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TEST. TEST. THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010.

>> WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE. WE'RE GOING TO CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER. AND CAN WE HAVE ROLL CALL PLEASE.

>> WE USUALLY DO ROLL CALL. THAT'S OKAY. I THINK WE'RE ALL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT.

WE'RE GOING TO ACTUALLY TAKE THE CONSENT CALENDAR FIRST AND THEN WE WILL BE GOING INTO ITEM 3 FIRST. AND I WILL ASK FOR A MOTION AFTER WE TAKE THE CONSENT CALENDAR TO DEFER REPORT ON PARTNERS IN READING. CAN WE GET A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT CALENDAR

>> MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT CALENDAR.

>> ALL IN FAVOR

>> AYE. THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

>> MOTION TO DEFER FOR A MOTION.

>> ALL IN FAVOR.

>> AYE. THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. IF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALLOW ME. I THINK WE WANT TO TAKE THE RE-USE STATUS UPDATE RECOMMENDATION FIRST. WE HAVE A LOT OF SPEAKERS HERE TODAY. AND WE WANT TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS US. SO I'M TURNING IT OVER TO CITY STAFF.

>> MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE THEY WILL WALK UP THROUGH THE PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. NORBERTO. WE HAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION TODAY. WE TALK ABOUT 3 DIVERGENT REALITIES. YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF. OVER THE LAST DECADE OF INVESTMENT. EXPANDED COMMUNITY CENTER SQUARE FOOTAGE AND A REDUCED MAINTENANCE STAFF TO MANAGE THE FACILITIES. IN PREVIOUS YEARS. COUNCILMEMBERS TALKING ABOUT THE CHALLENGE AND THE NEED TO PERHAPS HAVE TO CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTERS AND WANTING TO AVOID THE ACTUAL CLOSURE IN BARRING UP THESE CENTERS. THAT'S WHEN STAR CREATED POLICY 7-12 TO ADOPT THE REUSE. IT'S A DIFFERENT WAY OF DOING BUSINESS. WHERE IN THE CITY PROVIDES THE FACILITY TO A NONPROFIT VENDOR WHO PARTNERS WITH US AND GIVES THE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND RELIEVES THE CITY TO DO OVER HEAD AND STAFFS. IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. FISCAL YEAR 2009 AND 2010. WE HAVE 17 SITES ON REUSE. THIS ACTION. LAST YEAR'S BUDGET ACTION PUTS 6 NEW SITE. WE WILL GO OVER THOSE. THIS IS A DEFERRED ACTION. IT WAS INCORPORATED AND FUNDING WAS PUT IN WITH AN END DATE OF JUNE, 2010. OPERATIONAL FUNDING WILL RUN OUT IN A FEW MONTHS. STAFF HAS BEEN STAFFED WITH FINDING SERVICE PROVIDES. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO ANGEL FOR THE REMINDER OF THE PRESENTATION.

>> SO OVER THE PAST 7 MONTHS. STAFF HAS CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF THE 6 FACILITIES. OF THE 6, STAFF HAS IDENTIFIED ALTERNATIVE CITY USES THERE ARE 3 OF THE SITES. WENT FORWARD WITH 3 ADDITIONAL, REMAINING SITES, PUT INTO A COMPETITIVE PROCESS. THE 3 SITES INCLUDE CAPITAL PARK GOSS, HANK LOPEZ. LOS PASEOS. WE LAUNCHED A COMMUNITY PROCESS. WE HELD MEETINGS THROUGH FROM OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER AND THE WHOLE FOCUS WAS TO REACH OUT TO IMPACTED STAKE HOLDERS AND GET A SENSE FOR NUMBER ONE, THEIR THOUGHTS ON THIS ISSUE. WE ENGAGED THEM WITH THE HOPE OF TRYING TO IDENTIFY FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY NEEDS THAT WERE MOST IMPORTANT TO THEM. WHAT SERVICES THEY WANTED TO MAINTAIN. WHAT THEY WANTED TO FIND IN AN ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS AND THE SILICON VALLEY OF NONPROFITS. UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS WITH OUR OWN STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE. THE VARIOUS CITY COMMISSIONS AND POSTED THIS INFORMATION AS IT BECAME AVAILABLE ON WEBSITES AND E-BLASTED INFORMATION THROUGH DIFFERENT LIST SERVES. BASED ON THIS INPUT. WE RELIEVED THE FACILITY USE RFP. THAT CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 5TH WE HAD 19 OF THE 3 ORGANIZATIONS THAT REGISTERED ON THE BID SINK. WE HAD 16 ORGANIZATIONS ATTEND THE PRE-PROPOSAL MEETINGS AND THE RFP NETTED 5 PROPOSALS. THE RFP PROCESS FOLLOWED THE GUIDELINES IN THE 7-12. SPECIAL MY NAME IS WAS PLACED IN ENSURING QUALITY RECREATION AND LEVERAGED PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD. APPROPRIATE PROGRAMMING, AGE, SIZE OF THE FACILITY ET CETERA. THIS CLEARLY WAS A PRETTY DYNAMIC COMMUNITY INPUT PROCESS. WE HEARD

LOUD AND CLEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY TO MAINTAIN THESE COMMUNITY CENTERS OPEN. MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENDEARED TO THE SERVICES. GIVEN THE DIRECTION WE RECEIVED. WE ARE TO PROCEED IN FINDING THE BEST ALTERNATIVE GIVEN THE ENGAGE DILEMMA WE HAD. AT THE END OF DAY. IT NETTED 5 PROPOSALS. 2 WERE DISQUALIFIED. THAT LEFT 3. THE REMAINING PROPOSALS WERE SPECIFICALLY SUBMITTALS FOR NORTH SIDE AND ALMA. WE RECEIVED NONE FOR THE OTHERS. THEY FALL ON 4 LINES. FIRST STARTING WITH THE 3 CENTERS THAT WE FOUND ALTERNATIVE CITY USE FOR. STARTING WITH CAPITAL PARK GOSSNEIGHBORHOOD CENTER. WE'RE RECOMMENDED TO REMOVE THIS FROM THE LIST GIVEN THAT OUR STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE STAFF CURRENTLY OPERATE OUT OF THIS FACILITY. THEY'RE USING IT. THEY HAVE BEEN USING IT FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. IT MADE SENSE TO KEEP THAT AVAILABLE TO THIS. WITH RESPECT TO HANK LOPEZ CENTER. WE'RE RECOMMEND TO GO REMOVE IT. THIS BECOMES A FACILITY WHERE WE TAKE OUR CITY-WIDE GANG INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND CENTRALIZE THEM AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS AREA AND GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAINTAIN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD RECREATION CLASSES THERE AND ARE FULLY COST RECOVERY. THAT GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE INCOME AT THIS SITE AS WELL. THE SENIOR PROGRAM WE HAVE A THRIVING SENIOR PROGRAM THERE. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS TO REMOVE THAT. NO FORMAL SENIOR PROGRAMS SO THAT SEEMS TO BE A GOOD FIT. WITH RESPECT TO ST. JAMES SENIOR CENTER. WE RECOMMEND WE ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO DEMOLISH IT AND CONVERT IT TO LAND. WITH RESPECT TO THIS FACILITY. ONE OF THE THINGS WE FOUND WHEN WE DID THE FACILITY ASSESSMENT. WE'RE NEARING 800 TO A MILLION DOLLARS OF CAPITOL COST GIVEN THE CONDITION IT'S IN. PORTABLES THAT OUT LIVED THEIR TIME SPAN. WE'RE RECOMMENDING TO MOVE TOWARD DEMOLITION. WE HAVE BEEN OUT REACHING AND WORKING ON A PROPOSED TRANSITION PLAN TO SHIP THE ST. JAMES SENIOR TO THE ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CENTER WHICH HAS A BRAND-NEW COMMERCIAL KITCHEN AND SPACE FOR SENIOR PROGRAMMING. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS ALL CONSISTENT WITH THE MASTER PLAN. THAT CALLS FOR DEMOLITION. OUR THIRD RECOMMENDATION IS NORTH SIDE COMMUNITY CENTER. WE RECOMMEND THE CITY MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE 4 C'S. FOR TERM UP TO 5-YEARS TO SERVE AS LEAD SERVICE PROVIDER. WE ARE PUTTING CONTINGENCES ON THIS. AND ARE ASKING THEM TO ENSURE THE TEEN AND SENIOR SERVICES SINCE THAT'S WHAT WE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY. IN THE EVENT WE'RE UNABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATE THOSE TERMS. WE'RE ASKING THIS SITE BE ADDED TO THE NEXT RECOMMENDATION I'M GOING TO DISCUSS SHORTLY. WHICH IS 4. THAT IS TO THERE'S CITY MANAGER TO CONTINUE TO SOLICIT FOR THE LOS PASEOS AND THE ALMA YOUTH CENTER. WE ARE NOT MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROVIDERS AT THIS SITE. GIVEN WE HAVE WENT THROUGH A COMPETITIVE RFP PROJECT. NAMELY SEOUL SOURCE AGREEMENTS. TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND AN ALTERNATIVE PROVIDER. OUR INTENT IS TO BASICALLY USE THE NEXT 2 MONTHS TO DO THAT AND COME BACK IN THE MAY TIME FRAME WITH A MEMO REGARDING OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE ONE THING THAT WE NEED TO POINT OUT IS THAT THE FUNDING FOR THE SITES IS AFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30TH. IF WE ARE UNABLE TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE PROVIDER AT THOSE 2 SITES. THE ALTERNATIVE DOES BECOME CLOSURE. SO WITH THAT, FROM NEXT STEP STANDPOINT, WE'RE, WE WOULD BE COMING BACK TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR THE FULL APPROVAL AROUND MARCH, APRIL TIME FRAME. WE WOULD PROVIDE SOLICITOR TIME FRAMES FOR LOS PASEOS.

>> THANK YOU STAFF. FIRST OF ALL. WE HAVE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE HERE FROM THE PUBLIC TO GIVE INPUT ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM THAT YOU JUST PRESENTED TO US. FROM WHAT I AM UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMMITTEE TODAY WOULD LISTEN TO THIS ITEM EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I AM ENCOURAGED THAT BECAUSE THERE IS A HIGH INTEREST IN THIS AND THERE ARE SO MANY DECISIONS TO BE MADE AROUND THE REUSE, THAT THIS WILL HOPEFULLY BE CROSS REFERENCED AND CAN GO TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR A INCLUSIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE REST OF THE MEMBERS WHO DO NOT SIT ON THIS PARTICULAR COMMITTEE. I THINK THAT AS WE ARE DISCUSSING THIS AND HEARING THE TESTIMONY FROM PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE, THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE REST OF OUR COLLEAGUES WHEN THIS COMES TO COUNCIL HOPEFULLY

IN MARCH OR APRIL. THAT STAFF COULD CAPTURE SOME OF THE TESTIMONY AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S GOING TO BE TOO MUCH WORK FOR YOU TO DO. BUT, IF YOU COULD RESPOND TO THAT.

>> YES. MADAM CHAIR. WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT.

>> THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THOSE THAT CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AT LEAST THAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED. BEFORE I OPEN IT UP TO THE SPEAKERS, I WANTED TO ASK ME COLLEAGUES IF THERE IS ANYTHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADD OR ASK?

>> I'D LIKE TO HEAR THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

>> OKAY. THANK YOU.

>> SO AT THIS TIME. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A VIDEO THAT THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO PRESENT FROM SOME YOUTH THAT I BELIEVE WILL THEY ALSO ATTEND THE ALMACOMMUNITY CENTER. I'M GOING TO ASK ALANA TO COME FORWARD. DO WE HAVE ARE 3 SPEAKERS THAT WILL BE A PART OF THIS? ALANA? IT'S 2 SPEAKERS. 2 SPEAKERS. OKAY. MY NAME IS ALANA MARTINEZ. GOOD AFTERNOON COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS ALANA. I'M A MEMBER OF SACRED HEART COMMITTEE FOR THE ALMA CENTER. THE GROUP OF OUR PEOPLE REPRESENT 186 SENIOR MEMBERS AND 100 OF THE YOUTH GROUP THAT MAKE UP THE ALMA COMMUNITY CENTER. WE ARE HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE PARTIALLY AGREE WITH THE MEMO THAT HAS BEEN PUT FORTH BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THE RECOMMENDATION TO NOT ACCEPT THE 4 C'S BECAUSE THEY DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. THEY DO NOT MEET THOSE NEEDS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A KEY AREA IN WHICH WE DISAGREE. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO BRING IN A NONPROFIT TO TAKE OVER THE SERVICES OF ALMA COMMUNITY CENTER. I AM 94 YEARS OLD. I DANCE. AND ENJOY LIFE. I HAVE BEEN WITH ALMA CENTER SINCE 1989. OUR CONCERN IS WHERE THE REST OF THE PEOPLE WILL GO TO GET A HOT MEAL. WHAT ABOUT THE YOUTH GROUP? THEY ARE GOING TO BE AT LOOSE ENDS. IN THE CORNER. SMOKING POT. JOINING THE BAD GROUPS. YOU KNOW. THE GANGS. OR ARE THEY GOING TO BE DECORATING OUR WALLS AS GRAFFITI ARTISTS. WE UNDERSTAND THE BUDGETARY PROBLEMS THE CITY FACES. HOWEVER WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS A TIME WHEN A CITY, AS A CITY, WE WILL NEED TO ACT PRIORITIES. WE ASK YOU TO STAND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND PRESERVE COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP OF ALMA COMMUNITY CENTER. LOOKING THROUGH MY SPANISH.

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

>> JUST GIVE ME ONE, THAT'S ALL I ASK.

>> EXCUSE ME. I WISH I COULD. BUT THANK YOU. SO THE NEXT PERSON IS MARIAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALANA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> SO BEFORE WE GET STARTED, I WANT TO ASK THE CITY CLERK. AT WHO POINT WILL WE REVIEW THE VIDEO? I KNOW THERE ARE 3 PEOPLE.

>> RIGHT NOW.

>> OKAY. PLEASE GO THEN.

>> OKAY. HIGH MY NAME IS MARIAN, I AM A VOLUNTEER AT THE ALMA YOUTH CENTER. I WENT THROUGH A DEPRESSION FOR MANY YEARS AND RARELY CAME OUT OF MY HOUSE. THEY INVITED ME TO A MEETING AT THE ALMA CENTER. THEIR KINDNESS MADE ME FEEL LIKE A PART OF COMMUNITY. I GOT REALLY CLOSE TO THE YOUTH. I HAVE HAD A LOT OF IDEAS BROUGHT TO THE TABLE OF ACTIVITYS TO HELP THE YOUTH. I ORGANIZED A WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS. I TEACH A COOKING CLASS. WE TEND TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN WE JUST STARTED. WE HELP THE KIDS WITH THEIR HOMEWORK. SENIORS HELP EACH OTHER OUT AND HELP EACH OTHER GET THROUGH THE LOSS OF FAMILY AND LOVED ONE. THE RAPART IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE PROGRAM SHOULD REMAIN THE SAME BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS WORKING. WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO CHANGE THAT? THIS IS NOT A COMMUNITY CENTER WE VISIT AND LEAVE. ALMA IN SPANISH IS SOUL. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS TO US. THE SOUL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE INVEST IN HAD THE CENTER. OUR TIME, RESOURCE, ENERGY. WE HAVE DONE THIS FOR 40 YEARS. WE SEE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS CITY AS A PARTNERSHIP AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO SEE IT THAT WAY. WE CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CENTER AND WE NEED THE CITY TO SUPPORT US. I

WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE VIDEO MY NIECE AND I TOOK OF THE YOUTH. [MUSIC] [VIDEO PLAYING]

>> LET ME SEE IT.

>> SORRY.

>> WOW. THAT IS AWESOME. [MUSIC] [INDIVIDUAL RAPPING]

>> GETTING ME EDUCATION. GETTING ME GED. I GREW UP. I'M STILL ON MY FEET. LOTS OF DOPE DEALING. I DON'T REALLY DO THAT. BUT I'M STILL GOOD. I WANT TO BECOME SOMETHING NEW. SO I CAN IMPROVE. [MUSIC]

>> THE CENTER HAS HELPED ME A LOT ON MY HOMEWORK. THEY KEEP ME OUT OF STREETS. I GOT A DREAM TO BE A POLITICIAN BECAUSE, LIKE, TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE OUT.

>> SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE NEXT WHEN YOU'RE OLDER?

>> MAYBE THE MAYOR.

>> BEFORE I GOT HERE IN THE CENTER. I WAS A LONER. I WAS INTO GANGS. DRUGS. ONCE I GOT HERE. MADE NEW FRIENDS. THE CENTER BASICALLY, IT'S A GOOD PLACE. KEEPS KIDS OUT OF GANGS. POINT PEOPLE TO THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

>> THEY GIVE ME GOOD ADVICE WHEN I HAVE PROBLEMS. REALLY HELPS ME IN LIFE TO PURSUE MY DREAMS.

>> THEY HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK.

>> I REALLY LIKE THE STAFF. THEY ARE NICE. I HAVE A LOT OF TRUST IN THEM.

>> I AM HERE WHEN I HAVE PROBLEMS AND NEED SOMETHING. THEY HELP ME. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK. COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR SCHOOL. JOB APPLICATION. ALSO, ANOTHER GOOD THING, IT'S IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL TO OTHER CENTERS. IT'S LIKE A HOME. [INAUDIBLE]

>> MY NAME IS JULIAN AKA MR. OWL. I HAVE BEEN AN OWL FOR 11 YEARS. WHY DO YOU KEEP CHANGING JUST WHEN WE START TO LIKE IT. WE LIKE THE STAFF HERE. THE CENTER HAS ALL KINDS OF PROGRAMS THAT HELP ME STAY OUT OF TROUBLE. ONE OF THEM WAS GOOD CHOICES. IT HELPED ME THINK BEFORE I ACT. ANOTHER ONE WAS HELPED ME.

>> SENIORS ARE THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO SUFFER. MOSTLY. THE YOUNGSTERS ARE GOING TO SUFFER ALSO BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY PLACE TO GO. WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO? BE IN THE CORNERS AND JOINING GANGS. THAT'S ONE THE THINGS I THINK THE CENTER SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN.

>> THANK YOU. AND I'M NOT SURE, SO THOSE AREN'T ANY OF THE SPEAKERS. IS IT AIDEN NEXT? IS THAT THE THIRD SPEAKER?

>> OKAY.

>> PLEASE JUST STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU.

>> YOU'RE NAME.

>> YEAH. GOOD AFTERNOON COUNCILMEMBERS. WITH ALL THE RESPECT. I AM MARIA. I AM A VOLUNTEER OF THE SACRED HEART CENTER. I LOVE ALMA, IT'S A HOME TO ME. WE ARE A BIG FAMILY. DURING MY TIME AT ALMA. I HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE PROGRAM. BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE HELEN GONZALEZ. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE EVERYTHING. SHE'S A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT. ANY CHANCE TO STOP. FOR MANY YEARS, SECRETARY OR EVEN A VAN OR VAN DRIVER. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNITY STOPPED AND WE MADE THING HAPPEN. WE SURVIVED BECAUSE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS. OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE CITY FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF COMMUNITY. TO MAKE THIS CENTER WHAT IT IS TODAY. WE CONTINUE IT. OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CENTER. AND IF THE CITY TO SUPPORT US IN RETURN. WE ARE HERE TO STAND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVE OR COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP AND OUR COMMUNITY CENTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU. I BELIEVE WE'RE ON TRACK NOW. I KNOW IT'S AUGUSTEEN, ROSA AND TONY ARE THE NEXT 3 SPEAKERS.

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>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

>> I GOT A LITTLE TESTIMONY HERE. MY NAME IS AUGUSTEEN. I HAVE BEEN A PART OF ALMA COMMUNITY CENTER FOR 4 YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A PLACE TO COME TO ENJOY A

GREAT WEEK AND CELEBRATE WITH WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT EVERY MONTH. WE DO NOT WANT A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO TAKE OVER AND RUN THE ALMA CENTER. IT MEANS NEW COOKS AND VOLUNTEERS. WE WILL NOT HAVE WHAT MAKE THIS IS UNIQUE. A FEELING OF BEING A PART OF A FAMILY. THE FAMILY IS THERE WHEN YOU NEED THEM. THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES. THE CENTER, WE ARE, WILL BE -- IT STARTS IN THE SOUL. FOR ME. IT'S QUITE SIMPLE. IF NOT HERE. NOWHERE. IF THE CENTER IS NOT KEPT THE WAY IT IS. WE WILL HAVE NO PLACE TO GO AND THE COMMUNITY WILL BE DAMAGED. THE FUTURE IS OUR SENIORS AND YOUTH WILL BE LEFT TO BE DEAD. WE ASK TO YOU STAND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND PRESERVE COMMUNITY. FOR ALMATHANK YOU

>> ROSA AND TONY

>> GOOD AFTERNOON. COUNCILMEMBER I AM ROSA PERES. I AM PART OF THE SACRED HEARTS ACTION COMMITTEE. THE REQUEST FOR A NONPROFIT TO COME INTO THE CENTER. NONPROFITS REPORTED A 40 PERCENT DECREASE IN FUNDING. EVEN THOUGH THE CITY IS EXPERIENCING A LARGE DEFICIT. MOST STABLE OPTIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY IS THE CITY OF SAN JOSE. AS OPERATE NOT OPENED PROVIDES TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. WE ARE IN A BETTER POSITION TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE POLICE, PNRS AND THE CITY DEPARTMENTS. ALMA IS NOT JUST HERE FOR US HERE AND NOW. BUT FOR OUR GRAND KIDS. THEY CAN BE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. THE CITY AS THE OPERATOR ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE TO INVEST? OUR SECOND FAMILY. THE COMMUNITY CENTER. WE ASK TO YOU STAND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND PRESERVE OWNERSHIP FOR ALMA CENTER. WE SUBMITTED A STATEMENT ON THE RE-USE AND THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO YOUR CITY CLERK. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU.

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS TONY, I HAVE BEEN COMING TO ALMA CENTER FOR 12 YEARS. I HAVE MET A LOT OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE HERE. WE ARE LIKE A FAMILY HERE. I MEET WITH MY SISTER-IN-LAW AND WE HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER. WE LIKE THE FOOD HERE. THE COOKS SERVE US GOOD FOOD AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THEM HERE. WHAT CAN I SAY ABOUT HELEN? SHE'S A WONDERFUL PERSON. COMES UP TO OUR TABLE. GREETUS ALL AND MAKES US FEEL WELCOME. WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE STAFF, SAME STAFF HERE. THEN THERE IS RALPH. HE SETS UP TRIPS FOR US AND HAS DANCING FOR US TOO. RALPH DOES A LOT FOR US. IF WE DIDN'T HAVE ALMA CENTER TO COME TO, WHAT WOULD US SENIORS DO? WE WOULD LIKE AND NEED TO KEEP ALMA CENTER AS IT IS. STAND FOR PUBLIC STATE AND PRESERVE COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP OF ALMA COMMUNITY CENTER. THANK YOU.

>> THE NEXT 3 SPEAKERS ARE FRANCISCO. AMEALIA AND CAROLINA.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO ALVAREZ. I AM A MEMBER OF SACRED HEARTS FOR THE ALMA CENTER. I HAVE BEEN COMING HERE FROM THE PAST 5 YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW I AM I SUPPORTER FOR THE ALMA TO STAY OPEN. REUSE AND ALSO I AM VERY HAPPY THAT I'VE BEEN COMING FOR YEARS. I AM VERY SATISFIED WITH THE COMMITTEE DOING IN THE ALMA CENTER. WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ALMA CENTER STAY OPEN WITH THE SAME STAFF WE HAVE. THANK YOU.

>> THIS BIG BLACK THING. YOU TALK INTO IT. WHAT'S YOUR? MY NAME IS AMELIO TRUJILLO, I HAVE BEEN COMING TO THE CENTER FOR 30 YEARS. I LOVE IT BECAUSE IT'S A SECOND HOME TO ME. EVERYBODY IS SOCIABLE.

>> WHO STARTED THE CENTER?

>> HOW SHOULD I SAY IT? I AM THE ONE THAT ORGANIZED ALL THESE PEOPLE. WITH THE WORDS.

>> GREAT. GOOD JOB.

>> TO COME TO THE CENTER.

>> DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING ELSE?

>> NO. THAT'S IT.

>> GREAT. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CAROLINA. I AM A MEMBER OF SACRED HEART COMMITTEE FOR THE ALMA CENTER. I HAVE BEEN GOING TO THE ALMA CENTER FOR 20 YEARS. FOR ME. IT'S VERY SIMPLE. ALMA CENTER IS MY SECOND HOME. IT'S MY SECOND FAMILY. I HAVE BEEN GOING TO A LOT OF THINGS. BUT I GO. ALMA AND THE PEOPLE AND THAT PLACE ARE ALWAYS THERE FOR ME. EVERY DAY. I AM A VOLUNTEER THERE. I GIVE

ALL MY TIME AND LOVE. ALMA IS MORE THAN A COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE CITY MUST SEE THAT. THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS. WE ASK YOU TO STAND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND PRESERVE COMMUNITY OTHERWISE ALMA COMMUNITY CENTER. THANK YOU.

>> THE NEXT 3 SPEAKERS ARE APOLLO, ERNESTO AND ALEX BARRENTOS.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

>> I AM HERE TO GIVE MY TESTIMONY ABOUT ALMA.

>> FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

>> MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN TO MANY CENTERS IN SAN JOSE. BUT 1 DAY I WENT AND TOLD MY WIFE TO GO TO ALMA TO GO THERE AND SEE HOW IT IS. FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKING]

>> FOR US, THE CENTER IS ALMOST LIKE A THERAPY. BECAUSE IF WE WERE AT HOME. WE WOULD BE WATCHING TELEVISION AND GOING TO SLEEP. FOR US. IT'S LIKE A SECOND FAMILY. [FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKING]

>> FOR US. THE CITY STAFF THAT'S THERE IS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE AND TREAT US LIKE HUMAN BEINGS. LIKE WE SHOULD BE TREATED. [FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKING]

>> AND FOR THAT REASON, WE EXPECT TO BE THERE UNTIL REALLY GOD WANTS US TO BE THERE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> [FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKING] GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM ERNESTO, I HAVE BEEN GOING TO THE ALMA CENTER FOR 20 YEARS. [FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKING]

>> AND THIS ENTIRE TIME HAS BEEN REALLY GREAT FOR US AND MY ENTIRE FAMILY HAS BENEFITTED BY THESE SERVICES PROVIDED TO US. [FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKING]

>> AND WE ARE HERE PETITION TO YOU. [FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKING]

>> THAT WE KEEP THE THIS CITY. THE CENTER AS IS HOPEFULLY FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

>> HI. MY NAME IS ALEX. AND I WANT TO TELL YOU TO STAY OPEN BECAUSE EVERYBODY GOING TO BE IN GANGS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

>> THE NEXT SPEAKERS ARE DEBBIE, PAUL ALVARADO AND ADAN. COULDN'T READ YOUR WRITING ADAN.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DEBORAH MULIO. I HAVE BEEN PART OF COMMUNITY FOR 9 YEARS. MY FAMILY HAS BEEN IN COMMUNITY FOR 3 GENERATIONS, THE COMMUNITY VISION IS TO PROMOTE QUALITY OF LIFE AND HEALTHY FAMILIES. TODAY WE LEARNED OF ALMA'S QUALITIES. THESE TESTIMONIES EXHIBIT AN ALIGNMENT OF WHOLENESS OF DIVERSITY. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT. SUSTAINABILITY. COMMUNITY, STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH EXTERNAL COMMUNITIES. IT'S EVIDENCE THAT ALMA IS AT THE TABLE. WE ARE DEDICATED TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE AN EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY. WE HAVE INVESTED IN CAP GRANTS AND MAX VOLUNTEER HOURS EXCEEDING GRANT EXPECTATIONS. ONE THING I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT IS TO KNOW WHERE YOU STAND. TODAY OUR COMMUNITY STANDS HERE UNITED. OUR FIRE IS LIT EVERY DAY AT OUR CENTER. WE HAVE A STRONG FIRE. WE ARE ASKING THE CITY TO BE FISCALLY SMART. WE LIVE AMONG PEOPLE SOCIAL ILS THAT ENCROACH OUR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY. IT'S A CONSTANT TROUBLE TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE. BUT WE'RE CONSTANTLY STRIVING TO MAKE CHANGES. ELIMINATING SERVICES INCREASES COST TO THE CITY OF SAN JOSE. WE HAVE OVER 3000 PLEDGES TOWARDS PROMOTING PLEDGES AND FAMILY SERVICES. WE ASK FOR EQUITY. WE CANNOT ACCEPT A NONPROFIT TO COME TO ALMA. WE NEED THE CITY OF SAN JOSE TO STAND FOR COMMUNALITY AND PRESERVE OWNERSHIP IN THE CENTER. THANK YOU.

>> PAUL.

>> HELLO. MY NAME IS PAUL ALVARADO. IN THE PAST. THEY HAVE TRIED TO DO THE RE-USE AT THE ALMA CENTER. WE HAVE CHANGED STAFF. WE HAVE PROBLEMS AND THESE PROBLEMS OCCUR ON CHANGING THE STAFF. THE STAFF WE HAVE NOW IS WORKING WELL THERE'S NOT SO MUCH GRAFFITI. WE HAVE A NEW LADY IN THERE. MATTER OF FACT. I'M GIVING HER CONTROL OF THE YOUTH SO I CAN DO OTHER THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY. I THINK THE AFFECT THE PEOPLE THAT LIKE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WHAT WE NEED TO

CONTINUE TO HAVE ASIDE FROM THE CITY. IT'S BEEN MORE AFFECTIVE AND WE ARE DOING A GREAT JOB AND IT WILL DEFEAT THE PROPER OF QUALITY OF LIFE AND A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY. I DON'T SEE IT WORKING ANYMORE WAY AND THAT WOULD BE THE BEST THING TO RECOMMEND. SO IT WOULD BE THE BEST THING TO DO. IT WOULD HELP THE CITY. HELP THE COMMUNITY. AND I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER WAY OF DOING IT. YOU NEED TO FIND A CUT SOMEWHERE ELSE. SO THANK YOU. ADAN AND THE FINAL SPEAKER, IF THERE'S ANYBODY ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. PLEASE GET A CARD. THE LAST CARD IS DON BLANKERSHIP.

>> HOW IS IT GOING EVERYBODY? I AM ADAN. I AM PRESIDENT OF WHACK. IT SUCKS COMING UP HERE AND SPEAKING ABOUT THIS. THIS IS AN UNDERPRIVILEGED AREA THAT'S ALMA AND WASHINGTON. I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU REAL QUICK. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT ALREADY AS IT IS IN THIS COMMUNITY. IT'S HARD BECAUSE OF CITY STAFF AND COUNCILMEMBERS DON'T LIVE OUT THERE. I'M SURE YOUR STAFF TELLS YOU WHAT GOES ON. MAN, WE LIVE THERE EVERYDAY. OF COURSE WE SERVE THERE. GO AND DO OUR THING. I DON'T THINK THIS IS RIGHT. YOU KNOW, TRYING TO CLOSE AN ACTIVE CENTER. THAT'S MORE THAN JUST A CITY OF SAN JOSE CENTER. LOOK AT THESE SENIORS AND THIS YOUTH. THEY CAME TO THIS MEETING AND THE LAST ONE AS WELL. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TELL THEM? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THERE'S STATS THAT LATINOS ARE GOING TO BE THE MAJORITY IN THE CITY. LESS THAN 1 PERCENT GO TO COLLEGE. I KNOW IT'S HARD. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT MAN, WE GOT TO MAKE A WAY. I KNOW THERE'S SOMETHING OUT THERE. IF IT'S SITTING DOWN WITH THE UNION. SITTING DOWN WITH OUR STAFF. IF IT'S SITTING DOWN WITH OUR CITY MANAGERS AND SAYING, WHAT CAN WE DO? IF IT'S MONEY, IT'S LIKE, MAN, WE NEED TO HUSTLE. WE WANT IT TO BE CITY STAFF RUN. WE WANT TO BE THE SAME NUTRITION PROGRAM THE SENIORS HAVE. WE WANT THAT. LOOK AT THEM. THEY HAVE BEEN COMING FOR YEARS. I KNOW IT'S HARD BEING A POLITICIAN. RIGHT? THAT'S NOT MY CAREER. I TELL YOU, THERE'S WAYS. AVENUES. YOU NEED OUR HELP. LET US KNOW. 2003. LET'S NOT FORGET WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THEY WENT IN THERE. YOU WANT A SWIMMING POOL?

>> ADAN. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WRAP IT UP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
[APPLAUSE].

>> OUR LAST SPEAKER IS DON.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DON BLANKENSHIP. FOR THE LAST 6 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN THE SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION LIAISON ON ALMA. I HAVE GROWN TO KNOW THEM AND SEE WHAT THEY DO FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE SENIORS IN ACTION TELEVISION SHOW ON CHANNEL 15. YOU WILL SEE A FILM OF ALMA REGARDING RE-USE. YOU CAN SEE IT ON DEMAND AS WELL. CREATE TV. I HOPE YOU SEE IT. AND WITHIN OUR SENIOR COMMISSION, WHICH IS MEETING IN THE WING ROOM 117 IS GOING TO VOTE ON A RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE ALMA FROM THE LIST. WE HOPE IF YOU HAVE TIME. THE AUDIENCE MEMBERS COME BY AND SAY HELLO. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL. WE WOULD LIKE YOU VERY MUCH TO CONSIDER AS THE CITIZEN, RIGHT NOW, AND HOPEFULLY AS A COMMISSION LATER. THE REMOVAL OF ALMA FROM THE LIST. VIVA ALMA.

>> FIRST. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL COMING TO OUR COMMITTEE TO SHARE YOUR CONCERNS AND YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US. AT THIS POINT, I WILL OPEN IT UP FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE COMMITTEE. VICE MAYOR.

>> I BELIEVE YOU STARTED YOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE THOUGHTS OF REFERRING THIS TO COUNCIL TO BE PART OF DISCUSSIONS. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS MAKE THAT MOTION AND GET A SECOND TO SPEAK TO THE MOTION.

>> SECOND.

>> I LOOK ACROSS AT PEOPLE THAT TOUCH MY HEART. I HAVE THE GOOD FORTUNATE TO MEET WITH YOUR SENIOR GROUP OVER AT ALMA. WE LAUGH TOGETHER AND I ALSO REMEMBER WE CRIED TOGETHER. YOUR STORY IS TRUE. YOUR STORY IS REAL. BUT I'M SURE AS I SAID AT OUR MEETING. EVERY ONE OF YOU HAS GOT THE WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE THAT BENEFITS OUR COMMUNITY AND ONE OF THEM IS, HAVING LIVED THROUGH VERY HARD ECONOMIC TIMES. AND YOU BECOME THE TEACHERS OF THIS GENERATION. I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP EVERY CENTER OPEN. BUT YOU MORE THAN ANYONE OF US KNOWS THE REALLY OF AN ECONOMIC HARDSHIP. WE ARE REFERRING FOR A

COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF ALL OF OUR SERVICES THAT WILL BE PART OF OUR BUDGET DISCUSSION. I APPLAUD YOU FOR ORGANIZING. THAT'S WHERE I CAME FROM. THE VERY WORK YOU'RE ENGAGED IN RIGHT NOW. TELL YOUR STORY AND KEEP TELLING IT. AND THEN BE PART OF THE PRESERVATION OF SERVICES. I CAN'T TELL YOU IT WOULD BE ALMA. BUT YOU, YOUR SPIRIT. YOUR EXPERIENCE AND YOUR WISDOM. I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO BEING A PART OF SOLUTION THAT SAN JOSE IS FACING RIGHT NOW. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, I HONOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND I'M ESPECIALLY HONORED FOR TO YOU HAVE MET WITH ME. SO THAT'S MY MOTION. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS? COUNCIL MEMBER CHU

>> THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR COMING TO SPEAK TO US TODAY. I HAVE THE HONOR TO SPEAK TO YOU AT THE ALMA CENTER JUST LAST WEEK. I WANT TO THANK OUR CITY STAFF, HELEN AND THE COOKS FOR DOING SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB AND MARIA TO HELP WITH THE PRESENTATIONS. I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE STAFF, HOW IS ALMA BEING TARGETED FOR CLOSING? BECAUSE OF USAGE OR THE AGENT OF THE FACILITY?

>> COUNCILMEMBER, WHEN WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY CENTERS IN OUR INVENTORY, WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 58 IF OUR OVERALL INVENTORY. WE HAVE INTENTIONALLY LEFT SITES SUCH AS ALMA AND THE SITES BEFORE YOU AS REALLY A LAST RESORT FOR THE SAME REASON. THE ALMA COMMUNITY CENTER IS A THRIVING COMMUNITY CENTER. IT'S WELL-ATTENDED. SUCCESSFUL BY ALL INDICATORS. SO REALLY IT JUST COMES DOWN TO A MATTER OF BUDGET AND SHEER NUMBERS. IS WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO.

>> HOW IS ALMA USAGE INFORMATION COMPARE WITH OTHER COMMUNITY CENTERS?

>> FROM A SENIOR NUTRITION STANDPOINT. WE SERVE A MINIMUM OF 80 MEALS PER DAY. OFTEN IT GOES HIGHER. ON THE YOUTH SIDE. WE BUILT UP TO 50 PLUS ON A DAILY BASIS. IT'S A VERY WELL-ATTENDED FACILITY. FROM A SIZE STANDPOINT. IT'S UNDER 7000 SQUARE FEET. IT'S ALSO AN OLDER FACILITY. MOST OF OUR HUB-TYPE FACILITIES TEND TO BE IN THE RANGE OF THE 30,000 TO 40,000 SQUARE FEET. IT'S LESS THAN YOUR TYPICAL HUB. UNDER 7000. IT'S VERY WELL-ATTENDED.

>> HOW DOES THE USAGE COMPARE TO THE OTHER SATELLITE SITES?

>> A TYPICAL SUCH AS ALLEN ROCK. PROBABLY 5000 SQUARE FEET. QUITE FRANKLY, ALL SATELLITE SITES ARE WELL ATTENDED. WE DON'T HAVE A SHORTAGE OF USAGE.

>> WHEN YOU WERE EVALUATING AND DEBATING THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION IN LAST YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET WAS THE GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY OF THE SITE, ALMA HAS OTHER CENTERS WITHIN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS.

>> BASED ON THE COMMENTS AND OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. THE STAFF IS RECOMMENDING, THE ITEM 3, BE CROSS REFERENCED TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION IN LAST MARCH AND EARLY APRIL. AND WE WILL INCLUDE A SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO TO CAPTURE THE COMMENTS GIVEN TODAY BY THE COMMUNITY. WE WILL ALSO ENSURE WE COMMUNICATE WITH THE MEMBERS THE EXACT DATE THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL.

>> THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT. I WOULD LIKE THE MOTION TO COVER ALL THE ISSUES YOU MENTIONED. IF IT'S OKAY WITH THE SECONDER. THANK YOU FOR YOU CLARIFICATION.

>> WE ARE GOING TO KEEP IT AS FLEXIBLE WHETHER IT COMES BACK TO LATE MARCH, EARLY APRIL.

>> THANK YOU. WITH ALL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR.

>> AYE. ANYONE OPPOSEDED.

>> THAT PASSES.

>> THIS ITEM WILL BE HEARD IN FRONT OF FULL COUNCIL FOR FINAL DISCUSSION.

>> OKAY. NOW, WE WILL MOVE TO ITEMS 2, WHICH IS THE HAPPY HOLLOW PARK AND ZOO OPENING.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON. MADAM CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. MAY NAME IS MARK. ALSO WITH ME HERE TODAY IS SUSAN WOLF. GENERAL MANAGER FOR HAPPY HOLLOW PARK AND ZOO. WE ARE GETTING CLOSE TO A NEW BEGINNING TO A PROJECT THAT STARTS MANY YEARS AGO. IN 1996, THERE WAS A MASTER PLAN APPROVED FOR

HAPPY HOLLOW. FUNDING FOR THAT MASTER PLAN CAME AS PART OF THE 2000 BOND APPROVAL FOR MEASURE P AND \$72 MILLION HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THIS PROJECT. IN 3 PHASES. SUSAN WILL TALK ABOUT TODAY. WE ARE EXCITED TO BE HERE. WE WILL TALK ABOUT OUR BUSINESS PLAN. SOME OF OUR APPROACHES GOING FORWARD. TOUCH ON OUR PARTNERSHIPS AND TALK ABOUT THE PARK AMENITIES AND ATTRACTIONS AT HAPPY HOLLOW. JUST BRIEFLY TO TOUCH ON THE BUSINESS PLAN. AS PART OF THE NEW OPENING, WE ARE MOVING TOWARD A NEW APPROACH AND THE FACILITY IS TARGETED TO BE 100 PERCENT COST RECOVERABLE AS PART OF THE NEW PLAN THERE. SO NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WE'RE ANTICIPATING A \$5.6 MILLION PROGRAM OUT THERE THAT WILL BE COMPLETELY COST RECOVERABLE. AS PART OF NEW FACILITY, WE'RE ALL HEARING A LOT OF EXCITEMENT. WE'RE ANTICIPATING LARGE INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF VISITORS IN THE PARK. WE'RE HOPING TO SEE ALL OF YOU OUT THERE. I KNOW A NUMBER OF YOU HAVE BEEN OUT THERE. WE'RE EXCITED TO HAVE FOLKS OUT THERE AND SEE THE NEW FACILITY. AS YOU ALSO MAY REMEMBER AS PART OF THE ACTIONS THAT CAME TO COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY, WE LOOKED AT OUT SOURCES AND THING. ONE WAS RETAILING WHICH WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN. WE HAVE A GREAT NEW STORE OUT THERE. I THINK EVERYBODY HAS SEEN IT AND IS EXCITED ABOUT IT. IT'S UP AND OPERATIONAL AND THE CITY WILL RECEIVE PROFIT FROM THAT. ON THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SIDE. WE HAVE CITY STAFF PERFORMING FUNCTIONS THERE. WE ARE GATHERING DATA AND LOOK FOR WHAT WE WILL DO FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE. I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO SUSAN

>> I AM SUSAN WOLF WITH HAPPY HOLO PARK AND ZOO. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE A FOUNDATION THAT'S HELPING US TO ESTABLISH SUSTAIN ABILITY FOR THE LONG RUN. WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT 49-YEARS AND KNOW THE EFFORTS THEY HAVE AROUND SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS IS CRITICAL TO THE PARK AND ZOO. WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF AMENITIES. IT'S MARCH 20 AS GRAND OPENING. MEMBERSHIP REVIEW IS THIS WEEKEND. YOU WILL SEE A BRAND-NEW ENTRY PLAZA THERE. STARTS ON THE EAST SIDE. IT'S A WELCOMING PLAZA. WE HAVE A NEW SUSA, PART OF MONGOOSE FAMILY. THE RED TAILED LEMUR AND THE WILD WALA BEE EXHIBIT. WE MENTIONED THE NEW 1500 SQUARE FOOT EXPLORE AND MORE STORE. IT GOES FROM A TOUGH SHED TO LARGE RETAIL FACILITY. OUR PICNIC BASKET AGAIN. WELCOMING FAMILIES AND THE HEART OF OUR PARK AND ZOO HAS WE HAVE MERGED FROM BEING A SEPARATE LOCATION TO BEING AN ENTITY THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE ZOO SIDE AND THE READ SIDE AS WELL. OUR NEW RED WOOD LOOKOUT TOWER. IT'S INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED AS PART OF THE PLAY GROUND AREA. WE THINK IT WILL BE SOMETHING ALL AGES WILL ENJOY. IT HAS RESILIENT SURFACING AS WE LOOK AT ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL PATRONS. OUR CLASSIC RIDES ARE THERE. MINI PUTT-PUTT AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE LEED CERTIFICATION THAT'S GOING TO BE COMING IN LINE. THE, BEING GREEN IS SOMETHING WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT. WE ARE THE FIRST SILVER LEED CERTIFIED FACILITY IN THE NATION. WE ARE GROWING 7 GREEN ROOFS WITH NATIVE PLANTS. AND RADIANT FLOORING. WE HAVE A HAY BALE AND ASPHALT AS WELL AS SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS THAT HAVE BEEN USED. WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE LONG-TERM SITE. WE HAVE COME UP WITH NEW BRANDING AND MARKETING. WE HAVE CREATED NEW ICONS FOR MANY OF OUR FAVORITE PROGRAMS AT THE PARK AND ZOO. WE KNOW THAT WILL CONTINUE CAN CREATE MORE WAYS IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY WILL ENGAGE INTO OUR SITE. THERE WILL BE A BRAND-NEW 700-FOOT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE THAT WILL BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. THAT WILL HAVE SHUTTLE ACCESS. WE ANTICIPATE A BUSY OPENING WITH A FULL DAY OF PATRONS ON MARCH 20. WE CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH FRIENDSHIP PARK. JAPANESE GARDEN. WITH THAT, THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION. WE WILL TAKE QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT PRESENTATION. I THINK VERY EXCITING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THIS PRESENTATION BEFORE WE ACTUALLY OPEN THE NEW HAPPY HOLLOW. I DID HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO GET A PREVIEW OF THAT WITH VICE MAYOR CHIRCO AND COUNCILMEMBER PYLE. IT'S EXCITING AS AN ADULT. I CAN IMAGINE WHEN YOUNGSTERS SEE IT. THEY WILL BE THRILLED. I'M VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A COMPONENT THAT WILL ALLOW THIS TO SUSTAIN ITSELF. COST RECOVERY I THINK THAT'S SMART AND I THINK IT'S THE WAY THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO START BUILDING SOME

OF OUR ENTERTAINMENT VENUES WITHIN THE CITY. AND THE PRICES ARE VERY REASONABLE. IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK. BECAUSE WE KNOW PEOPLE ARE LISTENING TO THIS. COULD YOU GIVE US A KEY HIGHLIGHT OF WHAT IT COST TO THE FAMILY TO BE A PART OF THIS WONDERFUL ZOO.

>> THANK YOU. ADMISSION TICKETS ARE \$12. FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. IT'S \$95. INCLUDING 2 ADULTS AND 4 YOUTHS. IN ADDITION KID KEEPERS OR GRANDPARENTS CAN BE ADD TO THAT FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. WE HOPE THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL COME AND BECOME MEMBERS SO THEY CAN COME EVERY DAY TO THE PARK AND ZOO.

>> SO WE BELIEVE THAT WILL BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN ITSELF FOR THE FIRST 2 TO 3 YEARS THAT IS CORRECT?

>> OUR INTENT IS TO CREATE A PROGRAM THAT IS COST RECOVERY. WE WILL BE MANAGING OUR EXPENSES AS WELL AS REVENUES TO MAKE SURE WE'RE ON TRACK WITH THAT BALANCE.

>> AND WHAT DO WE ANTICIPATE IN YEAR 4 AND ON?

>> THE REVENUES TO GO UP. STATE SAME OR MAYBE HAVING TO RETHINK ABOUT HOW WE'RE REACHING OUT FOR ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES?

>> YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT AS WE OPERATE, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO LOOK ON WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO STAY CURRENT WITH THE MARKET. WE HAVE SOME PLANS. WE UNDERSTAND THERE WILL BE A PEAK DEMAND IN THE FIRST SEASON. WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING AT WHAT THE NEXT ELEMENTS ARE GOING TO NEED TO BE TO KEEP THE PARK FRESH AND KEEP IT A PLACE WHERE FOLKS WANT A MEMBERSHIP YEAR AFTER YEAR. WE WILL WORK ON COST RECOVERY FROM HERE ON OUT AND RECOGNIZE WE'RE IN A COMPETITIVE MARKET.

>> WHAT'S THE RADIUS OF ATTENDEES? I KNOW IT GOES A LITTLE BEYOND SAN JOSE. HOW FAR DO WE THINK WE CAN ATTRACT?

>> WE KNOW WE HAVE PATRONAGE FROM GILROY UP TO THE PENINSULA. OUR GOAL IS TO WORK TOWARDS ALL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND MAKE SURE WHEN PEOPLE COME TO SAN JOSE, THEY KNOW THAT ANY OF THOSE OPPORTUNITIES, WHETHER THEY BE TOURISM OR JUST REGULAR VISITORS VISITING FRIENDS AND FAMILIES. THEY KNOW COMING TO THIS AREA. THAT CAN SEE A SAN JOSE GIANTS GAME. GO TO HAPPY HOLLOW PARK.

>> WHAT ARE THE KEY THINGS WE ARE OFFERING THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE NEIGHBORING FACILITIES THAT OFFER SIMILAR THINGS THAT WE DO AT THE ZOO?

>> THAT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION. WE OFFER REALLY WHAT I CONSIDER PROGRAMS THAT ARE MIXED, BLENDED IN WITH THE NATURAL. IT OFFERS NATURAL PLAY IN THE OUTDOORS THAT KIDS DON'T HAVE EVERY DAY. WE REALLY HOPE THEY CAN COME AND HAVE REST. THE AMUSEMENT RIDES ARE THERE AS WELL AS LEARNING ABOUT ANIMALS. THE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES. SUMMER CAMPS. REALLY VERY SIGNIFICANT FOR ALL FAMILYS TO ENGAGE AND LEARN IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES.

>> THAT'S WHAT I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD SAY. PEOPLE TEND TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY PARTIES. IT HAS THAT COMPONENT AND A FULL SERVICE. MENU FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES

>> THAT'S CORRECT. TODAY WAS MEDIA TODAY TELEMUNDO SAID THIS COULD BE A KEY PLACE FOR PARTIES.

>> I WILL BE THERE ON MARCH 20 WITH MY SON AND IT NOW GIVES ME A REASON TO GO TO THE ZOO AND BECOME A MEMBER. I'M EXCITED. I KNOW THE VICE MAYOR WANTS TO SAY A FEW WORDS AS WELL.

>> WHAT I GOT TO GO ON THE TOUR WITH COUNCIL MEMBER CAMPOS. BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER THE GIGGLE GROOVE BEING POINTED OUT. HOW CAN YOU NOT LIKE A PLACE WITH A GIGGLE GROVE? HAVING TAKEN MY CHILDREN THERE WHEN IT WAS IN NEED OF REFRESHING. NOW MY OLDEST SON HAS A SON. IT WILL ADD TO THE PLEASURE AND EXPERIENCE OF OUR VISITORS. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS REPORT AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GO SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW PARK AND ZOO. WE HAVE A SECOND FROM COUNCIL MEMBER CHU. I THINK HE WANTED TO MAKE COMMENTS.

>> THANK YOU. I WANTED TO ECHO IN MY APPRECIATION. I THINK THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT SAN JOSE WOULD PROVIDE A PLACE FOR ENHANCING THE FAMILY TIE. THIS PARK, THIS AMUSEMENT PARK AND AN EDUCATION FACILITY. I VERY MUCH REGRET. I WILL NOT BE

ABLE TO MAKE IT TO YOUR GRAND OPENING ON MARCH 20 BECAUSE OF OUR GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK UP. I HAVE A CHALLENGE WITH DISTRICT 5 TO GAIN THE PLAQUE BACK AND THE SAME DAY WITH MY LITTLE LEAGUE GRAND OPENING. I WISH YOU BEST OF LUCK. THANK YOU.

>> WELL YOU CAN COME OUT AND VISIT ANOTHER DAY.

>> WITH THAT. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR.

>> AYE. AND THAT PASSES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 20TH.

>> NOW WE HAVE MATT COMING DOWN WITH A REPORT ON PARKS CAPITOL PROGRAM.

>> THANK YOU. MATT DEPARTMENT DIVISION MANAGER. I HAVE A QUICK PRESENTATION. THIS IS A TWICE ANNUAL FOR THE STATUS OF THE GRANTS AND BOND PROGRAM WE'RE WORKING WITH. IN THE PAST, IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 2009-2010. JULY-DECEMBER. WE COMPLETED 4 PROJECT, POWELL AND PENITENCIA. WE ARE STILL AGGRESSIVELY SEEKING MONEY BACK FROM THE STATE. WE HAVE CURRENTLY 22 ACTIVE GRANT AWARDS THAT OUR TEAM IS MANAGING. DURING THE FIRST HALF, I'M SORRY OF 2009, 2010. FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2009. WE COMPLETED 4, I'M SORRY. WE APPLIED FOR PROPOSITION 84. STATE. WE SUBMITTED 20 GRANT AND IN TOTAL. \$54.4 MILLION. WE DON'T ANTICIPATE RECEIVING ALL OF THAT. ALL 54.4. WE WANTED TO SUBMIT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO GET THE BEST ODDS OF GETTING MONEY. WE ARE ALL WORKING ON NATURAL EDUCATION FACILITY. FOR EXAMPLE. WE'RE LOOKING AT REGIONAL PARKS TO SEE IF THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES. WE HAVE A TRAIL OF OPEN SPACE. WE WENT TO COUNCIL AND RECEIVED APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT THE FINAL REACH OF THE PENITENCIA CREEK TRAIL. WHICH WILL GET THAT FINAL REACH THAT WE NEED TO CONSTRUCT TO GET US INTO ALAN ROCK PARK THROUGH THE TRAIL SYSTEM. WE HOPE TO BUILD THAT SOON. AND FINALLY, ON OUR PARKS BOND PROGRAM. YOU JUST RECEIVED IT.

YOU JUST RECEIVED THE REPORT ON HAPPY HOLLOW PARK AND ZOO. WE HAVE 2 COMMUNITY CENTERS. 7 TREES AND BASKIN PARK. SCHEDULE TO OPEN IN FALL. WE ALSO HAVE GUADELUPE. AFTER THESE 4 ARE COMPLETED. WE STILL HAVE 2 REMAINING SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECTS. CURRENTLY, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE KOHLMAN ROAD AND STARTING THE DESIGN OF THAT PROJECT RIGHT NOW. WE ARE LOOKING AT A SOFT BALL COMPLEX. WE ARE CURRENTLY TARGETING DISTRICT 8. IT OPENED THE DOOR FOR A SOFT BALL COMPLEX. WE STILL NEED TO DO WORK TO SECURE THAT SITE. WITH THAT, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE GRANT OR BOND IN PNRS

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT REPORT. VICE MAYOR. I KNOW IT SAID WE FINALLY RECEIVED REIMBURSEMENTS. IT SEEMS TO BE SO OFTEN THE FUNDS HAVE TO BE EXTENDED. IF WE GET THE GRANT. IT'S REIMBURSED. WHAT ARE OUR CHANCES OF BEING ABLE TO ADVANCE THE FUNDS THAT NEED GRANTS AREA?

>> THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. ONE THE PROBLEM FOR APPLYING FOR GRANTS. THEY REQUIRE YOU TO ADVANCE THE FUNDS FIRST. SPEND THEM AND GET REIMBURSED SECONDLY. THAT WILL BE A PROBLEM MOVING FORWARD. WE ARE LOOKING AT PARK TRUST FUND RESERVES AND VARIOUS COUNSELOR DISTRICTS. WE MAKE TO MAKE SURE THESE ARE RESERVES ELIGIBLE TO BE USED. WE HAVE THE COYOTE AND GUADELUPE TRAILS. FUNDING ARE DRYING UP AND WE CONTINUE TO SEE AS A CHALLENGE

>> ONE LAST QUESTION. I KNOW THERE WAS A LIST OF PARKS THAT FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR. IT HAD TO BE UNDERSERVED AREA UPON ARE THOSE GRANTS THAT HAVE TO HAVE REIMBURSEMENTS? BECAUSE THAT WAS QUITE A LIST. EVEN IF WE GET A THIRD. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY THAT HAS TO BE PUT OUT.

>> YES, YOUR CORRECT. STATE PROP 84 GRANTS WE APPLIED FOR IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS WE WENT TO COUNCIL ON LAST MONTH. WE DON'T REQUIRE A MATCHING RESOURCE. WE WILL GET REIMBURSED 100 PERCENT. WE DO HAVE TO COME UP WITH A FRONTING SOURCE. IF WE RECEIVE ALL THE GRANTS, WE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE CHOICE, BECAUSE WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FRONT THAT MUCH. IF THEY AWARDED US \$5 MILLION. IT WOULD BE A LITTLE EASIER TO LOOK THROUGH OUR VARIOUS PARK FUNDS AND FIND FRONTING DOLLARS. WE ARE THINKING THROUGH THAT AS WE DEVELOP OUR CAPITAL BUDGET RIGHT NOW. WHEN WE RECEIVE THOSE GRANTS FROM THE STATE. WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. WE ARE THINKING ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW.

>> I THINK THAT'S A GREAT STRATEGY. WE LOOK AT OTHER POTS OF MONEY. BECAUSE I KNOW, EXCUSE ME, WE HAVE BORROWED FROM OTHER FUNDS AND PAID THEM BACK. I KNOW THEY ARE ALL RESTRICTED. TO LOOK AT BROADLY AS POSSIBLE. AS LONG AS THE MONEY GETS PAID BACK. THANK YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER OLVERIO.

>> THANK YOU CHAIR.

>> MATT, YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT CHOICES. I THINK THE RECENT ACTION THAT THE COUNCIL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY JUST DRAINED MONEY FROM THE FUND. THUS TYING YOUR HANDS.

>> THERE'S \$3 MILLION THAT IS BEING LOANED TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. COUNCIL MEMBER CHU. MATT, WANT YOU THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT JOB.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT.

>> CAN WE GET A SECOND? ALL IN FAVOR. AYE.

>> THAT PASSES, THANK YOU.

>> NOW WE HAVE ITEM 5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.

>> THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. BETSY SHOTWELL. I HAVE A MEMO ON THE STATUS OF LEGISLATION PENDING OR PASSED RELEVANT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE. THE CSA, THESE BILLS MANY OF THEM WERE SHARED WITH YOU LAST FALL. OBVIOUSLY THE SECOND YEAR, OF THE 2-YEAR SESSION. THE STATE BUDGET SITUATION THAT YOU'RE ALL TOO FORT WORTH FAMILIAR WITH. WE'RE SEEING VERY FEW PIECE OF LEGISLATION GOING FORWARD AND HARDLY ANY WITH A PRICE TAG. I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE LEGISLATION LISTED TO PAGE 8. RELATED TO THE RACE TO THE TOP ELIGIBILITY THAT THE STATE HAD TO PASS IN ORDER TO THEN SEND THE APPLICATION TO WASHINGTON FOR THE OVER \$4 BILLION IN STIMULUS MONEY. I'M SURE YOU HEARD LAST WEEK. THE STATE DID NOT MAKE THE LIST OF FINALS. THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WILL KNOW IN APRIL, WHEN THEY TAKE THE FINAL AWARD WINNERS, WHAT THE PROBLEMING WERE IN THE STATE'S APPLICATION. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PRESS AND MEDIA ON WHY WE DIDN'T GET IT. I THINK THE ISSUE WILL BE TO SEE WHERE THE STATE DIDN'T QUALIFY AND THE STATES VERY MUCH IN LINE FOR APPLYING FOR THE SECOND ROUND IN JUNE ACCORDING TO ROXANNE MILLER. THAT MAY REQUIRE THEM SUBSEQUENT RELATED LEGISLATION IN ADDITION TO THE THESE BILLS THAT PASSED. AND DID NOT PASS EASILY. IT WAS MUCH DEBATE AND DISCUSSION. THAT IS REALLY WHAT'S OUT THERE. YOU KNOW, YOU CAN SEE IT'S WORTH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO THAT IS PENDING. AND AGAIN, IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHY THE STATE DIDN'T QUALIFY THE FIRST ROUND. I COULD PROBABLY SPEAK ALL AFTERNOON AS TO WHAT PEOPLE ASSUME WHY IT DIDN'T. I WOULDN'T GET INTO THAT. I'M SURE YOU SAW THE PRESS. WITH THAT, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

>> THANK YOU BETSY. ARE THERE QUESTIONS? VICE MAYOR.

>> I MAKE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. I DID NOTICE THAT MOST OF THEM DIDN'T INVOLVE MONEY. BUT, ANYTHING THAT INVOLVED MONEY DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE

>> THAT'S CORRECT. SECOND.

>> WE HAVE A SECOND. ANY OTHER COMMENTS,

>> ALL THAT FAVOR?

>> AYE. THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. OUR INCOME ITEM IS UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD /KPHEUG. COMMISSION. MADAM CHAIR. COUNCILMEMBERS. ERNEST GUZMAM. MY JOB TODAY IS TO BRING YOU UP-TO-DATE WHERE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IS WHEN YOU STARTED FROM JULY OF 2009 AND WHERE WE ARE NOW RELATIVE TO THEIR WORK PLAN. THE FIRST SLIDE IS A REMINDER AS TO WHAT THE STIPULATIONS ARE THAT THE COMMISSION IS WORKING UNDER. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE THE DRIVING FORCE OVER THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF OF THE COMMISSION'S WORK PLAN. THE FIRST PRIORITY AREA THAT WAS PART OF WORK PLAN THAT YOU RECOMMENDED TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR H COUNCIL THAT WAS ADOPTED IN DECEMBER '09 WAS AROUND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. A LOT OF THAT HAS BEEN OCCUR COMES DOWN TO THIS. JULY-SEPTEMBER, THE COUNCILMEMBERS WENT THROUGH THE TRAINING AND DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS CITY COMMISSIONS THEN ELECTED TO CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. THE SECOND PHASE WAS REALLY TO COME BACK TO YOU WITH A WORK PLAN. THAT OCCURRED AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ADOPTED THAT IN

DECEMBER OF 2009. SO NOW WE'RE INTO THE NEXT PHASE. JANUARY THROUGH NOW. THAT IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON TODAY. WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN BUSY DOING IS REALLY DEALING WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES OVER THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF OF THEIR PILOT. THEY SET UP A SERIES OF COMMITTEES AND RECEIVING REQUESTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS TO GO AHEAD AND PRESENT INFORMATION TO THEM AND GATHER INPUT TO DO OUTREACH NOT COMMUNITY. WE HAVE PRESENTATIONS ON THE GREEN PRINT AND THE REUSE DISCUSSION THAT CAME TODAY. ALSO ON BUDGET PRIORITIZATION PROCESS THAT OCCURRED AND THE LATTER PART OF JANUARY THE MAYOR'S PRIORITIZATION. THAT WAS ONE WHOLE COMMISSION MEETING. THE CONSULTANTS CAME IN AND THEIR WORK PROJECT WAS PRESENTED. THE COMMISSIONERS WERE GIVEN THE WHOLE SESSION TO REACT. 6 OF MEMBERS WERE ASKED TO JOIN THE PRIORITIZATION TEAM TO LOOK AT ALL THE CITY PROGRAMS AND BE PART OF DISCUSSION IN RELATION TO WHAT PRIORITIES WERE GOING TO BE PRESENTED AS PART OF MAYOR'S DISCUSSION IN JANUARY. AND FURTHER OUT OF THAT DISCUSSION CAME THAT THE COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATE TO HAVE ALL THE FACILITATION DONE. SO AS A RESULT, YOU CAN SEE THAT NOT ONLY HAVE THEY BEEN RECEIVING INFORMATION. BUT ACTIVELY GETTING INVOLVED IN TERMS OF NOT PASSING OUT INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO ACTING AS FACILITATORS TO THAT DISCUSSION. AS LATE AS YESTERDAY. WHICH WITH THE COMMISSION MEETING LAST NIGHT. WE HAD A REQUEST BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO HAVE A BEGINNING DISCUSSION ON LOOKING AT UPDATING THE PUBLIC POLICY 630 OUTREACH POLICY WHICH DEALS WITH NOTIFICATION TO NEIGHBORHOODS ABOUT AND ANY PROJECTS GOING FORWARD IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. THE SECOND AREA IS COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH. ONE OF THE DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CITY HALL, CITY DEPARTMENTS AND THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND VICE VERSA. AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE IS AN OUTREACH IN COMMUNICATION SUBCOMMITTEE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THEY HAVE DECIDED TO DO IS THEY'RE GOING TO ACT AS A PANEL AT THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY AT SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE. THAT'S A FORUM. BY THE WAY. THE ACTUAL COMMITTEE IS MADE UP THE 10 MEMBERS FROM EACH THE COUNSEL DISTRICTS. THIS IS A PERFECT FORUM FOR THEM TO ATTEND. THEY WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE EACH OF COMMISSIONERS AND THEY WILL USE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM THE 175 LEADERS, NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER THAT IS WILL ATTEND ON ISSUE THAT IS INVOLVE THE NEIGHBORHOODS. THEY CAN COME BACK AND USE AS INFORMATION TO GUIDE SOME OF THEIR WORK AS THEY GO THROUGH THE REST OF YEAR. ALSO, THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS GOING TO ASSIST THE CAUCUS THAT'S GOING TO OCCUR ON MARCH 27. WE HAVE 2 VACANCIES. WE'RE TRYING TO SET UP A PROCESS WHERE EACH COMMITTEE SUPPORTS ANOTHER IN TERMS OF GETTING THINGS DONE. IN THIS CASE, SPECIAL CAUCUS. ALSO. THE CAUCUS SUBCOMMITTEE HAS SUBMITTED THEIR WORK PLAN FOR THE WHOLE COMMISSION TO ADOPT. THAT WAS DONE AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING. THE REST OF THE COMMITTEES ARE IN THE PROCESS. PARTICULARLY THE COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH AS A REALLY LARGE TASK. IT'S NOT PROCESS OF FINALIZING THEIR WORK PLAN, WHICH THEY WILL SUBMIT NEXT MONTH FOR APPROVAL. FINALLY, I ALLUDED TO SOME OF THIS. IN THIS PARTICULAR SLIDE. THE COMMISSION HAS COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF BUDGET PRIORITIZATION PROCESS THIS YEAR. ASIDE FROM BEING EDUCATE ON IT AND GETTING BACK TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS ON THE PROCESS. THEY WERE PART OF THE CITY MANAGER'S PRIORITIZATION TEAM. WE PASSED OUT THE LIST LAST NIGHT REGARDING THE 10 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL OCCUR AT EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT. EACH COMMISSIONER WILL NOW APPROACH EACH COUNCIL OFFICE IN RELATION TO ASSIST YOU IN GETTING THE OUT REACH FOR EACH COUNCIL BUDGET HEARINGS. EXPECT A CALL SOON. THE FIRST IS IN DISTRICT 7. PROBABLY AFTER THAT. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL PHONE YOU AND ASK HOW TO ASSIST YOU IN MAXIMIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN EACH OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS IN EACH PROCESS. THAT'S THE REPORT. THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY. I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

>> THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. BEFORE I ASK MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I HAVE ONE QUESTION, YOU MENTIONED COUNCILMEMBER POLICY 630. THE

OUTREACH. I'M GLAD YOU MENTIONED THAT. THAT HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN VERY FRUSTRATING FOR NOT ONLY MYSELF BUT MY COMMUNITY. SEEMS LIKE WE'RE ALWAYS PLAYING CATCH UP AROUND THIS POLICY OF LAND USE AND OTHER ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. SO IN MY HEARING THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE GOING ON THE WORK PLAN TO LOOK AT IN A FUTURE DATE AS AN ITEM YOU WILL ADDRESS?

>> YES. WHAT, WE PUT IT UNDER DISCUSSION BECAUSE NOT ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE UP TO SPEED TO THE PUBLIC POLICY. LAST NIGHT, WE LOOKED AT THE POLICY. THE DIRECTOR GAVE A PRESENTATION. THE AGREEMENT WAS ONE OF 2 THINGS CAN HAPPEN. JOE WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK TO THE COMMISSION IN A COUPLE MONTHS AND FOLLOW UP IN RELATION TO SPECIFIC THINGS THAT HE MAY WANT THE COMMISSION TO DO. EITHER THAT, OR HE MAY DECIDE TO FORM A SMALL SUBCOMMITTEE AS HE DID IN THE PAST OF DEVELOPERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN TERMS OF FAST TRACKING THAT EFFORT TO MOVE IT ALONG FASTER THAN IT NORMALLY WOULD GO. I KNOW THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSION OF FORMULATION OF THE POLICY LASTED SEVERAL YEARS. THE COMMISSION CAN TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE. IT WILL BE SOMETHING WE TALK ABOUT THE LONG RUN.

>> YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR PRESENTATION. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SETS THE AGENDA ITEMS EMPLOYEES

>> YES.

>> IF THERE ARE COUNCILMEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE AN ITEM TO BE COMMITTED JUST LIKE RULES. IS THERE A PROCESS THAT SOMEONE COULD SUBMIT OR GO THROUGH? AND I GUESS FOR ME, I'M FOCUSED ON THIS OUTREACH POLICY AROUND LAND USE. I HEAR

>> YEAH.

>> YOU COMMENTING THAT THE DIRECTOR IS GOING TO LOOK AT AREAS. WHAT IF IT'S NOT INCLUSIVE OF CERTAIN ITEM THAT IS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED.

>> I THINK THE PROCESS IN PLACE IS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LOOKS AT REQUESTS THAT COME FROM EITHER OTHER COMMISSIONERS OR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. THEN THEY MAKE A DECISION AS TO IF IT'S APPROPRIATE TO THE WORK PLAN. CERTAINLY, IF YOURSELF A COUNCILMEMBER WOULD LIKE TO SEND A LETTER REQUESTING THEM TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO TAKE IT ON. THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

>> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? VICE MAYOR.

>> I DON'T REALLY HAVE A QUESTION. I JUST WANT TO THANK ERNEST FOR ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE. I KNOW THIS IS A NEW COMMISSION. JUST GETTING EVERYONE UP TO SPEED ON PROCEDURES AND POLICIES HAS NOT BEEN A SMALL TASK. THERE'S ONLY ABOUT 30 COMMISSIONERS. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AND JUST ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP UP THE WORK. I JUST HAVE TO REMEMBER HOW LONG IT TOOK TO GET THE SNI PACK.

>> THANK YOU. VICE MAYOR. IN REPLYING TO YOU. IT'S A BIG TASK WITH 30 MEMBERS. ALL OF THEM OF COURSE, WANT TO SET ASIDE A PIECE THAT'S IMPORTANT TO THEIR OWN COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS GROUP, IT TOOK THE PACT ALMOST 2-YEARS TO GET PAST THE BARRIERS OR IT'S NOT JUST MY COUNCIL DISTRICT. IT'S A CITY-WIDE ISSUE. IN THIS CASE, IT WAS THE 19 DIFFERENT AREAS. I THINK THIS GROUP REALIZES IT ONLY HAS 2 YEARS IN WHICH TO PROVE ITS WORTH. THEY ARE PICKING UP AT LIGHT SPEED. SO, IT IS, IT MAKES IT EASIER WHEN YOU HAVE A SERIES OF DEDICATED PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSIONATE FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY. I WANT TO SAY. IN RELATION TO THAT. IT'S INTERESTING TO HAVE IN ONE ROOM. PEOPLE FROM THE EAST SIDE OF SAN JOSE AS WELL AS PEOPLE FROM THE ALMADEN VALLEY. THAT NORMALLY DOESN'T HAPPEN. THERE'S WEALTHY PARTS OF THE CITY THAT ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES FROM THE POORER PARTS OF THE CITY. IT'S AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT AND ONE I THINK WILL THRIVE GIVEN ENOUGH TIME TO BE ABLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, SO THANKFUL.

>> I LOOK AT IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNIT THE COMMUNITY TO A WHOLE.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PASS.

>> ALL IN FAVOR.

>> AYE.

>> I HAVE NO CARDS FOR ANYONE TO SPEAK. SO THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.