight years 15:41:41:06
old now, he has had 14 15:41:43:09
anaphylactic reactions and three 15:41:45:18
because of play grounds. 15:41:48:09
We had -- stop going to a play 15:41:50:27
frowned. 15:41:53:24
I don't know if you ever 15:41:54:06
experienced drag ago 15:41:55:00
three-year-old kicking and 15:41:56:03
screaming off a play structure 15:41:57:21
because a little girl with an 15:41:59:00
ice cream Cohen came on, but it 15:42:00:24
is not a fun thing to do. 15:42:02:21
And it is heart breaking to do 15:42:04:21
to your child. 15:42:07:06
I don't understand why you are 15:42:08:00
doing it at two years old. 15:42:08:24
We -- I tried many different 15:42:12:09
things. 15:42:13:18
We avoided play grounds and I 15:42:14:03
felt like he was being excluded 15:42:15:18
from things. 15:42:17:03
This is a world that he didn't 15:42:17:24
ask to be a part of. 15:42:20:27
We were just thrust into this 15:42:22:12
world and learned to adapt and 15:42:24:00
learned to recollect our 15:42:25:09
children. 15:42:26:00
And we discovered ways that they 15:42:26:18
have been excluded or being kind 15:42:29:03
of discriminated against because 15:42:30:09
they have a hidden disability. 15:42:32:00
Because of that, I started to 15:42:34:18
try to get him to wear gloves at 15:42:36:03
the playground which would 15:42:37:21
decrease his risk but he didn't 15:42:38:27

want to feel like he was 15:42:40:09
different. 15:42:41:27
So the only thing I finally 15:42:43:00
discovered was -- because he was 15:42:45:27
able to to be wolverine he would 15:42:51:03
go and play at the playground 15:42:52:09
and at the creased his risk. 15:42:54:00
It didn't stop it altogether, he 15:42:57:09
got into minor reactions, his 15:42:59:06
doctor who is the head of the 15:43:04:18
food allergy and immunization at 15:43:07:15
children's hospital written a 15:43:12:09
letter and very brief so I want 15:43:13:12
to read it very quickly. 15:43:14:18
>> He says, this is from 15:43:16:12
Dr. John Lee, immunology at 15:43:19:00
Boston children's hospital. 15:43:21:27
He says as clinical director of 15:43:22:21
food allergy programs of Boston 15:43:24:06
children's hospital I care for 15:43:25:24
many children with food 15:43:29:12
allergies to even trace amount 15:43:30:15
of foods it is easy for families 15:43:31:27
that don't have these food 15:43:34:15
allergies to underestimate. 15:43:36:00
The simple recommendations by 15:43:37:18
the park signs can help prevent 15:43:39:03
reactions are occurring. 15:43:40:18
It is as reminder to be 15:43:41:18
considerate of those who do have 15:43:43:00
food allergies. 15:43:44:09
Some children and their parents 15:43:45:09
may feel uncomfortable asking 15:43:46:27
others to prevent food allergy 15:43:48:24
reactions so also prevent 15:43:51:06
families from food allergies 15:43:52:24
from being singled out. 15:43:54:06
We appreciate your help in 15:43:56:12
installing these -- and thank 15:43:58:15
you for your consideration. 15:44:00:21
>> Thank you. 15:44:02:15
>> and here is the -- 15:44:02:27
>> 15:44:04:00
>> We are not supposed to -- 15:44:05:21
>> You are not -- 15:44:07:03
>> 15:44:09:15
>> Sorry about that. 15:44:09:15
Thank you. 15:44:10:15
>> 15:44:11:09
>> Good afternoon. 15:44:15:12
I am -- Celeste walker and in 15:44:16:00
Jamaica Plain. 15:44:18:12
I am a board member of the -- 15:44:19:12
park conservancy. 15:44:21:21

The board of the over steers 15:44:23:15
with the edge valued necklace 15:44:24:27
conservancy, and a friend of 15:44:28:21
Alan Dale wood. 15:44:31:06
Today I would like briefly to 15:44:33:12
address the city's urban wilds, 15:44:34:21
maybe it is a little different 15:44:37:09
kind of follow-up from what 15:44:39:00
chief cook talked about earlier. 15:44:41:24
>> There are 35 urban wilds in 15:44:43:06
the neighborhoods. 15:44:49:21
The ecological significance of 15:44:50:27
them froze more important 15:44:52:15
everyier as we address the 15:44:54:06
issues caused by climate change. 15:44:55:21
These areas provide places for 15:44:57:12
water storage, filters, storm 15:44:58:24
water, runoff, providing natural 15:45:01:00
area of wildlife and much needed 15:45:03:03
trees. 15:45:04:27
They are used by the community 15:45:06:03
for pass stiff recreation and 15:45:07:00
ecological education. 15:45:09:09
A register Vern natural pool 01 15:45:11:27
of only two in Boston is among 15:45:14:15
the 100 acres of Alan Dale 15:45:16:00
woods. 15:45:19:27
The initiative grew from a area 15:45:21:15
report in 1976 and in the late 15:45:23:21
1990s the initial if the was 15:45:27:00
formalized under the park 15:45:28:15
department. 15:45:29:27
However F the initial if the 15:45:30:24
only has one employee. 15:45:32:03
The aforementioned amazing Paul 15:45:35:12
Sutton. 15:45:37:27
I am suggesting that the urban 15:45:39:21
wild should have its own budget 15:45:41:24
line in the parks department 15:45:43:12
budget and asking that you add 15:45:44:27
two full time maintenance 15:45:47:15
workers dedicated to the wilds. 15:45:49:03
Right now maintenance is almost 15:45:52:21
all done by groups in partnering 15:45:54:03
private volunteer groups. 15:45:58:00
They remove invasive debris from 15:46:00:24
the paths, pick up liter and 15:46:03:03
clean up the entrances to the 15:46:04:15
areas that they are welcoming 15:46:06:00
for people who visit. 15:46:08:12
But relying only on volunteers 15:46:11:00
and some summer youth workers is 15:46:14:03
uneven and result in an inequity 15:46:16:03
among the different urban wilds. 15:46:20:06

In the neighborhoods where there 15:46:22:18
are no strong friends groups the 15:46:24:00
wilds suffer and some of these 15:46:27:24
neighborhoods that have access 15:46:29:06
to the wilds are needed the most 15:46:31:00
for the surrounding community. 15:46:32:27
So I encourage you add the 15:46:34:21
full-time maintenance position 15:46:36:12
for the urban wilds. 15:46:38:18
It is in the budget and I am 15:46:40:15
going to, I want to thank you 15:46:42:00
for allowing the comment and 15:46:43:15
thank everyone this in the parks 15:46:45:12
department for the amazing work 15:46:47:03
you do. 15:46:49:06
Thank you. 15:46:49:21
>> Thank you. 15:46:49:24
And Marlene. 15:46:50:15
>> 15:46:51:18
>> Thank you very much. 15:46:58:06
>> I am here with two hats. 15:46:59:24
As a friend of the south end 15:47:03:24
library but also as the 15:47:06:00
membership chair of the -- 15:47:07:09
association. 15:47:09:15
Between these two organizations, 15:47:10:12
there are three green 15:47:12:03
spaces/parks. 15:47:13:09
A there is a library park is of 15:47:15:03
course on the -- very much a 15:47:17:21
part of the friends group 15:47:20:18
interest and I merely want to 15:47:21:27
thank the parks department, 15:47:24:06
Chris and Lauren Bryant for the 15:47:26:09
wonderful redesign that was 15:47:28:24
accomplished there. 15:47:30:12
The best part is that the park 15:47:32:00
is now used in a positive way. 15:47:33:09
There is room for everyone, no 15:47:36:18
one has to be -- feel under the 15:47:38:09
gun because of unpleasant 15:47:41:03
behavior in the park. 15:47:42:09
It is open. 15:47:43:21
It is transparent and it is 15:47:44:27
welcoming. 15:47:46:09
We planted 3,000 string bulbs 15:47:49:09
and it is a blast of color. 15:47:51:24
The other two parts are, so the 15:47:59:00
other one is the -- this the 15:48:00:21
Of the educator, I want to again 15:48:04:03
thank the parks department and 15:48:05:24
Chris for these wonderful 15:48:07:15
arborist whose have come online 15:48:09:09
and done a fabulous job, taking 15:48:11:03

care of the, really, under siege 15:48:14:03
trees in three ovals. 15:48:18:27
They have been pruned, not cut 15:48:21:18
down, the stumps have been 15:48:25:00
ground out and waiting for fall 15:48:27:12
to have new trees planted, at 15:48:29:00
the same time, we also have 15:48:31:18
requested from the ground fund 15:48:33:03
an allocation to repair the 15:48:39:27
pensing around it:what would be 15:48:41:18
needed in the park is irrelevant 15:48:45:12
face. 15:48:46:24
So the third park, the third 15:48:47:03
park is Hitchcock park and 15:48:50:24
Hitchcock park has an account at 15:48:52:27
the parks department in which 15:48:54:24
there is a little over 2,000 15:48:55:21
dollars and then the square 15:48:57:27
association has also indicated 15:49:01:09
it is willing to help pay for a 15:49:05:15
refurbishment of Hitchcock park 15:49:08:00
because of estimates for \$5,000, 15:49:12:12
and so we are working towards 15:49:14:24
that. 15:49:17:06
What I am asking about is really 15:49:18:03
something that covers all three 15:49:20:27
of these green spaces which is 15:49:22:18
that they all deal with some 15:49:24:12
city, not just city but also 15:49:28:06
private money, so how to 15:49:30:12
coordinate that. 15:49:32:00
The parks department, for 15:49:34:24
example, withly library park, 15:49:35:27
there is a reasonable chance 15:49:38:06
that we will get some money from 15:49:39:24
-- as a result of the efforts of 15:49:42:09
our state reps, Gian co and 15:49:43:12
Aaron wits. 15:49:51:24
It hasn't been confirmed until 15:49:52:15
the budget is complete but we 15:49:54:06
may get some money from there. 15:49:56:00
Who this parks department should 15:49:59:03
people like myself and people 15:50:01:24
who work with me in these two 15:50:03:06
organizations -- 15:50:05:00
>> Approach the parks 15:50:07:06
department? 15:50:09:12
To get this process working? 15:50:10:06
>> Thank you. 15:50:15:06
>> Well, go ahead. 15:50:19:00
>> And if you want to. 15:50:20:03
>> Start with me. 15:50:21:24
>> Start with you in. 15:50:22:15
>> Carrie marsh and work through 15:50:23:15

it. 15:50:27:21
I jizz we are not supposed to -- 15:50:28:12
>> You are supposed to be 15:50:30:03
through the chair. 15:50:31:06
>> I am sorry. 15:50:31:21
Thank you for granting that, 15:50:32:18
chair. 15:50:33:24
>> Any time. 15:50:34:03
>> Thank you very much. 15:50:34:21
>> Okay. 15:50:35:18
>> And thank you for the 15:50:36:15
wonderful work. 15:50:37:24
We are very pleased with what is 15:50:39:00
happening in the parks. 15:50:40:21
>> Great. 15:50:42:06
Thanks. 15:50:42:24
And I will just end on this 15:50:43:06
note. 15:50:45:03
Ing this year's total projected 15:50:46:06
capital is \$42,792,506 and just 15:50:49:27
as recently as FY-18 the 15:50:58:21
commitment to parks on behalf of 15:51:03:18
the chief and the mayor and us, 15:51:05:18
the councilor was a little shy 15:51:08:15
of 19 million. 15:51:10:15
So where, we are using a lot of 15:51:11:18
the funds that we have at our 15:51:14:21
disposal to really make 15:51:16:12
investments to in our open 15:51:18:24
spaces and our trees and every 15:51:20:09
other aspect of our environment. 15:51:22:18
So I want to thank you. 15:51:25:00
My last parks hearing, it has 15:51:27:27
been a pleasure and honor and 15:51:30:09
privilege and I want to thank 15:51:31:21
you. 15:51:32:24
We are going reconvene. 15:51:33:00
We have a couple of small items, 15:51:34:12
fund and a couple of reinvolving 15:51:38:00
funds and be back in two 15:51:40:09
minutes. 15:51:41:12
A quick break. 15:51:41:21
And the FY-20 budget as related 15:51:42:18
to the parks department is 15:51:45:06
adjourned. 15:51:46:24
>> My name mark Ciommo, the 15:51:47:15
chairman of ways and means, and 15:57:53:27
the District nine city 15:57:55:18
councilor. 15:57:56:27
We are here to review the 15:57:58:06
department fund appropriation 15:58:00:12
for FY-20 with our good friends 15:58:01:15
from the parks department. 15:58:03:24
This is related to docket 0629, 15:58:05:24

message and order authorizing 15:58:10:06
the appropriation of \$1,200,000 15:58:11:15
from the income of the George 15:58:15:00
Francis park man fund, the funds 15:58:17:03
are to be expended under the 15:58:19:03
direction of the commissioner of 15:58:20:27
parks and recreation for the may 15:58:22:18
not fans and improvement of 15:58:24:09
Boston common and parks in 15:58:25:24
existence since January 12, 15:58:28:12
1887. 15:58:31:00
I would like to remind folks 15:58:33:03
this is a public hearing, 15:58:34:15
broadcast and recorded on 15:58:35:24
Comcast eight. 15:58:37:15
RCN 82, Verizon 1964, and 15:58:38:27
streamed at Boston.gov/boston 15:58:43:12
city TV and ask the folks this 15:58:48:06
the chamber to silence their 15:58:49:27
devices. 15:58:51:09
We will take public testimony at 15:58:51:27
the conclusion of questions and 15:58:55:12
answers from my colleagues. 15:58:56:27
There is a sign-in sheet to my 15:58:58:21
left by the door. 15:59:00:12
We ask that you state your name, 15:59:01:24
affiliation, residence and 15:59:03:09
please check the box yes if you 15:59:04:12
wish to testify. 15:59:06:21
There are several ways people 15:59:08:09
can testify throughout our 15:59:09:15
review process. 15:59:11:24
You can come to one of the 15:59:13:15
public hearings, such as this 15:59:14:24
one. 15:59:16:24
You can come to a hearing 15:59:17:15
dedicated to public testimony on 15:59:19:06
Tuesday, June 4th any anyone 15:59:21:24
teen 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. 15:59:26:15
We will be here for at least 15:59:28:24
that time frame and stay as long 15:59:29:27
as it takes to hear everyone who 15:59:31:06
wants to speak on the budget. 15:59:33:00
You can send your testimony to 15:59:34:27
the committee on ways and means, 15:59:36:09
Boston city council, fifth 15:59:38:24
floor, Boston City Hall, boss 15:59:40:09
mast, 02201 and 15:59:43:21
CCC.WM@boston.gov and joined on 15:59:48:06
the left by my good friend from 15:59:52:27
Jamaica Plain, city councilor 15:59:54:27
Matt O'Malley and a letter just 15:59:57:00
to read into the -- into the 15:59:58:24
record -- 16:00:01:24

