



**Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript
February 23, 2022**

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Scott Johnson: Linda are you.

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Scott Johnson: Okay, Lord sounds great okay so we'll call it the order the February 23 regular media for parks and REC.

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Scott Johnson: And first thing is to approve the January 26 transcript.

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Scott Johnson: So consolidate emotion to do that.

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Sue Bodson: Sunni.

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Scott Johnson: emotion can summon second.

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Rick Loh: I rick OK.

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Scott Johnson: frank seconds, so all in favor.

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Scott Johnson: Please raise your hand.

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00:00:38.220 --> 00:00:39.300
Rick Loh: My hands up wait a minute.

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00:00:40.170 --> 00:00:40.560
Scott Johnson: Can you believe.

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00:00:42.630 --> 00:00:47.790
Lenore Caserta-McClester: that the vote should be a roll call so that it's documented on the transcript.

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00:00:49.050 --> 00:00:52.710
Scott Johnson: Okay, so we'll start frank you prove or disprove the Minutes.

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Frank DiVincenzo: I bro.

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So.

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00:00:56.910 --> 00:00:57.540
Scott Johnson: Tracy.

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Scott Johnson: rick.

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00:01:02.220 --> 00:01:02.820
I approve.

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00:01:04.950 --> 00:01:05.970
Scott Johnson: Who am I missing anybody.

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00:01:06.480 --> 00:01:08.670
Scott Johnson: Nancy Hello Nancy sorry good.

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00:01:11.220 --> 00:01:16.320
Scott Johnson: Okay, so that's that's unanimous approval so so so note that in the record.

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Scott Johnson: showed he went through the directors reporting want to wait.

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Joe Siciliano: On you whichever you prefer whatever you prefer Scott.

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Scott Johnson: can watch it.

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Scott Johnson: Once you go ahead and do that because, because as sort of you know we don't know what's, the last thing going on, particularly from the tea before they even start.

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Scott Johnson: blazing cho as well as hellman le.

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Scott Johnson: I don't know how you guys do that.

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Scott Johnson: I went to one of those things.

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Scott Johnson: And you will probably add them but four times in the last last six weeks.

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Scott Johnson: So, Joe or plays once you give give that up to the to date, order and then whatever other directors report, you want to do.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay john blades are going to split up some of the directors report so there's a couple things.

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Joe Siciliano: Brian has given us some updates, we can.

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Joe Siciliano: Excuse me.

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Joe Siciliano: Brian Brian is good friends, give us some updates.

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Joe Siciliano: continue to work at the sailing school folks to get them going they're working on their insurance.

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Joe Siciliano: And their website, hopefully, a short period of time we'll have both of those completed and they'll go live for registration for the Program.

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Joe Siciliano: fortunate enough that we're able to get a couple of private donations that helps them out getting going and.

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Joe Siciliano: that's that's good news that we will have a sailing program it's just a little painful in the beginning, here, trying to get all the paperwork and the contract and insurance and all that kind of straightened out but.

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Joe Siciliano: it's moving forward and Brian Brian's on top, ladies and I went to a budget the budget hearing last week on our budget.

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Joe Siciliano: Not only our operating budget, but our capital.

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Joe Siciliano: Please did a great job and putting together.

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Joe Siciliano: A PowerPoint presentation, with the assistance of our superintendents so thank you all for that answered a lot of questions up front.

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Joe Siciliano: Even though we spent two and a half hours, it was more of an educational program rather than you know really some serious questions, so the new members.

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Joe Siciliano: On the Budget Committee also several Members in the BT in general, and so, some of it was more of educational it took quite extensively about the field study, ladies will cover that shortly.

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Joe Siciliano: We.

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Joe Siciliano: Since place is going to cover the field, study and.

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Joe Siciliano: We did we did yesterday was the signing up for picnics overnights you know clambake area all that kind of stuff we service 96 people.

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Joe Siciliano: in the morning.

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Joe Siciliano: there's a lot of signups so every Friday and Saturday night of island camping is already taken.

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Joe Siciliano: Some clambake So things are starting to come alive again people are anticipating the summer being out and about you know kind of reconnecting with.

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Joe Siciliano: Their organizations and friends and we you know we saw that yesterday, just in the morning signing up over 96 people, so the book is open for reservations so.

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Joe Siciliano: You can go online or you can come calling the office and people will assist you.

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Joe Siciliano: One of the other things, been working on is that you know from time to time now, from time to time, but recently we've been talking a lot about pickup ball.

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Joe Siciliano: And I know some members of the boards have gotten calls about pickup ball and what we're doing and how we're trying to kind of help the expansion of the.

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Joe Siciliano: You know the number of people playing pickup ball we've been meeting with some couple of people will pick a ball interest.

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Joe Siciliano: Also, the staff has been meeting we were put into some statistics together and we're going to be taking another run at trying to get.

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Joe Siciliano: Some capital money which was moved out of the 23 budget put back into the 23 budget for repair of and renovation of the Bible St.

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Joe Siciliano: Courts and to make them three permanent pickle ball court so we're working on this deep do this issue of pickup ball, we do know, we received a petition of 150.

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Joe Siciliano: pickup ball players at wanted us to take them serious play, and we did actually be ready before they ever sent this the petition.

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Joe Siciliano: it's just a matter of trying to keep on balance, the tennis players and the pickup ball players and where they can all play either separately or together on some courts so we.

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Joe Siciliano: she's done a good job of putting together some statistics about tennis play and pick a ball play we're going to be reviewing that we just got those.

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Joe Siciliano: hands I don't know if it's Monday or the end of last week, but at the we're going to be reviewing the statistics statistical information and try to make some decisions about trying to expand the pickup ball Program.

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Joe Siciliano: I did, please, and I visited some courts in reawaken they put some temporary courts up and around the train station it really pretty simple arrangement.

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Joe Siciliano: it's not the answer to everything, but it is the answer to some temporary courts that.

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Joe Siciliano: matter of fact, the guy grew up in Greenwich was spearheaded.

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Joe Siciliano: Now there's a religion and they put three chords in radio Jason to the computer parking lot at the.

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Joe Siciliano: train station, because the train parking is not being used by the commuters so i'm kind of an interesting concept, they take the fence did.

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00:06:57.660 --> 00:07:12.150

Joe Siciliano: Put the courts down put temporary nets up and I was actually went back there on Sunday and there's full full number of people playing on every court and people waiting so kind of interesting concept so we're looking at things like that, please turn over some.

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Scott Johnson: Time yeah just one thing on knuckleballs it's still indoors and outdoors or.

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Joe Siciliano: Right now we're playing indoors and outdoors because we have.

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Joe Siciliano: You know we're anticipating, month after month, the eastern grand and civic Center closing so we can start to construction, a lot of our.

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Joe Siciliano: vendors, or you know people that renters have been kind of finding other locations so for the month of March we drastically expanded the.

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Joe Siciliano: indoor pickle ball play at the eastern grand and civic Center because we had time and space available because some of our renters have moved on to other locations to secure a spot for the construction phase so.

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Joe Siciliano: we're going to be publishing that very soon tomorrow or Friday there's a there's an expanded list of of ours.

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Joe Siciliano: That should hopefully get us through the march uncertainty of March weather and then hopefully by April we'll have some more information about.

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Joe Siciliano: Setting up some temporary courts or modifying some tennis courts or doing a few things like that we're just trying to get the statistics right.

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Joe Siciliano: So that we don't get a clash between the tennis players and the become called players so on so we're working on that right now.

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Joe Siciliano: Ladies i'll turn over their fields of study to you when you can update folks on that, then I have one more, but let me do this now before you go, as you know, you've heard Scott talk and you probably.

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Joe Siciliano: For others, thought that.

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Joe Siciliano: too, we have to long term town employees have retiring The first one is billy shock who works for us she's retiring at the end of February.

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Joe Siciliano: And believes in over 30 year employee with the department and she decided to take her retirement before the construction.

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Joe Siciliano: So we are in the process of reviewing candidates have a current list that we have to replace billy there's still things that need to be done, even though the building is going to be closing we've we've overloaded, some of our other facilities with with renters.

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Joe Siciliano: We also have to run our camps, we also have to start to think about a reopening plan for the new building and while that is part of.

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Joe Siciliano: part of what we're working on by filling that position, the other person is down and ellie and I Scott might want to say something also when he gets to his report Alvin with the town for 26 years.

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Joe Siciliano: in charge of building construction and maintenance has produced a lot of projects for the town, but in our category he he was the lead on the renovation of the western again and civic Center.

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Joe Siciliano: he's done, you know he you know he's worried he's been working on the skating rink projects, obviously, everyone knows he's been working on the east and grant and civic Center project.

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Joe Siciliano: He is kind of our go to guy on building maintenance and construction and capital projects instead of the number of restrooms throughout the town that affect the parks.

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Joe Siciliano: North St operation and shed so there's a whole list of things that Allah is completed, that has direct effect to our department.

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Joe Siciliano: We wish him well we're sad that he's going, we are thought, maybe he'd want to hang in here until the building was done, but I think i'm the only one who's going to do that, but but anyway, but anyway, he he is he's he's he'll be around to answer some.

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Joe Siciliano: Questions and he will be here for us if we need him as we you know proceed into the next couple of months.

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Joe Siciliano: So that's kind of it we wish our well and we wish billy well and their retirement and we'll look forward to be back together with them in the near future.

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Joe Siciliano: So blaze your up.

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Blaize Levitan: hey good evening everyone just real quick, so we had we have some good news we received in fiscal year 22 the current budget included \$150,000 for additional field.

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Blaize Levitan: master plan you know work that was conditioned by the BT at the time on the full presentation of the master plan, the key findings of the study that we had reviewed last month.

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Blaize Levitan: And so they voted last night 12 zero to release the conditions so that means that we have an existing 300,000 from.

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Blaize Levitan: Two fiscal years ago, and then we have 150,000 right now, so we can now.

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Blaize Levitan: get off the ground on on the first project that we had highlighted, which is the drainage at a couple of the key fields were engaging the consultant to do soil.

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Blaize Levitan: set of you know, soil studying and water table assessments, so that we can have an idea of what type of drainage work, we need.

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Blaize Levitan: we're really going after some of the low hanging fruit at a couple of the key fields that were identified in the master plan last month just for a refresher we're we're starting with a focus on morality at Bible street park upper half Meyer field.

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Blaize Levitan: benny that's that we're doing water table testing to see what the situation is there and then possibly central middle school but we're kind of coordinating with the board event on that.

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Blaize Levitan: So those are the first couple of key locations where we have some low hanging fruit, where we expect that there might be depending on the findings will either do some soil modification or.

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Blaize Levitan: Potentially you know install some drainage or D time your location, so the one the one other thing is the drainage work.

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Blaize Levitan: To complete the drainage work on these key fields we have \$600,000 in this budget, and it was also proposed as part of the American rescue plan funding.

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Blaize Levitan: So it's being considered by the committee, but it's also in the budget so we're just kind of waiting waiting to see, but hopefully all round out the final.

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Blaize Levitan: funding and we'll be able to complete all the drainage work at these key fields to get started.

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Blaize Levitan: And then the rest of that master plan is just part of the going to be part of the 15 year budgeting, you know process and will be, you know lots of conversation on that piece, but.

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Blaize Levitan: For now, we have some funding to get started on some of that low hanging drainage improvement work.

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Blaize Levitan: So that's that's the that's the exciting, I think we ever feels that was great now is to get that funding, we can actually get started and start making some improvements to some of the field capacity so.

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Scott Johnson: Please, I have a question on that so Does that mean that the improve the ci P component of fields, also now.

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Blaize Levitan: So the P, this was previously allocated what we received last night at the meeting was previously allocated capital funds and the fiscal 22 budget that were conditioned before we could use them upon a presentation of the full master plan and.

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Blaize Levitan: What we were going to specifically use the funds for which is the train into work, so they released the existing capital that was already allocated in the last budget.

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Blaize Levitan: That we weren't allowed to have we basically couldn't use until we had the conditions released the additional 600,000 and this capital request is before the BT now.

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Scott Johnson: Also, the argument, so when so, for example, you had.

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Scott Johnson: used to burn some extent of fields out there two or three years out there when this stuff like that get reviewed and hopefully approves at the next meeting with the team.

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Blaize Levitan: That will be part of the 15 year.

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Blaize Levitan: budgeting process so in it's kind of a combination, but basically it's shown in the fiscal year.

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Blaize Levitan: In this fiscal year 2013 budget and hopefully it stays in in fiscal year 25 so to get adopted by the BT there won't be any funds committed yet.

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Blaize Levitan: We are going to actually use you just reminded me some of the money we're also going to start some of the drainage some of the soil sampling at the eastern and civic Center field, so that we can have an idea of what the soil.

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Blaize Levitan: Quality is there with the water table is so when we get down the road of the design to hopefully get the funds and fiscal year 25.

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Blaize Levitan: We already know what the soil situation is with the water situation in sort of a better idea of what the rebuild would need to be, but that process would be part of the So hopefully it stays in the 15 year plan and gets included in this budget, and then next year's we keep developing.

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Blaize Levitan: The budgets we move it up and we get closer and closer and then, once we get to the first year, where there's funding allocated is when the BT would be voting and the budget process to actually allocate funds towards that and that's when you get the real commitment to the to the.

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Scott Johnson: UN any pushback on any of that.

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Blaize Levitan: Well we've had a lot of conversation about it.

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Blaize Levitan: i'm a lot definitely so far this month, you know with Joe and I, as he said, we were there, for we we've gone to three B team meetings now where this has been the primary focus of it um and so there's still a lot more conversation to be had, but I think.

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Blaize Levitan: Joe unless you've seen anything we we haven't really seen too much.

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Blaize Levitan: conversation and yeah we've had a lot of conversation about the plan, but nothing too specific on.

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Blaize Levitan: push back yet it's on a specific project versus another, and we need to make sure we're coordinating on.

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Blaize Levitan: The biggest piece, for us, there was coordinating on all the big fields which will be part of the next budget process but that's actually, even though we manage all the fields that's in their.

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Blaize Levitan: Budget item so that'd be kind of a whole nother conversation that we didn't have to deal with this cycle.

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Blaize Levitan: Joe might have you know some other know, I think we really you know nothing specific.

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Joe Siciliano: Just nothing but one of the.

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Scott Johnson: One of the funny questions that we get that I get.

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Scott Johnson: I think we used to have this.

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Scott Johnson: there's been about 10,000 keys on eastern cards 600 fields didn't we used to have a guy with a dog these to get rid of all the keys, we still have yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: We do it actually comes out of conservation now so conservation verb it is.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, we have we have that in the dog that chases various geese and various locations from one location to another they chased them back.

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Joe Siciliano: But then i'm being sarcastic about that, because sometimes that's what happens and but if he's in civic Center is becoming a problem, then we can we can.

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Joe Siciliano: We can ask him to go there, I mean that's just a call to conservation they redirect them and a lot of times we do that, because we have a contract with this individual for so many.

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Joe Siciliano: Applications per week so.

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Joe Siciliano: You know if that if you hear that, let us know, because we can then have that conservation redirect the effort, a little bit and we'll move them off that field and push them back to many parks.

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Joe Siciliano: Because that's what happens yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: We do get.

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Joe Siciliano: We do get funny calls from residents who have large properties on the water when you run those birds out of out of Bruce part daily they end up on my front lawn on you know.

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Joe Siciliano: Over on this, the drive and other places with big houses with big front lawns and then they hired the guy to push them back to the park, I mean.

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Joe Siciliano: And that's no that's no lie.

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Joe Siciliano: So.

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Frank DiVincenzo: I see.

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Frank DiVincenzo: point.

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Joe Siciliano: Excuse me.

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Frank DiVincenzo: I see that dog handler advantage point.

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Joe Siciliano: Yes, sometimes he's out there yeah yeah yeah.

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Scott Johnson: yeahs punch kind of.

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00:19:11.910 --> 00:19:18.150

Scott Johnson: Point work this year was it successful with dogs came any new problems.

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Frank DiVincenzo: You are you asking.

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Scott Johnson: i'm just asking Joe any any new problems that with dogs crunch point for.

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Joe Siciliano: The usual usual problems with dog cigarettes point you know there were no bad dogs is packed dog owners and because the dog owners don't abide by the leash you know put them on a leash Rome.

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Joe Siciliano: This issue about picking up after your dog.

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Joe Siciliano: And there's been a couple confrontations that i've been made aware of dog the dog.

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Joe Siciliano: So.

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Scott Johnson: Then, last year we had kind of the wild animal problem rabid raccoons response to that not not a big deal for sure.

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Scott Johnson: that's been resolved resolved.

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Joe Siciliano: But it's gone away temporarily but it's it's done for now.

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Tracy Freedman: Please, can I just, can I ask a quick question um it's Tracy.

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Tracy Freedman: With the money for the.

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Tracy Freedman: drainage with cms being so up in the air um do you have other town field, you would be able to target with that money at the you know at the ready now if that doesn't you're not going to proceed with that.

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Blaize Levitan: yeah yeah we have we have a whole, this was the what we worked on actually at our last the team meeting was we kind of just when Joe and I went and we.

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Blaize Levitan: We just to reduce with all the confusion going on a central middle school or just currently going to focus on the town.

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Blaize Levitan: fields in central middle school would be a priority field but we're we've got a plenty of there's a whole long list in the report I don't have it in front of me at the moment, but if there's a number of field locations we've got plenty of alternatives and for the moment with the confusion.

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Blaize Levitan: That we're just focusing resources elsewhere, at the moment but we've got a number of other locations that are non school properties that we.

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Blaize Levitan: Could it's really nice sounds like a lot of money, but I mean it's really not a lot of money to do that much work.

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Tracy Freedman: yeah now I agree yeah.

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Blaize Levitan: So we're just kind of lowering central middle school at the moment and the board of it is a lot on their plate.

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Blaize Levitan: Between coated and all everything else that's happening so we're hoping that once things, maybe calm down a little bit for them won't get a chance to just sit down and coordinate and run through before the next budget cycle number of items.

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Tracy Freedman: Thanks.

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Scott Johnson: So no more questions on that Nancy because he said, you want to jump do you want to.

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Scott Johnson: Do you want to give I know there's not much going on with your stuff but you want to talk about it a little bit.

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Scott Johnson: doors and things you want to expand it to kind of a parks and trees, and I think Tracy was helping you and i'm not sure if anyone else frank might have been.

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Scott Johnson: And by the way we I don't know if anybody knows, but we, I think, have a new member i'm not sure where that is the approval process.

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Scott Johnson: To Joe do you know.

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Joe Siciliano: I don't know where he is in the approval process I don't I don't I can't even tell you that it's past the board of selectmen yeah.

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Come on.

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Tracy Freedman: The rpm so maybe.

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Tracy Freedman: Okay yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: So I think it's this thing is still.

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Joe Siciliano: At home in hold at the board of selectmen okay.

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Scott Johnson: Yes, watch your schema your quick report.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay um So yes, you mentioned Tracy so i'll just do a little shout out on Facebook has been.

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Tracy Freedman: Not doing anything.

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Nancy Chapin: No incentive inspirational and that we and teresa's has been put this spreadsheet together that has given us this task of hiking.

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Nancy Chapin: And walking through all our town open space parks, so we did on a beautiful Saturday, a few weeks back, we hiked babcock and I have to say it looks great so.

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Nancy Chapin: I had mentioned to both Greg and Darren that staff must be walking through there.

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Nancy Chapin: I know, also the dirty and has a little relationship of the town as well, there are some trails but the trails look great people we didn't see a lot of people, but people are out there, enjoying it it's a beautiful Park, I would encourage everybody to take a look at it, we.

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Nancy Chapin: notice some interesting things about the blazing that goes on and that will dovetail into a conversation that we're going to have on.

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Nancy Chapin: The other parks, but so Tracy is great and gung Ho and i'm really looking forward to working with Tracy so I talked to Scott, a little bit about saying.

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Nancy Chapin: Maybe my presentation, you know i'm on the agenda and it could be, and I could work with Scott, like guys this month we're going to highlight could be vinny kitchell or Bruce part or the summer we've walked in height.

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Nancy Chapin: But I will roll into both benny and I need them and i'm really glad that Greg is on.

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Nancy Chapin: First, about benny really the big news there is again that they're going to start to move forward with the bridge work.

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Nancy Chapin: And I know Scott attended a meeting where they did a presentation on that just a couple things the friends group just wanted to talk about you know the various crosswalks and things and Joe I don't know if you know but.

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Nancy Chapin: there's always a question about that crossing where.

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Nancy Chapin: It was coming down to arch street, and I know, for whatever reason, I think it's because it's a hill they can't put a stop sign there, which means they can't really have a crosswalk there I don't know if you know anything about this, and it will probably more of a dp w thing.

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Joe Siciliano: You know i'm sorry I don't.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay that's Okay, then we'll move on, but I will say dp w's been forthcoming and responsive and this friends group, and I would say pete your is leading the charge on that.

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Nancy Chapin: Just briefly, we had a little walk out there and identified some other planting areas and Greg has.

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Nancy Chapin: In his budget of planting plan and also maybe Greg will want to pipe up but we're going to look at the banks next to the bridge and see if we can plant those out and it is in the plan so just fulfilling that benny park master plan Greg do you want to add anything on that.

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gkramer: Sure sure, good evening, good evening Nancy Thank you yeah I I met with Gabriella and the plan things that pertain to the bridge construction are all within the dfw budget.

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gkramer: So done, none of the plantings would come out of parks department budget.

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gkramer: And I did go over the the crosswalks and to your point Nancy that is the concern pertaining to the arch street and westwood.

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gkramer: intersection is the Hill, so they can't put a crosswalk there, but in the master plan to the connection to the existing.

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gkramer: path we created with the stone goes around the backside of the tennis courts and intersects at the intersection where they're going to put put in construction so that whole connection does does reconnect over by the bridge.

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Nancy Chapin: Thank you Greg and they're on the dp do w website, they have done a pretty good job of putting up their public meetings, and so you can listen to them so moving on to tuchman pomerance and pie needham.

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Nancy Chapin: Some great things are happening their staff great Darren has been working with some scouts and really the big issue right now in that park a beloved park.

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Nancy Chapin: it's getting a lot of us.

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Nancy Chapin: And so, a lot of the trails are experiencing well excessive or use good use, but getting money and what so darren's been working and putting a couple of things and trying we're looking at different materials to use to mitigate some of the wet areas.

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Nancy Chapin: We have kind of three subcommittees that are working actively that Greg and Darren are involved in one is planting planting remediation and a trails Committee, as well as education so we're looking we're creating some volunteer days but.

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Nancy Chapin: I think some of the great things that are happening is plantings dealing with invasive and getting the youth involved there's going to be a big group from brunswick that's going to be doing some plantings and I always have to little shout out to Greg and Darren they've just been terrific.

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Nancy Chapin: So it's a beautiful park again if anybody wants to go over there and do hikes i'm always willing to take people.

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Scott Johnson: muted you're muted yourself.

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Nancy Chapin: confession I reached out to my husband what am I forgetting because he's very involved in these working redolent you know he's retired from the audubon so he's having a great time working with Greg and Darren and using his audubon experience to help with.

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Nancy Chapin: You know he's he's definitely jumped in so.

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Nancy Chapin: But it's been great it's been a great group and we're looking forward we're very excited about the master plan and how we can support that master plan and getting larger groups involved and.

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Nancy Chapin: it's a beautiful park so.

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Scott Johnson: You guys, can you remember talk to pass just about maybe giving a presentation on the opposite those planet those those two.

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Nancy Chapin: yeah I had after our last meeting when Sue baker raised that I said, you know, this would be great to hear this open space plan, so I will I will do that i'll put that on my little to do.

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Scott Johnson: And then I.

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Scott Johnson: I issued not completely jokingly a challenge parks and REC versus conservation on a.

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Scott Johnson: wildlife trivia contest Greg Kramer over the arbitrator.

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Scott Johnson: He could each each each group has four people spouses are allowed.

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Nancy Chapin: We when.

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Scott Johnson: You get 10 you're allowed to.

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Scott Johnson: bet on Joe forget it you're not included.

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Joe Siciliano: You got it.

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Scott Johnson: directors are not allowed Greg claim the arbitrator tree.

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Scott Johnson: and wildlife and I get to pick the location, because i'm gonna pick a location that no one knows, except for maybe Nancy.

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Scott Johnson: And we have some phenomenal fundraising right so.

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Scott Johnson: Isolated so.

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Scott Johnson: Sue because once once you soon as a good REP presentation.

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Scott Johnson: Sorry Nancy are you done.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay, unless anybody has any questions um you know, again I just you know so thankful for this word of stuff and all that they're doing there and.

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Nancy Chapin: I don't know if everybody saw there's been you know, an article from outs brash about.

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Nancy Chapin: How great and acknowledging park staff are really you know, recognizing that this is a gem, and you know many ways that this is kind of a central park for granted, and I am looking forward to a lot of great things happening there.

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Nancy Chapin: So thank you Max.

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Scott Johnson: So, so you sit you you've been doing a lot, and you can show us a lot once you jump into your stuff.

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Sue Bodson: To our okay i'm going to try to share my screen and lenore I think you made me a Co host Is that correct.

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Joe Siciliano: Would you okay you're.

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Sue Bodson: Good Okay, are we up.

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Scott Johnson: Can you see me yes.

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Sue Bodson: Okay, so um what I said in the beginning, I don't know if the meeting had started yet.

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Sue Bodson: And and first apologize, I need to thank Lenoir lenore I don't know what to do without you honestly and when I joined this board I didn't know it was going to be a training opportunity, putting my junior the cat on.

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Sue Bodson: Because now i've i've been trained in and how to set this up and we're still learning right lenore.

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Sue Bodson: So this is the new site, it is, it is published, but it has not taken over the old.

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Sue Bodson: We have contacted Wicks and they need to convert they need to convert the domain to that there's there's one say and i'll let you all know, when when that happens, and we were fortunate to.

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Sue Bodson: take advantage of a little Wick sale that everyone loves the sale and we got we got to take advantage of a Wick sale today where we got 50% off of our our yearly use of this week's platform so hooray.

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Sue Bodson: So Okay, so this is the homepage and.

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Sue Bodson: This will stay this stays stagnant up here and, as you can see there's our beautiful logo, which incorporates trees and sports.

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Sue Bodson: And so I love it because it's like outdoor space and recreation, which is fabulous and I think Scott mentioned this before, but I think like what is really great about this say is how.

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Sue Bodson: How updated the pictures are and it doesn't look like it's from 1975 anymore, it looks we have we and we now have the ability to constantly update this.

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Sue Bodson: As we as we move forward so we talk about our mission and then down at the bottom, this is always at the bottom, how to contribute and.

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Sue Bodson: Asking questions, and this will go to the town of Greenwich parks and recreation foundation.

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Sue Bodson: gmail account these questions here which both lenore and I I don't know if anyone else has login but more lenore and I both have login to that so let's go to who we are and here we have a lovely letter from our chairman Scott.

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Sue Bodson: Talking about the Foundation and and what we strive to do and then down here we have a description of the demographics, of the board.

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Sue Bodson: Or the Foundation and we did it this way, as its as it's a fluid, it seems to be a fluid thing, so this seemed to be the best way to thread the Needle, on that, then of course we have our accounting information here and then so, under what we do.

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Sue Bodson: And I love this picture I mean it's just beautiful right it just I feel like it really.

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Sue Bodson: depicts the beauty of the town that we live in, and our open spaces really love that so, under what we do, we talk about you know what what the Foundation was set up, for I do really like this part and we worked really hard to figure out how to best.

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Sue Bodson: depict this so it's how our resources are allocated and.

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Sue Bodson: I believe that doing a pie chart and and showing percentage wise where our money is allocated I think that's really powerful and you can see that you know, obviously parks improvement scholarships and recreation Those are our big our big chunks.

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Sue Bodson: special events is fireworks in case you were wondering what that is.

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Sue Bodson: And again, you know, as I said before, the contribute and the donate part is always stagnant down here.

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Sue Bodson: So under current projects Okay, so this is, these are our current projects that we have going on and Scott, thank you've been really helpful as as.

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Sue Bodson: Has door, you know other people in contributing sort of the language that we wanted to put in here, so we have the Dorothy hamill skating rink the eastern greater civic Center which we have this this beautiful, you know graphic here of what the civic Center is going to look like.

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Sue Bodson: We have parks improvements and beautification.

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Sue Bodson: The fireworks.

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Sue Bodson: This is, I guess, a program that had been done in the past that we hope to we're going to we're doing it again the bang, for your your buck.

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Sue Bodson: Then we have commemorative gifts, which is benches.

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Sue Bodson: And there's a separate tab for benches that i'll show you the skating award and then, of course, on the use scholarship.

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Sue Bodson: So those are sort of our current what is going on, we have this tab here that people can request a bench and Joe has indicated that there are several places now in town where.

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Sue Bodson: benches can be replaced or added so that's that's really great I think this is a great gift or a great you know endeavor for a group to take on.

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Sue Bodson: And then under here we have past projects, and we have listed here the vinny park baskets the buy button show immobile.

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Sue Bodson: firearm park concerts with Harris golf improvements, the map to me family commemorative walk on the fireworks that we did basket that we did last summer the Veronica beard event.

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Sue Bodson: I cannot see this so Tommy Lee lyla fail Is that how you say it.

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Scott Johnson: We fail.

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Sue Bodson: We fail Okay, and then, and then, of course, our wine tasting.

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Sue Bodson: All under past under news we have our section one we are mentioned in the news and.

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Sue Bodson: I had written a couple of articles that Leslie yeager who is always incredibly supportive of us thank you Leslie I don't know if you're on.

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Sue Bodson: had published and we did actually I think over Christmas we did actually get some really nice sizable gifts to the to the Foundation, so that was that was really lovely.

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Sue Bodson: This is another article that appeared in Greenwich free press.

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Sue Bodson: And you know we can add, obviously we can add to this, as we become you know we're more in the news and then under donate.

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Sue Bodson: So this, I think, is really incredibly helpful because we also we give people a breakdown of suggested levels to donate but then thanks to lenore and let me see if this will work.

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Sue Bodson: So this takes you to pay the PayPal account, which again I said in last meeting has fully transferred out of nancy's name.

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Sue Bodson: Nancy cheapen and is i'm on the person, I guess, my name is account is connected now with this PayPal account, so this is a drop down by N, which I have tested so again the different levels that we had.

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Sue Bodson: suggested to people, but then also on eastern going into civic Center park and prevents and scholarships and they tested each of these, and when you make a donation to any of these on the PayPal on the receipt it says.

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Sue Bodson: You know the indication is there that it's for the Eastern Greenwich civic Center or is for.

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Sue Bodson: park beautification to this This can, if there's you know something else another project that comes up or another endeavor that we want to add to this we can add to this, so this was all lenore lenore did all of that.

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Sue Bodson: And let me go back here, and I think I think that is it so um any questions anyone is there anything, something you want me to go back to.

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Scott Johnson: So just me.

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Scott Johnson: yeah one thing that if you go back to your charts.

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Scott Johnson: on making donations there's.

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Scott Johnson: Basically, two.

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Scott Johnson: two categories there's specific projects, but then the other ones let's just say it's a parks partner that's what we call and designated so that can go just to.

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Scott Johnson: The Foundation in general.

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Scott Johnson: And that's.

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Scott Johnson: really helpful because it goes.

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Scott Johnson: For the expenses and the biggest one is the accounts fees.

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Scott Johnson: Right so.

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Scott Johnson: That means we can we can use our expenses if somebody gives money for penny park the park account, and it can only be used for that so that's how we regulate that.

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Sue Bodson: Correct and so again yeah so these categories on we can you know offset administrative fees, obviously the hosting fee for for the whips.

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Sue Bodson: But also, if there's you know, in six months over the summer, if there's something that comes up that we you know, we need to spend the money for on it'll it'll be in there and that and and Scott, and I think the so the scholarships it's really.

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Sue Bodson: it's human services is that right that they administer and we give money to that is that how that works.

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Scott Johnson: Basically, yes.

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OK.

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Sue Bodson: OK OK, I am going to can I stop sharing going to stop sharing.

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Scott Johnson: yeah that's great thanks.

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Sue Bodson: Okay okay i'm Nancy you had a question.

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Nancy Chapin: So.

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Nancy Chapin: yeah OK.

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Nancy Chapin: So just First it was actually you mentioned Nancy champion was actually Nancy caitlyn.

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Sue Bodson: caitlyn sorry.

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Nancy Chapin: I had a question because so, for example, benny who's has infant friends group that's starting up, but they can target, they can use this and specifically targeted project in vinnie if they wanted to raise funds I I wasn't quite clear on that.

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Sue Bodson: So that's a really excellent question, and this has, I think we, we need to talk about that because, like a friends group right there i'm assuming they're their own 501 C three already Is that correct or not.

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Nancy Chapin: So I not yet.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay, so this is one of the things that.

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Nancy Chapin: is going to be discussed at some point, how necessary is a friends group to become the can they channel funding through this Foundation, which obviously is great for a fledgling friends group.

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Sue Bodson: And I.

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Sue Bodson: And and we've had other groups.

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Sue Bodson: come to us and ask about you know passing through, and I think I again i'm putting my junior the cat on it always goes back to the mission, and I feel like if it fits into the mission of the Foundation, then I think that personally I think that's fine.

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Sue Bodson: And, but I think so, like the biram their friends of viral I believe they because debbie launch and I hope them to that ratio, they are either one there, they are a 501 C three.

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00:43:52.200 --> 00:43:54.690

Sue Bodson: So I yeah I mean I think it's.

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Joe Siciliano: Nice and our foundation for funding for us to the parks foundation.

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Blaize Levitan: Are they yeah they're not the Byron one is not a 501.

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00:44:05.910 --> 00:44:07.170

Blaize Levitan: they're using the Foundation.

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Blaize Levitan: Okay yeah.

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Sue Bodson: So I mean again, I think it it totally goes it comes down to the mission of the of the organization and if it fits within the mission, then I think that's perfectly fine personally I think that's fine.

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Scott Johnson: So my view on that Nancy is, we want to encourage friends groups as much as we can.

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Scott Johnson: And they just have to be I would recommend that they don't follow their own 501 C three because it's it's very difficult it's painful.

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Scott Johnson: You have to file tax returns, you have to have an account so that's part of the reason the Foundation was set up.

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Scott Johnson: is so that people could get you know charitable donations for those things, and the only guidepost on that it happened with that happened in glendale recently.

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Scott Johnson: Is you just can't give us money, unless there is an approved project because, once you give it to us, we really can't use it unless that projects approved and we never want to give it back because that's tax problem.

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00:45:15.690 --> 00:45:19.740

Scott Johnson: But friends groups, you know to be encouraged as much as possible.

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Sue Bodson: And and Scott, just to piggyback off of that you know, this is one of the reasons why i'm so junior the what we did is we collected money for the pool.

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00:45:33.060 --> 00:45:50.430

Sue Bodson: And then we gifted the money to the town, not the Foundation, but to the town of Greenwich and we collected money as junior League, so that people could get the tax donation if they were just giving it to the town of Greenwich they would not get a credit for that donation.

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Joe Siciliano: So this was great because now we can start to me, we always get inquiries at the office people call might want to give money, I had one today.

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Joe Siciliano: from someone who's interested in giving some money towards a ferry boat or something just you know these are just small gifts recognition, but this is helpful to have this setup I think it's really a big difference from the last.

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Joe Siciliano: Page that we had, and it can only get better because, because now we can final things today, we were talking about like fireworks so we've we've security firework vendor as of today, and we already know that we're.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, from what they've been on the project versus what the money we have in our budget already \$5,000 short in that project already so doing something like this, you know.

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Joe Siciliano: This promotion, you know, give a bang for our buck or whatever we want to call it could only help that cause and bridging the difference of what we.

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00:46:56.040 --> 00:47:04.530

Joe Siciliano: have in our budget and what we need to achieve, and so that we don't start taking money out of other program based to compensate for.

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00:47:04.830 --> 00:47:20.610

Joe Siciliano: The \$5,000 that we need to produce the fireworks project so so these, these are all helpful things, and now that you know all the superintendent's are on board for ladies and lenore there's a lot of them get their own people contact them directly.

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00:47:20.910 --> 00:47:22.860

Joe Siciliano: And now we have an opportunity to.

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00:47:23.010 --> 00:47:24.900

Joe Siciliano: Read direct them right.

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00:47:24.960 --> 00:47:39.810

Sue Bodson: I just wanted to show you I meant to show this to you guys before, this is the mobile version so huge difference, so you can see that it it, you know adapts to a mobile platform.

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00:47:40.680 --> 00:47:51.390

Sue Bodson: I love this I, this is, I think my favorite part because um it's you know really much so much better than, then what we have right now.

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Joe Siciliano: Great that's a big improvement, thank you.

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Scott Johnson: you're welcome, let me, let me thanks to um when we give an example of something that happened last night.

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Scott Johnson: Half of it was a joke, but it really wasn't just a good example so BT voted 12 nothing to approve the additional \$4 million for Eastern mindset accent, because I was a hell of an overage.

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Scott Johnson: And there were there were.

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Scott Johnson: very kind words sense about commonalities retirement, which I want to echo and then kind of as a joke, they said well why don't we have an album anally room he's to buy a civic Center.

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00:48:36.960 --> 00:48:45.270

Scott Johnson: which may may or may or may not be good idea, but you know you can do that kind of stuff so they do it, everyone knows, they do at the hospital.

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00:48:45.750 --> 00:48:52.920

Scott Johnson: there's nothing wrong with doing it at the civic Center or the hockey rink or anywhere certainly down to todd's point.

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Scott Johnson: You know there's plaques all over the place there's breaks, but there's also you know the pavilions named after donors, so it was it was a great thing.

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Scott Johnson: Just to talk about our little bit from my perspective, because a lot of you guys didn't really get a chance to work with him certainly joey and blaze to him, but you know he's he's kind of the construction manager for the new project so just think about what he's done.

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Scott Johnson: he's done he's two guys civic Center he's working with the architects hopefully on the hockey rink but he did the police station, he did the firehouse.

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Scott Johnson: he's done hard to certain extent, schools, a little bit, but all the big projects he's the guy that kind of develops the budget and he knows.

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Scott Johnson: About that he's got a lot of experience, so when we were first, starting with us, we went swimming Center same thing with the rank we don't really even know what to ask we don't even know what's going to look like.

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Scott Johnson: But i'll kinda did.

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Scott Johnson: He kind of knew what was going to be in there, he kind of knew that was gonna be \$500 a square foot, you know and long Behold quite till four years later.

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00:50:06.720 --> 00:50:18.360

Scott Johnson: that's kind of where we came in, I mean it's pretty remarkable and then he you know he's the guy that works with the architects mostly helps to do the nitty gritty on the designs.

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00:50:18.900 --> 00:50:27.930

Scott Johnson: On HPA see systems glass all that kind of stuff that the building committees or the design committees don't really do so.

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00:50:29.310 --> 00:50:37.500

Scott Johnson: shout out to him I don't know how he's going to be replaced, I know I think we need three people to replace him and i'm not kidding so.

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Scott Johnson: that's going to be a tough one to fill but anyway back east, west Center briefly, the next step for Ali are 10 people as we go to our tm.

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Scott Johnson: have to have it approved there and I believe Tracy you might know better than me but it's going to probably go to our team parks and REC it'll probably go to finance it'll go to dp w proximity pw before it goes to our team, which I believe was march 14 something like that so.

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Scott Johnson: Any help on that i've already written to Kathleen the ball, though, but Tracy your contacts there could be good to its it's not particularly controversial the extra money it's based on large part on just price increases, there are a couple things that weren't included in the original.

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Scott Johnson: projections, and the original estimates last year at this time, he was 18,000,007 that came in higher because inflation and some details are not done on drainage, and the parking lot so it's pretty darn good.

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Scott Johnson: We really don't want it to lay this because to do so on and Joe and I and Frank Miller, or at the original meeting with the cohens the cohens are on a very precise schedule, so if they see that the town is not committed to the project or it's going to be delayed for whatever reason.

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Scott Johnson: That gift can be can be jeopardized because they're on a fiscal schedule, like everybody else and money for a certain fiscal years not approved.

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Scott Johnson: or not used, then it gets moved and who knows where that it then goes so any lobbying, we can do to our tm I don't think it'll be a problem, but you never know.

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Scott Johnson: But it does have to be approved by our team so it's a \$4 million dollar cost overrun that's that's an add on to the budget and it has to be approved, it was approved by PT last night 12 zero, which is a compliment downtown la and Joe and everybody else also so.

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Scott Johnson: that's an important step Tracy and I get that right, as it goes to subcommittees first.

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Tracy Freedman: yeah all go to all our subcommittees.

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Tracy Freedman: And then we all bring it into just direct before it goes to the full, our team vote.

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Tracy Freedman: One thing I that might come up is um you know what about the 5 million that we got from the cones how come that's not being used, you know to cover that 4 million.

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Scott Johnson: Oh, it is.

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Scott Johnson: So I mean it goes to the Channel.

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Tracy Freedman: for adding we got 5 million and we're getting.

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Tracy Freedman: 5 million from them now, we need another 4 million.

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Tracy Freedman: Yes, no.

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Scott Johnson: No that's.

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00:53:33.540 --> 00:53:37.260

Tracy Freedman: Total so it's nine okay so it's not okay yeah yeah.

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Scott Johnson: So we had we had on the original estimate or last year was around 18 seven.

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Scott Johnson: For the rest of the facility, we put it out to bid this came in anywhere from 2020 million to 24 million, so we go with the lowest bidder that's over the approved budget, and then you also have to Cohen gift.

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Scott Johnson: So when I look at it, which was I know.

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Scott Johnson: Kathleen Obama did, and I did, is where we have 500,000 extra dollars.

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Scott Johnson: Because if you include the Cohen gift, we still have plenty of money.

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Scott Johnson: versus hey this is too expensive our budget can handle it.

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Scott Johnson: So that's just not really a fair argument.

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Tracy Freedman: Right.

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Scott Johnson: Right yo.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah I mean what you what you have to understand is that the gift from the codes is over a period of four budget years right right but.

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Joe Siciliano: At the end it's a total of \$5 billion okay so they're committed their pledges for 5 million, we have a signed agreement that both the coincided fred's Dr TIM approved and Fred sign, so you know it's a scheduled.

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Joe Siciliano: disbursements of funding from the Foundation to the town.

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Blaize Levitan: They can still be applied to the projects, but the contributions going directly into the general fund as an offset to the tax burden for the project so it's not like the town need to have the full funding ready for the contract the.

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Blaize Levitan: And the contribution will go to the general fund help offset the tax burden, but it's not like it goes to the project.

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Blaize Levitan: Okay, or.

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Tracy Freedman: Okay it's not going directly to the project.

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Scott Johnson: The common agreement.

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Has.

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Scott Johnson: A system of advances, just like a construction loan, where they have a million dollars now million dollars next year and then on and on.

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Scott Johnson: But their dates associated with that and we don't want to jeopardize those dates, particularly if it's extensive if it's minor Alex a big deal.

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Scott Johnson: And nor do we go back to the cohens and say hey Can you give us a little more inflation added a million dollars to the project, one of the team Members suggested that that's.

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Scott Johnson: it's not an appropriate I do.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay.

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Scott Johnson: So just to two little things that I mean rick you want to do.

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Scott Johnson: You want to you know the on the rank I know it hasn't been a fun couple months but.

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Rick Loh: i'm sorry short and sweet Hello everybody.

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Rick Loh: We are making slow progress we've made into both the Greenwich time and the Greenwich repress over the past month or so.

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Rick Loh: This slow progress has resulted in.

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Rick Loh: After.

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Rick Loh: Looking at lots of different ways to.

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Rick Loh: Or what two different locations within the park.

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Rick Loh: it's pretty much been decided, now that the rank will go in the same location, as the existing rink.

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Rick Loh: Not not sealed in stone, but it's looking like that is the case, earlier this month, our made a.

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Rick Loh: Pre application to P amp Z using that site.

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Rick Loh: So that is, that is, the road we're on right on right now.

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Rick Loh: still a long way to go.

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Rick Loh: can't think of any.

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Rick Loh: Any other real highlights at this point in time there's still a lot of work that needs to be done.

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Rick Loh: But.

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Rick Loh: Finally, setting on a settling on it on a certain site is a big step in the right direction.

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Rick Loh: i'd also like to thank our for all the help you've given us to this point.

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Rick Loh: i've met Luigi it was going to be taken over for out.

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Rick Loh: and

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Rick Loh: Looking forward to working with him the rest of the way.

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Rick Loh: But you know Hats off now for for all the work he does and or did and.

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Rick Loh: in getting us to this point with the rank.

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Rick Loh: And unless anybody has any questions I think that's about it at this point in time.

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I have one.

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Rick Loh: Thanks Jeff.

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Joe Siciliano: You don't mind rick.

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Joe Siciliano: part of what we recently talked about, and I think we all saw this turning point when we did this, is that when we we have that SFAS study on these big red civic side.

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Joe Siciliano: And it really kind of VET it out, you know all of these different comments about what should be in the building what you know what the town needs, you know.

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Joe Siciliano: And they did a great job, and so one of the things that committees been talking about is is using SF Bay again to do something for the rink.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, we have too many partners in this project, and I don't mean that.

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Joe Siciliano: negatively, but there's a lot of people making a lot of comments and some are representative they represent small groups some they represent their own individual interests.

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Joe Siciliano: And I think one of the two ways we could probably bring this together is to do something similar to that, so we have been talking, or at least as of today has been talking to SF Bay about doing something similar.

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Joe Siciliano: The course is about I think an average of about the same as the eastern about 40,000.

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Joe Siciliano: But he gave us a great working document, and I think it put out a lot of fires in the sense that.

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Joe Siciliano: You know people have to come together and decide what was what is really important here, what are we trying to achieve what is our town need and for today and for into the future.

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Joe Siciliano: And that's being strongly considered, if not a done deal by the town administrator who's going to have to approve using ffa as a as a single source of.

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Joe Siciliano: Contract but we've have experienced with them, we do what they're what they're capable of doing, and we know that the product that they can produce, so this may be helpful going forward in the sense that.

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Joe Siciliano: To try to bring people together the ideas together the needs for the town together and the future needs for the town.

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Joe Siciliano: and get them all in one document so that we can kind of keep this thing moving forward and stop getting sidetracked that all of these of these other comments.

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Joe Siciliano: And you're not there will take and comments, but it's it they get to be a long term distraction doing you go to the right to go to the left, you know we try to solve everybody's issue, or at least provide information and it's not it's not the most.

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Joe Siciliano: productive use of time and effort from the staff and even the engineering company architect engineering couple of using.

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Joe Siciliano: Because it costs money to develop all of those alternate plans so let's get one on the table and let's move forward with it.

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Joe Siciliano: and try to redirect everybody, so we can focus on getting it done and whether that's it meeting you know, in its current location or.

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Joe Siciliano: Whatever the size of the buildings, going to be, whatever the assets of the building you're going to be and also see if it could raise some money to get it done so.

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Joe Siciliano: So that's what we're really trying to do so, I just want to make that comment you may hear some more about that in the near future.

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Rick Loh: Like dropping.

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Scott Johnson: Anything else on that, though.

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Mike Bocchino: Can you guys hear me okay.

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Scott Johnson: yeah Mike.

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Mike Bocchino: I apologize that I video is not working well, but.

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Mike Bocchino: there's a lot of concern about the direction of what we're doing right now, as far as this, you know committees concern and where we're our focuses it's been and.

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Mike Bocchino: I have to say, like at a certain point, I have come to realize that we.

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Mike Bocchino: really need to focus on the rink.

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Mike Bocchino: I think that the committee.

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Joe Siciliano: We lost your MIC.

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Rick Loh: You left.

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Joe Siciliano: We really lost you yeah.

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Rick Loh: Joe up this is rick i'll make a comment, I mean a lot of the opposition, we faced the one the way here.

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Rick Loh: was over the location of the rink.

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Rick Loh: and

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Rick Loh: It it there were so many unanswered questions that came came about because a location had not been decided upon and.

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Rick Loh: At this point in time, we are over that hurdle, and we, and we have the rank in the same location it's in a lot of the opposition that has been voiced to this point.

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Rick Loh: they'll find little things without a doubt, but the main issue that we faced was the location of the rank and that is behind us.

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Joe Siciliano: I think you're right yeah.

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Scott Johnson: So to do we feel confident that we have a potential location for the temporary rank.

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Joe Siciliano: Though what's not working.

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Joe Siciliano: We kicked around a bunch of locations, we continue to look we met yesterday to have another meeting we're going to have one in two weeks we're trying to brainstorm some possibilities, but.

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Joe Siciliano: You know we're just trying to narrow down and because we need quite the sizable piece of property.

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Joe Siciliano: To put the put a temporary surface that it would be temporary, meaning six months temporary for two seasons.

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Rick Loh: yeah and six months as the outside, yes, it may not, it may not be the quite that much I mean if you count setting up and taking down, yes, maybe it gets that one but for people that.

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Rick Loh: From p.

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Rick Loh: A P amp Z standpoint, having it up for less than six months.

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Rick Loh: makes P amp Z a lot more flexible, so.

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Joe Siciliano: you're right yeah.

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Rick Loh: that's big that's a big piece of the puzzle.

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Scott Johnson: Anything else on on the rank.

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Scott Johnson: Not so my only organizational stuff is.

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Scott Johnson: The first segments offices working on gift policy, so they submitted that to the law department and that's something that.

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Scott Johnson: For Camille is going to be working on.

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Scott Johnson: I let them know that i'd be willing to help, and we are our experiences on that I think could be helpful.

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Scott Johnson: I did meet with the whole branch association on the civic Center and they were they were pleased I was actually a little surprised how how little they knew about it, so it was kind of interesting.

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Scott Johnson: But they were basically pleased.

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Scott Johnson: You know their their agenda focused on civic Center beanie on sidewalks that kind of stuff so they're happy with any they're happy with the civic Center so that's good news.

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Scott Johnson: check just one more retirement thing it's to say thank you to build a shock to I always i've always enjoyed working with her, she is diligence to ensure these to me she's fun, so I think she'll be miss shirley miss also.

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Scott Johnson: And then, Joe I guess with the final question I have for you guys is assuming we're on track let's assume we have in our team approval we're facing, and I know we have some current maintenance problems at the 600.

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Scott Johnson: we're facing that thing.

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Scott Johnson: He stopped pretty soon, are we.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, I think what we're trying to do is that because month is March is such a transition month weather wise, you know.

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Joe Siciliano: We you know not having gone through this approval process for the additional \$4 million we've you know provided opportunity to use the building.

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Joe Siciliano: On a very limited basis, but we will continue, and I think people bought up getting the biggest advantage of all that, and some other meeting groups, and you know smaller things.

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Joe Siciliano: As I said, people are transitioning to another space and we'll take a we know the timing of getting the money approved on the 14th and then you know, being able to have that money available to to to.

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Joe Siciliano: To put into the contract and get the contract administration going, I mean I would think that the contract administration will take you know the rest of March and half of April.

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Joe Siciliano: But we'll take a serious look once we get the approvals, and what we'll do for the month of April at the East grand civic Center.

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Joe Siciliano: The weather starts to get better the days start to get longer we have definitely a couple big maintenance issues going on there that we're dealing with daily.

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Joe Siciliano: And we're having a staffing issue because you know people who weren't even work for us have started to look for other temporary employment.

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Joe Siciliano: So we're good for the month of March and we'll see what the last two weeks of March spring we could conceivably close the building around April 1 and then.

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Joe Siciliano: While we're still in the contract administration face that contract, it will get a notice to proceed that's how it usually works.

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Joe Siciliano: And so you know those are all in that realm of the month of the second half of March and the month of April depending how quickly, all of this comes together.

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Joe Siciliano: But so we may not, you know we'll we'll evaluate it after you know halfway through the month, but our goal would be.

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Joe Siciliano: To try to close the building around eight the first the first of April was the first the first week second week we're not going to really go too much into this.

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Joe Siciliano: Because the contractor will hopefully get the contract sign it will get a notice to proceed and then he takes charge of the area.

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Joe Siciliano: And then the devil starts and the abatement, and they have to set up a work zone and all that other stuff so that goes over to the contractor and we have to be out at that point, so we are making some.

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Joe Siciliano: Limited preparations to remove items, a lot of the lot of the things that we wanted to move a bit moved already and a lot of the things that remain will be deviled with the building and well first off we go.

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Scott Johnson: Okay, any anything else on any of these items and hope so.

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Sue Bodson: Sorry, I just wanted, I just wanted to mention something that really hasn't been mentioned yet regarding our minnelli and that's the Greenwich fool environment park and i'm telling you that that project would not have come to fruition without him and Joe the two of them.

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Sue Bodson: I got involved in 2011 it open and it it had already been in the works for several years and we opened the pool in 2018 so is a very long haul and thank you, Joe and our both it would not be there without the two of them, so I had to mention that.

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Joe Siciliano: But thank you Sue and we appreciate the partnership with the League always a great partner to be involved with and i'll take a leak project any day that week okay so.

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Joe Siciliano: they're they're organized they they know how to get the mission done and they know how to keep us the town employees on track.

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Joe Siciliano: And I say that when I say that, but obviously because we are scattered so many different directions that we do get distracted throughout the whole day we were not working on one project working on many things.

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Joe Siciliano: And so having a good partner that keeps you on track your success that's how this works.

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Scott Johnson: Thank you, thanks thanks for thanks for doing that so So is there any any new matters anybody have any new matters to bring.

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Scott Johnson: there's already public comment.

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Scott Johnson: I so Tracy do you, by any chance to know who's our art our team liaison now you know.

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Scott Johnson: Because I don't know.

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Tracy Freedman: If it's Liz Eckert.

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Tracy Freedman: Okay.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah that's correct the right I couldn't I didn't have my list, but I couldn't remember okay okay.

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Scott Johnson: Good thanks.

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Scott Johnson: Alright, so um anybody want to make a motion to adjourn on the new.

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Rick Loh: i'll make a motion to adjourn.

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You by seven.

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Scott Johnson: seconds Okay, and so on favor that's just raise your hands.

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Scott Johnson: Okay, so me Nina churn Thank you see you in March.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you all.

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Rick Loh: Thanks, thank you.