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>> L. Tamura: MADAM MAYOR.  
>> Mayor Stern: WELL, THANK YOU, AND WELCOME EVERYONE.  
THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO START OFF THE YEAR WITH OUR CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING, OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR BEING OUR JOINT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE LIBRARY COMMISSION, THE CULTURAL  
ARTS COMMISSION, AND THE PARKS AND RECREATIONS COMMISSIONS ON  
THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH AT 6:00 PM.  
SO I WILL CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER AND WE WILL START WITH OUR  
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.  
SO IF YOU CAN JOIN ME IN RISING TO THE LEVEL THAT YOU ARE ABLE  
AND WE WILL JOIN TOGETHER TO SAY THE PLEDGE TOGETHER.  
>> I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION,  
UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.  
>> Mayor Stern: WELL THANK YOU AND OUR NEXT LINE OF BUSINESS IS  
TO TAKE THE ROLL CALL SO I WILL ASK CITY CLERK TAMURA IF SHE CAN  
PROCEED WITH THE ROLL CALL.  
>> L. Tamura: THANK YOU, MAYOR. JUST TO CLARIFY FOR THE  
AUDIENCE, I'LL BE DOING THE ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND  
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST LINDA WILL BE DOING THE ONE FOR THE  
COMMISSION.  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.  
>> R. Montgomery: HERE.  
>> L. Tamura: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.  
>> J. Franklin: HERE.  
>> L. Tamura: COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.  
>> S. Hadley: HERE.  
>> L. Tamura: MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO.  
>> S. Napolitano: HERE.  
>> L. Tamura: MAYOR STERN.  
>> Mayor Stern: I AM HERE.  
>> L. Robb: FOR THE LIBRARY COMMISSION.  
COMMISSIONER JONES.  
>> J. Jones: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER WINDES.  
I KNOW YOU'RE HERE.  
>> YOU'RE ON MUTE.  
>> J. Jones: THEY MIGHT HAVE TO PUT THEIR AUDIO ON AGAIN.  
>> T. Windes: UNMUTE, OKAY.  
DO YOU HEAR US NOW?  
>> L. Robb: YES.  
>> T. Windes: OKAY, HERE.  
>> L. Robb: THANK YOU.  
COMMISSIONER SCHREINER.  
>> R. Schreiner: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER BOND.  
>> S. Bond: HERE.

>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER PARIKH.  
>> A. Parikh: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER SIEMAK.  
>> B. Siemak: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: OKAY.  
FOR THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION, COMMISSIONER MARCY.  
>> J. Marcy: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER MANNA.  
>> F. Manna: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER SPACKMAN.  
>> R. Spackman: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER TOKASHIKI.  
>> K. Tokashiki: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER RUBINO.  
>> K. Tokashiki: SHE SENT ME A MESSAGE; SHE IS UNABLE TO UNMUTE.  
>> L. Robb: OKAY.  
>> L. Tamura: SHE IS ABLE TO UNMUTE NOW.  
>> E. Rubino: HI, I'M HERE. I'M ACTUALLY NOT ABLE TO SHOW MY  
CAMERA.  
>> L. Robb: THERE YOU ARE. COMMISSIONER RYAN.  
OKAY.  
FOR THE PARKS AND REC COMMISSION.  
COMMISSIONER KARGER.  
>> S. Karger: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER GREENBERG.  
I CAN'T SEE ON MY SCREEN.  
COMMISSIONER WEINER.  
>> K. Weiner: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER DORAN.  
>> S. Doran: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY.  
COMMISSIONER TURKMANY.  
>> J.J. Turkmany: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: COMMISSIONER GRAMPP.  
>> S. Grampp: HERE.  
>> L. Robb: OKAY CITY CLERK, I'VE COVERED EVERYONE.  
>> L. Tamura: THANK YOU. AND JUST A REMINDER, CAN ALL THE  
COMMISSIONERS TURN THEIR CAMERA OFF EXCEPT FOR THE LIBRARY  
COMMISSION.  
THANK YOU.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE  
COMMISSIONERS THAT ARE HERE.  
THIS IS A WONDERFUL MEETING.  
WE'RE GOING TO START THE MEETING WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS.  
SO I'M GOING TO ASK ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ IF THERE HAVE  
BEEN ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS OR IF ANYBODY HAS RAISED THEIR HAND FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> M. Alvarez: THERE ARE NO RAISED HANDS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THIS TIME BUT FOR THE RECORD THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DID RECEIVE ONE ECOMMENT AND ONE MAIL COMMENT FOR TONIGHT'S JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, THANK YOU.

SO NOW WE ARE GOING TO GO ON TO THE GENERAL BUSINESS AND THE FUND BUSINESS WHICH IS THE UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION WORK PLANS. SO I'M GOING TO TURN THIS OVER TO DIRECTOR LEYMAN TO START US OFF AND GET US ORGANIZED AND START WITH OUR FIRST COMMISSION.

>> M. LEYMAN: GREAT. WELL THANK YOU SO MUCH HONORABLE MAYOR STERN, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ALL OF THE COMMISSION WORK PLAN ITEMS AND JUST ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE COMMISSIONS FOR THEIR WORK.

A LOT OF WORK OVER THE LAST YEAR, THERE'S OVER -- WELL ACTUALLY THERE ARE 30 ITEMS THAT WE HAVE TO PRESENT THIS EVENING.

AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING, JUST TO GIVE A QUICK OVERVIEW, IS TO PROVIDE STATUS UPDATES ON EACH WORK PLAN ITEM AND RECEIVE DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL ON NEXT STEPS.

SO YOU EITHER PROCEED OR MODIFY THE ITEM.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ASKING FOR APPROPRIATIONS OR FUNDING THIS EVENING, ALL REQUESTS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED THROUGH THE BUDGET.

AND AGAIN SINCE WE HAVE THE 30 ITEMS, WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO MOVE QUICKLY, SEEKING DIRECTION AFTER EACH ITEM.

AGAIN, EITHER TO PROCEED OR MODIFY EACH OF THE WORK PLAN ITEMS.

>> S. Napolitano: NO.

OH, I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT WE STARTED.

[LAUGHTER]

>> S. Napolitano: JUST GETTING READY.

[LAUGHTER]

>> Mayor Stern: I THINK THAT JUST ENDED IT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> M. Leyman: OKAY, WELL THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> HAVE A GOOD DAY EVERYONE.

>> M. Leyman: SO WE WILL TRY TO KEEP IT AS FAST PACE AS POSSIBLE.

AGAIN, AS I THINK ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS HAD MENTIONED, A MAXIMUM OF AN HOUR PER COMMISSION.

THE ORDER OF PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIBRARY COMMISSION, CULTURAL ARTS, AND THEN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

EACH OF THE CHAIRPERSON FROM THE COMMISSION WILL KICK US OFF AND THE LIAISONS WILL ALSO ASSIST AS NEEDED OR JUMP IN.

JUST QUICKLY, THE LIAISON FOR THE LIBRARY COMMISSION IS JAN BUIKE, EILEN STEWART FOR THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION, JESSICA VINCENT IS STILL HANGING IN THERE.

THANK YOU IN JOINING US BECAUSE SHE WAS INVOLVED IN MANY OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLANS.

LINDA ROBB, SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST, WORKS WITH ALL THE COMMISSIONS, AND ALSO NOTABLY OUR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, ERICK LEE. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, I KNOW HE IS HERE AS WELL BECAUSE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

SO WITH THAT BECAUSE WE ARE ON A TIGHT TIMELINE, WE WILL START WITH THE LIBRARY COMMISSION AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO JANET JONES, THE CHAIR, TO KICK US OFF.

>> J. Jones: THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WILL BE BRIEF AND SIMPLY SAY THAT OUR CURRENT LIBRARY COMMISSION IS A REALLY SOLID TEAM, I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT WE'VE PRESENTED A LOT OF INNOVATIONS THIS PAST YEAR, AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO GENERATE SOME NEW ROBUST ITEMS ON OUR ROSTER HOPEFULLY TONIGHT FOR ALL OF YOU. SO WITH ALL OF THAT SAID, YOU CAN SEE OUR LIST OF COMMISSIONERS, THEY'RE OUTSTANDING, AND I THINK WE'LL JUST PLUNGE RIGHT IN TO OUR FIRST WORK PLAN ITEM WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER SCHREINER.

>> L. Tamura: COMMISSIONER SCHREINER, IF YOU CAN UNMUTE YOURSELF.

>> T. Windes: YEAH, WE UNMUTED.

>> L. Tamura: THANK YOU.

>> T. Windes OH, OKAY.

AFTERNOON WITH AN AUTHOR IS INTENDED TO BE AN ANNUAL EVENT FEATURING A LOCAL AUTHOR.

LOCAL HISTORIAN JAN DENNIS WILL BE DISCUSSING HER LATEST BOOK, THE MANHATTAN BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT, AT OUR NEXT EVENT.

OUR GUESTS WILL INCLUDE OUR NEW FIRE CHIEF, MIKE LANG, AND TWO FIREFIGHTERS AND WE HOPE THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN US.

WE PLANNED, WHEN THIS EVENT DOES TAKE PLACE, TO ASK STEVE NAPOLITANO TO INTRODUCE JAN.

>> S. Napolitano: MOVE APPROVAL.

[LAUGHTER]

>> T. Windes: THANK YOU.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF THIS EVENT IS \$100, MAYBE LESS.

THAT WOULD BE DECORATIONS, FLOWERS, SMALL THINGS.

URBAN PLATES WILL BE DONATING THE FOOD.

WE'VE BEEN PLANNING THIS EVENT SINCE 2018.

WE'VE BEEN UNABLE TO HAVE THIS EVENT BECAUSE OF COVID.

WE HOPE VERY MUCH TO HAVE IT EITHER IN MARCH, APRIL, OR MAY BEFORE WE LOSE FOUR OF OUR COMMISSIONERS.

HAVING SAID THAT, WE WANT TO SCHEDULE THE EVENT, AS SOON AS THE LIBRARY IS ALLOWED BY THE COUNTY, TO HAVE A CAPACITY OF 62 GUESTS OR MORE IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM.

AS SOON AS THE RULES ARE RELAXED, WE WILL BE THERE.

WE WANT TO BE INDOORS.

THAT'S IT.

YEAH, I SAID URBAN PLATES.

>> S. Napolitano: MOVE APPROVAL.  
>> THANK YOU.  
GREAT.  
>> R. Montgomery: SECOND.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THIS?  
I LOVE THIS AUTHOR TALK.  
WE CAN OF COURSE TALK ABOUT WHO WOULD INTRODUCE BUT I THINK  
WE'VE ALREADY GOT THAT INTRODUCTION.  
[LAUGHTER]  
>> S. Napolitano: IT DOESN'T MATTER. IT'S \$100, MOVE APPROVAL.  
>> T. Windes: AT THE MOST, PROBABLY LESS.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, THAT'S GOOD.  
>> S. Napolitano: MOVE APPROVAL.  
>> T. Windes: WE PICKED COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO BECAUSE HE'S  
HAD A LONG RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AUTHOR.  
>> S. Napolitano: TRACEY, DON'T SNATCH DEFEAT FROM THE JAWS OF  
VICTORY.  
>> T. Windes: OKAY.  
>> S. Napolitano: WE HAVE A MOTION.  
>> LET'S MOVE AHEAD.  
>> S. Napolitano: WE HAVE A MOTION.  
>> T. Windes: OKAY.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
>> J. Franklin: I'LL SECOND IT.  
>> Mayor Stern: NEXT.  
>> B. Moe: EXCUSE ME, MADAM MAYOR.  
COUNCIL DOES NOT NEED TO MAKE MOTIONS ON THESE.  
THESE ARE ON OUR WORK PLAN ALREADY SO IF YOU MAKE NO COMMENT AND  
GIVE NO DIRECTION WE CONTINUE ON TO THE NEXT AND IT CONTINUES TO  
BE ON THE WORK PLAN.  
>> S. Napolitano: I'M SAYING APPROVE IT BY COUNCIL, IF I GET TWO  
OTHERS THAT AGREE WITH ME, THERE YOU GO.  
>> B. Moe: IT'S ALREADY ON THE WORK PLAN IS WHAT I'M SAYING.  
>> S. Napolitano: THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S APPROVED.  
>> B. Moe: IT'S AN EXISTING WORK PLAN ITEM THAT YOU DON'T NEED  
TO APPROVE.  
>> S. Napolitano: THEN WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT IT?  
>> T. Windes: IT STILL HASN'T HAPPENED.  
>> S. Napolitano: ALL RIGHT. MAKE IT HAPPEN.  
NEXT.  
[LAUGHTER]  
>> T. Windes: GOT IT.  
>> B. Siemak: THIS ITEM IS TO SEE IF THERE IS ADDITIONAL  
SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED ON THE EAST SIDE.  
THE FIRST STEP IS TO DO A SURVEY.

WE HAD THAT DONE AND THEN COVID HAPPENED AND WE'RE REACTIVATING IT AND GETTING A SURVEY.  
IN FACT, I'M MEETING THROUGH ZOOM WITH MARK AND JAN THIS WEEK TO GO OVER THE FINAL WORDING OF THE SURVEY.  
AND THEN WE'LL GET IT OUT AND SEE WHAT THE PUBLIC SAYS AND THEN REEVALUATE AND COME UP WITH SOME SORT OF --  
>> S. Napolitano: WHAT DOES THAT MEAN THOUGH?  
A PHYSICAL LOCATION OR A BOOK MOBILE?  
>> B. Siemak: THE OPTIONS ARE ANYWHERE FROM A PHYSICAL LOCATION TO A BOOK MOBILE TO THOSE SMALL LITTLE KIOSKS STRATEGICALLY POSITIONED THROUGHOUT THE EAST SIDE.  
I MEAN, THAT'S REALLY THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, TO SEE WHAT THE APPETITE IS FOR THE VARIOUS OPTIONS AVAILABLE.  
>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, DOES ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR COMMISSIONER SIEMAK.  
>> R. Montgomery: QUESTIONS, NO YOUR HONOR. A COMMENT.  
AS THE ONLY ONE THAT LIVES ON THE EAST SIDE, I CAN TELL YOU THE EAST SIDE FEELS THAT THEY ARE SHORTCHANGED WHEN IT COMES TO LIBRARY SERVICES.  
SO WHETHER IT'S BOB'S BOOK MOBILE OR THE KIOSK OR A PHYSICAL STRUCTURE, EAST SIDE WILL EAT IT UP.  
I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA.  
>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.  
ANY OTHER COMMENTS?  
I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN AN INTEREST TO PURSUE FOR QUITE A WHILE SO I REALLY LIKE TO SEE A REALLY DEDICATED MOVEMENT TOWARDS PURSUING THIS.  
I KNOW IT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT FOR QUITE A WHILE.  
I CAN'T, SUZANNE, I CAN'T SEE YOU.  
JOE, I SEE YOU. IF YOU HAVE A COMMENT, YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND -  
JOE, DID YOU HAVE A COMMENT?  
>> J. Franklin: YES, JUST A QUICK QUESTION.  
THANK YOU, MAYOR STERN.  
ARE THERE ANY COUNTY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO BRING THESE KINDS OF SERVICES?  
DOES IT HAVE TO BE CITY PROVIDED?  
>> S. Napolitano: NO, JOE, IT'S THE MONEY THAT WE HAVE SET ASIDE THAT IS FOR THE LIBRARY.  
>> J. Franklin: OH, YEAH.  
>> S. Napolitano: IT'S A SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT.  
>> J. Franklin: RIGHT.  
OKAY.  
>> S. Napolitano: WE'RE GARNERING ABOUT 900,000 TO A BILLION A YEAR IN EXCESS OF WHAT WE USE RIGHT NOW.  
WE STILL HAVE A BUNCH.  
I GUESS MY QUESTION IS WHY DID WE WAIT?

I MEAN, COVID, THAT'S WHEN PEOPLE WERE HOME AND WOULD ANSWER SURVEYS.

WHY DID EVERYTHING WAIT ON COVID?

WHY DIDN'T WE JUST DO A SURVEY THEN?

ACTUALLY, DON'T ANSWER THAT.

IT'S A WASTE OF DISCUSSION.

>> Mayor Stern: I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT I NOTICED IN THE STAFF REPORT IN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE RED HOUSE THEY TALKED ABOUT ADDING LIBRARY SERVICES IN AS WELL.

AND I'M WONDERING IF THE COMMISSIONS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO COORDINATE THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND THE HISTORIC INFORMATION ON THE RED HOUSE.

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT.

>> S. Napolitano: WE SHOULD.

>> M. Leyman: THAT ACTUALLY IS A REQUEST ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AS A NEW WORK PLAN ITEM FOR BOTH COMMISSIONS TO WEIGH IN.

LOOK AT THE FACILITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT.

>> S. Napolitano: WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THAT FOR A COUPLE YEARS NOW, IS THE CULTURAL CENTER WITH THE HISTORY OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

SO WE NEED TO GET MOVING ON THAT.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

>> S. Hadley: YOUR HONOR?

>> Mayor Stern: OH, SUZANNE.

>> S. Hadley: THANK YOU, HILDY.

DIRECTOR LEYMAN, IT'S SUZANNE HADLEY.

WHAT IS THE CITY DOING IN TERMS OF THE CITY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COUNTY ABOUT REOPENING THE LIBRARY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK? WHICH AS A LIBRARY EMPLOYEE, I'M HEARING THAT THAT'S COMING FEBRUARY OR MARCH.

WHEN I PUT MY COUNCIL HAT ON, I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THE LIBRARY IS SO UNDERUTILIZED NOW.

I'M NOT SURE THAT IS THE BEST USE OF OUR LIBRARY SURPLUS FUNDS AS A COUNCILMEMBER.

SO I THINK IT IS WORTH, GIVEN THE CITY PAYS FOR SUNDAY HOURS AT THE COUNTY LIBRARY, I THINK THE SATURDAY HOURS ARE GREAT.

I THINK WE HAVE PLENTY OF TRAFFIC.

BUT SUNDAY OCCUPANCY WAS LOW BEFORE COVID AND I'M SURE IT WILL BE EVEN LOWER NOW.

SO I'M WONDERING, ARE YOU IN CONVERSATIONS THE COUNTY?

BECAUSE I'M HEARING AS AN EMPLOYEE THAT IT'S COMING SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE CITY.

>> M. Leyman: IT'S ACTUALLY VERY TIMELY.



I KNOW THE CITY MANAGER AND MYSELF ARE MEETING WITH SKYE PATRICK AND HER TEAM ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS ITEMS SUCH AS THIS AS WELL AS EAST SIDE LIBRARY SERVICES.

>> S. Hadley: OKAY, THAT'S GREAT.

I WOULD LOVE THOSE TIED IN AND IF THERE IS ANY PERIOD OF TIME WHERE IT'S NOT THE YEAR TO OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, I WOULD SAY THIS IS THE YEAR JUST BECAUSE UTILIZATION IS DOWN. AND I THINK OUR SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE CITY COULD BE BETTER SERVED WITH THINGS LIKE EAST SIDE LIBRARY OR JUST BANK ROLLING THAT MONEY FOR FUTURE USE.

>> S. Napolitano: I AGREE WITH THAT.

>> S. Hadley: THANK YOU, DIRECTOR LEYMAN. THANK YOU, MAYOR STERN.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

>> Mayor Stern: SORRY. THE NEXT ITEM, THE LIBRARY POETRY EVENT.

>> T. Windes: I'M GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT THE LIBRARY POETRY EVENT. AND IT HAS BEEN APPROVED, BUT SINCE IT HASN'T HAPPENED, HERE WE GO.

THIS IS AN INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT DESIGNED TO BRING TOGETHER MIRA COSTA STUDENTS AND THE OLDER ADULT POETRY CIRCLE.

IT WILL FEATURE POETRY RECITATIONS AND READINGS.

IT WILL BE AN AFTER-SCHOOL EVENT.

THE ESTIMATED COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$100, MAYBE LESS, BECAUSE WE'LL HAVE SNACKS AND SOME SORT OF DECORATIONS.

WE PLAN TO SCHEDULE THIS EVENT AS SOON AS IT'S POSSIBLE TO USE THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM.

WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE AT LEAST 30 PEOPLE.

I'LL COORDINATE WITH SHANNON BOND, THE MIRA COSTA ENGLISH TEACHER THAT BROUGHT HER STUDENTS OVER TO RECITE POETRY WITH THE SENIORS.

AND JAN IS, JAN BUIKE, IS THE COORDINATOR OF THE OLDER ADULT POETRY CIRCLE.

WHENEVER WE CAN GET TOGETHER, ONCE AGAIN, WE HOPE IN MARCH, APRIL, OR MAY BEFORE WE LOSE OUR PEOPLE, WE WILL DO THAT.

AND THAT'S IT.

>> Mayor Stern: WONDERFUL.

LOVE THE INTERGENERATIONAL ASPECT TOO.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

QUESTIONS BEFORE WE MOVE ON FROM THIS ONE THAT IS ALREADY APPROVED?

>> S. Hadley: I LOVE THIS ONE TOO.

>> J. Jones: FOR LIBRARY APPRECIATION EVENTS, THIS TOO HAS BEEN APPROVED.

WE'VE ALREADY HELD OUR ANNUAL EVENT WHICH WE DO IN NOVEMBER TO PROVIDE A LAVISH LUNCH CATERED BY A LOCAL RESTAURANT TO HONOR THE 20 STAFF MEMBERS --

>> S. Napolitano: MOVE APPROVAL FOR 19.

>> J. Jones: SORRY?  
>> S. Napolitano: MOVE APPROVAL FOR 19 STAFF MEMBERS.  
>> J. Jones: OKAY, HOW ABOUT 17 --  
>> S. Hadley: HEY, I'M TAKING THAT ONE PERSONALLY.  
[LAUGHTER]  
>> J. Jones: WE'RE HOPING TO DO IT AGAIN IN NOVEMBER OF 2022.  
THE ESTIMATED COST COMING TO A THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE FOOD,  
INVITATIONS, ET CETERA.  
WE ALSO DO AN ANNUAL BOOKMARK, WHICH YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE.  
WHAT WE ARE HOPING TO DO IN 2022 IS TO ADD A SECONDARY EVENT TO  
HAVE AN APPRECIATION BREAKFAST FOR THE STAFF SO THAT  
SEMIANNUALLY WE WILL HONOR THEM AND LET THEM KNOW HOW MUCH WE  
APPRECIATE THEIR HARD WORK.  
>> S. Hadley: VERY KIND.  
WE ALL LOVE IT AND TALK ABOUT IT FOR THE DAY BEFORE, THE DAY OF,  
AND THE DAY AFTER.  
SO, THANK YOU.  
>> J. Franklin: COUNCILMEMBERS SHOULD BE INVITED.  
[LAUGHTER]  
>> S. Hadley: CAN'T AFFORD IT.  
[LAUGHTER]  
>> Mayor Stern: THAT'S LOVELY, CAN NEVER SHOW TOO MUCH  
APPRECIATION.  
THANK YOU.  
NEXT.  
>> R. Schreiner: NEXT IS NO STRINGS ATTACHED BOOK GIVE AWAY.  
THANK YOU, I THINK MARK LEYMAN PUT THAT LOVELY PHOTO OF THE  
THREE OF US ON THERE.  
WE APPRECIATE THAT, MARK.  
WE LOOK VERY FESTIVE.  
SO WE ARE SO EXCITED TO TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE GIVEN AWAY OVER  
1000 BOOKS.  
THE COMMUNITY IS FABULOUS, INCLUDED ON SOCIAL MEDIA.  
EXCUSE ME, WE GO TO THEIR HOME, COLLECT THE BOOKS OR THEY BRING  
THEM TO US, AND WE'VE HAD SUCH GREAT RESPONSE.  
OUR FIRST ONE WOULD HAVE BEEN JANUARY A YEAR AGO, BUT BECAUSE OF  
COVID, WE COULDN'T DO THAT.  
WE ACTUALLY HAD FOUR EVENTS; THEY WERE ALL SUCCESSFUL.  
OUR FIRST ONE WAS VALENTINE'S DAY, FEBRUARY 14TH 2021, AND  
LUCKILY, WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE THE STUDENTS INVOLVED AT THAT  
TIME.  
BUT DUE TO COVID, L.A. COUNTY WILL NOT ALLOW US TO USE THE  
VOLUNTEERS.  
WE WERE ALLOWED TO USE OUR TEAM COMMISSIONER, THANK YOU ALEENA  
PARIKH WHO IS WITH US TONIGHT.  
SHE'S BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND A BIG PART OF THIS EVENT.

AFTER VALENTINE'S DAY WE HAVE THE BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND EVENT ON AUGUST 10TH.

WE HAVE LIGHT GATE SUNSET ON NOVEMBER 14TH.

THAT ONE WAS A LITTLE TRICKY BECAUSE IT TURNS OUT THAT'S THE SAME NIGHT THE SUN SHINES EXACTLY THROUGH THE PIER.

SO WE HAD SOME COMPETITION BUT WE DID WELL.

AND THEN OUR LAST ONE, AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE PHOTO, IS NORTH MANHATTAN BEACH HOLIDAY STROLL.

THERE IS A MINIMUM COST TO THIS EVENT.

WE PUT \$200 BUT WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO NEED 350.

WE WANT TO PUT UP A BIG BANNER AND THAT WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$150 AT MB POSTAL.

THE TOTAL FOR ALL THE FOUR TO FIVE EVENTS THIS YEAR THAT WE'RE IN WOULD BE \$350.

WE MAY HAVE LIGHT GATE THIS JANUARY 27TH DEPENDING ON THE LIBRARY.

IF THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED, WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE ANYTHING RELATED TO THE LIBRARY.

HOPEFULLY, THE LIBRARY WILL STILL BE OPEN AND I HOPE YOU ALL CAN COME.

THAT'S IT FOR NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

A LOT OF YOUR COMMENTS HAVE BEEN GREAT AND I HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT AS MUCH AS WE HAVE.

ANY QUESTIONS?

>> S. Napolitano: NEXT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: SO JUST A QUICK ONE.

ARE ANY OF THESE BOOKS BEING PUT IN CIRCULATION IN THE LIBRARY OR TAKEN OUT OF CIRCULATION?

>> R. Schreiner: I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

THAT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT POINT BECAUSE PEOPLE THINK WE'RE TAKING BOOKS FROM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY.

WE'RE NOT.

THESE BOOKS ARE ALL INDEPENDENT OF THAT.

THEY'RE COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

AND THEN WE STORE THOSE BOOKS AND CATEGORIZE THEM AND KEEP THEM.

SO IT IS -- EVEN THOUGH THE LIBRARY SUPPORTS US AND THEY DO OUR SIGNAGE, WHICH HAS BEEN GREAT, THERE ARE ALL BOOKS WE HAVE COLLECTED AND WE KEEP.

NOW, ONE DAY THIS WILL ALL BE OVER AND OF COURSE WE'LL GIVE THEM TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BUT THAT'S KIND OF BEEN A MISCONCEPTION.

A LOT OF PEOPLE IN TOWN THINK THAT WHEN THEY BRING BOOKS TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY THEY THEN COME TO US.

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP.

>> J. Franklin: OKAY, THANKS.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

>> J. Franklin: I THINK I ACTUALLY SAW YOU AT TWO OF THOSE EVENTS.

THE LIGHT GATE AND THE STROLL, THAT WAS VERY FUN.

>> R. Schreiner: THANK YOU.

THAT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU THERE.

AND I'M UP FOR THE NEXT ONE.

THIS IS AN INTERESTING CONCEPT.

FOR A LONG TIME, SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT WE HAD AN ANNUAL SUMMER READING EVENT AND AT THE END OF THE EVENT, STUDENTS WERE AWARDED A GIFT BASKET FOR WHOMEVER READ THE MOST BOOKS.

AND THAT INCLUDED ALL THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SUCH AS AMERICAN MARTYR, ET CETERA.

WELL THE LIBRARY DECIDED TO GO INTO A DIFFERENT DIRECTION AND NOT MAKE IT A COMPETITION.

STILL DOING READING BUT IT'S SPRING AND SUMMER NOW, WE HAVE 855 BOOKS READ, IT WAS MAINLY A TEEN AND YOUNG CHILD EVENT, BUT TWO ADULTS DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE.

SO WE DIDN'T DISCRIMINATE.

SO THREE GIFT BASKETS WERE GIVEN OUT IN THE RAFFLE AND THEY HAVE THINGS FROM LOCAL VENDORS AND THE LIBRARY AND IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

CLAIRE MOORE, THE TEEN LIBRARIAN, HAS BEEN DOING AN INCREDIBLE JOB.

SHE WORKS WITH US WITH HER TEEN VOLUNTEERS AND AGAIN I DO WANT TO MENTION WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO UTILIZE THEM THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF COVID EXCEPT FOR OUR COMMISSIONER ALEENA PARIKH. THEY ALSO DO MONTHLY ADULT ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS AT MANHATTAN HEIGHTS.

THEY'RE LIFE SKILL CLASSES ABOUT SAVING MONEY, MOVING OUT ON YOUR OWN, AND SHE FEELS IT'S BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND A NICE WAY TO INTRODUCE THE LIBRARY TO THE STUDENTS THERE.

SHE HAS MONTHLY TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES THAT SHE GETS FROM L.A. COUNTY AND EVERY MONTH SHE'S GIVEN OUT 25 TO STUDENTS OF ALL AGES.

TEENS ALSO WROTE HOLIDAY CARDS TO BEST FRIENDS, OVER 50 OF THEM, AND THEY COORDINATED THAT WITH THE JOSLYN OLDER ADULT'S PROGRAM. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL LIAISON WITH COUNTY STAFF AND US AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL CONTINUE.

THERE IS NO COST.

THAT'S IT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU. DID WE SKIP ONE?

DID WE SKIP THE STORY ADVENTURE?

>> J. Jones: NO, THAT'S COMING UP.  
NOW WE'RE GOING TO INTRODUCE NEW WORK PLAN INITIATIVES, AND SO  
HERE WE GO.

>> S. Bond: HELLO, MAYOR STERN AND CITY COUNCIL.  
I'M SORRY, I AM NOT ON VISUAL TODAY I HAD SURGERY ON THURSDAY.  
SO MY FACE, I LOST AROUND TO MIKE TYSON RIGHT NOW SO IT IS  
BETTER THAT YOU HAVE A BLACK SCREEN.  
SO STORY ADVENTURE, THIS IS A PILOT PROGRAM. IT HAS ACTUALLY  
BEEN DONE A LOT OF OTHER PLACES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.  
IT PLACES PAGES OF A BOOK ALONG A PATH THAT ENCOURAGES CHILDREN  
TO READ.  
THEY ARE ENCLOSED IN WEATHERPROOF CASES AND CHILDREN READ THE  
BOOK BY GOING TO EACH CASE ALONG THE PATHS.  
SO YOU TAKE A CHILDREN'S BOOK AND LITERALLY TAKE IT APART AND  
YOU LAMINATE THE PAGES AND YOU STICK IT IN THE CASE.  
WE HAVE WORKED WITH JAN BUIKE AND MARK AND LINDA ROBB TO FIGURE  
OUT WHERE THE BEST PLACE FOR US TO EXPERIMENT THIS.  
AND THE THOUGHT IS TO HAVE IT IN POLLIWOG PARK ALONG THE BRAILLE  
TRAIL.  
AS YOU KNOW THE BRAILLE TRAIL, THE CURRENT STANCHNTS\* ARE SPREAD  
PRETTY FAR OUT SO WE WOULD BE PUTTING CASES IN BETWEEN THAT.  
AND THE IDEA HERE IS WE HAD AN EAGLE SCOUT WHO IS VERY  
INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT, HE WOULD BE CONSTRUCTING AND FULLY  
PAYING FOR THESE CASES.  
HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DELIVER THEM IN MAY OF THIS YEAR.  
AND WE WOULD PLACE THE CASES ALONG THE BRAILLE TRAIL AND WE  
WOULD HAVE A BOOK THAT WE WOULD SWAP OUT QUARTERLY.  
I WOULD WORK WITH CLAIRE MOORE TO CHOOSE AN APPROPRIATE BOOK FOR  
-- OUR AGE GROUP IS PROBABLY 10 AND UNDER AND THE KIDS CAN JUST  
GO AROUND AND READ THE BOOK BY WALKING AROUND TO EACH CASE.  
FOR AN ONGOING BASIS, THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT OUR HIGH  
SCHOOL COMMISSIONER WOULD TAKE ON.  
THAT WOULD BE -- SO FOR CONTINUITY, THAT WOULD BE PART OF THEIR  
JOB ON OUR COMMISSION.  
SO WE ARE LOOKING FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT AND THEN ONCE THE  
PROJECT IS APPROVED, THEN OUR EAGLE SCOUT CAN COMPLETE HIS  
PAPERWORK AND THEN THAT WOULD BE PRESENTED TO YOU ALL NEXT  
MONTH, FEBRUARY.  
AND RIGHT NOW, THE CASES WOULD BE THE SAME HEIGHT AS THE BRAILLE  
TRAIL.  
SO VISUALLY LOOKING AT IT, IT WOULD BE UNIFORM.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT.  
THANK YOU.

>> S. Hadley: MAY I ASK A QUESTION?

>> Mayor Stern: SUZANNE.

>> S. Hadley: YES, THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER BOND AND CHAIR JONES.  
I HAVE A QUESTION.

I LIKE THE IDEA OF STORY ADVENTURE.  
WHERE DID IT COME FROM AND IS THERE A ROLE MODEL IN ANOTHER  
COMMUNITY?  
>> S. Bond: OH, GOOD LORD, YES.  
WE ACTUALLY TWEAKED THE NAME ON IT, IT'S CALLED STORYWALK.  
IT WAS STARTED BY A LIBRARY IN VERMONT AND IF YOU GOOGLE STORY  
WALK THERE'S GOT TO BE 50 OF THESE THINGS ACROSS THE UNITED  
STATES.  
NONE IN CALIFORNIA THAT I COULD FIND BUT THERE ARE NUMEROUS  
PHOTOS OF TRAILS THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY HAD  
DONE.  
AND THEY ARE VERY, VERY POPULAR AND IT'S BEEN A GREAT COMMUNITY  
PLACE TO COME TOGETHER AND THEY ALL SWAP OUT THE BOOKS SEVERAL  
TIMES A YEAR.  
YES, IT'S BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EVERYWHERE IT'S BEEN.  
>> S. Hadley: GREAT, THANK YOU.  
I'M MORE IN FAVOR KNOWING IT'S BEEN TRIED ELSEWHERE.  
>> S. Bond: OH, YEAH.  
NO, WE'RE NOT REINVENTING THE WHEEL HERE AT.  
>> R. Schreiner: DURING COVID, ROBINSON POOL STARTED ONE, AND  
THEN MEADOW SCHOOL FOLLOWED, AND THEN THE MANHATTAN BEACH  
COMMUNITY CHURCH.  
WE'VE HAD THREE STORYWALKS IN TOWN THIS LAST YEAR.  
>> S. Napolitano: YOUR HONOR?  
>> Mayor Stern: REALLY WELL RECEIVED.  
YEAH, STEVE.  
>> S. Napolitano: IF IT'S A GOOD IDEA, IT'S A GOOD IDEA.  
I DON'T WANT THE FUNDING, WHICH I CAN'T IMAGINE IS MUCH, TO  
DELAY THIS WITH THE EAGLE SCOUT HAVING TO RAISE IT.  
SO WHY DON'T WE JUST FUND IT?  
>> Mayor Stern: WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE FUNDING?  
>> S. Bond: HE IS INVESTIGATING IN THAT RIGHT NOW.  
WE ACTUALLY MET WITH THE CITY TO TALK ABOUT MATERIAL.  
SO HENRY WAS WORKING ON -- IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE A METAL  
BASED, THAT'S THE MOST WATERPROOF.  
HE IS GETTING TOGETHER AN ESTIMATE ON THAT.  
HE DID NOT THINK HE WAS GOING TO HAVE ANY PROBLEM FUNDRAISING  
WHATSOEVER.  
ON AN ONGOING BASIS, SWAPPING THESE BOOKS OUT QUARTERLY AND  
LAMINATING THEM, MY GUESSTIMATE RIGHT NOW IS GOING TO BE ABOUT A  
THOUSAND A YEAR.  
>> S. Napolitano: AS LONG AS THE FUNDING DOESN'T TAKE SIX  
MONTHS.  
>> S. Bond: NO, HE WANTS THIS DONE MAY.  
HE WANTS IT DONE MAY.  
HE'S A SENIOR, HE'S GRADUATING.  
HE IS READY TO ROCK AND ROLL ON THIS.

>> S. Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.  
>> S. Hadley: EAGLE SCOUTS ARE ALWAYS PREPARED.  
>> S. Bond: YES.  
>> R. Schreiner: WHAT ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS?  
>> S. Hadley: YES.  
>> S. Napolitano: WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU SELECT WAR AND PEACE AS YOUR BOOK?  
[LAUGHTER]  
>> R. Schreiner: FOR A TEN-YEAR-OLD?  
>> S. Bond: WE WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM.  
THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.  
THE IDEA IS TO HAVE PROBABLY HENRY MAKE MAYBE 15 OF THESE THINGS SO WE WILL KEEP THE BOOK SHORT.  
IT'S GOING TO BE UNDER 30-PAGE BOOK, IS WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE.  
>> S. Napolitano: MOVE APPROVAL.  
>> Mayor Stern: GREAT.  
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO ON?  
THIS IS A --  
>> S. Bond: I'M SO EXCITED.  
THANK YOU.  
>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.  
>> J. Jones: AND NOW FOR THE PHOTO OP EVENT.  
THIS IS A NEW IDEA THAT WE HOPE WILL LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE LIBRARY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS BASICALLY.  
AND WHAT THE LIBRARY PHOTO OP EVENT WOULD BE, IT WOULD BE HELD ON SATURDAY, HOPEFULLY IN APRIL.  
WE WOULD FEATURE A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER WHO WOULD TAKE PHOTOS OF RESIDENTS.  
YOU CAN COME WITH YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR DOG, YOUR FRIENDS, WHATEVER TO GET A PROFESSIONAL PHOTO TAKEN IN FRONT OF THE LIGHT GATE SCULPTURE WITH THE LIBRARY AS THE BACKDROP.  
THE PHOTOS WILL BE PUT ON A WEBSITE.  
YOU WILL GET A SPECIAL NUMBER TO REACH THAT WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD YOUR OWN PHOTO.  
AND OUR HOPE WILL BE IF PEOPLE SIGN A RELEASE THAT WE WILL FEATURE ALL THE PHOTOS, HUNDRED OF THEM ON THE WINDOWS OF THE LIBRARY LOOKING OUT ONTO HIGHLAND SO WE SEE THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE LIBRARY.  
AND THE COST OF THE EVENTS ESTIMATED IS AROUND 2,100.  
WHICH WOULD INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHER, FOOD, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BAND PLAYING, SIGNAGE, ET CETERA.  
AND WE HAVE A LOCAL PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN COVERING THE COSTS, ALL OF THE THEM, OF THE EVENT.  
COMMENTS?  
QUESTIONS?  
>> S. Napolitano: THE COSTS ARE COVERED. GO FOR IT.

OTHERWISE, I MEAN, IF WE WERE BEARING THE COST, I HAVE TO WONDER WHAT THE MEAT IS.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE IS AT A LOSS FOR KNOWING THE LIBRARY IS THERE.

IF COSTS ARE COVERED AND WANT TO TAKE PICTURES, GO FOR IT.

>> J. Jones: OKAY.

>> Mayor Stern: I'M WONDERING, COMMISSIONER JONES, WHAT WAS THE -- HOW DID YOU PICK THAT DATE?

BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR HOLIDAY CARDS. IF YOU WANTED TO BE SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT THE AWARENESS OF OUR LIBRARY, THAT'S A GREAT WAY TO SPREAD IT.

>> J Jones: NO. NO QUESTION, MAYOR STERN.

I THINK PART OF IT WAS THAT WE WANTED TO LAUNCH IT AT A TIME WHEN THE LIBRARY IS IN SUCH A LULL THIS PAST YEAR, AND THIS IS A WAY TO REJUVENATE IT.

SO IT JUST SEEMED THAT SPRING, GOOD WEATHER, WOULD PRESENT ITSELF AS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

AND THERE'S ALSO THE CASE OF IF IT'S SUCCESSFUL IN THE SPRING, THERE IS NO TELLING THAT PERHAPS WE COULD DO IT AGAIN SAY IN NOVEMBER.

MAKE IT AN EVERY-SIX-MONTH EVENT.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT.

I LOVE ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT.

IT REALLY MAKES IT A FESTIVE OPPORTUNITY.

ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

>> J. Franklin: YES.

>> Mayor Stern: THIS ONE IS BEING -- THIS IS AN ADDITION TO THE WORK PLAN, RIGHT?

SO DO WE NEED TO -- OH JOE, DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

>> J. Franklin: YEAH, JUST A QUICK QUESTION, MAYOR STERN.

HOW ABOUT, GOING BACK TO THE BOOKS THAT ARE CONTRIBUTED AGAIN, WHY NOT TIE THAT SORT OF IN.

GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN, BRING A BOOK, --

>> R. Schreiner: OH WE WILL.

>> T. Windes: WE WERE TOLD TO BE SHORT BUT SWEET, BUT WE--

>> J. Franklin: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT, THAT'S GOOD.

>> J. Jones: YEAH, SO WE WILL MAKE SURE THERE IS PLENTY TO OFFER TO EVERYBODY WHO COMES TO THE EVENT.

>> J. Franklin: OKAY.

GREAT.

>> J. Jones: THANK YOU FOR THAT.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT.

SO THIS IS AN ADDITION TO THE WORK PLAN?

BRUCE, HOW DO WE NEED TO CONFIRM THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WE ALL ARE AUTHORIZING TO ADD TO THE WORK PLAN.

>> B. Moe: I WOULD TAKE THREE VOTES OF THE COUNCIL TO ADD IT.



YOU CAN DO IT THROUGH VOICE VOTE.

>> S. Napolitano: NO COST TO THE CITY, MOVE APPROVAL.

>> B. Moe: WELL OKAY, I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT BECAUSE IT'S -

>> S. Napolitano: OH BOY.

>> B. Moe: I DON'T BELIEVE THIS -- I MEAN THIS IS NOT REVENUE GENERATING, THIS WOULD BE ADDED TO THE PARKS AND REC BUDGET TO FUND THIS.

>> S. Napolitano: WELL I THOUGHT IT WAS COVERED, THE COSTS WERE COVERED.

>> B. Moe: THAT'S NOT MY UNDERSTANDING.

>> M. Leyman: IF A SPONSOR UNDERWRITES IT, IF THEY'RE ABLE TO GATHER A SPONSOR TO UNDER WRITE IT.

>> B. Moe: OKAY. SO APPROVAL PENDING SPONSOR.

>> S. Hadley: YEAH. IF THEY THINK THEY HAVE THE SPONSOR.

>> Mayor Stern: -- FOR APPROVAL.

ADDING IT TO THE WORK PLAN, FURTHER INVESTIGATION ABOUT SPONSOR, AND IT WILL COME BACK TO US IN A FUTURE TIME.

EVERYBODY IS OKAY.

THIS IS GREAT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> J. Jones: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

AND THEN I WILL SAY THAT THE VERY SAME SPONSOR IS VERY, VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF LIBRARY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES WHICH WOULD BE HELD INITIALLY UP TO FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

WE'D FEATURE ALL OF THE ENTERTAINMENT ON THE BACK PATIO AND THE GRASSY AREA BEHIND THE LIBRARY.

>> S. Napolitano: MOVE APPROVAL WITH SPONSOR.

>> J. Jones: I'M SORRY.

>> S. Napolitano: MOVE APPROVAL WITH SPONSOR.

>> J. Jones: OH, THAT WAS FAST.

OKAY. ARE YOU ALL GOOD WITH THAT?

WE'RE HOPING TO HAVE HIGHER-END ENTERTAINMENT THAN WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST ANYWHERE NEAR THE LIBRARY.

WE REALLY HOPE THAT THIS WILL TURN THE LIBRARY INTO A CULTURAL SHOW PIECE FOR THE SOUTH BAY.

WE WILL BECOME A VERY, VERY CENTRAL FOCUS FOR EVERYBODY.

>> Mayor Stern: DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY --

>> S. Hadley: MAYOR STERN.

>> Mayor Stern: YES, COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

>> S. Hadley: THANK YOU AND CHAIR JONES, MAY I ASK WHO THE PROPOSED SPONSOR IS?

BECAUSE NOW THAT'S FIVE EVENTS THAT ONE SPONSOR IS SORT OF SIGNING UP FOR.

>> J. Jones: IT COULD BE, YES.

THE SPONSOR WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN WHO HAS SHOWN TREMENDOUS INTEREST IS THE ZISLISS GROUP IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> S. Hadley: THANK YOU.  
>> J. Jones: MM-HMM.  
>> Mayor Stern: GREAT.  
ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS OR DO WE HAVE -- I'M LOOKING FOR THE FIVE OF US OUT OF THE FIVE OF US, IF THREE OF US APPROVE THIS, LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER ONE WHERE WE WOULD APPROVE THIS PENDING THE SPONSORSHIP.  
AND I HAVE A THUMBS UP FROM COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.  
>> S. Napolitano: I MOVED APPROVAL.  
>> Mayor Stern: HADLEY, JOE, AND STEVE.  
COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, YES.  
SO WE HAVE FOUR --  
>> S. Hadley: GREAT JOB, COMMISSION.  
>> Mayor Stern: YES. GREAT WORK.  
LOTS OF WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE.  
REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATIONS AND YOUR INTEREST IN BRINGING THESE REALLY ENGAGING PROGRAMS AND MAKING THE LIBRARY A VERY SINCERELY CULTURAL EXPERIENCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.  
THANK YOU.  
THERE'S A LOT OF GREAT WORK.  
>> R. Schreiner: YOU'RE WELCOME.  
>> T. Windes: THANK YOU.  
>> J. Jones: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
>> T. Windes: IT MEANS A LOT.  
>> J. Franklin: FINISH MY BOOK.  
[LAUGHTER]  
>> J. Franklin: I HAVE A LIST.  
>> T. Windes: WE'LL SEE YOU ON JANUARY 27TH.  
>> Mayor Stern: LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.  
ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.  
MARK, DO WE HAVE OUR NEXT COMMISSION GROUP?  
>> M. Leyman: YES. SO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION IS UP NEXT SO I WILL TURN IT OVER TO CHAIR MARCY AND EILEN STEWART.  
>> E. Stewart: HELLO, EVERYONE.  
SO I'LL JUST QUICKLY INTRODUCE ALL OF US AND THEN JOE AND I WILL GO BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN EVERYONE.  
YOU ALREADY KNOW EVERYONE WHO'S ON THE COMMISSION.  
WE'VE GOT JOE MARCY, BETSY RUBINO, FRED MANNA, ROD SPACKMAN, KAREN TOKASHIKI, AND OUR STUDENT REP LAUREN RYAN WHO COULDN'T BE HERE.  
AND JUST TO --  
>> S. Hadley: MAYOR STERN.  
I'M SORRY, EILEN, IT'S VERY HARD TO HEAR YOU.  
>> E. Stewart: OH, I APOLOGIZE.  
>> S. Hadley: ARE YOU ABLE TO TURN UP YOUR VOLUME OR SIT CLOSER? I APOLOGIZE FOR THE INTERRUPTION.  
>> E. Stewart: THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME KNOW.

IS THIS BETTER?

>> S. Hadley: IT'S A LITTLE BETTER BUT IT'S STILL PRETTY QUIET. IS ANYONE ELSE HAVING TROUBLE HEARING EILEN?

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, NO, ME TOO.

>> S. Hadley: OKAY.

>> E. Stewart: IS THIS ANY BETTER? LET ME CHECK MY MIC.

>> Mayor Stern: I WAS HAVING TROUBLE AND I TURNED MY VOLUME WAY UP.

HAVE YOU TURNED YOUR VOLUMES WAY UP?

>> E. Stewart: YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO -

>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY, DID YOU GET YOUR VOLUME ALL THE WAY UP?

>> S. Hadley: THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS THEN I CAN HEAR EILEN AND THEN EVERYBODY ELSE IS GOING TO BE BOOMING.

SO IT'S BEST IF WE'RE ALL ON A MODERATE SETTING.

I CAN HEAR BUT I'M ONE OF THE YOUNGER MEMBERS ON COUNCIL SO I'M JUST LOOKING OUT FOR SOME OF MY SENIOR MEMBERS.

[CHUCKLING]

>> J. Franklin: WHAT?

>> S. Hadley: [CHUCKLING]

>> S. Napolitano: EH?

>> M. Leyman: EILEN, I'M NOT SURE IF YOU TRIED, IF YOU JUST GO TO THE MIC BUTTON AND THEN AUDIO SETTINGS AND THEN INPUT LEVEL.

>> E. Stewart: YEAH, THAT'S --

>> M. Leyman: OKAY.

OR OUTPUT LEVEL TOO.

>> S. Hadley: THAT'S BETTER EVEN WITH YOU JUST -- I THINK IT'S HELPING, EILEN.

>> E. Stewart: IS THIS A BIT BETTER?

>> S. Hadley: YEAH, IT IS.

>> E. Stewart: OKAY, I TURNED UP THINGS THAT I COULD TURN UP. SO LET'S HOPE THAT WORKS.

OKAY.

>> S. Hadley: NO, IT'S BETTER.

DEFINITELY.

THANK YOU.

>> E. Stewart: I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

ZOOM IS GIVING ME TROUBLE TODAY.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT, SO JUST A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECTS WE WILL BE DISCUSSING TODAY.

WE HAVE THE RAINBOW CROSSWALK, THE MANHATTAN BEACH ART CENTER REVITALIZATION, AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF ART GRANTS THAT ARE UNDER THAT ONE ART GRANT UMBRELLA.

AND THOSE INCLUDE THE DIGITAL WALL, THE MURALS, THE UTILITY BEAUTIFICATION, PERFORMING ARTS, SCULPTURE GARDEN, PERMANENT

SCULPTURE, AND ACTUALLY THE SCHOOL AND EDUCATION GRANT IS PART OF IT.

AND THEN THERE'S ONE ITEM WE'RE ASKING TO REMOVE OFF THE LIST. SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO JOE FOR THE RAINBOW CROSSWALK.

>> J. Marcy: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, EILEN.

GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVING THIS MEANINGFUL PROJECT THAT EMPHASIZES OUR VALUES THROUGH ART. AS YOU KNOW THIS PROJECT REALLY SPEAKS TO THE OUR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION.

WE APPROVED THE TWO LOCATIONS AT STRAND AND MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD AND THE POLLIWOG PATHWAY.

OUR NEXT STEPS HERE, THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION IS AWAITING THE DESIGNS TO REVEAL AND PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL.

WE'LL DEVELOP OPTIONS FOR THE POLLIWOG PARK PLACEMENT AND THE POSSIBLE COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR A HANDS-ON INSTALLATION.

AND THE GOAL THAT WE HAVE IS TO INSTALL THIS AS IT'S NOTED IN THE STAFF REPORT FOR JUNE OF THIS YEAR, WHICH IS PRIDE MONTH.

AND HOPEFULLY THAT WILL BE TIED WITH A CEREMONIAL ASPECT.

ANY THOUGHTS OR QUESTIONS ON THAT?

>> S. Napolitano: YOUR HONOR?

>> Mayor Stern: YEAH, MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO.

>> S. Napolitano: IF WE CAN DO IT SOONER, DO IT SOONER, DON'T WAIT FOR THE MONTH.

WE CAN HAVE AN EVENT THERE IN JUNE BUT GET IT IN.

DON'T DELAY.

THE LONGER YOU WAIT, THE MORE IT COSTS BY THE WAY.

>> E. Stewart: RIGHT NOW WE ARE PLANNING, COMBINING IT TOGETHER WITH A SLURRY SEAL PROJECT THAT'S HAPPENING AT THAT INTERSECTION.

I KNOW THEY ARE SLATED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT BEFORE MAY.

WE'RE HOPING FOR KIND OF ASAP ON THIS ONE.

>> Mayor Stern: YOU KNOW HOW MUCH COMMUNITY INTEREST THERE IS AND HOW EXCITED WE ARE FOR THIS.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND GETTING THIS ONE DONE.

SO THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM?

OKAY.

>> E. Stewart: ALL RIGHT, MOVING ON.

WE'VE GOT MANHATTAN BEACH ART CENTER REVITALIZATION PLAN AND IT'S SORT OF -- IT'S A MULTI-STAGE PLAN THAT WAS APPROVED CURRENTLY AS WE ALL KNOW, THE REPAIR OF THE JVH FREEZE WAS APPROVED AND THE FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED.

SO THAT'S KIND OF ON OUR FRONT RUNNER IN TERMS OF THINGS TO REPAIR.

ADDITIONALLY, MANHATTAN BEACH IS PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL MURAL IN ON THE PARKING LOT WALL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT AND THAT WILL BE COMING TO COUNCIL NEXT WEEK.

SO THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE PART OF THE IT AS WELL.

AND EVERYTHING ELSE, THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION IS CONTINUING TO DO RESEARCH ON AND THAT WILL COME TO COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE FOR APPROVAL AND ALLOCATIONS.

SO THAT'S KIND OF IT ON THAT ONE.

>> M. Leyman: EILEN, TO JUMP IN QUICKLY, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR VOLUME IS BACK ON TRACK.

>> E. Stewart: OKAY.

>> M. Leyman: SO IF YOU SPEAK NORMALLY I THINK IT SHOULD BE GOOD.

>> E. Stewart: THANK YOU.

OKAY, PERFECT.

>> Mayor Stern: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS ITEM? OKAY, THANK YOU.

>> E. Stewart: NEXT UP WE HAVE THE DIGITAL WALL ART GRANT.

AND THAT WAS A GRANT TO SOLICIT ARTWORK MADE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE DIGITAL WALL THAT COULD BE DISPLAYED THERE.

IT'S KIND OF IN A SOFT PAUSE STAGE WHILE WE ARE FIGURING OUT HOW TO SET UP AND INSTALL THE ACTUAL WALL.

STAFF IS WORKING ON GETTING QUOTES AND GETTING TOGETHER TO INSTALL THE ACTUAL WALL AND THE GRANT THAT GOES WITH IT WILL BE UNVEILED, IF YOU WILL, ONCE THE WALL IS UP.

ANY THOUGHTS OR QUESTIONS ON THIS ONE?

>> Mayor Stern: ANY QUESTIONS?

YEAH, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: I THINK --

>> S. Hadley: I STILL DON'T LOVE THE DIGITAL WALL, I VOTED AGAINST IT.

THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED MORE DIGITAL.

I'LL STAND DOWN, I LOST THE VOTE.

>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: HOW DO YOU ENVISION THE CONTENT BEING ACQUIRED OR THE THEMES OR -- IS IT JUST GOING TO BE PICTURES, PRETTY PICTURES FLOATING BY OR IS THERE GOING TO BE SOME SORT OF THEME TO IT?

WHICH I THINK WOULD BE KIND OF INTERESTING.

AND WE HAVE A LOT OF WONDERFUL, AMATEUR, AND PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS IN TOWN.

>> E. Stewart: THAT'S A WONDERFUL QUESTION.

THERE'S A LOT OF OPEN-SOURCE CONTENT THAT OBVIOUSLY COULD BE PUT UP.

WE COULD ALSO PUT UP CONTENT BOTH FROM THE MANHATTAN BEACH ARTS CENTER AS WELL AS FROM OUR RECREATION PROGRAMS.  
IF THERE IS A CERAMICS CLASS THAT'S MAKING WONDERFUL THINGS, WE CAN TAKE PHOTOS AND PUT THEM UP ON THE WALL.  
BUT ULTIMATELY, THAT'S WHAT THIS GRANT WOULD BE FOR.  
IT WOULD BE TO SOLICIT IMAGES MADE SPECIFICALLY AND THEN THOSE COULD BE THEMED.  
LET'S SAY MAYBE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, THERE COULD BE A HOLIDAY THEME THAT PEOPLE COULD SUBMIT.  
BOTH STATIC AS WELL AS POTENTIALLY MOVING DIGITAL IMAGES THAT WOULD GO SPECIFICALLY UP ON THE WALL.  
IT WOULD BE UP TO WHATEVER COUNCIL DIRECTED, IF COUNCIL WANTS STAFF TO CURATE THAT CONTENT OR THE COMMISSION OR ALL OF THE ABOVE TO CURATE THAT CONTENT, THAT --  
>> S. Napolitano: TAKE PICTURES OF THE PIER LIGHTS, JOE.  
[MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]  
>> S. Hadley: UNLESS THEY'RE WHITE.  
>> J. Franklin: ALL WHITE.  
I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT.  
>> S. Napolitano: SAINT PATRICK'S DAY.  
>> E. Stewart: IT'S JUST GOING TO BE A LIVE FEED OF THE PIER, THAT'S IT.  
>> Mayor Stern: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?  
THANK YOU FOR THAT EXPLANATION.  
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?  
OKAY.  
>> J. Marcy: ALL RIGHT, OUR GRANT MURALS.  
AS YOU CAN IMAGINE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY IS TO PUT AS MUCH, INSTALL AS MUCH ART AS WE CAN IN THE CITY AND WE BELIEVE THAT MURALS IS A GREAT WAY TO DO THAT.  
SO WE'RE LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES TO INSTALL MURALS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO THE AUGMENT EXISTING PUBLIC LOCATIONS.  
THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS, STAFF WILL RETURN FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS ONCE THE PROGRAM AND TEMPLATE ARE DEVELOPED.  
THE STATUS, WE HAVE STAFF WORKING ON LEGAL TO DEVELOP THE TEMPLATE AND CREATE THE PARAMETERS AND WE'LL RETURN TO COUNCIL FOR DIRECTION.  
ANY OTHER THOUGHTS OR QUESTIONS?  
>> S. Napolitano: MAKE IT SO.  
>> Mayor Stern: IS -- COMMISSIONER MARCY, I'M WONDERING, IS THIS PROGRAM, IS THERE A DIFFERENT APPROACH THAN WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST WITH THE PRIVATE PROPERTIES?  
>> J. Marcy: THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION.  
EILEN, DID YOU WANT TO TOUCH ON THAT?  
>> E. Stewart: YEAH, I CAN JUMP IN.  
YEAH, SO AS WE WERE INSTALLING MURALS ON PUBLIC PRIVATE, CITY OWNED BUILDINGS, WE STARTED TO RUN OUT OF VIABLE LOCATIONS.

THERE'S A FEW OTHER LOCATIONS THAT EXIST BUT THEY'RE BECOMING INCREASINGLY MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT IN TERMS OF ACCESS AND TEXTURE AND VARIOUS DIFFERENT THINGS.

IN THE MEANTIME, THERE ARE LOTS OF PRIVATE LOCATIONS THAT ARE VERY HIGHLY VISIBLE.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE MALL OR THE SIDE OF THE TOYOTA BUILDING OR THOSE TYPES OF SPACES, BUT THEY ARE PRIVATELY OWNED.

THE DIFFERENCE WOULD BE REALLY THAT LEGAL CONTRACT.

THIS IS WHERE WE CURRENTLY ARE WITH THIS PROJECT IS MAKING SURE TO HAVE THAT CORRECT LEGAL AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY THAT SAYS, OKAY IF WE'RE GOING TO PAY TO INSTALL A MURAL ON YOUR SPACE, WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU SELL THE BUILDING NEXT YEAR AND THEN DEMOLISH IT? WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR MURAL THAT WE JUST PAID MONEY FOR?

SO REALLY THIS IS A WAY TO INSTALL MORE MURALS, NOT JUST BEING LIMITED TO THOSE CITY WALLS, WHICH ARE -- HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED TO A LARGE EXTENT.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT.

THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

ARE WE READY TO MOVE ON?

>> J. Marcy: FANTASTIC.

ALL RIGHT, UTILITY BEAUTIFICATION.

SO AS YOU KNOW, MULTIPLE UTILITY BOXES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY WRAPPED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, ABOUT A DOZEN.

WE'VE LEARNED WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T WORK HERE, DEVELOPED MONETARY GRANTS TO VINYL WRAP ADDITIONAL UTILITIES IS SLATED, EITHER ON BOXES, PARKING METERS, FIRE HYDRANTS.

WE'VE SEEN THIS BEING SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED IN OTHER CITIES.

STAFF AT THIS TIME IS WORKING TO FINALIZE THE DETAILS OF THE EXPANDED PROGRAM AND WE'LL RETURN WITH THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND FINAL APPROVAL.

WE DO KNOW THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROJECT AND WE'RE EXCITED TO KEEP BUILDING ON TO IT.

ANY THOUGHTS?

>> Mayor Stern: ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

>> J. Franklin: YES.

>> Mayor Stern: YES, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: YES, SO THEY LOOK GREAT BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE NEED TO REPLACE THEM OR REFRESH THEM?

HOW IS THAT -- ARE THERE FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THAT?

>> E. Stewart: EXCELLENT QUESTION.

WE'RE ACTUALLY DEALING WITH THAT IN THE DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN BEACH RIGHT NOW.

THERE WERE A FEW THAT GOT SWAPPED OUT BY THE OWNER OF THE BOX, WHICH IS NOT ALWAYS THE CITY, SO WE'RE LOOKING AT REWRAPPING THEM.

IT BECOMES PART OF A MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR US AS THE CITY.  
SO RIGHT NOW WE'RE JUST DOING A ONE-OFF CONTRACT WITH THAT SAME  
INSTALLER TO GO BACK IN AND REPLACE THEM.

>> J. Marcy: AND BECAUSE THEY'RE VINYL WRAPPED, IT'S EASIER FOR  
US TO DO THAT.

>> J. Franklin: MM-HMM.  
OKAY, THANKS.

>> Mayor Stern: I FOUND IT INTERESTING TO HEAR YOU WERE  
CONSIDERING DOING PARKING METER, WRAPPING PARKING METERS, WHICH  
I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH.  
I'VE NOT SEEN THOSE BUT I'M WONDERING IF YOU CAN KIND OF GIVE US  
AN IDEA.  
WOULD YOU DO A SIMILAR DESIGN IN A CERTAIN AREA, IS THAT HOW  
THAT WORKS?  
HOW DO YOU ENVISION THAT?

>> J. Marcy: IT CAN BE DONE IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS.  
SO IF YOU GOOGLE IT, IT'S REALLY INTERESTING HOW SOME CITIES  
HAVE KIND OF MADE SOME THEMES WITH METERS THAT ARE ALIGNED ON  
CERTAIN STREETS.  
WE'VE POTENTIALLY LOOKED AT LOCAL ARTWORK, OPPORTUNITIES THAT  
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THEY ARE IN.  
WE'VE IDENTIFIED WHERE THESE PARKING METERS ARE AND THEY ADD  
SOME COLOR AND FUN TO THESE METERS AND SOME VISIBILITY TO THEM  
AS WELL.  
AND EASY TO VINYL WRAP.

>> Mayor Stern: INTERESTING.  
IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN.  
THANK YOU FOR THAT.  
IT'S VERY CREATIVE.  
ANYBODY ELSE HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS ONE?

>> S. Napolitano: WELL, IS SOMETHING LIKE THAT GOING TO COME  
BACK TO US?  
BECAUSE WE APPROVED THE BOXES BEFORE, BUT NOT METERS OR FIRE  
HYDRANTS.  
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS OKAY WITH THAT  
AND ALSO, I WANT TO SEE WHAT THE DESIGNS LOOK LIKE FOR THE  
PARKING METERS.

>> R. Montgomery: SAME HERE.

>> Mayor Stern: SO WOULD THIS BE SOMETHING WE HAVE TO ADD TO THE  
WORK PLAN?  
DO WE WANT TO HAVE AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS WHO ARE APPROVING  
THIS?  
DO WE HAVE THAT?

>> E. Stewart: WE CAN STICK TO JUST UTILITY BOXES AND TAKE OUT  
THE FIRE HYDRANTS AND PARKING METERS, OR WE CAN EXPLORE THE FIRE  
HYDRANTS AND PARKING METERS FURTHER AND BRING IT BACK FOR  
CONSIDERATION.



>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, BRING IT BACK.

>> Mayor Stern: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT.  
ANYBODY ELSE, STEVE, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT  
EXPLORED AND BROUGHT BACK.  
ANYBODY ELSE?

>> S. Hadley: YOUR HONOR?

>> Mayor Stern: YES, COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

>> S. Hadley: MY HIGHEST PRIORITY IS TO REPLACE THE EMPTY  
UTILITY BOXES THAT ARE NOW BARE BECAUSE I THINK THEY STICK OUT  
MORE NOW THAT WE HAVE SO MANY BEAUTIFUL WRAPPED UTILITY BOXES.  
I DON'T MIND IF STAFF CAN FIND THE MONETARY GRANTS FOR FIRE  
HYDRANTS AND PARKING METERS.  
I'M NOT SURE I'M FOR SPENDING CITY DOLLARS OR ART FUND DOLLARS  
FOR SUCH SMALL THINGS.  
I JUST WOULDN'T BURN A TON OF TIME ON THE MONETARY GRANTS BUT IF  
THEY CAN GET THE GRANTS THEN I THINK IT SOUNDS GOOD.

>> Mayor Stern: SO ARE YOU OKAY WITH THEM AT LEAST EXPLORING IT?  
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE COST WOULD BE OR ANY OF THAT.  
ARE YOU OKAY WITH ADDING IT TO THE WORK PLAN FOR AN EXPLORATION?

>> S. Hadley: NO, I GUESS I'M SAYING I WOULD RATHER STAFF SPEND  
THEIR TIME ON FINDING GRANTS RATHER THAN FIGURING OUT HOW MUCH  
IT WOULD COST FOR THE CITY.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> R. Montgomery: JUST A QUESTION.  
DIRECTOR LEYMAN, MARK, REMIND ME, IS THIS PUBLIC ART TRUST FUND  
MONEY?

>> M. Leyman: YES, CORRECT.

>> R. Montgomery: SO WE'RE NOT USING GENERAL FUND MONEY, THIS IS  
PUBLIC ART TRUST FUND MONEY.

>> S. Hadley: NO, I KNOW BUT THE FUNDS ARE LIMITED.  
I THINK FIRE HYDRANTS AND PARKING METER POLES ARE NOT A HIGH  
PRIORITY. I'D RATHER PULL THAT MONEY TO USE FOR BIGGER PROJECTS.

>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> R. Montgomery: THAT'S FINE. I WANT TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THEY  
LOOK LIKE FIRST.  
I DON'T WANT TO SAY NO YET UNTIL WE SEE WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE.

>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: I AGREE.  
MY ONLY CONCERN IS THAT PARKING METERS TAKE A LITTLE BIT MORE OF  
A BEATING.  
PEOPLE, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO, THEY CHAIN UP  
THEIR DOGS TO THEM, THEY LOCK THEIR BIKES AGAINST THEM, AND  
PLUS, I SPENT A LITTLE BIT OF TIME IN GARAGES WITH THE  
MAINTENANCE FOLKS AND THE SIGNAGE JUST TENDS TO BE A LITTLE  
CONFUSING TO PEOPLE.

YOU'RE ADDING ANOTHER VISUAL ON SOMETHING THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO PUT IN THEIR CREDIT CARD AND FIGURE OUT WHAT TO PAY FOR, THINGS LIKE THAT.

IT JUST MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT BUSY BUT HAPPY TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

IN FACT, I REMEMBER READING ONE ARTICLE ABOUT HOW A TOWN DECORATES THEIR PARKING METERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND YOU KNOW, VARIOUS THEMES.

IT LOOKED REALLY CUTE.

>> Mayor Stern: IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT SOME FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN THIS COMES BACK.

>> J. Franklin: YEAH, IT'S NOT LIKE A UTILITY BOX THAT DOESN'T GET ANYTHING HAPPENING TO IT.

PARKING METERS KIND OF GET SCRATCHED AND -- I WOULD HATE TO PUT ALL THE STUFF UP AND WITHIN A MONTH OR SO SEE THEM SCRATCHED AND TORN AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

AND CAUSE CONFUSION FOR PEOPLE TRYING TO READ THE SIGN ABOUT WHEN A PARKING METERS APPLY, THE RATES, AND CURBING YOUR WHEELS AND ALL THAT SORT OF STUFF.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, GREAT.

SO THIS IS WHY THESE KINDS OF THINGS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR A WORK PLAN ITEM.

RIGHT, TO CONSIDER ALL THE FACTORS, COME BACK, LET'S LOOK AT IT MORE EXPANSIVELY AND MORE THOROUGHLY.

AND I THINK WE HAVE THE APPROVAL FOR AT LEAST THAT ASPECT.

I UNDERSTAND COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY, IT WOULD BE NO, BUT I THINK WE HAVE FOUR OTHERS TO INCLUDE IT ON THE WORK PLAN.

>> S. Hadley: YEAH, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE THE POINT TO DIRECTOR LEYMAN.

IF IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO REPLACE A FEW UTILITY BOXES, THEN IMAGINE HOW HARD IT'S GOING TO BE TO KEEP UP WITH MAINTENANCE ON A MILLION PARKING METERS.

IT JUST ISN'T, I DON'T THINK IT'S THE GREATEST USE OF STAFF TIME, WHETHER IT'S PUBLIC WORKS, WHETHER IT'S PUBLIC ART TRUST FUND MONEY, WHETHER IT'S PRIVATE MONEY.

IT'S A LOT OF LABOR AND ATTENTION.

LET'S GET ALL THE UTILITY BOXES WRAPPED FIRST AND THEN WE'LL TALK.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

OKAY, I THINK WE'VE GOT THAT ONE.

>> E. Stewart: IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'LL PRIORITIZE WORKING ON UTILITY BOXES AND THEN WE'LL COME BACK WITH IDEAS FOR THE HYDRANTS AND THE PARKING METERS IF AND WHEN EVERYONE HAS TIME AND ENERGY.

>> Mayor Stern: AND YOU HAVE APPROVAL FROM THE FOUR OF US TO AT LEAST EXPLORE THE PARKING METERS AND THE HYDRANTS.

>> E. Stewart: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Stern: MM-HMM.

>> E. Stewart: ALL RIGHT, MOVING ON.  
AS PART OF THE ART GRANT PROGRAM, WE HAVE A PERFORMING ARTS GRANT.  
THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION EXPLORED PUTTING TOGETHER A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS GRANT.  
YOU WILL SEE YOU HAVE IT DESCRIBED IN MORE DETAIL IN THE STAFF REPORT.  
THAT PILOT PROGRAM NEEDS A LITTLE BIT MORE RESEARCH BEFORE IT CAN REALLY BE LAUNCHED AS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE VIABLE AND HELPFUL.  
IN THE MEANTIME, STAFF WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPLORE IN THE NEXT BUDGET PROCESS ADDING A HIGHER ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA, SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK PROGRAM THAN WHAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY BEING PAID JUST BECAUSE THEIR COSTS HAVE GONE UP SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THE PERFORMANCES REALLY AT A LOSS TO THEMSELVES.  
THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO ARE THOSE TWO THINGS. I THINK I SAW A HAND FROM MAYOR PRO TEM.

>> S. Napolitano: SUPPORTING SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK, \$500 AS A PERFORMING ARTS PILOT PROGRAM, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD GET FOR THAT.  
\$500, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET -- ONE GUY WITH A MICROPHONE.

>> S. Hadley: STANDUP COMEDIAN.

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, ON THE STREET CORNER.

>> E. Stewart: IT'S TOUGH TO SEE ON THE SLIDE.  
THERE'S TWO INITIATIVES.  
ONE WAS THE PERFORMING ARTS PILOT PROGRAM THAT WAS ROUGHLY A \$500 GRANT AND THE IDEA FROM THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION WAS TO HAVE, BEFORE WE LAUNCH KIND OF A BIGGER OVERARCHING GRANT THAT COULD DO SOMETHING AS BIG AS SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK, EXCUSE ME, WE COULD DO SOMETHING SMALLER AS A PILOT PROGRAM THAT COULD MAYBE DO -- WHAT WAS EXPLORED AT THAT TIME WAS DOING MAYBE HAVING A MUSICIAN AT AN OPENING FOR THE ARTS CENTER FOR ONE OF THE GALLERY EVENTS.  
THAT'S THE PILOT GRANT.

>> S. Napolitano: DON'T WE JUST HIRE THOSE PEOPLE?

>> E. Stewart: WE DO. SO THAT --

>> S. Napolitano: SO WHAT'S THE NEED FOR THE GRANT?  
JUST HIRE PEOPLE IF YOU NEED THEM.  
AND WHY IS EVERYONE EMAILING ME ABOUT A PERFORMING ARTS CENTER?

>> E. Stewart: A PERFORMING ARTS CENTER?

>> S. Napolitano: YES.

>> E. Stewart: THEY ARE LOST ON THE WAY TO REDONDO.  
I'M NOT SURE.

>> S. Napolitano: I DON'T KNOW.

>> S. Hadley: I THINK THEY'RE ASKING FOR COMMUNITY THEATER, THE EMAILS I'VE BEEN GETTING.

>> E. Stewart: COMMUNITY THEATER.

>> S. Napolitano: IT WAS CONSIDERED YEARS AGO. THE ARTS CENTER WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TORN DOWN AND A BLACK BOX THEATER PUT IN, BUT THERE WASN'T THREE VOTES FOR IT.

>> R. Montgomery: CORRECT.

>> E. Stewart: RIGHT. SO WHAT WE ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT IS TRYING TO SUPPORT SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK WITH THIS \$10000 ALLOCATION.

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH NO, I'M ALREADY FOR THAT. I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK. \$500, WHATEVER.

>> E. Stewart: THE ART GRANT WAS A SEPARATE ENDEAVOR. AND AS STAFF WE DID NOT SEE THAT IT WAS NECESSARILY -- IT WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO DEVELOP IT INTO A GRANT THAN TO JUST PAY THE PEOPLE.

SO --

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, I SAY JUST PAY THE PEOPLE.

>> E. Stewart: RIGHT, SO WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION WANTED TO DO A PILOT GRANT FOR PERFORMING ARTS, THAT IT NEEDS TO BE EXPLORED A LITTLE BIT BEFORE LAUNCHING.

>> S. Napolitano: IF ANYTHING, I WOULD SAY YOU DO AN RFQ FOR CERTAIN PERFORMANCES, JUST LIKE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO COME AND SAY, I CAN DELIVER MACBETH FOR \$5000 AND WE HIRE THEM, OR WE CAN PUT ON HAIR OR WHATEVER, PICK YOUR -- WE'RE GOING TO DO HAMILTON IN POLLIWOG PARK, THEN FOR IT TO COST \$10000, FINE. I'LL CONSIDER IT.

>> E. Stewart: OKAY, SO IT SOUNDS LIKE EXPLORE ADDING SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK FUNDING TO THE BUDGET AND POSSIBLY LOOK AT DIRECT RFPS FOR OTHER PERFORMANCES IN POLLIWOG IF THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE INTERESTED IN.

>> S. Napolitano: SURE.

>> Mayor Stern: OTHER PERFORMANCES IN GENERAL. WHETHER THAT'S AT THE PERFORMING ART -- OR CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, OR WHEREVER.

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, WHEREVER. METLOX PLAZA, THAT'S FINE.

>> Mayor Stern: EXPLORING MORE PERFORMING ARTS IS GREAT. COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: I'M SORRY, YEAH. ARE THESE PRODUCED BY MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS AND PERFORMED BY MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS? OR DO WE GO OUT INTO THE THEATER WORLD AND -- I MEAN --

>> S. Napolitano: SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK IS VERY PROFESSIONAL.

>> J. Franklin: I REMEMBER SEEING ONE ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO AND IT WAS VERY PROFESSIONAL.

IT'S NOT NECESSARILY RESTRICTED TO MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS.  
>> S. Hadley: NO, THAT'S A PAID COMPANY.  
>> E. Stewart: IT'S ACTUALLY -- THE COMPANY IS CALLED SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA; WE CALL IT SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK. THEY ARE A PAID TROOP, IF YOU WILL, AND THEY TRAVEL FROM CITY TO CITY, THEY'RE VERY PROFESSIONAL, THEY COME WITH THEIR OWN STAGE, SOUNDING, LIGHTING, YOU NAME IT, SECURITY. THEY ARE WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH AND PUT ON WONDERFUL PERFORMANCES.  
BUT THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY JUST IN THE SOUTH BAY OR IN MANHATTAN BEACH.  
WHEN WE BOOK, FOR EXAMPLE, BANDS FOR THE OPENINGS, WHAT I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE DO TRY TO WORK WITH LOCAL PERFORMERS, LOCAL MUSICIANS, WE ALSO USUALLY TRY TO BOOK THE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS IF WE CAN.  
HAVE THEM PERFORMING.  
SO AND THAT'S WHY WE KIND OF DIDN'T NECESSARILY SEE THE NEED FOR THIS SPECIFIC PILOT PROGRAM.  
BUT A DIFFERENT PROGRAM COULD --  
>> S. Napolitano: RICHARD AND I ARE GOING TO BE PERFORMING THE ODD COUPLE AT THE --  
>> E. Stewart: DONE.  
>> J. Franklin: THE EPONYMOUS --  
>> S. Hadley: YOUR HONOR.  
>> J. Franklin: THE EPONYMOUS ODD COUPLE.  
>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.  
>> S. Hadley: THANK YOU, MAYOR STERN.  
EILEN AND MARK LEYMAN, WHERE COULD COMMUNITY THEATERS STAGE INDOORS IN MB FACILITIES?  
WE HAVE A SMALL STAGE AT JOSLYN, FOR INSTANCE.  
IS THERE A STAGE AT THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER?  
>> S. Napolitano: MIRA COSTA.  
>> Mayor Stern: RIGHT.  
>> S. Hadley: JOSLYN IS THE ONLY OTHER CITY BUILDING WITH A SMALL STAGE.  
>> J. Franklin: WAIT, WAIT. WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.  
IN ANSWERING ONE OF THOSE EMAILS, I RESEARCHED THE UPCOMING COMMUNITY SCOUT CENTER AND THEY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT A 250 SEAT PERFORMANCE AREA OR SOMETHING.  
SO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.  
>> S. Hadley: I DON'T THINK THAT INCLUDES A STAGE, PER SE. I COULD BE WRONG.  
BUT MY POINT IS WHAT IS STOPPING -- SO WE DID GET EMAILS THIS WEEK ABOUT COMMUNITY THEATER, WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS TO ENTRY FOR COMMUNITY THEATER IF WE HAVE THE VENUES?  
IS THAT SOMETHING THAT PARKS AND REC CAN SAY THIS IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO PUT ON A SHOW?

OR --

>> S. Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER, ONE OF THE BIGGEST BARRIERS  
THOUGH IS THE 99-SEAT AND ABOVE.  
BECAUSE THERE'S ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PAY SCHEDULE ABOVE 99 SEATS  
FOR WHATEVER YOU'RE PUTTING ON.

>> S. Hadley: WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, 99 SEAT? IS THAT THE JOSLYN  
CENTER CAPACITY?

>> S. Napolitano: NO, IT'S NOT A MATTER OF CAPACITY, IT'S WHAT  
YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR THE RIGHTS TO PUT ON CERTAIN PLAYS AND SUCH.

>> S. Hadley: OKAY.

>> Mayor Stern: DO YOU THAT MEAN LICENSING RIGHTS?

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH.

>> S. Hadley: WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, STEVE, I WAS ASKING MARK AND  
EILEN.

>> S. Napolitano: WELL I KNOW BUT THAT'S ONE OF THE DIFFERENCES.

>> S. Hadley: I'M THINKING MORE OF FACILITIES AND WHAT CAN THE  
CITY DO TO ENCOURAGE SMALL PRODUCTIONS INDOORS IN OUR  
FACILITIES.

LET THEM WORRY ABOUT THE CONTENT AND THE SHOWS.

THEY CAN WRITE THEIR OWN SHOWS.

>> E. Stewart: SO IN TERMS OF FACILITIES, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S  
ONE THING THAT WE AS A CITY ARE A LITTLE BIT FACILITY LIMITED.  
WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A GOOD PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY.  
THE CLOSEST WE COME WOULD BE JOSLYN, BUT JOSLYN HAS SO MANY  
OTHER EVENTS AND SO MANY OTHER THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THAT  
SAME SPACE.

EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A STAGE IN THAT ROOM, THERE IS SO MANY  
OTHER THINGS THAT ARE REALLY VALUABLE TO THE COMMUNITY, OLDER  
ADULTS' PROGRAMS, THAT ARE DONE IN THAT SPACE THAT IT CAN BE  
DIFFICULT SOMETIMES TO BOOK THAT SPACE FOR PERFORMANCES.

BUT THAT IS OUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY.

THEN MIRA COSTA DOES HAVE A THEATER BUT THE CITY DOESN'T OWN IT,  
WE DON'T PROGRAM THINGS THERE.

THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE PERFORMER WOULD HAVE TO WORK WITH MIRA  
COSTA.

AND THAT'S IT.

IN TERMS OF THE ARTS CENTER, IT'S REALLY NOT A VIABLE PERFORMING  
SPACE FOR A LOT OF DIFFERENT REASONS.

BUT PRIMARILY, BECAUSE THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE ARTS CENTER IS  
TO HANG ART.

SO THERE MIGHT BE THREE DIMENSIONAL THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WAY,  
IN THE MIDDLE.

THE ACOUSTICS ARE NOT GREAT, TO SAY THE LEAST, IN THERE.

IT'S NOT A PERFORMING ARTS SPACE.

IT DOESN'T WORK FOR THAT.

>> S. Hadley: JOSLYN ISN'T OVERUSED IN THE EVENINGS THOUGH,  
CORRECT?

COULD A GROUP -- I'M JUST BRAINSTORMING, NO GROUP IN MIND. BUT IF THERE ARE RESIDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PRACTICE AND REHEARSE SOMEWHERE AND THEN THEY NEED THREE DAYS FOR STAGE REHEARSALS, THAT KIND OF THING, AT JOSLYN AND THEY WANT TO PUT ON A SHOW AT JOSLYN IN THE EVENINGS -- JOSLYN ISN'T SUPER UTILIZED IN THE EVENINGS, I DON'T THINK.

IS THAT A BARRIER TO ENTRY OR IS THAT A POSSIBILITY? HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE THESE PEOPLE WHO MAY WANT TO START COMMUNITY THEATER HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH?

>> M. Leyman: IF I COULD JUMP IN, ABSOLUTELY THAT'S SOMETHING WE COULD LOOK AT AND I WOULD LIKE TO PUT IN A PLUG.

IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ACTING OUT AGAIN THROUGH OUR OLDER ADULT PROGRAM, IT'S A PHENOMENAL SHOW AND THEY DO USE THE STAGE. AND SO THAT'S GOING TO BE I BELIEVE THE LAST WEEKEND IN AUGUST. SO I'LL GET THE DATES AND WE'LL PLUG IT IN BUT THAT'S AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY THEATER.

>> S. Hadley: OKAY. AND MARK, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT --

>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER RUBINO. EXCUSE ME, COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

I'M GOING TO LET COMMISSIONER RUBINO CHIME IN HERE. SHE'S BEEN PATIENTLY TRYING TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS.

>> E. Rubino: THANK YOU.

I SWORE I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANYTHING TONIGHT. REALLY LOVE THE CONVERSATION AROUND THE PERFORMING ARTS AND REALLY APPRECIATE THE POSITIVITY THAT YOU'RE SHOWING TOWARD IT. TWO THINGS I'D LIKE TO SAY IS THERE'S MANY, MANY OPTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY.

I ACTUALLY KNOW A GENTLEMAN WHO HOSTS PERFORMANCES IN HIS BACK YARD.

SO ACTORS AND PERFORMERS ARE GOING TO WORK WHEREVER THEY CAN. THEY'LL TAKE A PARKING LOT AND THEY'LL TRANSFORM IT FOR YOU. AND SO I THINK I'D LIKE TO SAY ALSO THAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT STAGE THAT PARKS AND REC IS SUPPORTING.

AND WE'RE HOPING THAT'S GOING TO COME UP TO POLLIWOG AND WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE THIS AMAZING GRANT PROGRAM READY WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE.

SO WE'RE REALLY HOPING THAT YOU CAN APPROVE JUST OUR PILOT PROGRAM AND IT DOESN'T HAVE TO NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO THE FIVE HUNDRED.

THAT WAS THE OLDER PROGRAM, BUT WE'D LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE ALL OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND CONGEAL THEM INTO A PERFORMING ARTS GRANT THAT WOULD CONSIDER ALL THESE THOUGHTS THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US TONIGHT.

THANKS.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU FOR THAT.

SO YOU ARE HEARING A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

AND WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE HOW THAT CAN DEVELOP IN THE CITY AND IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S LOTS OF CREATIVE WAYS THAT THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED.

I'M LOOKING FOR THREE OF US AT LEAST TO SUPPORT PURSUING THIS AS A PILOT PROGRAM AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING BACK.

I CERTAINLY SUPPORT IT AND GOING TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY WILL SUPPORT AS WELL, PUTTING THIS ON THE WORK PLAN.

>> S. Napolitano: WHICH ONE?

>> Mayor Stern: THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

>> S. Hadley: AND THE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK.

>> S. Napolitano: EILEEN JUST KIND OF TALKED IT DOWN AND SAID WE SHOULD JUST HIRE PEOPLE STRAIGHT.

WHICH I TEND TO AGREE WITH.

\$500 IS NOT GOING TO GET YOU ANYTHING.

>> E. Rubino: THE PILOT PROGRAM -- I'M SORRY, I'M GOING TO INTERRUPT, JUST QUICKLY.

THAT WAS FOR THE MANHATTAN -- THE MANHATTAN ARTS CENTER AND THAT'S WHEN WE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD JUST BE PUTTING IT THERE. BUT IT'S TRANSPOSED ITSELF SINCE THEN AND WE WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND PURSUE AN ACTUAL GRANT PROGRAM.

AND THEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO INCLUDE EVENTUALLY, I THINK IN THE STAFF REPORT IT SAID WE WOULD ALSO BE LOOKING AT INCLUDING SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK IN THAT, OR SOME EVENT SUCH AS THAT IN OUR PARKS IN THE SUMMER.

>> Mayor Stern: SO FOR NOW, SHOULD WE INCLUDING IN THE WORK PLAN, THEN PURSUING MORE OPTIONS FOR PERFORMING ARTS IN THE CITY.

WHETHER THAT'S THE GRANT OR --

>> S. Napolitano: I THINK STAFF NEEDS DIRECTION NOW FOR SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK SO THEY CAN SCHEDULE.

>> Mayor Stern: WE CAN'T APPROPRIATE AT THIS MEETING THOUGH. HOW DOES THE APPROPRIATION FUNDS WORK?

>> S. Napolitano: DIRECTION.

>> B. Moe: YEAH.

DIRECTION IS FINE, THE APPROPRIATION CAN COME AT A LATER DATE.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, SO DIRECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$6000 FOR THE TWO -- SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK FOR THE 2022 PROGRAM.

OKAY.

DO WE HAVE APPROVAL?

I APPROVE.

>> S. Napolitano: YES.

>> Mayor Stern: WE NEED THREE.

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN OR HADLEY, YES.

OKAY.

SO WE HAVE APPROVAL FOR THE ADDITIONAL \$6000.

ADDING TO THE WORK PLAN, EXPLORING PERFORMING ARTS.



I THINK THAT IS -- I THINK WE'VE COVERED THAT.  
IS THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT PROGRAM?  
OKAY.

THINK WE'RE READY TO GO ON?

>> E. Stewart: SOUNDS GOOD.

NEXT ON THE LIST WE HAVE SCULPTURE GARDEN, WE KNOW THAT PROGRAM HAS SEEN MANY ITERATIONS AND ULTIMATELY SOME OF THE CHALLENGES IT CAME INTO ARE WHERE THESE ITEMS ARE GETTING INSTALLED AND HOW TO INSTALL THEM.

SO THIS PROGRAM NEEDS A LITTLE BIT OF TLC BEFORE WE RELAUNCH IT. WE NEED TO KIND OF SOLIDIFY WHERE THOSE LOCATIONS ARE AND WHAT THE PARAMETERS FOR THE PROGRAM ARE.

SO WE'RE ASKING TO KEEP THIS ON THE WORK PLAN BUT KIND OF TAKE A SOFT PAUSE WHILE WE CAN ALL WRAP OUR MINDS AROUND ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THIS RED CIRCLE SCULPTURE CALLED CIRCLE BY C.J. RENCH THAT THE COMMISSION AND STAFF HAVE NOTICED HAS REALLY ENJOYED A LOT OF ATTENTION FROM OUR PUBLIC.

KIDS PLAY ON IT, ADULTS SIT AND READ ON IT, PEOPLE TAKE PHOTOS WITH IT.

IT'S BECOME AN ICON OF POLLIWOG PARK.

THE COMMISSION AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND PURCHASING THE SCULPTURE AND INSTALLING IT PERMANENTLY IN THE LOCATION WHERE IT'S CURRENTLY AT.

IF COUNCIL WERE INTERESTED IN DOING THAT, THE ARTIST WOULD OF COURSE REVAMP AND SPRUCE UP, IF YOU WILL, THE SCULPTURE.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE LOOKED AT IT RECENTLY, IT NEEDS SOME TLC. SO THAT IS OUR ASK.

>> S. Napolitano: WELL, HOW IS IT WEARING?

BECAUSE IF IT NEEDS TLC NOW AND IT'S BEEN IN FOR WHAT, TWO YEARS OR SOMETHING?

I DON'T WANT TO SPEND \$19000 AND IT LAST ONLY TWO MORE YEARS.

>> E. Stewart: THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT.

I WANT AHEAD AND REACHED OUT TO THE ARTIST AND ASKED THEM EXACTLY THAT AND SAID, HEY THIS IS AWESOME BUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH IT?

AND WHAT HE SAID IS IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT COUNCIL WAS INTERESTED IN INSTALLING PERMANENTLY, HE WOULD ACTUALLY BUILD A BRAND-NEW ONE OUT OF A DIFFERENT MATERIAL THAT SPECIFICALLY WAS SUITED TO A MARINE CLIMATE.

IN THAT PURCHASE AGREEMENT WE WOULD PUT IN THERE THAT IT NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND MARINE CLIMATE AND IF IT'S WEARING TOO MUCH, THE ARTIST WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT AND REPAIR IT OR REPLACE IT.

THIS ONE IS MADE OUT OF MILD STEEL, THE NEW ONE THAT HE WOULD MAKE WOULD BE MADE OUT OF STAINLESS STEEL SO IT WOULDN'T HAVE THAT RUST.

BECAUSE IT WAS A TEMPORARY SCULPTURE, IT WAS MADE OUT OF ESSENTIALLY A LESS EXPENSIVE MATERIAL.

>> S. Napolitano: IS THE CONTRACT GOING TO SAY HOW LONG IT NEEDS TO LAST?

>> E. Stewart: YES.

>> S. Napolitano: WHICH IS HOW LONG?

>> E. Stewart: WE CAN ADJUST THAT.

MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 5 TO 10 YEARS. AS COUNCIL, YOU CAN RECOMMEND SOMETHING ELSE.

>> S. Napolitano: I'M JUST GOING TO GO ON RECORD AND SAY THAT'S A MISTAKE.

IF YOU'RE BUYING PUBLIC ART, IT SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 20 YEARS.

>> E. Stewart: WE CAN BUT THAT IN THE CONTRACT.

>> S. Napolitano: OTHERWISE, DON'T BOTHER.

>> E. Stewart: THAT'S FINE, WE CAN AMEND THAT.

>> Mayor Stern: WHAT IS THE AGREEMENT --

>> S. Hadley: WHY DO YOU SAY THAT STEVE?

>> S. Napolitano: IT'S STANDARD.

WHEN YOU'RE BUYING A PIECE OF ART, YOU NEED IT TO LAST. IT'S TYPICAL, 20-25 YEARS.

IT'S UP TO THE ARTIST, SOURCING THE MATERIALS THAT ARE PROVEN TO LAST A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.

AND IF THEY CAN'T, THEN --

IF YOU WANT TO BE OUT THERE, TWO, THREE YEARS FROM NOW THANKING \$19000 DOWN THE DRAIN.

I'M NOT IN FAVOR.

>> S. Hadley: OTHER THAN PAINT, YOU'RE SAYING.

BECAUSE THE MURAL ACROSS FROM THE LIBRARY WASN'T EXPECTED TO LAST 20 OR 25 YEARS.

>> S. Napolitano: AND THAT WAS A HUGE MISTAKE.

I WASN'T ON COUNCIL WHEN WE DID THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE APPROVED THAT.

AND THAT WAS AN EXPERIMENTAL, I THINK IT LASTED FOUR YEARS AT MOST AND THEN WE SPENT MORE.

>> S. Hadley: IT'S STILL THERE.

>> S. Napolitano: WHICH ONE?

>> S. Hadley: DIRECTOR LEYMAN, DO YOU REMEMBER THAT THE MURAL -- ON THE PARKING LOT.

>> S. Napolitano: OH, I'M TALKING ABOUT LIGHT GATE.

>> S. Hadley: OH YEAH, NO.

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE MURAL WITH PAINT.

>> S. Napolitano: PAINTED MURALS ARE SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

>> S. Hadley: OH, OKAY.

>> S. Napolitano: I'M TALKING PHYSICAL ART.

>> S. Hadley: YEAH, YEAH.

OKAY, STIPULATED.

DIRECTOR LEYMAN, I HOPE YOU'RE PAYING ATTENTION FOR THE NORTH MANHATTAN BEACH SURFBOARD SCULPTURE, SO WE CAN KEEP STEVE'S COMMENTS IN MIND FOR THAT.

>> Mayor Stern: EILEN, WHAT IS THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH THIS TEMPORARY PIECE OF ART?

>> E. Stewart: THE LOAN AGREEMENT HAS ACTUALLY EXPIRED ON THIS ARTWORK BUT THE ARTIST LIVES IN OREGON AND IT'S UP TO THEM TO COME DOWN AND PICK UP THE SCULPTURE.

THEY ARE OKAY WITH US KIND OF HOLDING ONTO THE PIECE AND IF COUNCIL CHOSE TO INSTALL THE PERMANENT VERSION OF THIS, HE WOULD MAKE THE NEW ONE WITH THE CORRECT MATERIALS AND THEN COME DRIVE DOWN AND SWAP THEM OUT.

IF NOT, THEN I WOULD JUST GIVE HIM A CALL AND SAY, NOPE, WE'RE NOT INTERESTED. COME PICK UP YOUR CIRCLE.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

>> S. Hadley: I LOVE THE CIRCLE.

>> E. Stewart: MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO, THANK YOU FOR WEIGHING IN ON THAT.

I PERSONALLY AM A HUGE FAN OF PUTTING THOSE YEARS INTO THE CONTRACT.

HOWEVER, WHATEVER THEY ARE IN THE PAST, OUR CONTRACTS HAVE HAD SHORTER LIFESPANS.

>> S. Napolitano: I KNOW.

>> E. Stewart: I WOULD PERSONALLY RATHER HAVE THEM BE LONGER.

>> S. Napolitano: THAT'S MY COUNTY BACKGROUND IN PUBLIC ART COMING OUT.

WE WOULDN'T BUY ANYTHING LESS THAN 20 YEARS.

>> S. Hadley: THAT'S SUPER HELPFUL PERSPECTIVE, STEVE. I'M REALLY GLAD YOU SHARED THAT.

>> Mayor Stern: CAN WE SEND THIS BACK FOR EXPLORING THE CONTRACT WITH THE ARTIST AND BRINGING IT BACK TO US WITH AN APPROVED CONTRACT THAT WE WOULD THEN APPROVE AT A LATER TIME? ANYBODY?

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, I'M FINE WITH THAT.

I LOVE THE RED BUT MAN THAT WOULD LOOK GOOD IN BRONZE TOO.

>> S. Hadley: I LOVE THE SCULPTURE. YEAH, I'D LOVE TO WORK IT OUT BUT I LIKE STEVE'S COMMENTS AND MAYOR, I LIKE YOUR IDEA OF THEM EXPLORING IT WITH THE ARTIST AND BRINGING IT BACK FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL.

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, I SUPPORT THAT.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

GREAT.

THAT ONE'S CLEAR.

OKAY, WE ARE MOVING ALONG.

>> E. Stewart: FANTASTIC.

IN A SIMILAR VEIN, OUR GRANT FOR PERMANENT SCULPTURE.

THIS WAS MEANT TO CREATE A CLEANER, CLEARER, PATHWAY FOR OTHER ARTWORKS IN THE CITY TO BE INSTALLED, SUCH AS AN EXAMPLE HERE, THE CATALINA CLASSIC SCULPTURE THAT WAS JUST APPROVED. OR TO COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY'S POINT, THE SCULPTURE THAT IS BEING PROPOSED FOR NORTH END.

THE IDEA HERE IS TO CREATE IT AS A GRANT PROCESS SO THAT AN APPLICANT COULD SUBMIT ALL THEIR INFORMATION THROUGH KIND OF ONE CENTRAL PORTAL AND THEN COUNCIL COULD TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND KIND OF ONCE AND FOR ALL, WEIGH IN, GIVE THEIR THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN.

WE ARE IN THE RESEARCH STAGE ON THIS ONE.

AND AGAIN, WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THIS ON THE WORK PLAN BUT GIVE IT A LITTLE BIT OF A SOFT PAUSE WHILE WE CAN FINISH UP OTHER PROJECTS.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT ONE?

SO THIS IS CURRENTLY ON THE WORK PLAN.

AND IT'S JUST --

>> S. Napolitano: YOUR HONOR, JUST A QUESTION ON THAT BECAUSE EVERYTHING SEEMS TO HAVE A SOFT PAUSE.

WHAT ARE THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE'RE FINISHING UP THAT WE'RE PAUSING ALL THESE OTHER THINGS FOR?

>> E. Stewart: THE FIRST FIVE WORK ITEMS, WHICH IS THE RAINBOW CROSSWALK, THE MURAL GRANT, THE UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT, THE FREEZE AROUND THE ARTS CENTER TOP, AND THE DIGITAL ART WALL IS WHAT WE'RE CURRENTLY PRIORITIZING TO FINISH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AS THOSE ITEMS ARE COMPLETED, WE'LL MOVE ON RIGHT DOWN THE LIST ON THE --

>> M. Leyman: AND IF I COULD JUMP IN REALLY QUICKLY.

MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO, WHAT WE'RE PLANNING ON DOING IS AFTER TONIGHT'S MEETING, DOING AN UPDATE OR A MEMO BASICALLY WITH AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF EACH OF THESE PROJECTS.

BECAUSE WE'VE GOT SO MANY BALLS IN THE AIR AND A BULLET UPDATING HERE'S WHERE IT IS IN THE PROCESS.

YOU KNOW, THE MURAL, WE'VE SPOKE WITH THE ARTIST, THEY'RE SPEAKING WITH AN ENGINEER, IT'S IN PLAN CHECK, AND SO YOU HAVE A STATUS UPDATE OF EACH OF THESE WORK PLAN ITEMS.

BECAUSE IT IS --

>> S. Napolitano: I WOULD RATHER FOR INSTANCE, THIS IS JUST ME TALKING, ANYONE ELSE CAN CHIME IN, BUT I'D PUT THE UTILITY BOXES ON THE BACK BURNER BEFORE THE SCULPTURE.

AND MAYBE I MEAN, I'M NOT A FAN OF THE FREEZE, I THINK THAT'S A WASTE OF MONEY. GOING BACK TO MY RECORD.

BUT IN TERMS OF THIS FALLING APART TOMORROW, I KNOW IT'S NOT IN GOOD CONDITION BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS I THINK SHOULD TAKE PRIORITY OVER OTHERS.

>> Mayor Stern: ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT THE UTILITY BOXES COME AFTER THE SCULPTURE IN POLLIWOG?

THE BIG "O"?

IS THAT THE SCULPTURE?

>> S. Napolitano: NO, THIS ONE.

>> S. Hadley: CATALINA CLASSIC.

>> S. Napolitano: THE CATALINA CLASSIC.

BECAUSE WE ALREADY GOT THEM GOING ON THE UTILITY BOXES AND THEY'VE BEEN THERE FOR YEARS ANYWAY.

NO ONE IS FALLING DOWN CRYING OVER THEM.

BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF INTEREST AND NEEDS IN THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT.

>> E. Stewart: JUST TO CLARIFY, WE'RE NOT PAUSING THIS PROJECT.

THIS PROJECT IS JUST BEING USED AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD BE THE GRANT TO ALLOW OTHER PROJECTS SIMILAR TO IT. THIS PROJECT IS ALREADY IN THE WORKS.

IT'S ALREADY, IT'S ALREADY GOING.

IT'S BEEN APPROVED.

>> S. Napolitano: OKAY.

I HEARD SOFT PAUSE.

>> E. Stewart: ON THE GRANT.

JUST ON THE GRANT, NOT ON THIS PROJECT.

YES.

SOFT PAUSE ON THE GRANT FOR FUTURE PROJECTS SIMILAR TO THIS.

BUT THE CATALINA CLASSIC HAS ALREADY BEEN -- THAT'S ALREADY IN THE WORKS.

>> S. Napolitano: OKAY.

>> S. Hadley: YOUR HONOR, IF I CAN JUMP IN HERE WITH DIRECTOR LEYMAN AND CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER STEWART.

I FEEL LIKE THE UTILITY BOXES SHOULD BE A MAINTENANCE ITEM. I DON'T KNOW WHY IT TAKES SO LONG TO REPLACE A UTILITY BOX.

SO I DON'T PUT THAT IN THE NEW ART CATEGORY, LIKE WHY CAN'T WE HAVE A QUEUE OF THESE WRAPS AND A NEW BOX GOES UP AND WE JUST PUT A NEW WRAP ON THERE.

SO WE DON'T NEED TO DEBATE IT TONIGHT BUT I DON'T SEE THE UTILITY.

I DON'T SEE GUNS VERSUS BUTTER, WITH STEVE'S ARGUMENT.

I FEEL LIKE THE WRAPS SHOULD JUST BE ONGOING AND PART OF THE NORMAL WORKFLOW.

AND YES, THE BIG SCULPTURE PIECES LIKE CATALINA CLASSIC DESERVE STAFF TIME AS WELL.

>> Mayor Stern: IS THAT AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE UTILITY BOXES UNFOLD?

I THOUGHT THAT THEY'RE UNIQUE, EACH ONE IS UNIQUE.

IT'S A UNIQUE CHOICE, WE'RE LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL ONES, IT'S NOT JUST MAINTENANCE OF THE CURRENT BOXES.

>> S. Hadley: NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT SURELY, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A LIST OF --

>> S. Napolitano: RIGHT.  
AND TO COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY'S POINT, WE INITIALLY SAY, OKAY LET'S PUT SOME HISTORIC PHOTOS ON THERE.  
RATHER THAN HAVING A WHOLE NEW ART CONTEST FOR 20 MORE SUBMITTALS THAT WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS.  
WE HAVE SOME RESOURCES TO THROW ON THERE NOW IN TERMS OF SOME PHOTOGRAPHS AND SUCH, HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS.  
I JUST DON'T -- I AGREE.  
JUST DO THEM.

>> S. Hadley: YEAH, JUST DO IT.  
SOMETHING'S BETTER THAN NOTHING AND WE KNOW THESE UTILITY BOXES ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE REPLACED.  
SO LET'S HAVE A QUEUE AND NEXT IN LINE, THROW IT UP THERE.  
SO I DON'T WANT TO CREATE A FALSE CHOICE. IT'S UTILITY BOX OR THE CATALINA CLASSIC SCULPTURE.  
THE UTILITY BOX WE SHOULD BE ANTICIPATING AND HAVE A QUEUE AND JUST GET THEM UP SOONER BECAUSE THEY'RE MORE NOTICEABLE WHEN THEY'RE EMPTY NOW BECAUSE THE OTHER ONES LOOK SO NICE.  
IT'S A HIGH-CLASS PROBLEM.

>> J. Franklin: OR NEED REPAIR.

>> Mayor Stern: AM I UNDERSTANDING CORRECTLY, THERE IS NOT A PAUSE ON THE CATALINA CLASSIC INSTALLATION.

>> E. Stewart: THERE IS NOT.

>> Mayor Stern: THIS IS THEN CREATING A TEMPLATE FOR FUTURE REQUESTS TO DONATE OR INSTALL PERMANENT ART, OUTDOOR ART.

>> E. Stewart: YES.

>> Mayor Stern: WHICH IS SEPARATE FROM CURRENT --

>> S. Napolitano: SHOULD THAT BE CALLED A DONATION THEN RATHER THEN GRANT?  
I'M CONFUSED BY THE WHOLE GRANT THING. WHAT ARE WE GRANTING?

>> E. Stewart: SO THE IDEA IS -- AND I APOLOGIZE, I SHOULD'VE USED A DIFFERENT IMAGE AND JUST TAKE CATALINA CLASSIC OUT OF THAT.  
SO JUST FORGET THE CATALINA CLASSIC.  
IF SOMEBODY WANTED TO INSTALL AN ARTWORK, A LARGE-SCALE, PERMANENT SCULPTURE, SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, THEY COULD APPLY THROUGH THIS PROGRAM ONCE IT'S DEVELOPED FOR A GRANT.  
AND SAY, I WOULD LIKE TO INSTALL A SCULPTURE FOR, I DON'T KNOW, A GIANT DOLPHIN OVER HERE AND I WOULD LIKE FOR THE CITY TO DONATE OR GRANT X NUMBER OF DOLLARS TO HELP MAKE THIS PROJECT HAPPEN.  
AND THEN --

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT TO BE HONEST.

I SEE THAT AS VERY TROUBLESOME ACTUALLY, AND WITH A LOT OF VANITY PROJECTS.

THIS WENT THROUGH A COUPLE YEAR PROCESS; I'LL USE CATALINA CLASSIC AS A -- BECAUSE IT WENT THROUGH A COUPLE YEARS PROCESS BECAUSE EVERYONE WANTED A CERTAIN THING AND WE HAD TO WORK THROUGH IT TO GET TO WHERE WE GOT.

BUT THAT'S LIKE, FRANKLY, THE LOVE SCULPTURE.

>> S. Hadley: YES.

>> S. Napolitano: WOULD WE WANT A --

AND THAT'S NOT SOMETHING, JUST LIKE CATALINA CLASSIC, WE SAID WE DON'T WANT TO BE PUTTING OUR ARTS DOLLARS TOWARDS THAT.

THIS IS A GROUP THAT CAN --

ANYONE THAT COMES TO US, I FEEL, SAYING WE WANT TO DO THIS, THEN THEY SHOULD BE PUTTING UP THE DOLLARS TOO AND NOT ASKING US TO FUND THEIR VISION UNLESS WE ASK FOR IT.

YOU KNOW I'M OPEN TO IDEAS, PEOPLE COMING FORWARD, BUT I WANT TO CREATE A PROGRAM THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT HONESTLY BECAUSE THAT'S THE REVERSE OF THE RFQ PROCESS FOR INSTANCE, OR THE RFB PROCESS THAT WE DO FOR MURALS AND SUCH.

WHERE WE SAY, WE WANT MURALS AND --

IT'S LIKE OH, I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A MURAL, CITY GIVE ME MONEY FOR IT AND I'M GOING TO PUT IT HERE AND I DON'T THINK I'M IN FAVOR OF THAT AT THIS POINT.

I THINK WE WANT TO RUN OUR PROGRAMS, WE WANT TO FUND THE PROJECTS WE WANT, BECAUSE A LOT OF THE VANITY PROJECTS THAT COME FORWARD HAVE BEEN TROUBLESOME.

>> E. Stewart: IF THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTION IS TO REMOVE THIS ITEM OFF THE WORK PLAN, THEN WE CAN JUST STOP WORKING ON THE GRANT PROPOSAL.

AGAIN, DOES NOT IMPACT THE CATALINA CLASSIC IN ANY WAY.

>> S. Napolitano: UNDERSTOOD.

>> Mayor Stern: IS THERE A PROCESS IF SOMEBODY COMES FORWARD, NOT WITHSTANDING WHO'S PAYING FOR IT, BUT IF SOMEBODY JUST COMES FORWARD AND SAYS, I WANT TO DONATE IN SOME WAY THIS PIECE OF ART.

I THOUGHT THAT WHAT YOU WERE PROPOSING HERE WAS A PROCESS FOR THAT BECAUSE WE'VE HAD THOSE IN THE PAST, RIGHT? AND THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN I WANT YOU, CITY, TO FUND WHAT I WANT TO PUT INTO THE CITY, BUT RATHER JUST HAVING A PROCESS FOR IT.

>> S. Napolitano: THAT WAS OUR LATER CONSIDERATION, HILDY. THAT'S ON THE DONATION PAUSE.

>> Mayor Stern: IS THAT CORRECT?

>> E. Stewart: YEAH, SO I THINK THIS WAS OUR WAY TO KIND OF MERGE THE TWO WITH, IF YOU WILL.

AND I'LL CREATE THAT PROCESS FOR SOMEBODY TO FIGHT ALL THEIR IDEA AND A PART OF THE IDEA COULD BE, I WOULD ALSO LIKE FOR THE CITY TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY.

BUT IT COULD ALSO BE, I AM DONATING THE ENTIRE THING.  
BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THERE'S NOT A VERY CLEAR PROCESS, MUCH LIKE  
WE'VE LEARNED WITH THE CATALINA CLASSIC AND WITH THE \*  
SCULPTURE.

WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER THAT PROCESS AS WE SPEAK, THAT'S  
SOMETHING THAT I'M ALSO WORKING ON BECAUSE DEFINITELY I THINK  
THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE CITY NEEDS IS A LITTLE BIT MORE  
PROCESS SO COUNCIL CAN EVALUATE THESE PROJECTS.

>> S. Napolitano: HERE'S A GOOD EXAMPLE, IS YEARS AGO A  
SCULPTURE WAS DONATED TO THE CITY.

CITY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT, NOBODY LIKED IT, IT GOT  
PAINTED VARIOUS COLORS, IT WAS VANDALIZED, AND IT'S SITTING OUT  
IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE NOW AMONGST THE WEEDS OUT THERE  
BECAUSE --

BUT SOMEBODY DONATED IT AND SO THEY FELT THEY COULDN'T TURN IT  
DOWN.

YET, IT IS A MUCH UNLOVED SCULPTURE.

>> Mayor Stern: SO I THINK THAT EXAMPLE SPEAKS TO THE NECESSITY  
TO HAVE A PROCESS THEN.

>> S. Napolitano: I DISAGREE.

I DISAGREE, I THINK IT ONLY ENCOURAGES IT.

I THINK WE TAKE THOSE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

I SEE COMMISSIONER SPACKMAN WITH HIS HAND UP.

I'LL STAND DOWN, BUT I DON'T WANT TO ENCOURAGE DONATIONS OF ART  
THAT THEN EVERYONE GETS THESE FALSE EXPECTATIONS THAT WE'RE  
GOING TO ACCEPT IT.

THE LOVE STATUE, PERFECT EXAMPLE.

PERFECT EXAMPLE OF GOOD --

>> S. Hadley: I'M WITH STEVE ON THAT ONE.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, COMMISSION SPACKMAN.

>> R. Spackman: YEAH, VERY BRIEFLY.

THE PROGRAM THAT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT DOES FALL SOMEWHAT IN  
LINE WITH WHAT YOU DESCRIBED STEVE WITH ONE EXCEPTION IN THAT  
WE'RE NOT TRYING TO SOLICIT PEOPLE WHO GET TO GIVE US ART TO  
THEN OTHERWISE PUT IN THE CITY -- YOU HAD A TERM OF ART THAT YOU  
USED, A GOOD ONE -- BUT MORE TO HAVE A PROGRAM IN PLACE WHERE WE  
COULD, IF APPROACHED OR IF WE WANTED TO LOOK FOR AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO PLACE ART IN A PUBLIC LOCATION, THAT WE HAD A MECHANISM BY  
WHICH WE COULD ASSESS THAT ART, MAKE A RECOMMENDATION, AND  
POSSIBLY FUND IT.

AT LEAST THAT'S I THINK WHERE WE WERE TRYING TO GO BUT PERHAPS,  
WE HAVEN'T CAPTURED THE EXPECTATION OF THE COUNCIL.

>> S. Napolitano: APPRECIATE THAT.

>> E. Stewart: JUST TO REALLY QUICKLY CLARIFY, AND STEVE TO YOUR  
POINT, THE IDEA IS TO CREATE A SYSTEM WHEREBY NO IS KIND OF AN  
EASY AND -- NOT EASY I SHOULD SAY BUT IS A SIMPLE POSSIBILITY.



SO THAT INSTEAD OF HAVING THESE THINGS KIND OF SHOW UP RANDOMLY SOMETIMES THEY SHOW UP TO COUNCIL, SOMETIMES THEY SHOW UP TO STAFF, SOMETIMES THEY JUST KIND OF SHOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE. OH, DO YOU WANT THIS?

AND SOMETIMES IT CAN BE SORT OF TOUGH TO KNOW, WELL WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS THING THAT NOW SHOWED UP AT MY DOORSTEP AND AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY NO TO IT?

AM I SUPPOSED TO TAKE EVERYTHING TO COUNCIL?

I THINK THE IDEA FOR THIS WAS TO CREATE KIND OF A FUNNEL AND THEN COUNCIL COULD GO DOWN THE LIST AND SAY NOPE, NOPE, DON'T WANT THIS, DON'T WANT THAT, OH MAYBE, AS OPPOSED TO TRYING TO ENCOURAGE AN INFLUX.

DEFINITELY THIS IS NOT AN IDEA TO SAY COME ONE COME ALL, COME DONATE YOUR STUFF TO US.

>> S. Napolitano: FOR THAT REASON THOUGH, I WOULD KEEP IT UNDER THE DONATION BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO GO FUNDING -- I DON'T WANT THE IDEA THAT THE CITY IS GOING TO SUPPORT DONATIONS WITH DOLLARS UNLESS IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DECIDE, YOU KNOW WHAT? WE'RE GOING TO CHIP IN ON THAT. BUT AS A POLICY, I WOULDN'T WANT TO HAVE IT AS AN ART GRANT. I WOULDN'T WANT IT TO COME UNDER A HEADING AS AN ART GRANT. IF THEY WANT TO DONATE -- FOR INSTANCE, A LOT OF OBJECTION TO THE LOVE SCULPTURE WAS THAT IT WAS JUST ALONE FOR THREE YEARS AND HE WANTED US TO PAY FOR THE TWENTY -- THE BILLIONAIRE WANTED US TO PAY \$25000 FOR THE BASE THAT WOULD ONLY BE THERE FOR THREE YEARS.

SO IT'S JUST LIKE, NO.

IF SOMEONE WANTS TO DONATE THAT, WE AGREE WITH IT, GREAT. YOU'RE FUNDING IT.

SO I'D RATHER KEEP IT UNDER DONATION. THAT'S MY TWO CENTS AND WHATEVER ANYONE ELSE THINKS, THAT'S FINE.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

>> S. Hadley: YEAH, I'M WITH STEVE ON THAT.

>> Mayor Stern: WHICH IS FINE. THIS ISN'T LIKE WE'RE ADVERTISING, HEY MAKE DONATIONS. WE'RE ACTUALLY JUST FINDING A WAY TO ADDRESS IF SOMEBODY DOES COMES TO US, COMES TO THE COMMISSION WITH A SUGGESTION.

>> S. Napolitano: NO, BUT IT IS SAYING THOUGH THAT WE MIGHT GIVE YOU MONEY, WE MIGHT BUILD A BASE FOR IT, WE MIGHT PUT IN THE LIGHTING FOR IT.

>> Mayor Stern: I UNDERSTAND THAT. YEP, I AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT. COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: YEAH, AND THE FIRST TIME SOMEBODY READS ABOUT IT IN THE BEACH REPORTER THEY'RE GOING TO GO OH, I'LL DO THE SAME WITH THIS OVER HERE AND I'LL GIVE IT TO THE CITY. IT COULD OPEN UP THE FLOODGATES.

>> Mayor Stern: WHICH IS WHY THIS ISN'T TO BE ADVERTISED, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING WE'RE TRYING TO ADVERTISE.

>> J. Franklin: WELL NO BUT IT'LL SHOW UP IN THE PAPER, IT'LL BE REPORTED UPON OR SOMETHING.

>> S. Hadley: YEAH, EVERYTHING WE DO IS REPORTED, IT'S PUBLIC RECORD. I MEAN PEOPLE FIND OUT. MAKE IT A POLICY. WHETHER WE ADVERTISE IT OR NOT.

>> J. Franklin: YEAH, SO.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY. AND MAKING IT A POLICY IS ACTUALLY PROBABLY ANOTHER AVENUE FOR THIS AS OPPOSED TO MAKING IT A DONATION PROCEDURE WHICH IS JUST A POLICY ABOUT RECEIVING PROPOSALS FOR OUTDOOR PERMANENT -- OR MAYBE THAT'S ANOTHER AVENUE, JUST TO HAVE A POLICY ABOUT THAT. OKAY.

>> E. Stewart: -- STAFF OR COMMISSION TO RESEARCH PUTTING THIS THROUGH THE DONATION POLICY INSTEAD? AND KIND OF AGAIN THAT CHANNELING PROCESS THAT WE SORT OF DISCUSSED?

>> Mayor Stern: YEAH. SO DOES ANYBODY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH AT LEAST HAVING THE COMMISSION GO AHEAD AND ENTERTAIN HOW TO CODIFY THE POLICY ABOUT RECEIVING SUGGESTIONS FOR PERMANENT ART?

>> S. Napolitano: UNDER A DONATION POLICY, YES.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY. SO UNDER THE DONATION POLICY. OKAY.

>> E. Stewart: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Stern: MM-HMM.

>> E. Stewart: OKAY. AND LAST ONE FOR THE GRANT GROUP IS AN ART GRANT THAT WAS PROPOSED. THIS WAS PART OF THAT SAME GROUPING OF GRANTS THAT I BELIEVE WAS APPROVED IN FIRST GROUPING OF 2018 FOR SCHOOL OR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES. I BELIEVE THE ORIGINAL INTENT FOR THIS GRANT WAS TO GIVE MONETARY SUMS TO EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, OR STUDENTS THEMSELVES TO CREATE CERTAIN PROJECTS. STAFF HAS MET WITH SOME SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES JUST TO KIND OF BEGIN THE CONVERSATION TO SEE WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL, WHAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE. AND WITH COVID AND OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GETTING IN THE WAY, THAT WORK HAS KIND OF STOPPED AT THAT POINT OR PAUSED, IF YOU WILL, ONCE AGAIN. STEVE'S FAVORITE WORD. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THIS ITEM ON THE WORK PLAN AND GET TO IT AS SOON AS WE HAVE A CHANCE.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT?  
COMMENTS?  
THIS ITEM IS ALREADY ON THE WORK PLAN.  
>> S. Hadley: I AGREE WITH THE PAUSE.  
>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY, DID YOU HAVE A COMMENT?  
>> S. Hadley: YEAH.  
I LIKE THE PAUSE AND NOT MOVING IT FORWARD AHEAD OF OTHER ITEMS.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
CONTINUE IT ON THE WORK PLAN HOWEVER.  
>> S. Hadley: YEAH, ABSOLUTELY.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
>> S. Hadley: IT'S ABOUT KIDS AND ART, LOVE IT.  
>> Mayor Stern: YEAH.  
ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THAT?  
OKAY. WELL AGAIN, THIS IS A ROBUST LIST.  
YOU HAVE A LOT GOING ON.  
YOU PUT A LOT OF ENERGY AND CREATIVITY INTO THESE.  
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE SO MANY OF THESE.  
OH, I'M SORRY.  
DID YOU HAVE MORE?  
>> E. Stewart: YEAH.  
I BELIEVE THERE IS ONE MORE.  
>> Mayor Stern: OOPS, SORRY.  
I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE LAST ONE.  
>> E. Stewart: AND ACTUALLY, TO YOUR POINT BECAUSE WE HAVE SO  
MANY ITEMS ON THE WORK PLAN, THE LAST ITEM THAT WAS APPROVED IN  
THAT 2018 WORK PLAN, WHICH WAS THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AT  
THE TIME FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A SEPARATE P.R.  
MARKETING CAMPAIGN.  
HOWEVER, SINCE THEN THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AND STAFF,  
EVALUATING THE CURRENT OUTREACH THAT THE CITY DOES ON BEHALF OF  
ALL ITS DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS AND NO LONGER FEEL THAT IT'S  
NECESSARY TO HAVE THIS WORK PLAN ON THE ITEM.  
>> S. Napolitano: AGREE.  
>> E. Stewart: SO WE WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE IT PLEASE.  
>> Mayor Stern: ANYBODY HAVE A QUESTION OR COMMENT ABOUT THAT?  
REMOVING IS A GOOD STRATEGY.  
>> E. Stewart: AND NOW WE'RE DONE.  
THANK YOU.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
>> J. Marcy: I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO COUNCIL.  
THANK YOU, MAYOR FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR DIRECTIVE HERE.  
THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION HAS BEEN VERY DILIGENT AND  
PASSIONATE ABOUT GETTING ARTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO PURSUING MORE OPPORTUNITIES.  
>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU, CHAIR.  
WE ARE THRILLED.

>> S. Hadley: GREAT JOB, CULTURAL ARTS.  
>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU, YES.  
EXCITING TO SEE OUR ART BLOOMING IN THE CITY.  
THANK YOU.  
OKAY, LAST COMMISSION IS OUR PARKS AND RECS COMMISSION.  
>> M. Leyman: YES, SO I WILL KICK US OFF.  
YES, SO WE ARE ON THE HOME STRETCH, LAST COMMISSION OF THE  
EVENING.  
AND TO KICK US OFF I WILL INTRODUCE SUZANNE KARGER, OUR CHAIR,  
TO LEAD US OFF.  
>> S. Karger: THANK YOU, MARK.  
JUST BEFORE I READ THE LIST OF COMMISSIONERS, I WANT TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK THAT THEY HAVE ALL DONE.  
HAVING BEEN ON THE COMMISSION FOR SIX YEARS, I HAVE TO SAY THIS  
IS THE STRONGEST COMMISSION I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO BE ON WITH  
THESE AMAZING INDIVIDUALS.  
THE NUMBER OF HOURS THEY PUT IN ARE EXTRAORDINARY AS YOU WILL  
SEE.  
LISTING THE COMMISSIONERS, BRUCE GREENBERG, KEN WEINER, STEVE  
DORAN, LAURIE MCCARTHY, J.J. TURKMANY, AND SKYLAR GRAMPP.  
OUR PROJECTS FROM THE WORK PLAN ITEMS INCLUDE THE EL PORTO  
FAMILY PARK, NATURE AREAS AND TRAILS, DOG PARKS AND COMMUNITY  
PARKETTES, SAND DUNE BUILDING, EXPLORE REPURPOSING PAY N' PLAY,  
EXPLORE ACQUIRING ARMORY LAND, EXPLORE AQUATICS FACILITY, THE  
PARK MASTER PLAN, AND THE DONATION POLICY.  
NEW ITEMS THAT DIRECTOR LEYMAN WILL DISCUSS ARE DEVELOPING  
OPTIONS FOR THE HISTORIC RED HOUSE AND EXPLORE LIGHTED BEACH  
VOLLEYBALL COURTS.  
I'D LIKE TO TURN OUR EL PORTO FAMILY PARK ON TO THE CHAIR FOR  
THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONER GREENBERG.  
BRUCE?  
>> S. Napolitano: IS HE MUTED?  
>> S. Karger: BRUCE?  
>> S. Napolitano: IS HE WATCHING TV?  
IS A GAME ON TONIGHT?  
>> S. Karger: OH, I SEE HIM.  
THERE HE IS.  
>> Mayor Stern: THERE WE GO.  
>> B. Greenberg: OKAY.  
BEAR WITH ME.  
I'M JUST STRUGGLING WITH A ZOOM.  
YOU GUYS ARE IN A VERY SMALL BOX ON MY SCREEN BUT I'M NOT GOING  
TO --  
LET'S SEE, HERE WE GO.  
OKAY.  
WELL I CANNOT SEE WHAT SLIDES ARE UP ON THE SCREEN BUT I'M GOING  
TO TRUST THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT THE EL PORTO FAMILY PARK SLIDE.

AND SO THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER KARGER.  
AND DIVING INTO A QUICK UPDATE ON THE EL PORTO FAMILY PARK.  
WE KICKED OFF THIS PROJECT AT THE BEGINNING OF 2021 TO EXPLORE  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLOT OF LAND ON THE SAND.  
IT'S VERY, VERY NORTH END OF EL PORTO.  
YOU CAN SEE THE IMAGE ON PAGE 34.  
IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE LAND IT'S RIGHT IN-BETWEEN THE  
BIKE PATH AND THE PARKING LOT.  
IT'S CURRENTLY A BARELY DEVELOPED PLOT OF LAND THAT'S USED  
MINIMALLY, SOME PEOPLE WALK THEIR DOGS THERE, SOME PEOPLE DO  
YOGA THERE.  
OVER THE YEARS EL PORTO RESIDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF MORE OF A PARK ON THIS SITE.  
SO WE FORMED THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND WE DID SOME EXPLORATION,  
SOME BRAINSTORMING, WE MET WITH SOME VENDORS FOR SOME  
PRELIMINARY IDEAS, AND --  
SORRY.  
ARE YOU ABLE TO SEE -- IS MY CAMERA ON?  
ARE YOU ABLE TO SEE ME? OR ONLY HEAR ME?  
>> S. Karger: NO, I DON'T SEE YOU.  
>> Mayor Stern: WE CAN HEAR YOU.  
THE CAMERA IS NOT ON.  
>> B. Greenberg: OKAY.  
I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT; I AM STRUGGLING WITH ZOOM TONIGHT.  
THERE WE GO.  
OKAY.  
RESOLVED?  
>> Mayor Stern: WE STILL DON'T SEE YOU.  
>> B. Greenberg: OKAY.  
>> Mayor Stern: IT WAS CLOSE.  
THERE WE GO.  
>> S. Hadley: THERE WE GO.  
>> B. Greenberg: APOLOGIES.  
ALL RIGHT.  
SO WE MET WITH VENDORS, GOT SOME PRELIMINARY IDEAS ABOUT WHAT TO  
DO WITH THE AREA, TO REDEVELOP THE AREA, WHAT WE LANDED ON IS  
KIND OF A PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL IDEA.  
IT'S TO USE THE SOUTH SECTION.  
IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT THAT IMAGE ON PAGE 34, YOU SEE THAT THAT  
TRIANGLE IS SORT OF DIVIDED INTO TWO AREAS, THE SOUTH TRIANGLE  
AND THE NORTH TRIANGLE, AND WE WOULD MAINTAIN THOSE TWO SEPARATE  
AREAS BECAUSE THAT'S AN ACCESS ROAD THAT'S USED FOR EMERGENCY  
ACCESS VEHICLES TO ACCESS THE BEACH.  
OUR PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL IDEA IS TO REDEVELOP THE SOUTH  
SECTION FOR ACTIVE PLAY WITH A FEW PIECES OF LOW-PROFILE  
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

THE NORTH SECTION WOULD BE USED AS PASSIVE PARK WITH SOME PICNIC TABLES FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY.

WE'D KEEP SOME OF THE ICE PLANTS AROUND THE AREA, INSTALL SOME LOW FENCING AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE PLAYGROUND AREA FOR SAFETY TO KEEP THE CHILDREN IN, TO KEEP THE CHILDREN FROM RUNNING TO THE BIKE PATH, AND TO KEEP DOGS FROM RUNNING INTO THAT AREA.

BUT IT WOULD BE LOW ENOUGH FENCING SO IT'S NOT TO OBSTRUCT VIEWS.

WE'RE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE CONCERN OF RESIDENTS, OF ANY RESIDENTS ALONG THE STRAND IN THAT AREA, THEY CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO HAVE THEIR VIEWS OBSTRUCTED.

AND SO WE TOOK ALL THOSE THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL DESIGN.

AND THEN WE MOVED INTO COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

THE COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED SEVERAL OUTREACH SESSIONS.

INITIALLY WE WERE TARGETING THE COMMUNITY THAT LIVES IMMEDIATELY IN THE EL PORTO AREA.

WE CONDUCTED SEVERAL SESSIONS OVER THE SUMMER WITH VARIOUS ATTENDANTS FROM THE EL PORTO AREA AND THEN WORKING WITH STAFF WE CONDUCTED AN ON-SITE COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION.

AND ALL TOGETHER BETWEEN THE TARGETED ZOOM SESSIONS AND THEN THE BROADER COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION IN PERSON, I THINK WE RECEIVED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FROM ABOUT 60 OR 70 RESIDENTS.

AS YOU CAN IMAGINE THE INPUT THAT WE RECEIVED WAS EXTREMELY VARIED ACROSS THE BOARD.

THERE WERE SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT WERE VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THE IDEA, OF REDEVELOPMENT AND ADDING SOME PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND ADDING SOME OTHER AMENITIES.

AT THE OTHER END OF THE SPECTRUM, THERE WERE RESIDENTS THAT WERE SAYING JUST LEAVE IT ALONE, WHY DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS?

AND JUST LEAVE IT AS IS, AND THEN THERE WAS STUFF IN-BETWEEN.

WE CERTAINLY HEARD FROM SOME PEOPLE WHO LIKED THE IDEA OF ADDING SOME AMENITIES BUT CONCERNS ABOUT ADDING BENCHES OR PICNIC TABLES THAT MIGHT ATTRACT MORE CHALLENGES WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION.

WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THAT CONCERN.

SO WE DETERMINED AS OUR NEXT STEP WE NEEDED TO BROADEN OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH GOING FROM QUALITATIVE COMMUNITY INPUT, WHICH WE RECEIVED, TO A QUANTITATIVE COMMUNITY SURVEY AND THAT'S REALLY OUR NEXT STEP.

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR STAFF TO DEVELOP THE COMMUNITY SURVEY AND GET THAT OUT TO THE COMMUNITY SO WE CAN REALLY GET MORE ROBUST COMMUNITY INPUT ON A STATISTICALLY VALID COMMUNITY SURVEY.

AND THEN BASED ON THAT WE CAN DEVELOP PLANS, SOLIDIFY A BUDGET, AND THEN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL ABOUT WHETHER, BASED ON WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY, WHETHER WE THINK IT IS

WORTHWHILE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SITE OR NOT.

SO I WILL PAUSE THERE.

THOSE ARE OUR PROPOSED NEXT STEPS TO CONTINUE WITH THIS PROJECT INTO 2022 AND I WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS OR INPUT.

>> Mayor Stern: ANY QUESTIONS?

ANY COMMENTS?

>> S. Napolitano: YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Stern: MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO.

>> S. Napolitano: I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT BUT I THINK WE'RE OVERPROCESSING THIS.

I MEAN GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE AREA AND LOCATION AND THE OWNERSHIP OF IT, I THINK WE COME UP WITH A SIMPLE PLAN AND PUSH IT TO THE COUNTY AND ASK THEM TO FUND IT.

I DON'T KNOW WHY WE WOULD GO OUT AND DO THAT.

HOPEFULLY, WE HAVE THE SAME RECEPTION FROM OUR NEW SUPERVISOR AS I THINK WE WOULD'VE HAD FROM OUR FORMER SUPERVISOR, BUT IF THE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO -- HERSELF TO HER NEW COMMUNITIES, THIS MIGHT BE ONE OF THOSE EFFORTS.

>> S. Hadley: I LIKE IT.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

I THINK IT'S BEEN A GREAT EFFORT; I THINK YOU'VE LEARNED SO MUCH, YOU'VE TAKEN SO MANY STEPS TOWARDS THIS.

I'M A LITTLE BIT HESITANT.

IF THE COUNTY WANTS TO FUND IT, I THINK THAT'S FABULOUS OTHERWISE I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS WOULD BE MY PRIORITY BECAUSE I THINK WE DO HAVE SO MUCH OPEN SPACE RIGHT THERE AT THE BEACH FOR ENJOYING THIS AREA.

AND I DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD SAY THAT IT WOULD BE MY PRIORITY TO SPEND MONEY DOING THIS WHEN WE HAVE HIGHER PRIORITIES OF HOW TO IMPROVE OUR OPEN SPACES.

BECAUSE THE BEACH IS A GREAT OPEN SPACE, THE WAY IT IS.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

ACTUALLY I'M NOT SURE THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE OUR FRIEND FOR A LONG TIME. I WOULDN'T LOOK AT THE COUNTY FOR ANY HELP FOR A WHILE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THIS SITS ON MY PRIORITY LIST.

IF I CAN CREATE GREEN SPACE ON LAND THAT'S NOT BEING USED, BESIDES AS A DROP TRASH AREA, IT STAYS ON MY PRIORITY LIST.

SO I DO WANT TO WATCH IT AND SEE WHAT GOES FORWARD.

I'M NOT SURE OF THE PRIORITIES WE'RE LOOKING AT, DEVELOP GREEN SPACE ANYWHERE IN THE CITY.

SO KEEPING THAT IN MIND, AND I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ONE YET, THIS STAYS HIGH ON MY PRIORITY LIST.

SO WHEN WE COME BACK AND CIRCLE BACK, I WANT TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT PRIORITY WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT HAS TO DO WITH GREEN SPACE IN THE CITY.

>> S. Napolitano: CHIME IN AGAIN, IS THAT IT'S NOT THAT IT'S NOT OPEN SPACE RIGHT NOW, IT'S JUST NOT VERY ATTRACTIVE OPEN SPACE. AS FAR AS UTILIZATION GOES, THERE'S THE BEACH.

I GUESS MY WHOLE ISSUE THOUGH ALSO IS WHILE IT'S A NICE, SHINY, NEW THING WE CAN LOOK AT, WE HAVE SO MANY CURRENT NEEDS AT OUR PARKS RIGHT NOW.

WE'VE BEEN GETTING EMAILS UP THE WAZOO ABOUT THE STATE OF SAND DUNE AND HOW WE'RE FAILING IN TERMS OF THE FLORA OUT THERE, THE LANDSCAPING, THE MAINTENANCE OF IT, AND I SEE THE IDEA OF TRAILS AND EVERYTHING BUT UNLESS WE IMPROVE OUR MAINTENANCE AND THE FOLIAGE AND THE SHRUBS AND EVERYTHING ELSE OUT THERE, WHAT'S THE POINT OF THAT?

SO I CAN WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE COST OF THIS IS.

THIS IS NOT A PRIORITY TO ME BECAUSE I JUST DON'T SEE IT AS HIGH ON THE NECESSITY LIST ESPECIALLY COMPARED TO OUR NEEDS IN OUR CURRENT STATE OF OUR PARKS.

WE HAVE NOT DEDICATED ENOUGH DOLLARS TO THE EQUIPMENT AND THE MAINTENANCE AND THE OPEN AREAS THAT WE HAVE NOW.

AND TO DEVELOP A BRAND NEW ONE I THINK IS KIND OF A SLAP IN THE FACE TO SOME FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR UPGRADES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS FOR YEARS.

SAND DUNE WAS -- WE'VE BEEN GETTING THE EMAILS.

I'D DO THAT BEFORE THIS ANY DAY OF THE WEEK. I'M SORRY AND AGAIN APPRECIATE THE EFFORT. MAYBE --

AND I AGAIN SAY THAT MAYBE WE WILL GET SOME DOLLARS OUT OF THE COUNTY, IT'S THEIR PROPERTY, WE SHOULD GET SOME.

EVERY SUPERVISOR HAS DISCRETIONARY DOLLARS, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DISCRETIONARY DOLLARS.

SO DEPENDING WHAT THIS IS, YOU KNOW, \$150000 IS NOTHING TO THEM.

>> R. Montgomery: YEAH, I WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M NOT CONFUSING MAINTENANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT.

I'M NOT SURE THAT A MAINTENANCE ISSUE IS GOING TO GO AWAY IF WE HAVE FIVE MORE OF THESE POCKET PARKS OR TWENTY MORE.

WE --

>> S. Napolitano: WE CAN PUT BENCHES OUT THERE NOW.

>> R. Montgomery: I'M NOT SURE THIS IS MAINTENANCE ISSUE GOING FORWARD WHETHER THIS HAPPENS OR DOESN'T.

I'M SAYING THIS SHOULD BE ON THE LIST TO LOOK AT AS A POSSIBILITY AND IF THE SUPERVISOR CAN FIND HER WAY TO MANHATTAN BEACH AND FIND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR AND SAY THIS IS A PRIORITY.

[LAUGHTER]

>> S. Napolitano: WELL I GUESS WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY MONEY NOW.

>> R. Montgomery: I'M JUST SAYING.



IT'S A REALITY.  
IT WON'T HAPPEN OVER NIGHT.  
>> S. Napolitano: YOU CREATE NEW OPEN SPACE YOU CREATE MORE MAINTENANCE TOO.  
>> R. Montgomery: YEAH, AND THAT MAY BE IT.  
MAYBE IT'S A MAINTENANCE ISSUE NOT A DEVELOPMENT ISSUE.  
BUT IN MY MIND, I'M SAYING WATCHING THIS ONE, I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA, LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE POPS UP THAT MAY TAKE PEOPLE AWAY OR MONEY AWAY OR STAFF AWAY.  
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS FIRST BUT I LIKE IT, IT'S CREATIVE, AND LIKE STEVE SAID, IT'S JUST A PIECE OF DIRT NOW, WHICH IS NOT WHAT THE PLAN WAS.  
SO LET'S SEE IT.  
I'M GOING TO KEEP WATCHING IT.  
THAT'S ALL.  
>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.  
>> J. Franklin: SO THE COMMON DENOMINATOR THAT I SEE UP AND DOWN THE BEACH JUST IN TERMS OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AND EVERYTHING ARE SWINGS, SWING SETS.  
YOU KNOW THERE'S ONE AT MARINE, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE --  
>> S. Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, CAN I JUST...?  
I HATE, I'M SORRY.  
THE BEACHES AND HARBORS HATES THOSE SWING SETS.  
THE ONLY REASON THAT'S BACK AT MARINE IS BECAUSE WE HAD TO KICK THEM IN THE BUTT TO PUT IT BACK.  
BUT THEY WANT TO REMOVE ALL THE SWING SETS FROM THE BEACH.  
IF THEY COULD, THEY WOULD.  
IT'S THE SUPERVISORS THAT SAY NO YOU HAVE TO KEEP --  
[LAUGHTER]  
>> S. Hadley: WHY IS IT THAT THEY HATE THE SWINGS?  
>> S. Napolitano: LIABILITY.  
>> J. Franklin: JUST LIABILITY AND MAINTENANCE.  
>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, LIABILITY AND MAINTENANCE.  
>> S. Hadley: AT LEAST NOBODY CAN SLEEP ON THE SWINGS. THAT'S WHAT I LIKE THEM FOR.  
>> J. Franklin: YEAH, AND THAT'S THE OTHER CONCERN ABOUT DEVELOPING IT AS A PARK WITH BENCHES AND TABLES WAS THE -- I MEAN, I HEARD A LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT THE HOMELESS SITUATION THERE.  
JUST REVISITING THE SWINGS, IF I MAY, IF IT'S AT ALL POSSIBLE THROUGH GRANTS OR EVEN THROUGH -- PAINT THEM AND MAKE IT A CULTURAL ARTS PROJECT.  
BUT THERE IS A LOT OF CHILDREN, THERE IS MORE CHILDREN ACTIVE IN THAT AREA OF EL PORTO THAN I THINK THERE ARE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE STRAND.  
I THINK IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE KIDS.

I THINK IT WOULD GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO ON THEIR WAY TO THE BEACH, WHEN THEY COME BACK, IT'S JUST ANOTHER LITTLE PLAY OPTION.

NOTHING MORE THAN JUST A SET OF SWINGS.

WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO WORK ON THOSE, YOU KNOW, THOSE MEANIE COUNTY PEOPLE.

[CHUCKLING] WHO ARE TAKING FUN AWAY FROM CHILDREN.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

SO WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE COUNTY RESPONSE WOULD BE BUT I THINK THAT MIGHT BE A STEP AT LEAST.

JUST TO SEE IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE WILLING TO FUND SOMETHING.

RIGHT? AND THAT I THINK I'M HEARING FROM COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO, I CERTAINLY AGREE THAT DEVELOPING THIS AREA IS NOT HIGH AT LEAST ON MY PRIORITY GIVEN THE OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN. BUT JUST EXPLORING IT WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTY TO SEE MAYBE IF IT'S JUST EVEN A SWING SET, JOE, --

>> J. Franklin: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Stern: -- GOING THERE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THIS ONE?

COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?

>> S. Hadley: THANK YOU, MAYOR STERN.

I TOO, REALLY LIKE THIS IDEA.

I MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH BRUCE GREENBERG.

AND THANK YOU, BRUCE.

YOU MADE THE POINT ABOUT THE YOUNG FAMILIES IN EL PORTO AND NOT HAVING THE FARTHEST POINTS AWAY FROM ANY EQUIPMENT FOR YOUNG KIDS.

AND THAT REALLY TOUCHED ME BECAUSE I RAISED MY KIDS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF SAND DUNE PARK.

SO I DO LIKE THE IDEA.

I DO LIKE THE IDEA OF THE COUNTY PAYING FOR IT.

I SAY FULL STEAM AHEAD.

I GO FOR THE PRESUMPTIVE CLOSE, WELCOME SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

HERE'S OUR LIST OF PROJECTS WE LOVE.

THIS ONE IS ONE AT THE BEACH THAT YOU'LL BE INTERESTED IN WITH COUNTY LAND, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH.

AND IF WE CAN GET IT DONE THEN EVERYBODY IS HAPPY, I THINK.

AND THEN OUR WORST CASE, THEN WE FALL BACK.

IF SHE SAYS NO THEN WE REDUCE THE COST AND WE DO SOMETHING LIKE COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN SUGGESTED, JUST THE SWINGS OR SOMETHING.

BUT I LOVE THE IDEA OF PUTTING SOMETHING IN THERE.

I DON'T WANT TO ENCOURAGE VAGRANCY OR OVERNIGHT CAMPING.

BUT I THINK IF THE SUPERVISORS WILL PAY, THAT WOULD BE FANTASTIC.

SO APPRECIATE THE EFFORT AND IT'S ON MY LIST JUST LIKE RICHARD SAID AND I'D LIKE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT THIS.

I'D LIKE TO KEEP IT ON THE LIST.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, GREAT.

ONTO THE NEXT.

>> B. Greenberg: OKAY.

THE NEXT PROJECT IS MINE AS WELL SO I'LL CONTINUE.

BUT LET ME JUST WRAP THAT ONE UP WITH, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE FEEDBACK AND DIRECTION ON THAT.

THAT'S VERY, VERY HELPFUL.

SO THE NEXT PROJECT ON OUR LIST IS LOOKING AT NATURE AREAS AND NATURE TRAILS.

AND THE AREA THAT WE SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON WITHIN THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE, WE WERE LOOKING AT A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT AREAS WITHIN THE CITY.

AND THIS WAS ALL DRIVEN BY SOME OF THE FINDING FROM THE PARKS MASTER PLANNING PROCESS.

AND YOU ALL RECALL THE PARKS MASTER PLAN WHICH WE PRESENTED LAST YEAR AND ALL THE WORK AND COMMUNITY INPUT THAT WENT BEHIND THAT, INCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SURVEY THAT RECEIVED FEEDBACK FROM HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

AND ONE OF THE KEY THINGS THAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY, IN TERMS OF PRIORITIES OF WHAT THEY WOULD LOVE TO SEE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, NUMBER ONE WAS THE AQUATICS CENTER, WHICH YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR MORE ABOUT LATER THIS EVENING.

AND THEN NUMBER TWO WAS MORE ACCESS TO NATURE AREAS AND NATURE TRAILS.

AND SO WE SCRATCHED OUR HEAD A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE WITHIN A CITY THAT'S BUILT OUT AS MUCH AS MANHATTAN BEACH, WHERE ON EARTH CAN WE TRY TO ADDRESS THAT DESIRE OF THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE MORE ACCESS TO NATURE AREAS AND NATURE TRAILS.

AND AS WE WERE LOOKING AT -- AS WE WERE SURVEYING OUR DIFFERENT PARKS AND SPENDING SOME TIME AT SAND DUNE PARK, WE WERE STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF SAND DUNE PARK THAT IS TECHNICALLY OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE TODAY.

PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO GO INTO THESE LESS DEVELOPED AREAS.

THERE IS NO RULES AGAINST IT.

BUT JUST BECAUSE OF THE WAY WE'VE GOT THE FENCING CONFIGURED AND A COUPLE OF GATES ARE LOCKED, HAVE BEEN LOCKED HISTORICALLY DOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF SAND DUNE PARK, AND THERE WAS -- IN FACT ONE OF THE GATES HAS A SIGN ON IT, HAD A SIGN ON IT SAYING, KEEP OUT. NOT A TRAIL.

AND SO WE SORT OF WONDERING, WE RESEARCHED WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THIS? WHY DOES THIS EXIST?

WE EVEN SPOKE TO FORMER STAFF MEMBERS THAT WORKED FOR THE CITY 30 YEARS AGO.

AND ANYHOW, BOTTOM LINE, WE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN UP WHERE THERE IS TRULY ACRES OF LAND THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE WITHIN SAND DUNE PARK, THAT ARE

CURRENTLY UNDER UTILIZED OR UNUTILIZED TODAY SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE WAY WE MADE IT RELATIVELY INACCESSIBLE. AND SO BEFORE OPENING UP THESE AREAS FOR MORE ACCESSIBLE USAGE TO THE COMMUNITY, WE CONDUCTED A FAIR BIT OF DUE DILIGENCE. FIRST, WE MET WITH SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS OF CITY STAFF, INCLUDING THE CITY'S RISK MANAGER. WE MET WITH HER ON-SITE. WE MET WITH LIEUTENANT HAROD FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON-SITE, OUR CITY'S ADA EXPERT, AND OUR CITY'S URBAN FORESTER. WE MET WITH ALL THESE KEY CONSTITUENTS TO GET THEIR INPUT ON WHAT WE WERE THINKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF OPENING UP MORE, MAKING THIS AREA, THIS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE COMMUNITY TO USE. AND WE RECOGNIZE ALSO THAT WE WANTED TO DO SOME CLEAN UP IN THAT AREA. IT JUST HADN'T RECEIVED TENDER LOVE AND CARE OVER THE YEARS. AND SO I CONDUCTED OUTREACH TO SEVERAL SCOUT TROOPS AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND WE ORGANIZED A COUPLE OF CLEAN UPS. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH, THE VOLUNTEERS, THE SCOUTS DID AN AMAZING JOB COLLECTING TRASH AND CLEANING UP THAT AREA. AND THEN WHAT WE SAID WAS, WE WERE GOING TO OPEN IT UP ON A TRIAL BASIS. WE'RE GOING TO CONDUCT A SIX-MONTH PILOT PROJECT. NOW THAT WE'VE CONDUCTED A CLEANUP, WE MET WITH THE KEY CONSTITUENTS, WE'RE GOING TO CONDUCT A SIX-MONTH PILOT PROJECT. WHICH SIMPLY CONSISTS OF WE UNLOCKED THE TWO GATES DOWN AT THE BOTTOM THAT HAD HISTORICALLY BEEN LOCKED, AND SO NOW THOSE ARE UNLOCKED AND OPEN DURING PARK HOURS, AND WE'RE GOING TO MONITOR USAGE. WE'RE GOING TO SEE NEW PEOPLE COME, NEW PEOPLE USE THE AREA, NEW PEOPLE ENJOY THE AREA. IS THIS A GOOD ASSET? IS THIS AN ADDITION TO THE COMMUNITY? AND ON THE FLIP SIDE WE'RE GOING TO MONITOR ANY NEGATIVE ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE. ARE THERE POLICE INCIDENTS OR INJURIES OR OTHER CONCERNS THAT ARISE DURING THE SIX-MONTH PILOT PROJECT. AND THEN WE'LL EVALUATE. IS THIS IS A GOOD THING OR A BAD THING? SHOULD WE EXPAND USAGE? SHOULD WE ADVERTISE THIS? SHOULD WE CONDUCT PROGRAMMING IN THE AREA TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE THE AREA? SO THAT IS THE EXTENT OF THIS PILOT PROJECT AND I'M OPEN TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS OR INPUT.

>> Mayor Stern: ANY QUESTIONS? COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PROJECT?

>> S. Napolitano: QUESTION FOR BRUCE MOE I GUESS OR MARK LEYMAN. WE HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING ADEQUATE STAFFING TO OPEN AND CLOSE A LOT OF OUR PLACES RIGHT NOW. ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS ON A REGULAR BASIS?

>> M. Leyman: IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW INTERNALLY BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD CHALLENGES, STAFFING CHALLENGES. REALISTICALLY, IN TERMS OF STAFFING THIS IS AN ONGOING ISSUE. I FEEL CONFIDENT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SOLVE THAT BEFORE --

>> S. Napolitano: WHEN ARE THOSE DISCUSSION GOING TO BE COMPLETE?

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO TALK ABOUT IT?

CAN WE DO IT OR NOT?

>> M. Leyman: YES, WE CAN DO IT.

AND WHAT THE CHALLENGES HAVE BEEN, WE'VE HAD TO PULL -- WHEN WE'RE SHORT STAFFED, WE PULL FROM SAND DUNE BECAUSE THERE MAY NOT BE AS MANY TRAFFIC AREAS OR AS MANY PEOPLE FOR OPENING AND CLOSING PARKS.

WHENEVER WE'RE SHORT STAFFED WE HAVE TO PULL FROM SAND DUNE.

>> S. Napolitano: WHICH WE HEARD A COMPLAIN ABOUT THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT?

>> M. Leyman: CORRECT.

>> S. Napolitano: THE FACT THAT NOBODY WAS THERE, STAFF IN SAND DUNE.

>> M. Leyman: CORRECT. SO I THINK IT'S A CHALLENGING TIME OF COURSE WITH COVID AND HIRING SOME OF OUR REC LEADERS BUT I THINK WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET THERE IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS.

>> S. Napolitano: AGAIN, IF IT'S LOW MAINTENANCE, LOW STAFF, I'M NOT OPPOSED TO IT.

YOU ARE GOING TO KILL A LOT OF TEENAGE ACTIVITIES IN MANHATTAN BEACH WITH THIS.

BUT OKAY.

>> J. Franklin: IS THAT IN YOUR BOOK STEVE, THAT YOU'RE WRITING?

>> S. Napolitano: IT'S IN A LOT OF PEOPLE'S BOOKS, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

A LOT OF STUFF GOES ON IN THAT WOODED AREA.

>> J. Franklin: PERSONALLY, IF I MAY, MADAM MAYOR.

>> Mayor Stern: YEP.

>> J. Franklin: PERSONALLY, I LOVE THIS AREA.

I'VE USED IT A LOT WHEN I HAD MY SHEEP DOG, I NEEDED TO REALLY EXERCISE HER AND ME.

I EXPLORED ALL THOSE TRAILS. IT'S GREAT, IT'S OUTDOORS, IT'S FRESH AIR, IT'S SOME NATURE.

I EQUATE IT TO REDONDO'S WILDERNESS PARK WHICH HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF MY KIDS CRAWLING ALL AROUND THERE AND EVEN CAMPING OUT OVER NIGHT AT THAT FACILITY.

SO I THINK IT'S A GEM.

I THINK YOU COULD PROBABLY GET SOME VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAN IT UP AND TO EVEN MAINTAIN IT.

I THINK YOU COULD PROBABLY FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MINIMIZE THE ACCESS AREA SO THAT THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF IT CAN BE A MINIMAL EFFORT INSTEAD OF HAVING MULTIPLE GATES.

I LOVE THE IDEA OF A PILOT TO BRING IT BACK AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A REAL BENEFIT TO FAMILIES, TO KIDS, TO ANYBODY THAT'S GETTING TIRED OF --

CAN WE EVEN GO UP AND DOWN?

THERE ARE THOSE STEPS UP AND DOWN SAND DUNE PARK BUT I FOUND THAT BORING AFTER A WHILE.

SO THAT'S WHY I DISCOVERED THE WILDERNESS PART SOME ODD TWENTY YEARS AGO AND JUST REALLY, REALLY ENJOYED IT.

>> S. Napolitano: QUESTION TO BRUCE GREENBERG.

I DIDN'T RECALL IF YOU STATED IT ALREADY, I'M SORRY, BUT DID YOU TALK TO ALL THE NEIGHBORS AROUND THERE?

B. Greenberg: WE DID NOT.

WE HAD DISCUSSION WITHIN THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND WITHIN THE COMMISSION ABOUT CONDUCTING COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

IN FACT, I GUESS STAFF HAD INITIALLY PROPOSED THAT WE WOULD SEND OUT POSTCARDS TO THE COMMUNITY, INVITE THEM TO DO FORMAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH SESSION OF THE OCTOBER COMMISSION MEETING.

AND THEN I GUESS AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN DETERMINED THAT WASN'T NECESSARY GIVEN THAT IT'S A PILOT PROJECT AND THAT WE WERE GOING TO USE THE PILOT PROJECT TO REALLY EVALUATE AND DETERMINE COMMUNITY INPUT AS WELL AS --

>> S. Napolitano: OKAY.

JUST AGAIN, A BIT OF A HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE AND YOU CAN TOSS IT OUT. IT MAY BE LONG GONE AT THIS POINT.

COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY MAYBE CAN SPEAK TO IT HAVING LIVING DOWN THERE, BUT THERE WAS A PROPOSAL YEARS AGO FOR SOME OF THE THINGS ACTUALLY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN TALKED ABOUT.

THE PROPOSAL TO HAVE SOME OVERNIGHT CAMPING IN THAT OPEN GREEN SPACE DOWN THERE AT THE BASE BY COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY'S HOUSE AND REDO A LOT OF ACTIVITIES TO MAKE THE PROGRAM EVEN MORE -- GET MORE INVOLVEMENT.

AND THE NEIGHBORS HATED IT.

SO I DON'T KNOW IF THEY CHANGED THEIR ATTITUDE, I GUESS WE'LL SEE.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.

>> S. Hadley: YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Stern: I DID WANT TO ASK.

DURING THE SIX-MONTH PILOT PROGRAM, HOW ARE YOU COLLECTING THE DATA?

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT AND WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? WHAT WE LEARN FROM THIS PILOT PROGRAM.

>> B. Greenberg: YEAH, SO WE DISCUSSED THAT WITHIN THE COMMITTEE AND WITH STAFF.

AND SO WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE.

SO ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, DIRECTOR LEYMAN HAD SAID HE HAS TALKED TO THE STAFF, THE MONITORS, THAT ARE THERE AT THE SAND DUNE PARK TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON USAGE.

SO WE WANT TO SEE, NOW THAT WE'VE OPENED IT UP, ARE PEOPLE USING IT?

IS IT KIDS?

IS IT ADULTS?

TO WHAT EXTENT?

TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY REPORT DATA WITHIN THEIR DAILY REPORTS. SO THEY'RE GOING TO BE COLLECTING AND REPORTING DATA ABOUT USAGE OF THOSE AREAS, OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE USAGE.

AND THEN OF COURSE ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE, ARE WE HAVING INCIDENTS?

ARE POLICE BEING CALLED OUT?

ARE THEY HAVING ANY KIND OF REPORTING OR MONITORING INCIDENTS?

ARE THERE ANY INJURIES OR RISK MANAGEMENT INCIDENTS OVER THAT SIX MONTHS?

AND SO AT THE END OF THE SIX MONTHS WE'LL BE ABLE TO EVALUATE ALL OF THAT, THE PLUSES AND MINUSES AND EVALUATE AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL ON THE FINDINGS OF THE PILOT PERIOD.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT, THANK YOU.

>> B. Greenberg: YOU'RE WELCOME.

>> S. Hadley: YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

>> S. Hadley: YES, THANK YOU.

BRUCE GREENBERG DID ASK ME -- FOCUS GROUP BECAUSE I LIVE RIGHT THERE ABOUT UNLOCKING THE GATES AND I APPRECIATED THE HEADS UP. TO BE HONEST I'VE SEEN VERY FEW PEOPLE ON THERE.

I THINK ONLY ONE IS ADVERTISED AND WORD OF MOUTH GETS OUTS -- BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A BROADER POINT APPOINT SAND DUNE.

AND I'M NOT SPEAKING OUT OF TURN, DIRECTOR LEYMAN KNOWS ALL THESE THINGS, I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THESE THINGS FOR A YEAR. BUT I'M REALLY CONCERNED FOR SAND DUNE.

IT LOOKS TERRIBLE.

IT'S IN HORRIBLE CONDITION.

AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND RESIDENTS --

SO I'M FINE WITH THIS, THIS IS A SMALL THING.

I THINK IT'S MAYBE NOT A BAD IDEA.

IT DOES OPEN THE WILDERNESS AREA.

WHEN MY KIDS ARE DOING THE PARK PROGRAM, OCCASIONALLY ONE OF THEIR MOST FUN ACTIVITIES WAS WHEN THE PARK DIRECTORS WOULD LET THEM RUN THROUGH THE WILDERNESS AREAS FOR A GAME.

OTHER THAN THAT, IT WAS OFF LIMITS AND THERE WAS SIGNAGE AND IT WAS ENFORCED.

I AM CONCERNED THOUGH, BRUCE GREENBERG, ABOUT FURTHER DEGRADATION.

SAND DUNE PARK NEEDS TO DECIDE WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE AND THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO DECIDE WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE.

IS IT GOING TO BE GREEN AND BEAUTIFUL?

IN WHICH CASE WE'RE BADLY FAILING.

THERE ARE PARTS OF SAND DUNE PARK THAT LOOK LIKE A MOONSCAPE. DEAD TREES AND BRUSH AND JUST SAND. I MEAN THE SAND DUNES ARE RECLAIMING SAND DUNE PARK.

SO WE EITHER REINVEST TO MAKE IT GREEN AND BEAUTIFUL, WHICH THEY DID IN THE 60S WHEN THEY CREATED SAND DUNE PARK.

MY NEIGHBOR DAVID WOLFIGAL HELPED CREATE AND LANDSCAPE THE WHOLE THING.

OR IF WE'RE JUST GOING TO LET IT GO NATURAL, THEN THE TREES ARE GOING TO DIE, WE'RE NOT WATERING THEM ENOUGH, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE BARE PATCHES, AND I THINK KIDS AND DOGS AND PEOPLE TRAIPSING AROUND IN THE NATURE TRAILS ARE GOING TO HASTEN THAT.

AND THAT'S FINE.

THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO WEIGH IN ON IT BUT THE CUMULATIVE LACK OF INVESTMENT IN SAND DUNE IS REALLY SHOWING AND I'M NOT PROUD OF IT.

MARK LEYMAN KNOWS I'M NOT PROUD OF IT.

THAT GREEN BELT AREA NEAR MY HOME IS NEVER ADEQUATELY WATERED OR LANDSCAPED OR MAINTAINED.

SO I WOULD LIKE COUNCIL TO HAVE A FURTHER DISCUSSION ON WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF SAND DUNE PARK?

WHAT DO WE WANT IT TO BE?

AND BRUCE GREENBERG, WE'RE GOING TO GET TO REPLACING THE BUILDING THERE.

MY VISION IS I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REC PROGRAM BACK THERE AGAIN AND I KNOW MARK LEYMAN SAYS THERE'S STAFF ISSUES AND THAT KIND OF THING.

BUT I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF A HALF-HEARTED LITTLE HALF MEASURES IN SAND DUNE.

I REALLY THINK WE NEED TO DECIDE AS A CITY AND A COUNCIL, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH THIS PARK? BECAUSE I THINK IT'S BEEN -- WE'VE PUT STAFF AWAY, WE'VE IGNORED THE BUILDING, WE'VE IGNORED THE GRASSY AREA, TREES ARE DYING, IT'S NOT WATERED, AND IT'S FALLING APART.

SO YEAH, UNLOCKING THE GATES, NATURE TRAILS, I'M FINE WITH THAT BUT I'M BEGGING MY COUNCIL TO HAVE A BROADER DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE PARK AND IF WE WANT TO MAINTAIN IT AND RESTORE IT, IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME INVESTMENT.

IF WE WANT TO LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE, OPEN IT ALL UP, LET IT GET WALKED ALL OVER, AND NATURE WILL RECLAIM IT BECAUSE IT ALWAYS DOES.

NATURE ALWAYS WINS.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

>> S. Napolitano: NO, I AGREE.



THAT'S WHY I SAID EARLIER WE GOT TO BE CAREFUL OF JUST PICKING OUT ALL THESE SHINY NEW THINGS BECAUSE WE'RE FAILING WHAT WE HAVE NOW.

WE REALLY ARE.

>> S. Hadley: WE'RE FAILING SAND DUNE PARK.

I LIVED HERE 25 YEARS BY SAND DUNE PARK AND IT'S A SHADOW OF ITS FORMER SELF.

IT'S A SHAME, IT HURTS ME.

I ACTUALLY WANT MORE PEOPLE TO COME TO MY PARK BY MY HOUSE AND I KNOW MY NEIGHBORS MIGHT BE MAD IT'S A WRECK.

WE CAN DO BETTER IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> J. Franklin: AND TOP PART -- PARK AS WELL.

>> Mayor Stern: SO ARE THESE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE?

IS OPENING UP THE TRAILS A DECISION THAT WE CAN NOT ALSO INVESTIGATE HOW TO IMPROVE TO BRING BACK UP SAND DUNE PARK? ARE THESE TWO THINGS -- I'M NOT CLEAR ON THE USE OF THE TRAILS AND HOW THAT WOULD IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH I THINK IS ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE SHOULD BE REVEALING IN THIS PILOT PROGRAM.

>> S. Hadley: THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION MAYOR AND THE BIRD AND NATURE ENTHUSIASTS ARE VERY MUCH AGAINST THIS PILOT AND OPENING UP THE NATURE AREA TO HUMANS BECAUSE WITH HUMANS IS GOING TO BE DOGS AND DOGS DRIVE OUT BIRDS.

I KNOW IT SOUNDS REALLY QUIRKY AND I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL I MOVED DOWN HERE BUT IT IS ONE OF THE FEW AREAS OF TOWN WHERE WE GET BIRD WATCHERS COMING.

AND THEY HAVE THE HATS, AND THEY HAVE THE BINOCULARS, LIKE I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT WHEN WE BOUGHT THIS HOUSE WHEN WE MOVED DOWN HERE BUT IT'S A, CHARMING, AND B, I'VE NOW MET WITH SOME OF THESE PEOPLE AND THEY'RE SAYING IT'S ONE OF THE FEW HABITATS FOR CERTAIN -- I'M NOT SAYING THEY'RE RARE BIRDS AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT BIRDS DON'T HAVE OTHER HABITATS BUT IT IS A HABITAT.

AND YOU LET IN HUMANS AND THEN YOU LET IN DOGS AND THAT'S JUST - - WITH HUMANS COME DOGS AND IT'S JUST OVER.

SO AS MUCH AS I LOVED MY KEEPS BEING ABLE TO TRAIPISE AROUND IN THERE, WE NEED TO DECIDE.

DO WE WANT A NATURE AREA THAT'S GREEN WITH BIRDS AND WILDLIFE? OR DO WE WANT IT OPEN TO HUMANS FOR CAMPING AND HIKING?

I'M JUST ONE VOICE, I KNOW MY OPINION, BUT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO WEIGH IN AND MY NEIGHBORS HAVE NOT HAD THE CHANCE TO WEIGH IN.

BUT RIGHT NOW, IT'S JUST, IGNORE SO NO ONE KNOWS WHETHER IT'S FISH NOR FOWL AT SAND DUNE PARK.

>> Mayor Stern: WELL, AND I WOULD SAY THAT I'M NOT SURE THAT I AGREE THAT WITH HUMANS ALWAYS COMES DOGS.

I HAVE A DOG AND THERE'S A LOT OF PLACES I CAN'T TAKE MY DOG AND I RESPECT THAT.

THERE'S A LOT OF PLACES IN MANHATTAN BEACH THAT WE CAN'T TAKE DOGS.

SO IF THAT'S THE CONSIDERATION, MAYBE THAT'S A SOLVABLE ONE. AND I'M NOT --

>> S. Hadley: IT TAKES ENFORCEMENT THOUGH TO NOT ALLOW DOGS.

>> S. Napolitano: WE GET EMAILS EVERY WEEK ABOUT DOGS ON THE BEACH NOT BEING ENFORCED.

AND EVERYONE KNOWS THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ON THE BEACH.

>> Mayor Stern: I'M NOT BEING NAÏVE ABOUT THAT; I'M JUST SAYING LET'S LOOK AT THAT AS A FACTOR.

BECAUSE WE HAVE UP UNTIL THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND WHAT WE'RE HEARING IS THIS UPTICK IN THE LACK OF RESPECT FOR OUR RULES ABOUT DOGS IN CERTAIN AREAS, RIGHT?

WE'RE HEARING IT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

I THINK WE DID A GOOD JOB OF IT BEFORE THIS.

IF THAT'S ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS, IT'S DEFINITELY A FACTOR THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT.

BUT DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON A LOT OF TRAILS AND IF THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE SHOULD LOOK AT HOW SUCCESSFUL IT WOULD BE TO KEEP DOGS OUT.

NOT WITHSTANDING THAT, ARE THERE OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TO THAT AREA OF JUST PEOPLE WALKING AROUND?

ARE THE TRAILS DELINEATED SO THAT YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THE TRAIL TO STOMP AROUND IN...?

>> S. Hadley: NO, THAT IS THE PILOT, HILDY.

IS CLIMBING VERTICALLY UP THE DUNES WHETHER THERE IS NO PATH.

SO THAT'S WHAT THE BIRDERS SAY DESTROYS THE HABITATS.

AND AGAIN, I LIKE THE BIRDS, I LIKE THE DOGS, I LIKE THE HUMANS, BUT THEY CAN'T ALL COEXIST.

>> Mayor Stern: YEP, I UNDERSTAND THAT.

SO THESE ARE ALL THE FACTORS THAT NEED TO BE LOOKED AT -

>> S. Hadley: AND THAT'S WHY IT'S GREAT IT'S A PILOT.

I THINK YOUR QUESTION ABOUT HOW IS THE DATA BEING SELECTED.

BUT BRUCE GREENBERG I DO COMPLETELY SUPPORT STEVE'S NOTION THAT THE NEIGHBORS WILL HAVE A POINT OF VIEW.

BUT MOST OF THE NEIGHBORS WOULD LIKE THE PARK TO BE BETTER MAINTAINED, THE TRASH PICKED UP, THE GRASS WATERED ON THE GREEN BELT, AND TO HAVE A PRETTIER PARK. IT JUST LOOKS TERRIBLE.

>> S. Napolitano: IF I MAY ASK, COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

ARE YOU SUPPORTIVE OF THE PILOT, OR NO?

I CAN'T TELL.

>> S. Hadley: I MEAN AS A HOMEOWNER?

>> S. Napolitano: AS A COUNCILMEMBER.

>> S. Hadley: NO.

I GO TO YOSEMITE AND I FEEL LIKE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ENJOY NATURE AND YOU STAY ON THE PATH.

I'M A KIND OF STAY ON THE PATH KIND OF GAL.

[LAUGHTER]

BIG SHOCKER.

SO I'M NOT A FREE FOR ALL, LET ANYBODY GO WHEREVER THEY WANT TO GO.

DID I CHAFE AT THAT AS A MOM WITH YOUNG KIDS? ABSOLUTELY.

BUT THEN IT WAS REALLY FUN LIKE I SAID WHEN THE PARK DIRECTOR WOULD LET THEM DO IT ONCE A QUARTER KIND OF THING.

BUT IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME AND IF YOU SAY ANYBODY CAN WALK ANYWHERE ON THERE --

>> S. Napolitano: RIGHT.

THAT'S WHY I ASKED, I APPRECIATE THAT.

THAT'S WHY I ASKED BECAUSE I'M WITH YOU ON THAT BECAUSE I THINK IT'S AN IDEA WORTH EXPLORING.

I HAVE TWO RESERVATIONS AT THIS POINT THOUGH.

ONE OF THEM IS, I THINK IT WOULD BE A DISSERVICE TO THE EFFORT NOT TO ALERT THE NEIGHBORHOOD AHEAD OF TIME AND GET FEEDBACK AHEAD OF TIME.

BUT I ALSO THINK THAT UNTIL WE HAVE THAT CONVERSATION, UNTIL WE DECIDE ON AN IMPROVED MAINTENANCE, AND ALLOCATE DOLLARS TO DO IT, AND DECIDE WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO LET TREES DIE OR BRUSH OR WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE OUT THERE.

UNTIL WE MAKE THAT DECISION, I DON'T KNOW WHY WE WOULD DO THIS. I THINK IF WE'RE GOING TO TACKLE SOMETHING, WE NEED TO TACKLE THE CORE OF WHAT THAT PARK IS AND WHAT THE NEEDS ARE BEFORE WE ADD SOMETHING TO IT.

>> S. Hadley: WELL BRUCE GREENBERG AND MARK LEYMAN, YOU KNOW THAT QUARTERLY I THINK THE SAND DUNE IS SHOVELED OUT FROM THE BOTTOM, SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES MIGHT NOT KNOW THAT, AND THE SAND IS TRUCKED UP TO THE TOP BECAUSE GRAVITY AND EXERCISE ON THE DUNE BRING IT ALL DOWN.

SO NOW YOU IMAGINE HUMANS AND CHILDREN AND DOGS TRAIPING ON THE -- GRAVITY JUST BRINGS IT ALL DOWN.

SO THERE WILL BE MORE DEGRADATION IN THE PARK WITHOUT EITHER ADDED MAINTENANCE OR --

I DON'T KNOW HOW PEOPLE CAN TRAIPESE ON THE PARK AND NOT BRING THE VEGETATION DOWNHILL.

SO AS A HOMEOWNER AND A RESIDENT AND COUNCILMEMBER, I WOULD PREFER PEOPLE TO STAY ON THE TRAIL.

THAT'S MY PERSONALITY.

>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> S. Hadley: BUT I'M ONLY ONE VOTE ON COUNCIL AND I'M ONLY ONE HOMEOWNER SO I DON'T WANT TO PUT MY THUMB ON THE SCALE MORE THAN THAT.

MAYBE THE COMMUNITY WANT THIS, I DON'T KNOW.

>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: YES.

I SEEM TO REMEMBER THAT THE TRAILS THEY ARE ACTUALLY ASPHALT.

THEY'RE VERY WELL MARKED AND THERE'S A LOT OF BRUSH.  
I MEAN, IT'S TOUGH TO GO THROUGH THAT BRUSH.  
I THINK YOU ARE GOING TO GET THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE, IF NOT LIKE  
90% OF THEM, ARE GOING TO BE FOLLOWING THAT TRAIL, EXERCISING,  
WALKING WITH THEIR KIDS, IT'S GOING TO BE EVEN TOUGH TO GET A  
STROLLER UP THERE.  
IT ISN'T LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH ALL THE BRUSH.  
>> S. Hadley: JOE, THAT'S THE POINT OF THE PILOT, IS TO OPEN THE  
BRUSH.  
THAT IS THE POINT OF THE PILOT IS TO GET OFF THE TRAIL AND ON TO  
THE SAND AND THE ICE PLANT AND THE PLANTINGS.  
SO YOU AND BELLA COULD HAVE TRAVERSED.  
I DO HAVE NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS WHO TAKE THEIR DOGS UP THERE AND  
THROW THE BALL AND THE DOG RUNS UP AND DOWN FETCHING THE BALL.  
IF I HAD A DOG, THAT SOUNDS GREAT.  
GRAVITY TAKES ITS COURSE AND I THINK IN SIX MONTHS OR TWO YEARS  
MORE OF THE STUFF JUST ROLLS DOWNHILL.  
JOE, THE POINT IS, OFF-LEASH AND OFF-TRAIL.  
NOT OFF-LEASH, OFFICIALLY.  
HUMANS OFF LEASH.  
>> J. Franklin: YEAH, I'M STILL A LITTLE CONFUSED BECAUSE WHEN  
YOU SAY THE TRAILS IS SEPARATE FROM THE SAND DUNE, RIGHT?  
THERE'S THE SAND DUNE, THEN THERE'S THE STAIRS MADE OF WOOD AND  
THEN THERE IS THE NATURE TRAILS.  
AND THE NATURE TRAILS ARE ALL --  
>> S. Hadley: BUT THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN OPEN, JOE.  
THIS IS AN OFF-TRAIL NATURE PROPOSAL.  
>> J. Franklin: AN OFF -- IS THAT CORRECT? OR JUST USING THE  
TRAILS THAT ARE THERE?  
>> S. Hadley: BRUCE GREENBERG.  
>> B. Greenberg: SO COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, IT IS AS  
COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY IS INDICATING, IT IS ABOUT MAKING THOSE  
UNDEVELOPED AREAS A LITTLE BIT MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN THEY ARE  
TODAY.  
TODAY PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO GO INTO THOSE AREAS.  
YOU'RE ALLOWED TO GET OFF OF THE TRAILS THAT YOU'RE REFERRING  
TO, YOU'RE ALLOWED TO GO OVER THE GATE, YOU ARE ALLOWED TO GET  
OFF THE TRAIL AND GO AND TAKE YOUR BOOK AND SIT, FIND A TREE  
WHERE YOU FIND SOME SENSE OF NATURE AND ISOLATION.  
YOU'RE ALLOWED TO DO THAT AND PEOPLE DO THAT TODAY.  
AND WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THE PILOT IS OPENING UP THE TWO  
ADDITIONAL GATES DOWN AT THE BOTTOM, CLOSE TO COUNCILMEMBER  
HADLEY'S HOUSE, TO MAKE SOME OF THOSE AREAS A LITTLE BIT EASIER  
TO ACCESS THAN THEY ARE TODAY.  
YES, IT IS ABOUT MAKING THOSE WILDERNESS AREAS, THE OFF-TRAIL  
AREAS, A LITTLE BIT MORE ACCESSIBLE.  
>> J. Franklin: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

MAYBE THAT'S WHERE I'VE BEEN CONFUSED.

>> B. Greenberg: IF I MAY, AS I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THE FEEDBACK AND ESPECIALLY THE POINTS THAT COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY AND MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO MADE ABOUT DETERMINING WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE PARK? WHAT IS THE VISION FOR THE PARK? WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR THIS PARK? WHAT DO WE WANT IT TO BE?

I GUESS MY QUESTION BACK TO COUNCIL IS, DO YOU WANT TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TONIGHT?

WE CAN TAKE THIS AD-HOC COMMITTEE IN 2022 IN THE DIRECTION OF, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, CREATING A MASTER PLAN FOR SAND DUNE PARK.

FOR CONDUCTING THAT COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO START TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS THAT YOU'VE BEEN ASKING.

SO TO GET THAT COMMUNITY INPUT AND TO WORK WITH STAFF, WORK WITH PUBLIC WORKS, WORK WITH PARKS AND REC STAFF TO DETERMINE THE COST OF DOING THOSE THINGS.

IS THIS PARK ABOUT THE BIRDS AND WILDERNESS?

IS IT BIRDS AND WILDLIFE?

IS IT ABOUT HUMAN USAGE?

CAN THOSE COEXIST?

WHAT THE IMPACTS ON THE TREES?

WHAT WOULD IT COST TO REPLACE TREES WHEN THEY DIE? BECAUSE WE CERTAINLY HAVEN'T BEEN DOING THAT.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE MAINTENANCE PLAN?

THE IRRIGATION PLAN?

BECAUSE AS A CITY, WE CERTAINLY HAVEN'T BEEN DOING THAT.

WE CAN CERTAINLY TAKE THE COMMITTEE IN THAT DIRECTION IN 2022 IF THAT'S YOUR DESIRE.

IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU MIGHT PREFER TO TACKLE THIS AS A CITY COUNCIL ISSUE RATHER THAN A COMMISSION ISSUE.

SO WE JUST KIND OF NEED DIRECTION THERE.

>> Mayor Stern: I THINK THIS IS A REALLY GREAT OPPORTUNITY THEN FOR US TO KIND OF THINK ABOUT THIS BIGGER ISSUE.

RIGHT?

WHICH SUZANNE, YOU'VE RAISED IT.

WE'VE HEARD IT OVER AND OVER, WE'RE OBSERVING IT.

THIS MIGHT BE THE OPPORTUNITY THEN TO REALLY MAKE THIS A MUCH BROADER ANALYSIS OF THE WHOLE PARK AREA.

I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

I APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE KIND OF OFFERING THAT UP BECAUSE THAT'S A BIG PROJECT.

AND THAT IS A VERY EXPANSIVE PROJECT THAT WOULD REQUIRE EXPERTISE FROM ARBORISTS, FROM ENVIRONMENTALISTS, AND I THINK IT'S LONG OVERDUE.

AND WE'RE HEARING IT MORE AND MORE, IT'S NOT GOING TO GET BETTER IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

COULD WE ADD THIS NOW TO THE WORK PLAN?

ADD A BIGGER PROJECT THAT IS MORE COMPREHENSIVE WITH RESPECT TO SAND DUNE PARK?

I WOULD BE VERY IN FAVOR OF THAT IF THAT -- IF THERE IS A SUBCOMMITTEE THAT WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THIS VERY COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE ASPECTS OF THE PARK THAT REALLY DO NEED TO BE LOOKED AT AND IMPROVED.

IF I HAVE ANY OTHER SUPPORT FOR THAT, I'D LIKE TO ADD THAT TO THE WORK PLAN.

>> S. Hadley: I'M WITH YOU, MAYOR.  
THANK YOU.

>> S. Napolitano: HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO TAKE?

>> R. Montgomery: DECEMBER 24.

>> Mayor Stern: IT'S GOING TO TAKE LONGER THAN IT'S TAKEN SO FAR.

IT'S NOT HAPPENING SO FAR.

BUT WE KNOW THAT IT NEEDS TO HAPPEN.

>> S. Hadley: YEAH.

>> S. Napolitano: THANK YOU FOR NARROWING THAT DOWN FOR ME BUT A LOT OF THESE THINGS -- I'M SORRY, I'LL GO OFF ON THIS BECAUSE I RAN THROUGH THE REPORT.

RIGHT?

THAT WE GOT FOR A PACKET.

AND NOTHING HAS BEEN HAPPENING.

FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

WE'VE SQUANDERED A CRISIS BEING ABLE TO TACKLE SOME OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, WHICH WE SHOULD AND COULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TACKLE FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

THERE IS NOTHING THAT'S DONE ON THE LIST.

NO MAJOR ITEMS.

WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT SAND DUNE FOR YEARS.

WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF THESE THINGS FOR YEARS.

>> S. Hadley: POLLIWOG PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, THAT TOOK TWO YEARS.

THAT TOOK MUCH LONGER THAN IT SHOULD'VE BEEN.

EVERYTHING WE'RE DOING IS TAKING LONGER THAN IT SHOULD.

SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT TAKES, BUT I WANT TO SPEED IT UP.

I WANT A SENSE OF URGENCY ON EVERYONE'S PART.

COUNCIL'S PART, STAFF'S PART, COMMISSION'S PART TO GET THESE THINGS DONE SOONER THAN LATER.

THAT'S NOT POINTING ANY FINGERS, THAT'S SAYING THESE ARE PRIORITIES AND I FOR ONE, AM WILLING TO PUT THE DOLLARS TO IT IF YOU COME BACK WITH A GOOD PLAN.

BUT THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN SITTING AROUND FOR WAY TOO LONG.

THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS I HAVE HAD SIDE DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSIONERS, THEY'RE FRUSTRATED, I'M FRUSTRATED, THERE'S A LOT

OF FRUSTRATED PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN WHEN IT COMES TO PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.  
WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB.  
SO, MAKE IT HAPPEN.  
>> S. Hadley: YEAH, STEVE.  
GO STEVE,  
>> Mayor Stern: SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE A COMMISSION THAT'S REALLY INTERESTED IN DOING THAT.  
INCREDIBLY PROACTIVE AND ENGAGED IN THE PROJECTS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON.  
SO HERE'S -- COMMISSIONER GREENBERG HAS JUST OFFERED --  
>> S. Napolitano: I APPRECIATE THAT, I DON'T WANT A YEAR-LONG LISTENING TOUR THOUGH.  
WE KNOW A LOT OF WHAT THE ISSUES ARE.  
STAFF SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY A LOT OF THE MAINTENANCE ISSUES RIGHT NOW.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
>> S. Napolitano: AND BRING THOSE TO US BECAUSE MAINTENANCE IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE DOING BESIDES ANY FORWARD-LOOKING THING, BESIDES REPLACEMENT OF BUILDINGS, BESIDES NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT OR NEW TRAILS.  
WE KNOW, WE SHOULD KNOW, WHAT OUR FAILURES ARE RIGHT NOW.  
THE PUBLIC IS CERTAINLY TELLING US WHAT THEY ARE.  
SO, STAFF, GIVE ME A LIST, AND GIVE ME A COST SO WE THAT CAN INCLUDE IT IN THIS NEXT BUDGET.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
>> S. Napolitano: THANK YOU.  
>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.  
>> R. Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.  
JUST TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHERE HISTORY CHANGES THE FACTS HERE.  
SAND DUNE PARK WAS A BIG ISSUE IN 2008 AND 09, WE HAD TO SHUT IT DOWN.  
BRUCE WAS HERE, MARK WAS HERE, IT WAS A BIG DEAL.  
WE HAD TO SHUT IT DOWN, FENCE IT, BRING SAND TO THE TOP AGAIN.  
PEOPLE WILL USE SAND DUNE PARK AND YES, SAND RUNS DOWN THE BOTTOM, GRAVITY.  
IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.  
SAND DUNE PARK HAS NOT BEEN SITTING THERE BY ITSELF DOING NOTHING ALL THIS TIME.  
IT'S BEEN HEAVILY, HEAVILY USED.  
SO IS THAT GOING TO CHANGE ANYTHING?  
NO, IT WILL NOT CHANGE A THING.  
BRUCE'S IDEA, NATURE TRAILS AND AREAS, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA BUT DON'T CONFUSE THE TWO WITH EACH OTHER.  
THE TWO ARE DEFINITELY DISTINCT, SEPARATE ISSUES.

SAND DUNE PARK, RESTABILIZING IT, BRINGING SAND TO THE TOP, THAT WHOLE SITUATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AREA TRAILS.

NOTHING.

SO DON'T WHAP THEM TOGETHER AND THINK IT'S ONE BIG FIX.

YOU'VE GOT SAND DUNE PARK OPERATING THE WAY IT SHOULD OPERATE WITH THE ACTUAL DUNE AND PARKS AND REC FIXED THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAD AND MADE IT WORK PERFECTLY.

YOU GET GRUMBLES ABOUT IT BUT YOU DON'T GET TRASH EVERY DAY.

PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT CARS COMING FROM ALL OVER.

THEN ON YOUTUBE PEOPLE -- THE HILLS, THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE.

SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT ONE BIG ISSUE, SEPARATE THE USE OF THE PARK, THE SAND DUNE ITSELF, AWAY FROM EVERYTHING ELSE YOU GUYS WANT TO FIX.

SO DON'T CREATE ONE BIG ISSUE.

IT'S NOT.

IT'S TWO SEPARATE ISSUES.

I'M OKAY WITH THAT, BUT DON'T LUMP IN THE USE OF THE PARK, WITH THE SAND DUNE, WITH EVERYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO DO.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

SO DO WE HAVE -- DIRECTOR LEYMAN, THIS ITEM?

>> M. Leyman: YES, MY UNDERSTANDING WITH THIS, WE'LL BRING THIS BACK AS A SEPARATE NEW WORK PLAN ITEM.

AND WITH THAT, WOULD YOU LIKE US TO BEGIN THE OUTREACH?

AND TO YOUR POINT OF THIS DISCUSSION, I'LL ACTUALLY BE COVERING THIS OUR PARK MASTER PLAN SLIDE, A LOT OF WHAT I'VE HEARD.

WE DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE DEFICIENCIES.

SO WE CAN DEFINITELY BRING THIS BACK.

I KNOW I'VE ACTUALLY TALKED TO DIRECTOR LEE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THAT AND PUTTING SOME COST ESTIMATES FOR YOU.

AND SO, AGAIN, I'LL COVER THAT ON OUR PARK MASTER PLAN SLIDE.

BUT WE CAN ABSOLUTELY ADD THIS AS A NEW ITEM.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

>> B. Moe: IF I CAN ADD, AND MARK SAID IT, BUT I WANT TO UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT DIRECTOR LEE, DIRECTOR LEYMAN, AND I HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS IN OUR RECENT PAST ABOUT THIS UPCOMING PROJECT AND MAKING SURE THAT WE DO HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES. I WILL AGREE THAT WE'VE HAD SOME HICCUPS AND PROBABLY SOME LACK OF ATTENTION TO SOME OF THE PARK MAINTENANCE, NOT JUST AT SAND DUNE BUT AT OTHER ONES.

AND THERE'S A RENEWED EFFORT IN THIS COMING BUDGET, YOU'LL SEE IT IN THE DOLLARS THAT ARE PRESENTED TO YOU TO STEP UP OUR GAME AND MAKE THINGS BETTER THE WAY THEY SHOULD BE.

IT HASN'T GONE UNNOTICED.

I LISTEN TO WHAT THE COUNCIL TELLS ME IN OUR ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS.

HEARD IT LOUD AND CLEAR.



I PASSED THAT ALONG TO BOTH DIRECTOR LEE AND DIRECTOR LEYMAN AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

SO I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK THAT WE DON'T HEAR YOU.  
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, THANK YOU.

I THINK WE HAVE TALKED ENOUGH ABOUT THIS ONE.  
WE SHOULD MOVE ON.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: YEAH, CAN WE JUST TAKE JUST A QUICK BREAK,  
PLEASE?

I KNOW IT'S LATE BUT.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, SO HOW ABOUT IF WE --

>> J. Franklin: FIVE MINUTES?

>> Mayor Stern: TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK AND COME RIGHT BACK AT  
8:35.

WE'VE GOT A LOT TO COVER IN 25 MINUTES.

>> J. Franklin: MM-HMM.

>> Mayor Stern: SO THANK YOU.

FIVE MINUTES.

FOUR MINUTES NOW.

[FIVE-MINUTE RECESS]

>> Mayor Stern: ALL RIGHT.

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE MOST OF US ARE HERE.

ARE YOU READY TO START BACK UP?

>> M. Leyman: SURE.

OUR NEXT ITEM WILL BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER WIENER, SO I  
WILL TURN IT OVER TO YOU.

>> K. Weiner: ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

THE REST OF US WILL TRY TO MOVE THROUGH THIS QUICKLY, IT'S  
GETTING LATE.

BUT I JUST PUT SOME CONTEXT TO WHAT EVERYONE'S SAYING.

THERE IS A LOT OF FRUSTRATION.

THIS PROCESS WITH US STARTED IN 2018, WHEN WE CAME UP WITH THE  
PMB REBOOT.

AND IN JANUARY OF '19 WE DID A TOUR OF ALL THE FACILITIES, CAME  
UP WITH PAGES, PAGES, PAGES OF WORK THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE.

PARKS AND RECREATION HAS THAT LIST.

WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND GETTING A LOT OF THAT STUFF DONE,  
THAT COULD BE DONE EITHER IN HOUSE OR BE DONE WITH SMALL  
CONTRACT.

SO, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF TO BE DONE.

IN 2019, WE DID AN OUTREACH FOR THE SAME PROCESS OUT TO THE  
COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE GAVE US SORT OF THEIR PRIORITIES.

PARKS, AND IN THIS CASE, PARKS AND PARKETTES AND DOG PARKS

ACTUALLY RATED REALLY HIGH AMONGST WHAT PEOPLE WANTED.

THERE'S A REAL DICHOTOMY BETWEEN WHAT PEOPLE WANT AND WHAT YOU  
CAN ADEQUATELY DO IN A VERY IMPACTED CITY.

AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THREE DOG PARKS RIGHT NOW.  
MARINE, POLLIWOG PARK, AND LIVE OAK.  
THERE ARE TWO OFFICIAL PARKETTES, ONE ON EIGHTH STREET, ONE ON  
LARSSON.  
THERE'S ACTUALLY ANOTHER ONE RIGHT NEAR COUNCILPERSON HADLEY'S  
HOUSE, WHICH I'LL CALL A PARKETTE.  
IT'S THE LITTLE GREEN SPACE THAT RUNS BETWEEN SAND DUNE PARK AND  
THE STREET.  
THAT'S HEAVILY USED AS A NANNY GATHERING AREA LIKE OTHER  
PARKETTES DO.  
THE ISSUE WITH THAT IS, THAT'S VERY EXPENSIVE REAL ESTATE,  
OBVIOUSLY.  
I THINK THE PARKETTES ON LARSSON AND EIGHTH WERE DEEDED  
PROPERTIES FROM PEOPLE THROUGH ESTATES OR WHEN THEY PASSED AWAY  
OR WHATEVER.  
THAT KIND OF THING IS NOT HAPPENING ANY MORE WITH THE  
DEVELOPMENT THAT'S GOING ON.  
SO, THE CURRENT CONDITION OF OUR DOG PARKS, I'LL PUT IT KINDLY,  
IT'S TIRED.  
THEY'RE TIRED.  
THERE'S A LIMITED SPACE FOR OUR DOG PARKS.  
THEY'RE NOT HUGE.  
THE SEATING AREAS, THE SHADE AREAS, THE FENCING, THE LIGHTING,  
THE WATER SUPPLY ALL NEED ATTENTION AT ALL OF THEM.  
OUR PARKETTES ARE ACTUALLY WELL-MAINTAINED, THEY'RE ACTUALLY  
WELL-USED, BIG TODDLER LOTS, AND SO I THINK THEY'RE DOING THEIR  
JOB THERE.  
IF WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WE INVESTIGATED A FEW NEW SITES THAT  
WE THOUGHT, BELIEVE ME IT'S REALLY TOUGH IN THIS CITY TO FIND  
ANYTHING THAT HAS ANY SEMBLANCE OF AVAILABILITY OR COULD FIT  
SOMETHING LIKE A DOG PARK OR A PARKETTE.  
WE LOOKED AT SIXTH AND AVIATION, WHICH IS REALLY A TRIANGULAR  
PIECE ON AN OLD PUMPING STATION.  
WE LOOKED AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AREA  
WHERE THERE'S A BIG GRASSY AREA IN THE BACK THERE.  
WE ALSO LOOKED AT A BELL AVENUE SITE THAT USED TO BE A UTILITY  
OR POWER STATION.  
THOSE ARE REALLY THE THREE PRIMES AREAS WE LOOKED AT BECAUSE  
THAT'S REALLY ALL THAT WAS AVAILABLE IN TERMS OF LOT SIZE.  
WE EVALUATED ALL THESE AND WE'VE COME UP WITH SOME CONCLUSIONS  
ON IT, SO.  
YOU KNOW, THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE FIND FOR THE FUTURE IS WHAT  
WE HAVE, IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE.  
THE DOG PARKS WE HAVE NOW ARE, FOR THE MOST PART, ATTACHED TO  
OUR CURRENT LARGE PARKS.  
THEY AREN'T SORT OF ONE-OFFS.

THERE'S A LOT TO BE FIXED ON THEM, A LOT FOR MAXIMUM USE, A LOT FOR SAFETY ISSUES.

AS FAR AS LOOKING AT EXISTING FOOTPRINTS, THERE'S REALLY NO OTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR ENLARGING THOSE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MAYBE POLLIWOG WHERE WE CAN GO TO THE WEST INTO THE BIG PARKING LOT, TAKE OUT MAYBE FIVE PARKING SPACES, WE CAN ACTUALLY DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE POLLIWOG SITE, ADD ANOTHER TEN FEET TO THE WEST. THAT WOULD BE APPRECIABLE IN TERMS OF SOMETHING WE CAN DO THERE. WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR NEW SITES AND AS BRUCE BROUGHT UP EARLIER, THE EL PORTO PARK OR SAND DUNE PARK UPGRADES OR EVEN PARTNERING WITH REDONDO IN TERMS OF SOMETHING, MAYBE EVEN OLD AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL.

ALL OF THOSE ARE DOABLE IF THERE IS SOME DEVELOPMENT ON THOSE AREAS SO THAT WE CAN SORT OF APPEND SOMETHING TO IT.

THE NEXT STEPS FOR US IS, WE HAVE THIS LIST THAT WE PROVIDED. MARK HAS THEM.

WORKING WITH HIS GROUP FROM PARKS AND RECREATION.

WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO GET PRICING ON THOSE, TO GET SOME TIMING WHEN THOSE CAN BE DONE.

THAT'S WHERE THEY ARE NOW.

MY ASSUMPTION IS THEY WILL BE, THE COSTS WILL BE BORNE OUT OF THE BUDGET FOR PARKS AND RECREATION, WHICH AS OF TODAY IS NOT AMPLE FOR AS YOU GUYS WERE BRINGING UP THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL OF OUR GREEN SPACE.

SO THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE THERE FOR SURE.

PEOPLE, WHEN I TALKED TO PEOPLE ABOUT THESE SITES, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS A BIG DEAL, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR CITY.

WALKING DOGS ON THE GREEN BELT OR WALKING DOGS IN 2020 WAS A HEYDAY FOR WALKING THE STREETS WITH YOUR DOGS.

OR JUST GOING OVER TO THE REDONDO BEACH, THE BIG DOG RUN OVER THERE, IT'S NOT THAT FAR OF A DRIVE AND PEOPLE SEEM TO NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT.

IN THE BIG SCHEME OF THINGS AS WE LOOK AT OTHER FOLKS THAT WILL BE TALKING, THIS IS NOT ONE WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON AS A MAJOR PROJECT UNLESS SOME LAND THAT YOU ALL KNOW OF BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR US TO SORT OF LOOK AT.

BUT RIGHT NOW, IT'S BASICALLY IN THE HANDS OF FIXING WHAT WE HAVE.

ANY QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.

ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO.

>> S. Napolitano: THIS IS WHAT, I THINK, A NUMBER OF COUNCILS HAVE BEEN THROUGH BEFORE, AND COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN THROUGH BEFORE.

IT'S NOT DISSIMILAR TO THE DISCUSSION OVER SKATE PARKS.

I MEAN EVERYBODY THINKS THEY'RE GREAT IN CONCEPT BUT NOBODY WANTS IT NEXT TO THEIR HOUSE.  
THAT'S WHY IT'S TUCKED IN THE BACK OF MARINE AVENUE FIELD.  
THE DOG PARKS, I DON'T THINK THAT WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE DOG PARKS UNLESS WE SOMEHOW MIRACULOUSLY GET MORE LAND IN MANHATTAN BEACH.  
BUT I DO THINK THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL DOG RUNS. I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PLACES ALONG VETERANS' PARKWAY THAT ARE CURRENTLY COVERED OVER IN EITHER ICE PLANT OR SOMETHING ELSE, THAT YOU COULD HAVE SMALLER DOG RUNS.  
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A DOG PARK, BUT YOU COULD HAVE SMALLER DOG RUNS TO HAVE OFF-LEASH.  
THAT MIGHT STILL GET NEIGHBORHOOD OPPOSITION, BUT I AGREE, THE OTHER AREAS YOU LOOKED AT JUST AREN'T PLACES -- UNLESS YOU WANT TO PUT IT IN EL PORTO PARK.  
PLACES THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR.  
>> K. Weiner: YEAH, I THINK THERE'S A GOOD REASON WHY THEY'RE ATTACHED TO OUR PARKS AND OFF THE BEATEN PATH FROM RESIDENTS, IS THAT THEY ARE, IT'S THE SORT OF THE NIMBY ISSUE, AND I GOT SOME FEEDBACK FROM PEOPLE ON THAT ON THE AREAS WE WERE LOOKING AT. THE GREEN BELT BEING ADJACENT TO AT LEAST ONE OR TWO HOUSES, DEPENDING ON WHAT SIDE IT'S ON, PROBABLY WOULD GARNER THE SAME ISSUES.  
>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, BUT MY POINT THERE IS THAT IF YOU HAVE SEVERAL SMALLER RUNS AND YOU LIMIT -- HAVING SEVERAL SMALLER RUNS IN THE SMALLER SPACE, YOU WILL LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF DOGS THAT COULD BE THERE AND THEY'LL BE NEIGHBORHOOD ORIENTED. SO IF THEY'RE JUST TEN WHATEVER DOGS AT A GIVEN TIME, I DON'T THINK IT'LL GET NEARLY THE OPPOSITION IF YOU HAVE IT SMALLER. BUT AGAIN, I DEFER TO THE COMMISSION, IF THEY WANT TO EXPLORE THAT.  
BUT OTHERWISE, I AGREE WITH THE FINDINGS.  
THOSE ARE THE FINDINGS THAT WE FOUND BEFORE AND BEFORE THAT AND BEFORE THAT.  
AND I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE FUTURE.  
>> K. Weiner: WE FELT SOME OBLIGATION BECAUSE IT RANKED HIGH UP TO SORT OF DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
THANK YOU FOR THAT.  
THE ONLY THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADD IS IF THERE ARE SAFETY CONCERNS AT ANY OF THESE DOG PARKS, I THINK THAT SHOULD BE THE PRIORITY.  
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I AGREE THAT WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT SEATING OR SHADING.  
THESE ARE PARKS FOR THE DOGS TO BE ABLE TO RUN AROUND IN.  
I DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD COMMIT THAT MUCH OF OUR FUNDS TO LOOKING AT THAT, BUT I DO THINK SAFETY SHOULD BE A CONCERN.

BUT YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THREE DOG PARKS IN THIS SMALL CITY, THAT'S AMAZING.

>> R. Montgomery: DOG RUNS.

>> Mayor Stern: AS YOU STATED, THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO WALK YOUR DOG AND ANYBODY CAN SEE ME OUT ON THE STREETS ALL THE TIME WALKING MY DOG, THAT'S NEVER A PROBLEM.

SO I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT AND THE INVENTORY AND UNDERSTANDING IT.

I THINK I AGREE THAT I WOULDN'T EXPEND ANYMORE TIME OR ENERGY TRYING TO EXPAND ON OUR DOG PARKS.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> R. Montgomery: I'LL DEFER.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN WAS IN FRONT OF ME, I'LL GO BEHIND JOE.

>> J. Franklin: OKAY.

SO I DID WALKING THIS WEEKEND KIND OF LOOKING AROUND IN PLACES I KNEW BEFORE, I THINK THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BIGGER DOG PARK AND RUN.

IT'S ACTUALLY ALONG THE THIRD BASELINE OF MARINE FIELD AND MARINE BASEBALL FIELD.

IF YOU TAKE A WALK THROUGH THERE, IT'S RIGHT BEHIND -- THERE'S ALREADY FENCING.

THE THINGS YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO IS TAKE OUT THE TREES BEHIND THE FENCE OF LEFT FIELD OF MARINE AVENUE BASEBALL FIELD, IT WOULD GIVE YOU ABOUT 30 FEET WIDE, AND IT WOULD --

RIGHT NOW, THERE'S A FENCE RIGHT TO THE WEST OF THE SKATE PARK. AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WALKS THERE, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO DISTURB ANY NEIGHBORS BECAUSE THERE'S NO NEIGHBORS THERE TO DISTURB.

IT WOULD BE BIG DOGS, LITTLE DOGS.

YOU COULD REALLY PACK A LOT OF DOGS AND PEOPLE IN THERE.

THERE'S SOME BENCHES ALREADY, THERE'S TREES.

I TOOK ANOTHER WALK THERE TODAY AND IT'S REALLY BIG AND I DON'T THINK IT'S USED BY ANYBODY ELSE.

AGAIN, WHEN MY DOG WAS WITH US AND I WAS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PLACES TO RUN, I WOULD RUN BACK THERE, BEFORE THE SKATEBOARD PARK WAS THERE.

I WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT SPOT TO BE LOOKED AT.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE ANY FENCES, IT'S ALREADY SORT OF FENCED IN.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH THE CONCRETE WALKWAY THAT'S THERE, IT'S A VERY WIDE, EIGHT-FOOT WIDE.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO TAKE OUT HALF OF THAT OR COVER IT WITH SOMETHING AND PUT THE BARK DOWN ON IT, BUT I WOULD DEFINITELY TRY THAT.

THERE'S PARKING AT MARINE AVENUE FOR, YOU KNOW, COMMISSIONER, I'M SORRY, IS IT WEINER?

>> K. Weiner: YES.

>> J. Franklin: YOU MENTIONED PEOPLE TOOK THEIR DOGS TO THAT BIG PARK ON 190th ON AVIATION. I'M SORRY, REDONDO BEACH. I THINK PEOPLE WOULD BRING THEIR DOGS THERE, I THINK THEY WOULD HAVE A GREAT TIME.

I THINK THERE'S ACCESS TO WATER SO WE CAN BRING IN DOG WATER FOUNTAINS THERE, IT WOULDN'T INTERFERE WITH THE BASEBALL, YOU CAN PUT A GREEN SCREEN, TAKE OUT THOSE TREES. THOSE TREES, ANOTHER PLUS IS THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO WATER THOSE TREES ANYMORE.

PROBABLY WOULD BE A NET SAVINGS ON WATER.

YOU COULD JUST PUT A GREEN SCREEN BACK ON THAT FENCE WITH BASEBALL, IT'S BEHIND A 315- AND 330-FOOT MARKER ON LEFT FIELD. A LOT OF ROOM THERE, I THINK PEOPLE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY. AND YOU COULD DO A TRIAL OF IT, PRETTY EASILY AND INEXPENSIVELY. IT WOULDN'T COST THAT MUCH.

I WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT AREA TO BE LOOKED AT.

>> K. Weiner: ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

>> Mayor Stern: YEAH.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> R. Montgomery: THANK YOU, YEAH.

LOOK, THE DOG RUNS ARE WHAT THEY ARE.

WE CREATED THEM FOR A REASON.

THERE WAS A NEED FOR THEM, THERE STILL IS A NEED FOR THEM. IF EL PORTO PARK TURNS INTO A DOG RUN, SO MUCH BETTER FOR US. I ALSO LIKE COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN'S IDEA ABOUT THE MARINE PARK PART OF IT.

THERE IS STILL A NEED.

THEY'RE NOT FULL PARKS, THEY'RE JUST RUNS.

BUT IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY.

IT BEATS -- HECK, I'VE SEEN PEOPLE RUNNING WITH DOGS ON THE BEACH.

IT GIVES THEM AN OUTLET.

IF THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO EXPLORE, I'M WITH THEM. I LIKE THE IDEAS.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, MOVING ON.

THANK YOU.

>> M. Leyman: OKAY, POLLIWOG PARK ENHANCEMENTS, I WILL BE REALLY BRIEF.

THIS IS REALLY STAFF UPDATES FOR UPCOMING PROJECTS.

AS YOU KNOW, COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO PROVIDE PUBLIC OUTREACH FOR THE NFC FITNESS COURT AT POLLIWOG, SO WE'LL BEGIN THAT THIS MONTH TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE HAVE SHARED THE PLANS WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, I KNOW THAT WAS ALSO COUNCIL DIRECTION.

LOWER PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION OF THIS SUMMER 2022, AND WE'LL BE PROVIDING TIMELINE UPDATES AS WE RECEIVE THEM.

AND THEN JUST A VARIETY OF OTHER PROJECTS.

THE PAVILION, BEGG FIELD UPGRADES, LIGHTS UPGRADING, NATURAL TURF SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THIS FALL.

AND THE SYNTHETIC TURF, A FEW THINGS THAT WERE LOOKED INTO, THE FIELD USER GROUPS WEREN'T ABLE TO OR INTERESTED IN PROVIDING THAT TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION AT THIS TIME.

IT LOOKS LIKE \$2 MILLION FOR BEGG AND APPROXIMATELY AN ADDITIONAL \$3 FOR MBMS.

IT'S STILL GOING TO BE A LONG-TERM DISCUSSION WITH THE USER GROUPS BUT FOR NOW BEGG WILL BE NATURAL TURF.

COMMUNITY GARDEN, WE ALSO LOOKED INTO THAT TOO, ON THE WEST SIDE OF BEGG FIELD.

AND ULTIMATELY IT WAS COST PROHIBITIVE AND THERE WAS AN OVERALL, NOT LACK OF INTEREST BUT NOT A WHOLE LOT OF INTEREST BECAUSE THERE ARE SCHOOLS, ALL THE SCHOOLS HAVE VARIOUS COMMUNITY GARDENS AS WELL.

AND THEN JUST A FEW UPDATES, THERE HAVE BEEN UPGRADES.

A FEW BENCHES WERE REPLACED AT POLLIWOG AS WELL AS THE RUBBERIZED SURFACING AT THE UPPER PLAYGROUND AREA.

SO THAT WAS A GREAT WIN THERE.

NEXT STEP, STAFF WILL BE BRINGING THESE PROJECTS TO COUNCIL FOR DIRECTION AS THEY MOVE FORWARD.

SO ANY QUESTIONS WITH THAT?

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU FOR THAT OVERVIEW.

ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THAT, THE POLLIWOG PARK ENHANCEMENTS?

OKAY.

THANK YOU, MARK.

NEXT.

>> M. Leyman: COMMISSIONER TURKMANY WILL TAKE OVER.

>> J.J. Turkmany: OKAY.

LUCKY ME, SAND DUNE.

SO THIS PARTICULAR ITEM RELATES TO SAND DUNE BUILDING.

JUDGING BY THE DISCUSSION EARLIER, I THINK THE SCOPE MAY BE A LITTLE TOO SMALL.

BUT THIS HAS TO DO WITH REPLACING THE CURRENT BUILDING AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE RESTROOM, THE PICNIC GAZEBO, INCLUDING PARKING REFURBISHMENT, CURB RAMPS, AND INSTALLATION OF TRAVEL PATHS TO ADDRESS ADA GUIDELINES.

STAFF MET WITH THE CONTRACTOR THAT DID THE PREFAB STRUCTURES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THE PROJECT IS ROUGHLY ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION.

OUR NEXT STEPS WITH THIS ITEM IS TO PRESENT COST ESTIMATES FOR THIS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNCIL DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS.

AND THIS IS, AGAIN, MAINLY THE BUILDINGS, RESTROOM, PICNIC GAZEBO, NOT THE PARK ITSELF.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, THANK YOU.

DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS?

>> S. Napolitano: SO WHEN IS THE BUDGET PROCESS? WHEN IS THAT GOING TO TAKE PLACE?

BRUCE MOE?

>> B. Moe: WELL, THE CIP IS COMING FORWARD AND A BUDGET OF COURSE IS ADOPTED FOR JULY 1 OF THIS NEXT YEAR.

>> S. Napolitano: I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE MONEY WITH THE AARPA FUNDS.

I'M WILLING TO COMMIT THE MONEY TO DO THIS BEFORE THE BUDGET. THIS IS SO OVERDUE, IT'S UNBELIEVABLE.

>> Mayor Stern: SO WOULD THAT BE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT'S LOOKING AT THE USE OF THE AARPA FUNDS?

>> B. Moe: WELL, ACTUALLY, WE ARE COMING BACK TO COUNCIL I BELIEVE IT'S ON THE FEBRUARY 1ST AGENDA, OR THE 15TH, WITH THE SURVEY RESULTS OF PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY, WHICH WILL THEN ALLOW COUNCIL TO PRIORITIZE THE AARPA FUNDS.

WHICH TIME YOU COULD INCLUDE THIS IN THAT PRIORITIZATION LIST.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

OKAY.

>> J. Franklin: COULD I GET SOME CLARIFICATION, PLEASE, OF THE USE OF THAT BUILDING NOW?

OR THE PLANNED USED?

IT JUST SEEMS -- MOSTLY IT'S RESTROOMS, RIGHT?

THERE'S NO PROGRAMS THAT ARE CONDUCTED THERE OR ANYTHING?

I'M JUST WONDERING IF WE COULD SIMPLIFY THAT BUILDING TO CUT DOWN ITS COST.

>> M. Leyman: AGAIN, THIS IS A VERY GENERAL COST TO ESTIMATE. I KNOW JESSICA WORKED DIRECTLY WITH THE VENDOR FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I BELIEVE THEY DID THE PREFAB BUILDING, SO WE BASED THAT ON AN ADDITIONAL, I THINK, 20% SQUARE FOOTAGE.

IT WAS A VERY BASIC BUILDING.

I SEE JESSICA HERE; I KNOW SHE CAN WEIGH IN.

THE COST ESTIMATES WERE NOT ON A SPECIFIC DESIGN BUT BASICALLY LOOKING AT WHAT WE HAVE NOW AND EXPANDING IT A SMALL PERCENTAGE.

>> THANK YOU, MARK.

I CAN JUMP IN.

ESSENTIALLY, THE USE FOR THIS BUILDING WOULD BE TO BE EXPANDED, RIGHT?

IT'S CURRENTLY JUST UTILIZED AS A STORAGE AREA AND A RESTROOM FOR THE PARK USERS, FOR STAFF.

BUT WHAT WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO DO IS CREATE SOME SORT OF NATURE AREA OR NATURE CENTER WITHIN THAT BUILDING.



SO SIMILAR TO THE ROUND HOUSE.  
AND SO THAT WAY WE COULD EDUCATE, WE COULD USE IT AS AN  
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PROGRAMING TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY  
ABOUT THE FLORA AND FAUNA WITHIN THE AREA.  
THE BIRDS THAT OVER THERE, BECAUSE THIS AREA IS SO UNIQUE.  
IF YOU WILL BE REMINDED THAT AREA ALSO HOLDS THE ENDANGERED  
FLOWER, THE PIN CUSHION, I BELIEVE IT'S CALLED, OFF THE TOP OF  
MY HEAD.  
IT WOULD REALLY BE AN AREA TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ALL  
THE WONDERFUL RESOURCES THAT WE DO HAVE AT SAND DUNE PARK.  
IT COULD BE USED AS CLASSROOM SPACE AND IT COULD BE EXPANDED.  
THAT WAS KIND OF THE NATURE OF THE MEETING AND THE INTENT BEHIND  
BRINGING THIS BUILDING WITH LIKE A PREFABRICATED BUILDING.  
>> J. Franklin: COULD I -- COULD WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST JUST TO  
DO LIKE A BASIC RESTROOM KIND OF THING?  
MAYBE WITH A LITTLE BIT OF STORAGE?  
I JUST DON'T SEE THAT KIND OF PROGRAMMING WORKING AT SAND DUNE.  
I DON'T WANT TO SAY I WANT TO DEPRIVE THE CHILDREN THERE OF THAT  
KIND OF PROGRAMMING, BUT IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THE BUDGET IS JUST  
GOING TO GROW A LITTLE BIT OUT OF PROPORTION.  
THERE'S A PLAYGROUND THERE, I SEE KIDS ON THAT PLAYGROUND ALL  
THE TIME.  
PEOPLE GO THERE TO WORK OUT.  
THERE WERE SOME PICNIC TABLES WHERE FAMILIES CAN HAVE BIRTHDAY  
PARTIES AND THE LIKE.  
AND JUST HAVE RESTROOMS.  
ANYWAY, MAYBE TAKE A LOOK AT IT BOTH WAYS.  
BECAUSE THERE'S VERY LITTLE PARKING THERE TOO.  
IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GO THERE AND VISIT, A LOT OF PEOPLE.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, SO ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT WE SEE A RANGE  
OF USES OF EXPANSIONS OF THAT BUILDING STARTING WITH JUST A  
RESTROOM, A RESTROOM WITH SOME STORAGE, A RESTROOM WITH STORAGE  
AND THEN THIS --  
>> J. Franklin: AND MAYBE THE GAZEBO.  
[CROSSTALK]  
>> S. Napolitano: I THINK WE NEED TO GET SOME PUBLIC INPUT ON  
THAT, RIGHT?  
ESPECIALLY THE NEIGHBORS, WHAT DO THEY WANT TO SEE OUT THERE?  
>> Mayor Stern: RIGHT, SO THIS WOULD THEN BECOME THAT WORK PLAN  
ITEM THAT HAS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INVOLVED.  
COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.  
>> S. Hadley: THANK YOU, MAYOR STERN.  
YEAH, I THINK THE COMMUNITY INPUT IS KEY.  
JUST HANDICAPPING, BUT I THINK MY NEIGHBORS WOULD GO NUTS IF  
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING.  
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT JESSICA, I HAVE NEVER HEARD THAT FLOATED  
EVER IN ANY OF THESE SAND DUNE PARK DISCUSSIONS.

I'VE BEEN ON THE RECORD IN PUBLIC MEETINGS OVER AND OVER AND EVEN WHEN STEVE NICOLSON WAS ON THE PARKS AND REC COMMISSION, THAT MY PRIORITY IS TO RETORE THE PARK PROGRAM WITH A LICENSED CITY EMPLOYEE THROUGH PARKS AND REC, HELPING KIDS PLAY OUTSIDE. MAYOR PRO TEM, MY ONLY HESITATION ABOUT REPLACING THE BUILDING IS IF IT'S LIKE-FOR-LIKE, THEN THERE'S NO INDOOR SPACE FOR THE STUDENTS WHEN THE WEATHER IS BAD.

I'M KIND OF TORN BECAUSE MY KIDS DIDN'T HAVE INDOOR SPACE EITHER, THE PARK PROGRAM WOULD JUST SORT OF BE CANCELLED IF IT Poured DOWN RAIN.

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, IT ALMOST NEVER POURS DOWN RAIN.

I'M OKAY WITH LIKE-FOR-LIKE.

BETTER WOULD BE ONE ROOM THAT MAYBE THE KIDS COULD DO AN ART PROJECT IN THERE OR PLAY BOARD GAMES OR SOMETHING IF IT'S RAINING.

I'M AGAINST ANY OTHER PROGRAMMING, DIRECTOR LEYMAN.

THERE IS NO PARKING.

THE NEIGHBORS WILL GO NUTS ABOUT THAT, I THINK, I'M GUESSING.

AND THAT WOULD BE COMPLETE OUT OF THE DARK THING.

BUT A KIDS PROGRAM AND FOR KIDS TO PLAY OUTSIDE, POSSIBLY WITH A LITTLE INDOOR SPACE, I'M ALL ABOUT THAT.

THE BATHROOMS ARE DISGUSTING, THE BUILDING IS DISGUSTING.

IT HAS BEEN FOR 20 YEARS AND DOING SOMETHING WITH IT, WITH AARPA FUNDS OR WHATEVER, WOULD BE GREAT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

SO, CONTINUING ON THE WORK PLAN.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> R. Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I AGREE WITH TWO THINGS.

ONE, THE BUILDING WAS BUILT WHAT, MARK, 1950'S?

SO AS SOON AS YOU TOUCH THAT WALL, IT'S ADA COMPLIANT CHECKLIST. YOU CAN'T JUST PUT UP THE SAME BRICK WALL IN 1960 THAT'S GOT A COMPLIANT BATHROOM AND BE BROUGHT UP TO SPEED, THE LIGHTING, THE WHOLE NINE YARDS.

NOT BUILD A SHED THE WAY IT IS NOW.

AS FAR AS PROGRAMMING GOES, I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE PROGRAMMING PART OF IT.

BUILD A NICE STRUCTURE, WE DO MORE FOR BEGG POOL THAN WE DO FOR THIS PARK.

MAKE SURE YOU DO THE RIGHT BUILD, ADA COMPLIANT, AND THE BATHROOMS HAVE TO BE MODERN BATHROOMS AS COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY MENTIONED AND STOP THERE.

THAT'S THE BIG ISSUES I SEE WITH THAT PARK.

IT NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO SPEED.

I'M COOL WITH THAT PART OF IT, EVERYTHING ELSE I WOULD HOLD OFF ON.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
DO YOU HAVE THE DIRECTION? WE WOULD INCLUDE THAT ON THE WORK PLAN, LIMITING THE SCOPE OF THE BUILDING.

>> J. Franklin: MAY I ASK JUST ONE MORE QUESTION, PLEASE?

>> Mayor Stern: YES.

>> J. Franklin: SINCE GRANDVIEW IS BEING REMODELED AND THOSE FIELDS, ARE -- I CAN'T QUITE FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON THERE YET, BUT IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF A CONNECTION BETWEEN THAT GREEN BELT AND GRANDVIEW AND THE NATURE TRAILS IN GRANDVIEW? OR IS IT GOING TO BE LIKE A TOTAL FENCED OFF KIND OF THING? JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY.

>> M. Leyman: I'M SURE THERE WOULD BE SOME CONNECTIVITY AGAIN FOR POTENTIALLY AFTER-SCHOOL REC, BUT IN TERMS OF A PATHWAY, I DON'T THINK THERE'S PLANS.  
I THINK THE EXISTING PATHWAY FROM THAT FIELD IS JUST HEADING STRAIGHT SOUTH.

>> J. Franklin: RIGHT, OKAY.  
ALL RIGHT, GREAT.  
THANKS.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, NEXT.  
NEXT ITEM.

>> S. Karger: PARK AND PLAY.  
AS YOU KNOW, SINCE THE MID 80'S, THE POPULARITY OF RACQUETBALL HAS FALLEN DRAMATICALLY AND THE USE OF THE FACILITY HAS DECLINED CONSISTENTLY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.  
WE WERE ASKED TO ACTIVELY EXPLORE OPTIONS TO REPURPOSE THE LAND AND/OR BUILDING FOR HIGHER VALUE, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND REPURPOSE FOR A BROADER COMMUNITY APPEAL.  
THE PAY-N-PLAY CONTRACT AGREEMENT WAS FOR A TERM OF 35 YEARS, PLUS TWO TEN-YEAR EXTENSIONS.  
THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WAS SET TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF 2021.  
CURRENTLY, STAFF IS REVIEWING THE LEASE AND THE END DATE WITH THE OPERATOR.  
WE MET SEVERAL TIMES AT THE PARK, THE COMMITTEE AND STAFF, AND IDENTIFIED THAT THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE ON THE OUTSIDE.  
THE FASCIA BOARDS ARE WARPED, ROTTING, ALL WINDOWS NEED TO BE REPLACED DUE TO VANDALISM, WINDOW FRAMES HAVE CORROSION, ALL DOORS AND DOOR FRAMES HAVE CORROSION WHICH SHOULD BE REPLACED, AND PAINTING NEEDED BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.  
IN JUNE, THE COMMITTEE STAFF AND THE OPERATOR MET TO DISCUSS THE BUILDING CONDITIONS, THE NEEDED UPGRADES, GRAFFITI, SAFETY ISSUES, AND POSSIBLE CONVERSION TO ALTERNATE USES.  
THE OPERATOR WAS NOT INTERESTED IN INVESTING IN THE FACILITY OR SECURITY UPGRADES AT THE TIME.  
DEPENDING UPON THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE EXISTING LEASE, WE CAME UP WITH A LIST OF NEXT-USE OPTIONS.

INCLUDING, IF THE BUILDING WAS TO STAY, WITH IMPROVEMENTS, WE COULD CONVERT IT TO CLASSROOMS, YOGA, EXERCISE CLASSES, AFTER-SCHOOL TEEN, HOMEWORK CLUB OR LEARNING CENTER, COMMUNITY ROOMS OR MARINE PARK STORAGE, WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE SOME OF THE PORTABLE UNITS WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN THE AREA.

IF WE WERE TO REMOVE THE STRUCTURE, SOME OPTIONS COULD INCLUDE PICKLE BALL, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, PADDLE BALL, ADDITIONAL DOG RUN SPACE, AND GREEN SPACE WITH SEATING.

OUR NEXT STEPS AT THIS POINT IS THE STAFF IS REVIEWING REQUESTS BY THE OPERATOR TO ALLOW HIM TO CONTINUE OPERATING.

WE'RE WAITING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THAT AND THE COMMISSION MAY EXPLORE REPURPOSING OPTIONS IN THE FUTURE.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS ARE TO BE DETERMINED UNTIL WE KNOW THE DISPOSITION OF THE EXISTING LEASE.

QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Stern: YEAH, THANK YOU.

I DID HAVE A QUESTION.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE CURRENT LEASE IS UP AS OF NOVEMBER 21.

DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE OPERATOR WOULD HAVE THE SAME --

>> S. Karger: DECEMBER 20.

IT HAPPENED -- HE NEEDS TO RENEW HIS CONTRACT.

SO AS OF THIS PAST DECEMBER, THAT WAS THE LAST DATE.

AND THEN HE HAD THE OPTION OF LETTING US KNOW SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THAT DATE IF HE WANTED TO EXTEND IT.

>> S. Napolitano: YOUR HONOR?

>> Mayor Stern: YEAH.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> S. Napolitano: THIS IS NOT TO YOU, IT'S TO STAFF.

HOW DO WE NOT KNOW THE DISPOSITION AT THIS POINT?

IF HE HAD TO EXERCISE IT SIX MONTHS AHEAD OF TIME AND DIDN'T DO THAT, AND IT EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 20TH, WHICH IT DID, WITHOUT AN OPTION TO EXTEND, HOW IS THIS STILL A QUESTION MARK?

WHY DON'T WE KNOW THE DISPOSITION ON IT?

>> B. Moe: WE ARE WORKING --

>> Q. Barrow: I SHOULD ADDRESS THAT.

HE HAS AN ATTORNEY WHO CLAIMS THAT HE OWNS THE PROPERTY NOW.

AND SO STAFF JUST --

>> S. Napolitano: THROUGH WHAT, ADVERSE POSSESSION?

>> Q. Barrow: YEAH, STAFF ORDERED A TITLE REPORT WHICH WILL BE COMING BACK NEXT WEEK WHICH WILL CONFIRM WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE OUR OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY.

SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WAITING FOR IS THE TITLE REPORT.

>> S. Napolitano: SO THEN AFTER THAT, WHAT HAPPENS?

WE ARE JUST GOING TO SAY WE OWN IT AND BEAT IT?

>> Q. Barrow: THAT'S ONE OF OUR POSSIBILITIES TOO.

>> S. Napolitano: OKAY.

>> Mayor Stern: AND I THINK YOU HAD INDICATED IF HE WANTS TO CONTINUE WITH THE LEASE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE WOULD BE HOOKED INTO OTHER TEN YEARS, IS THAT...?

>> S. Napolitano: THAT SHIP HAS SAILED, RIGHT?

>> Q. Barrow: YEAH, NOW THAT LEASE IS DONE. ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE TO GIVE HIM A THREE-MONTH LICENSE OR SIX-MONTH LICENSE. BUT THOSE ARE THE DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES BUT THAT LEASE IS OVER.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY. I UNDERSTAND THAT NOW, THANK YOU. OKAY, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: YEAH, SO A QUICK ONE. I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO KNOW THE ANSWER. IF THE CURRENT LEASEHOLDER LEAVES, CAN WE STILL OPERATE IT AS IT IS NOW? COULD WE STILL THEN COLLECT THE MONEY AND EVERYTHING LIKE THAT, AT LEAST ON AN INTERIM BASIS? THAT'S NUMBER ONE. AND NUMBER TWO IS, HOW MANY PICKLE BALL COURTS COULD FIT IN THAT AREA?

>> S. Karger: ACTUALLY, STAFF CAME UP WITH BEING ABLE TO PUT IN TWO PICKLE BALL COURTS. THEY WERE KIND OF CONFIGURED INTERESTINGLY BUT YOU COULD GET IN TWO PICKLE BALL COURTS, BUT YOU'D HAVE TO REMOVE THE BUILDING.

>> J. Franklin: RIGHT, OF COURSE. YEAH.

>> S. Hadley: I WOULD THINK THERE WOULD BE MORE THAN TWO.

>> S. Karger: WELL, IT'S THE OUTSIDE PORTION OF THE PICKLE BALL COURT, SO THERE NEEDS TO BE ENOUGH ROOM, LIKE AN EDGE AROUND IT, ADDITIONAL.

>> J. Franklin: SO BEHIND THAT BUILDING IS THE EXISTING REALLY SMALL DOG PARK?

>> S. Karger: THAT IS CORRECT.

>> J. Franklin: SO ASSUMING WE TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT I MENTIONED OVER THERE BY THE BASEBALL FIELD ON THE THIRD BASELINE AND WE COULD UTILIZE THAT DOG PARK, COULD THAT GIVE YOU SOME MORE ROOM TO MAYBE ADD...? I KNOW YOU WOULD HAVE TO MEASURE IT AND EVERYTHING. IT'S A VERY SMALL PART, I DON'T IMAGINE YOU COULD BUT MAYBE YOU COULD FIGURE IT OUT.

>> S. Karger: IT LOOKED PRETTY SMALL. I WAS SHOWN A DIAGRAM AND IT'S PRETTY SQUEEZED IN THERE. I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN SQUEEZE OUT ANOTHER COURT.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

>> J. Franklin: OKAY.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU. MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO.

>> S. Napolitano: I WOULD PROCEED ON THIS.  
WE'RE WAITING FOR -- PROCEED WITH OPTIONS, BRING OPTIONS WITH  
BUDGET TO COUNCIL TO DECIDE.  
IN THE MEANTIME, DON'T HOLD BACK ON THAT THOUGH, WAITING FOR THE  
TITLE REPORT.  
WE'LL GET THE TITLE REPORT IN DUE COURSE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO  
APPROVE ANYTHING TOMORROW, BUT LET'S GET THE OPTIONS AND LET'S  
START TALKING ABOUT IT NOW.  
AGAIN, SENSE OF URGENCY HERE.  
LET'S GET GOING ON THIS.  
WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE REPORT TO COME BACK TO MOVE  
FORWARD ON DECIDING AND GETTING BUDGET NUMBERS AND THINGS LIKE  
THAT.  
WE OWN THE PROPERTY, THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE A QUESTION.  
>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
I THINK WE HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN REPURPOSING THAT PIECE OF  
PROPERTY -- THAT BUILDING TO SOMETHING THAT'S ANOTHER USE.  
AND WE'D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT THE OTHER OPTIONS THAT WE COULD USE  
THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY FOR.  
OKAY.  
ARE WE ONTO THE NEXT?  
>> M. Leyman: SO COMMISSIONER GREENBERG, TAKE IT AWAY.  
>> B. Greenberg: OKAY, THIS WILL BE QUICK.  
THIS IS OUR PIPE DREAM PROJECT BUT ONE THAT COULD BE INCREDIBLY  
IMPACTFUL IF IT EVER COMES TO FRUITION.  
THERE'S 4.4 ACRES OF LAND THAT HAS BEEN USED FOR DECADES AS THE  
ARMORY.  
AND IF WE WERE ABLE TO REACQUIRE THAT LAND IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE  
AN INCREDIBLE PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT COULD POTENTIALLY HOUSE A  
FUTURE AQUATICS FACILITY, INCLUDING ON-SITE PARKING.  
THAT IS THE PIPE DREAM.  
WE CONTACTED LOCAL ARMORY LEADERSHIP, I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH  
CAPTAIN MCMAHON, WE DRAFTED A LETTER TO THE LEADERSHIP OF MAJOR  
GENERAL BALDWIN OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD, THAT LETTER  
WAS SENT OUT UNDER MAYOR HADLEY'S SIGNATURE BACK IN MAY.  
IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM STAFF THAT WE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE  
TO THE LETTER.  
BUT THE LETTER WAS SIMPLY STATING HEY, WE WOULD LOVE TO  
REACQUIRE THAT LAND IF AT ANY POINT THE NATIONAL GUARD DECIDES  
TO CLOSE DOWN THAT PARTICULAR ARMORY.  
THAT'S WHERE WE ARE, THAT WAS THE PROGRESS WE MADE IN 2021 AND  
THE QUESTION IS GOING FORWARD IN 2022, HOW DO WE WANT TO PROCEED  
WITH NEXT STEPS?  
THERE'S KIND OF TWO DIFFERENT LEVELS.  
WELL, THREE.  
ONE OPTION IS JUST LET IT DIE THERE, WHICH WE DON'T RECOMMEND.

OPTION #2 IS, WE CAN JUST SEND BASICALLY A FOLLOW-UP LETTER ON AN ANNUAL BASIS SAYING, HEY, JUST A REMINDER, WE'RE STILL VERY INTERESTED IN REACQUIRING THAT LAND.

YOU KNOW, HINT, HINT, YOU SHOULD SHUT DOWN THAT ARMORY.

OR THREE, WE COULD STEP IT UP AND PURSUE THIS A LITTLE BIT MORE AGGRESSIVELY WITH SOME COMBINATION OF STAFF OR POTENTIALLY CITY COUNCIL GETTING INVOLVED AND PROACTIVELY, PERHAPS REACHING OUT TO SOME OF OUR ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS TO ASSIST IN MAKING INQUIRIES ABOUT POTENTIALLY REACQUIRING THAT LAND.

ONE LAST THING I WILL ADD, WHEN I DID SPEAK WITH CAPTAIN MCMAHON ABOUT THIS, HE DID MENTION HE IS AWARE THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CAL NATIONAL GUARD ARE ALWAYS, THEY'RE CONSTANTLY, THEY HAVE A LIST OF ARMORIES THAT ARE POTENTIALLY ON THE LIST FOR CLOSURE. THEY'RE ALWAYS REEVALUATING THAT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, THE MANHATTAN BEACH FACILITY IS NOT CURRENTLY ON THAT LIST.

IT JUST GOT ME THINKING WHATEVER WE COULD DO TO POTENTIALLY NUDGE OUR LOCAL ARMORY ONTO THAT LIST WOULD BE POTENTIALLY BENEFICIAL TO THE CITY.

SO WE SEEK YOUR DIRECTION AS FAR AS NEXT STEPS.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.

STEVE, DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

>> S. Napolitano: YEAH, I DON'T WANT TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON THIS ISSUE, TO BE HONEST BUT I DON'T THINK IT HURTS TO SEND OUT SOME LETTERS.

I WAS GOING TO SAY, I DON'T THINK THE PERSON TO SEND IT TO WOULD BE THE GENERAL, I THINK IT WOULD BE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, TED LU AND OUR STATE OFFICIALS AS WELL.

WE CAN SEND THOSE AT LEAST TO HAVE AN INQUIRY AS TO GET SOME OFFICIAL STATUS OF IT INSTEAD OF NON-RESPONSE FROM THE LEADERSHIP.

THEY'LL GET RESPONSE FROM THE LEADERSHIP.

>> Mayor Stern: RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> R. Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

ALONG WITH MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO, I CAN TELL YOU -- THIS CAME UP -- WITH THE IDEA OF ACQUIRING IT.

TALKING NATIONAL GUARD, IT HAS TO COME FROM THE STATE.

IT'S A STATE NATIONAL GUARD, IT HAS TO COME FROM THEM, AND THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING IT GO.

I REMEMBER IN 2020 WE HAD THE ISSUES WITH PROTESTORS AND RIOTS ALL OVER L.A.

THAT GUARD STATION WAS IN USE AS A FUELING CENTER.

WE WERE GETTING TEXTS, OH MY GOD, THE NATIONAL GUARD IS HERE.

NO, THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE, IT'S A FUELING STATION.

SO NO, THEY AREN'T GOING TO LET GO OF THAT STATION.

THEY'RE NOT GOING TO LET GO OF IT ANY TIME SOON.

THAT'S A GREAT THOUGHT, BRUCE, I LOVE THE IDEA OF IT.  
THEY MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO ME IN 2020 WHEN EVERYTHING WAS GOING  
ON AROUND CALIFORNIA, THE PROTESTS, ALL THAT HAPPENED, THEY HAVE  
NO INTENTION OF LETTING IT GO ANY TIME SOON.

BUT IF IT EVER DID, WE'RE ON RECORD IN 2005 AND NOW AGAIN AS OF  
2021 THAT WE'RE INTERESTED IN BUYING IT, I'M SURE THEY WOULD  
CALL US AND SAY HEY, WE ARE THINKING OF SHUTTING IT DOWN, ARE  
YOU, THE CITY, INTERESTED?

AND I'M SURE WE'D JUMP AT IT.

BUT AS OF NOW, LIKE STEVE SAID, UNLESS SOMEONE HAS SOMETHING WE  
DON'T KNOW ABOUT, WE'RE NOT MAKING ANY MOVES ANY TIME SOON.

IT'S A NICE DREAM THOUGH.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

BUT IT CAN'T HURT TO JUST REACH OUT, WE HAVE RELATIONSHIPS OUR -  
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>> R. Montgomery: NO, EVERY FIVE YEARS WE SHOULD ASK THEM.  
EVERY FIVE YEARS, ASK.

>> Mayor Stern: CAN'T HURT TO ASK.

IS THERE ANOTHER QUESTION?

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: YES, AND JUST GOING BACK TO ALL THE DISCUSSION  
WE JUST HAD WITH ALL OF OUR OTHER PARKS, IS DO WE REALLY WANT IT  
AND CAN WE REALLY AFFORD IT AND KEEP IT GOING?

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITH IT?

MAYBE THAT QUESTION NEEDS TO BE ASKED.

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITH IT?

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, THANK YOU.

I THINK THE DIRECTION WOULD BE CERTAINLY TO REACH OUT TO OUR  
ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEN GO FROM THERE TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY  
POTENTIAL THERE FOR US.

AND OUR NEXT ITEM, EXCITING ONE.

>> M. Leyman: YES, WE'LL TURN IT OVER TO COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY.  
STILL ON MUTE, YES.

>> L. McCarthy: SORRY ABOUT THAT.

THANK YOU.

I KNOW IT'S LATE, I WILL TRY TO GO THROUGH THIS EFFICIENTLY BUT  
IT'S A LOT OF SLIDES.

I WILL DO THE BEST I CAN AND I APPRECIATE YOU BEARING WITH ME.  
THE AQUATICS SUBCOMMITTEE WAS FORMED LAST YEAR TO ASSESS THE  
CURRENT STATUS OF RECREATIONAL AQUATIC FACILITIES IN MANHATTAN  
BEACH AND TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND  
THE PARKS AND REC WAS EXPERIENCING FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE  
FOR WATER TIME.

OUR WAY OF BACKGROUND EXPANDED AND IMPROVED AQUATICS FACILITIES  
THAT HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN A TOP PRIORITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
RESIDENTS FOR YEARS AND YEARS.



IF ONE LOOKS BACK HISTORICALLY, IT WAS IN THE TOP PRIORITIES OF SURVEYS IN EARLY 2000'S, IN 2012, IN 2016.

AND THEN AS PART OF THE PARK'S MASTER PLAN EFFORT IN 2019-20, PARKS AND REC AGAIN CONDUCTED POP UP SURVEYS, ONLINE SURVEYS, BUDGET SURVEYS, AND COMMUNITY FORUMS.

ONCE AGAIN, AQUATICS FACILITIES PULLED AT THE TOP AS A WISHLIST PRIORITY.

THERE ARE TWO MAIN REASONS FOR THIS.

ONE, IS THAT MANHATTAN BEACH REALLY HAS ONLY ONE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE POOL.

IT IS SIX LANES WIDE, 25 YARDS LONG, HAS AGED BEYOND ITS USEFUL LIFE, AND IT SIMPLY IS INADEQUATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF 35000 PEOPLE.

THE SECOND REASON IS THAT THE ONLY OTHER PUBLIC POOL MIRA COSTAS, IT IS OWNED BY MBUSD, AND ESSENTIALLY HAS NO READILY AVAILABLE PUBLIC USE.

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVES TO THESE TWO POOLS ARE PRIVATE, THE COUNTRY CLUB AND THE BADMINTON CLUB, OR THE OCEAN.

YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT PAGE.

THE PROGRAMMING DEMANDS FACED BY PARKS AND REC ARE VERY BROAD IN TYPE AND INVOLVE A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE COMMUNITY.

THE NUMBER ONE DEMAND IS FOR SWIM LESSONS FOR ALL AGES, NOT JUST YOUTH.

ALL CLASSES FILL IN MINUTES AND CERTAINLY WITHIN AN HOUR ACROSS-THE-BOARD.

SENIOR CLASSES ARE 4-5 TIMES OVER SUBSCRIBED VERSUS AVAILABILITY.

ASIDE FROM SWIM LESSONS AND SENIOR PROGRAMMING, THE OTHER MAIN SOURCES OF WATER DEMAND IN TOWN ARE THE MB DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM WHICH HAS OVER 150 PARTICIPANTS, MASTER SWIM, LAP SWIM, PARENT AND ME CLASSES, JUNIOR GUARD PREP CLASSES, CPR AND WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTION CLASSES, PARKS AND REC SUMMER PROGRAMS AND CAMPS, SWIM PARTIES AND CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS, CLUB WATER POLO AND SWIM TEAMS, AND OF COURSE MIRA COSTA SWIM AND WATER POLO TEAMS. IF YOU TAKE THOSE ALL TOGETHER, THOSE ARE 13 GENERAL CATEGORIES, OR CONSTITUENCIES, CREATING DEMAND FOR WATER TIME IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

OBVIOUSLY, A VAST DIFFERENCE FROM WHEN THIS POOL -- THE POOL THAT WE HAVE WAS CREATED IN THE 1940'S.

AS PART OF THE DUE DILIGENCE, I'M NOT GOING TO READ YOU THE LIST THAT'S HERE.

BUT TWO POINTS ARE WORTH EMPHASIZING AS IT RELATES TO THE EXTENSIVE DUE DILIGENCE THAT OUR SUBCOMMITTEE DID OVER THE PAST YEAR.

IT TURNS OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF POOLS IN THE SOUTH BAY THAT WERE CONSTRUCTED IN THE LAST 5-10 YEARS IS FAIRLY NUMEROUS.

MEANING THAT THE INFORMATION WE RECEIVED REGARDING DESIGN LAYOUTS, PRICING, RENTALS, DEMAND, AND DEMOGRAPHICS IS ALL RELATIVELY CURRENT.

SECONDLY, WE DID NOT ELECT TO JUST WALK AROUND THESE SITES. IN THE CASES THAT ARE LISTED HERE, WE MET WITH THE MANAGERS OR OPERATORS ON-SITE TO HAVE EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF USE, FINANCING, DECISION MAKING AND THE ISSUES THEY FACE. THE ON-SITE TOURS THAT OCCURRED, YOU CAN READ, BUT I DO WANT TO SINGLE OUT THE ONE THAT ISN'T AN EXISTING POOL AND THAT'S THE MANHATTAN VILLAGE PARKVIEW SITE.

THIS IS THE VILLAGE THAT'S BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE COUNTRY CLUB, IT HAS AN AYSO FIELD ADJACENT TO IT, AND IT HAS -- BACK TO THE OTHER PAGE.

SORRY, THANK YOU.

AND IT HAS A SENIOR FACILITY THERE.

THIS SITE WAS DONATED BY CHEVRON UNDER THE QUIMBY ACT BACK IN THE 1970'S FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES.

BUT BECAUSE IT'S ONE OF THE LARGEST CITY-OWNED SITES, IT'S BASICALLY A PARKING LOT.

WE DECIDED TO EVALUATE IT AS A POSSIBILITY HERE.

IN TERMS OF THE IN-PERSON -- ZOOM MEETINGS WE HAD, WE KNOW WHAT THE CEO OF DA VINCI HIGH SCHOOL, THE MANAGERS OF THE WISEBURN AQUATICS CENTER, WE MET WITH SHERRY KRAMER FROM CONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENT TO DISCUSS ALL THE FINANCING THAT WAS DONE FOR THE WISEBURN AQUATICS CENTER AND TO DISCUSS THE 501(c)(3) THAT WAS CREATED, WE MET WITH THE CEO OF BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT TO DISCUSS THE PLANS FOR THEIR CAMPUS AND OTHER SOUTH BAY PROJECTS THAT THEY MAY INVEST IN, AND THEN WE HAD MULTIPLE MEETINGS WITH GENSLER ON PRO-BONO BASIS FOLLOWED BY ON-SITE TOURS.

AND I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE TWO GUYS THAT WERE WORKING WITH US FROM GENSLER ARE TWO OF THE SAME PEOPLE THAT WORKED EXTENSIVELY ON THE MIRA COSTA ATHLETIC COMPLEX THAT WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED.

SO THEY ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH MANHATTAN BEACH PROCEDURES AND POLICIES.

FINALLY, DOCUMENTS WERE ALSO REVIEWED SUCH AS PARKING CONTRACTS PREVIOUS AQUATICS PLANS, JOINT USE AGREEMENTS, AND MANY FEASIBILITY STUDIES.

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IF WE LOOK AT THE CURRENT STATE OF BEGG, IT WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE 1940'S.

SO THAT POOL, IF YOU LOOK AT IT NOW, IS 70 YEARS OLD.

IT'S INCREDIBLE.

IT'S OWNED BY MBUSD, OPERATED BY MANHATTAN PARKS AND REC, THE LAST RENOVATION WAS IN 2011-12 WITH LESS THAN \$500000 IN FUNDING AND IT WAS BY NO MEANS A COMPREHENSIVE RENOVATION.

IT WAS ESSENTIALLY A PATCH AND REPAIR BACK THEN, THAT'S BEEN TEN YEARS AGO.

BEFORE I DESCRIBE BEGG FURTHER, I WANT TO NOTE THAT JESUS SANDOVAL THE AQUATICS SUPERVISOR AND HIS TEAM ARE PERFORMING OUTSTANDING DAILY MAINTENANCE AND KEEPING BEGG OPERATING SAFELY AND SMOOTHLY.

IT IS A TRIBUTE TO THEM THAT OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO ENJOY THE SAFE USE OF THAT POOL.

THE PICTURES YOU SEE HERE ARE THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.

THE LOCKER ROOMS ARE DETERIORATING IN TERMS OF PAINT AND PLASTER, SHOWER CAPACITY IS DECREASING DUE TO RUST, PIPES, AND SPIGOTS THAT CAN NO LONGER FUNCTION, AND THE SO-CALLED NEW PUMP ROOM WHICH WAS BUILT 25 YEARS AGO IS FULL OF EQUIPMENT THAT IS NEAR, AT, OR BEYOND ITS USEFUL LIFE.

IT IS ALL OPERATING SAFELY, BUT IT'S EXTREMELY OLD.

THE CONCRETE AROUND THE POOL IS CRACKING AS IS THE PLASTER INSIDE THE POOL.

THE STAFF JUST COMPLETED THE ANNUAL DRAINING OF THE POOL THAT IS DONE OVER THE HOLIDAYS TO PATCH THE BOTTOM AND SIDES WHERE NEEDED.

SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT FACILITY IS OPERATING SAFELY BUT IT IS BEYOND ITS USEFUL LIFE.

NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

SO TO CONCLUDE THIS PORTION, COMMUNITY DEMAND FAR EXCEEDS AVAILABILITY AT BEGG, PROGRAMMING AT BEGG IS AT HIGH DEMAND, 100% UTILIZATION YEAR-ROUND, AND THE PROGRAMMING COULD BE MULTIPLE, MULTIPLE, MULTIPLES OF WHAT IT CURRENTLY IS GIVEN THE DEMAND AND THE CONSTITUENCY NEEDS.

THEY CANNOT BE MET BY THIS SINGLE POOL AND A NEW AQUATICS FACILITY AND/OR A RENOVATION OF THE BEGG SITE WOULD BE A HUGE BENEFIT TO MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY.

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OUR SUBCOMMITTEE APPROACHED THE QUESTION OF RENOVATION OR REPLACEMENT OF THE BEGG FACILITY WITH AN OPEN MIND.

WE EVALUATED NUMEROUS SITES IN MANHATTAN BEACH AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AND WE EVALUATED NUMEROUS CONCEPTS.

WE SETTLED ON THREE BASIC TENETS OF OUR WORK.

ONE, THAT THE POOLS WOULD BE COMMUNITY POOLS WITH THE PRIORITY OF USE FOR MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS.

TWO, THAT THE PRIORITY OF USE WOULD BE FOR RECREATION AND ONLY SECONDARILY FOR COMPETITION.

THREE, THAT TO TRULY MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, GIVEN THE WIDESPREAD DEMAND, THE TWO POOLS NEED TO BE AVAILABLE.

ONE POOL WOULD BE GEARED TO LAP SWIM, MASTER SWIMMING, AND LOCAL MANHATTAN BEACH SWIM TEAMS AND WATER POLO TEAMS.

IT WOULD BE 35 METERS LONG, 25 WIDE, AND HAVE A 7 FOOT DEPTH.

THE OTHER POOL WOULD BE SHALLOWER, 3.5 FEET DEEP, 25 YARDS LONG, AND POTENTIALLY 45 FEET WIDE.

IT WOULD BE GEARED TO SWIM LESSONS, SENIOR CLASSES LIKE WATER AEROBICS AND THERAPY CLASSES, AND HAVE A GRADED ADA ENTRY.

I WANT TO POINT OUT THE CONCEPT OF HAVING TWO POOLS, LIKE THE ONES I JUST DESCRIBED, IS BASICALLY THE NORM.

IT IS ALMOST STANDARD NOW IN ANY AQUATICS COMPLEXES THAT ARE BEING BUILT IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

AFTER ALL THE EVALUATIONS, WE CONCLUDED THAT THE BEGG SITE AND WHAT WE REFER TO AS THE VILLAGE SITE MET THESE CRITERIA THE BEST.

ON THIS PAGE, WHICH WE'LL LIKELY COME BACK TO, YOU CAN SEE THE ROUGH SCHEMATICS THAT GENSLER CREATED FOR US TO SHOW HOW THE POOLS WOULD FIT ON THE RESPECTIVE SITES.

WE CAN GO ONTO THE NEXT SLIDE.

IF WE LOOK SPECIFICALLY AT THE CONCEPT OF RENOVATING OR REPLACING BEGG POOL, THE BENEFITS OF THAT WOULD BE THE MBMS COULD CONTINUE TO USE IT FOR ITS CURRICULUM SWIM CLASSES THAT ARE MANDATED AND IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH, SUMMER, AND FAMILY PROGRAMS.

IT WOULD REPRESENT POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS TO CREATING A BRAND-NEW FACILITY IN THAT YOU COULD RENOVATE THE EXISTING POOL, YOU WOULD LEVEL ALL THE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND REPLACE IT, BUT IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE LESS EXPENSIVE THAN BUILDING TWO BRAND NEW POOLS.

IT IS A POTENTIAL SITE ALSO FOR COMMUNITY SPLASH PADS SINCE ITS PROXIMITY IS CLOSE TO POLLIWOG PARK AS WELL.

THE LOCATION EXISTS CENTRAL TO MANHATTAN BEACH.

THE SITE HAS RECENTLY AND PREVIOUSLY BEEN EVALUATED SO IT'S BEEN LOOKED AT A BUNCH OF TIMES, BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WITH IT.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST ONES IS THE GRADE AND SLOPE THAT EXISTS THERE, THE PARKING THAT HAS TO BE SHARED AND IS LIMITED WITH THE TRANSITION SCHOOL SITE AND WITH AYSO, THERE ARE SURROUNDING RESIDENCES, ALBEIT MANY OF THEM ARE APARTMENT BUILDING BUT THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF SURROUNDING RESIDENCES, AND THERE IS A SINGLE INGRESS, EGRESS ONE LANE ROAD ACCESSING THE SITE.

THE POSITIVE IS THAT THE LAND ITSELF, THE PAD THAT BEGG SITS ON, IS UNDER USED AND THE EXISTING BUILDINGS ARE POORLY POSITIONED ON THE LAND.

SO THERE IS ROOM FOR QUITE A BIT OF IMPROVEMENT AND IT COULD BE MUCH BETTER UTILIZED.

NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

IF ONE LOOKS AT CONSTRUCTING A NEW AQUATICS FACILITY AT THE MANHATTAN VILLAGE SITE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BENEFITS.

THE SITE IS LARGE AND MORE PROJECT READY THAN BEGG, IT HAS LIMITED DENSITY, AND RESIDENTIAL IMPACT.

IT HAS EXCELLENT VEHICLE INGRESS AND EGRESS WITH LIMITED TRAFFIC ISSUES AND THIS POOL COULD BE SPECIFICALLY GEARED FOR SWIM TEAMS, WATER POLO, MASTER SWIMMING, ALL THE SENIOR PROGRAMS, AND LAP SWIM.

THE AMENITIES THAT ARE BASICALLY STANDARD NOW WHEN ONE CREATES A NEW AQUATICS FACILITY ARE LISTED HERE AND THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM TO FIT THEM IN.

WE COULD PROBABLY FIT MOST OF THESE AT BEGG, BUT ALL OF THEM WILL FIT AT MANHATTAN VILLAGE.

THE SITE FACTORS THAT EXIST THAT ONE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER, ARE THAT BOTH THE VILLAGE MALL AND THE BAY CLUB HAVE PARKING CONTRACTS, WHICH ARE CANCELLABLE WITH NOTICE, BUT NONETHELESS THEY EXIST.

THE SENIOR VILLAS EXIST TO THE SOUTH AT THE FAR SOUTH END OF THIS SITE.

ONLY THE KIND OF END OF THE SENIOR VILLAS ABUTS IT AND THEY DO HAVE GATED AND PROTECTED PARKING.

THE PARKING OF THE SITE ITSELF HAS TO BE SHARED WITH AYSO AND THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR PEOPLE TO THINK THAT THERE'S TOO MUCH TRAFFIC OR NOISE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS.

THE ONE OTHER ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE MENTIONED IS THAT BECAUSE CHEVRON DONATED THE SITE THERE WOULD NEED TO BE SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK JUST DONE TO MAKE SURE THAT THINGS COULD BE DONE SAFELY.

NEXT SLIDE.

THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THESE POSSIBLE DECISIONS WOULD BE THAT A NEW AQUATICS CENTER AT MANHATTAN VILLAGE, IF YOU DID THE FULL BUILD OUT WITH TWO POOLS AND IF YOU CHOSE OR DIDN'T CHOOSE TO PUT A SPLASH PAD, THE TOTAL COST WOULD BE SOMEWHERE AROUND \$17 MILLION.

I WILL TELL YOU WE ROUNDED UP ON THAT NUMBER.

IT DOES INCLUDE, ACCORDING TO GENSLER, A CONTINGENCY IN THERE, SO IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT THE NUMBER FOR MANHATTAN VILLAGE.

IF YOU LOOKED AT JUST RENOVATING BEGG, THE COST OF THAT IS ABOUT \$3.5-4.0 MILLION.

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE SURROUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES THAT WOULD BE TRIGGERED IF YOU TOUCHED BEGG IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY.

IT DOES NOT INCLUDE PARKING, ADA, AND THE INGRESS, EGRESS ISSUES OF THAT SINGLE LANE ROAD.

IF BOTH PROJECTS WERE DONE, THE COST IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$25 MILLION INCLUDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF BEGG.

THIS WOULD BOTH ALLOW YOU TO HAVE A RENOVATED BEGG FOR MBMS AND FOR FAMILY SUMMER PROGRAMS, AND IT WOULD GIVE YOU A NEW AQUATICS CENTER FOR ADULTS, SENIORS, LAP SWIM, MANHATTAN BEACH SWIM AND WATER POLO PURPOSES.

IT WOULD NOT PROVIDE TOO MUCH WATER; IT WOULD PROBABLY VERY NICELY MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

IN TERMS OF NEXT STEPS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD LIKE APPROVAL TO CONTINUE EXPLORING THIS WORK PLAN.

TO DO SO WE HAVE SPECIFIC ITEMS WE'D LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH. AMONG THEM ARE NUMBER ONE, COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH CITY SUPPORT TO TALK TO THE VILLAGE MALL REPRESENTATIVES, MANHATTAN BEACH COUNTRY CLUB, MANHATTAN BEACH USD ABOUT BEGG ITSELF. TO TALK TO AYSO ABOUT PARKING ISSUES AND TO TALK TO OTHER CITY REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT THE VARIOUS CONTRACTS, LEGAL ISSUES, AND THE USE OF THESE SITES.

SECONDLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER UP THAT WE WOULD LIKE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON OUR COMMITTEE, ASSUMING COUNCIL FEELS THAT'S APPROPRIATE, TO FACILITATE THESE MEETINGS AND GET DIRECT INPUT.

THIRD WE WOULD LIKE TO DETERMINE WHETHER A BEGG SITE RENOVATION, A NEW AQUATICS FACILITY, OR BOTH IS A PRIORITY OF COUNCIL.

FOURTH, WE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK POTENTIALLY WITH THE PRIMARY POOL DESIGN FIRM AQUATIC DESIGN WHICH OUT OF CARLSBAD CALIFORNIA AND IS USED BY ALMOST EVERY SINGLE POOL THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE LAST 5-10 YEARS.

GENSLER SAYS THEY ARE THE NUMBER ONE AQUATICS DESIGN GROUP AND THEY WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO TALK TO TO GET BETTER COST ESTIMATES AND DESIGN LAYOUTS.

FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY SURVEYS TO ASSESS INTEREST AND ASSESS FUNDING PRIORITIES IN TERMS OF THESE TYPES OF OPTIONS.

IN A NUTSHELL, WE ARE ON BORROWED TIME WITH BEGG.

I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT SAND DUNE PARK AND WE TALKED ABOUT OTHER SITES WHERE WE KNOW THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS CRUMBLING. BATHROOMS, VARIOUS THINGS IN THE PARK FACILITIES IN GENERAL, AND WE ARE VERY MUCH ON BORROWED TIME WITH BEGG POOL DESPITE THE INCREDIBLE EFFORTS OF THE TEAM THAT MANAGES IT AND WE WOULD LOVE TO FIGURE OUT A SOLUTION THAT MEETS THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS.

ANY QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU. THAT'S A VERY COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION AND I KNOW YOU'VE DONE A TON OF WORK ON THIS. DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

IS THERE COMMENTS FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE?

MAYOR --

>> S. Napolitano: I HAVE A COMMENTS, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Stern: PARDON?

>> S. Napolitano: I HAVE COMMENTS.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

>> S. Napolitano: OKAY.

I AM ADMITTEDLY AGNOSTIC WHEN IT COMES TO AQUATIC CENTER.

I'VE TYPICALLY IN THE PAST FOUND THAT THERE IS CERTAINLY CONSTITUENCY OUT THERE, I AM VERY STRINGENT ONE OF SUPPORTERS FOR IT.

THEY TEND TO BE A SUBSET WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO PAYING FOR IT BECAUSE I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYONE WHO WANTS TO TAX THEMSELVES FOR THIS.

AND MAYBE THAT'S CHANGED.

AND REALLY, WHAT'S REQUIRED HERE IS POLLING TO SEE -- I WOULD DO POLLING NOW AND DO POLLING LATER AS WELL.

I WOULD DO AN INITIAL POLL TO FIND OUT WHAT THE TEMPERATURE IS OUT THERE FOR AN AQUATIC CENTER AT THESE COSTS.

YOU KNOW, SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE -- POOLS ARE MONEY PITS, THEY JUST ARE.

THEY COST A LOT TO BUILD, THEY COST A LOT TO MAINTAIN YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR.

AND SPLASH PADS ARE SURPRISINGLY EXPENSIVE.

A DECENT SPLASH PAD IS A MILLION TO A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS, TYPICALLY.

I WOULD, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT OPPOSED TO EXPLORING THIS FURTHER. I THINK THAT STAFF SHOULD LEAD SOME OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER ENTITIES.

I WOULD BE WARY OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES DIGGING THEMSELVES INTO THIS.

WE'VE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH COUNCIL OR SUBCOMMITTEES MAYBE REPRESENTING WHAT MAYBE ISN'T BELIEVED BY THE MAJORITY. SO I WOULDN'T BE SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY, SO I WOULD BE CAREFUL WITH THAT.

WHETHER IT'S BEGG OR BOTH, I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DECIDE WITH THE SURVEY INFORMATION THAT WE GET.

I THINK WE NEED JUST A CLEAN, VALID SURVEY.

IF WE JUST DO COMMUNITY OUTREACH, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR A LOT FROM THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT IT.

BUT IF THIS IS GOING TO BE BUILT, IT'S GOING TO BE THROUGH A BOND ISSUE, IT'S GOING TO BE VOTE, THE ELECTORATE THAT SHOWS ITS SUPPORT FOR THIS.

WE'VE HAD PAST EXPERIENCE WITH BOND ISSUES THAT HAVEN'T SURVIVED THE ELECTIONS.

I WOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS, BUT I WOULD TALK TO SOME OF OUR POLLING COMPANIES THAT WE HAVE USED IN THE PAST TO SEE WHEN THE TIME WOULD BE TO REACH OUT, GET AN INITIAL TEMPERATURE, MAYBE THEN TALK ABOUT BUILD AND WHAT IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE SO THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL TO PEOPLE.

IF THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO, THIS IS WHAT THEY WOULD GET WITH THE MONEY THAT THEY WOULD SPEND.

IF THEY WANT TO ADD TO THEIR TAX BILLS, I DON'T KNOW IF WE COULD TALK INTERNALLY ABOUT FINANCE.

WE HAD TO INTERNALLY FINANCE THE POLICE FIRE THROUGH COP'S BECAUSE NOBODY WANTED TO TAX THEMSELVES FOR THAT. SO THERE'S LOTS OF MOVING PARTS HERE. THE REALITY IS THOUGH, THIS IS A 5-7 YEAR PROJECT MINIMUM, I WOULD SAY, FOR ALL THE MOVING PARTS INVOLVED HERE. DESIGN, SOIL SAMPLES, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS FOR NOW BUT I DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO SEE WHAT PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO DO OUT THERE.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.  
ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Stern: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.  
>> J. Franklin: YES.

WE DEFINITELY SEE THE NEED AND I'M JUST SITTING HERE THINKING, WHAT IN THE WORLD IF BEGG JUST DOESN'T WAKE UP ONE DAY, THAT IT JUST GIVES UP THE GHOST. BECAUSE IT IS, 20 YEARS AGO IT WAS PUT TOGETHER WITH A HOPE AND A PRAYER. SO, I THINK THERE IS AN URGENCY TO THIS. I JUST AM COMPLETELY NAGGED IN MY MIND ABOUT THE BODY OF PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO USE AN AQUATIC CENTER, VERSUS THE COST. IT IS TREMENDOUSLY EXPENSIVE, THE POOL, LIKE MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO SAID. THE MAINTENANCE, BUT WHATEVER YOU THINK IT IS IS GOING TO BE DOUBLE. I LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. I THINK SWIMMING IS FANTASTIC FOR CHILDREN. I THINK IT'S FANTASTIC FOR EVERYBODY IN LIFE. THE FOLKS THAT COMPETE WITH MASTER SWIMMING, THE KIDS WHO ARE LEARNING, THE DOLPHIN SWIM TEAM AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE OLDER ADULTS AND FITNESS AEROBICS OR WATER AEROBICS. IT IS, BUT I JUST DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE THERE TO SUPPORT -- WHAT? WE HAVE 12,500 -- WELL WE'VE GOT 27,000 REGISTERED VOTERS BUT THE PARCELS ARE ABOUT 12,500, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE MATH WOULD BE. BUT TO GET THOSE PEOPLE TO GET UP AND VOTE FOR IT AND I'M NOT SURE IF IT WOULD NEED TO BE MAJORITY PLUS ONE OR TWO-THIRDS, BUT THAT'S JUST A BIG HILL TO CLIMB. BUT I THINK WE SHOULD GO AHEAD AND GET SOME NUMBERS BEHIND THIS. AND ALSO TRY TO FIGURE OUT A CONTINGENCY IF WE LOSE BEGG.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.  
THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> R. Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.  
I LIKE THIS STEP.  
I'M WITH STEVE, I WANT TO SEE WHERE IT TAKES US.  
WHERE ALL OPTIONS ARE LOOKED AT AT LEAST ONCE.



GOOD JOB ON THE BACKGROUND THAT LAURIE AND THE REST OF HER TEAM HAVE DONE, BUT WE OWE THEM THE RIGHT TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

SEE WHAT COMES UP.

I'M NOT GOING TO COMMIT TO COST OR ANYTHING ELSE, BUT WE CAN AT LEAST TAKE A LOOK IT AND SEE WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY, THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

>> S. Hadley: KUDOS LAURIE AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE REPORT.

I MET WITH YOU ALSO ON THIS AND I'M JUST SO IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE.

AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T JUST DRIVE BY THESE SITES, THAT YOU ACTUALLY INTERVIEWED PEOPLE, HUMAN BEINGS, AND WENT INTO DEPTH ON SOME OF THE DETAILS BECAUSE THE DEVIL IS ALWAYS IN THE DETAILS.

I'M SUPPORTIVE, I RAN ON AN AQUATICS CENTER FOR CITY COUNCIL SAYING THAT I WANTED THIS TO BE POSSIBLY SOMETHING I COULD PUT MY SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL OF ON COUNCIL.

SINCE BEING ON COUNCIL, I'M A LITTLE MORE DAUNTED IN FINDING OUT SOME OF THE NUMBERS OF THE MAINTENANCE COSTS, AS JOE MENTIONED. AND THEN THE UNWILLINGNESS OF CERTAIN SWATHS OF THE POPULATION TO CONSIDER RAISING THEIR OWN TAXES FOR A BENEFIT THAT THEY DON'T DIRECTLY EXPERIENCE.

AND I GET THAT, I RESPECT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

SO, I'M NEWLY SOBERED THAT THIS WON'T BE EASY.

I'M STILL A BIG FAN OF IT.

I STILL -- I HAVE RELATIVES THAT LIVE IN COMMUNITIES WITH AQUATIC CENTERS AND THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE ONE IS REALLY AN OVERSIGHT OF DECADES AGO.

SO THAT'S KIND OF A SHAME.

IT'S HARDER AND HARDER TO BUILD STUFF THOUGH NOW, WITH CEQA AND THE PRICE OF LABOR AND MATERIALS AND NIMBYISM.

SO I THINK IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WE HAVE MISSED THE MOMENT, IN TERMS OF DECADES, NOT FIVE YEARS OR TEN YEARS.

PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BUILT THIS 40 YEARS AGO.

I DO LIKE THE IDEA OF POLLING.

I DO THINK HAVING A BEAUTIFUL DESIGN, I'VE BEEN RAISING MONEY FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER.

AND TOM AND LAURIE MCCARTHY ARE VERY GENEROUS DONORS TO THAT BUILDING.

AND ABSOLUTELY THE PRO BONO DESIGN FROM MOON TOMORROW REALLY HELPED MAKE IT REAL TO PEOPLE AND REALLY GOT DONORS INTERESTED TO BE LIKE, OH THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

THE TWO STORIES, THE COURTYARD, THE GUEST BARBECUE, THAT KIND OF THING.

SO FLESHING OUT FOR THE POLLING, SAYING THIS IS WHERE IT WILL GO, THIS IS WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE, ETC., ETC., I THINK WOULD REALLY HELP MAKE IT REAL.

IN THE MEANTIME, MY CONCERN TOO, IS WHAT JOE EXPRESSED THAT BEGG POOL MIGHT JUST DIE.

I TELL YOU, THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHING SWIMMING LESSONS THROUGH MBMS HAS SAVED LIVES.

I FIRMLY, FIRMLY BELIEVE THERE ARE TOO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE STILL IN THIS COUNTRY WHO ARE NOT TAUGHT HOW TO SWIM.

AND THAT GRANDSON DUCK BOAT TRAGEDY WHERE 16 PEOPLE DIED IN A STORM ON A LAKE IN MISSOURI, THAT BROKE MY HEART.

THERE ARE JUST A LOT OF KIDS WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM, AND ADULTS.

SO BEGG IS MY HIGHER PRIORITY AND I'M GLAD YOU'VE COSTED THAT OUT.

I WOULD LOVE TO DO THE TWO TRACKS, I REALLY DON'T WANT TO LOSE BEGG, WE ABSOLUTELY MUST HAVE SOME EXISTING BODY OF WATER CITY-OWNED FOR THE SCHOOL, FOR SENIORS, AND JUST TO SAY WE HAVE IT. THE OTHER WOULD BE GREAT AT MANHATTAN VILLAGE AND A NEW BUILD, I'D LOVE THAT.

I'LL WAIT AND SEE ABOUT THE POLLING.

I HOPE AND I PRAY, LIKE MAYOR PRO TEM SAID, THE POPULATION HAS CHANGED ENOUGH THAT MORE PEOPLE WILL VOTE FOR THIS.

I REALLY HOPE THAT THEY WILL.

I'M CHEAP AND I DON'T LIKE TO RAISE MY OWN TAXES EITHER, BUT I THINK THIS IS A COMMUNITY NEED, THAT THE CALIBER OF OUR COMMUNITY WANTS THIS AND DESIRES IT, AND MORE POWER TO YOU.

I LOVE THE ENERGY AND LOVE THE DETAILED ORIENTATION.

IF ANYONE'S GOING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT, IT'S GOING TO BE LAURIE MCCARTHY AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

SO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MORE INFORMATION FROM THE STAFF GOING FORWARD.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT, THANK YOU.

SO, YEAH, AND I WILL ECHO THAT.

IT'S REMARKABLE.

THIS HAS BEEN ON THE LIST FOR SO LONG.

WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR COMMUNITY THAT WANTS THIS BUT WE'VE NEVER REALLY KNOWN WHAT IT WOULD TAKE AND YOU'VE DUG IN SO DEEP, YOU SPENT SO MUCH TIME AND SO MUCH RESEARCH AND SO MANY CONVERSATIONS TO REALLY LEARN WHAT IT WOULD TAKE AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT WHAT ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID.

I THINK THERE'S GREAT INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY.

YOU HAVE OBSERVED THAT THE CURRENT POOL JUST CANNOT SATISFY THE INTEREST AND THE NEEDS OF ANY KIND OF A POOL EXPERIENCE.

I WOULD SAY TO INCLUDE ON YOUR NEXT STEPS LIST THAT FIRST STEP WHICH WOULD BE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE POLLING SO THAT WE

REALLY CAN GET THE TEMPERATURE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND WHAT THEY REALLY -- TO REALLY ASK THEM THAT HONEST QUESTION AND ASK THEM TO BE TRULY HONEST, NOT JUST, YES I WOULD LOVE A POOL, BUT ARE THEY WILLING TO SUCK UP SOME OF THAT COST TO INCUR SOME OF THAT COST IN WHATEVER WAY THAT WOULD REQUIRE.

THAT'S THE REAL QUESTION, RIGHT?

BECAUSE THAT IS OUR FIRST BARRIER, IS THAT HUGE PRICE TAG. SO ADDING THAT TO YOUR NEXT STEPS AND PROBABLY TO STEP #1, AND GOING FORWARD IN THAT WAY, I REALLY APPRECIATE HOW THOROUGH YOU HAVE BEEN AND HOW MUCH YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO BRING TO US. AND I WOULD IMAGINE IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING EDUCATION FOR YOU AS WELL.

YOU SEEM TO SPEAK THE POOL LINGO NOW WHICH I LEARNED FROM YOU WHEN I MET WITH YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE.

SO I APPRECIATE THAT TOO.

I KNOW THAT YOU'RE DOING A VERY THOROUGH JOB.

SO, DO WE NEED ANY MORE DIRECTION ON THAT?

AND IS THAT CLEAR, MARK?

HOW TO GO FORWARD WITH THAT?

>> M. Leyman: YES, I THINK WE'RE CLEAR MOVING FORWARD WITH THE SURVEY AND THEN JUST MAINTAINING THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP THOSE OPTIONS.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT, THANK YOU.

>> L. McCarthy: THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

>> Mayor Stern: YEAH, THANK YOU.

I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK.

AND I'M GOING THROUGH THIS TO SEE, ARE THERE ANY OTHER PROJECTS?

>> M. Leyman: WE DO HAVE A FEW MORE AND I KNOW WE HAVE OVEREXTENDED OUR TIME SO I WILL KEEP THIS AS HIGH LEVEL AS POSSIBLE AS I MENTIONED.

THE PARK MASTER PLAN, AGAIN, THIS WAS APPROVED IN DECEMBER OF 2020, IT IS OUR ROAD MAP FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

THIS IS SOMETHING WE REVIEW ANNUALLY, IT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW.

ALL OF THESE WORK PLANS STEM FROM THE PARK MASTER PLAN, THE COMMISSION SELECTED THESE EIGHT AS THEIR HIGHEST PRIORITY AND OF COURSE EVERY YEAR WE REEVALUATE THOSE AND WE'RE RECEIVING DIRECTION FROM YOU TONIGHT.

A BIG PICTURE, IT'S CLEAR, WE'VE HEARD YOU TONIGHT AND WE KNOW THERE ARE DEFICIENCIES IN THE PARKS AND WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY, AS MENTIONED, WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND WE'RE PUTTING A PLAN TOGETHER JUST TO PROVIDE OVERALL HIGHER LEVEL OF CLEANLINESS, IMPROVED MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT IN OUR PARKS.

SO IN TERMS OF NEXT STEPS, WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE, WE ARE PROVIDING A LIST OF PROJECTS WITH COST ESTIMATES WE WILL BE BRINGING TO YOU.

IDENTIFYING A LIST OF PARK MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT ITEMS, AND THEN ALSO FUNDING OPTIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION WHICH WE BROUGHT TO YOU DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS. IF THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR THAT I CAN MOVE ONTO DONATION POLICY.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.

>> M. Leyman: GREAT, OKAY.

SO DONATION POLICY, AGAIN, WE CAN MOVE ONTO THE NEXT SLIDE. THESE WERE THE DONATION PROGRAMS THAT WERE APPROVED AND I'M GOING TO WALK THROUGH THOSE ON SLIDE 58.

SO THE DONATION POLICY IS INTERESTING.

SO WE HAVE HAD SOME TIME TO REVIEW THESE VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND MAKE SOME OBSERVATIONS.

BEGINNING WITH THE PARK AMENITY AND TREE AND BENCH DONATION PROGRAM, IN CONCEPT WE REALLY LOVED THESE IDEAS THAT'S WHY WE PUT IT TOGETHER WITHIN THE DONATION POLICY, BUT WE FOUND THAT IN PRACTICE, ADMINISTERING THESE PROGRAMS TAKE AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF STAFF TIME AND BACK AND FORTH WITH THE DONOR AND BACK AND FORTH INTERDEPARTMENTALLY AND IN ORDERING THE BENCHES. AND SO WE WANTED TO TAKE SOME TIME TO REEVALUATE AND POTENTIALLY FOCUS ON OTHER PROGRAMS.

BUT BOTTOM LINE IS JUST TAKE A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO REEVALUATE THESE PROGRAMS AND THE DONATION PROGRAM OVERALL. PAVERS, COMMUNITY PAVERS, THIS PROGRAM WAS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ALONG WITH THE DONATION POLICY.

WE STILL LIKE THE IDEA, I KNOW THE COMMISSION DOES, HOWEVER I KNOW THE LOCATION WAS LESS THAN DESIRABLE, I KNOW CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSED THAT AS WELL.

AND SO WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE ALTERNATE LOCATIONS AND ALSO BRING THAT BACK ALONG WITH THE OTHER PROGRAMS.

EXCUSE ME, ALONG WITH THE PARK AMENITY AND TREE AND BENCH DONATION PROGRAM.

FOR THE MILITARY WALL, COMMISSIONER TURKMANY AND KARGER HAVE RESEARCHED THIS PROGRAM, THEY'VE LOOKED AT VARIOUS AGENCIES, THEY DEVELOPED PROGRAM COSTS, DESIGN, GUIDELINES AND WE ARE READY TO GO.

WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING THAT BACK FOR COUNCIL DIRECTION IN MAY. AND THEN WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO COMMISSIONER TURKMANY TO DISCUSS THE LEGACY EVENT PORTION OF DONATIONS, AND COMMISSIONER KARGER TO DISCUSS THE IDEA OF A NONPROFIT DONOR PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER TURKMANY, TAKE IT AWAY.

>> J.J. Turkmany: SURE.

SOMEBODY TELL ME IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, I HAD TO SWITCH TO AIR PODS.

>> M. Leyman: YES.

>> J.J. Turkmany: YOU GUYS HEAR ME?

>> M. Leyman: YES.

>> J.J. Turkmany: GOOD.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVESTIGATE CREATING A LEGACY DONATION POLICY. SIMILAR TO WHAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES MAY HAVE.

THIS COULD INCLUDE ART DONATIONS AS WELL.

I KNOW THAT WAS TALKED ABOUT EARLIER, I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE WEEDS ON THAT, THIS IS JUST A HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW.

WE WOULD CREATE A LEGACY POLICY TO GOVERN THE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS TO THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO PERSPECTIVE DONORS.

THE CITY HAS NO LEGACY POLICY AT THIS TIME AND WITHOUT A POLICY THERE ARE NO DEFYING GUIDELINES TO DICTATE POTENTIAL GIFTS TO THE CITY OF CASH, SECURITY, REAL ESTATE, BEQUESTS.

DUE DILIGENCE AND ANY POTENTIAL PARAMETERS WOULD OBVIOUSLY NEED REVIEW AND INPUT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

THAT IS OBVIOUSLY VERY IMPORTANT IN CREATING THIS PROGRAM.

AND WE WOULD JUST REQUEST THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY --

OUR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT, AT YOUR REQUEST WE WORK WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO OUTLINE A POTENTIAL POLICY OF GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF GIFTS INCLUDING CASH, SECURITIES, REAL ESTATE, ART, REMAINDER INTEREST IN PROPERTIES, CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES, LIFE INSURANCE BENEFICIARIES AT DESIGNATION.

AND THEN SUZANNE IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT ANOTHER IDEA THAT WE HAVE FOR NONPROFIT.

>> Mayor Stern: YOU'RE MUTED.

>> S. Karger: THANK YOU, SORRY.

WE'D LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A 501(c)(3) FOUNDATION TO PROMOTE, ENHANCE, PRESERVE PARKS AND THE RECREATION PROGRAMS IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

THIS WOULD BE A GRASSROOTS EFFORT TO ASSIST WITH LOWER-BUDGET PROJECTS AND WOULD ALLEVIATE POTENTIAL DELAYS DUE TO NORMAL CITY BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS.

ITS CREATION IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE AWAY FROM DONORS FROM LOCAL NONPROFITS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS LIKE THE MB ED FOUNDATION, BUT RATHER PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR SMALL DONORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO REINVEST IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS.

A FEW MONTHS AGO, I READ SUCH A PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED IN THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA.

AND WE MET WITH THE PARK AND REC DIRECTOR, JILL ZACHARY, IN THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA TO DISCUSS THEIR PROGRAM WHICH IS CALLED PARC.

IT WAS DEVELOPED IN THE 1970'S TO SUPPORT THEIR PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE CITY, THE COMMUNITY.

IT CONTINUES TODAY AS THE PARK'S ONLY OPTION TO MAKE DONATIONS DIRECTLY TO PARKS AND RECREATION.

SO IF YOU GO TO THEIR WEBSITE, YOU CLICK ON PARC, AND THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE ANY DONATION TO THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA.

THEY DO NOT HAVE BENCH AND TREE DONATIONS.

IT ALL IS FUNNELED THROUGH THIS ONE 501(c)(3).

CURRENTLY ON THEIR WEBSITE, THE DONORS HAVE THE OPTIONS OF MAKING A DONATION TO ONE, AREA GREATEST NEED, TWO, ADAPTED RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, THREE, RESTORATION OF THE BAND SHELL AT PLAZA DEL MAR IN SANTA BARBARA, OBVIOUSLY.

FOUR, PARK AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS, AND FIVE, YOUTH PROGRAMS AND A SKATER'S HONOR AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

WE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE IN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> M. Leyman: THANK YOU.

>> S. Karger: OH, MARK?

>> SHOULD I WRAP IT UP HERE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS?

>> Mayor Stern: LET'S LET STEVE ASK SOME QUESTIONS OR MAKE SOME COMMENTS.

>> S. Napolitano: COMMENTS, NOT SO MANY QUESTIONS.

I TALKED TO SUZANNE ABOUT THIS.

I WILL CONTINUE WITH MY STREAK OF GRINCHNESS TONIGHT.

I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF THE NONPROFIT EXCEPT THAT I LIKE IT BETTER NOW WITH THE IDEA THAT -- CAN YOU GO BACK TO THE PREVIOUS SLIDE, MARK?

YEAH.

I THINK WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THE BENCH AND TREE DONATION.

I THINK THAT IT'S A LOSER FOR US.

LIKE YOU SAID, THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF IS OVERBEARING.

I THINK THAT THE EXPECTATIONS THAT COME ALONG WITH IT, I THINK THAT WE'VE SEEN THAT WITH THE STRAND PROGRAM.

THERE WAS A HUGE MISTAKE DONE YEARS AGO WHERE NO SUNSET WAS PUT ON THOSE THINGS AND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

THEY ARE SO DIFFERENT.

DIFFERENT ISN'T BAD, BUT SOME ARE JUST BENCHES THAT ARE IMPRACTICAL.

ONE LOOKING OUT TO THE OCEAN, ONE LOOKING BACK UP THE HILL, IT'S RIDICULOUS, THE SIDE-BY-SIDE THING.

A LOT OF THE OTHER BENCHES JUST AREN'T COMFORTABLE.

YET WE WENT FORWARD WITH THAT.

AND THEN PEOPLE PAID FOR THEM SO THERE'S THIS NEVER-ENDING EXPECTATION THEY'RE GOING TO STAY.

ONE LOOKS LIKE A GRAVESTONE WE'VE HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

I THINK WE'VE GONE THROUGH SOME PAINS WITH THAT, THERE'S NO REASON TO CONTINUE ON WITH THAT.

BUT I THINK COMMUNITY PAVERS AND THE MILITARY WALL ARE GREAT, I THINK COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE THE PLACE OF ANY LEGACY KIND OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

RATHER THAN ALLOWING PEOPLE, PRETTY MUCH JUST THE HAVES, TO BUY THE BENCHES AND THE TREES AND WHATEVER ELSE THEY WANT TO PUT UP AROUND TOWN.

I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE JUST THE HAVES, IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT'S LOW-SCALE ENOUGH THAT ANY FAMILY CAN AFFORD TO PUT A BRICK OUT THERE IN RECOGNITION OF OUR FAMILY MEMBER OR WHATEVER.

I'M NOT THE BIGGEST FAN OF 501(C)(3) AS I'VE SAID BEFORE BECAUSE I DO THINK IT WOULD BE PERCEIVED BY SOME OF THE OTHER NONPROFITS IN TOWN WHO'S COMPETING WITH THEM.

IF SOMEONE WANTS TO GIVE TO THAT, THEY CAN GIVE.

IF THERE IS -- I GUESS MY CONCERN THERE IS THAT ANYONE WHO GIVES THAT IS GOING TO HAVE SOME EXPECTATION THAT SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN SOON.

AND IF THEY'RE NOT, THEN THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT THAT.

IF THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE WANT TO SET ASIDE, UNFUNDED THINGS THAT WE HAVE IN THE QUEUE THAT AREN'T BEING FUNDED, WE WANT TO PUT THOSE IN THE POT FOR PEOPLE TO DONATE TO, I'M NOT OPPOSED TO THAT.

I THINK THAT IF -- I CAN'T REMEMBER THE UNFUNDED LIST OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD BUT IF THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN THERE, THE TOP FIVE UNFUNDED THINGS WE COULD PUT DONATIONS TO, I'M GOOD WITH THAT.

BUT I DON'T THINK THEY GET TO CHOOSE EVERY LITTLE THING.

I WISH THERE WERE MORE DONATIONS TO OUR HISTORIC, LITTLE RED HOUSE AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

THERE AREN'T.

I DON'T KNOW WHY WE NEED A 501(c)(3) TO DO THAT.

IF ANYONE WANTS TO GIVE TO THE CITY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO TURN THAT DOWN.

BUT IF THEY GET A TAX WRITE OFF OR SOMETHING, THAT'S THE BENEFIT --

I'LL BE SURPRISED IF WE RAISE A LOT OF MONEY THOUGH.

HAPPILY, BE SURPRISED.

I THINK WE WILL GET SOME DONATIONS BUT I'D RATHER MONEY GO THERE THAN TO HAVE PEOPLE DO TREES AND BENCHES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, LIKE YOU SAID, BECAUSE IT'S AN ADMINISTRATIVE NIGHTMARE.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> R. Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

STEVE IS CORRECT.

YEARS AGO WE STOPPED THE BEACH BENCH PROGRAM, A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH IT.

SOUNDED GOOD AT THE TIME, WE PUT A STOP TO THAT.

WHAT WE DIDN'T PUT A STOP TO, WHICH I STILL HOPE CONTINUES, IS THE PARK AMENITY.

THE TREE AND BENCH PROGRAM ON THE VETERAN'S PARKWAY, I STILL LIKE THAT IDEA.

ESPECIALLY TREES.

THEY'RE NOT BOTHERING ANYBODY.

NO MAINTENANCE ONCE TREES ARE IN THE GROUND, THEY DON'T BOTHER ANYBODY.

>> S. Napolitano: BUT IF THEY DIE, THEY COME AT US AND SAY WHY DID MY TREE DIE.

>> R. Montgomery: I'M JUST SAYING, THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE. THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE.

BUT I'M SAYING THE FIRST EASY THING, THE MILITARY WALL, THE COMMUNITY PAPERS ARE DEFINITELY THUMBS UP. NO ISSUE THERE. THE PARK AMENITY AND TREE PROGRAM, I HAVEN'T SEEN PEOPLE RUN DOWN THERE EVERYDAY TO DO IT, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN PEOPLE NOT ASK ABOUT IT EITHER.

THAT'S JUST A MUTUAL BALANCE.

I LIKE BOTH THE IDEAS AND I'M NOT SURE, THE NONPROFIT PART ALTERNATIVES ARE GOING TO FIND ANY KIND OF SOLUTION HERE.

I CAN'T ANSWER THAT.

THAT'S WHY IT'S UNDER FURTHER EXPLORATION.

I DON'T KNOW.

MAYBE SUZANNE IS RIGHT, MAYBE WE HAVE FIVE COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS, THEY WANT TO SEE IT HAPPEN, THEY WANT TO SAY LOOK, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO X AND NOW THIS GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT.

WE CAN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION UNTIL WE AT LEAST TRY AND SEE WHAT THE ANSWER IS.

AS FAR AS THE IDEAS YOU ARE DOING NOW AND WHAT DR. LEYMAN STARTED, I THINK IT'S A GOOD WAY TO LOOK AND SEE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, MAYBE WE'RE WRONG.

MAYBE THE COMMUNITY WON'T WANT TO DO ANY OF THIS ANY LONGER.

THEY'VE HAD THEIR TIME WITH PAVERS AND MILITARY IDEAS AND BENCH PROGRAMS AND TREES.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE.

SO LET THEM CONTINUE THAT, EXPLORE IT, AND COME BACK AND TELL US WHAT YOU FIND OUT.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

JOE.

>> J. Franklin: DOES ANYBODY HAVE AN IDEA OF THE SCALE OF MBEF AND THEIR ENDOWMENT PORTFOLIO?



I MEAN, I REMEMBER THEY WERE LOOKING FOR \$20 MILLION IN 2020 OR SOMETHING.

>> S. Hadley: IN 2020, YEAH.

>> J. Franklin: BECAUSE I REMEMBER THEY DO HAVE AN ENDOWMENT PROGRAM, AND I'M JUST WONDERING HOW SUCCESSFUL THAT IS. THAT MIGHT BE -- THAT'S EDUCATION AND EVERYTHING, THAT'S DIFFERENT.

I'M JUST WONDERING IF WE CAN LOOK TO THAT.

I DON'T WANT TO COMPETE WITH IT BECAUSE IT'S CERTAINLY NOBLE WHAT THEY'RE DOING, BUT JUST TO GIVE AN IDEA OF HOW THAT MIGHT WORK.

AND I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NUMBER IS.

>> Mayor Stern: ANYBODY ELSE?

SUZANNE, DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE?

>> S. Hadley: JOE, ARE YOU SAYING -- MAYBE I MISUNDERSTOOD SUZANNE KARGER ABOUT THE 501(C)(3).

I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS AN ENDOWMENT KIND OF THING WHERE YOU RAISE PRINCIPLE AND THEN SPEND THE INVESTMENT EARNINGS, I THOUGHT IT WAS A COLLECT AND PAY PROJECT BY PROJECT.

SUZANNE, IS THAT...?

[CROSSTALK]

>> S. Karger: THAT'S CORRECT.

IT'S A WAY TO ACTUALLY RECEIVE DONATIONS TO THE CITY. FOLLOW UP ON A SPECIFIC PROJECT.

>> S. Hadley: YOU COLLECT A MILLION DOLLARS; YOU SPEND A MILLION DOLLARS ON PROJECTS.

>> J. Franklin: YEAH BUT SOME OF THAT COULD BE LIKE IN PEOPLE'S TRUSTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, WHERE THEY LEAVE THEIR MONEY. SO THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT.

>> S. Hadley: OH YEAH, BEQUESTS.

>> Mayor Stern: LIKE IN THE LEGACY PROGRAM.

>> J. Franklin: YEAH, YEAH, BEQUESTS. YEAH.

>> S. Karger: WELL LEGACY COULD BE -- INTO IT.

[CROSSTALK]

>> S. Hadley: I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH STARTING THE 501(c)(3) AND I DO THINK IT WOULD BE OBVIOUS IF PEOPLE WOULD GIVE OR NOT, I THINK THAT'S FINE.

I DO LIKE THE POINT THAT THE PAVERS ARE A LOWER TICKET WAY INTO COMMEMORATING A LOVED ONE VERSUS A TREE OR A BENCH.

BUT I THINK, I LIKE TREES BETTER THAN BENCHES IF WE WERE GOING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO BUY CERTAIN THINGS.

AND THEN THE MILITARY WALL, SUZANNE AND DIRECTOR LEYMAN, CAN YOU REMIND ME WHAT WAS GOING ON THE MILITARY WALL?

WE WERE NOT HAVING FAMILIES PAY TO REMEMBER THEIR LOVED ONE, OR WERE WE?

I THOUGHT WE VOTED THAT DOWN.

>> S. Karger: I THINK OUR LAST CONVERSATION WAS WE DIDN'T WANT FAMILIES TO HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.

THE CITY WAS GOING TO PICK IT UP.

I THINK THAT WAS OUR LAST CONVERSATION LAST YEAR.

>> M. Leyman: THAT WAS MY RECOLLECTION.

I APOLOGIZE, I THINK THAT WAS THE CONSENSUS.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE HEARD FROM COUNCIL AT THE TIME BUT I

THINK IT WAS NON-DETERMINED, IT WAS LEFT OPEN.

>> S. Hadley: IS THIS LIKE, THERE'S GOING TO BE, YOU KNOW, THE HADLEY FAMILY SAYS I WANT CAPTAIN JACK HADLEY ON A MILITARY WALL OR IS THIS A GENERAL -- JUST REMIND ME WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE BECAUSE I DIDN'T SEE A PICTURE.

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT IS.

BUT WHAT I'M GETTING AT AND I DON'T WANT TO BURY THE WEED, IS IN TORRANCE, I LOVE HOW COMMUNITY-MINDED IN OUR FORCES PARADE IN TORRANCE AND EVERYTHING.

THE BANNERS THAT THEY HANG ON THEIR STREETS ARE PAID FOR BY THE FAMILIES.

I DON'T WANT A MILITARY FAMILY TO SAY, MY KID'S NOT UP THERE BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO PAY \$400 FOR THE BANNER, KIND OF THING.

IS THAT THE CASE WITH THE MILITARY WALL?

THAT THE HADLEYS GET JACK MENTIONED IF I PAY FOR IT?

OR IS IT JUST ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES?

CAN SOMEONE HELP ME OUT HERE?

WHAT'S THE MILITARY WALL?

ANYBODY?

>> M. Leyman: SO I KNOW THAT THEY ARE DEVELOPING THOSE OPTIONS TO BRING TO COUNCIL BUT IN TERMS OF DESIGN AND THE CONCEPT WOULD BE TO MATCH THE EXISTING VETERAN'S MEMORIAL, THE DARK STONE.

IT WOULD BE A 20-FOOT WALL BASICALLY MIRRORING THE HEDGE LINE, KIND OF PERPENDICULAR TO --

IT WOULD BE A 20-FOOT WALL AND I BELIEVE IT COULD BE EXPANDED BASED ON THE NUMBER THAT COUNCIL APPROVES TO HONOR ANNUALLY OR TOTAL, BUT I BELIEVE IT WOULD HOLD THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED MILITARY MEMBERS, THE INITIAL CONCEPT AND IT COULD BE EXPANDED OVERTIME AS WELL.

SO I THINK THAT FOOTPRINT WOULD FIT AT LEAST 40 FEET IF NEEDED SO YOU COULD DOUBLE THE INITIAL DESIGN.

>> S. Hadley: OKAY, SO IT WOULD BE PERSONALIZED WITH HUMAN BEINGS ON THERE?

>> S. Karger: YES, YES, ABSOLUTELY.

>> S. Hadley: OKAY, I COULDN'T REMEMBER. OKAY.

>> S. Karger: EACH VETERAN OR SOMEONE CURRENTLY SERVING WOULD HAVE THEIR OWN PLAQUE.

>> S. Hadley: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

YEAH, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THAT DESIGN.  
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

SO JUST TO KIND OF WRAP THIS UP, WE HAVE SEVERAL PROPOSALS HERE.  
WHEN YOU HAD MENTIONED YOU WANTED TO REEVALUATE THE DONATION  
AMENITY PROJECT, I THINK THERE IS INTEREST AT LEAST IN RELOOKING  
AT AND REVITALIZING THE TREE DONATION PROCESS.

SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO REEVALUATE THAT, THAT WOULD BE ONE ASPECT  
THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT.

THE PAVERS IN AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION, I THINK WE SUPPORT THE  
PAVER PROCESS AND HAVING AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION WOULD BE A  
WONDERFUL THING TO BRING BACK.

THE MILITARY WALL, AGAIN YOU'RE BRINGING THAT BACK IN MAY AND WE  
DID ALREADY DIRECT AND SUPPORT THE MILITARY WALL.

AND THEN THERE WAS THE LEGACY DONATION POLICY WHICH WAS RAISED  
WHICH IS DIFFERENT, AS I UNDERSTAND, THAN THE 501(c)(3).

>> S. Karger: THAT IS CORRECT.

>> Mayor Stern: IF WE'VE BEEN HEARING FROM PEOPLE THAT THEY WANT  
TO MAKE THESE INHERITANCE-TYPE DONATIONS, THAT THIS IS CERTAINLY  
SOMETHING WE SHOULD LOOK TO SEE IF THERE IS A FRAMEWORK FOR THAT  
IN THE CITY.

I DON'T KNOW IF I'VE HEARD ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THE LEGACY  
DONATION POLICY, BUT I CAN'T SEE A REASON TO NOT LOOK INTO IT.  
IF WE'VE GOT AN INTEREST IN MAKING THOSE KINDS OF DONATIONS TO  
THE CITY, WE SHOULD HAVE A FRAMEWORK FOR IT.

AND THEN THE 501(c)(3), AGAIN, OTHER CITIES DO THIS.

AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE CITY OF L.A. HAS A PRETTY ROBUST  
501(c)(3) PROGRAM BUT I DON'T KNOW VERY MUCH MORE THAN THAT  
ABOUT IT.

BUT AGAIN, IF IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY, PEOPLE ARE BANGING ON THE  
DOOR AND WANT TO MAKE A DONATION THAT WE SHOULD AT LEAST  
UNDERSTAND HOW THAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

SO I THINK THOSE ARE YOUR FURTHER EXPLORATIONS.

I THINK WE'VE HIT THEM ALL IF THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER COMMENTS.  
DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH DIRECTION ON THAT?

>> M. Leyman: YES, CLEAR DIRECTION.

AND JUST TO CONFIRM ALSO THAT WE WILL INCORPORATE AN ART DONOR  
COMPONENT AS WELL TO BRING BACK TO COUNCIL.

>> S. Hadley: MAYOR STERN, I'M SEEING COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY'S  
HAND UP.

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE HER ON THE SCREEN.

>> Mayor Stern: I'M SORRY, I CAN'T.

LAURIE, ARE YOU OUT THERE?

>> L. McCarthy: YEAH, I'M HERE.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT, THANKS.

>> L. McCarthy: I JUST WAS GOING TO ADD, BECAUSE COUNCILMEMBER  
FRANKLIN ASKED A QUESTION ABOUT THE MBEF ENDOWMENT IN THE

CONTEXT OF THE 501(c)(3) THAT COMMISSIONER KARGER WAS TALKING ABOUT AND ASKED IF IT HAD BEEN FULLY FUNDED.

I JUST LOOKED ON THEIR WEBSITE AND I THOUGHT Y'ALL SHOULD KNOW THEY WERE TRYING TO RAISE \$20 MILLION BY 2020 AND THEY HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT AS OF JANUARY 2021, THEY RAISED \$21 MILLION. AND SO THEY WILL BE DISPERSING ABOUT \$1 MILLION A YEAR OUT OF THAT ENDOWMENT, SO THEY HAVE COMPLETED THAT ENDOWMENT. JUST SO YOU ALL KNOW IN THE CONTEXT OF WE'RE DISCUSSING.

>> J. Franklin: THANK YOU, LAURIE.

THAT WAS AMAZING.

THAT SEEMED SO FAR, SO UNATTAINABLE, SO IT'S JUST A GREAT MILESTONE.

THANKS.

>> Mayor Stern: YEAH, THANK YOU.

SO MARK, DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS TO COVER?

>> M. Leyman: WE JUST HAVE THE ONE LAST SLIDE FOR REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR TWO NEW WORK PLAN ITEMS, THE ONE I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER WITH THE LIBRARY COMMISSION.

IF THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE COMMISSION TO EXPLORE EAST SIDE LIBRARY SERVICE AND A BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE RED HOUSE, I KNOW BOTH THE LIBRARY AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL.

THAT'S THE FIRST ITEM.

AND THE SECOND ITEM IS LIGHTED BEACH VOLLEYBALL COURTS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PIER.

THIS WAS ANOTHER ITEM THAT WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE PARK MASTER PLAN.

SO THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO DISCUSS -- DISCUSS, WOW I CAN'T SPEAK, OPTIONS TO BRING BACK TO CITY COUNCIL.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

SO DO WE HAVE INTEREST IN DEVELOPING THE ACTIONS FOR THE HISTORICAL RED HOUSE?

>> S. Napolitano: I WOULD PUT THAT ABOVE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT TONIGHT.

>> S. Hadley: WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT FOR YEARS.

>> Mayor Stern: A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT IT.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO INCORPORATE THE LIBRARY INTO THAT AS WELL.

>> S. Napolitano: LET'S FACE IT, ABOVE ALL THAT, ARE LIGHTED BEACH VOLLEYBALL COURTS.

[LAUGHTER]

>> Mayor Stern: NOT SURPRISED.

>> S. Napolitano: THE POOL IS GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT, LAURIE.

>> Mayor Stern: PARDON?

>> S. Napolitano: THE POOL WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

WE'RE GOING FOR THE VOLLEYBALL LIGHTING.

>> J. Franklin: PUT A COVER ON THE POOL AT NIGHT AND YOU CAN PLAY VOLLEYBALL.

>> L. McCarthy: I HAD NO QUESTION YOU WOULD GET FUNDING FOR THE VOLLEYBALL COURTS.

>> S. Napolitano: I WILL STAND UP THERE AND HOLD MY FLASHLIGHT.

>> Mayor Stern: DO WE HAVE OTHER SUPPORT FOR INCLUDING ON THE WORK PLAN INVESTIGATING A LIGHTED BEACH VOLLEYBALL COURT?

>> S. Napolitano: [LAUGHTER]

>> S. Hadley: WHAT WOULD THE HOURS BE FOR THE VOLLEYBALL COURTS? IT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE BEGG, TENNIS, AND THE BASEBALL FIELDS?

>> M. Leyman: CORRECT.

YEAH, I KNOW THOSE WERE THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS.

WE MADE SURE THEY WERE TURNED OFF AT A REASONABLE HOUR NOT TO IMPACT THE RESIDENTS.

>> S. Napolitano: WILL THEY CHANGE COLORS AT THE HOLIDAYS?

[LAUGHTER]

>> S. Hadley: OVER MY DEAD BODY.

>> R. Montgomery: THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

>> S. Hadley: CLASSIC WHITE.

>> R. Montgomery: AIM IT RIGHT TOWARDS SHELL BACK.

>> Mayor Stern: HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU THINK IT WOULD TAKE TO COME UP WITH -- HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD REQUIRE TO COME BACK WITH A PROPOSAL FOR THIS ONE?

>> M. Leyman: FOR THE LIGHTED VOLLEYBALL COURTS?

>> Mayor Stern: YEAH.

>> M. Leyman: MINIMAL.

>> Mayor Stern: OKAY.

DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER INTEREST?

>> S. Napolitano: ON A SERIOUS NOTE ON THAT, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT INSTALLATION OF POLES THROUGH OR ON THE WALL?

I'M LOOKING AT THE HEIGHT OF THE RAIL AND IT'S PROBABLY TOO LOW. I THINK WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF OPPOSITION TO PUT ANY POLES OUT THERE, NEW POLES, WITH LIGHTING ON THEM.

>> M. Leyman: CORRECT, YEAH.

AND I THINK IN DEVELOPING THE OPTIONS, IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE IN MY MIND I'M VISUALIZING A SMALLER LED ON THE EXISTING POLES, RIGHT?

IT WOULD BE MORE MINIMAL.

BUT THERE'S A WIDE RANGE AND THAT DOESN'T REALLY GET TO MAYBE THE LIGHT THAT YOU MAY WANT.

>> J. Franklin: AND CAN I ASK WHERE THIS CAME FROM?

HOW DID THIS COME FORWARD?

>> M. Leyman: THIS IS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE PARK MASTER PLAN, SO WE HEARD THIS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

>> J. Franklin: OKAY.

>> Mayor Stern: I'M SORRY, STEVE.

THIS ONE IS NOT A PRIORITY FOR ME.  
NOT A SURPRISE.

>> J. Franklin: IT JUST SEEMS THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON ALL  
THROUGH THE DAY.

LET'S JUST GIVE THE PEOPLE A CHANCE FOR SOME REST AND ENJOY THE  
BEAUTIFUL MULTICOLORS ON THE PIER, YOU KNOW.

>> Mayor Stern: AND THERE'S CERTAINLY A LOT GOING ON WITH THIS  
COMMISSION, WHICH IS WHY WE ARE AN HOUR AND TEN MINUTES OVER OUR  
TIME HERE.

>> S. Napolitano: WHY DON'T WE DEFER THE LIGHTING BEACH  
VOLLEYBALL COURTS FOR ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER YEAR.  
LIKE YOU SAID, I WORRY, AS MUCH AS -- LIKE LAURIE, EVERYBODY,  
BRUCE, SUZANNE, INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WORK IN ALL THIS STUFF.  
BUT THE REALITY TO ALL OF IT IS THIS IS ANOTHER LONG LIST OF  
THINGS ON TOP OF MANY OTHER LONG LISTS THAT WE HAVE THAT WE WANT  
TO DO.

WE HAVE ENDLESS WANTS AND VERY LIMITED RESOURCES.  
SO WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THIS AND THEY'RE GOING TO FALL  
INTO PRIORITIES OF FUNDING AND EVERYTHING ELSE OVER TIME.  
WHAT ALL THIS MEANS IS A LOT OF WORK FOR COMMISSIONS STILL,  
STAFF, AND STAFF IS OVERBURDENED WITH A LOT OF STUFF.  
IF WE CAN'T MAINTAIN WHAT YOU HAVE NOW, I DO QUESTION TAKING ON  
A WHOLE LOT OF NEW STUFF.  
AND I'M GOING TO KEEP QUESTIONING THAT AS WE GO ON.  
AS MUCH I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING, WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL OF JUST  
TRYING TO CONSTANTLY DO SOMETHING NEW IF WE'RE NOT MAINTAINING  
WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY.  
SO I WORRY ABOUT STAFF TIME, I WORRY ABOUT COMMISSION TIME, BUT  
THE BURDEN ON STAFF, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE PERSONNEL TO KEEP SAND  
DUNE OPEN ON A CONSTANT BASIS AS WE SHOULD.  
AND TO OPEN UP, UNLOCK GATES, AND WELCOME BACK AND THINGS LIKE  
THAT.  
THAT'S GOING TO BE A BIG CONSIDERATION.  
THESE ARE ALL GREAT IDEAS BUT I THINK WE ALSO NEED TO APPROACH  
THEM WITH A LOT OF REALISM AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF  
LIMITATIONS.

WE HAVE LIMITATIONS.

WE HAVE MANY LIMITATIONS ON WHAT WE CAN DO.

I WISH WE COULD DO EVERYTHING, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO  
DO EVERYTHING.

SO AS THIS GOES ALONG, WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT WHETHER WE HAVE  
TIME TO DO EVERYTHING OR NOT.

IF IT COMES DOWN TO PRIORITIZING, I THINK COUNCIL IS GOING TO  
HAVE TO STEP IN AND SAY, NO WE WANT YOU TO FOCUS ON THIS AND  
WE'LL PUSH SOMETHING OUT TO THE OUTER YEARS.

THAT'S THE WAY IT IS WHEN WE HAVE LIMITED STAFF, LIMITED FUNDING  
AND ALL THOSE THINGS.

LOVE THE WORK.

LOVE EVERYTHING THAT ALL THE COMMISSIONS PROPOSED TONIGHT.  
WE DO HAVE LIMITATIONS WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH, I KNOW THAT COULD  
BE FRUSTRATING.

YOU HEARD SOME OF MY FRUSTRATION EARLIER BUT WE ALL HAVE TO WORK  
WITHIN CONSTRAINTS.

APPRECIATE IT BUT UNDERSTAND THAT STAFF'S GOING TO COME BACK AND  
SAY WE CAN'T DO THIS AND DO EVERYTHING ELSE AT THE SAME TIME.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.

AND THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS THAT'S UNDERSCORED IS THAT THIS HAS  
BEEN THE MOST ROBUST MEETING THAT I'VE SEEN OF A COMMISSION  
MEETING.

THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE ENERGY, INCREDIBLE CREATIVITY AND INTEREST  
AND I SO APPRECIATE EVERYONE OF YOU FOR TAKING IT TO SUCH A HIGH  
LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AND THOROUGH, AND REALLY CARING ABOUT  
MAKING THESE PROJECTS -- BRINGING THESE PROJECTS FORWARD IN A  
WAY THAT'S REALLY HELPED US TO UNDERSTAND A BIT BETTER BUT ALSO  
JUST SHOWS JUST HOW HARD YOU HAVE WORKED OVER THE LAST YEAR.

I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OTHER  
DIRECTION THAT WE'VE HAD TONIGHT?

MARK, ARE YOU ALL SET WITH US?

>> M. Leyman: YES.

>> Mayor Stern: GREAT.

>> M. Leyman: THANK YOU FOR THE CLARITY.

I THINK WE HAVE CLEAR DIRECTION.

AND THANK YOU FOR JUST, THE THOUGHTS ON JUST THE VARIOUS WORK  
PLAN ITEMS.

WE SHARE THE ENERGY.

WE REALLY WANT TO MOVE THESE FORWARD, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, THE DOSE  
OF REALITY AND EVEN THOUGH THAT MAY NOT TAKE A WHOLE LOT OF TIME  
TO DEVELOP THOSE OPTIONS, ULTIMATELY IT WILL, BECAUSE THEN WE'LL  
HAVE TO COME BACK AND SURVEY THE RESIDENTS AND THERE ARE A LOT  
OF OTHER PRIORITIES.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

>> Mayor Stern: THANK YOU.

DOES ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

Councilmember Hadley.

>> S. Hadley: YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE PARKS AND REC  
COMMISSION AGAIN AND CLEARLY COVID DIDN'T SLOW YOU GUYS DOWN.  
THIS IS TREMENDOUS OUTPUT, TREMENDOUS ENERGY, TREMENDOUS  
CREATIVITY AS THE MAYOR SAID.

I THANK EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU, KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK AND  
KEEP UP THE PRESSURE AND KEEP UP THE IDEAS BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT  
WE NEED.

THIS IS A WORLD CLASS COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE WORLD CLASS  
EXPECTATIONS AND OUR PHYSICAL PLANS AND OUR PROGRAMS JUST AREN'T

REALLY MATCHING THAT, AND WITH YOUR HELP AND WITH THE DIRECTION  
TONIGHT, WE CAN ALL GET THERE.

SO THANK YOU, ALL.

HUGE EFFORT.

>> Mayor Stern: VERY MUCH.

GLAD YOU ALL -- THANK YOU.

SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING FINALLY, AND I'M  
ADJOURNING TO OUR JANUARY 18TH REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT  
6:00.

SO THANK YOU ALL FOR HANGING IN THERE, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR  
HARD WORK TO STAFF, TO MARK, AND EVERYBODY ELSE.

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THESE  
PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD.

SO HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

HOPE IT'S NOT TOO SHORT.

THANKS.

>> R. Montgomery: BYE, EVERYBODY.

>> J. Franklin: BYE, THANK YOU.