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>> THIS IS MARK CIOMMO, THIS IS THE WAYS AND MEANS HEARING, I'M THE CHAIR.

WE'RE HERE TO REVIEW DOCKET 1441, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$105,400,000, FOR THE SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSITION FUND FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR COMPLETION OF CITY'S SIGNATURE OPEN SPACES.

THE EMERALD NECKLACE AND FUNDING FOR BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT REDEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITIES AT OLD COLONY IN SOUTH BOSTON.

AND ORIENT HEIGHT IN EAST BOSTON.

THIS IS STREAMED ON THE WEBSITE, I'D ASK PEOPLE TO SILENCE THEIR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATION WE WILL TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

THERE IS A SIGN-IN SHEET TO MY LEFT.

I ASK THAT YOU STATE YOUR NAME ANY AFFILIATION AND RESIDENCE AND PLEASE MARK THE BOX YES IF YOU WISH TO TESTIFY AND NO IF YOU DON'T.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUES, IN ORDER OF THEIR ARRIVAL, TO MY FAR LEFT, COUNSELOR AT LARGE MICHELLE WU, TO MY DRECT DIRECT LEFT, MATT O'MALLEY, ED FLYNN AND FRANK BAKER.

JUSTIN ARE YOU TAKING THE FIRST SHOT?

>> I WILL, THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

O'MALLEY AND WU.

I'M HERE TO OFFER TESTIMONY ON THE APPROPRIATION DONGT TODAY, I'M HERE WITH CHIEF CHRIS COOK, AND BO MCGONAGLE.

COVERS A \$105.4 MILLION APPROPRIATION, THIS ORDER IS IN ADDITION TO \$1.6 MILLION ALREADY APPROPRIATED BY THIS COUNCIL AS PART OF THE FY, BUDGET TO

BRINGING THE ENTIRE TOTAL TO
\$107 MILLION.
SIGNIFICANT NEW CAPITAL FUNDING
WILL GO TOWARDS INVESTMENTS IN
THE CITY'S SIGNATURE OPEN SPACE
LIKE \$23 IN CAPITAL FOR FRANKLIN
PARK, \$23 MILLION FOR BOSTON
COMMON AND \$11 MILLION TOWARDS
THE COMPLETING THE EMERALD
NECKLACE AND GREENING THE AREA.
EFFORTS AT OLD COLONY AND ORIENT
HEIGHTS, \$25 MILLION IN CAPITAL
FOR OLD COLONY AND \$10 MILLION
FOR ORIENT HEIGHTS.
THREE NEW \$5 MILLION TRUST
FUNDS, AT THE COMMON FRANKLIN
PARK AND THE GREEN WAY.
WITH THAT I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER
ANY QUESTIONS ON THE SPECIFICS
BUT I'M GOING TO TURN IT TO MY
COLLEAGUE CHRIS COOK TO GO OVER
THE OPEN SPACE PROJECTS.
>> COUNCILORS THANK YOU SO MUCH
ON THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THESE
FUNDS, BOSTON COMMON IS
AMERICA'S FIRST PARK AND AS IT
ENTERS INTO 2018 AND SINCE 1634
IT HAS SERVED NEIGHBORHOOD BUT
THAT NEIGHBORHOOD HAS
DENSIFYING, AND BOSTON COMMON
HAS TO PERM AT A HIGHER LEVEL
THAN EVER BEFORE.
WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR A TRUST TO
EXTEND OUR MAINTENANCE
OPPORTUNITIES.
BOSTON COMMON IS MAINTAINED BY
THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC
GARDEN, THE PUBLIC GARDEN AND
COMMONWEALTH AVENUE MALL BUT
THESE FUNDS WILL HELP US SERVE
GENERATIONS TO COME AS WELL AS
THE CAPITAL REINVESTMENT ON SUCH
LONG UNDERSERVED PROJECT AS THE
FROG PONDING AND DEER PARK
MAINTENANCE YARD AS WELL AS THE
PARADE GROUNDS.
ALSO WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION
TO THE ONCE IN A GENERATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN BOSTON'S
LARGEST PARK FRANKLIN PARK,
BOARDED BY ROXBURY, JAM CA
AMERICAN AND OTHER PROPERTIES.
THIS REPRESENTS A ONCE IN A
GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST

IN IT.

AND ONCE AGAIN, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FRANKLIN PARK COALITION A TRUST WILL ENABLE US TO HAVE ENHANCED MAINTENANCE OVER THIS PARK FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO COME.

ALSO WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CONCEPT OF COMPLETING THE EMERALD NECKLACE AND THE IDEA THAT COLUMBIA ROAD WILL BECOME A LIVABLE STREET AND A POSITIVE BEST FOR ITS NEIGHBORHOODS BUT CONNECTS SOME OF THE HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED NEIGHBORHOODS AND ALSO FRANKLIN PARK.

WE WANT TO ENVISION A GREEN WAY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT OUR CITIZENS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES AND MAKE SURE THAT IT'S RELEVANT MOVING INTO 2018. WE DON'T ENVISION A SYSTEM LIKE THE RIVER WAY AND THE JACK JAMAICA WAY BUT AWAY WE ENVISION IS AN EMERALD NECKLACE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

OF COURSE, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WANT TO SITE THE IMPORTANCE OF ONE OF OUR NEWEST BUT STILL A SIGNATURE OPEN SPACE IN OUR VICINITY, THE ROSE KENNEDY GREEN WAY AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THAT GREEN WAY AND MAKE SURE IT'S CARED FOR IN PERPETUITY.

HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE COUNCIL MIGHT HAVE BUT WE'RE VERY, VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY IN MY CABINET.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT THANKS.

AND BEFORE I LET YOU GO, AGAIN, LET ME INTRODUCE COUNCILOR JOSH ZAKIM HAS JOINED US AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU.

DEAR CHAIRMAN CIOMMO AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I HAVE APPEARED BEFORE THIS BODY IN THE PAST DETAILING THE DECLINE THAT THE BOSTON AREA HAS EXPERIENCED IN THE DECADE DUE TO LACK IN FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT PUTS MANY OF THESE PROPERTIES AT RISK, THE AM LYNCH AND THE ORIENT BE HOUSING IN EAST BOSTON.

WE HAVE BEGUN A PROCESS OF COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT THROUGH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THIS WORK, THROUGH NEXT PHASES, WE ARE RELIANT ON THE CITY COMMITMENT THAT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH SALE OF THE WINTHROP STREET GARAGE.

AT THE A AND M LYNCH HOMES WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE TWO GRANTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH HOPE 6 PROGRAM AND THROUGH ARRA STIMULUS FUNDING.

WITH THESE GRANTS WE ARE ABLE TO COMPLETE ABOUT HALF OF THIS 840 UNIT SITE.

THERE ARE NO SUCH GRANTS ON THE HORIZON AT THIS POINT AND WE STILL HAVE 400 SEVERELY NEEDY PROPERTIES TO DEVELOP.

WITH \$25 MILLION FROM THE WINTHROP SQUARE GARAGE WE ARE ABLE TO COMPLETE COMPLETION OF THE NEXT 350 DEEPLY AFFORDABLE UNITS AT THE SITE, TO COMPLETE THE NEXT QUADRANT, ADD ORIENT HEIGHT WE HAVE SIMILARLY BEGUN A REDEVELOPMENT OF THIS 331 UNIT SITE THROUGH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

WE HAVE ALREADY INCLUDED 120 NEW UNITS WITH FUNDING FROM THE BHA AND ITS PARTNER DHCD.

WITH THE \$10 MILLION FROM THE WINTHROP GARAGE LIKEWISE WE WILL LEVERAGE TO CONSTRUCT ANOTHER 88 UNITS AT THE SITE.

CONDITIONS AT THE SITE ARE CHALLENGING AND WE RECENTLY HAD TO CLOSE THE BUILDING HOUSING THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND RESIDENT COMMUNITY SPACE DUE TO SEVERE WATER PENETRATION ISSUES. RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN RELOCATED FROM PHASE 2 UNITS AND WE ARE PREPARED TO GO FORWARD WITH DEMOLITION AND DWROMENT WITH THESE FUNDS.

AS PART OF OUR TESTIMONY WE ARE PRESENTING A LETTER OF SUPPORT, FROM THE AREA AS I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW OUR RESIDENTS DESERVE YOUR SUPPORT AND DESERVE THE INVESTMENT THAT MAYOR WALSH AND THE CITY HAVE COMMITTED TO THEM. WE WILL MAKE EXCELLENT USE OF THESE DOLLARS TO ATTRACT PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS IN FUNDING AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE CREATIVE WAYS TO GENERATE REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR OUR PUBLIC HOUSING.

IN CLOSING I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU SUPPORT THE INVESTMENT IN OUR PUBLIC HOUSING COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THESE BADLY NEEDED RESOURCE HE FOR BOSTON'S POOR AND WORK FAMILIES.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANKS VERY MUCH, COUNSELORS. I'M DREW SMITH AND SERVE AS HEAD OF TREASURY FOR CITY OF BOSTON. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN FRONT OF YOU FOR THIS ROLE OR ANY ROLE AND I APPRECIATE YOU HAVING ME.

>> WELCOME DREW.

>> I OVERSEE THE CITY'S TREASURY AND THE TRUST DIVISION.

IN THAT ROLE I'D LIKE TO WALK YOU QUICKLY THROUGH THE STRUCTURE OF THESE TRUCHTS IF ESTABLISHED.

AS MENTIONED AS A PART OF THIS APPROPRIATION, THERE WOULD BE THREE TRUSTS, ESTABLISHED. EACH FUNDED WITH AN INITIAL \$5 MILLION.

TWO OF THE THREE FUNDS ARE SET UP SIMILARLY WITH BOTH THE BOSTON COMMON MAINTENANCE TRUST AND THE FRANKLIN PARK MAINTENANCE TRUST CONSISTING OF THREE MEMBER BOARDS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTUAL SPENDING DECISIONS WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE TRUST WHICH HAVE BEEN SET IN THE DOCUMENT.

EACH BOARD WOULD CONSIST OF A L MAYORAL APPOINTMENT A CITY COUNCILOR ON AN EX OFFICIO BASIS

AND A FRIENDS OF THE PARK
MEMBER.

MADE SIMILAR TO OTHER TRUSTS AND
WOULD BE MADE ARE REIMBURSABLE,
MADE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM THE
INCOME OF THE TRUSTS THAT ARE
GENERATED.

IN THE CASE OF THE GREEN WAY,
THE COLLECTOR-TREASURER, RATHER
THAN HAVING A THREE MEMBER
BOARD, WOULD SERVE AS THE SOLE
TRUSTEE AND MAKE DISTRIBUTION TO
THE GREEN WAY ON A QUARTERLY
BASIS.

ALONG WITH THAT THE GREEN WAY
WOULD HAVE A QUARTERLY REPORTING
REQUIREMENT.

IN THESE CASE IS, COLLECTOR
TREASURE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ONGOING INVESTMENT AND CARE OF
THE FUNDS ON THE SOAM BASIS AND
WITH THAT I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER
ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE WITH
RESPECT TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE
TRUST BUT THESE GENERALLY LOOK
SIMILAR TO THE OTHERS WE HAVE IN
THE DIVISION.

>> THANK YOU.

DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE DREW OF
ABOUT HOW MUCH INCOME AT PRESENT
MARKET CONDITIONS THESE \$5
MILLION TRUSTS WILL EARN?

QUS.

>> SURE.

WE GENERALLY ASSUME THAT INCOME
SPUN OFF TRUSTS REGARDLESS OF
THE TRUST IS ABOUT FIVE
MILLION -- I'M SORRY, 5%, ABOUT
\$250,000 A YEAR.

>> AND AGAIN, WE ALWAYS I KNOW
THE COMMISSIONER REALLY SHARPENS
HIS PENCIL EVERY SINGLE YEAR TO
DO MORE WITH VIRTUALLY LESS.
SO THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO KEEP
UP WITH OUR SIGNATURE PARKS SO.
I DO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THESE FUNDS.

CAN YOU DRILL DOWN A LITTLE MORE
ON THE CONSERVANCY FUND?

IT'S OWNED BY D.O.T, MANAGED BY
A PRIVATE NONPROFIT.

CAN YOU SPEAK OF THOSE MORE
UNIQUE ISSUES TON CONSERVANCY
SIDE?

>> FROM THE TRUST PERSPECTIVE, I MAY GIVE THIS TO ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES, BUT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE TRUST, RATHER THAN THREE TRUSTEES THAT ARE MAKING THE SPENDING DECISION NECESSARY A SENSE THERE ARE NOT NECESSARILY SPENDING DECISION HE TO PROCEED, THE COLLECTOR TREASURER WOULD STRETF MONEY BUT FUNDS ARE MADE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS AND WE RECEIVE SPENDING INFORMATION AFTER THE FACT FROM ONGOING SPENDING REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY HAVE TO PROVIDE UNITED STATES AS A PART OF AN MOU ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRUST. SO IT'S ACTUALITY TO DRILL DOWN MUCH MORE ON THE ACTUAL WAYS THAT THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED WITHOUT KIND OF PASSING IT OFF TO A COLLEAGUE THAT MIGHT HAVE A BETTER IDEA.

>> WOULD I JUST SPEAK VERY BRIEFLY TO THE -- I WOULD JUST SPEAK VERY BRIEFLY TO THE TWO CITY TRUSTS AND THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE THERE IS THAT THESE ARE ACTUAL CITY PROPERTIES THAT WE ACTUALLY OWN.

AND ACTUALLY IN BOTH CASE WE CO-MANAGE BOTH THOSE SPACES WITH THESE PARTNER GROUPS WHETHER IT'S THE COALITION AT FRANKLIN PARK OR THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN AT BOSTON COMMON. SO THOSE DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE JOINTLY BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE TRUST AND ALSO THE DISTRICT COUNCILOR.

>> SO I GUESS MY QUESTION SHOULD BE, WHY ARE WE SITTING UP THIS PARTICULAR TRUST FOR CONSERVANCY WITHOUT THE THREE TRUSTEES ONE BEING A CITY COUNCILOR?

>> THE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO GOVERN THE ACTUAL SPENDING DECISIONS AND VET WHAT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS MIGHT BE. IN THE CASE OF THE CONSERVANCY THERE IS ACTUALLY NOT A ROLE IN DETERMINING HOW THAT MIGHT BE SPENT BECAUSE THAT IS ALREADY DONE AT THE CONSERVANCY LEVEL.

ALL WE'RE DOING IS FACILITATING
THE TRANSFER OF THE FUNDS.
>> YOU SAY QUARTERLY DREW?
QUARTERLY.
>> IF IT OWNS 250, SAY 240 FOR
MAP, 260 FOR QUARTER, DID YOU
SAY IT'S A ROOURMT?
>> NO NOT IN THIS CASE.
>> JUST A TAKEOUT?
>> IN THE OTHER TWO RIGHT.
THE WAY WE WOULD COULD DO THIS
IS WE WOULD KNOW WHAT THEIR
PRINCIPAL BALANCE WAS FOR
FEBRUARY 1st OF EACH YEAR FOR
END OF THE LAST CALENDAR YEAR.
WE WOULD CALCULATE 5% OFF OF
THAT SO LET'S SAY IT'S \$250,000
AND WE WOULD MAKE THAT AVAILABLE
STARTING JULY 1.
BUT YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT IN THE
CASE OF THIS WE WOULD DIVIDE
THAT INTO FOUR QUARTERLY
PAYMENTS AND MAKE DISTRIBUTIONS
ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.
>> LET ME GIF MY COLLEAGUES A
CHANCE TO WEIGH IN HERE'S.
COUNCILOR MICHELLE WU.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE.
I'M INTERESTED IN THE TIME LINES
FOR SOME OF THE -- ARE ALL OF
THESE FOR EXAMPLE THE THREE
MEMBER -- THE BOSTON COMMON
MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND, FRAN
DLIFN PARK AND GREEN WAY, THE
ONES THAT HAVE THE TRUSTEES ARE
THOSE ALL SET UP AND RUNNING AND
WHEN CAN THEY EXPECT THE FIRST
SORT OF REAL KICKOFF?
>> WELL, THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN SET
UP SO THE KIND OF SHELL ACCOUNTS
HAVE BEEN SET UP TO RECEIVE THE
MONEY.
SO AS SOON AS WE ARE ABLE TO GET
THOUGH APPOINTED AND THE FUNDS
DEPOSITED WE'LL BE READY TO GO.
>> AND THIS \$105 MILLION WAS THE
AMOUNT FROM CLOSING?
I CARCHLT REN ALL THE -- CAN'T
REMEMBER ALL THE DETAILS OF HOW
MUCH IS ACHIEVE BEING CERTAIN
PROVISIONS.
>> WE GET A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE
OF CONDO SALES UP TO ANOTHER \$60
MILLION.

AND THIS WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY USING SOME OTHER SURPLUS MONEY WE HAVE IN THE FUND RIGHT NOW AS AN OFFSET.

BECAUSE WE TRULY BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THESE PRODUCTS THAT ARE LAID OUT HERE ARE NEEDED TO GET STARTED AND THANKS OTHIS COUNCIL, WE WERE ABLE TO KICK OFF THE FY 19 PLANNING EFFORTS FOR FRANKLIN, THE COMMON AND THE EMERALD NECKLACE.

>> HOW ARE THE CONDO SALES AT THIS POINT?

>> THEY SWROANT FINAL FIGURES. WE HAVE A PROCESS IN PLACE BY WHICH THEY CLOSE BUT THAT WON'T BE FOR AT LEAST A YEAR OR TWO.

>> OKAY.

AND THEN TURNING TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTIES.

SO HOW MUCH IS THE CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR I GUESS THE ENTIRE RENOVATIONS OF EACH OF THE DEVELOPMENTS?

>> IT'S ABOUT 550,000 PER UNIT. DUE TO MATH.

I DON'T KNOW THE NUMBER RIGHT OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, COUNCILOR.

>> YOU YOU SAID IT WAS 840 UNITS IN SOUTH BOSTON AND 331 IN EAST BOSTON?

>> THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS AT LYNCH HOMES WOULD BE 330. WE'LL BE DOING ABOUT 220 IN THIS NEXT PHASE.

ORIENT HEIGHTS THERE ARE 331 TOTAL UNITS.

WE'LL BE DOING -- AND WE'VE COMPLETED 120 OUT THERE ALREADY. AND WE'LL BE DOING, ADDING AN ADDITIONAL 88 IN THIS SECOND PHASE.

>> OKAY.

AND SO IN TERMS OF THE SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR EACH OF THE PHASES, HOW MUCH -- THE WAY THAT THE STATE WAS PARTICIPATING WAS JUST THROUGH TAX CREDITS PRIMARILY OR --

>> WELL, TAX CREDITS AND AT ORIENT HEIGHTS I BELIEVE THEY CONTRIBUTED \$15 MILLION, \$18

MILLION -- \$15 MILLION TO THE CONSTRUCTION COST TO MATCH THE MAYOR OF THE CITY'S \$10 MILLION COMMITMENT.

>> OKAY SO THAT WILL TAKE DHA THROUGH NEXT 88 UNITS, AND THEN IS THERE A PLAN FOR THE REMAINING 130 OR SO?

>> NOT A SPECIFIC PLAN. ALTHOUGH WE CONTINUE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH DHCD. AS RECENTLY AS A FEW WEEKS AGO WITH JAY ASH AND AS RECENTLY AS LAST WEEK WITH CRYSTAL CORNEGUEY.

THERE IS CLEARLY A COMMITMENT FROM OUR STATE PARTNERS TO FINDING A WAY TO FINISH THAT HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE WE WILL FIGURE IT OUT.

>> AND AT THE ANN M. LYNCH HOMES YOU SAY THERE ARE 220 IN THIS NEXT PHASE AND HOW MANY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED?

>> ABOUT HALF.

SO 420ISH I THINK HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

>> OKAY.

AND SO THIS ONE-TIME PAYMENT WILL JUST BE USED FOR THESE NEXT PHASES, AND THEN THAT'S --

>> YES, ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE WAY FINISH AND THE LAST PHASE, WE ARE -- THIS WILL NEED SOME ADDITIONAL VETTING WITH THE COMMUNITY.

BUT WE ARE LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITIES OF DOING MIXED INCOME APPROACH IN THE FINAL PHASE SIMILAR TO THE APPROACH THAT WE'RE USING AT BUNKER HILL AND MARY ELLEN McCORMACK AND AT THE BROWNLEY HEATH DEVELOPMENT AT JAMAICA PLAIN.

>> AND IN TERMS OF THOUSAND \$35 MILLION IS SPLIT, I'M SORRY YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY SAID THIS, DIRECTOR, \$10 MILLION FOR ORIENT HEIGHTS AND \$25 MILLION FOR ANN M. LYNCH?

>> YES, COUNSELOR.

>> HAS THE STATE'S PARTICIPATION BEEN DIFFERENT THAN THEIR RATIO

OF PARTICIPATION IF THE LAST
PHASE AT ALL?

>> NO, NO.

I FORGET WHAT THEY CONTRIBUTED
IN THE FIRST PHASE.

BUT I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY
THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, IN THIS-M AND THE
PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION HAS
SHOWN ADEEP COMMITMENT TO
FINISHING WHAT I CONSIDER ONE OF
THE MOST DISTRESS ED STATE
ASSISTANCE PUBLIC HOUSES IN THE
COMMONWEALTH.

WE CONTINUE TO TALK WITH THE
CURRENT ADMINISTRATION AND AGAIN
BEFORE WE BROKE GROUND ON THIS
WE WERE PLANNING TO DISCUSS WITH
THE LOCAL OFFICIALS AND THE
BROADER COMMUNITY FOR YEARS.

BUT WOULD I SAY THE STATE
OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY
HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE.

>> WHAT ARE THE OTHER SOURCE HE
OF FUNDING BESIDES CITY --

>> THERE IS A MASS WORKS GRANT
WHICH ASK STATE MONEY AT ORIENT
HEIGHTS.

TAX CREDITS.

AND NO PRIVATE DEVELOPERS IN
EITHER OF THESE CASES?

>> NO PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT, NO.
BEACON DEVELOPMENT IS DOING THE
OLD COLONY AND TRINITY IS THE
PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
THAT'S DOING ORIENT HEIGHTS.

>> THEY DON'T HAVE EQUITY IN THE
PROJECT?

>> NO.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH

MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO
THE CITY.

I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AT THIS
WAYS AND MEANS HEARING.

I PROBABLY SUPPORTED THE SALE OF
WINTHROP SQUARE A YEAR OR SO AGO
LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE
INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY THAT THAT
SALE WILL PROVIDE AND WE ARE
SEEING IT POSITIVELY HERE.

SO THAT IS TO THINK ABOUT 220
ADDITIONAL UNITS AT OLD COLONY,
88 ADDITIONAL UNITS AT ORIENT
HEIGHTS, THIS IS REMARKABLE,
WILL HELP US PROVIDE SAFE CLEAN
WONDERFUL UNITS FOR BOSTONIANS.
MY UTTER LOVE FOR THE EMERALD
NECKLACE AND THE COMMON AND
OTHER RESOURCES IN THE CITY.
THE AVERAGE BONTIAN LIVES HOW
LONG AWAY FROM A PARK OR
PLAYGROUND?
>> TEN MINUTES OR LESS.
98%, BUT WILL BE AN UPDATE TO
THAT SOON.
>> GOOD, FANNED WE GET ELECTRIC
SCOOTERS IT WILL BE ABOUT A TWO
MINUTE WALK OR LESS.
>> I COULDN'T POSSIBLY IMAGINE.
>> THANK YOU JUSTIN DREW FORYOUR
GREAT WORK.
THIS IS LESS SO ABOUT SOME SORT
OF SPECIFICS BUT IF I HAVE IT
RIGHT, THIS IS SORT OF THE
REGULATORY WORK WE NEED DO TO
SPEND THE MONEY TO HELP THE
CITY.
SO THIS IS A CREATION OF THREE
NEW TRUSTS AND HOW MANY TRUSTS
DO WE CURRENT -- DREW, HOW MANY
TRUSTS DO YOU CURRENTLY OVERSKI?
>> I'D SAY WE HAVE OVER 200.
>> WOW.
HAS THERE BEEN ANY TALK OF
CONSOLIDATING SOME OF THOSE?
MONEYS THAT HAVE BEEN EARMARKED
FOR A SPECIFIC CAUSE OR PERSON.
>> CORRECT.
YOU HAVE TO GO BEFORE THE COURT
TO CHANGE THE FUNCTION OF A
TRUST.
SOMETIMES TRUSTS DO BECOME
OUTDATED AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO
CHANGE THE FUNCTION OF IT.
AND WE'VE DONE THAT IN THE PAST
BUT WE'VE NOT NECESSARILY AT
LEAST AS OF LATE CONSOLIDATED
ANYTHING.
>> OKAY.
THAT MAY BE INTERESTING JUST TO
HELP CLEAN IT UP.
>> SURE.
>> AND THEN SO THE THREE TRUSTS
FOR BOSTON COMMON, FRANKLIN PARK

AND THE ROSE FITZGERALD KENNEDY
GREEN WAY, THERE I WILL BE
THREE, MAYOR, AND THE FRIENDS OF
THE PUBLIC GARDEN, FRIENDS OF
THE PARK QULOITION, THE GREEN
WAY WHICH IS ONE TRUSTEE WILL BE
YOU OR WHOEVER HAS YOUR SEAT
DOWN THE LINE CORRECT?

>> THE TREASURE.

>> EXCUSE ME, AND THEN LOOK
THROUGH LANGUAGE IT SAYS IT WILL
BE THE CITY COUNCILOR WHOSE
DISTRICT THE MAJORITIES LIES IN.
WOULD BOSTON COMMON BE THE BEING
COUNCILOR FOR DISTRICT 8,
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM AND SECOND
COUNCILOR JANEY.

I'LL BE DELIGHTED TO SUPPORT IT
WHEN WE HAVE TO SUPPORT IT
MR. CHAIRMAN SO THANK YOU ALL.

>> THANK YOU ALL.

COUNSELOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, CLOM.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT THE
PROPOSALS SET FORTH.

I DO WANT TO START WITH BHA
ADMINISTRATOR PHIL MCGONAGLE.
I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
VISIT ALL THE PUBLIC HOUSING
DEVELOPMENTS IN MY DISTRICT,
ACTUALLY WAS IN ORIENT HEIGHTS
AS WELL.

I WANTED TO COMPLEMENT YOU AND
YOUR TEAM ON OUTSTANDING WORK ON
ADMINISTRATING.

NOT JUST BECAUSE IT'S A GREAT
PLAN TO HELP SO MANY PEOPLE BUT
BECAUSE OF THE LEADERSHIP AT THE
BHA.

I REALLY KNOW THAT YOU CARE
ABOUT THE RESIDENTS AND YOU'RE
DEDICATED TO THE MISSION OF THE
BHA SO I THINK WE'RE PROUD TO
HAVE YOU IN THAT POSITION, I
WANT TO SAY THANK YOU,
ADMINISTRATOR.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR.

>> THE SECOND ISSUE I HAD.

I JUST WANT TO NOANGS
COMMISSIONER COOK, THE FRAN KILN
PARK FUNDING, PROBABLY ONE OF
THE MOST DIVERSE PARKS WE HAVE
IN THE CITY.

YOU SEE PEOPLE GOLF, JOGGING,
WALKING, YSK THE PARK FROM THE
VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS
SURROUNDING THE PARK.IT'S A
BEAUTIFUL PARK.

THEY WORK HARD OVER THERE, THE
PARKS STAFF DOES A WONDERFUL
JOB.

I WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOUR TEAM
OFTEN FRANKLIN PARK.

>> THANK YOU SIR.

IT IS A PATTERN BETWEEN THE
COALITION, THE EMERALD PARK
CONSERVANCY AND WE CONSIDER IT
AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE
OF ITS.

>> I ALSO REPRESENT THE BOSTON
COMMON AND THE PUBLIC GARDEN,
BOTH PARKS LOOK BEAUTIFUL.
THE BOSTON COMMON IS AS YOU
MENTIONED THE OLDEST PARK IN THE
CITY.

IT'S VIEWED BY SO MANY PEOPLE
AND IT'S AN HONOR TO REPRESENT
THAT AREA WITH COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.
IT IS SUCH AFTERNOON IMPORTANTLY
PART OF OUR HISTORY, SO MANY
FAMOUS EVENTS HAPPEN THERE.
BUT IT'S REALLY THE BIRTH PLACE
OF OUR LIBERTY HERE IN BOSTON, A
LOT OF IT STARTED RIGHT HERE,
RIGHT HERE AT THE BOSTON
COMMONS.

SO WE'RE PROUD OF THE FRIENDS OF
THE PUBLIC GARDEN AS WELL AND
THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT THEY
DO.

PROUD TO SERVE THAT AS WELL.
MY FINAL POINT, IS ON THE GREEN
WAY.

I THINK I SPEND AT LEAST FIVE OR
SIX DAYS A WEEK IN CHOINT.

CHINATOWN AND
I REPRESENT MOST OF THE GREEN
WAY.

AT TIMES I DO GET DISOWRMINGD
ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE
GREENER WAY IN CHINATOWN.

-- I DO GET DISCOURAGED ABOUT
THE CONDITION OF THE GREEN WAY
IN CHINATOWN.

I'M NOT PLACING ANY BLAME WITH
THE GREEN WAY CONSERVANCY AND I
HAVE EXPRESSED MY OPINION TO

THEM MANY TIMES.

I'VE BEEN ON A WALKING TOUR
THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE GREEN WAY.
AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE WHEN I
SUPPORT THIS, THAT THE GREEN WAY
IN CHINATOWN LOOKS AS NICE AND
BEAUTIFUL AS THE GREEN WAY
OUTSIDE OF CHINATOWN, AS WELL.
AM I ABLE TO GET THAT COMMITMENT
FROM YOU?

>> COUNCILOR, I CAN'T SPEAK FOR
GREEN WAY.

BUT WHAT I CAN SPEAK FOR IS
CHIEF ENERGY ENVIRONMENT OPEN
SPACES I CERTAINLY WILL MAKE A
COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH THE
GREEN WAY CONSERVANCY TO RENEW
THAT FOCUS AND MAKE SURE WE'RE
KEEPING THAT PROMISE FOR YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.
JUST ON THE TECHNICAL PART OF
IT.

SO ONE PERSON WOULD OVERSEE?
COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE OPERATION
OF THE FUNDING?

>> SURE.

SO AS WITH MOST OF OUR TRUSTS,
WITH MANY OF THE TRUSTS, THE ONE
19 YOAFER SEIZE IT, SO AS THE
COLLECTOR-TREASURER WHAT THEY
ARE OVERSEEING IS THE
DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE FUNDS.
PART OF THAT PROCESS THEY'RE
MAKING SURE THAT THE
DISBURSEMENT CONFORMS, NOT
NECESSARILY IN THIS CASE BUT
WITH MOST OF OUR TRUSTS THE
DISBURSEMENT CONFORMS SOME SORT
OF BOARD VOTE THAT WAS TAKEN,
THAT IT'S WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
WHAT THE TRUST ALLOWS, THAT IT'S
BEEN SIGNED OFF ON BY SOME AGENT
THAT IS A LITTLE BIT CLOSER TO
THE PROJECT TO MAKE SURE THAT
THE WORK HAS IN FACT BEEN DONE
AND THE INVOICE IS IN ORDER.
WITH RESPECT TO THE GREEN WAY,
WHAT WE WOULD BE DOING THE
SIMPLY MAKING SURE THAT THE
DISTRIBUTION -- WE WOULD BE
CALCULATING HOW MUCH THEY'RE
OWED AND MAKE SURE THE
DISTRIBUTION HAPPENS ON A
QUARTERLY BASIS.

AS FAR AS HOW FUNDS ARE EXPENDED
ONCE THEY GET TO THE GREEN WAY,
THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE
TRUST, WHICH THE HAVE A FEW
POINTS HERE -- I HAVE A FEW
POINTS HERE.

IT IS DEFINED IN 3.3 OF THE
TRUST WHICH BROADLY STATES, SMA
IS ESTABLISHED FOR ENHANCED
FUNDING OF THE OPERATION,
MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF
THE GREEN WAY.

THAT IS FURTHER DETAILED IN AN
MOU THAT I'M NOT QUITE SURE, I
BELIEVE IT IS NEAR FINAL.
BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE
MOU AND THE EXIST ATTACHED TO
THAT.

I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GIVE
SPECIFICS ON THE NUTS AND BOLTS
OF EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE SPENDING
IT ON BUT WE HAVE THE CONTROLS
IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE IT'S BEING
SPENT THIS ACCORDANCE WITH THE
TERMS OF THE TRUST.

>> I UNDERSTAND THAT.

BUT I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE
NUTS AND BOLTS OF IT BECAUSE I
WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT FUNDING
DOES TREECH CHINATOWN SECTION OF
THE GREEN WAY.

>> CERTAINLY.

>> THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME.

AS I'VE MENTIONED, I'VE MENTION
THEY'D TO THE GREEN WAY MANY
TIMES.

I KNOW JESSE IS HERE AS WELL.
BUT THE RESIDENTS OF CHINATOWN
HAVE EXPRESS THEY'D TO ME ALMOST
EVERY SINGLE TIME I GO IN THERE.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE WORK
TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THE GREEN
WAY AND CHINATOWN RECEIVES EQUAL
FUNDING AS WELL AS OTHER PARTS
OF THE GREEN WAY.

AND I KNOW ONCE YOU GET THE
MONEY YOU SEND IT TO THE GREEN
WAY BUT WOULD NOT HAVE ANY
RECOMMENDATIONS WRIT OGO RIGHT?

>> RIGHT, WE SEERVE CLERICAL
FUNCTION, WE'RE NOT IN A
POSITION TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE

HOW IT'S SPENT.

THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE A QUESTION BETTER ASKED TO THE GREEN WAY.

>> AND I CAN SAY THE GREEN WAY DOES LOOK BEAUTIFUL.

I'M NOT CRITICIZING THE GREEN WAY.

BUT AGAIN I NEED TO MAKE SURE AND WORK HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT FUNDING FOR GREEN WAY REACHES CHINATOWN AS WELL.

SO THAT'S A CONCERN OF MINE.

I'M NOT JUST GOING TO AGREE YOU KNOW TO BE A RUBBER STAMP FOR SOMETHING IF SOMETHING IS NOT GOING INTO THE DISTRICT.

SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER SO FUNDS CAN GO TO THE CLIENT SECTION OF THE GREEN WAY.

-- TO THE CHINATOWN SECTION OF THE GREEN WAY.

>> IF I HAD MORE TIME I COULD GET MORE CLARITY ON THE ISSUE. I DON'T HAVE IT FOR YOU AT THE MOMENT.

THERE THANK YOU.

>> FROM THE TRUST COUNCILOR, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE MY COMMITMENT.

THERE ARE A LOT OF SPACE HE ALONG THE GREEN WAY WHERE THE PARTIES WORK HAND IN HAND AND HAVE TO FRANKLY BECAUSE OF THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES.

I KNOW CHIEF SMITH IS INTERESTED IN THIS AS WELL SO WE CAN CERTAINLY LOOK TOWARDS A COLLABORATIVE SOLUTION TO MAKE SURE THAT SPACE IS TAKEN CARE OF PROPERLY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIR, GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYBODY.

WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE TRUST AT FIRST.

\$5 MILLION, WE GET ODRAW \$250,000 A YEAR OFF OF THAT. CHRIS WHAT WILL GET FOR YOUR \$250,000?

>> TO BE HONEST WITH YOU COUNCILOR IT WILL BE A COLLABORATIVE MATTER BETWEEN OUR

TWO AREAS, THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF IT THOUGH IS THAT IT CAN'T SUPPLANT, IT CAN'T REPLICATE WHAT WE ALREADY DO IN THESE PARKS.

COY THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THIS IS ENHANCED OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT IN THAT.

SO I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. AT FRANKLIN PARK ONE OF THE EASIEST THINGS IS THERE'S A LEVEL OF TREE CARE REQUIRED AT FRANKLIN PARK THAT IS ALMOST UNPARALLELED WITHIN THE REST OF OUR DISTRICT.

IT IS REALLY COMPARABLE TO WHAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD DO IN ONE OF THEIR PARKS.

AS SIMPLE AS THAT, THAT COULD TAKE UP A LARGE PORTION OF THAT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

>> THAT WAS PART OF MY QUESTION. CAN WE SPEND THAT ON MAKING OUR TREE HEALTHY IN ALL THOSE PARKS? BECAUSE THAT WILL EAT THAT WHOLE BUDGETS UP I WOULD ASSUME.

>> IT WOULDN'T EAT ALL OF IT BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR IT.

I HAVE TO GIVE A LOT OF CREDIT TO THE EMERALD NEXT LAST CONSERVANCY.

THEY CAME UP WITH TREE CARE FOR FOUR, FIVE YEARS AGO AND THREE HAVE BEEN PARTNERING WITH US. ON THAT PROJECT WE HAVE UNLIKE THE REST OF THE CITY AN URBAN FORESTRY PLAN FOR FRANKLIN PARK. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO USE IT ALL UP ON ONE ACTIVITY BUT JUST THAT ACTIVITY ALONE WOULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT PLACE IN THE PARK, TAKING CARE OF THE WEEDS TREES AND MAKE SURE WE ARE PROTECTING THE VALUABLE MATURE TREES.

>> ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES O AUGMENT THESE FUNDS TO WE COULD GET MORE THAN \$250,000 A YEAR?

>> WELL, FROM THE TRUST IF THAT WERE COMING FROM THE TRUST THAT WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS INTO THE TRUST.

>> THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING, HOW

DO WE -- CAN YOU MAKE ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS TO THAT SO IF THE TRUSTS ARE NOW \$10 MILLION EACH, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT WOULD COME FROM BUT YOU HAVE A MILLION DOLLARS TO PUT INTO BOTH OF THOSE LOCATIONS.

JUDGE YOU CERTAINLY COULD.

>> YOU CERTAINLY COULD.

ONCE THEY'VE BEEN ACCEPTED YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS.

THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT WE WILL THEN SPEND OFF THE ADDITIONAL INCOME.

TO THE EXTENT THAT --

>> COULD YOU V EVER LIKE CHRIS IDENTIFIED EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE THAT'S WORTH \$1 MILLION, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO DRAW OFF THAT TRUST?

>> YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO DRAW OFF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE TRUST. AND IT WOULD BE FAIRLY UNLIKELY THE THERE WOULD BE \$1 MILLION ON THE INCOME SIDE OF THE SHEET. YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO DRAW THE REMAINDER OF THE INCOME BUT FOR THESE PARTICULAR TRUSTS --

>> THE CORPUS NEEDS TO REMAIN AT \$5 MILLION?

>> THAT'S WHAT WE ENDEAVOR TO DO.

WE ALL LOOK TO SEE IT THERE AT \$5 MILLION.

AND THAT'S THE PLAN.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL BE FLUCTUATIONS IN THE MARKET FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

>> THANK YOU.

CHRIS, YOU SAID THE EMERALD NECKLACE.

DID YOU SAY THAT?

>> YES, SIR.

>> HOW EXCITING IS THIS, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THAT.

I'M 50, TALKING ABOUT IT HEARING IT MY WHOLE LIFE, IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO ALL THROUGH HERE DOWN TO COLUMBIA BEACH, IS THAT REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN?

>> YES.

>> ARE WE GOING TO STICK TO THE OLMSTEAD PLAN?

HOW MUCH IS GOING TO BE
OLMSTEAD?

>> WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO
OLMSTEAD, OUR COMPLOOS HAS TO BE
RELEVANT TO OUR COMMUNITIES NOW.
THERE'S AN EQUITY COMPONENT TO
THIS, THERE IS CERTAINLY A MAJOR
TRANSPORTATION -- TRANSPORTATION
HAS CHANGED SINCE 1897.

THE WAY THIS ROAD IS GOING TO
LOOK IS GOING TO CHANGE.

HOWEVER THE IDEA IS STILL
INHERENTLY FOLKS LIVING IN AND
AROUND FRAN CALLIE PARK CAN GET
DOWN TO MOGLEY PARK, TO
PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES.

D.J. SIMMONS DEDICATION OF PARK
GROUND LATER TODAY, SO USING
COLUMBIA ROAD AS A GREEN
LINCHPIN SORTS OF A MENTAL
HITCHING POST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE BETWEEN THOSE
COMMUNITIES, I THINK IT'S AN
EXTRAORDINARY ONCE IN A
GENERATION OPPORTUNITY.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL
BE ISSUING AN RFP FOCUSED ON
COMMUNITY PROCESS.

WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE TODAY IS
PROBABLY SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T
LOOK A LOT LIKE JAMAICA WAY OR
RIVER WAY, BUT MAKES THE A
WALKABLE LIVABLE STREET WHERE
PEOPLE CAN ACTUALLY GET FROM ONE
NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE OTHER.

>> WHAT'S THE FOCUS ON
RESILIENCY RUNNING DOWN
COLUMBIA?

>> I THINK IT HAS TO BE REALLY
IMPORTANT.

WITH THE LARGER STORAGES WE HAVE
ROLLING THROUGH, A LOT IS
FOCUSED ON DAY BOULEVARD, BUT
WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS THE STORM
WATER FLOODING THAT HAPPEN IN
THIS AREA.

THE ENTIRE SIDE OF COLUMBIA ROAD
IS BEING CALLED ON MAJOR STORMS.
THERE IS A REALLY STRONG CALL
FOR GROAN INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE
BUILT ON COLUMBIA YAH ROAD.
GOES DOWN WHETHER IT'S THE
COMMUTER RAIL OR BUS RAPID
TRANSIT OR THE FRACT THAT PEOPLE

JUST NEED TO WALK IT AND BIKE
IT, IF IT'S INACCESSIBLE THERE'S
A REAL DANGER THERE.

THANK YOU, DO I STILL HAVE A
MINUTE MR. CHAIR?

>> YES SURE.

>> HI BILLY HOW ARE YOU?

>> GOOD.

>> THERE WAS NEVER ANY PRIVATE
MONEY IN THERE LIKE THE WAY THAT
IT'S HANG NOW HMM?

>> NO, THERE WERE --

>> 840 UNITS OR WHAT WE BUILT,
WE GOT -- THE PLAN WILL BE MORE
THAN WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL
FOOTPRINT?

>> NO, ROUGHLY THE SAME.

>> THE SAME.

YEAH.

THANK YOU, SORRY.

>> WHAT MIGHT BE DIFFERENT IN
THE FINAL PHASE IS?

THE FIRST TWO PHASES I INDICATED
WERE DONE WITH SIGNIFICANT
FEDERAL GRANTS.

FIRST STAGE WAS ACTUALLY A
STIMULUS GRANT WHICH WAS A ONE
SHOT GRANT AND THEN WE WERE
LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET A HOPE 6
GRANT FOR FINAL PHASE.

NEITHER OF THOSE ARE OPTIONS AT
THIS POINT.

>> WHAT WAS THE TOTAL OF THOSE
TWO GRANTS BILLY?

>> ABOUT 45 MILLION BETWEEN ARE
HALF OF THEM.

>> YOU GOT ABOUT HALF OF IT
DONE?

>> ABOUT HALF OF IT DONE.

>> AND THIS NEXT WILL BE -- IT'S
NOT ME.

>> YES, IT IS.

>> IT WILL DO THE NEXT QUADRANT.
ABOUT ANOTHER ROUGHLY 25%.

>> STATE MONEY WE'LL PROBABLY
HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ON THAT
FOURTH --

>> YES, THAT'S MY TAKE.

IEFD HAD SOME KIND OF GENERAL
QUESTIONS REGARDING THAT, AND
BEFORE THAT PLAN GETS COMPLETED
IT WILL REQUIRE A LOT MORE
VETTING.

>> THANKS COUNCILOR BAKER.

WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY CITY
COUNCILOR AT LARGE MICHAEL
FLAHERTY.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR
ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

CHIEF COOK, GOOD TO SEE YOU.
WE EXPEDIENT LOT OF TIME TALKING
ABOUT THIS, AND I SEE LIZ FROM
THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GUARD
UP THERE AND HER ORGANIZATION
AND OUR MAKES I THINK REALLY DID
A GREAT JOB OF MA'AMERING OUT
SOME THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO AS
WE TALKED ABOUT REALLY HELP THE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON, WHICH ASK A VITAL
NEED.

WE ARE PRESERVING AND ENHANCING
OUR PARKS FOR THE FUTURE WHICH
REALLY IS ONE OF THE JEWELS OF
THE CITY.

AND I THINK I'M REALLY PROUD
THAT WE GOT TO THIS PLACE.
AND I DON'T HAVE TOO MANY
QUESTIONS BECAUSE WE'VE SPENT A
LOT OF TIME WORKING OFTEN THIS
OVER THE YEARS.

BUT JUST TO YOU COMMISSIONER,
CHIEF, YOU HAVE A LOT OF TITLES
FOR US.

IT'S TOUGH.

>> JUST CHRIS IS GREAT.

>> FOR YOU ANDEN THE FOLKS IN
THE C FO'S OFFICE, I KNOW THERE
ARE CHANGES.

THE TRUST ARE PERPETUAL AND
BINDING AND THIS IS HOW WE'RE
GOING TO OPERATE?

>> YES.

WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT
BECAUSE WHAT WE BELIEVE IS IT
ACTUALLY CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY
TO TAKE CARE OF THESE PARKS
FOREVER.

I WILL SAY ONE THING, YOU
MENTIONED THE FRIENDS OF THE
PUBLIC GUARD, I HAVE TO GIVE
THEM CREDIT AT THIS POINTS.
IDEA THAT THIS WOULD BE
ENHANCED.

THE CITY AND THE FRIENDS OF THE
PUBLIC GARDEN CAN'T WALK AWAY
FROM THE OBLIGATIONS THAT OCCUR

IN THE PARK RIGHT NOW.
AS WE GO THROUGH MASTER PLAN,
WHICH WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW, WE
DEVELOPED THE MASTER PLAN
FOR PUBLIC GARDEN AND ENGAGED
THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING.
AND THEN THESE TRUSTS WILL
HELP TAKE CARE OF -- TRUSTS WILL
TAKE CARE OF THE ENHANCED
DESIGN.
IT'S AN EXTRAORDINARY
OPPORTUNITY.
>> I WOULD ADD, IT'S AN ELEGANT
SOLUTION TO PROVIDING A SOURCE
OF INCOME FOR THE VALUABLE PARKS
AT THE SAME TIME, PROTECTING A
CITY ASSET THAT IS GOING TO
MAINTAIN IN PERPETUITY, FOREVER.
AND THIS IS NEVER AT RISK IN
THIS PLAN.
>> I'D LIKE TO MAKE A POINT OF
CLARIFICATION.
NO PLAN EVER LOOKS EXACTLY THE
SAME?
THEY HAVE THEIR ONLY SPECIAL
ATTRIBUTES.
THESE PLANS ARE FAMILIAR ENOUGH,
THE GREEN WAYS SPACE IS A LITTLE
BIT DIFFERENT BECAUSE THIS DOES
CONTEMPLATE THAT THIS WOULD BE
IN A PLACE FOR A PERIOD OF TEN
YEARS AND PER THE TRUST --
>> THE GREEN WAYS WILL BE PAID
DOWN?
>> NOPE?
AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS THE \$5
MILLION IS STILL THERE BUT IT
COMES BACK TO THE CITY.
>> THAT'S GREAT.
>> THE TRUST DOESN'T GET THAT
SPECIFIC BUT I WOULD ASSUME IT
FLOWS BACK TO THE CITY AND THAT
WOULD BE THE GENERAL FUND AND
THEN YOU WOULD DETERMINE WHAT TO
DO WITH IT.
>> CHRIS FOR THE FUNDS THAT THE
CITY WILL BE -- THE FRANKLIN
PARK AND THE PUBLIC GARDEN
COMMON FUND, TO BE SURE WE'RE
NOT REPLICATING WHAT'S CURRENTLY
BEING DONE ARE WE TALKING ABOUT
CAPITAL OR FOR ONGOING --
>> I THINK MAINTENANCE AND

OPERATIONS IN THE CASE OF
FRANKLIN PARK THE DEVICE HOLIDAY
AND THE HISTORY OF THE FRANKLIN
PARK COALITION, THERE MAY ARE
ASPECTS OF IT BUT THE MOST
IMPORTANT THING IS HAD A THE
TRUSTEES THIMS ARE ACTUALLY
DETERMINING THAT ON A FRIENDLY
BASIS.

WHAT FOR US IS AN EQUITY
COMPONENT THE EXTEND IT TO
FRANKLIN PARK QULOITION.
SO IT CAN'T ARE REPLACE EXISTING
ACTIVITIES.

>> AND THE LARGER NUMBERS ARE
FOR CAPITAL IN BOTH THOSE PARKS?
>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> BASED ON WHAT THE MASTER
PLANNING PROCESS IS GOING TO BE.
WHERE IS THAT MONEY GOING TO
STICK?

BECAUSE OSTENSIBLY I WOULD SAY
EASILY TWO YEARS TO -- I MEAN
THESE THINGS CAN GO ON BEFORE WE
HAVE A AMASTER PLAN THAT WE'RE
MOVING FOR.

>> LAST YEAR WE APPROPRIATED
800,000 FOR THE COMMON AND
\$500,000 FOR FRANKLIN.
NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET WE'LL COME TO
THE TABLE WITH A CASH FLOW AND
YEARS THAT WILL COME TO THE
TABLE.

YOU'LL SEE THIS IN FUTURE
CAPITAL PLANS AS THIS IS LAID
OUT BUT THIS IS THE WAY WE STAY
IT OUT OF THE CITY'S SURPLUS
FUNDS AND SHOW YOU WHERE IT'S
GOING.

>>>

>> THERE IS NOT A SNARE YOAR YOA
FOR CHANGING WHERE THESE IF I
UNDERSTAND ARE GOING?

THIS IS THERE?

>> YES, ABSOLUTELY.

NOW I WOULD SAY THE ONLY THING
WOULD I ADD TO THAT IS THAT IT'S
NOT LIMITED TO THESE AMOUNTS.
SO THERE MAY BE PROJECTS WHERE
WE TRY AUGMENT IT THROUGH
PHILANTHROPIC MEANS, IF THERE'S
ANOTHER BUILDING DOWN THE ROAD.
BUT THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO
BE SPENDING TO IMPLEMENT IT BUT

THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE MIGHT WANT
TO SPEND MOOSH TO FIEBLGLY GET
AVAILABLE.

>> THE \$25 PLUS MILLION OR
WHATEVER IT IS FROM EACH ONE,
THOSE ARE SIT, THEY'RE THERE AND
THEY'RE JUST WAITING AN ACTUAL
PLANNED PEOPLE IN IT.

>>> YES.

>> THANK YOU, I WANT TO THANK
CHAIRMAN AND EVERYONE WHO WORKED
OPEN THIS THROUGH A MULL YEAR
PROCESS.

IT WAS NOT ALWAYS FUN BUT I
AMOUNT HERE WE'RE ALL HERE AND
TAKING WIG ARE BUSINESS STARTS
FOR THE FUTURE.

>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
THE BIG KNUCKLE, THE CIRCLE IS
THAT PLANNED FOR ANY OF THIS
HERE?

INCORPORATED TO GET FROM THERE
TO THERE YOU HAVE TO CUT THROUGH
COSCUKCO.

WHICH IS A DISASTER.

>> I WOULDN'T WANT TO QUOTE
SOMETHING THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT IS FAR BETTER THANK I
AM.

NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOINT
PLASTIC NOT ONLY THE SEDATE
PORTION OF COLUMBIA YAH ROAD,
AND THE KAZUKO CIRCLE THAT
RELATES TO THE END VISION OF
MOGLEY PARK.

THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY THE
CITY HAS TO BE IN THE MIX, THE
ONLY THING THERE HAS TO BE
PLANNING ON IS THE REDEVELOPMENT
OF THE BAY SIDE SITE.

>> WE CLEARLY DISTINGUISH WHAT
THE CITY OANTS AND WHAT THE
STATE OWNS.

SO IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT THE
DCR IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF
THESE NEGOTIATIONS?

THAT'S GOING TO BE VIERLTD.

>> THEY HAVE TO COUNSELOR.

WITH A PORTION OF THESE PROCEEDS
BEING ABLE TO BE FREED UP FOR
JOINT PLANNING, THAT REMOVES
SOME OF THE STUMBLING BLOCKS.
WHEN YOU GET BARK TO THE PRAS

TAX OF THE OPERATION OF THESE SPACES IN BE FAA FEW CAPITAL ASSETS DETERIORATE OVER TIME AND THIS DEVELOPS OF FINGER-POINTS OF YOU OWN THIS, YOU OWN THAT. IF WE CAN ACTUALLY STEP BACK AND PLAN THIS TOGETHER, THEN WE CAN WORRY ABOUT WHAT'S A COHESIVE PLAN FOR MAINTENANCE?

IT'S UNFAIR THAT THE CITY RESIDENTS HAVE TO DEAL WITH DETERIORATING SIDEWALKS.

>> BILLY PROBABLY KNOWS IT AS WELL AS I DO, THE SIDEWALK SIGNIFICANT, COORDINATED EFFORT THERE CAN YOU MAKE PLADGES GOING OUT AND DIGGING UP PART OF THE SIDEWALK AND WE POUR FRESH CEMENT AND THEN WE WAIT FOR THE TWO DIFFERENT CROOSHES, TWO DIFFERENT DLOR TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF FENCES ABOUT SO THAT'S VITAL IN TERMS OF THAT PARTNERSHIP IF YOU WILL IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR THE REVIOLATIZATION OVER AT M OKLEY. AND COSCUSCO, REFERENCE, PROBABLY A CASE OF FIRST IMPRESSION BEING THE LONGEST SERVING COUNCILOR, IT IS NOT NECESSARILY OUR ROLE IN TERMS OF DEALING BACK PEELING BACK THE ONION.

BUT JUST SEE THE GREAT DIVIDENDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDED TO OUR PARKS.

TO BILL, WHAT IS THIS GOING TO MEAN FOR FOLKS OVER AT ORIENT HEIGHTS OR OAK COLONY, TO BE ABLE TO RESTORE A LYMPH FUNDING TO PROVIDE ABOUT GOOD QUALITY, SAFE HOUSING FOR FOLKS IN OUR CITY.

>> YES, IT WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM OF THE COMPLETE REVITALIZATION OF BOTH OF THOSE SITES.

COUNCILORS THE 2005 MILLION FOR THIS WILL GET US ANOTHER QUADRANT, ANOTHER COLONY, WE WILL DEMO THE REMAINING DETERIORATING BUILDINGS ON DORCHEST STREET AND HEAD DOWNAL THE WAY TO THAT WHOLE PART WILL BE

DEVELOPED AND REBUILT SIMILAR TO THE WORK WE DID ON PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2, "LIKE" WISE, THE 120 BRAND-NEW UNITS, REVIEWS WERE FANTASTIC, THE HOUSING THERE IS SLL ARE FANTASTIC.

THE FACEBOOK LOVE IT, RESIDENTS LOVE IT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS MOMENTUM WITH THIS GRANTS TO GET PHASE 2 DONE TO WORK WITH THE STATE TO GET PHASE 3 DONE.

>> THE COLUMBIA SQUARE FESTIVAL WAS AT THE BASE OF EAST HEIGHTS. THERE WERE A LOT OF FOLKS AT THE VERY START OF IT AT THE BASE OF ORIENT HEIGHTS AND SUFFOLK DOWNS.

I THINK THAT IS WHY THIS BODY SUPPORTED THAT ARE WHOLE PROCESS.

SO APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND DEARNTION SO BOTH OF IT.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> I JUST HAVE A CUSTOM QUESTIONS.

ARE THEY MARKETING THE CONDOS YET DO YOU KNOW?

>> I DON'T KNOW, FROM MY UNDERSTANDING, AND WE CAN CERTAINLY GET SOME ANSWER HE FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE BPDA BUT IT'S A LONGER PROCESS BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO GO THROUGH CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO.

AND THEN AS THOSE COME ONLINE THE CITY STARTS TO UNLOCK SOME OF THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

>> IT IS NOT LIKE ON COMPLETION OF THE INTIER SALE OF THE BUILDING?

>> AS THEY'RE SOLD ON A SQUARE FOOTAGE BASIS.

>> GREAT.

WHEN WILL THESE FUNDS THAT WE'RE SETTING UP THE TRUST FOR BE READY TO BE DISTRIBUTED?

WE HAVE TO WAIT A YEAR FOR

INTEREST TO ACCRUE?

TO START IN PROGRAM?

>> WE WOULD -- I KNOW AT LEAST WITH -- BECAUSE WE'VE FLESHED IT OUT I KNOW AT LEAST WITH THE

GREEN WAY CONSERVANCY, THERE WOULD BE AN AMOUNT PRORATED FOR EIGHT MONTHS.

MADE MORE QUICKLY AVAILABLE. WITH THE OTHERS I THINK WE WOULD JUST GO AHEAD AND TAKE -- WOULD I HAVE TO GO BACK AND LOOK. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO AHEAD AND JUST TAKE \$5 MILLION AND -- >> AND REIMBURSE OURSELVES SO TO SPEAK.

>> RIGHT.

>> SO WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THESE FUNDS AVAILABLE BY LET'S SAY THE NEW YEAR, AROUND THAT TIME, IF --

>> NORMALLY WHAT WE WOULD DO, WE ACTUALLY WAIT AND RUN THE CALCULATION ON JANUARY -- FEBRUARY 1 A LOOK-BACK AS OF DECEMBER 31st AND WE WOULD KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH WAS IN PRINCIPAL, RUN THE 5% CALCULATION AND NOT MAKE THAT MONEY AVAILABLE NO. THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR. >> JULY 1 OF 19.

GREAT.

BILL YOU PROBABLY AS THE SECOND LONGEST SERVING COUNCILOR, BHA USED TO GET A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM WINTHROP SQUARE UNTIL IT CLOSED, IS THAT CORRECT?

>> YES.

>> BACKGROUND FOR PEOPLE WHO MIGHT 92nd KNOW THAT.

>> UNDER THE MENINO ADMINISTRATION WE HAD PROCEEDS FROM THE PARK GARAGE WERE PAID TO US ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY EFFORTS OUR POLICING EFFORTS.

>> NOW, I WON'T GET INTO THE WEEDS BUT THEY SWITCHED OVER TO MUNICIPAL.

>> NO, NO.

AT ONE POINT IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT OF THE BHA THERE WERE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS PARTNERED WITH BHA POLICE OFFICERS.

THAT WAS DISCONTINUED QUITE SOME

TIME AGO.
AT THE MOMENT IT'S A RELATIVELY
SMALL FORCE OF BHA POLICE
OFFICERS.
>> GREAT.
DO YOU REMEMBER HOW MUCH REVENUE
YOU USED TO GENERATE THROUGH
GARAGE?
>> IT WAS A COUPLE OF MILLION
BUCKS A YEAR, TWO.5 MILLION A
YEAR.
>> CLOSED IN 2015?
GOOD WE CLOSE IT IN 2015?
>> I THINK EARLIER THAN THAT.
>> 2013 MAYBE?
>> FY 15 OR 16, WE PAID A
SIMILAR INVESTMENT OF AROUND \$4
MILLION.
THAT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO.
>> THAT MAY HAVE BEEN TO YOUR
POINT BEFORE MAYOR WALSH.
>> IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO.
>> GREAT.
COUNSELOR FLYNN YOU HAD A
FOLLOW-UP.
SORRY.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.
ONE FINAL QUESTION FOR
COMMISSIONER COOK.
HOW WILL THIS FUNDING IMPACT
THOSE IN OUR DISABILITY
COMMUNITY, WILL IT ENHANCE THEIR
ACCESS TO ANY OF THE PARKS?
>> THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.
WE HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT THAT
EXPLICITLY.
BUT WOULD I SAY ISSUES OF
EQUITY -- I WOULD SAY ISSUES OF
EQUITY SORT OF INFUSE ALL OUR
INVESTMENTS NOW.
WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR MARKS FIRST
INITIATIVE, EQUITY AND
EXCELLENCE, EQUITY IS ABOUT MAKE
SURE THAT WE'RE PROVIDING THESE
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MOST
DIVERSE POPULATION AS POSSIBLE.
SO WHEN YOU LOOK AT ENHANCED
MAINTENANCE THAT REALLY COMES
DOWN TO IDEAS OF PATHWAY
MAINTENANCE AND WHEN WE LOOK AT
EVEN THINGS SUCH AS SIMPLE AS
TREE PRUNING AND TREE WORK MAKE
SURE THAT YOU'RE KEEPING CLEAR
PATHWAYS, AS WELL AS PRUNING

AROUND THE EXISTING LIGHTING
STRUCTURES IN PARKS.
WHEN PARKS AGENCIES DON'T HAVE
THOSE FUNDS READILY AVAILABLE,
IT'S TYPICALLY THE DISABILITY
COMMUNITY THAT'S
DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED WHEN
THE PATHWAYS START TO CRUMBLE OR
THERE ISN'T APPROPRIATE TREE
PRUNING OR IT'S BLOCK PATHWAYS
OR PERHAPS A RAMP SYSTEM ISN'T
BEING PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

IT'S ACTUALLY YOU KNOW
DISPROPORTIONATE THAT COMMUNITY
THAT PAYS THAT PRICE AND THERE'S
A HUGE INEQUITY ASSOCIATED WITH
THAT.

ANY TIME WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO
ENHANCE THE MAINTENANCE OF THESE
FACILITIES WE'RE MAKING GAINS IN
ACCESS.

BUT I WOULD SAY THAT YOU HAVE TO
MAKE SURE THAT AS WE APPROACH
THESE INVESTMENTS, THAT WE'RE
REALLY PUTTING THAT AT THE
FOREFRONT OF OUR THOUGHT.

SO IT'S A GOOD REMINDER.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

I'LL BE GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS.

I THINK IT'S A GREAT PLAN,
MOVING BOSTON FORWARD, ON PUBLIC
HOUSING, OUR PARKS, RECREATION,
OUR OFTEN SPACE, OUR GREEN --
OUR OPEN SPACE, OUR GREEFN
SPACE.

I THINK CITY ADMINISTRATION CAME
ONE A GOOD PLAN SO BE GLAD TO
SUPPORT IT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR FLYNN.

ANYBODY ELSE FROM, MY
COLLEAGUES, NO?

GREAT.

I HAVE SEVERAL LETTERS AS PUBLIC
TESTIMONY THAT I WILL ENTER INTO
THE RECORD AND DISTRIBUTE TO MY
COLLEAGUES FROM THE FRANKLIN
PARK COALITION, THE ROSE KENNEDY
GREEN WAY CONSERVANCY, THE
FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN
COMMON COMMITTEE, AND FINALLY,
THE OLD -- THE FOLKS FROM BHA.
THANK YOU.

AND NOW, AT THIS POINT, I HAVE
SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WISH TO

TESTIFY.

AND THROUGH THE GRACIOUSNESS OF
A FEW PEOPLE I'M CALLING JESSE
BRACKENBURY FIRST, AND LIZ, AND
THEN LAST JANNA.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN CIOMMO
AND ALL OF THE CITY COUNCILORS
WHO ARE HERE.

THE ROSE KENNEDY GREEN WAY
CONSERVANCY APPRECIATES THE
ABILITY TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY.
AS YOU MENTIONED WE'VE SUPPLIED
WRITTEN TESTIMONY WHICH I WILL
NOT READ ALOUD BUT WANT TO
SUMMARIZE OUR TESTIMONY.

WE'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE
COMMITTEE TODAY SPECIFICALLY
ABOUT THE IMPACTS THE GREEN WAY
WILL HAVE, ENTERED INTO BY THE
SAIT AND THE CITY AND THE
ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS.

THE GREEN WAY IS THE
CONTEMPORARY PUBLIC PARK IN THE
HEART OF BOSTON.

OUR ORGANIZATION WAS MAINTAINED
IN 2008 TO MAINTAIN, FINANCE AND
IMPROVE THE 1.5 MILLION GREEN
WAY IN THE MILK PARKS, OVER THE
PAST TEN YEARS THE GREEN WAY HAS
BLOSSOMED INTO ONE OF THE
COMMONWEALTH'S MOST ACTIVE AND
PUBLIC SPACES, WHERE PEOPLE
GATHER UNWIND AND EXPLORE.
PROVIDING ARE ANNUAL EVENTS,
HOME TO A PUBLIC ART PROGRAM,
MAINTAINS THE SEVEN WATER
FEATURES AND FOUNTAINS AND
ORGANICALLY CARES FOR THE
GARDENS.

OVEN CERTAIN FUNDINGS SITUATION,
THE ORIGINAL FUNDING MODEL, 50%
PUBLIC FUNDS AND 50% PRIVATE
FUNDS PROVED CHALLENGING OR THE
FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED PUBLIC
SECTOR.

THE CONSERVANCY HAS BROUGHT MORE
THAN \$40 ALMOST TO THE PARK FOR
PUBLIC ART AND OTHER OFFERINGS.
IN 2017, THE SITUATION WAS
RESOLVED WHEN THE CITY, THE
BUDDING PROPERTY OWNERS AGREED
TO A PARTNERSHIP TO A NEW
DIRECTION FOR GREEN WAY.

PLAYING A HUGE ROLE IN FUNDING
THE PUBLIC PARK.
THE 14 WAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT,
SUPPORTED AND APPROVED THIS
SPRING THIS FALL HAS MADE ITS
FIRST PAYMENT TO SUPPORT THE
MAINTENANCE OF THE PARKS, THE
SUMMER'S OPENING OF THE CAROLYN
LYNCH GARCHED ON THE GREEN WAY.
I WOULD NOT BE IN THIS PLACE
WITHOUT THE SIGNIFICANT
BIPARTISAN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
OFFERED BY MAYOR WALSH, THE CITY
COUNCIL, SENATOR BONCORE AND
OTHERS, WHO UNDERSTOOD THE GREEN
WAY'S TREASURED CIVIC AMENITY.
THIS ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FROM
THE CITY OF BOSTON IS THE FINAL
PIECE IN THE MULTIPARTY FUNDING
DEAL AND THE CITY'S
PARTICIPATION WAS A KEY ELEMENT
IN BRINGING THE PARTIES TOGETHER
FOR THE FINAL DEAL FOR PUBLIC
PARK.

WE'RE EXCITED THAT THE GREEN WAY
AND OTHER PARKS WILL BE THE
RECIPIENTS AND WE URGE THE
APPROVAL OF THIS MATTER.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN
CIOMMO AND CITY COUNCILORS.
MY NAME IS LIZ BEEZ, I'M
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDENS.
WE HAVE WORKED 40 YEARS TO SCARE
FOR ENHANCE AND PROTECT THE
BOSTON COMMON, THE PUBLIC
GARDEN, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
MALL.

WE HAVE OVER A \$2 MILLION ANNUAL
BUDGET.

BECAUSE WE HAVE THAT KIND OF
SUPPORT WE ALLOW, WE SUPPORT THE
CITY IN EXPANDING ITS CAPACITY.
THE CITY HAS DONE NOR OVER THE
YEARS BUT IT NEEDS TO DO MORE,
AND THIS IS PART OF THE ABILITY
TO DO MORE, THIS APPROPRIATION.
AS COUNCILLOR ZAKIM SUGGESTED
THERE WAS A LONG STRUGGLE
GETTING HERE BUT WE ARE HERE AND
WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THE FUNDS
FROM THE SALE OF THE WINTHROP

SQUARE GARAGE COME BEFORE YOU
AND BE APPROPRIATED TO THE
IMPORTANT SUPPORT OF THE BOSTON
COMMON AS WELL AS FRANKLIN PARK
EMERALD NECKLACE AND PUBLIC
HOUSING.

SO I URGE TO YOU SUPPORT THE
APPROPRIATION AS REQUESTED,
PARTICULARLY THE \$28 MILLION TO
COME TO THE BOSTON COMMON.

\$23 MILLION FOR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS.

\$5 MILLION FOR A TRUST.

IT IS AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT IN
OUR MOST HEAVILY INVESTED PARK,
AND DEVELOPING SHADOWS FROM A
DEVELOPING DOWNTOWN.

\$5 MILLION FOR MAINTENANCE IS
REALLY CRITICAL AS WELL.

WE KNOW WE LOVE TO DO EXAM
IMPROVEMENT FOR PARK BUT THAT
NEEDS TO BE CARED OR THE IN
PERPETUITY APRIL THAT WORK IS
DONE.

SO \$23 MILLION COULD INTEAR IN COULD DISAPPEAR
IN THE PARK VERY EASILY.

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE COME TO SEE
THIS PARK AND ENJOY IT FOR
PROTEST, CELEBRATION,
NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS, HUNDREDS OF
PERMANENT EVENTS OCCUR HERE SO
IT'S A VERY HEAVILY USED PARK
AND IT NEEDS THIS KIND OF
INVESTMENT.

WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE PARKS
DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED AN RFP
WENT OUT LAST MONTH, PROPOSALS
ARE DUE OCTOBER 25th AND WE
LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A TEAM
HIRED AND BEGIN THIS GOOD WORK
AND IMPORTANT WORK WITH A ROBUST
PUBLIC PROCESS OF SAYING, WHERE
DOES \$23 MILLION NEED TO BE
INVESTED IN THIS PARKS, WHAT ARE
THE NEEDS?

WE HAVE IDEAS, THE PARKS
DEPARTMENT HAS IDEAS BUT IT IS
IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO THE
PUBLIC FOR THEIR IDEAS.

THE SPARK IN GOOD BUT NEEDS TO
BE BROUGHT UP TO THE HIGHEST
LEVEL OF COMPLMENTS.

JUST AS FUND SHOULD BE NOT DO SO
THE CHIEF INDICATED EARLIER BUT

IT'S CRITICAL THIS FUNDING NOT SUPPLANT BUDGET FUNDING, OUR PARKS NEED SO MUCH MORE THAN THEY GET AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT WE CANNOT ALWAYS EXPECT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO DO MORE WITH LESS, THEY MUST DO MORE WITH MORE.

WITH 23 MILLION COMING TO THE PARK THAT WILL NEED MORE CAPITAL PROJECTS SO MORE MANAGEMENT STAFF TO SUPPORT THAT.

CPA WILL NEED MORE EXAT PROJECTS, ONLY SO MANY BODIES CAN DO THAT.

ON OPERATION HE AS WELL AS ON MANAGEMENT IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THIS CHALLENGE OF DOING GOOD WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THIS PARK.

WE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE VERY PROUD AND EXCITED ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE MASTER PLAN AN THE WORK THAT IS GOING TO BE DONE AS A RESULT OF THIS MONEY.

I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THERE APPROPRIATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THAT WORK DONE WITH YOU.

THANK YOU.

>> SAM TYLER, OF THE BOSTON MUNICIPAL RESEARCH BUREAU.

>> MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS SAM TYLER, PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON MUNICIPAL RESEARCH BUREAU.

I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON DOCKET 1441, THE MAYOR'S PROPOSAL OF ALLOCATING \$105.4 MILLION FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF THE CITY OWNED WINTHROP SQUARE GARAGE PARCEL.

THE RESEARCH BUREAU SUPPORTS THE ALLOCATION OF THESE FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES.

HOWEVER, WE HAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE FUNDS THAT WILL BE PLACED IN AN ENDOWMENT TRUST WHICH IS AN OPERATIONAL EXPENSE AND WE QUESTION THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CREATE A TRUST IN WHICH CITY FUNDS ARE USED TO CREATE A CITY PURPOSE, SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSITION FUND WHICH

IS THE DEPOSITORY OF REVENUES
GENERATED FROM THE CITY'S SALE
OF THE CITY OWNED LAND AND OTHER
CAPITAL ASSETS SUCH AS WINTHROP
SQUARE GARAGE.

THE FUND WAS ORIGINALLY
ESTABLISHED IN 1982, AND
REVISED, MODIFIED IN 1986.

THE BUREAU WAS PART OF THAT 1986
CHANGE WHICH REALLY REQUIRED THE
CITY COUNCIL OAPPROVE FUNDS TO
BE USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN
CAPITAL.

THAT'S I GUESS A CONCERN.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE CITY USED
THE SURPLUS DISPOSITION FUND FOR
\$5 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S
LEADING THE WAY PROGRAM WHICH IS
A HOUSING PROGRAM.

WHICH WE SUPPORTED BECAUSE THE
CITY DOESN'T HAVE LEGAL
AUTHORITY UNDER STATE LAW TO PRO
FOR HOUSING.

AND SO IT MADE SENSE -- TO
BORROW FOR HOUSING SO IT MADE
SENSE.

SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS THE
PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF
CAPITAL ASSETS FOR -- I MEAN
BASIC MUNICIPAL PRINCIPLE IS
THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF A
CITY OWNED CAPITAL ASSET SHOULD
BE USED FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES.
AND THAT'S THE REASON WE HAVE
THE CONCERN ABOUT THE MECHANISM
THAT WOULD END UP USING THE
PROCEEDS FROM THOSE FUNDS FOR
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.

YOU KNOW IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE
BOSTON SPECIAL ACT DEALING WITH
THE PROCEEDS, THE CITY OF BOSTON
WOULD BE TREATED LIKE ANY OTHER
CITY AND TOWN IN MASSACHUSETTS
AND WOULD BE ONLY ABLE TO USE
THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF
OTHER OR OTHER DISPOSABLE REAL
ESTATE FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES.
THAT'S WHAT MASS GENERAL LAWS
SECTION 63 SAYS AND AGAIN, IF
BOSTON WERE TREATED LIKE EVERY
OTHER CITY AND TOWN, THE
QUESTION WOULD BE USING THE
FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES.
WE DID SUPPORT THE USE OF

PROCEEDS FOR HOUSING PROGRAM
SINCE THE CITY HAS NO AUTHORITY
TO BORROW FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HOWEVER WE DID OPPOSE THE \$4
MILLION APPROACH FOR THE FUNDING
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE BOSTON
HOUSING AUTHORITY IN 2016, SINCE
CLEARLY, THOSE WERE OPERATIONAL
EXPENSES.

HOWEVER AT THAT TIME, WE DID
SUGGEST A MORE APPROPRIATE
REVENUE SOURCE FOR THAT SAME
PURPOSE.

SO OF THE ENDOWMENT PROCEEDS OF
THE \$105.4 MILLION I THINK
APPROXIMATELY 90.4 MILLION OR
86% WILL BE USED FOR CAPITAL
PURPOSES AND AS I SAID WE DO
SUPPORT THAT.

THE REMAINING \$15 MILLION OR 14%
WE'VE ALREADY HEARD WOULD BE
PLACED IN THREE ENDOWMENT FUNDS.
AND WHILE THE ENDOWMENT PROCEEDS
WOULD REMAIN INTACT AS CITY
REVENUE AND ONLY THE INTEREST
APPLIED TO MAINTENANCE AND
EXPENSES THE MECHANISM IN OUR
VIEW IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE
FINANCIAL PRINCIPLE OF APPLYING
THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF
THE CAPITAL ASSET FOR CAPITAL
PURPOSES WHICH AGAIN IS WHY WE
EXPRESS OUR CONCERN.

THE CITY'S FISCAL 19 BUDGET OF
3.29 BILLION IS SUPPORTED BY
CONSERVATIVE REVENUE ARE
ESTIMATES, AND WE BELIEVE THE
CITY CAN MAINTAIN ON THE REVENUE
FRONTS IN OTHER WAYS.

THE CITY IS ALREADY CHALLENGED
ON HOW IT WILL SUPPORT THE
CAPITAL EXPENSES OUTLINED IN THE
VARIOUS PLANNING ISSUES THAT
INTREN APPROVED UNDER THE
UMBRELLA OF BOSTON 2030.

AND \$15 MILLION TO SUPPORT THOSE
CAPITAL EXPENSE AS THESE DOLLARS
SHOULD BE USED, WOULD BE HELPFUL
AND APPROPRIATE.

ON THE ISSUE OF THE MAINTENANCE
TRUST FUND, THE QUESTION, WE
HAVE JUST IF OUR DISCUSSION WITH -- FROM OUR DISCUSSION WITH
LEGAL EXPERTS IN MUNICIPAL
FINANCE, WE HAVE QUESTIONS

WHETHER THE CITY HAS THAT
AUTHORITY TO CREATE THE TRUST
AND TO USE ITS OWN MUNICIPAL
REVENUE FOR THOSE PURPOSES.
AND SO I WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE
CITY COUNCIL THAT BEFORE IT ACTS
AND APPROVES THIS PROPOSAL, THAT
IT REQUEST A LETTER FROM THE
CORPORATION COUNSEL EXPLAINING
THE LEGAL JUSTIFICATION FOR
THESE TRUSTS.

AND WOULD I ALSO SUGGEST THAT
THE CITY COUNCIL REFER THIS
QUESTION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

I THINK YOU WANT TO BE SURE THAT
WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED CAN BE
EXECUTED BEFORE THE COUNCIL
ACTUALLY ACTS ON THIS.

AND SO THAT'S BASICALLY OUR
TESTIMONY ON THIS ISSUE.

>> THANK YOU SAM.

JANA.

IS JANA STILL HERE?

>> HI.

>> HI.

>> I'M JANA, I'M THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE FRANKLIN PARK
COALITION.

I RECENTLY START BED TWO MONTHS
AGO AT THE COALITION.

I'VE BEEN A LONG TIME NEIGHBOR
OF FRANKLIN PARK AND RESIDENT OF
ROSLINDALE.

THE FRANKLIN PARK COALITION IS A
VOICE FOR THE NEIGHBORS IN THE
AREA.

I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE
APPROPRIATION OF \$105 MILLION,
TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR HOUSING
AND SIGNATURE OPEN SPACE
INCLUDING FRANKLIN PARK.

WE ARE GENERALLY EXCITED ABOUT
DID MAYOR'S VISION FOR FRANKLIN
PARK INCLUDING THE FOCUS OF THE
MARKET AND THE IMAGINE BOSTON
2030 PLAN.

AS PRARNS IN GOOD FAITH WITH THE
CITY, THE CREATION OF A TRUST
FUND, AND AS YOU MAY BE AWARE
THE FRANKLIN PARK COALITION CAME
TOGETHER IN THE 1970S TO SUPPORT
THE ART PROGRAM OF ELMA LEWIS
AND TO BRING THE PARK PROGRAM

BACK FROM PROLONGED NEGLECT.
THE MARK IS MORE VIBRANT TODAY
HOWEVER IT HAS A LONG WAY TO GO
TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH IT'S
MOST ESSENTIAL GREEN SPACE AND
THE EMERALD NECKLACE.
INFUSE FRANKLIN PARK WITH \$28
MILLION FROM THE WINTHROP SQUARE
PROJECT HATS THE POTENTIAL TO BE
GAME CHANGING FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
IT'S ALSO ANOTHER GENERATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY OCCURRING AS THE
EQUALITY RECENTLY ANNOUNCED
THEIR ARE PLAN TO RELOCATE THE
SHATTOCK HOSPITAL.
ADDRESS MOD EARNING PUBLIC
HEALTH OCCURRENCE THROUGH TRULY
EQUITABLE OPEN SPACE CONCERNS.
TOWARDS PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE AND
WILL REMAIN A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR
IN OUR COMMUNITY DESPITE THIS
FUNDING.
THIS EXACTS DIFFERENCES IN OUR
PARK AND OPEN SPACE HE, FOR
ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION AND
PROGRAMMING EFFORTS IN FRANKLIN
PARK AND OUR FRIENDS
REPRESENTING DOWNTOWN PARKS.
WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF THE FRANKLIN
PARK TRUST FUND AS IT
INCORPORATES THE NEED FOR BOTH
FACILITIES AND VIBRANT
PROGRAMMING OF THOSE SPACES.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OUTS
ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND
PRIVATE SECTOR CHAMPIONS THAT
WILL HELP ADDRESS THESE
DISPARITIES.
WE WILL ALSO REMAIN STRONG
ADVOCATES FOR CREATING A MASTER
PLAN THAT BALANCES GROWTH WITH
PREVENTING RESIDENT
DISPLACEMENTS AND MAKE THE AREA
MORE VALUABLE.
FREDERICK OLMSTEAD THE PARK'S
DESIGNER, GOAL FOR PARK WOULD BE
TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO NATURE SO
IT WOULD NOT BE A MONOPOLY, IN A
VERY PURE MEAN FOR A VERY FEW
VERY RICH PEOPLE.
THAT THE GREAT MASS OF SOCIETY,
FOR HIGH SCHOOL THE GREATEST
BENEFIT IS EXCLUDE HE FROM IT.
IN THIS SPIRIT WE CONTINUE THE

WORK WITH YOU IN CONTINUING THE
ARRIVAL OF OUR CITY'S SIGNATURE
SPACES INCLUDING FRANKLIN PARK.
I INVITE THE MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE AND EVERYONE PRESENT
EAR TODAY TO COME TAKE A WALK IN
THE PARK OR RUN IN OUR UPCOMING
THANKSGIVING TURKEY TROT 5K, TO
DISCUSS OUR SHARED VISION FOR
UTILIZING THIS FUNDING.
THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR YOUR
LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO OUR
CITY'S PARKS AND TO HOUSING AND
FOR HELPING TO BRING ABOUT THIS
IMMENSE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRANKLIN
PARK AND THE SURROUNDING
COMMUNITY.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.
THAT CONCLUDES EVERYONE WHO
SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY PUBLICLY.
IF THERE IS NOBODY ELSE?
I
THIS HEARING REGARDING DOCKET
WURP 441 IS HEREBY ADJOURNED.
-- 1441 IS HEREBY ADJOURNED.