

**COMMUNITY HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND CULTURE  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 12, 2021 10:00 AM  
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM – CITY HALL**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>Chair, District 7</i> Councilmember Mario Bravo, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Phyllis Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Teri Castillo, <i>District 5</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	None
<b>Staff Present:</b>	David McCary, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Monica Hernandez, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Debbie Racca-Sittre, <i>Interim City Clerk</i> ; Aurora Perkins, <i>Deputy City Clerk</i> ; Jennifer Herriot, <i>Metro Health</i> ; Colleen Swain, <i>Director, World Heritage</i> ; Arisa Larios, <i>World Heritage</i> ; Doug Melnick, <i>Director, Office of Sustainability</i> ; Homer Garcia III, <i>Director, Parks &amp; Recreation</i> ; Melinda Cerda, <i>Assistant Director, Parks &amp; Recreation</i> ; Tony Forshage, <i>Parks Manager, Parks &amp; Recreation</i>
<b>Others Present:</b>	Dr. Steve Nivin, <i>Economist</i> ; Melissa Bryant, <i>Chair of the Technical Committee of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan</i>

**Call to order**

Chair Sandoval called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

Chair Sandoval announced that the Government and Public Affairs Department had convened a group to review community engagement and SA SpeakUp with the new portal expected to launch October 30, 2021.

Chair Sandoval thanked Councilmembers McKee-Rodriguez and Viagran for serving on the ad-hoc committee to review candidates for the Municipal Golf Association Board. She noted there were 27 candidates reviewed and that the ad-hoc committee had recommended 11 for interviews which were to occur at the next meeting of this Committee.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**1. Approval of minutes from the September 23, 2021 Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee.**

Councilmember Viagran made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2021 Community Health, Environment, and Culture Committee Meeting. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Bravo arrived at 10:14 AM after approval of the Minutes.

## **Briefings and Possible Action Items**

### **2. City of San Antonio's United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Creatives Cities Network Gastronomy program** [Lori Houston, Colleen Swain, Director, World Heritage Office]

Colleen Swain, Director of the World Heritage Office introduced new Special Projects Manager for Gastronomy Arisa Larios, Economist Dr. Steve Nivin, as well as an intern visiting from Thailand. Ms. Swain noted the partnership with Metro Health Department and Office of Sustainability. Ms. Swain provided an overview of FY2021 key accomplishments as well as Visit San Antonio's marketing in the area of gastronomy. In November 2021, a four-year report will be due to UNESCO, which includes a survey of the community, an annual economic impact report. Ms. Swain outlined the three program priorities of 1) Food Security and Food Justice, 2) Traditional Knowledge and 3) Sustainability. Ms. Swain listed the Sustainable Development Goals as well as programming.

Chair Sandoval invited Dr. Nivin to further describe the economic impact of the program. Dr. Nivin explained there was a decline in the culinary industry in 2020 due to COVID-19 and explained the industry would be changing as businesses assess their needs and options. Part of the research for the Creative City of Gastronomy was to assess how local restaurants adapted to the pandemic and help them move forward, explained Dr. Nivin.

Councilmember Viagran encouraged her Council colleagues to set the agenda of what they wanted to take forward to full Council with creative ideas for the program which could include nominating restaurants for the designation as well as getting more involvement from the community. Councilmember Viagran also noted that Visit San Antonio had been a good partner and they could provide more information on how they have supported the creative cities designation. Councilmember Viagran applauded the priorities of food security and food justice.

Councilmember Bravo commended Ms. Swain on the work that had been done and expressed support for collaborations with other creative cities and showcasing San Antonio as a Creative City of Gastronomy.

Councilmember Castillo requested that the next round of surveys include a question for restaurants regarding their access to, and need for, more emergency relief business grants.

### **3. The Trust for Public Land ParkScore and 10 Minute Walk to a Park Initiative.** [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

Homer Garcia III, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, provided a background on the ParkScore program as well as the City's ranking which improved in 2021 over the prior year. Mr. Garcia explained the criteria for ranking which included: access, investment, acreage, amenities, and equity. Mr. Garcia outlined strategies for working toward ensuring all residents had access to a park within a 10 minute walk which included partnerships with schools making their recreational amenities

available to the public when not in use by the school, as well as City assets such as utility/drainage easements and park land acquisition/expansion or donations.

Chair Sandoval requested more details on how the scores were calculated which Mr. Garcia said he would provide to all committee members. Chair Sandoval was concerned that pedestrian access to parks was not always a part of the park project and whether the 10 minute walk to a park took into consideration safety and access to sidewalks. Mr. Garcia explained that his department had been working with Anthony Chukwudolue, Deputy Director of Public Works Department, to assess the pedestrian walkways leading to parks including the condition of the sidewalk and access to shade trees.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked for a definition of a park which Mr. Garcia replied that the Trust for Public Lands ParkScore used “access to public green space” as their definition, and also described the Parks and Recreation Department’s collaboration with other departments and partners to ensure green spaces reflected what the community wanted and questioned why the numbers were improving. Mr. Tony Forshage, with Parks and Recreation Department explained that staff coordinated to bring on some new school parks through a memorandum of understanding, adding 40 campuses that may have been used by the community for years, as well as reporting Bexar County acquisitions. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez requested a comparison, district by district, of the parks in the 10 minute walk; Garcia described the Texas Public Land’s heat map and said he would send a link to the map to the Committee.

Councilmember Viagran was pleased that shade would be taken into consideration but wanted the City to consider more public restrooms and identify restrooms on the map. Land acquisition of flood plain property could be an opportunity, noted Councilmember Viagran, and added that she wanted to ensure the City consider the sensitivity of creek ways as well as infrastructure that already existed within a green space so residents would not have unrealistic expectations.

Councilmember Castillo favored the 10-minute walk to a park but was concerned about the sidewalk gaps and asked for a list of gaps near parks so the City Council could work to improve the sidewalk gaps and requested a comparison of park space by income as well as race. Mr. Forshage explained that 54% of lower income neighborhoods were within 10 minutes of a park as compared to 40% for higher income neighborhoods, communities of color had 33% more park space than majority white communities. Councilmember Castillo asked about activations such as fitness in the park and expanded programming beyond traditional parks into open green spaces or other partner locations within the neighborhoods. Mr. Forshage told the committee if they had any specific partners or events they would like him to consider, to let him know.

Councilmember Bravo asked if the City had its own parks score based on criteria that was specific or unique to San Antonio to which Mr. Garcia replied that the Texas Public Land’s score was utilized as well as community-wide surveys, annual budget process, and will develop new data driven metrics. Councilmember Bravo asked the Parks Department to bring forward their draft criteria to the committee to help define them. Councilmember Bravo suggested that parks should stay open after sundown when it would not be too hot, which Mr. Garcia noted that most parks close at 11:00 PM.

**4. City of San Antonio's Energy Efficiency Fund and Municipal Building Energy Benchmarking Program.** [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Doug Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability]

Doug Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, introduced Melissa Bryant, Chair of the Technical Committee stating she would be available for questions after the presentation. Mr. Melnick provided a briefing on the City of San Antonio's Energy Efficiency Funding and Municipal Building Energy Benchmarking Program. Mr. Melnick listed the SA Climate Ready Plan Strategies for municipal buildings and provided an overview of the history of the Energy Efficiency Fund as well as standard operating procedures and metrics relative to the Fund. Mr. Melnick mentioned next steps including incorporation of equity into the process.

Chair Sandoval asked when the Committee could be briefed on the Public Works Design Criteria. Assistant City Manager McCary suggested these would be individual briefings once the Public Works Department had more time to prepare. Mr. Melnick stated that he has provided Public Works with a high-level framework of priorities to be incorporated into their review matrix. Additionally, Mr. Melnick stated the Municipal Green building policy will be updated in FY22.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked for a description of the process to develop the Bond criteria and expressed concern that the Bond was moving quickly and this could be behind schedule. Mr. Melnick explained that the detailed level work would happen once the projects were approved, so the timeline was on target. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez recommended using the Bond to achieve carbon neutrality and requested the number of municipal facilities. Ruben Flores, Assistant Director for Building and Equipment Services confirmed the City had 600+ buildings and structures.

Councilmember Castillo wanted clarification on energy efficiencies that could be done on Police Station West to improve efficiency and questioned where the City Council Chambers ranked on energy efficiency, as it seemed to always be very cold. Mr. Melnick replied that these buildings would be reviewed.

Councilmember Viagran asked if Unified Development Code (UDC) changes could impact Green Building Policies. Assistant City Manager McCary confirmed that the process could include this information. Councilmember Viagran noted that Public Works was finalizing the 2022 Bond list with \$19 million for new substation in District 3 and recommended taking this excellent opportunity to create the substation as a model of a state-of-the-art new-build that is both green and accessible to persons with disabilities. Councilmember Viagran suggested that there were several City-owned buildings that housed arts organization and requested a breakout of the list of facilities by type and suggested making these old arts and culture buildings more energy efficient and sustainable.

Councilmember Bravo asked why Claude Jacob, Metro Health Director, was not at the meeting as the minutes indicated that he would provide a monthly briefing, and also expressed concern about the minutes. Assistant City Manager McCary explained that Mr. Jacob would come to the meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> which would be the second one for the month of October. Councilmember Bravo stated that he recently toured the Credit Human Building and noted that although that building was larger than their old building, they indicated the cost was only 5% more than a traditional building but is much more energy efficient and recommended the City use the Credit Human Building as a model for green

buildings in the 2022 Bond which would also help with workforce development and a shift in the San Antonio brand to energy efficiency and sustainability.

**5. The City of San Antonio's Municipal Solar Strategy to reach 100% renewable electricity for municipal buildings and facilities.** [David McCary, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]

Doug Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer provided a briefing on the item, described economic, public health and innovation benefits of using renewable energy. Mr. Melnick reported on the progress that has been made as well as national recognition for San Antonio as being first in Texas for solar in Environment Texas Research and Policy Center's Shining Cities 2020 Report and 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Mr. Melnick described the city's current solar assets and mentioned next steps including a Request for Proposals process.

Chair Sandoval introduced the topic and thanked Councilmember Bravo for requesting the briefing. Chair Sandoval asked about the type of contract and procurement that would be employed for the project and requested it be limited to local vendors that meet workforce and other criteria. Assistant City Manager McCary suggested only allowing local would be challenging but stated staff would meet with Finance Department to determine if these criteria could be included. Chair Sandoval asked if all departments would be included, or just those on the list and what was the role of CPS Energy. Mr. Melnick replied that all facilities would be assessed and that CPS Energy was a key partner to review the Request for Proposals (RFP) and help score them.

Councilmember Castillo noted that some homeowners had experienced solar vendors offering to install solar for free, only to end up with a lien on their home. Mr. Melnick reported that he would look into this issue and determine how his department could assist residents.

Councilmember Viagran asked for the new public safety station to be included in this study of adding solar, and also supported adding points for local vendors as well as consideration of how adding solar panels would impact the community in 15-20 years.

Councilmember Bravo supported incorporating energy efficient designs into new facilities, mentioning the St. Mary's Street substation could be reviewed to ensure it included energy efficient heat pumps, etc. Councilmember Bravo recommended getting the RFP out next month and urged Mr. Melnick to get started quickly. Mr. Melnick said the consultant, RMI, recommended more time for site assessment. Councilmember Bravo suggested phasing the project to get started earlier. Mr. McCary did not want to cut down on the time for community engagement and stated he would come back and lay out a timeline for this as to not shortchange the public engagement process which should happen before the RFP was issued. Councilmember Bravo noted that he also supported prioritizing local and did not want to cut down on the community engagement process either.

Chair Sandoval cautioned against prioritizing this item at the cost of the Bond policy-work that needed to be done by the Office of Sustainability.

No action was taken on Item 5.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez motioned to reconsider the minutes. The motion was not seconded.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

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*Ana Sandoval, Chair*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Debbie Racca-Sittre,  
Interim City Clerk*

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GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. WE ARE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND KICK OFF THE OCTOBER 12TH MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE. THAT'S A MOUTHFUL. REAL QUICK, BEFORE WE GO INTO ROLL CALL. I WANTED TO ACTUALLY, WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND START WITH ROLL CALL AND THEN I'LL GIVE SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS. THANK YOU. [ROLL CALL].

WE HAVE A QUORUM.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND EVERYBODY, THIS IS OUR INTERIM CLERK WHO WE HAVE THE PLEASURE OF HAVING WITH US TODAY, DEBBIE IS WITH US ON LOAN FROM THE ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT. SHE'S RUNNING THE CLERK'S OFFICE NOW, SO WE'RE HONORED THAT YOU ARE HERE, TAKING MINUTES FOR US, OR RUNNING THE MEETING. SOME QUICK UPDATES ON COMMITTEE BUSINESS. GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DID CONVENE THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WE PUT TOGETHER ONLY THE SA SPEAKUP PORTAL. THEY MET FOR THE FIRST TIME YESTERDAY. AND GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE PORTAL WILL LAUNCH ON OCTOBER 30TH, BUT THAT THEY'LL BE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS MONTH TO MONTH, SO THAT WON'T BE THE END DATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS. IN ADDITION, I WANT TO THANK YOU COUNCILWOMAN VIAGRAN AND COUNCILMEMBER MCKEE RODRIGUEZ. YOU MET LAST WEEK AND I'M SURE YOU HAD A LOT OF CANDIDATES TO REVIEW. THERE WERE 27 CANDIDATES AND

RECOMMENDING 11 FOR INTERVIEWS THAT WE WILL CONDUCT AT THE OCTOBER 28TH COMMITTEE MEETING. SO BE PREPARED. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO REMIND YOU TO PLEASE SPEAK INTO YOUR MICROPHONES. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS GIVE THE PRESENTERS ABOUT 10 MINUTES. WE HAVE FOUR TOPICS TODAY, SO ABOUT 10 MINUTES, 8 TO 10 MINUTES FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND EACH OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES. HOPEFULLY WE'LL GET THROUGH IN A COUPLE OF HOURS. FIRST ITEM WILL BE THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. [LAPSE IN AUDIO].

APPROVE THE MINUTES.

SECOND.

SANDOVAL: ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. ANY OPPOSED? THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES. WE ARE GOING TO MOVE FIRST INTO THE ITEMS FROM THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, BECAUSE WE HAVE ACTUALLY A LOT OF SPECIAL GUESTS WITH US. INCLUDING WE HAVE DR. STEVE NIVEN WITH US, AND I WANT TO GIVE HIM A SHOUT OUT FOR BEING HERE. HE HAS THE CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK GASTRONOMY, BUT I'LL ASK HIM OTHER THINGS WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. EVERYTHING HAS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SAN ANTONIO. SO WE'LL START WITH ITEM THE CITY OF ITEM NUMBER 4, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING ENERGY BENCHMARKING PROGRAM.

GOOD MORNING, DOUG MELNICK, CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A SPECIAL GUEST. WE HAVE INVITED OUR CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO SHOW UP. TWO WERE UNABLE, ONE MAY BE STUCK IN TRAFFIC OR NAVIGATING DOWNTOWN. WE HAVE THE CHAIR TO THE TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY AND WANT TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS OR QUESTIONS FOR HER.

GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MELISSA BRYANT. I AM THE CHAIR FOR THE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FOR THE CAP COMMITTEE. WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM OF PASSIONATE FOLKS. WE ARE WORKING ON IDENTIFYING WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP THE COMMUNITY BECOME MORE RESILIENT. RIGHT NOW, OUR



FOCUS IS ON BENCHMARKING ENERGY EFFICIENCIES. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT RESILIENCE HUBS. WE DO HAVE QUITE A FEW THAT ARE INTERESTED IN REVIEWING THE UDC AND JUST IDENTIFYING IF THERE ARE ANY OPPORTUNITIES THERE. SO OUR COMMITTEE IS REALLY MOVING FORWARD. AND WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DELEGATED TO DO. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. ANY QUESTIONS?

WILL YOU BE HERE THROUGH THE PRESENTATION, MELISSA?

I DO HAVE AN 11:00, SO I'LL BE HERE FOR THE HOUR.

SANDOVAL: OKAY. SO WOULD IT BE OKAY IF WE TAKE QUESTIONS AFTER DOUG'S PRESENTATION?

MM HMM.

SANDOVAL: OKAY, THANK YOU.

SO, THE TWO ITEMS THAT I'LL BE TALKING ABOUT TODAY ARE VERY MUCH INTERRELATED, AND AS COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL MENTIONED LAST WEEK, THE LINK BETWEEN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES AS WE DRIVE TOWARDS ZERO ENERGY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IS, YOU KNOW, VERY MUCH LINKED. WHOA. LET'S NOT GO TO NEXT STEPS. IT'S VERY SENSITIVE. AND THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER].

QUESTIONS? THERE WE GO. SO TODAY I'LL GO OVER DO I DARE PRESS THE BUTTON? OKAY. JUST GENERAL POLICY DIRECTION, TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE HISTORY OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND AND THE PROCESS. SOME OF OUR PERFORMANCE METRICS, WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING AROUND MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING AND NEXT STEPS. IN POLICY DIRECTION, THE SA CLIMATE READY PLAN HAS THREE STRATEGIES RELATED TO OUR BUILDINGS. BENCHMARK AND PUBLICLY DISCLOSED BUILDING ENERGY AND WATER USE FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION FOR CITY OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND ENERGY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS. BASICALLY WORKING TOWARD BUILDINGS, ENERGY CONSUMPTION TO THE POINT THEY CAN BE OFFSET WITH EITHER ON SITE RENEWABLE OR THE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY. ON THE LEFT YOU CAN SEE A PIE CHART THAT SHOWS THE 2019 GREENHOUSE INVENTORY BY SECTOR.

THE BLUE, THE BIGGEST BLUE IS THE LANDFILLS. THERE'S ALWAYS A SMALL AMOUNT OF METHANE THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE LEAKING, AND METHANE IS A POTENT GREENHOUSE GAS. THE NEXT LARGEST WEDGE IS OUR BUILDING FACILITIES AT 30%. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE BETWEEN 2016 AND 2019, OUR BUILDING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS WERE REDUCED BY 19.5%, SO THE TREND IS GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND IS REALLY, ACTUALLY IN TEXAS ONE OF A KIND. WE'RE THE ONLY CITY IN TEXAS THAT HAS THIS. IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE BY COUNCIL IN 2011. IT WAS SEEDED WITH AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS AS WELL AS CPS ENERGY REBATES. BASICALLY THIS IS A REVOLVING FUNDS THAT ALLOWS US TO UNDERTAKE ENERGY EFFICIENCY, IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY BUILDINGS AS WELL AS OFFSET PERSONNEL COSTS. TYPES OF PROJECTS. ANYTHING THAT'S GOING TO PROVIDE AN ENERGY SAVINGS AND A RETURN ON INVESTMENT. SO THAT COULD BE LIGHTING, HVAC, RETRO COMMISSIONING WHICH IS BASICALLY GOING BACK AND RETUNING BUILDINGS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE OPERATING EFFICIENTLY, AND MUST RETURN ON INVESTMENT. BASICALLY WE UNDERGO AN ENGINEERING ANALYSIS OF ALL OUR BUILDINGS, WE'RE ALWAYS TRACKING THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE TO SEE WHERE THERE'S OPPORTUNITY, IDENTIFY WHAT POTENTIAL PROJECTS ARE, HAVE AN ENGINEER CONDUCT SOME ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES. WE QUANTIFY WHAT THOSE SAVINGS ARE, SO IF WE UNDERTAKE A LIGHTING PROJECT, WE KNOW IT WILL REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY X. WE CAPTURE THOSE SAVINGS FOR THE LIFE OF THE IMPROVEMENT. IF THE IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR 10 YEARS, FOR 10 YEARS WE'RE CAPTURING WHAT THE SAVINGS IS AND WE TAKE THE MONEY AND IT GOES BACK INTO THE FUND AND WE UNDERTAKE NEW IMPROVEMENTS GOING FORWARD. IT'S REALLY UNIQUE. WE GET A CALL FROM AUSTIN KNOWING HOW WE DID IT, AND IT'S A PRETTY PHENOMENAL MECHANISM. IN TERMS OF HOW PROJECTS ARE SELECTED, WE'RE ALWAYS BENCH MARKING OUR BUILDINGS. THAT'S THE KEY. YOU'LL HEAR WHAT WE DO AROUND BENCHMARKING, IN THE NEXT PRESENTATION. YOU CANNOT MANAGE WHAT YOU DON'T MEASURE. THAT'S THE MANTRA. SO WE USE EPA ENERGY STAR PORTFOLIO MANAGER, IT'S A FREE ONLINE TOOL. WE GET ALL OF OUR CPS ENERGY AND WATER BILLS AND BASICALLY GETS UPLOADED INTO THE PORTFOLIO MANAGER. AND BASICALLY WE CAN SEE A WEEK BY WEEK, MONTH BY MONTH ENERGY TREND. USING THAT WE CAN START IDENTIFYING WHERE THE HIGH ENERGY CONSUMPTION BUILDINGS ARE, AND WE CAN ALSO FIND ANOMALIES THAT COME UP THAT NEED TO BE INVESTIGATED. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE MEASURE AND VERIFY THE UTILITY SAVINGS AND THOSE ARE REVOLVED BACK INTO

THE FUND. EVERY YEAR DURING BUDGET, OUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS ARE APPROVED BY COUNCIL. KEY TO THIS IS HOW DO WE DO THIS. PRIOR TO 2018, THERE WASN'T A WRITTEN STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE. AND SO EVERY TIME A NEW PERSON WOULD SORT OF COME INTO BUDGET AND FINANCE, WE HAD TO SORT OF REINVENT THE WHEEL. SO IN 2018, WE EXECUTED BASICALLY AN SOP FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND, DOCUMENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, HOW DO WE ESTIMATE WHAT SAVINGS ARE, WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS, AND HOW THE FUNDS ARE SPEND AND HOW THEY'RE RESOLVED BACK. SO IT'S A REAL KEY DOCUMENT THAT ONCE AND FOR ALL SAYS THIS IS HOW WE MANAGE AND IMPLEMENT THE FUND. IN TERMS OF PERFORMANCE METRICS, THESE ARE PROJECTS SINCE 2011 AND 2020, 418 PROJECTS THAT TOUCHED 190 FACILITIES. THE CUMULATIVE AVOIDED COSTS ARE ABOUT \$1.6 MILLION PER YEAR. WE'VE RECEIVED JUST OVER \$3 MILLION IN ONE TIME CPS ENERGY REBATES. ENERGY, ELECTRICITY SAVINGS IS OVER 82 MILLION KILOWATT HOURS PER YEAR. THE EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS ARE APPROXIMATELY 60,000 TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE A YEAR. THESE HAVE BEEN VERY IMPACTFUL, VERY EFFICIENT, AND HAS RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE COST SAVINGS FOR THE CITY, HAD WE NOT TAKEN THESE PROJECTS AND COMPLETED THEM. SO IN TERMS OF BENCHMARKING, FOR THE FIRST TIME BACK IN 2020, WE RELEASED A 2019 MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING REPORT. THIS REPORT COVERS 150 OF OUR HIGHEST ENERGY CONSUMING BUILDINGS. YOU CAN SEE BETWEEN 2011 AND 2019 IN THOSE BUILDINGS WE'VE EXPERIENCED A 25% REDUCTION IN THE USE OF ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS. ALL IN ALL, WE BENCHMARKED 299 BUILDINGS IN EPA PORTFOLIO MANAGER. THAT'S OUT OF 600 TOTAL FACILITIES. BUT MANY OF THOSE FACILITIES THAT WE DON'T BENCHMARK FALL BELOW 10,000 SQUARE FOOT LIMIT. WE CAN'T BENCHMARK ALL THOSE BUILDINGS. WE MAY NOT HAVE ALL OF THAT DATA. WHAT THE BENCHMARKING REPORT SHOWS, THIS IS REALLY SORT OF THE BASICALLY THE BIG TAKEAWAY. YOU CAN SEE THE TWO CHARTS IN THE MIDDLE. ONE IS FOR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND ONE IS FOR THE POLICE STATION. IT SHOWS THE ENERGY USE FOR THE FACILITIES, WHICH IS PER SQUARE FOOT. YOU CAN SEE A DOTTED LINE WHICH IS THE STATE AVERAGE EUI, ENERGY INTENSITY FOR THOSE TYPES OF FACILITIES. SO YOU CAN SEE SOME BUILDINGS ARE MORE EFFICIENT. SOME BUILDINGS ARE LESS EFFICIENT. THE KEY IS IT'S NOT A BAD THING NECESSARILY, IT'S WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THIS DATA. SO BASED UPON THIS DATA WE CAN START DIVING DEEPER INTO THESE BUILDINGS TO SEE IF THERE ARE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OH.

[INDISCERNIBLE].

I'M SORRY. SURE. OKAY. I FORGOT. THE LABELS ARE THE BLUE, ARE THE SITE ENERGY USE INTENSITY. SO YOU CAN SEE FOR THE TOP CHART, BOB ROSS IS AT 70. AND FRANK GARRETT IS AT 125. THAT'S THE LARGER COLUMN IN THE TOP. AND THEN THE ENERGY USE INTENSITY AVERAGE FOR THE STATE IS THAT RED CHART. AND THEN LET'S SEE. BASICALLY, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHERE DO YOU TARGET YOUR RESOURCES, WHETHER IT'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OR ARE THERE OPERATIONAL THINGS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, AND BUILDING STAFF. ON THE LEFT YOU CAN SEE THE BREAKDOWN OF OUR FACILITIES BY SQUARE FOOTAGE AND CATEGORY. YOU CAN SEE THE LARGEST BY FAR IS AVIATION. THE KEY TO THIS IS IT'S JUST A METRIC THAT WE CONTINUALLY TRACK. AND THE REAL KEY THING IS WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS REPORT, WE CAN ONLY COMPARE BUILDINGS OF SIMILAR TYPE. WE CAN'T COMPARE THE ENERGY USE INTENSITY OF AN OFFICE TO SOMETHING LIKE A 24 HOUR FACILITY LIKE THE AIRPORT. SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE'RE COMPARING SIMILAR BUILDINGS. THERE ARE OTHER THINGS YOU CAN READ ON THAT. IS THAT OKAY? THAT'S A SUMMARY OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING. NOW, REALLY SORT OF THE, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NEXT, WE'VE MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN THE BUILDINGS THAT WE'VE TOUCHED, BETWEEN 2011 AND 2020, WE'VE EXPERIENCED AN 18% REDUCTION IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION. SO CLEARLY THERE'S A CORRELATION BETWEEN INVESTING IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SAVINGS. BUT NEXT WE'LL BE RELEASING OUR NEXT BENCHMARK REPORT IN THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH PUBLIC WORKS ON 2022 BOND DESIGN CRITERIA, FOR VERTICAL, AND HORIZONTAL PROJECTS. WHAT ARE THOSE DESIGN EXPECTATIONS. AND FROM THAT, ONCE WE HAVE THAT, I THINK IT WILL BE A GOOD FOUNDATION TO DEVELOP, UPDATE OUR GREEN POLICY, ADOPTED BACK IN 2007. THAT BASICALLY SAYS THAT WE SHOULD BE BUILDING TO LEAD SILVER. A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE 2007. SO I THINK ONCE WE GET THROUGH IDENTIFYING THESE BOND CRITERIA, WE HOPE TO CONVENE A DEPARTMENTAL GROUP TO START LOOKING AT WHAT SHOULD OUR NEW GREEN BUILDING POLICY LOOK LIKE. WE ARE ALSO TALKING TO DAVID. THERE'S A LOT OF NEED AROUND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN OUR BUILDINGS. WE HAVE JUST UNDER \$1 MILLION A YEAR IN THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND FOR PROJECTS. WE HAVE A FIVE YEAR PLAN THAT HAS A NEED OF ANYWHERE FROM 10 TO \$12 MILLION. SO WE ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF INCORPORATING SOME FUNDING IN THE BOND TO UNDERTAKE SOME MORE PROJECTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AS WE KNOW

THEY WILL HAVE A REALLY SOLID RETURN ON INVESTMENT. AND FINALLY, THE THING WE'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN IS HOW DO WE INCORPORATE EQUITY INTO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND. WE'RE INVESTING IN CITY FACILITIES. AND SO WE CONTINUE TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND, IS THERE ANOTHER WAY THAT WE CAN PRIORITIZE PROJECTS, LOOKING AT WHETHER IT'S THE EQUITY ATLAS OR OTHER EQUITY INDICATORS. THAT'S A CONVERSATION WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE WITH JONATHAN'S OFFICE. IT'S BEEN A NUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CRACK, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LINK IS THERE, AND WE JUST NEED TO DETERMINE WHAT IT IS. THAT IS THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DOUG, FOR THE PRESENTATION. I SEE QUESTIONS ALREADY ARISING. SO JUST REAL QUICK. THE LAST SLIDE THAT YOU SHOWED ABOUT WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING DESIGN CRITERIA, IS THAT SOMETHING YOU COULD E MAIL US, OR BRIEF US ON INDIVIDUALLY? WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO SEE THAT?

DAVID, WHAT DO YOU THINK? IS IT STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS WITH PUBLIC WORKS?

YES, NOT ONLY IS IT A WORK IN PROGRESS, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD VISIT WITH EACH COUNCILMEMBER TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, LET'S TAKE THE DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY WITH YOU. SO THEY ALSO WILL HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING. I THINK THAT'S ADVISABLE.

SANDOVAL: MUCH APPRECIATED. WE JUST MET WITH PUBLIC WORKS, I GUESS THIS WEEK. WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH THEM REGARDING OUR BOND PROJECT. I DIDN'T SEE THIS INTEGRATED YET. SO I THINK THE SOONER WE CAN LEARN ABOUT IT, THE BETTER, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE GOOD DECISIONS ON WHAT ENDS GOING OUT

IF I COULD ADD. WE'VE BEEN TALKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS PROBABLY FOR THE PAST FIVE MONTHS, SO WE PROVIDED THEM WITH SORT OF HIGH LEVEL FRAMING OF THE BOND AND THE CLIMATE PLAN. WE HAD A REALLY GREAT CONVERSATION WITH THEM A FEW WEEKS AGO ABOUT WHERE WE'RE REALLY GOING TO DIG IN, IS THAT NEXT PHASE WHEN PROJECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND WHAT ARE THEY ACTUALLY GOING TO LOOK LIKE. WHEN WE START LOOKING AT DEVELOPING RPS, AND I THINK WE CAN DIAL IT IN.

SANDOVAL: WHEN CAN WE EXPECT TO SEE THE UPDATED MUNICIPAL GREEN BUILDING POLICY?

I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE COULD TRY TO HAVE COMPLETED BY SOMETIME THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. I THINK WE WANT TO GET SORT OF THE BOND PROGRAM FIRST. THAT MIGHT SERVE AS A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR WHAT THE CRITERIA COULD LOOK LIKE. ONCE WE HAVE THAT, HOW DO WE TRANSLATE THAT INTO AN ACTUAL UPDATE OF THAT GREEN BUILDING POLICY.

SANDOVAL: THIS IS FY '22?

THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

SANDOVAL: WE'RE IN IT ALREADY.

THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

SANDOVAL: WE'LL GO TO 5, 3, AND COME BACK TO 1, THANK YOU.

I STRUGGLE WITH GLASSES. I THINK COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL TOUCHED ON THIS A LITTLE BIT. CAN YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROCESS SO FAR WITH THE BOND CRITERIA, WHAT THAT PROCESS HAS BEEN LIKE?

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, OR I GUESS INITIALLY SEEING THIS KIND OF STRESSES ME OUT A LITTLE BIT, BECAUSE WE'RE [LAPSE IN AUDIO]. I IMAGINE, WE KNOW BONDS ARE COMING FIVE YEARS FROM NOW. AND SO THE CRITERIA I FEEL LIKE SO I GUESS THERE'S TWO SEPARATE THINGS. WE'VE PROVIDED CRITERIA TO PUBLIC WORKS, AND I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THEIR REVIEW MATRIX, WHERE IT'S FAIRLY HIGH LEVEL. IS THIS PROJECT GOING TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, IS IT GOING TO IMPROVE WALKABILITY. SO THEY ALREADY HAVE THOSE THOSE OBJECTIVES IN THE CLIMATE PLAN IN THEIR WHEELHOUSE. SO I'M CONFIDENT THEY'RE REVIEWING PROJECTS BASED UPON WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE. WHAT THIS IS, ON THE SCREEN, IS REALLY MORE DETAILED. SO FOR INSTANCE, IF WE ARE GOING TO BUILD A NEW BUILDING, WHAT EXPLICITLY NEEDS TO HAPPEN, HOW ENERGY EFFICIENT DOES IT NEED TO BE DOES IT HAVE THE CAPABILITIES TO

EASILY ACCEPT RENEWABLE ENERGY OR CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE, WHAT KIND OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES. REALLY STARTS GETTING INTO THE MORE OF THE MINUTIA OF WHAT THE PROJECT IS. SO WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY BEHIND, WE'RE ACTUALLY SORT OF ON TARGET WITH BEING ABLE TO GET THAT TO THEM. BUT THE OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES AND CRITERIA ARE ON THE CLIMATE PLAN AND THAT IS INTEGRATED INTO THEIR PROCESS.

OKAY. THANK YOU. IN THE MUNICIPAL GREEN BUILDING POLICY, WHAT ARE GOING TO BE SOME OF THE PRIORITIES IN THE UPDATE?

SO THE CURRENT ONE REALLY DOESN'T SAY MUCH MORE THAN BUILDS TO LEAD SILVER. I THINK WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC. I THINK IN MANY WAYS COMMUNITIES HAVE MOVED BEYOND LEADS. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN EVALUATING IS, WE DO HAVE A LOCAL GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM HERE, BUILD SAN ANTONIO GREEN THAT HAS A PRETTY SOPHISTICATED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. SO WE'RE TALKING WITH THEM, THAT MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO BUILD INTO IT. I THINK AT THE END OF THE DAY IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE ENERGY USE OF THE BUILDING. IT'S ABOUT RESILIENCE FACTORS. DO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE INCORPORATING, YOU KNOW, IF WE'RE BUILDING A BUILDING THAT MIGHT BE IN A LOCATION THAT MIGHT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS LIKE A, QUOTE UNQUOTE, RESILIENCE HUB, WHAT NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED IN THERE. I THINK IT SHOULD BE A FAIRLY MORE EXPLICIT AS FAR AS WHAT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE FOR HOW WE'RE DESIGNING THE BUILDINGS, NOT JUST THE CERTIFICATION.

THANK YOU. I DON'T MEAN TO GET INTO ITEM 5, IF THAT'S IT FEELS VERY YEAH, SO MY QUESTION IS, HOW MANY [INDISCERNIBLE] DO WE HAVE?

SO, WE HAVE OVER RUBEN IS OVER THERE WE HAVE OVER 600, CORRECT? 600 BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. THE KEY IS THE STRUCTURES THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY TRACK.

WOW. SO I GUESS MY HOPE IS THAT, WELL, ONE, I THINK FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES, I THINK WE NEED TO USE THE BOND TO OBTAIN CARBON NEUTRALITY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S IN ITEM 5. BUT I REALLY HOPE THAT AS PART OF THE CRITERIA, AND MOVING INTO WHEN WE AT SOME POINT START



PREPARING FOR THE NEXT BOND, THAT CARBON NEUTRALITY IS THE GOAL BY MAYBE NOT 2040, BUT MAYBE A LITTLE BIT FASTER, AS SOON AS WE CAN GET FACILITIES TO THAT POINT. AND MY HOPE IS THAT WITH THE MUNICIPAL GREEN BUILDING POLICY, THAT WE'RE AS AMBITIOUS AS POSSIBLE. THAT'S MY HOPE.

YES, SIR. WE'RE CONTINUALLY TRACKING TO SEE WHAT OTHER CITIES ARE DOING. THERE ARE SOME CITIES PUSHING THE ENVELOPE.

MCKEE RODRIGUEZ: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

CASTILLO: I'M LOOKING AT SLIDE 9. THE POLICE STATION HAS THE HIGHEST CONSUMPTION. WHAT TYPE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCIES CAN BE INTEGRATED TO REDUCE THAT TO BE AT THE LEVEL OF NORTHWEST, AND WHY DID WE FIND IT HAD A HIGHER CONSUMPTION?

I THINK A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH OPERATIONS OF THE FACILITIES. SO I'D HAVE TO GO BACK AND DOUBLE CHECK TO CONFIRM. WE CAN CIRCLE BACK WITH YOU TO SEE, ONE, WHAT THOSE SPECIFICS ARE, AND WHAT OTHER INTERVENTIONS WE MAY BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH.

CASTILLO: THE CHAMBERS IS ALWAYS SO COLD. WHERE DOES THAT RANK? IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY?

I DON'T HAVE THAT ONE HANDY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS ON THE CITY MANAGER'S DESK IS AN ENERGY POLICY FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES. THAT DOES SET THERMOSTAT SET POINTS. I THINK FACILITIES LIKE THIS, SOMETIMES IT IS AN OPERATION ISSUE. AND MAKING SURE THAT COOLING IS OCCURRING EQUALLY ACROSS DIFFERENT ZONES. I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A WORK IN PROGRESS TO SEE HOW WE FINE TUNE THIS FACILITY.

CASTILLO: THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, DOUG, FOR THIS PRESENTATION. A COUPLE OF MY QUESTIONS. THE UDC CHANGES ARE COMING. IS THAT GOING TO IMPACT OUR GREEN BUILDING POLICIES? AND WITH THE UDC, CAN WE IMPACT OUR GREEN BUILDING POLICIES?



I'M NOT SURE IF THE UDC APPLIES TO OUR OWN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS OR NOT.  
I'LL HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK THAT.

ALL RIGHT.

CAN I INTERJECT ON THAT?

YEAH.

YOU ALSO HAVE LIKE YOUR ENERGY CODES. THERE'S CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE CODE THAT WOULD BE FAVORABLE, IF THEY WERE ADDED. THAT'S PART OF THE PROCESS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH NOW. SO WE'LL BE INTEGRATED INTO THAT PROCESS AS WELL, ALONG WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU KNOW YEAH, IT'S COMING UP.

YEAH. WITH 600 FACILITIES AND STRUCTURES, AND THEN WE'RE ASKING OUR NEIGHBORS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY TO DO THINGS, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING WHAT DSD, WHAT APPLIES TO US FOR DSD AND UDC CODE AS WE MOVE FORWARD. I AM LIKE EVERYONE HERE THE PUBLIC WORKS FINALIZING THE 2022 BOND. I DID SEE THAT LIKE MOST OF YOU. AND 19 MILLION FOR A NEW SUBSTATION, IF IT GETS ME AN EAST SUBSTATION OR SOUTH SUBSTATION, THAT'S NOT AN ENERGY EFFICIENT SUBSTATION. I REALLY WANTED TO SEE AND THAT'S WHERE I NEED YOU ALL TO TELL THEM, WE'RE GOING TO NEED THIS MUCH MONEY TO DO THE BUILD AND TO MAKE IT GREEN. AND TO MAKE IT, YOU KNOW, FIT IN WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR FUTURE. BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW AS WE LOOK AT UPGRADING THESE OTHER SUBSTATIONS TO DO A MODEL WITH A NEW BUILD, THAT THIS IS WHAT A SUBSTATION, A GREEN SUBSTATION LOOKS LIKE, THIS IS WHAT AN ULTRA ACCESSIBLE SUBSTATION LOOKS LIKE FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES. SO I'D REALLY LIKE, AS YOU TALK ABOUT THAT, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU LET THEM KNOW, IF 19 MILLION IS ENOUGH, LET THEM KNOW. BECAUSE I WAS LIKE, STATE OF THE ART, YOU KNOW, SOLAR PANELS, I WAS DREAMING BIG FOR THAT. THE OTHER WE HAVE A LOT OF OLD BUILDINGS THAT ARE CONNECTED TO OUR ART, WHICH IS THE CARVER, GUADALUPE, MAGIC, THE SAN ANTONIO PLAYHOUSE. ARE WE DO WE HAVE A SEPARATE CATEGORY FOR THEM? ARE THOSE ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS?

THEY'RE ALL BEAUTIFUL. BUT THEY'RE ALL OLDER.

WE DON'T HAVE THEM BROKEN OUT BY WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE ART FOCUSED. USUALLY THEY'RE BROKEN OUT BY OFFICE, COMMUNITY CENTER. BUT IT IS SOMETHING WE COULD EASILY BREAK OUT AND SEE WHAT IT SHOWS.

VIAGRAN: I WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT, BECAUSE THEY OFFER SO MANY PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN. AND SENIORS ALSO. BUT WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE [LAPSE IN AUDIO] AND GETTING FOLLOWING THE RULES FOR SUSTAINABILITY ALSO. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS PRESENTATION. I'M INTERESTED TO HEAR ABOUT HOW THE CRITERIA ARE, THE DESIGN CRITERIA ARE. THANK YOU.

ABSOLUTELY.

SANDOVAL: I THINK WE'VE HEARD THAT A FEW TIMES, REALLY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT COMES NEXT. COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO.

BRAVO: I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. I WAS IN A MEETING WITH THE CITY MANAGER ATTENDING TO ISSUES IMPORTANT TO MY DISTRICT AND I DIDN'T WANT TO END THAT MEETING. I'M SORRY THAT I MISSED, I THINK IT WAS AGENDA ITEM WELL, THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. BECAUSE I WOULDN'T HAVE APPROVED THEM. AND I DO HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER CLAUDE JACOB IS. BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS HE WAS GOING TO COME PRESENT TO US EVERY MONTH.

COUNCILMAN, WE DO HAVE IT SCHEDULED EVERY MONTH, BUT IT IS YOUR 22ND IS WHEN HE'LL BE PRESENTING.

BRAVO: SO IS THE SPECIAL SESSION CALLED OUT OF ORDER TODAY?

NO, WE SOMETIMES WILL HAVE MEETINGS TWICE A MONTH, DEPENDING ON THE WORK LOAD, OR REVIEW LOAD FOR YOU. BUT HE IS STILL COMING EVERY MONTH FOR YOUR UPDATE.

BRAVO: THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION.

YES.

BRAVO: COUNCILMEMBER MCKEE RODRIGUEZ BROUGHT UP INTEREST IN THE BOND PROJECT, HELPING US ACHIEVE ZERO EMISSIONS. AND I STARTED A CONVERSATION WITH THAT, WITH THE CITY MANAGER. I RECENTLY TOURED THE CREDIT HUMAN BUILDING, WHICH IS ACROSS FROM THE PEARL. AND THE CEO OF CREDIT HUMAN DESCRIBED THE BUILDING AS BEING LIKE A YETI COOLER OF BUILDING STRUCTURES IN THAT IT'S SO WELL INSULATED, THAT IT CAN REALLY STAY COOL FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME WITHOUT ANY ENERGY USE, OR STAY WARM, WHICHEVER YOU DESIRE. AND WHAT THEY DID WAS, WHEN THEY BUILT THIS NEW HEADQUARTERS, THEY INCREASED THE SQUARE FOOTAGE. IT'S A 12 STORY BUILDING. THEY INCREASED THEIR SQUARE FOOTAGE AND ONLY USED 9% OF THE PREVIOUS STRUCTURE USED. THEY SAID THE COST FOR THE BUILDING WAS ONLY 5% MORE THAN WHAT IT WOULD COST TO BUILD A TRADITIONAL BUILDING STRUCTURE. AND SO I'VE ASKED THE CITY MANAGER TO GO AND TOUR THE BUILDING WITH ME AND WE'RE GOING TO BE TAKING ROD SANCHEZ WITH US, AS WELL AS JORGE AND RAZI SO WE CAN GO AND LOOK AT THAT. SOMETHING THAT I'LL BE BRINGING TO THE COUNCIL IS SOME KIND OF POLICY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE BUILD STRUCTURES LIKE THAT GOING FORWARD, WHEN WE BUILD MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING WITH THE 2022 BOND DOLLARS. SO I THINK WE'RE ALIGNED ON THAT, COUNCILMEMBER MCKEE RODRIGUEZ. I THINK IT'S A STACKED BENEFIT ISSUE. IT'S NOT JUST THAT THOSE BUILDINGS WILL BE ENERGY EFFICIENT. IT'S NOT JUST THAT THOSE BUILDINGS WILL SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON THEIR ENERGY BILL. IT'S THAT WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CONTRACTORS IN SAN ANTONIO WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRACTICES. MY DAD'S A CONTRACTOR, I GREW UP WORKING WITH DOING CONSTRUCTION, WORKING WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS. THE CONTRACTOR THAT BUILT THE CREDIT HUMAN BUILDING DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE BUILDING. AND AFTER BUILDING THAT BUILDING, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE TELLING ME, THEY'RE ONE OF THE PREMIER GREEN BUILDING CONTRACTORS IN THE CITY. AND SO IF IN ORDER TO BUILD A CITY STRUCTURE THAT WAY GOING FORWARD, ALL THESE DIFFERENT CONTRACTORS THAT WANT TO BUILD, THAT WANT CITY CONTRACTORS, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN AND ADAPT TO BUILD IN THAT WAY. AND THAT'S GOING TO HELP DEVELOP THAT WORKFORCE HERE IN SAN ANTONIO. AND IT WILL HELP SHIFT THE INDUSTRY IN OUR CITY. IN ADDITION TO THAT, I THINK IT'S GOING TO HELP WITH SAN ANTONIO'S BRAND TO SHOW A REAL COMMITMENT, THAT WE'RE LEADING ON A COMMITMENT

TO SUSTAINABILITY. I HOPE MY OTHER COUNCIL COLLEAGUES WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT AND I WANT TO WORK TOWARD ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO, I DO HAVE A CORRECTION ON THE DATE. THE NEXT MEETING IS 10 28 AT 2:00.

BRAVO: THANKS A LOT.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN. I THINK SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I AGREE WITH THE POINTS YOU'VE BROUGHT UP DURING THE READY TO WORK DISCUSSION. THAT WAS CERTAINLY ONE OF MY POINTS FOR ADVOCACY FOR WHERE WE COULD HAVE TAKEN THAT PROGRAM. I THINK THAT IS AN UNTAPPED OPPORTUNITY FOR US, BECAUSE WE WILL ALWAYS NEED TO REPAIR HOMES, WE WILL ALWAYS NEED TO BUILD HOMES. SO AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THAT IS A, WHAT DO WE CALL IT, A PRIORITY SECTOR FOR OUR COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. DOUG, ARE YOU READY TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT TOPIC?

I AM, YES, MA'AM. LET'S SEE.

SANDOVAL: OH, I'M SORRY, LET ME COULD THE CLERK READ OUT THE ITEM, PLEASE? THAT WOULD BE ITEM 5.

BEFORE WE DO THAT

ITEM 5 IS THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S MUNICIPAL SOLAR STRATEGY TO REACH 100% OF RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.

SANDOVAL: ONE MOMENT. COUNCILMEMBER MCKEY HAS A COMMENT.

CAN WE RECONSIDER THEM?

SANDOVAL: YES, ONCE WE GET THROUGH THEM.

AGAIN, DOUG MELNICK, CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. AS WE TALKED ABOUT SOLAR, IS KEY ENERGY. IT'S THE DRIVING EFFICIENCY DOWN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. BUT THEN YOU NEED TO PRODUCE, OR PROCURE. SO THIS BRIEFING WILL JUST

PROVIDE YOU AN UPDATE OF WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING SOLAR FOR OUR FACILITIES. IN TERMS OF POLICY DIRECTION, YOU CAN SEE THERE'S, IN THE CLIMATE PLAN, IDENTIFIES ZERO NET ENERGY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS BY 2040. IF WE CAN ACCELERATE, THAT'S FANTASTIC. YOU KNOW, KEY TO THIS IS, AGAIN, FIGURING OUT HOW EFFICIENT WE CAN GET OUR BUILDINGS AND FIGURING OUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IS THAT RENEWABLE NUMBER WE NEED TO HIT. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WHEN WE LOOK AT 100% RENEWABLE FOR COSA, FOR ALL THE DEMANDS OF ALL OUR BUILDING FACILITIES, WE WOULD NEED APPROXIMATELY 110 MEGAWATTS, EITHER PRODUCED ON SITE, OR PRODUCED AT LARGE TRACTS OF LAND SOMEWHERE, OR IT CAN BE PROCURED. THAT'S A BIG NUMBER. I THINK THE OBJECTIVE IS TO DEVELOP THAT PATHWAY TO CHIP AWAY AT THAT. LOTS OF BENEFITS AS WAS ALREADY DISCUSSED AROUND ENERGY EFFICIENCY JOBS. YOU KNOW, THE APPROACH THAT WE WANT TO TAKE REALLY IS ABOUT HELPING SCALE UP OUR MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT. THERE'S A LOT OF ECONOMIC BENEFITS, WHETHER IT'S LOCAL JOBS, WHETHER IT'S SAVING DOLLARS, WHETHER IT'S IMPROVING RESILIENCE IN OUR FACILITIES, AS WELL AS REDUCING DEMANDS FOR CPS POWER, CREATING MORE CAPACITY FOR THE SYSTEM. IT SHOWS THAT WE'RE LEADING BY EXAMPLE, AS I'VE HEARD HERE, THAT BEFORE WE GO OUT AND START ASKING OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO DO IT, ARE WE DOING IT. AND THEN PUBLIC HEALTH. AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE KNOW THAT THE COMBUSTION OF FOSSIL FUELS RELEASES REDUCES OUR AIR QUALITY. SO ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION IS GOING TO BE A GOOD THING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PARTICULARLY AS WE'RE HEADING INTO BEING BUMPED UP IN NONATTAINMENTS AND WE KNOW WHAT THOSE IMPACTS ARE AND WHO IS IMPACTED THE MOST IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO THERE'S A LOT OF POSITIVES SO FAR. YOU KNOW, WE DO HAVE THE CLIMATE PLAN THAT DOES OUTLINE VERY CLEARLY WHERE WE NEED TO GO. RIGHT NOW, CPS'S RENEWABLE MIX IS AROUND 15%. 110 MEGAWATT NUMBER THAT I CITED AS CPS BRINGS MORE RENEWABLES ON, WE AS AN END USER GET CREDIT FOR THAT. THAT 110 MEGAWATT NUMBER WILL GO DOWN. WE DO HAVE NINE CURRENT FACILITIES WITH SOLAR. RIGHT NOW, I CAN TOUCH BASE WITH THAT IN THE NEXT SLIDE. AND THEN FINALLY, SAN ANTONIO RANKS FIFTH IN THE NATION AND FIRST IN TEXAS FOR SOLAR ENVIRONMENT, TEXAS AND RESEARCH POLICY. CPS AND SAN ANTONIO IS STILL LEADING. I THINK WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE CONTINUING, AND WE DON'T GET LAX. THERE IS STILL A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY WHERE WE CAN EXCEL. IN TERMS OF WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE, YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE NINE FACILITIES. 632 KILOWATTS. IF YOU THINK ABOUT 632 KILOWATTS

AROUND OF THE 102 MEGAWATT GOAL. YOU SEE ON SOME OF THESE THE SOLAR HOST. THAT WAS AN AGREEMENT THAT COUNCIL APPROVED BACK IN 2017. WE'RE BASICALLY LEASING OUR ROOFTOPS TO A CONTRACTOR PROCURED BY CPS TO PRODUCE SOLAR ON OUR FACILITIES. WITH THAT, WE GET A SMALL CREDIT PER KILOWATT HOURS. ONLY 3 CENTS. BUT WE HAVE NO MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT WHATSOEVER. THAT'S A 20 YEAR LEASE. AND THEN THE OTHER FACILITIES WERE BASICALLY INSTALLED USING FUNDS BACK IN [LAPSE IN AUDIO]. THOSE ARE BEHIND THE METER FEEDING INTO THE BUILDING. YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE OUR FOOT, OR DIPPING OUR TOE IN SOLAR, BUT THERE'S REALLY A LONG WAY TO GO. SO HERE'S OUR CURRENT PLAN. KEY IS ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THAT'S THE CHEAPEST THING WE CAN DO, CONTINUING TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR BUILDINGS, REDUCING THAT DEMAND, AND UPDATING THAT 2007 GREEN BUILDING POLICY. WHILE WE'RE DOING THAT, WE'RE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF, WE WANT TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ON SITE SOLAR AT CITY FACILITIES. THAT'S KEY. THESE ARE CITY FACILITIES WHERE SOLAR CAN BE INSTALLED, HOOKED UP TO THE BUILDING AND FEED DIRECTLY INTO OUR BUILDINGS. [LAPSE IN AUDIO] SOLAR COMPANIES, WE CAN ESSENTIALLY HIT 20 MEGAWATTS, 30 MEGAWATTS, IF THERE'S AN ECONOMY SCALE, BUT IT STILL LEAVES A GAP. HOW ARE WE GOING TO ADDRESS THAT LARGER GAP. FINALLY, ONCE WE GET OUR BUILDINGS AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE, WE'RE PRODUCING SOLAR, WE'RE PROCURING RENEWABLES. THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY OF HOW DO YOU GET TO THAT 100%, AND IT CAN BE THROUGH A RENEWABLE CERTIFICATE, SOMEBODY IN THE REGION IS PRODUCING 12 MEGAWATT OF GREEN POWER, AND PURCHASE THAT AND RETIRE IT. YOU GET CREDIT FOR THAT. OR AS OFTEN DOES [LAPSE IN AUDIO] FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE ACTUALLY SEQUESTERING CARBON. SO THERE'S MULTIPLE WAYS TO TRY TO GET TO THAT 100%. BUT THIS IS THE CURRENT PATHWAY. SO THE KEY TO THIS RFP REALLY IS ABOUT GETTING VISIBLE SOLAR PROJECTS AT CITY FACILITIES. IT NEEDS TO BE MARKET DRIVEN. KEY IS COST NEUTRAL OPTIONS. THAT REALLY IS THE IDEAL, IS THAT WE GET PROPOSALS THAT ARE GOING TO NOT COST US ANYTHING. IDEALLY AT THE END OF THE DAY THEY MIGHT EVEN SAVE US MONEY. THAT IS REALLY THE OBJECTIVE TO SEE WHAT THE MARKET CAN BEAR AT THIS POINT FOR WHAT WE'RE PUTTING OUT. THE GOAL IS, AGAIN, THIRD PARTY DEVELOPED PROJECT WHERE THE CITY, NORTH CPS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE, BUT HAVING THAT THIRD PARTY ENSURE OVER THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT AND LIFE OF THE FACILITIES THAT THEY'RE PERFORMING. AND THEN REALLY, AT THE END OF THE DAY FIGURING OUT WHICH LOCATIONS WE PUT OUT ARE GOING TO BE FEASIBLE FOR RENEWABLE

PROJECTS. SO HERE'S THE PROCESS. WE JUST CONVENED A GROUP THIS MONTH, YOU CAN SEE ALL THE DEPARTMENTS WE'VE ENGAGED, TO START DEVELOPING WHAT THIS RFP COULD LOOK LIKE. YOU'LL ALSO SEE WE HAVE RMI LISTED THERE, CONTINUING TO PROVIDE US SUPPORT THROUGH THE RFP DEVELOPMENTS, PROCUREMENT PROCESS. AND ON THE RIGHT IN VERY SMALL FONT, YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S PROJECTED TO BE AN 8 TO 11 MONTH PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING THE RFP. THE GOAL WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ONCE WE HAVE A DRAFT SCOPE FOR THE RFP, TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS TO MAKE SURE WE'RE GETTING FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY. WE'RE HOPING THIS IS A LARGE PROCUREMENT, BUT TO SEE IF OUR OBJECTIVES, OUR IDEALS, OUR VISION FOR WHAT THE BENEFITS OF THIS RFP ARE, ARE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS LOOKING FOR. RIGHT NOW THE GOAL IS TO RELEASE THE RFP AT Q 1 OF 2022. AND THEN IDEALLY, WITHIN THAT 8 TO 11 MONTH PERIOD, IDENTIFY SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS, AND BRING THAT TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. WITH THAT, I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, DOUG, VERY MUCH. ARE YOUR OTHER CHAIRS HERE, BY ANY CHANCE?

NO. I'M SORRY.

SANDOVAL: OKAY. NO PROBLEM. WE'LL GO INTO QUESTIONS. JUST SOME QUICK QUESTIONS ACTUALLY, FIRST, LET ME INTRODUCE THIS TOPIC, THE DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC BY SAYING, MR. MCCARY AND I RECENTLY MET WITH COUNCILMAN BRAVO WHO INQUIRED HOW WE WERE PROGRESSING IN THIS AREA. SO I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR PUSHING US ON THIS, AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA IN RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST. IN TERMS OF SLIDE 7, THE RFP OBJECTIVES, WHAT TYPE OF CONTRACT WOULD THIS BE, AND WHAT SORT OF LIMITATIONS DO WE HAVE ON THE PROCUREMENT OF IT?

I THINK WE'RE BASED UPON BEST PRACTICES, BE A 20 YEAR CONTRACT, I THINK WE NEED TO IN TERMS OF LIMITATIONS, IF YOU

SANDOVAL: I'LL JUST BE CLEAR. CAN WE LIMIT IT TO LOCAL VENDORS? I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE FUNDING SOURCE IS. WE HAVE A LOT OF LIMITATIONS WHEN WE DO CERTAIN BOND PROJECTS, IF WE DO AN RFP, WE CAN HAVE A LITTLE



BIT MORE FLEXIBILITY ON THE QUALIFICATIONS. BUT IN TERMS OF REQUESTING THAT THE CONTRACTORS MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, LIKE WAGE CRITERIA, OR, YOU KNOW, THAT THEY'RE ALL TRAINED TO OSHA 10 OR OSHA 20 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT FLEXIBILITY WE HAVE WITH THIS.

I DON'T KNOW DAVID, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE THE ANSWER. KEY TO THE RFP WILL BE BUILDING IN WHAT OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE. IF WE REALLY WANT LOCAL, I WONDER

LET ME ADD TO THAT, DOUG. QUITE NATURALLY WE'RE LOOKING AT THE EXPERIENCE. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT THE PROPOSAL TO SEE WHAT IT IS. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT MORE CHALLENGING TO AUTOMATICALLY SAY LOCAL. THE IDEAL IS TO PUT IT OUT THERE, AND THEN AS A PART OF THE LOCAL, WE'LL VISIT WITH FINANCE TO SEE WHAT ADDED CRITERIA COULD GO TO HELP SPARK OR INFLUENCE ACTUAL WORK HERE LOCALLY FOR THAT. SO THAT'S WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IN POINT SETS IN ON THAT PIECE THAT THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT DOES THROUGH THAT PROCESS. SO WE'LL INCLUDE THEM ON THAT.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. IF IT'S POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO ADVOCATE THAT WE KEEP THIS LOCAL, AS LONG AS THAT'S NOT ILLEGAL, AND IF THERE IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S SORT OF AT THE CUSP, THEY'RE LOCAL AND AT THE CUSP OF BEING ABLE TO DO THIS, BUT AREN'T AS COMPETITIVE AS SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF THE AREA. I'D LIKE FOR US TO RECONSIDER THAT AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO LOCALLY TO ENCOURAGE THIS. BECAUSE THIS IS A, AS THE COUNCILMAN WAS SAYING EARLIER, A FIELD THAT WE REALLY WANT TO NURTURE. HE WAS TALKING ABOUT REHAB, BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT SOLAR AND POSSIBLY ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO NURTURE AND GROW. AS ONE OF THE BIGGEST PURCHASERS ON THE GRID, WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHAPE THAT MARKET. SO I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD LET THAT OPPORTUNITY GO TO WASTE, AND TREAT OURSELVES LIKE ANY OTHER LIKE ANY OTHER CONSUMER IN THIS FIELD. BECAUSE WE'RE NOT. SO THAT WAS MY FIRST QUESTION. MY SECOND QUESTION IS, THE DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE INCLUDED IN YOUR GROUP, THIS WHOLE PROCESS WILL BE FOR ALL CITY FACILITIES, RIGHT? WHETHER OR NOT A DEPARTMENT WAS INCLUDED IN THIS LIST. IT'S YOUR LAST SLIDE.

YOU'RE CORRECT. YOU'LL SEE WE WANTED TO BRING TOGETHER THOSE



DEPARTMENTS THAT EITHER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PAST OR HAVE LARGE FACILITIES THAT WE KNOW. BUT WE'RE GOING TO DO A WHOLE ASSESSMENT OF ALL OUR FACILITIES AND TALK TO ALL THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS.

SANDOVAL: [INDISCERNIBLE].

FOR THIS PROCESS, WE'VE ALREADY LET THEM KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING DOWN THIS PATH, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO WANT TO HAVE THEM AS A KEY PARTNER TO ONE HEALTH REVIEW RFP, TO SEE IF THEY SEE ANYTHING WE'RE MISSING. I CAN SEE THEM HELPING US SCORE THESE THINGS, BASED UPON THEIR EXPERIENCE. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, AS IT'S BEHIND THE METER, CONNECTED INTO OUR BUILDINGS, THEY HAVE A SMALLER ROLE THAN IF WE WERE PROCURING SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO GO BACK INTO THE GRID.

SANDOVAL: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU. I HAVE MORE OF A COMMENT. I KNOW THIS IS PRIMARILY FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES. BUT WE'VE HAD A COUPLE OF CONSTITUENTS COME INTO OUR OPEN OFFICE HOURS TO SHARE THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY HAD SOMEONE COMING TO THEIR HOUSE SELLING SOLAR PANELS, TELLING THEM THEY WOULD ONLY PAY THE INSTALLATION FEE, AND THEN THERE'S A LIEN ON THEIR HOUSE. SO I WONDER IF THERE'S OPPORTUNITY WITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO LET FOLKS KNOW, WHETHER IT BE THROUGH THE CPS BILL, TO LET FOLKS KNOW, HEY, BE CAUTIOUS OF THESE FOLKS.

YEAH.

THE CONTRACT MAY INCLUDE A LIEN ON YOUR HOME. YOU KNOW, THERE'S ALWAYS MORE THAN JUST INSTALLATION FEE. IF THERE'S THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO INCLUDE THAT. BECAUSE THESE ARE FOLKS THAT COME IN, THEY'RE REALLY EXCITED, EXCITED TO BE GREEN, HAVE A SOLAR PANEL AND THEN THEY LEARN THAT THERE'S A LIEN ON THEIR HOME AND IT'S MORE THAN THIS INSTALLATION FEE. BUT NO OTHER COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

COUNCILWOMAN, WE CAN CIRCLE BACK WITH CPS. WE ALSO WORK WITH BUILD SAN ANTONIO GREEN, THAT OFFERS AN ENTRYWAY FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

AND THEY HELP SORT OF STEER PEOPLE TO REPUTABLE INSTALLERS. THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH.

SANDOVAL: COUNCILMEMBER VIAGRAN?

VIAGRAN: THANK YOU. [LAPSE IN AUDIO] WITH THE ASSETS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY STATION AS PART OF THOSE AS ONE OF THOSE ALSO. I DO BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A COMPANY IN THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAN ANTONIO, AND I'M SURE THERE'S OTHER SOLAR COMPANIES. SO I DO WANT TO SEE HOW WE CAN GIVE POINTS TO THOSE THAT ARE LOCAL, BECAUSE THEY ARE HERE, THEY PROVIDE JOBS TO PEOPLE IN SAN ANTONIO, AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN ALSO. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE POSSIBLY, AS WE LOOK WHEN WE LOOK FOR JUST GREEN SPACE, OR SPACE TO PUT THESE PANELS, THAT WE WE'RE MINDFUL OF WHAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE IN 15, 20 YEARS, BECAUSE AS DEVELOPMENT COMES, ESPECIALLY I'VE GOT TONS OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE THAT I'M WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS, BUT THE PROBLEM IS, THAT DEVELOPMENT IS COMING ALSO, AND WE MAY NEED TO THAT'S WHERE LET'S GO BACK TO THE UDC CODES AND SEE HOW DO WE DO THIS. THE SOONER WE CAN GET THE INFORMATION OF WHERE YOU'VE IDENTIFIED LAND SPOTS FOR THE SOLAR, LET'S GET THAT OUT THERE, SO WE CAN BE THOUGHTFUL WITH OUR UDC CODE. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO.

BRAVO: I ALSO SUPPORT COUNCILWOMAN VIAGRAN'S REQUEST TO BE ABLE TO INCORPORATE SOME OF THESE ENERGY EFFICIENCY DESIGNS INTO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES. I KNOW THAT THE SAPD SUBSTATION ON ST. MARY'S HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNED. CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT STARTED YET, I DON'T THINK IT'S TOO LATE TO GO IN AND SAY, HEY, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO DO GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMPS HERE, OR A FEW OTHER THINGS TO THAT EFFECT. DOUG, I SEE THAT YOU'RE LOOKING TO PUT THIS RFP OUT IN Q1 OF 2022. I'VE ALSO SEEN GREENHOUSE GAS OR I'VE SEEN THE GRAPHS THAT SHOW HOW SOON WE NEED TO START REDUCING EMISSIONS, AND IT'S LIKE GOING OFF A CLIFF. THE MORE WE WAIT, THE STEEPER THAT CLIFF IS. SO IS THERE WHAT'S PREVENTING US FROM GETTING THIS RFP OUT NEXT MONTH, AND LETTING THE MARKET COMPETE AND JUST BRING US THEIR IDEAS?

I THINK IT'S DOING THE SITE ASSESSMENT. I THINK FIGURING OUT AGAIN, WHEN WE LEARNED WE HAD OVER 600 FACILITIES, WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE FOUNDATION FOR THE CRITERIA. AND I ACTUALLY HAD THAT SAME QUESTION OF RMI, AND I PITCHED SOMETHING MORE AGGRESSIVE AND THEIR RESPONSE WAS, YOU MIGHT NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME. IF WE CAN ACCELERATE IT, I THINK WE WILL.

BRAVO: I WOULD LIKE TO ACCELERATE IT. ONE QUESTION I HAVE IS ONE WAY OF ACCELERATING IT, WOULD IT BE DOING THIS IN PHASES. MAYBE WE'VE ASSESSED THE FIRST 200 SITES. SO WE CAN DO PHASE 1. AND THEN WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO THAT RFP, WE COULD CONTINUE TO ASSESS OTHER SITES.

I THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE. I THINK MY GOAL IS TO COME UP WITH THAT RIGHT FIRST COHORT THAT'S GOING TO BE ATTRACTIVE FOR THE MARKET. AND IT'S NOT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PUT EVERYTHING OUT, SO I DEFINITELY DO AGREE IT WILL BE IN A COUPLE PHASES.

CAN I RECOMMEND SOMETHING? I THINK SOMETHING THE CITY NEEDS TO DO MORE OF IS THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PIECE. DOUG HAS CITED THAT AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT TO THIS, SO I DON'T WANT TO SHORT CHANGE THE COMMUNITY'S INVOLVEMENT IN SOME OF THE SURVEYS OR QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE. I'M SURE THERE'S WAYS TO SPEED IT UP, BUT I DON'T WANT TO DO IT AT THE COST OF COMPROMISING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. I'LL TRY TO LAY OUT A TIMELINE FOR YOU, I THINK THAT WOULD BE ADVISABLE.

SURE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DO I WANT TO SHORT CHANGE THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS. SO I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THAT TO LIGHT. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO DO THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT? WOULD IT BE AFTER WE GET THE RFP RESULTS SO WE CAN GO AND SHOP THOSE IDEAS AROUND AND SAY, THIS IS WHAT THE MARKET HAS PROPOSED, WHICH OF THESE IDEAS DO YOU LIKE? OR WOULD IT BE BEFORE THAT RFP GOES OUT?

I ACTUALLY THINK IT SHOULD BE BEFORE THE RFP GOES OUT. THAT WAY WE CAN SEE, HOW DOES THIS BENEFIT THE PUBLIC. WE ALWAYS HAVE TO KEEP OUR EQUITY HAT ON, SO NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE THE OPPOSITE

EFFECT. SO EVEN IF IT MAY NOT TAKE AS LONG TO SURVEY OR TO HAVE THAT ENGAGEMENT, IT SHOULD GO BEFORE THE RFP GOES OUT.

I SEE ON THE FRONT END WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE GETTING THE VALUES OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS PROCUREMENT. AND I WOULD POSSIBLY, ONCE WE GET THE SOLICITATIONS, ONCE WE GO THROUGH OUR PRIORITIZATION AND SCORING, IF WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY'S COMFORTABLE WITH WHATEVER THE FINAL SELECTIONS ARE BEFORE MOVING FORWARD, SO I THINK WE'RE OPEN TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE BEST WAY TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY. BUT WE'RE COMMITTED TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS.

BRAVO: I THOUGHT I HAD ONE OTHER THING, BUT I CAN'T THINK OF IT RIGHT NOW.

WE CAN FOLLOW UP AND TALK MORE OFFLINE AS WELL.

BRAVO: THANKS A LOT.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, DOUG. THANK YOU AGAIN, COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO, FOR SUGGESTING THAT WE BRING THIS ITEM FORWARD AND GETTING AN UPDATE ON IT. I'M VERY GLAD TO SEE THE PROGRESS THAT YOU'RE MAKING, THAT YOU PULLED THIS GROUP TOGETHER. I ALSO DO WANT TO CAUTION US AGAINST RUSHING THIS PARTICULAR ITEM, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OUR PRIORITY, OR WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMITTEE TO DATE IS THAT THE BOND CRITERIA IS HIGH PRIORITY, AND WE WANT YOU TO FOCUS ON WELL, I MEAN, WE DIDN'T TAKE A VOTE OR ANYTHING, BUT THAT'S PARTICULARLY URGENT AND WE DON'T WANT TO MISS THAT BOAT.

YES, MA'AM.

SANDOVAL: OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO MOVE THIS AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN, BUT ALSO NOT AT THE COST OF THE BOND WORK. THAT WON'T COME AGAIN FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE HAVE A COUPLE MORE ITEMS TO GO THROUGH.

THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT I ALSO SUPPORT THE REQUEST THAT WE PRIORITIZE LOCAL, AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S LIKE WHEN WE DO MAJOR

PROJECTS THAT ARE OUT FOR BID SOMETIMES, THERE'S A SCORING CRITERIA THERE, SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE THAT IF POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DOUG, FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOUR FIVE PERSON TEAM IS DO YOU HAVE MORE PEOPLE NOW? OH. SORRY. TWICE AS BIG. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM, I THINK THIS IS ITEM 3. YES.

HOLD ON. I WANT TO INVITE DR. NIVEN TO SAY WHATEVER HE WANTS TO SAY ON THOSE TWO ITEMS. IF HE WANTS TO GIVE A COMMENT, PLEASE. COULD YOU GO TO THE MIC? WE'LL GIVE THE GENTLEMAN MAYBE THREE TO FIVE MINUTES. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK ITEMS. ONE IS, IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE ALL THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE GREEN BUILDING AND ALL THAT. I'M ONE WHO THINKS THAT [LAPSE IN AUDIO] BIG ECONOMIC IMPACT, NOT JUST DIRECT FROM THE BUILDING AND THAT, BUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IMPACTS AND OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT LABOR AND KEEP OUR POPULATION AND LABOR FORCE GROWING. AND THE HEALTH EFFECTS WILL BE, I THINK, BIG. ALL THOSE KINDS OF AND THE INNOVATION. I LOVE COUNCILMAN'S PURCHASING POWER OF THE CITY TO DEVELOP OUR CONSTRUCTION IN THAT AREA. SO THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACT. I ALSO APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO BRINGING UP CREDIT HUMAN. FULL DISCLOSURE, I'M ON THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SO ONE ITEM I WOULD ADD TO YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE BUILDING IS THAT IT'S ALSO A GREAT RETURN ON INVESTMENT. SO JUST THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, DR. NIVEN. SORRY, PLEASE GO AHEAD, DEBBIE.

ITEM NUMBER 2 IS THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, UNESCO, CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK GASTRONOMY PROGRAM.

SANDOVAL: SORRY, WE WERE GOING TO TAKE IT IN THE IT'S OKAY EITHER WAY FOR US RIGHT NOW. BUT THAT'S FINE. WE'LL GO FORWARD WITH IT. THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, COUNCILMEMBERS. GLAD TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. AND I'D LIKE TO I AM COLLEEN SWAIN, I AM THE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF SAN

ANTONIO'S WORLD HERITAGE OFFICE. IN ADDITION TO OVERSEEING THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES OF NETWORK GASTRONOMY PROGRAM, WE ALSO OVERSEE MISSION MARQUEE PLAZA. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE LISA WHO IS HERE, AND OF COURSE DR. NIVEN WHO WORKS WITH US ON OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT. WE HAVE OUR EXCHANGE PARTS PANT [INDISCERNIBLE] I PROBABLY BUTCHERED YOUR LAST NAME. SHE'S FROM THAILAND. WE PARTNER WITH THE METRO HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SO JENNIFER HARRIET IS HERE. AND YOU'VE MET DOUGLAS. SO REAL QUICK, I'M GOING TO FLY THROUGH THIS. I BRIEFED ALL OF YOU ON THIS. WE IN 2017 BECAME A MEMBER OF THIS NETWORK. IT'S REALLY ABOUT CITIES. AND THE REASON THEY FOCUS ON CITIES IS BECAUSE THEY'RE REALLY THE PRINCIPAL GROUNDS, THEY'RE THE AREA WHERE ALL THE NEW STRATEGIES, INITIATIVES, THOSE POLICIES PARTICULARLY RELATE TO CULTURE AND CREATIVE ARE A DRIVING FORCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY. SO WE ARE ONE OF NINE IN THE U.S., ONE OF TWO IN THE CATEGORY OF GASTRONOMY. JUST QUICK ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WE HAVE A WEBSITE. WE ASK THAT YOU LIST YOUR EVENTS ON THAT CALENDAR. WE, DESPITE COVID, HAVE TRAVELED VIRTUALLY TO MANY PLACES. AND SO PART OF THAT COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, SHARING BEST PRACTICES, EXCHANGE WITH OTHER CITIES IS PART OF BEING IN THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK. WE ALSO FOCUS ON CULINARY HERITAGE. THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE DID LAST YEAR, DURING COVID, AT THE TOMAL INSTITUTE. WE ALSO WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND METRO HEALTH, THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM IS WHAT WE DID IN MAY OF 2021. WE HAVE A ROSTER AMBASSADOR THAT YOU'LL MEET ON OCTOBER 14TH. THEY'LL BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL. THESE ARE OUR CHEF AMBASSADORS. AND TWO OF THEM WILL BE TRAVELING TO ITALY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WHITE TRUFFLE FESTIVAL IN NOVEMBER THERE. JOHN BRANDT AND KELLI DOTTIE. THE RECIPE SHE HAS IS FROM THE SAN JUAN FARM, USING MUSTANG GRAPES AND INDIGENOUS INGREDIENTS. THIS WAS A PILOT THAT WE DID TO EXPAND THE OUTWARD DINING FOR RESTAURANTS DURING COVID. AND THERE WAS A QUESTION THAT CAME UP DURING BUDGET ABOUT AWARENESS OF GASTRONOMY. WE PARTNER EVERY YEAR WITH VISIT SA, AND THEY GIVE US THE RESULTS OF THE MEDIA VALUE. AND AS WE TALK ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP MONITORING REPORT, EXACTLY WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT, THE AWARENESS PIECE. THE MEMBERSHIP MONITORING REPORT IS THE KEY ITEM THAT WE REALLY WANT TO BRIEF YOU ON TODAY. WE BECAME A MEMBER IN 2017, AND EVERY FOUR YEARS WE HAVE TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO UNESCO. THAT IS A REPORT THAT LISTS WHAT ARE THE KEY THINGS THAT WE'VE DONE DURING THESE FOUR YEARS, AND THEN WHAT IS OUR

ACTION PLAN MOVING FORWARD. SO THIS IS DUE NOVEMBER 30TH. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A DRAFT OF THIS, AND THIS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. AND WE DID SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN OTHER CITIES DO, IN THAT THEY, A LOT OF TIMES, HAVE SOMEONE THAT SITS BEHIND A DESK, LOGS ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND THEN DEVELOPS THE PLAN WITHOUT ANY COMMUNITY INPUT. SO WE DID A SURVEY WHICH THE COUNCIL OFFICES HELPED US WITH, AND WE RECEIVED 900 RESPONSES TO THE SURVEY, IT WAS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, WE SENT IT OUT TO OUR SENIORS AND ALSO DISTRIBUTED IT THROUGH THE LIBRARY. AND WE WANTED TO KNOW FIRST, WERE THEY AWARE OF THE GASTRONOMY DESIGNATION, AND THEN WHAT WERE THEIR PRIORITIES MOVING FORWARD. SO WHAT WE LEARNED IS 30% OF THE COMMUNITY KNOWS ABOUT THE DESIGNATION, SO THAT'S WHY YOU'LL SEE A LOT OF OUR PROGRAMS ARE FOCUSED ON THAT COMMUNITY AWARENESS. WE ALSO DID FOCUS GROUPS IN THESE FOUR CATEGORIES AND HAD 72 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE FOCUS GROUPS. AS A RESULT OF THAT, THE TOP PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY, FROM THESE TWO EFFORTS, WAS FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD JUSTICE. SO WE'LL CONTINUE WORKING WITH OUR METRO HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS THEY HAVE GOTTEN A GRANT FOR FOOD POLICY PERSON, AND IT'S ALSO LISTED ON THE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN, AND PLANNING HAS IT ON THEIR PLAN, TOO, AS A PRIORITY. SO WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH ALL THE DEPARTMENTS, AND WITH ALL OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS ON ISSUES RELATED TO FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD JUSTICE. TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PUBLIC, SO THE TOMAL INSTITUTE WILL CONTINUE. THERE IS A COMMITTEE COMING BACK TO BRIEF YOU ON THIS STATUS. THAT WAS LISTED IN THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION, AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIST THAT AS SOMETHING THAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE COMPLETED BECAUSE THEY'LL SHARE CULINARY BEST PRACTICES, HAVE COOKING CLASSES, ARTISAN MARKETS, AND WE CAN HAVE CHEF EXCHANGES THERE. SUSTAINABILITY WAS THE THIRD ITEM. SO POR VIDA IS SOMETHING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DOING FOR 10 YEARS. ARISA CAME FROM METRO HEALTH WORKING ON THE POR VIDA PROGRAM, AND SO THEY'RE GOING TO RELAUNCH THE PROGRAM, BUT WE'VE ADDED THE ELEMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY, OR METRO HEALTH HAS, WHERE YOU GET POINTS IF YOU ARE WORKING WITH REWORKS, FOR COMMUNITY GIVEBACK, AND THEN THE LAST LEVEL YOU'LL HAVE LIKE A BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD LEVEL. THE LAST LEVEL, IF YOU ARE A LOCAL, FROM SCRATCH KITCHEN, AND YOU MEET THE SUSTAINABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY GIVEBACK REQUIREMENT, YOU GET A GASTRONOMY DESIGNATED RESTAURANT. THAT'S A WAY TO GET THE



DESIGNATION OUT TO OUR LOCAL RESTAURATEURS AND TO THE COMMUNITY, WHILE ALSO HOPEFULLY REINFORCING HEALTHY EATING AND SUSTAINABILITY. JUST TO MENTION, EVERYTHING WORLD HERITAGE AND GASTRONOMY POINTS TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS. DOUG IS A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A COHORT. AND SO WE ARE WORKING WITH HIM, AND THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION ON SOME PROJECT THAT WHERE WE CAN DO SOME SORT OF LOCAL VOLUNTARY REVIEW. THIS IS A WAY FOR ALL OF THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE WORKING ON ALL OF THESE ISSUES TO BE ABLE TO CATALOG THINGS AND TO REPORT ABOUT IT INTERNATIONALLY. SO THIS IS WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US. WE DO AN ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT. DR. NIVEN IS HERE. WE DID, OF COURSE, SEE A DECLINE IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CULINARY INDUSTRY, HOWEVER THERE WAS SOME GROWTH IN OTHER SECTORS, AND SO WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH HIM. HE DOES THAT REPORT EVERY YEAR AND YOU'LL RECEIVE AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THIS YEAR'S. THEN MOVING FORWARD FOR PROGRAMMING, WE'LL CONTINUE THAT COLLABORATION WITH OTHER CREATIVE CITIES AND OUR SISTER CITIES. WE ALSO WE'VE BEEN ASKED BY TUSCAN AND PUEBLO TO WORK ON A PROJECT, SO WE'LL DO SOMETHING IN MAY. AND WE'RE ALSO PARTNERING WITH UTSA LIBRARY, THEY HAVE [INDISCERNIBLE] BUT THEY HAVE THE LARGEST MEXICAN COOKBOOK COLLECTION IN NORTH AMERICA, SO THERE WILL BE A CHEF BROUGHT IN AND THERE WILL BE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES AS WELL. WE'LL CONTINUE TO EDUCATION. WE ARE A VERY SMALL DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE ONE PERSON DEVOTED TO GASTRONOMY. ERISA HAS BEEN TALKING TO SENIOR SERVICES TO DO SOMETHING WITH THEM. WE PARTNER WITH GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT. WE JUST DID AN EVENT WITH JUAN JU OUR SISTER CITY, THEY'RE HAVING THEIR FESTIVAL AND THEY BROADCAST THE COOKING DEMO FROM KOREA AT MIDNIGHT, AND WE WORKED WITH ST. PHILLIP'S COLLEGE TO HAVE THAT MASTER CHEF TEACH THE STUDENTS. AND THEN WE HAD A CHEF AMBASSADOR INVOLVED, BUT THAT'S REALLY IT. WE REALLY WANTED TO COME TO WE HAVE A NEW GROUP OF COUNCILMEMBERS CREATE SOME AWARENESS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. AND ACTUALLY, HOW CAN YOU PARTNER IN OUR DISTRICT. IN BRIEFING, WE'VE GOTTEN SOME GREAT IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN DO THAT AND REALLY SPREAD THAT COMMUNITY AWARENESS ABOUT THIS DESIGNATION AND ALSO SOME UNDERSTANDING, BECAUSE GASTRONOMY IS A HARD WORD, IT'S BASICALLY FOOD AND CULTURE BUT THERE'S A LOT MORE AN THAT, AND THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE OUR FOOD AND CULTURE WITH OUR COMMUNITY IN



THE WORLD. THAT'S IT. I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. I'M REALLY GLAD ABOUT THE INTEGRATION WITH METRO HEALTH. ARE THERE ANY WORDS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT AT THIS POINT?

SWAIN: DID YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE ECONOMIC... [INAUDIBLE SPEAKERS]

SO I DON'T THINK IT'S ANY SURPRISE THAT THERE WAS A DECLINE IN THE CULINARY INDUSTRY FROM 2019 TO 2020. MOST OF THAT IS IN THE RESTAURANT SECTOR OF THE CULINARY INDUSTRY. THE GROWTH SECTORS BEING THE FOOD MANUFACTURERS AND THE FOOD RETAILERS AND THAT SENSE AS WELL. IT'S IT'S AN INDUSTRY THAT'S GOING TO BE GOING THROUGH A LOT OF CHANGE, I THINK, GOING FORWARD, AS PEOPLE ASSESS THEIR VALUATION OF THEIR TIME AND HOW THEY WANT TO SPEND THEIR TIME AND WORK, AND I THINK THAT AFFECTS THAT INDUSTRY. AND SO WE'VE SEEN SOME CONTINUED SHORTAGES IN THERE, BUT IT'S WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH THAT. ALONG THOSE LINES, WE ARE WE ARE PART OF THE RESEARCH PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF GASTRONOMY EFFORT IS THAT WE ARE WORKING ON RESEARCH TO ASSESS WHERE THE RESTAURANTS LOCAL, INDEPENDENTLY OWNED RESTAURANTS, WHERE THEY'RE AT RIGHT NOW, HOW THEY ADAPTED TO THE PANDEMIC, WHAT CHANGES MIGHT BE PERMANENT. AND THEN WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS LOOK FORWARD AND THEN, OKAY, AS WE MOVE THROUGH THIS, HOW DO WE HELP YOU GROW. WHAT DO WE, AS A COMMUNITY, NEED TO DO TO HELP THIS INDUSTRY GROW? SO WE'RE LOOKING AT WE'RE DOING THAT. AND THE FIRST SURVEY WILL HOPEFULLY BE GOING OUT HERE NEXT MONTH OR TWO, SO... THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL START WITH COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS WITH COUNCILWOMAN VIAGRAN?

VIAGRAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COLLEEN. SO, YES, CITY OF GASTRONOMY IS A WHOLE LOT TO SAY FOR SOME PEOPLE, I DO WANT TO ENCOURAGE MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AS A COMMITTEE TO REALLY SET THE AGENDA OF WHAT WE WANT TO SEE AND TAKE FORWARD TO FULL COUNCIL. AND SO I THINK THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE

CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLEEN, HAVE HER COME BACK WITH REALLY CREATIVE IDEAS, RESTAURANTS THAT WE THINK CAN GET THAT DESIGNATION. I KNOW FISH LON HA JUST MADE "THE NEW YORK TIMES" LIST AND I'M NOMINATING THEM. THEY'LL BE FINE WITH IT, BUT YOU EACH HAVE A RESTAURANT. AND THEN THE ONE THING I'M GOING TO DO IN MY DISTRICT, WHICH I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU, IS CITY OF GASTRONOMY, BUT THEN I WANT THEM TO PICK A FOOD OR PICK A DESCRIPTION OF A FOOD FOR MY RESIDENTS. SO SPICE OR CHEESE OR WHATEVER THEY LIKE, BECAUSE IT IS ABOUT THE FOOD AND THE CULTURE. AND I KNOW IN DISTRICT 3, WE LIKE THE SPICY, WE LIKE THE WE LIKE THE CHEESY, AND IT MIGHT BE THE SAME OR DIFFERENT FOR YOUR DISTRICTS. SO I THINK IT'S ABOUT GETTING THEM OUT THERE AND GETTING THEM TO IDENTIFY, SO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK. I KNOW YOU'RE DOING A LOT OF WORK. I DO SIT ON THE VISIT SAN ANTONIO BOARD. VISIT SAN ANTONIO IS DOING A LOT OF WORK. WE JUST DON'T GET TO SEE THAT BECAUSE THEY TAKE IT OUT. WHENEVER YOU WANT AN UPDATE ON WHAT THEY'RE DOING, LET MYSELF OR MARK ANDERSON KNOW AND THEY CAN SEND THAT TO YOU. BUT I THINK WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS REALLY SPECIFIC TO SAN ANTONIO AND TO YOUR RESIDENTS IN PARTICULAR OF HOW THEY USE FOOD AND HOW THEY USE IT TO CREATE COMMUNITY, TO SHOW LOVE, AND JUST TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE FED. AND I DO WANT TO APPLAUD THE PRIORITIES OF FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD JUSTICE BECAUSE THAT'S A HUGE ISSUE IN MY AREA, AND I THINK THAT IF WE IF WE CONTINUE TO MAKE THAT A PRIORITY, THEN WE'LL SEE IT DECREASE. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. COUNCILMAN BRAVO?

BRAVO: I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE WORK YOU'VE DONE. CONGRATULATIONS ON AND IT'S BEEN A LITTLE WHILE SINCE YOU GOT THAT UNESCO DESIGNATION, BUT I JUST WANT TO WORK WITH YOU AND I'M ACTUALLY EAGER TO HEAR IN THE FUTURE MORE ABOUT THAT COLLABORATION WITH PUEBLA. I ONCE MADE A SIDE TRIP WHEN I WAS IN MEXICO, AND I BOUGHT ABOUT 15 KILOS OF DIFFERENT MOLES, ALL THESE DIFFERENT ONES IN THE MARKET. THE ONLY REASON I DIDN'T BUY MORE IS BECAUSE THAT'S ALL I COULD CARRY. AND MY BAGS WERE DIGGING INTO MY SHOULDERS AT THAT TIME, BUT I'M I AM REALLY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU AND ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO SHOWCASE SAN ANTONIO AS A CITY OF GASTRONOMY. THANKS.

SWAIN: THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: COUNCILMAN MCKEE RODRIGUEZ DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?  
OKAY. COUNCILMAN CASTILLO.

CASTILLO: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. WITH THE NEXT ROUND OF SURVEYS, Y'ALL HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB, BUT WITH THE NEXT ROUND OF SURVEY, I THINK THERE'S OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ASK THE QUESTIONS TO OUR MICROBUSINESSES, IF THEY'VE RECEIVED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, LIKE HOSPITALITY GRANT, AND IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF THAT. BUT THOSE ARE ALL MY COMMENTS.

SWAIN: THANK YOU. AND THAT IS A PROPOSED QUESTION ON DR. NIVINS' SURVEY.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. TREMENDOUS WORK. ALL RIGHT. AND IF ANYBODY CAME HERE FOR THE PARKS PRESENTATION, THE TIME HAS COME. HOMER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. VERY EXCITED TO HEAR ABOUT THIS. I'M GOING TO HAVE LOTS OF COMMENTS WHEN YOU'RE DONE, BUT THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

CLERK: ITEM NUMBER THREE IS THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND PARKSCORE AND 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK INITIATIVE.

GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ON THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND PARKSCORE AND 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. MY NAME IS HOMER GARCIA, DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A COUPLE OF KEY MEMBERS TO OUR TEAM SPECIFIC TO THIS EFFORT. MELINDA SERTA, SHE IS ONE OF TWO ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, AND TONY FORSHAGE, HE IS ONE OF OUR ASSISTANCE MANAGERS, BOTH OF THEM AND SOME OTHERS WORKED VERY CLOSELY ON COMPLETING THE 2021 SURVEY, WHICH IS WHAT I WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING HERE THIS MORNING. SO TO PROVIDE A BIT OF BACKGROUND ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND PUBLISHES AN ANNUAL PARKSCORE INDEX, AND IT LOOKS AT AND RANKS THE 100 LARGEST U.S. CITIES IN AMERICA AND SCORES THEM UPON FIVE CATEGORIES. NOW, THIS YEAR, IN 2021, THERE WAS A NEW CATEGORY HIGHLIGHTED AROUND EQUITY, BUT WE SEE THE OTHER

CATEGORIES ARE ACREAGE, INVESTMENT, AMENITIES, PARK ACCESS, AND ACROSS THESE FIVE CATEGORIES, THERE ARE 14 MEASURES THAT FEED INTO EACH ONE OF THESE. SO FOR 2021, OUR PARKSCORE WAS 60 OUT OF 100. AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE SURVEY CAPTURES NOT ONLY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S INVESTMENT IN OUR GREENSPACE BUT REALLY LOOKS AT ALL AVAILABLE PUBLIC LAND, PARKS AND WILDLIFE, BEXAR COUNTY, SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, SO ANY TIME HERE LOCALLY IN THE COUNTY WE SEE INVESTMENT BY ANY ONE OF OUR PARTNER AGENCIES, WE ARE ALL BENEFITING FROM THAT PARKSCORE AND THAT FEEDS INTO WHAT THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND LOOKS FOR ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. SO WHILE 60 IS REALLY IN THE BACK HALF OR THIRD QUARTILE OF THE INDEX, I WILL HIGHLIGHT THAT IT IS UP FROM WHERE WE WERE A YEAR AGO IN 2020. WE WERE AT 75. SO FOR US, WE LOOK AT THAT AS OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND GROW AS WE STRIVE TO INCREASE OUR RANKING ACROSS THE 100 U.S. LARGEST CITIES. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES A SNAPSHOT I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO, THAT ACROSS THE FIVE CATEGORIES, THERE ARE 14 MEASURES THAT FEED INTO IT. SO AS IT RELATES TO PARK EXCUSE ME. IT'S A LITTLE SMALL ON THE SCREEN, I APOLOGIZE. SO I'M GOING TO LOOK DOWN AND READ TO YOU. SO LOOKING AT PARK ACCESS, IT'S A PERCENT OF POPULATION LIVING WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. I HAVE SOME DETAILS SPECIFIC TO THAT MOMENTARILY. ADDITIONALLY, AROUND ACREAGE. IT CAPTURES TWO THINGS, MEDIAN PARK SIZE AND PARKLAND AS A PERCENT OF THE CITY AREA. AROUND INVESTMENT, IT'S LOOKING AT PUBLIC SPENDING, NONPROFIT SPENDING AND VOLUNTEER HOURS. SO, AGAIN, WHEN WE COLLECTIVELY LOOK AT OUR PUBLIC PARTNER AGENCIES, THIS REALLY HELPS FEED INTO THAT NUMBER AS WELL. AND THEN LASTLY, AMENITIES. THERE'S SEVERAL THINGS THAT ARE MEASURED THAT DRIVES THIS SCORE. IT LOOKS AT BASKETBALL GOALS, DOG PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, SPLASH PADS, COMMUNITY CENTERS AND RESTROOMS, AND THEN LASTLY EQUITY. AND IT'S LOOKING AT TWO PRIMARILY THINGS. PEOPLE OF COLOR WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK AND LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. NOW, I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT WE RANKED 60 OUT OF 100. IN THIS INSTANCE, THESE SCALES ARE ALSO ON 100, SO THE GREEN REPRESENTS THE HIGHER THE SCORE, THEN THAT'S A GOOD THING, RIGHT? SO THE WHITE SPACE REALLY IS AREAS WHERE WE NEED TO FOCUS ON AND CONTINUE TO TRY TO STRATEGIZE TO INCREASE OUR SCORE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THE 2021 PARKSCORE, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF THINGS. FOR 2021, THERE IS 33% MORE PARK SPACE PER PERSON IN LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS THAN THE CITY MEDIAN. SO

WHEN YOU TAKE THAT SAME MEASURE AND COMPARE IT TO HIGH INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, WE GO FROM 33% TO 40%. SO, AGAIN, SOMETHING VERY CRITICAL TO NOTE, AND WHEN THESE SURVEY FINDINGS WERE RELEASED, THOSE WERE BOTH THINGS THAT WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE REPORT. 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SIGNED ONTO IN DECEMBER OF 2018, AND YOU'LL NOTICE SINCE THEN, WE HAVE SEEN SOME SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THIS REGARD. FOR 2021, 48% OF OUR RESIDENTS LIVE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. AND IT IS WE WERE IDENTIFIED AS A TOP THREE FASTEST RISER AMONG CITIES WITH THE GREATEST INCREASE OF RESIDENTS TO OR WITHIN GREATEST INCREASE OF RESIDENTS WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK OF A PARK, AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO HIGHLIGHT AS WELL, SO PART OF THAT CAMPAIGN OF 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK CALLS THAT ALL RESIDENTS WOULD LIVE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK BY 2050. WE HAVE ADOPTED THAT AND THAT IS PART OF OUR VISION STATEMENT FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. NOW, THERE ARE STRATEGIES THAT WE LOOK AT TO INCREASE PARK ACCESS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CONTINUES TO BE A STRATEGY AS WE MOVE FORWARD HAS BEEN THROUGH OUR SCHOOL PARK PROGRAM. WE HAVE AN EXISTING RELATIONSHIP WITH SAN ANTONIO SPORTS AND THE SANTIKOS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SO THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY THOSE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM TO CONNECT RESIDENTS TO PLAYGROUNDS, PARK AMENITIES, EXERCISE AMENITIES WITHIN THOSE GREENSPACES, AND CURRENTLY THERE ARE 36 COMPLETED SCHOOL PARKS ACROSS EIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND I ALSO WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT WE DO HAVE A SCHOOL PARK IN EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT AS WELL. NOW, KIND OF A VERSION OF THAT, RIGHT, OUR SCHOOL PARKS STRATEGY, THAT IS A FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS DEPARTMENT AND ANY SCHOOL THAT WILL PARTICIPATE. THEY PROVIDE MATCHING DOLLARS, BUT SEPARATE FROM THAT, WE ALSO HAVE WHAT WE REALLY JUST BEGAN THIS FISCAL YEAR ENDED IS OUR RECREATIONAL SCHOOL YARD AGREEMENTS. SO UNDER THAT TYPE OF AGREEMENT, AND NEISD WAS FIRST TO THE TABLE. IT DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY FUNDING. WHAT IT DOES IS NEISD ENTERED INTO AN MOU THAT MAKES AVAILABLE THEIR CAMPUSES AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES TO THE PUBLIC WHEN NOT IN USE BY THE SCHOOL. VERY, VERY SIMILAR TO OUR SCHOOL PARK PROGRAM, SAME THING. THE SCHOOL PARKS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE RESIDENTS WHEN NOT IN SCHOOL. THAT'S FUNDING. THIS RECREATIONAL SCHOOL YARD IS NOT. IT REALLY DOESN'T COST US ANYTHING. AND REALLY WHAT WE'VE

DISCOVERED WE'RE JUST CAPTURING THE PRACTICE THAT IS IN PLACE ALREADY. WE KNOW MANY RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO THEIR SCHOOLS, WALK ON THEIR TRACK, AND SO WE'RE JUST KIND OF TRUEING UP AND CAPTURING THE PRACTICE THAT'S IN PLACE. WE CURRENTLY ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SEISD TO DO THE SAME, AS WELL AS HARLANDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. SO, AGAIN, REALLY LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN EXTEND THE REACH OF OUR PARTNERS AND PUBLIC PARKLAND TO THE RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, WE ALSO HAVE OUR OWN CITY ASSETS, SO WE LOOK AT EXISTING STORMWATER PROPERTY, FOR EXAMPLE. THIS BUDGET WORK SESSION THAT JUST CONCLUDED HERE, JUST SEEMS LIKE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO I GUESS, WE TALKED ABOUT THE IDEAS OF LOOKING AT MAYBE THERE ARE TRAFFIC ISLANDS OR OTHER RIGHT OF WAY THAT WE COULD UTILIZE AS POTENTIAL GREENSPACE LOOKING AT CONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH UTILITIES EASEMENTS. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES WHERE WE'VE DONE SO IN DISTRICT 10, SAME WITH DISTRICT 9, SO REALLY JUST LOOKING AT OUR CURRENT ASSETS, REALLY NOT DEALING WITH ACQUISITION, SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO EXTEND PEOPLE TO OUR PARK PROPERTIES THROUGH THOSE UTILITY EASEMENTS AS WELL, AND THEN, OF COURSE, PROBABLY THE BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE THINK ABOUT ACQUISITION, REALLY IT IS ON EVERY FIVE YEARS WE HAVE OUR BOND PROGRAM, SO STRATEGICALLY LOOKING AT WHERE WE NEED TO MAKE THESE INVESTMENTS SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO ACQUIRE PARKLAND AND GROW OUR GREENSPACE, OUR HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL SYSTEM, GREENWAY TRAILS ALSO CONTINUES TO BE VERY, VERY POPULAR. AND THEN WE DO HAVE PARTNERS THAT WILL STEP UP AND MAKE DONATIONS TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO THAT ALLOWS US TO CAPTURE AND GROW OUR GREENSPACE. MOST NOTABLY COMES TO MIND WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT A DONATION IN DISTRICT 7 IN ANNIE FALCON, AND SO WE'RE ACTIVELY TRYING TO PLAN TO EXPAND THAT GREENSPACE AND DEVELOP IT AS WELL. REALLY NOT JUST ONE STRATEGY THAT DRIVES US FORWARD, BUT IT'S MANY LAYERS. AND SO WITH THAT, THAT WILL CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION. I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AS WELL AS MELINDA AND TONY. BUT THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. AND WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN AND RECORD NOTES.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, HOMER. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE READY TO JUMP INTO THEIR COMMENTS. JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK REQUESTS. REALLY GLAD TO SEE THE MOST IMPROVED. I GUESS THAT'S THE FASTEST RISER.

GARCIA: YES, MA'AM.

SANDOVAL: I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US IF YOU'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN E MAIL TO US, REGARDING HOW SOME OF THE SCORES ARE COMPUTED, WHAT THEY REPRESENT, BASICALLY.

GARCIA: THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES. THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND SURVEY, IT'S REALLY EASY TO USE. WE WILL SEND IT TO EVERYONE. IT GIVES YOU A DIRECT LINK SO THAT YOU CLICK ON IT. AND SOME OF THE IMAGES YOU SAW ARE DIRECTLY EXTRACTED FROM THAT REPORT, SO IT GIVES YOU A LITTLE BIT OF A DEEP DIVE, BUT WE CAN DEFINITELY GET THAT INFORMATION TO EVERYBODY.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. AND ONE THING I NOTICED WHEN I CAME ON COUNCIL IS THAT WE HAD I CAME ON IN 2017 WITH A NUMBER OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOND HAD JUST BEEN APPROVED AND A LOT OF WORK WORK IS ALWAYS HAPPENING ON PARKS, FORTUNATELY. BUT THE SIDEWALKS OR THE ACCESS TO THE PARKS WASN'T ALWAYS THERE, PART OF THE PROJECT, RIGHT, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOU FOCUS ON WHAT'S THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY. SO WHEN WE LOOK AT THE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION LIVING WITHIN A 10 MILE WALK TO A PARK, DOES THAT BY ANY CHANCE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHETHER IT'S SAFE TO WALK THERE?

GARCIA: YES. ABSOLUTELY. SO IN THIS PAST FISCAL YEAR, WE STARTED A DIALOGUE WITH ANTHONY AND HIS TEAM IN PUBLIC WORKS TO LOOK AT THOSE AREAS WHERE SO THINK OF IT THIS WAY, RIGHT? EVERYONE 48% MAY LIVE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK, BUT IF THEY DON'T HAVE A WHAT'S THE EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THEIR DOORSTEP AND GETTING TO THE GREENSPACE? SO WE HAVE STARTED THAT DIALOGUE. ACTUALLY, TONY IS WORKING WITH SOMEONE ON ANTHONY'S TEAM, AND I'LL TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER, MADAM CHAIR, SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JUST MAYBE THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, BUT EVEN LOOKING AT THE URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT. I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT DOUG, RIGHT, AND I ALWAYS TELL DOUG, HE HAS A SMALL TEAM, HIS SUCCESS REALLY RELIES ON PARKS, PUBLIC WORKS, A LOT OF OUR SISTER DEPARTMENTS. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AS WELL IS NOT ONLY THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, BUT EVERYONE IF THE WALKWAY IS SAFE, BUT, YOU KNOW, IN THE NORMAL SUMMER, IT'S REALLY,



REALLY HOT. WE CAN LOOK AT HOW WE CAN THEN MAYBE STRATEGICALLY PLANT TREES AS WELL SO THAT THAT EXPERIENCE FROM YOUR DOORSTEP TO THE PARK IS HOPEFULLY A PLEASANT ONE, YOU CAN GET THEIR SAFELY, AND SO WE HAVE THE TOOLS TO DO THAT. AND THAT'S KIND OF ONE OF OUR STRATEGIES THAT WE'LL BE WORKING METHODICALLY TO START PLANNING FOR AND IMPLEMENTING.

SANDOVAL: THAT SOUNDS FANTASTIC. REALLY GLAD THAT'S TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. MY OFFICE AND I JUST WENT THROUGH THE EXERCISE WITH A SELECTION OF BOND OR PROPOSAL OF BOND PROJECTS, AND DISTRICT 7 HAS SOME OF THE BIGGEST SIDEWALK GAPS, SO TO PRIORITIZE THEM, WE LOOKED AT BUS ROUTES, MAJOR THOROUGHFARES BUT WE ALSO LOOKED AT PARKS IN ALL OF THE DISTRICT AND IDENTIFIED WHERE THE SIDEWALK GAPS WERE GETTING TO THEM. SO WE'RE GOING TO BE PROPOSING THAT AS ONE OF OUR BOND ITEMS FOR DISTRICT 7, BUT I'D LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU AND POSSIBLY COMPLEMENT THAT WITH SOME TREE MITIGATION FUNDING FOR POTENTIAL SHADE STRUCTURES OR NOT STRUCTURES, TREES.

GARCIA: YES. ABSOLUTELY. I THINK IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND LOVE TO BE PART OF THAT PROCESS AND DIALOGUE.

SANDOVAL: YAY! WONDERFUL. OKAY. GO FOR IT, COUNCILMAN MCKEE RODRIGUEZ?

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: HI, HOMER. THANK YOU, CHAIR. MY FIRST QUESTION IS, WHAT DEFINES A PARK?

GARCIA: IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS PRESENTATION AND WHAT TPL SURVEYS, IT'S ANYTHING AND THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT, BECAUSE I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS I MEANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS IT IS ABOUT ACCESS TO PUBLIC GREENSPACE, WHETHER IT'S CITY OWNED, THE COUNTY, WHAT HAVE YOU. SO IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS, IT'S PUBLIC ACCESS TO GREENSPACE. WE KNOW THAT REALLY WHILE 48% HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC GREENSPACE, THERE'S ALSO A LARGE YOU KNOW, THERE ARE COMMUNITIES OR POCKETS IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVE ACCESS TO PRIVATE GREENSPACE. THAT IS NOT COUNTED HERE, THAT IS NOT REFLECTED HERE. AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THOSE RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO GREENSPACE. SO I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION BECAUSE I KNOW I



THINK I HIGHLIGHTED THAT WHEN WE HAD OUR BUDGET PRESENTATION IN SEPTEMBER, BUT THAT IS A CRITICAL THING TO KNOW. THERE IS PRIVATE GREENSPACE, THIS DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THAT. SO IT'S NOT A MECHANISM [LAPSE IN AUDIO] CONSIDERED. SO DOES THAT GIVE YOU ENOUGH INSIGHT OR CONTEXT.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: YES. I'M ALWAYS JUST WORRIED THAT RANDOM VACANT LOTS ARE GOING TO COUNT AS A PARK IN DISTRICT 2.

GARCIA: NO. BUN OF THE THINGS I HIGHLIGHTED ON HERE WAS STORMWATER PROPERTY. THERE ARE SOME PIECES THAT PROVIDE GOOD CONNECTIVITY TO A PARK OR CAN BE DEVELOPED AS A PARK. WE HAVE EXAMPLES WHERE OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE INVESTED FUNDS TO LOOK AT STORMWATER PROPERTIES, THE CURRENT ONE IS DISTRICT 6. WE WORKED WITH RAZI AND HIS TEAM. IT'S NOT JUST LOOKING AT A STORMWATER FEATURE AND SAYING I'M GOING TO COUNT IT. THAT'S DISINGENUOUS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU FURTHER PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN, WHEN WE LOOK AT, SAY, A BASKETBALL COURT, FOR EXAMPLE, IF IT'S GETTING LITTLE USE, I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO EVALUATE, WELL, SHOULD THAT SPACE BE BETTER SERVED DOING SOMETHING ELSE? FULL WELL KNOWING IF IT'S NO LONGER A BASKETBALL COURT, THAT MEANS IT'S ADVERSELY GOING TO IMPACT OUR PARKSCORE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE SHOULDN'T CONSIDER IT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE GOING TO THROW UP BASKETBALL HOOPS UP EVERYWHERE, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE OUR GREENSPACE IS REFLECTIVE OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS AND HOW THEY'RE GOING TO USE IT. SO IT IS NOT JUST ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY OR STORMWATER, EVEN THOUGH IT'S PUBLIC PROPERTY, BUT REALLY SERVING A PARK PURPOSE AND CONNECTION TO A PARK.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: THANK YOU. AND THIS NEXT ONE, IT MIGHT SOUND SILLY, BUT MY TEAM AND I DEBATE ABOUT THIS QUITE A BIT. DO CEMETERIES COUNT AS PARKS.

GARCIA: YES. TONY, I'M GOING TO LOOK CEMETERY PARKLAND, IS THIS PICKED UP IN THERE? AND I BELIEVE THAT IT IS. YES. SO EVERYTHING, THE HISTORIC CEMETERIES, RIGHT THERE BY PITTMAN SULLIVAN, WE HAVE SAN JOSE BURIAL PARK IN DISTRICT 3, SO THE ANSWER IS YES.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: INTERESTING. I THINK THAT'S WORTH ANOTHER CONVERSATION. I GUESS ANOTHER QUESTION THAT I HAVE IS SO BECAUSE WE MOVED UP FROM 75TH TO 60TH. I'M WONDERING WHY? ARE THE NUMBER OF PARKS INCREASING OR IS IT POSSIBLE THAT APARTMENTS OR HOUSING IS BEING BUILT CLOSER TO PARKS THAT EXIST? AND SO...

GARCIA: SO I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR TONY COME UP AND SPEAK BECAUSE I KNOW THE ANSWER, BUT HE HAS DONE SUCH HE AND MELINDA BOTH REALLY PEELED BACK ALL THE LAYERS OF WHAT THIS MEANS, SO TONY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS? HOW WE WERE ABLE TO JUMP FROM 75 TO 60.

SURE. WELL, AND AS HOMER ELUDED, WE RELY ON OUR PARTNERS, SO ONE WAY WE DID IT WAS COUNTY ACQUISITIONS, NEW PARKLAND PURCHASED BY THE COUNTY IN ADDITION TO THE CITY. AND THEN THE OTHER REALLY BIG PIECE OF IT WAS WE WORKED SORRY. WE WORKED WITH OUR CONTRACTS DIVISION IN ORDER TO BRING ON A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND SO WE BROUGHT ON A LOT OF NEW SCHOOL PARKS. AND THAT BOTH IMPROVED OUR 10 MINUTE WALK, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT, BY THE WAY, TO A HALF A MILE WALK.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: UH HUH.

AND IT ALSO IMPROVED OUR AMENITY SCORE DRAMATICALLY, BECAUSE IF THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES, WE HAD BASKETBALL COURTS OR PLAYGROUNDS, WE GOT AN INCREASED SCORE FOR THAT. SO THOSE ARE THE TWO PRIMARY WAYS BY WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO IMPROVE SO DRAMATICALLY.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: SO WE BELIEVE IT'S BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN PARKS AND ACQUISITION AND THINGS LIKE THAT, RATHER THAN PEOPLE MOVING OR BUILDING PROPERTY CLOSER TO PARKS?

NO.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: OKAY.

GARCIA: AND I CAN GIVE YOU KIND OF A REAL CONCRETE EXAMPLE HERE. SO WE TALKED ABOUT A RECREATIONAL SCHOOL YARD. THAT, YOU KNOW, IS NOT

SOMETHING WHERE WE HAVE TO SUBMIT LIKE UNDER OUR SCHOOL PART WHERE WE WOULD SAY, HERE'S FUNDING, LET'S BUILD A PLAYGROUND OR WHATEVER THAT CASE MAY BE. IN OUR RECREATIONAL SCHOOL YARD MODEL WITH NEISD, WE WERE ABLE TO PICK UP MORE THAN 40 CAMPUSES THAT PREVIOUSLY WERE NOT IN OUR INVENTORY. WE WEREN'T HIGHLIGHTING THAT. THE REALITY IS, THOUGH, VERY LIKELY, THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN USING ALL OF THOSE CAMPUSES FOR YEARS. WE JUST, AGAIN, THROUGH REALLY PEELING BACK THE LAYERS OF DATA, TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY'RE GETTING IT. AND SO BACK TO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT IT COUNTS, LIKE BASKETBALL GOALS, FOR EXAMPLE, OR BATHROOMS, NOW THINK ABOUT STEPPING ONTO A MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS, YOU HAVE BASKETBALL COURTS, YOU HAVE BATHROOMS, SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT WERE ABLE TO FEED INTO THAT WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE. AND SO, AGAIN, EXTENDING THAT TO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS WELL, BUT SO THAT'S KIND OF MORE BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE DATA. I DON'T THINK IT WAS SO MUCH ABOUT NEW DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH NEXT TO GREENSPACES, IT WAS ABOUT WHAT DRIVES THE NUMBERS AND THEN UTILIZING OUR PARTNERS TO EXTEND OUR REACH.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU. AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION, I KNOW I'M GOING A LITTLE... SO IS IT POSSIBLE TO COMPARE DISTRICT BY DISTRICT, SPECIFICALLY I KNOW DISTRICT 2 HAS A LARGER LAND AREA THAN SOME OTHER DISTRICTS AND THIS MIGHT MEAN THAT A 10 MINUTE WALK IS LESS ACHIEVABLE, SO I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT.

GARCIA: ABSOLUTELY. SO WE'LL DO A COUPLE OF THINGS. IN THAT TPL SCORE, THERE IS A VERY EASY TO USE MAP, IT KIND OF HIGHLIGHTS I THINK THEY USE THE COLOR TWO SHADES OF PURPLE AND PURPLE WOULD GENERALLY MEAN THAT COMMUNITY IS BELOW THE 10 MINUTE WALK. SO IT'S LIKE A HEAT MAP. AND YOU CAN SEE IT. SO WE USE THAT TO STRATEGIZE KIND OF OR BASED ON SOME OF THE THEMES THAT WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY, THAT'S WHAT WE USED TO TRY TO DRIVE FORWARD AND START TO FILL SOME OF THESE GAPS. SO WE WILL POPULATE THAT LINK SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN BE ABLE TO KIND OF DRILL DOWN A LITTLE BIT AND SEE. BUT IT IS VERY EASY TO USE.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: WONDERFUL.

GARCIA: YEAH, WE LOOK AT THAT, TOO.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: THANK YOU SO MUCH, HOMER.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO SKIP OVER TO COUNCILWOMAN VIAGRAN FOR A SECOND.

VIAGRAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, HOMER. I JUST WANT TO SAY I'M GLAD YOU'RE TAKING IT INTO THE HEAT INDEX, BECAUSE I AM 10 MINUTES FROM MISSION REACH, BUT TO GET THERE, IT'S ALL STREETS AND PAVEMENT, SO IT'S A REALLY IT'S A HOT WALK, SO [LAPSE IN AUDIO] I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THAT INTO CONSIDERATION. THE ONE THING THAT'S COMING UP WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PARKLAND IN THIS TRUST IS THE RESTROOMS, AND I HEAR IT FROM MY CONSTITUENTS, THEY DON'T WANT THE PORTA POTTIES, THEY DON'T NECESSARILY WANT THE FULL ON BATHROOMS, MAYBE A PORT A LOO OR SOMETHING THAT THEY DO. I KNOW THEY HAVE THEM IN AUSTIN WHERE IT JUST LOOKS LIKE THIS BIG MONSTER CONFIGURATION, SO I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AS WE MOVE THAT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF Y'ALL CAN DO 10 MINUTE WALKS AND THEN LET THEM KNOW WHERE THE NEAREST BATHROOM IS, LIKE HERE'S YOUR 10 MINUTE WALK AND THERE'S YOUR THREE MINUTE WALK TO YOUR BATHROOM. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE IDENTIFYING THAT. WHEN IT COMES TO THE LAND ACQUISITION, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT FLOOD WHEN WE ACQUIRE IT, IF IT'S IN A FLOODPLAIN, THAT WE'RE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THAT BUILDS, BUT WE KNOW THAT NOTHING ELSE CAN GO THERE. ALSO WHEN WE LOOK INTO OUR CREEKWAYS WHERE THE WATER FLOWS FROM OUR CREEKWAYS, BECAUSE WHEN WE DO HAVE THESE PARKS, IF THEY'RE LEAVING A LOT OF TRASH BEHIND, THEN THAT ENDS UP IN THE RIVER. AND ALSO THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S THERE. BECAUSE I HAVE RESIDENTS IN DISTRICT 3 THAT IF THERE'S SOMETHING OVERGROWN, THEY AUTOMATICALLY WANT IT TO STAY GREENSPACE, BUT THERE'S INFRASTRUCTURE THERE. AND IT BELONGS TO SOMEBODY, SO IF THERE'S INFRASTRUCTURE THERE AND THERE'S A BUILD THAT WE CAN HAVE, I DON'T WANT THEM I WANT US TO BE VERY CLEAR WHEN WE TALK ABOUT LAND ACQUISITION FOR PUBLIC PARKS, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. SO THEY THAT OUR RESIDENTS DON'T THINK THAT IT'S FOR WHATEVER EMPTY SPACE WE HAVE OUT THERE. SO I JUST I WANT YOU TO KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WE MOVE FORWARD. BUT THANK YOU FOR THE WORK. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOU GETTING HARLANDALE IN THE MIX AND IF YOU NEED ANY HELP

WITH THEM, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THANK YOU.

GARCIA: YES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS, SUPPORT. ALL GOOD STUFF, AND WE'LL USE THAT IN OUR PLANNING EFFORTS. AND IF I NEED AN ASSIST, I'LL REACH OUT, BUT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE GOOD WORK. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO?

CASTILLO: THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANKS, HOMER. I'M PLEASED TO HEAR THAT WE'RE HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT SIDEWALK GAPS. I'M IN FAVOR OF A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK BUT I HAD CONCERNS ABOUT SIDEWALK GAPS AND THE SAFETY IN GETTING TO THAT PARK. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS CAN PROVIDE EACH DISTRICT WITH GAPS NEAR PARKS WITHIN OUR DISTRICTS, SO THAT WAY MOVING FORWARD, WE KNOW WHERE TO PRIORITIZE WHETHER, RATHER, WHETHER IT'S NONADA COMPLIANT OR A SIDEWALK GAP THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THAT SIDEWALK GAP. IN ADDITION TO THAT, ON SLIDE 5, I THINK IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL THAT RATHER THAN IDENTIFYING BY JUST RACE, IF WE CAN HAVE A BREAKDOWN FOR EXAMPLE, LOW INCOME HISPANIC NEIGHBORHOOD, THE PARK SPACE, LIKE THE GAP. AND THEN THE PARK SPACE GAP BETWEEN LOW INCOME WHITE COMMUNITIES, I THINK THAT WOULD ALSO BE VERY HELPFUL. BUT OTHER THAN THAT, MY LAST QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ACTIVATE OUR PARKS RIGHT NOW IN SUPPORTING COMMUNITY LED ACTIVITIES?

GARCIA: OKAY. AND SO THE LAST PIECE, AND I'M GOING TO ASK TONY TO CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, SO BACK TO THE TPL SURVEY, IT ALLOWS US OR ANYBODY, TO KIND OF DO A DEEP DIVE TO SEE SOME OF THAT GRANULAR DATA AS IT RELATES TO RACE, ETHNICITY, IS THAT CORRECT, TONY?

YES. IN FACT, I'LL QUICKLY COMMENT THAT HOMER MENTIONED THAT WE'RE HOVERING AT ABOUT 51% YEAH, 51 FOR OUR EQUITY SCORE, WHICH, YOU KNOW, THAT'S MODEST. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS THAT THE TAKE HOME MESSAGES IN THE REPORT INDICATES THAT WHILE 40% OF HIGH INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS ARE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK, THAT 54% OF LOWER INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS ARE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK. AND NEIGHBORHOODS

OF COLOR ARE APPROXIMATELY 30 HAVE APPROXIMATELY 30% MORE PARK SPACE PER PERSON THAN THE CITY MEDIAN, AND THEN FINALLY, LOWER INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE 33% MORE PARKSPACE THAN THE CITY MEDIAN. AND 40% MORE THAN HIGH INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS. SO JUST SOME HIGHLIGHTS TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE OVERALL 50%, OR 51% SCORE. SAN ANTONIO RANKS SORT OF UNIQUE IN THAT REGARD THAN A LOT OF THE CITIES IN THE TOP HUNDRED.

CASTILLO: THANK YOU.

GARCIA: THANK YOU. AND TO YOUR LAST QUESTION, HOW WE'RE ACTIVATING SPACE, ONE PRIMARILY WAY IS OUR FITNESS IN THE PARK PROGRAM. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING THIS YEAR AS PART OF OUR WORK PLAN IS LOOKING UTILIZING OUR FITNESS PROGRAMMING IN OPEN GREENSPACE, REALLY BASED ON THE AREAS OF NEED. ADDITIONALLY, IF WE'RE ABLE TO EXTEND THOSE BEYOND THE PARK, SO, FOR EXAMPLE, MAYBE THERE'S A LOCAL CIVIC GROUP THAT CAN'T MAKE IT OUT TO THE PARK, BUT THEY HAVE, I DON'T KNOW, A QUARTERLY MEETING AT A CHURCH OR SOMETHING, MAYBE WE CAN GO THERE AND DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

CASTILLO: UH HUH.

GARCIA: SO THAT'S ONE WAY WE'RE ACTIVATING OUR GREENSPACES. THE STRATEGY, AGAIN, WOULD BE CITYWIDE, BUT WE'RE DOING THIS IN DISTRICT 5. ADDITIONALLY WE HAVE ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS, THEY ARE OPEN. WE ARE LOOKING AT WHEN WE'RE NOT THERE, HAVING IT STAFFED AND OPENED TO RECEIVE THE KIDS WHEN THEY GET OUT OF SCHOOL, THAT MEANS THE FACILITY'S STILL AN ASSET THERE. IF THERE'S A PARTNER GROUP OR CIVIC GROUP THAT MAY WANT TO COME IN AND UTILIZE THE SPACE IN THE MORNING WHEN WE'RE NOT THERE, THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER WAY TO EXTEND OUR REACH, ACTIVATE THE ASSET BY OPENING UP OUR DOORS TO A GROUP THAT WANTS TO COME IN AND MAYBE DO PROGRAMMING AS WELL. SO WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TOO FAR DOWN THE ROAD, WE JUST STARTED THAT DISCUSSION. IF THERE'S ANYONE PARTICULAR IN MIND THAT WE THINK, YOU KNOW, WOULD WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT, THAT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT WE COULD ENTERTAIN AS WELL. SO THOSE ARE TWO PRIMARY WAYS WE'RE LOOKING AT ACTIVATING OUR SPACES. AND THEN PROBABLY THE LAST ONE IS MORE SPECIAL EVENT DRIVEN, WE HAVE DIFFERENT TYPES OF

PROGRAMMING IN OUR NATURAL AREAS. WE TAKE KIND OF THEY CALL IT OUR DISCOVER NATURE SERIES, IT'S LIKE OUR NATURE ROAD SHOW, IF YOU WILL. SO FOR THOSE SPACES THAT ARE IN URBAN PARKS, MAYBE THE RESIDENTS CAN'T GET TO A NATURAL AREA BECAUSE THEY'RE KIND OF, YOU KNOW, GEOGRAPHICALLY DISPERSED, WE BRING THE NATURE TO THEM. SO WE TRY TO BE REALLY CAREFUL IN PLANNING THAT SO THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE KIND OF REALLY MAKING SURE WE'RE IN THE SWEET SPOT TO HAVE THE BIGGEST DRAW. SO THAT'S JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING TO ACTIVATE OUR GREENSPACES. REALLY A MULTITUDE OF WAYS, BUT WE'RE ALSO OPEN TO FEEDBACK AND NEW IDEAS AS WELL.

CASTILLO: GREAT. THANK YOU, HOMER.

GARCIA: YES.

SANDOVAL: JUST A QUICK CLARIFYING QUESTION, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ACCESS TO PARKS [LAPSE IN AUDIO]

GARCIA: YES, ANY OF THE OTHER, THE COUNTY, TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE, THE RIVER AUTHORITY, PUBLIC ACCESS.

SANDOVAL: SO FOR THOSE OF US WHO MAY HAVE HOAS IN OUR DISTRICTS THAT HAVE PRIVATE PARKS OR OTHER SAFETY [LAPSE IN AUDIO] RESIDENTS, THIS DOES NOT TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT?

GARCIA: THAT IS CORRECT.

SANDOVAL: OKAY. GREAT. THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN, DID YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?

BRAVO: THANKS FOR THIS PRESENTATION, HOMER. I'M WONDERING, SO THIS IS THEIR PARKSCORE. DO WE HAVE OUR OWN PARKSCORE? YOU MENTIONED THAT WE MAY NOT WANT TO ADD MORE BASKETBALL COURTS WHERE THEY'RE NOT NEEDED BECAUSE THAT'S JUST JUST TO INCREASE OUR SCORE THERE. HOW DO WE SCORE OURSELVES AND WHAT ARE WE HOW ARE WE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION MAYBE THAT OKAY, WE'RE DOING BETTER NOW BY HAVING PARKS THAT ARE



WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK WITHIN LOW INCOME AREAS AND PRIORITIZING THAT, AND SAYING, YOU KNOW WHAT? A LOT OF LOW INCOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION, SO LET'S FOCUS ON THAT EVEN MORE, OR HOW ARE WE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION CLIMATE CHANGE, FLOODING ISSUES THAT WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, EXTREME HEAT AND HOW WE ADDRESS THAT OR ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE UNIQUE TO SAN ANTONIO. DO WE HAVE OUR OWN GUIDELINES AND SCORING MATRIX?

GARCIA: CURRENTLY, WE DO NOT. WHAT WE LOOK AT THESE OTHER THINGS, I'LL GIVE YOU THE ANECDOTAL PIECES, IT'S MORE ANECDOTAL. BUT FOR WHAT WE GO BY, WE LOOK AT THIS PARKSCORE. I THINK, THOUGH, TO YOUR POINT ABOUT US BEING A LITTLE BIT UNIQUE, OR TONY MENTIONED UNIQUE, BUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT WORKS FOR SAN ANTONIO. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE LOOK AT IS, WELL, WHENEVER THERE'S A COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY, KIND OF USING THAT AS AN INDICATION OF WHAT THE SENSE IS BY THE COMMUNITY AND HOW WE'RE DOING IN MEETING THEIR NEEDS. ADDITIONALLY OF COURSE, WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS. BUT I THINK MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU KNOW, I TALKED ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS AND DOUG AND SUSTAINABILITY AND WHAT ROLE PARKS PLAYS, YOU KNOW, THE CITY MANAGER TALKED ABOUT WANTING TO BE A DATA DRIVEN AGENCY, AND SO, YOU KNOW, WE'RE CARRYING THAT FORWARD. WE'RE IN PARKS RIGHT NOW IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO ORGANIZE AROUND THAT, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US? AND I DO THINK THAT THERE IS A STORY THERE TO TELL. WE'RE NOT ORGANIZED THAT WAY JUST YET. I THINK ONCE WE GET THAT TABLE SET, THAT'S THE NEXT ITERATION OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE GOOD PIECES OF INFORMATION TO KNOW THAT MAYBE IS NOT PICKED UP IN THE TPL SCORE, SO BUT, AGAIN, THAT'S MORE OF A PLANNING PROCESS AND BEING ABLE FOR US TO TELL OUR OWN STORY WHERE WE THINK THERE THIS ISN'T REALLY DOING JUST THAT, BUT CURRENTLY WE'RE NOT AT THAT POINT. WE REALLY JUST LOOK TO THESE OTHER ANECDOTAL PIECES OF INFORMATION.

BRAVO: SO WOULD IT MAKE SENSE TO MAYBE COME FORWARD TO THIS COMMITTEE WITH SOME OF THE DATA THAT YOU LOOK AT AND MAYBE WE CAN START WORKING TOGETHER ON HOW WE SCORE PARKS AND HAVE A YOU KNOW, I GUESS HAVE A PLAN FOR HOW WE DECIDE HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE SPENDING MONEY ON PARKS GOING FORWARD?



GARCIA: YES. I DO THINK THAT IT MAKES SENSE THAT WE FIGURE OUT A METHODOLOGY THAT WE CAN THEN SHARE. AND A LITTLE BIT DOES TIE BACK TO THAT, YOU KNOW, PARK EXPERIENCE BEFORE YOU GET TO THE PARK, RIGHT, OR BEYOND THE PARK AS I WOULD REFER TO IT, THINKING ABOUT YOU STEP OUT YOUR FRONT DOOR, WHAT IS THAT EXPERIENCE LIKE. SO I THINK THAT ALL THAT IS TIED TOGETHER. AND THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES, WE'RE JUST NOT QUITE THERE YET. BUT I DO THINK WE NEED TO KIND OF CREATE THAT AND THEN WE CAN COME BACK AND SHARE THAT, OR IF THERE'S PIECES THAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT, WE ABSOLUTELY WILL TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AS WELL.

BRAVO: GREAT. YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE THAT YOU MENTIONED HOW SOMETIMES YOU LOOK AT PEOPLE'S PATH TO THE PARKS AND SOMETIMES SEEING, SHOULD WE PLANT SOME TREES THERE TO GIVE PEOPLE MORE SHADE. IT'S HOT HERE. IT'S GOING TO GET HOTTER. I USED TO HAVE A DOG NAMED MOUSE WHO LIKED TO CHASE CATS. AND MOUSE LOVED TO CHASE TENNIS BALLS, BUT IF I TOOK HER OUT DURING THE DAY, IT WAS SO HOT, THAT SHE COULD ONLY CHASE THE TENNIS BALL FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. IF I TOOK HER OUT AT NIGHTTIME AFTER THE SUN WENT DOWN, SHE COULD CHASE THE TENNIS BALL UNTIL MY ARM GOT TIRED. AND I LIVED NEAR DOWNTOWN IN AUSTIN, AND THERE WAS A GOLF COURSE THERE. AND AFTER THE BARS CLOSED, ALL THE NEIGHBORS WOULD GO TO THE GOLF COURSE AND IT TURNED INTO LIKE AN AFTER HOURS DOG PARK. AND SO I KNOW THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ABLE TO USE PARKS, THAT TOLD ME THAT PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN USING PARKS HERE IN THE EVENINGS, AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN IT'S NOT SO HOT OUT. I'M WONDERING, WHAT IS YOUR SENSE HERE? AND THEN DO WE HAVE ENOUGH I MEAN, DO WE HAVE PARKS THAT CLOSE AT 10:00 P.M.? DO WE HAVE PARKS THAT ARE WELL LIT AT NIGHT? AND ARE THEY SAFE AT NIGHT FOR PEOPLE TO GO OUT AND USE THEM?

GARCIA: YEAH, I THINK IT'S EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN. GENERAL PARK CURFEW IS 11:00 P.M. SO THEY'RE OPEN FROM 5:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M. AND MOST OF OUR PARKS WE DO HAVE A FEW ONE OFFS, LIKE WOODLAWN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT USED TO BE, I BELIEVE, 24 HOURS, AND.

SANDOVAL: IT'S MIDNIGHT NOW.

GARCIA: IN 2014, I FEEL, WE DID SOME FIELD STUDIES OVER SEVERAL MONTHS AND

WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY AND ENDED UP WITH A PARK CURFEW THERE THAT BEGINS AT MIDNIGHT. SO THERE THE PARK'S CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 5:00 P.M. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF ODD BALLS. GENERALLY, THOUGH, AS A BROAD STROKE, PARK OCCUR VIEW AT 11:00. WE DO HAVE LIGHTS IN A LOT OF OUR URBAN PARKS, IN OUR NATURAL AREAS. THAT'S NOT THE CASE. THOSE ARE SUN UP TO SUN DOWN, SO IT'S KIND OF EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN, BUT WE HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PARK POLICE. YOU KNOW, FOR US, AS WE CONTINUE TO SEE PARK USAGE, I THINK THEY MAKE THEM SAFER SPACES. IF SOMEBODY'S GOING TO BE DOING SOMETHING, THEY DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT, AND SO THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT DRIVE FORWARD OUR WORK IN PLANNING AND, AGAIN, WE'RE OPEN TO THOUGHTS AND IDEAS AS WE LOOK TO EXPAND OUR PARK SYSTEM.

BRAVO: GREAT. THANKS A LOT, HOMER.

GARCIA: YES, SIR.

SANDOVAL: WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, HOMER. I APPRECIATE IT. SO WE HAVE ABOUT ONE MINUTE LEFT FOR OUR MEETING, AND I KNOW SOMEONE WANTED TO HAVE A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE MINUTES. WE WILL HAVE TO STAY LATE IF WE DO THAT, SO I'LL LEAVE IT UP TO THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO I WOULD NEED A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE MINUTES. A MOTION FROM SOMEONE WHO VOTED.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: I MOVE TO RECONSIDER THE MINUTES, ITEM 1.

SANDOVAL: IS THERE A SECOND? ALL RIGHT. WE DON'T HAVE A SECOND. SO ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE MEETING IS CONCLUDED.

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GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. WE ARE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND KICK OFF THE OCTOBER 12TH MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE. THAT'S A MOUTHFUL. REAL QUICK, BEFORE WE GO INTO ROLL CALL. I WANTED TO ACTUALLY, WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND START WITH ROLL CALL AND THEN I'LL GIVE SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS. THANK YOU. [ROLL CALL].

WE HAVE A QUORUM.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND EVERYBODY, THIS IS OUR INTERIM CLERK WHO WE HAVE THE PLEASURE OF HAVING WITH US TODAY, DEBBIE IS WITH US ON LOAN FROM THE ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT. SHE'S RUNNING THE CLERK'S OFFICE NOW, SO WE'RE HONORED THAT YOU ARE HERE, TAKING MINUTES FOR US, OR RUNNING THE MEETING. SOME QUICK UPDATES ON COMMITTEE BUSINESS. GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DID CONVENE THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WE PUT TOGETHER ONLY THE SA SPEAKUP PORTAL. THEY MET FOR THE FIRST TIME YESTERDAY. AND GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE PORTAL WILL LAUNCH ON OCTOBER 30TH, BUT THAT THEY'LL BE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS MONTH TO MONTH, SO THAT WON'T BE THE END DATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS. IN ADDITION, I WANT TO THANK YOU COUNCILWOMAN VIAGRAN AND COUNCILMEMBER MCKEE RODRIGUEZ. YOU MET LAST WEEK AND I'M SURE YOU HAD A LOT OF CANDIDATES TO REVIEW. THERE WERE 27 CANDIDATES AND

RECOMMENDING 11 FOR INTERVIEWS THAT WE WILL CONDUCT AT THE OCTOBER 28TH COMMITTEE MEETING. SO BE PREPARED. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO REMIND YOU TO PLEASE SPEAK INTO YOUR MICROPHONES. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS GIVE THE PRESENTERS ABOUT 10 MINUTES. WE HAVE FOUR TOPICS TODAY, SO ABOUT 10 MINUTES, 8 TO 10 MINUTES FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND EACH OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES. HOPEFULLY WE'LL GET THROUGH IN A COUPLE OF HOURS. FIRST ITEM WILL BE THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. [LAPSE IN AUDIO].

APPROVE THE MINUTES.

SECOND.

SANDOVAL: ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. ANY OPPOSED? THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES. WE ARE GOING TO MOVE FIRST INTO THE ITEMS FROM THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, BECAUSE WE HAVE ACTUALLY A LOT OF SPECIAL GUESTS WITH US. INCLUDING WE HAVE DR. STEVE NIVEN WITH US, AND I WANT TO GIVE HIM A SHOUT OUT FOR BEING HERE. HE HAS THE CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK GASTRONOMY, BUT I'LL ASK HIM OTHER THINGS WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. EVERYTHING HAS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SAN ANTONIO. SO WE'LL START WITH ITEM THE CITY OF ITEM NUMBER 4, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING ENERGY BENCHMARKING PROGRAM.

GOOD MORNING, DOUG MELNICK, CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A SPECIAL GUEST. WE HAVE INVITED OUR CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO SHOW UP. TWO WERE UNABLE, ONE MAY BE STUCK IN TRAFFIC OR NAVIGATING DOWNTOWN. WE HAVE THE CHAIR TO THE TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY AND WANT TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS OR QUESTIONS FOR HER.

GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MELISSA BRYANT. I AM THE CHAIR FOR THE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FOR THE CAP COMMITTEE. WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM OF PASSIONATE FOLKS. WE ARE WORKING ON IDENTIFYING WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP THE COMMUNITY BECOME MORE RESILIENT. RIGHT NOW, OUR

FOCUS IS ON BENCHMARKING ENERGY EFFICIENCIES. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT RESILIENCE HUBS. WE DO HAVE QUITE A FEW THAT ARE INTERESTED IN REVIEWING THE UDC AND JUST IDENTIFYING IF THERE ARE ANY OPPORTUNITIES THERE. SO OUR COMMITTEE IS REALLY MOVING FORWARD. AND WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DELEGATED TO DO. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. ANY QUESTIONS?

WILL YOU BE HERE THROUGH THE PRESENTATION, MELISSA?

I DO HAVE AN 11:00, SO I'LL BE HERE FOR THE HOUR.

SANDOVAL: OKAY. SO WOULD IT BE OKAY IF WE TAKE QUESTIONS AFTER DOUG'S PRESENTATION?

MM HMM.

SANDOVAL: OKAY, THANK YOU.

SO, THE TWO ITEMS THAT I'LL BE TALKING ABOUT TODAY ARE VERY MUCH INTERRELATED, AND AS COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL MENTIONED LAST WEEK, THE LINK BETWEEN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES AS WE DRIVE TOWARDS ZERO ENERGY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IS, YOU KNOW, VERY MUCH LINKED. WHOA. LET'S NOT GO TO NEXT STEPS. IT'S VERY SENSITIVE. AND THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER].

QUESTIONS? THERE WE GO. SO TODAY I'LL GO OVER DO I DARE PRESS THE BUTTON? OKAY. JUST GENERAL POLICY DIRECTION, TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE HISTORY OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND AND THE PROCESS. SOME OF OUR PERFORMANCE METRICS, WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING AROUND MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING AND NEXT STEPS. IN POLICY DIRECTION, THE SA CLIMATE READY PLAN HAS THREE STRATEGIES RELATED TO OUR BUILDINGS. BENCHMARK AND PUBLICLY DISCLOSED BUILDING ENERGY AND WATER USE FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION FOR CITY OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND ENERGY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS. BASICALLY WORKING TOWARD BUILDINGS, ENERGY CONSUMPTION TO THE POINT THEY CAN BE OFFSET WITH EITHER ON SITE RENEWABLE OR THE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY. ON THE LEFT YOU CAN SEE A PIE CHART THAT SHOWS THE 2019 GREENHOUSE INVENTORY BY SECTOR.

THE BLUE, THE BIGGEST BLUE IS THE LANDFILLS. THERE'S ALWAYS A SMALL AMOUNT OF METHANE THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE LEAKING, AND METHANE IS A POTENT GREENHOUSE GAS. THE NEXT LARGEST WEDGE IS OUR BUILDING FACILITIES AT 30%. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE BETWEEN 2016 AND 2019, OUR BUILDING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS WERE REDUCED BY 19.5%, SO THE TREND IS GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND IS REALLY, ACTUALLY IN TEXAS ONE OF A KIND. WE'RE THE ONLY CITY IN TEXAS THAT HAS THIS. IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE BY COUNCIL IN 2011. IT WAS SEEDED WITH AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS AS WELL AS CPS ENERGY REBATES. BASICALLY THIS IS A REVOLVING FUNDS THAT ALLOWS US TO UNDERTAKE ENERGY EFFICIENCY, IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY BUILDINGS AS WELL AS OFFSET PERSONNEL COSTS. TYPES OF PROJECTS. ANYTHING THAT'S GOING TO PROVIDE AN ENERGY SAVINGS AND A RETURN ON INVESTMENT. SO THAT COULD BE LIGHTING, HVAC, RETRO COMMISSIONING WHICH IS BASICALLY GOING BACK AND RETUNING BUILDINGS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE OPERATING EFFICIENTLY, AND MUST RETURN ON INVESTMENT. BASICALLY WE UNDERGO AN ENGINEERING ANALYSIS OF ALL OUR BUILDINGS, WE'RE ALWAYS TRACKING THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE TO SEE WHERE THERE'S OPPORTUNITY, IDENTIFY WHAT POTENTIAL PROJECTS ARE, HAVE AN ENGINEER CONDUCT SOME ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES. WE QUANTIFY WHAT THOSE SAVINGS ARE, SO IF WE UNDERTAKE A LIGHTING PROJECT, WE KNOW IT WILL REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY X. WE CAPTURE THOSE SAVINGS FOR THE LIFE OF THE IMPROVEMENT. IF THE IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR 10 YEARS, FOR 10 YEARS WE'RE CAPTURING WHAT THE SAVINGS IS AND WE TAKE THE MONEY AND IT GOES BACK INTO THE FUND AND WE UNDERTAKE NEW IMPROVEMENTS GOING FORWARD. IT'S REALLY UNIQUE. WE GET A CALL FROM AUSTIN KNOWING HOW WE DID IT, AND IT'S A PRETTY PHENOMENAL MECHANISM. IN TERMS OF HOW PROJECTS ARE SELECTED, WE'RE ALWAYS BENCH MARKING OUR BUILDINGS. THAT'S THE KEY. YOU'LL HEAR WHAT WE DO AROUND BENCHMARKING, IN THE NEXT PRESENTATION. YOU CANNOT MANAGE WHAT YOU DON'T MEASURE. THAT'S THE MANTRA. SO WE USE EPA ENERGY STAR PORTFOLIO MANAGER, IT'S A FREE ONLINE TOOL. WE GET ALL OF OUR CPS ENERGY AND WATER BILLS AND BASICALLY GETS UPLOADED INTO THE PORTFOLIO MANAGER. AND BASICALLY WE CAN SEE A WEEK BY WEEK, MONTH BY MONTH ENERGY TREND. USING THAT WE CAN START IDENTIFYING WHERE THE HIGH ENERGY CONSUMPTION BUILDINGS ARE, AND WE CAN ALSO FIND ANOMALIES THAT COME UP THAT NEED TO BE INVESTIGATED. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE MEASURE AND VERIFY THE UTILITY SAVINGS AND THOSE ARE REVOLVED BACK INTO

THE FUND. EVERY YEAR DURING BUDGET, OUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS ARE APPROVED BY COUNCIL. KEY TO THIS IS HOW DO WE DO THIS. PRIOR TO 2018, THERE WASN'T A WRITTEN STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE. AND SO EVERY TIME A NEW PERSON WOULD SORT OF COME INTO BUDGET AND FINANCE, WE HAD TO SORT OF REINVENT THE WHEEL. SO IN 2018, WE EXECUTED BASICALLY AN SOP FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND, DOCUMENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, HOW DO WE ESTIMATE WHAT SAVINGS ARE, WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS, AND HOW THE FUNDS ARE SPEND AND HOW THEY'RE RESOLVED BACK. SO IT'S A REAL KEY DOCUMENT THAT ONCE AND FOR ALL SAYS THIS IS HOW WE MANAGE AND IMPLEMENT THE FUND. IN TERMS OF PERFORMANCE METRICS, THESE ARE PROJECTS SINCE 2011 AND 2020, 418 PROJECTS THAT TOUCHED 190 FACILITIES. THE CUMULATIVE AVOIDED COSTS ARE ABOUT \$1.6 MILLION PER YEAR. WE'VE RECEIVED JUST OVER \$3 MILLION IN ONE TIME CPS ENERGY REBATES. ENERGY, ELECTRICITY SAVINGS IS OVER 82 MILLION KILOWATT HOURS PER YEAR. THE EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS ARE APPROXIMATELY 60,000 TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE A YEAR. THESE HAVE BEEN VERY IMPACTFUL, VERY EFFICIENT, AND HAS RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE COST SAVINGS FOR THE CITY, HAD WE NOT TAKEN THESE PROJECTS AND COMPLETED THEM. SO IN TERMS OF BENCHMARKING, FOR THE FIRST TIME BACK IN 2020, WE RELEASED A 2019 MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING REPORT. THIS REPORT COVERS 150 OF OUR HIGHEST ENERGY CONSUMING BUILDINGS. YOU CAN SEE BETWEEN 2011 AND 2019 IN THOSE BUILDINGS WE'VE EXPERIENCED A 25% REDUCTION IN THE USE OF ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS. ALL IN ALL, WE BENCHMARKED 299 BUILDINGS IN EPA PORTFOLIO MANAGER. THAT'S OUT OF 600 TOTAL FACILITIES. BUT MANY OF THOSE FACILITIES THAT WE DON'T BENCHMARK FALL BELOW 10,000 SQUARE FOOT LIMIT. WE CAN'T BENCHMARK ALL THOSE BUILDINGS. WE MAY NOT HAVE ALL OF THAT DATA. WHAT THE BENCHMARKING REPORT SHOWS, THIS IS REALLY SORT OF THE BASICALLY THE BIG TAKEAWAY. YOU CAN SEE THE TWO CHARTS IN THE MIDDLE. ONE IS FOR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND ONE IS FOR THE POLICE STATION. IT SHOWS THE ENERGY USE FOR THE FACILITIES, WHICH IS PER SQUARE FOOT. YOU CAN SEE A DOTTED LINE WHICH IS THE STATE AVERAGE EUI, ENERGY INTENSITY FOR THOSE TYPES OF FACILITIES. SO YOU CAN SEE SOME BUILDINGS ARE MORE EFFICIENT. SOME BUILDINGS ARE LESS EFFICIENT. THE KEY IS IT'S NOT A BAD THING NECESSARILY, IT'S WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THIS DATA. SO BASED UPON THIS DATA WE CAN START DIVING DEEPER INTO THESE BUILDINGS TO SEE IF THERE ARE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OH.



[INDISCERNIBLE].

I'M SORRY. SURE. OKAY. I FORGOT. THE LABELS ARE THE BLUE, ARE THE SITE ENERGY USE INTENSITY. SO YOU CAN SEE FOR THE TOP CHART, BOB ROSS IS AT 70. AND FRANK GARRETT IS AT 125. THAT'S THE LARGER COLUMN IN THE TOP. AND THEN THE ENERGY USE INTENSITY AVERAGE FOR THE STATE IS THAT RED CHART. AND THEN LET'S SEE. BASICALLY, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHERE DO YOU TARGET YOUR RESOURCES, WHETHER IT'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS OR ARE THERE OPERATIONAL THINGS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, AND BUILDING STAFF. ON THE LEFT YOU CAN SEE THE BREAKDOWN OF OUR FACILITIES BY SQUARE FOOTAGE AND CATEGORY. YOU CAN SEE THE LARGEST BY FAR IS AVIATION. THE KEY TO THIS IS IT'S JUST A METRIC THAT WE CONTINUALLY TRACK. AND THE REAL KEY THING IS WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS REPORT, WE CAN ONLY COMPARE BUILDINGS OF SIMILAR TYPE. WE CAN'T COMPARE THE ENERGY USE INTENSITY OF AN OFFICE TO SOMETHING LIKE A 24 HOUR FACILITY LIKE THE AIRPORT. SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE'RE COMPARING SIMILAR BUILDINGS. THERE ARE OTHER THINGS YOU CAN READ ON THAT. IS THAT OKAY? THAT'S A SUMMARY OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING. NOW, REALLY SORT OF THE, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NEXT, WE'VE MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN THE BUILDINGS THAT WE'VE TOUCHED, BETWEEN 2011 AND 2020, WE'VE EXPERIENCED AN 18% REDUCTION IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION. SO CLEARLY THERE'S A CORRELATION BETWEEN INVESTING IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SAVINGS. BUT NEXT WE'LL BE RELEASING OUR NEXT BENCHMARK REPORT IN THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH PUBLIC WORKS ON 2022 BOND DESIGN CRITERIA, FOR VERTICAL, AND HORIZONTAL PROJECTS. WHAT ARE THOSE DESIGN EXPECTATIONS. AND FROM THAT, ONCE WE HAVE THAT, I THINK IT WILL BE A GOOD FOUNDATION TO DEVELOP, UPDATE OUR GREEN POLICY, ADOPTED BACK IN 2007. THAT BASICALLY SAYS THAT WE SHOULD BE BUILDING TO LEAD SILVER. A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE 2007. SO I THINK ONCE WE GET THROUGH IDENTIFYING THESE BOND CRITERIA, WE HOPE TO CONVENE A DEPARTMENTAL GROUP TO START LOOKING AT WHAT SHOULD OUR NEW GREEN BUILDING POLICY LOOK LIKE. WE ARE ALSO TALKING TO DAVID. THERE'S A LOT OF NEED AROUND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN OUR BUILDINGS. WE HAVE JUST UNDER \$1 MILLION A YEAR IN THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND FOR PROJECTS. WE HAVE A FIVE YEAR PLAN THAT HAS A NEED OF ANYWHERE FROM 10 TO \$12 MILLION. SO WE ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF INCORPORATING SOME FUNDING IN THE BOND TO UNDERTAKE SOME MORE PROJECTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AS WE KNOW



THEY WILL HAVE A REALLY SOLID RETURN ON INVESTMENT. AND FINALLY, THE THING WE'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN IS HOW DO WE INCORPORATE EQUITY INTO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND. WE'RE INVESTING IN CITY FACILITIES. AND SO WE CONTINUE TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND, IS THERE ANOTHER WAY THAT WE CAN PRIORITIZE PROJECTS, LOOKING AT WHETHER IT'S THE EQUITY ATLAS OR OTHER EQUITY INDICATORS. THAT'S A CONVERSATION WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE WITH JONATHAN'S OFFICE. IT'S BEEN A NUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CRACK, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LINK IS THERE, AND WE JUST NEED TO DETERMINE WHAT IT IS. THAT IS THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DOUG, FOR THE PRESENTATION. I SEE QUESTIONS ALREADY ARISING. SO JUST REAL QUICK. THE LAST SLIDE THAT YOU SHOWED ABOUT WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING DESIGN CRITERIA, IS THAT SOMETHING YOU COULD E MAIL US, OR BRIEF US ON INDIVIDUALLY? WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO SEE THAT?

DAVID, WHAT DO YOU THINK? IS IT STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS WITH PUBLIC WORKS?

YES, NOT ONLY IS IT A WORK IN PROGRESS, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD VISIT WITH EACH COUNCILMEMBER TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, LET'S TAKE THE DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY WITH YOU. SO THEY ALSO WILL HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING. I THINK THAT'S ADVISABLE.

SANDOVAL: MUCH APPRECIATED. WE JUST MET WITH PUBLIC WORKS, I GUESS THIS WEEK. WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH THEM REGARDING OUR BOND PROJECT. I DIDN'T SEE THIS INTEGRATED YET. SO I THINK THE SOONER WE CAN LEARN ABOUT IT, THE BETTER, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE GOOD DECISIONS ON WHAT ENDS GOING OUT

IF I COULD ADD. WE'VE BEEN TALKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS PROBABLY FOR THE PAST FIVE MONTHS, SO WE PROVIDED THEM WITH SORT OF HIGH LEVEL FRAMING OF THE BOND AND THE CLIMATE PLAN. WE HAD A REALLY GREAT CONVERSATION WITH THEM A FEW WEEKS AGO ABOUT WHERE WE'RE REALLY GOING TO DIG IN, IS THAT NEXT PHASE WHEN PROJECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND WHAT ARE THEY ACTUALLY GOING TO LOOK LIKE. WHEN WE START LOOKING AT DEVELOPING RPS, AND I THINK WE CAN DIAL IT IN.

SANDOVAL: WHEN CAN WE EXPECT TO SEE THE UPDATED MUNICIPAL GREEN BUILDING POLICY?

I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE COULD TRY TO HAVE COMPLETED BY SOMETIME THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. I THINK WE WANT TO GET SORT OF THE BOND PROGRAM FIRST. THAT MIGHT SERVE AS A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR WHAT THE CRITERIA COULD LOOK LIKE. ONCE WE HAVE THAT, HOW DO WE TRANSLATE THAT INTO AN ACTUAL UPDATE OF THAT GREEN BUILDING POLICY.

SANDOVAL: THIS IS FY '22?

THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

SANDOVAL: WE'RE IN IT ALREADY.

THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

SANDOVAL: WE'LL GO TO 5, 3, AND COME BACK TO 1, THANK YOU.

I STRUGGLE WITH GLASSES. I THINK COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL TOUCHED ON THIS A LITTLE BIT. CAN YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROCESS SO FAR WITH THE BOND CRITERIA, WHAT THAT PROCESS HAS BEEN LIKE?

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, OR I GUESS INITIALLY SEEING THIS KIND OF STRESSES ME OUT A LITTLE BIT, BECAUSE WE'RE [LAPSE IN AUDIO]. I IMAGINE, WE KNOW BONDS ARE COMING FIVE YEARS FROM NOW. AND SO THE CRITERIA I FEEL LIKE SO I GUESS THERE'S TWO SEPARATE THINGS. WE'VE PROVIDED CRITERIA TO PUBLIC WORKS, AND I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THEIR REVIEW MATRIX, WHERE IT'S FAIRLY HIGH LEVEL. IS THIS PROJECT GOING TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, IS IT GOING TO IMPROVE WALKABILITY. SO THEY ALREADY HAVE THOSE THOSE OBJECTIVES IN THE CLIMATE PLAN IN THEIR WHEELHOUSE. SO I'M CONFIDENT THEY'RE REVIEWING PROJECTS BASED UPON WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE. WHAT THIS IS, ON THE SCREEN, IS REALLY MORE DETAILED. SO FOR INSTANCE, IF WE ARE GOING TO BUILD A NEW BUILDING, WHAT EXPLICITLY NEEDS TO HAPPEN, HOW ENERGY EFFICIENT DOES IT NEED TO BE DOES IT HAVE THE CAPABILITIES TO

EASILY ACCEPT RENEWABLE ENERGY OR CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE, WHAT KIND OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES. REALLY STARTS GETTING INTO THE MORE OF THE MINUTIA OF WHAT THE PROJECT IS. SO WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY BEHIND, WE'RE ACTUALLY SORT OF ON TARGET WITH BEING ABLE TO GET THAT TO THEM. BUT THE OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES AND CRITERIA ARE ON THE CLIMATE PLAN AND THAT IS INTEGRATED INTO THEIR PROCESS.

OKAY. THANK YOU. IN THE MUNICIPAL GREEN BUILDING POLICY, WHAT ARE GOING TO BE SOME OF THE PRIORITIES IN THE UPDATE?

SO THE CURRENT ONE REALLY DOESN'T SAY MUCH MORE THAN BUILDS TO LEAD SILVER. I THINK WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC. I THINK IN MANY WAYS COMMUNITIES HAVE MOVED BEYOND LEADS. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN EVALUATING IS, WE DO HAVE A LOCAL GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM HERE, BUILD SAN ANTONIO GREEN THAT HAS A PRETTY SOPHISTICATED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. SO WE'RE TALKING WITH THEM, THAT MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO BUILD INTO IT. I THINK AT THE END OF THE DAY IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE ENERGY USE OF THE BUILDING. IT'S ABOUT RESILIENCE FACTORS. DO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE INCORPORATING, YOU KNOW, IF WE'RE BUILDING A BUILDING THAT MIGHT BE IN A LOCATION THAT MIGHT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS LIKE A, QUOTE UNQUOTE, RESILIENCE HUB, WHAT NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED IN THERE. I THINK IT SHOULD BE A FAIRLY MORE EXPLICIT AS FAR AS WHAT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE FOR HOW WE'RE DESIGNING THE BUILDINGS, NOT JUST THE CERTIFICATION.

THANK YOU. I DON'T MEAN TO GET INTO ITEM 5, IF THAT'S IT FEELS VERY YEAH, SO MY QUESTION IS, HOW MANY [INDISCERNIBLE] DO WE HAVE?

SO, WE HAVE OVER RUBEN IS OVER THERE WE HAVE OVER 600, CORRECT? 600 BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. THE KEY IS THE STRUCTURES THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY TRACK.

WOW. SO I GUESS MY HOPE IS THAT, WELL, ONE, I THINK FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES, I THINK WE NEED TO USE THE BOND TO OBTAIN CARBON NEUTRALITY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S IN ITEM 5. BUT I REALLY HOPE THAT AS PART OF THE CRITERIA, AND MOVING INTO WHEN WE AT SOME POINT START

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT BOND, THAT CARBON NEUTRALITY IS THE GOAL BY MAYBE NOT 2040, BUT MAYBE A LITTLE BIT FASTER, AS SOON AS WE CAN GET FACILITIES TO THAT POINT. AND MY HOPE IS THAT WITH THE MUNICIPAL GREEN BUILDING POLICY, THAT WE'RE AS AMBITIOUS AS POSSIBLE. THAT'S MY HOPE.

YES, SIR. WE'RE CONTINUALLY TRACKING TO SEE WHAT OTHER CITIES ARE DOING. THERE ARE SOME CITIES PUSHING THE ENVELOPE.

MCKEE RODRIGUEZ: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

CASTILLO: I'M LOOKING AT SLIDE 9. THE POLICE STATION HAS THE HIGHEST CONSUMPTION. WHAT TYPE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCIES CAN BE INTEGRATED TO REDUCE THAT TO BE AT THE LEVEL OF NORTHWEST, AND WHY DID WE FIND IT HAD A HIGHER CONSUMPTION?

I THINK A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH OPERATIONS OF THE FACILITIES. SO I'D HAVE TO GO BACK AND DOUBLE CHECK TO CONFIRM. WE CAN CIRCLE BACK WITH YOU TO SEE, ONE, WHAT THOSE SPECIFICS ARE, AND WHAT OTHER INTERVENTIONS WE MAY BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH.

CASTILLO: THE CHAMBERS IS ALWAYS SO COLD. WHERE DOES THAT RANK? IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY?

I DON'T HAVE THAT ONE HANDY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS ON THE CITY MANAGER'S DESK IS AN ENERGY POLICY FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES. THAT DOES SET THERMOSTAT SET POINTS. I THINK FACILITIES LIKE THIS, SOMETIMES IT IS AN OPERATION ISSUE. AND MAKING SURE THAT COOLING IS OCCURRING EQUALLY ACROSS DIFFERENT ZONES. I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A WORK IN PROGRESS TO SEE HOW WE FINE TUNE THIS FACILITY.

CASTILLO: THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, DOUG, FOR THIS PRESENTATION. A COUPLE OF MY QUESTIONS. THE UDC CHANGES ARE COMING. IS THAT GOING TO IMPACT OUR GREEN BUILDING POLICIES? AND WITH THE UDC, CAN WE IMPACT OUR GREEN BUILDING POLICIES?

I'M NOT SURE IF THE UDC APPLIES TO OUR OWN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS OR NOT.  
I'LL HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK THAT.

ALL RIGHT.

CAN I INTERJECT ON THAT?

YEAH.

YOU ALSO HAVE LIKE YOUR ENERGY CODES. THERE'S CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE CODE THAT WOULD BE FAVORABLE, IF THEY WERE ADDED. THAT'S PART OF THE PROCESS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH NOW. SO WE'LL BE INTEGRATED INTO THAT PROCESS AS WELL, ALONG WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU KNOW YEAH, IT'S COMING UP.

YEAH. WITH 600 FACILITIES AND STRUCTURES, AND THEN WE'RE ASKING OUR NEIGHBORS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY TO DO THINGS, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING WHAT DSD, WHAT APPLIES TO US FOR DSD AND UDC CODE AS WE MOVE FORWARD. I AM LIKE EVERYONE HERE THE PUBLIC WORKS FINALIZING THE 2022 BOND. I DID SEE THAT LIKE MOST OF YOU. AND 19 MILLION FOR A NEW SUBSTATION, IF IT GETS ME AN EAST SUBSTATION OR SOUTH SUBSTATION, THAT'S NOT AN ENERGY EFFICIENT SUBSTATION. I REALLY WANTED TO SEE AND THAT'S WHERE I NEED YOU ALL TO TELL THEM, WE'RE GOING TO NEED THIS MUCH MONEY TO DO THE BUILD AND TO MAKE IT GREEN. AND TO MAKE IT, YOU KNOW, FIT IN WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR FUTURE. BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW AS WE LOOK AT UPGRADING THESE OTHER SUBSTATIONS TO DO A MODEL WITH A NEW BUILD, THAT THIS IS WHAT A SUBSTATION, A GREEN SUBSTATION LOOKS LIKE, THIS IS WHAT AN ULTRA ACCESSIBLE SUBSTATION LOOKS LIKE FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES. SO I'D REALLY LIKE, AS YOU TALK ABOUT THAT, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU LET THEM KNOW, IF 19 MILLION IS ENOUGH, LET THEM KNOW. BECAUSE I WAS LIKE, STATE OF THE ART, YOU KNOW, SOLAR PANELS, I WAS DREAMING BIG FOR THAT. THE OTHER WE HAVE A LOT OF OLD BUILDINGS THAT ARE CONNECTED TO OUR ART, WHICH IS THE CARVER, GUADALUPE, MAGIC, THE SAN ANTONIO PLAYHOUSE. ARE WE DO WE HAVE A SEPARATE CATEGORY FOR THEM? ARE THOSE ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS?

THEY'RE ALL BEAUTIFUL. BUT THEY'RE ALL OLDER.

WE DON'T HAVE THEM BROKEN OUT BY WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE ART FOCUSED. USUALLY THEY'RE BROKEN OUT BY OFFICE, COMMUNITY CENTER. BUT IT IS SOMETHING WE COULD EASILY BREAK OUT AND SEE WHAT IT SHOWS.

VIAGRAN: I WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT, BECAUSE THEY OFFER SO MANY PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN. AND SENIORS ALSO. BUT WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE [LAPSE IN AUDIO] AND GETTING FOLLOWING THE RULES FOR SUSTAINABILITY ALSO. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS PRESENTATION. I'M INTERESTED TO HEAR ABOUT HOW THE CRITERIA ARE, THE DESIGN CRITERIA ARE. THANK YOU.

ABSOLUTELY.

SANDOVAL: I THINK WE'VE HEARD THAT A FEW TIMES, REALLY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT COMES NEXT. COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO.

BRAVO: I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. I WAS IN A MEETING WITH THE CITY MANAGER ATTENDING TO ISSUES IMPORTANT TO MY DISTRICT AND I DIDN'T WANT TO END THAT MEETING. I'M SORRY THAT I MISSED, I THINK IT WAS AGENDA ITEM WELL, THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. BECAUSE I WOULDN'T HAVE APPROVED THEM. AND I DO HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER CLAUDE JACOB IS. BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS HE WAS GOING TO COME PRESENT TO US EVERY MONTH.

COUNCILMAN, WE DO HAVE IT SCHEDULED EVERY MONTH, BUT IT IS YOUR 22ND IS WHEN HE'LL BE PRESENTING.

BRAVO: SO IS THE SPECIAL SESSION CALLED OUT OF ORDER TODAY?

NO, WE SOMETIMES WILL HAVE MEETINGS TWICE A MONTH, DEPENDING ON THE WORK LOAD, OR REVIEW LOAD FOR YOU. BUT HE IS STILL COMING EVERY MONTH FOR YOUR UPDATE.

BRAVO: THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION.

YES.

BRAVO: COUNCILMEMBER MCKEE RODRIGUEZ BROUGHT UP INTEREST IN THE BOND PROJECT, HELPING US ACHIEVE ZERO EMISSIONS. AND I STARTED A CONVERSATION WITH THAT, WITH THE CITY MANAGER. I RECENTLY TOURED THE CREDIT HUMAN BUILDING, WHICH IS ACROSS FROM THE PEARL. AND THE CEO OF CREDIT HUMAN DESCRIBED THE BUILDING AS BEING LIKE A YETI COOLER OF BUILDING STRUCTURES IN THAT IT'S SO WELL INSULATED, THAT IT CAN REALLY STAY COOL FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME WITHOUT ANY ENERGY USE, OR STAY WARM, WHICHEVER YOU DESIRE. AND WHAT THEY DID WAS, WHEN THEY BUILT THIS NEW HEADQUARTERS, THEY INCREASED THE SQUARE FOOTAGE. IT'S A 12 STORY BUILDING. THEY INCREASED THEIR SQUARE FOOTAGE AND ONLY USED 9% OF THE PREVIOUS STRUCTURE USED. THEY SAID THE COST FOR THE BUILDING WAS ONLY 5% MORE THAN WHAT IT WOULD COST TO BUILD A TRADITIONAL BUILDING STRUCTURE. AND SO I'VE ASKED THE CITY MANAGER TO GO AND TOUR THE BUILDING WITH ME AND WE'RE GOING TO BE TAKING ROD SANCHEZ WITH US, AS WELL AS JORGE AND RAZI SO WE CAN GO AND LOOK AT THAT. SOMETHING THAT I'LL BE BRINGING TO THE COUNCIL IS SOME KIND OF POLICY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE BUILD STRUCTURES LIKE THAT GOING FORWARD, WHEN WE BUILD MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING WITH THE 2022 BOND DOLLARS. SO I THINK WE'RE ALIGNED ON THAT, COUNCILMEMBER MCKEE RODRIGUEZ. I THINK IT'S A STACKED BENEFIT ISSUE. IT'S NOT JUST THAT THOSE BUILDINGS WILL BE ENERGY EFFICIENT. IT'S NOT JUST THAT THOSE BUILDINGS WILL SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON THEIR ENERGY BILL. IT'S THAT WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CONTRACTORS IN SAN ANTONIO WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRACTICES. MY DAD'S A CONTRACTOR, I GREW UP WORKING WITH DOING CONSTRUCTION, WORKING WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS. THE CONTRACTOR THAT BUILT THE CREDIT HUMAN BUILDING DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE BUILDING. AND AFTER BUILDING THAT BUILDING, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE TELLING ME, THEY'RE ONE OF THE PREMIER GREEN BUILDING CONTRACTORS IN THE CITY. AND SO IF IN ORDER TO BUILD A CITY STRUCTURE THAT WAY GOING FORWARD, ALL THESE DIFFERENT CONTRACTORS THAT WANT TO BUILD, THAT WANT CITY CONTRACTORS, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN AND ADAPT TO BUILD IN THAT WAY. AND THAT'S GOING TO HELP DEVELOP THAT WORKFORCE HERE IN SAN ANTONIO. AND IT WILL HELP SHIFT THE INDUSTRY IN OUR CITY. IN ADDITION TO THAT, I THINK IT'S GOING TO HELP WITH SAN ANTONIO'S BRAND TO SHOW A REAL COMMITMENT, THAT WE'RE LEADING ON A COMMITMENT

TO SUSTAINABILITY. I HOPE MY OTHER COUNCIL COLLEAGUES WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT AND I WANT TO WORK TOWARD ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO, I DO HAVE A CORRECTION ON THE DATE. THE NEXT MEETING IS 10 28 AT 2:00.

BRAVO: THANKS A LOT.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN. I THINK SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I AGREE WITH THE POINTS YOU'VE BROUGHT UP DURING THE READY TO WORK DISCUSSION. THAT WAS CERTAINLY ONE OF MY POINTS FOR ADVOCACY FOR WHERE WE COULD HAVE TAKEN THAT PROGRAM. I THINK THAT IS AN UNTAPPED OPPORTUNITY FOR US, BECAUSE WE WILL ALWAYS NEED TO REPAIR HOMES, WE WILL ALWAYS NEED TO BUILD HOMES. SO AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THAT IS A, WHAT DO WE CALL IT, A PRIORITY SECTOR FOR OUR COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. DOUG, ARE YOU READY TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT TOPIC?

I AM, YES, MA'AM. LET'S SEE.

SANDOVAL: OH, I'M SORRY, LET ME COULD THE CLERK READ OUT THE ITEM, PLEASE? THAT WOULD BE ITEM 5.

BEFORE WE DO THAT

ITEM 5 IS THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S MUNICIPAL SOLAR STRATEGY TO REACH 100% OF RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.

SANDOVAL: ONE MOMENT. COUNCILMEMBER MCKEY HAS A COMMENT.

CAN WE RECONSIDER THEM?

SANDOVAL: YES, ONCE WE GET THROUGH THEM.

AGAIN, DOUG MELNICK, CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. AS WE TALKED ABOUT SOLAR, IS KEY ENERGY. IT'S THE DRIVING EFFICIENCY DOWN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. BUT THEN YOU NEED TO PRODUCE, OR PROCURE. SO THIS BRIEFING WILL JUST



PROVIDE YOU AN UPDATE OF WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING SOLAR FOR OUR FACILITIES. IN TERMS OF POLICY DIRECTION, YOU CAN SEE THERE'S, IN THE CLIMATE PLAN, IDENTIFIES ZERO NET ENERGY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS BY 2040. IF WE CAN ACCELERATE, THAT'S FANTASTIC. YOU KNOW, KEY TO THIS IS, AGAIN, FIGURING OUT HOW EFFICIENT WE CAN GET OUR BUILDINGS AND FIGURING OUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IS THAT RENEWABLE NUMBER WE NEED TO HIT. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WHEN WE LOOK AT 100% RENEWABLE FOR COSA, FOR ALL THE DEMANDS OF ALL OUR BUILDING FACILITIES, WE WOULD NEED APPROXIMATELY 110 MEGAWATTS, EITHER PRODUCED ON SITE, OR PRODUCED AT LARGE TRACTS OF LAND SOMEWHERE, OR IT CAN BE PROCURED. THAT'S A BIG NUMBER. I THINK THE OBJECTIVE IS TO DEVELOP THAT PATHWAY TO CHIP AWAY AT THAT. LOTS OF BENEFITS AS WAS ALREADY DISCUSSED AROUND ENERGY EFFICIENCY JOBS. YOU KNOW, THE APPROACH THAT WE WANT TO TAKE REALLY IS ABOUT HELPING SCALE UP OUR MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT. THERE'S A LOT OF ECONOMIC BENEFITS, WHETHER IT'S LOCAL JOBS, WHETHER IT'S SAVING DOLLARS, WHETHER IT'S IMPROVING RESILIENCE IN OUR FACILITIES, AS WELL AS REDUCING DEMANDS FOR CPS POWER, CREATING MORE CAPACITY FOR THE SYSTEM. IT SHOWS THAT WE'RE LEADING BY EXAMPLE, AS I'VE HEARD HERE, THAT BEFORE WE GO OUT AND START ASKING OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO DO IT, ARE WE DOING IT. AND THEN PUBLIC HEALTH. AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE KNOW THAT THE COMBUSTION OF FOSSIL FUELS RELEASES REDUCES OUR AIR QUALITY. SO ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION IS GOING TO BE A GOOD THING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PARTICULARLY AS WE'RE HEADING INTO BEING BUMPED UP IN NONATTAINMENTS AND WE KNOW WHAT THOSE IMPACTS ARE AND WHO IS IMPACTED THE MOST IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO THERE'S A LOT OF POSITIVES SO FAR. YOU KNOW, WE DO HAVE THE CLIMATE PLAN THAT DOES OUTLINE VERY CLEARLY WHERE WE NEED TO GO. RIGHT NOW, CPS'S RENEWABLE MIX IS AROUND 15%. 110 MEGAWATT NUMBER THAT I CITED AS CPS BRINGS MORE RENEWABLES ON, WE AS AN END USER GET CREDIT FOR THAT. THAT 110 MEGAWATT NUMBER WILL GO DOWN. WE DO HAVE NINE CURRENT FACILITIES WITH SOLAR. RIGHT NOW, I CAN TOUCH BASE WITH THAT IN THE NEXT SLIDE. AND THEN FINALLY, SAN ANTONIO RANKS FIFTH IN THE NATION AND FIRST IN TEXAS FOR SOLAR ENVIRONMENT, TEXAS AND RESEARCH POLICY. CPS AND SAN ANTONIO IS STILL LEADING. I THINK WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE CONTINUING, AND WE DON'T GET LAX. THERE IS STILL A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY WHERE WE CAN EXCEL. IN TERMS OF WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE, YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE NINE FACILITIES. 632 KILOWATTS. IF YOU THINK ABOUT 632 KILOWATTS

AROUND OF THE 102 MEGAWATT GOAL. YOU SEE ON SOME OF THESE THE SOLAR HOST. THAT WAS AN AGREEMENT THAT COUNCIL APPROVED BACK IN 2017. WE'RE BASICALLY LEASING OUR ROOFTOPS TO A CONTRACTOR PROCURED BY CPS TO PRODUCE SOLAR ON OUR FACILITIES. WITH THAT, WE GET A SMALL CREDIT PER KILOWATT HOURS. ONLY 3 CENTS. BUT WE HAVE NO MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT WHATSOEVER. THAT'S A 20 YEAR LEASE. AND THEN THE OTHER FACILITIES WERE BASICALLY INSTALLED USING FUNDS BACK IN [LAPSE IN AUDIO]. THOSE ARE BEHIND THE METER FEEDING INTO THE BUILDING. YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE OUR FOOT, OR DIPPING OUR TOE IN SOLAR, BUT THERE'S REALLY A LONG WAY TO GO. SO HERE'S OUR CURRENT PLAN. KEY IS ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THAT'S THE CHEAPEST THING WE CAN DO, CONTINUING TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR BUILDINGS, REDUCING THAT DEMAND, AND UPDATING THAT 2007 GREEN BUILDING POLICY. WHILE WE'RE DOING THAT, WE'RE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF, WE WANT TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ON SITE SOLAR AT CITY FACILITIES. THAT'S KEY. THESE ARE CITY FACILITIES WHERE SOLAR CAN BE INSTALLED, HOOKED UP TO THE BUILDING AND FEED DIRECTLY INTO OUR BUILDINGS. [LAPSE IN AUDIO] SOLAR COMPANIES, WE CAN ESSENTIALLY HIT 20 MEGAWATTS, 30 MEGAWATTS, IF THERE'S AN ECONOMY SCALE, BUT IT STILL LEAVES A GAP. HOW ARE WE GOING TO ADDRESS THAT LARGER GAP. FINALLY, ONCE WE GET OUR BUILDINGS AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE, WE'RE PRODUCING SOLAR, WE'RE PROCURING RENEWABLES. THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY OF HOW DO YOU GET TO THAT 100%, AND IT CAN BE THROUGH A RENEWABLE CERTIFICATE, SOMEBODY IN THE REGION IS PRODUCING 12 MEGAWATT OF GREEN POWER, AND PURCHASE THAT AND RETIRE IT. YOU GET CREDIT FOR THAT. OR AS OFTEN DOES [LAPSE IN AUDIO] FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE ACTUALLY SEQUESTERING CARBON. SO THERE'S MULTIPLE WAYS TO TRY TO GET TO THAT 100%. BUT THIS IS THE CURRENT PATHWAY. SO THE KEY TO THIS RFP REALLY IS ABOUT GETTING VISIBLE SOLAR PROJECTS AT CITY FACILITIES. IT NEEDS TO BE MARKET DRIVEN. KEY IS COST NEUTRAL OPTIONS. THAT REALLY IS THE IDEAL, IS THAT WE GET PROPOSALS THAT ARE GOING TO NOT COST US ANYTHING. IDEALLY AT THE END OF THE DAY THEY MIGHT EVEN SAVE US MONEY. THAT IS REALLY THE OBJECTIVE TO SEE WHAT THE MARKET CAN BEAR AT THIS POINT FOR WHAT WE'RE PUTTING OUT. THE GOAL IS, AGAIN, THIRD PARTY DEVELOPED PROJECT WHERE THE CITY, NORTH CPS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE, BUT HAVING THAT THIRD PARTY ENSURE OVER THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT AND LIFE OF THE FACILITIES THAT THEY'RE PERFORMING. AND THEN REALLY, AT THE END OF THE DAY FIGURING OUT WHICH LOCATIONS WE PUT OUT ARE GOING TO BE FEASIBLE FOR RENEWABLE

PROJECTS. SO HERE'S THE PROCESS. WE JUST CONVENED A GROUP THIS MONTH, YOU CAN SEE ALL THE DEPARTMENTS WE'VE ENGAGED, TO START DEVELOPING WHAT THIS RFP COULD LOOK LIKE. YOU'LL ALSO SEE WE HAVE RMI LISTED THERE, CONTINUING TO PROVIDE US SUPPORT THROUGH THE RFP DEVELOPMENTS, PROCUREMENT PROCESS. AND ON THE RIGHT IN VERY SMALL FONT, YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S PROJECTED TO BE AN 8 TO 11 MONTH PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING THE RFP. THE GOAL WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ONCE WE HAVE A DRAFT SCOPE FOR THE RFP, TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS TO MAKE SURE WE'RE GETTING FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY. WE'RE HOPING THIS IS A LARGE PROCUREMENT, BUT TO SEE IF OUR OBJECTIVES, OUR IDEALS, OUR VISION FOR WHAT THE BENEFITS OF THIS RFP ARE, ARE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS LOOKING FOR. RIGHT NOW THE GOAL IS TO RELEASE THE RFP AT Q 1 OF 2022. AND THEN IDEALLY, WITHIN THAT 8 TO 11 MONTH PERIOD, IDENTIFY SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS, AND BRING THAT TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. WITH THAT, I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, DOUG, VERY MUCH. ARE YOUR OTHER CHAIRS HERE, BY ANY CHANCE?

NO. I'M SORRY.

SANDOVAL: OKAY. NO PROBLEM. WE'LL GO INTO QUESTIONS. JUST SOME QUICK QUESTIONS ACTUALLY, FIRST, LET ME INTRODUCE THIS TOPIC, THE DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC BY SAYING, MR. MCCARY AND I RECENTLY MET WITH COUNCILMAN BRAVO WHO INQUIRED HOW WE WERE PROGRESSING IN THIS AREA. SO I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR PUSHING US ON THIS, AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA IN RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST. IN TERMS OF SLIDE 7, THE RFP OBJECTIVES, WHAT TYPE OF CONTRACT WOULD THIS BE, AND WHAT SORT OF LIMITATIONS DO WE HAVE ON THE PROCUREMENT OF IT?

I THINK WE'RE BASED UPON BEST PRACTICES, BE A 20 YEAR CONTRACT, I THINK WE NEED TO IN TERMS OF LIMITATIONS, IF YOU

SANDOVAL: I'LL JUST BE CLEAR. CAN WE LIMIT IT TO LOCAL VENDORS? I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE FUNDING SOURCE IS. WE HAVE A LOT OF LIMITATIONS WHEN WE DO CERTAIN BOND PROJECTS, IF WE DO AN RFP, WE CAN HAVE A LITTLE

BIT MORE FLEXIBILITY ON THE QUALIFICATIONS. BUT IN TERMS OF REQUESTING THAT THE CONTRACTORS MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, LIKE WAGE CRITERIA, OR, YOU KNOW, THAT THEY'RE ALL TRAINED TO OSHA 10 OR OSHA 20 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT FLEXIBILITY WE HAVE WITH THIS.

I DON'T KNOW DAVID, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE THE ANSWER. KEY TO THE RFP WILL BE BUILDING IN WHAT OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE. IF WE REALLY WANT LOCAL, I WONDER

LET ME ADD TO THAT, DOUG. QUITE NATURALLY WE'RE LOOKING AT THE EXPERIENCE. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT THE PROPOSAL TO SEE WHAT IT IS. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT MORE CHALLENGING TO AUTOMATICALLY SAY LOCAL. THE IDEAL IS TO PUT IT OUT THERE, AND THEN AS A PART OF THE LOCAL, WE'LL VISIT WITH FINANCE TO SEE WHAT ADDED CRITERIA COULD GO TO HELP SPARK OR INFLUENCE ACTUAL WORK HERE LOCALLY FOR THAT. SO THAT'S WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IN POINT SETS IN ON THAT PIECE THAT THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT DOES THROUGH THAT PROCESS. SO WE'LL INCLUDE THEM ON THAT.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. IF IT'S POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO ADVOCATE THAT WE KEEP THIS LOCAL, AS LONG AS THAT'S NOT ILLEGAL, AND IF THERE IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S SORT OF AT THE CUSP, THEY'RE LOCAL AND AT THE CUSP OF BEING ABLE TO DO THIS, BUT AREN'T AS COMPETITIVE AS SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF THE AREA. I'D LIKE FOR US TO RECONSIDER THAT AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO LOCALLY TO ENCOURAGE THIS. BECAUSE THIS IS A, AS THE COUNCILMAN WAS SAYING EARLIER, A FIELD THAT WE REALLY WANT TO NURTURE. HE WAS TALKING ABOUT REHAB, BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT SOLAR AND POSSIBLY ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO NURTURE AND GROW. AS ONE OF THE BIGGEST PURCHASERS ON THE GRID, WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHAPE THAT MARKET. SO I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD LET THAT OPPORTUNITY GO TO WASTE, AND TREAT OURSELVES LIKE ANY OTHER LIKE ANY OTHER CONSUMER IN THIS FIELD. BECAUSE WE'RE NOT. SO THAT WAS MY FIRST QUESTION. MY SECOND QUESTION IS, THE DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE INCLUDED IN YOUR GROUP, THIS WHOLE PROCESS WILL BE FOR ALL CITY FACILITIES, RIGHT? WHETHER OR NOT A DEPARTMENT WAS INCLUDED IN THIS LIST. IT'S YOUR LAST SLIDE.

YOU'RE CORRECT. YOU'LL SEE WE WANTED TO BRING TOGETHER THOSE

DEPARTMENTS THAT EITHER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PAST OR HAVE LARGE FACILITIES THAT WE KNOW. BUT WE'RE GOING TO DO A WHOLE ASSESSMENT OF ALL OUR FACILITIES AND TALK TO ALL THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS.

SANDOVAL: [INDISCERNIBLE].

FOR THIS PROCESS, WE'VE ALREADY LET THEM KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING DOWN THIS PATH, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO WANT TO HAVE THEM AS A KEY PARTNER TO ONE HEALTH REVIEW RFP, TO SEE IF THEY SEE ANYTHING WE'RE MISSING. I CAN SEE THEM HELPING US SCORE THESE THINGS, BASED UPON THEIR EXPERIENCE. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, AS IT'S BEHIND THE METER, CONNECTED INTO OUR BUILDINGS, THEY HAVE A SMALLER ROLE THAN IF WE WERE PROCURING SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO GO BACK INTO THE GRID.

SANDOVAL: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU. I HAVE MORE OF A COMMENT. I KNOW THIS IS PRIMARILY FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES. BUT WE'VE HAD A COUPLE OF CONSTITUENTS COME INTO OUR OPEN OFFICE HOURS TO SHARE THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY HAD SOMEONE COMING TO THEIR HOUSE SELLING SOLAR PANELS, TELLING THEM THEY WOULD ONLY PAY THE INSTALLATION FEE, AND THEN THERE'S A LIEN ON THEIR HOUSE. SO I WONDER IF THERE'S OPPORTUNITY WITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO LET FOLKS KNOW, WHETHER IT BE THROUGH THE CPS BILL, TO LET FOLKS KNOW, HEY, BE CAUTIOUS OF THESE FOLKS.

YEAH.

THE CONTRACT MAY INCLUDE A LIEN ON YOUR HOME. YOU KNOW, THERE'S ALWAYS MORE THAN JUST INSTALLATION FEE. IF THERE'S THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO INCLUDE THAT. BECAUSE THESE ARE FOLKS THAT COME IN, THEY'RE REALLY EXCITED, EXCITED TO BE GREEN, HAVE A SOLAR PANEL AND THEN THEY LEARN THAT THERE'S A LIEN ON THEIR HOME AND IT'S MORE THAN THIS INSTALLATION FEE. BUT NO OTHER COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

COUNCILWOMAN, WE CAN CIRCLE BACK WITH CPS. WE ALSO WORK WITH BUILD SAN ANTONIO GREEN, THAT OFFERS AN ENTRYWAY FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

AND THEY HELP SORT OF STEER PEOPLE TO REPUTABLE INSTALLERS. THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH.

SANDOVAL: COUNCILMEMBER VIAGRAN?

VIAGRAN: THANK YOU. [LAPSE IN AUDIO] WITH THE ASSETS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY STATION AS PART OF THOSE AS ONE OF THOSE ALSO. I DO BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A COMPANY IN THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAN ANTONIO, AND I'M SURE THERE'S OTHER SOLAR COMPANIES. SO I DO WANT TO SEE HOW WE CAN GIVE POINTS TO THOSE THAT ARE LOCAL, BECAUSE THEY ARE HERE, THEY PROVIDE JOBS TO PEOPLE IN SAN ANTONIO, AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN ALSO. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE POSSIBLY, AS WE LOOK WHEN WE LOOK FOR JUST GREEN SPACE, OR SPACE TO PUT THESE PANELS, THAT WE WE'RE MINDFUL OF WHAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE IN 15, 20 YEARS, BECAUSE AS DEVELOPMENT COMES, ESPECIALLY I'VE GOT TONS OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE THAT I'M WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS, BUT THE PROBLEM IS, THAT DEVELOPMENT IS COMING ALSO, AND WE MAY NEED TO THAT'S WHERE LET'S GO BACK TO THE UDC CODES AND SEE HOW DO WE DO THIS. THE SOONER WE CAN GET THE INFORMATION OF WHERE YOU'VE IDENTIFIED LAND SPOTS FOR THE SOLAR, LET'S GET THAT OUT THERE, SO WE CAN BE THOUGHTFUL WITH OUR UDC CODE. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO.

BRAVO: I ALSO SUPPORT COUNCILWOMAN VIAGRAN'S REQUEST TO BE ABLE TO INCORPORATE SOME OF THESE ENERGY EFFICIENCY DESIGNS INTO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES. I KNOW THAT THE SAPD SUBSTATION ON ST. MARY'S HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNED. CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT STARTED YET, I DON'T THINK IT'S TOO LATE TO GO IN AND SAY, HEY, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO DO GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMPS HERE, OR A FEW OTHER THINGS TO THAT EFFECT. DOUG, I SEE THAT YOU'RE LOOKING TO PUT THIS RFP OUT IN Q1 OF 2022. I'VE ALSO SEEN GREENHOUSE GAS OR I'VE SEEN THE GRAPHS THAT SHOW HOW SOON WE NEED TO START REDUCING EMISSIONS, AND IT'S LIKE GOING OFF A CLIFF. THE MORE WE WAIT, THE STEEPER THAT CLIFF IS. SO IS THERE WHAT'S PREVENTING US FROM GETTING THIS RFP OUT NEXT MONTH, AND LETTING THE MARKET COMPETE AND JUST BRING US THEIR IDEAS?

I THINK IT'S DOING THE SITE ASSESSMENT. I THINK FIGURING OUT AGAIN, WHEN WE LEARNED WE HAD OVER 600 FACILITIES, WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE FOUNDATION FOR THE CRITERIA. AND I ACTUALLY HAD THAT SAME QUESTION OF RMI, AND I PITCHED SOMETHING MORE AGGRESSIVE AND THEIR RESPONSE WAS, YOU MIGHT NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME. IF WE CAN ACCELERATE IT, I THINK WE WILL.

BRAVO: I WOULD LIKE TO ACCELERATE IT. ONE QUESTION I HAVE IS ONE WAY OF ACCELERATING IT, WOULD IT BE DOING THIS IN PHASES. MAYBE WE'VE ASSESSED THE FIRST 200 SITES. SO WE CAN DO PHASE 1. AND THEN WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO THAT RFP, WE COULD CONTINUE TO ASSESS OTHER SITES.

I THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE. I THINK MY GOAL IS TO COME UP WITH THAT RIGHT FIRST COHORT THAT'S GOING TO BE ATTRACTIVE FOR THE MARKET. AND IT'S NOT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PUT EVERYTHING OUT, SO I DEFINITELY DO AGREE IT WILL BE IN A COUPLE PHASES.

CAN I RECOMMEND SOMETHING? I THINK SOMETHING THE CITY NEEDS TO DO MORE OF IS THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PIECE. DOUG HAS CITED THAT AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT TO THIS, SO I DON'T WANT TO SHORT CHANGE THE COMMUNITY'S INVOLVEMENT IN SOME OF THE SURVEYS OR QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE. I'M SURE THERE'S WAYS TO SPEED IT UP, BUT I DON'T WANT TO DO IT AT THE COST OF COMPROMISING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. I'LL TRY TO LAY OUT A TIMELINE FOR YOU, I THINK THAT WOULD BE ADVISABLE.

SURE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DO I WANT TO SHORT CHANGE THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS. SO I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THAT TO LIGHT. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO DO THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT? WOULD IT BE AFTER WE GET THE RFP RESULTS SO WE CAN GO AND SHOP THOSE IDEAS AROUND AND SAY, THIS IS WHAT THE MARKET HAS PROPOSED, WHICH OF THESE IDEAS DO YOU LIKE? OR WOULD IT BE BEFORE THAT RFP GOES OUT?

I ACTUALLY THINK IT SHOULD BE BEFORE THE RFP GOES OUT. THAT WAY WE CAN SEE, HOW DOES THIS BENEFIT THE PUBLIC. WE ALWAYS HAVE TO KEEP OUR EQUITY HAT ON, SO NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE THE OPPOSITE



EFFECT. SO EVEN IF IT MAY NOT TAKE AS LONG TO SURVEY OR TO HAVE THAT ENGAGEMENT, IT SHOULD GO BEFORE THE RFP GOES OUT.

I SEE ON THE FRONT END WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE GETTING THE VALUES OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS PROCUREMENT. AND I WOULD POSSIBLY, ONCE WE GET THE SOLICITATIONS, ONCE WE GO THROUGH OUR PRIORITIZATION AND SCORING, IF WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY'S COMFORTABLE WITH WHATEVER THE FINAL SELECTIONS ARE BEFORE MOVING FORWARD, SO I THINK WE'RE OPEN TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE BEST WAY TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY. BUT WE'RE COMMITTED TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS.

BRAVO: I THOUGHT I HAD ONE OTHER THING, BUT I CAN'T THINK OF IT RIGHT NOW.

WE CAN FOLLOW UP AND TALK MORE OFFLINE AS WELL.

BRAVO: THANKS A LOT.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, DOUG. THANK YOU AGAIN, COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO, FOR SUGGESTING THAT WE BRING THIS ITEM FORWARD AND GETTING AN UPDATE ON IT. I'M VERY GLAD TO SEE THE PROGRESS THAT YOU'RE MAKING, THAT YOU PULLED THIS GROUP TOGETHER. I ALSO DO WANT TO CAUTION US AGAINST RUSHING THIS PARTICULAR ITEM, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OUR PRIORITY, OR WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMITTEE TO DATE IS THAT THE BOND CRITERIA IS HIGH PRIORITY, AND WE WANT YOU TO FOCUS ON WELL, I MEAN, WE DIDN'T TAKE A VOTE OR ANYTHING, BUT THAT'S PARTICULARLY URGENT AND WE DON'T WANT TO MISS THAT BOAT.

YES, MA'AM.

SANDOVAL: OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO MOVE THIS AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN, BUT ALSO NOT AT THE COST OF THE BOND WORK. THAT WON'T COME AGAIN FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE HAVE A COUPLE MORE ITEMS TO GO THROUGH.

THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT I ALSO SUPPORT THE REQUEST THAT WE PRIORITIZE LOCAL, AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S LIKE WHEN WE DO MAJOR

PROJECTS THAT ARE OUT FOR BID SOMETIMES, THERE'S A SCORING CRITERIA THERE, SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE THAT IF POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DOUG, FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOUR FIVE PERSON TEAM IS DO YOU HAVE MORE PEOPLE NOW? OH. SORRY. TWICE AS BIG. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM, I THINK THIS IS ITEM 3. YES.

HOLD ON. I WANT TO INVITE DR. NIVEN TO SAY WHATEVER HE WANTS TO SAY ON THOSE TWO ITEMS. IF HE WANTS TO GIVE A COMMENT, PLEASE. COULD YOU GO TO THE MIC? WE'LL GIVE THE GENTLEMAN MAYBE THREE TO FIVE MINUTES. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK ITEMS. ONE IS, IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE ALL THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE GREEN BUILDING AND ALL THAT. I'M ONE WHO THINKS THAT [LAPSE IN AUDIO] BIG ECONOMIC IMPACT, NOT JUST DIRECT FROM THE BUILDING AND THAT, BUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IMPACTS AND OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT LABOR AND KEEP OUR POPULATION AND LABOR FORCE GROWING. AND THE HEALTH EFFECTS WILL BE, I THINK, BIG. ALL THOSE KINDS OF AND THE INNOVATION. I LOVE COUNCILMAN'S PURCHASING POWER OF THE CITY TO DEVELOP OUR CONSTRUCTION IN THAT AREA. SO THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACT. I ALSO APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER BRAVO BRINGING UP CREDIT HUMAN. FULL DISCLOSURE, I'M ON THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SO ONE ITEM I WOULD ADD TO YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE BUILDING IS THAT IT'S ALSO A GREAT RETURN ON INVESTMENT. SO JUST THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, DR. NIVEN. SORRY, PLEASE GO AHEAD, DEBBIE.

ITEM NUMBER 2 IS THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, UNESCO, CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK GASTRONOMY PROGRAM.

SANDOVAL: SORRY, WE WERE GOING TO TAKE IT IN THE IT'S OKAY EITHER WAY FOR US RIGHT NOW. BUT THAT'S FINE. WE'LL GO FORWARD WITH IT. THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, COUNCILMEMBERS. GLAD TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. AND I'D LIKE TO I AM COLLEEN SWAIN, I AM THE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF SAN

ANTONIO'S WORLD HERITAGE OFFICE. IN ADDITION TO OVERSEEING THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES OF NETWORK GASTRONOMY PROGRAM, WE ALSO OVERSEE MISSION MARQUEE PLAZA. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE LISA WHO IS HERE, AND OF COURSE DR. NIVEN WHO WORKS WITH US ON OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT. WE HAVE OUR EXCHANGE PARTS PANT [INDISCERNIBLE] I PROBABLY BUTCHERED YOUR LAST NAME. SHE'S FROM THAILAND. WE PARTNER WITH THE METRO HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SO JENNIFER HARRIET IS HERE. AND YOU'VE MET DOUGLAS. SO REAL QUICK, I'M GOING TO FLY THROUGH THIS. I BRIEFED ALL OF YOU ON THIS. WE IN 2017 BECAME A MEMBER OF THIS NETWORK. IT'S REALLY ABOUT CITIES. AND THE REASON THEY FOCUS ON CITIES IS BECAUSE THEY'RE REALLY THE PRINCIPAL GROUNDS, THEY'RE THE AREA WHERE ALL THE NEW STRATEGIES, INITIATIVES, THOSE POLICIES PARTICULARLY RELATE TO CULTURE AND CREATIVE ARE A DRIVING FORCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY. SO WE ARE ONE OF NINE IN THE U.S., ONE OF TWO IN THE CATEGORY OF GASTRONOMY. JUST QUICK ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WE HAVE A WEBSITE. WE ASK THAT YOU LIST YOUR EVENTS ON THAT CALENDAR. WE, DESPITE COVID, HAVE TRAVELED VIRTUALLY TO MANY PLACES. AND SO PART OF THAT COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, SHARING BEST PRACTICES, EXCHANGE WITH OTHER CITIES IS PART OF BEING IN THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK. WE ALSO FOCUS ON CULINARY HERITAGE. THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE DID LAST YEAR, DURING COVID, AT THE TOMAL INSTITUTE. WE ALSO WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND METRO HEALTH, THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM IS WHAT WE DID IN MAY OF 2021. WE HAVE A ROSTER AMBASSADOR THAT YOU'LL MEET ON OCTOBER 14TH. THEY'LL BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL. THESE ARE OUR CHEF AMBASSADORS. AND TWO OF THEM WILL BE TRAVELING TO ITALY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WHITE TRUFFLE FESTIVAL IN NOVEMBER THERE. JOHN BRANDT AND KELLI DOTTIE. THE RECIPE SHE HAS IS FROM THE SAN JUAN FARM, USING MUSTANG GRAPES AND INDIGENOUS INGREDIENTS. THIS WAS A PILOT THAT WE DID TO EXPAND THE OUTWARD DINING FOR RESTAURANTS DURING COVID. AND THERE WAS A QUESTION THAT CAME UP DURING BUDGET ABOUT AWARENESS OF GASTRONOMY. WE PARTNER EVERY YEAR WITH VISIT SA, AND THEY GIVE US THE RESULTS OF THE MEDIA VALUE. AND AS WE TALK ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP MONITORING REPORT, EXACTLY WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT, THE AWARENESS PIECE. THE MEMBERSHIP MONITORING REPORT IS THE KEY ITEM THAT WE REALLY WANT TO BRIEF YOU ON TODAY. WE BECAME A MEMBER IN 2017, AND EVERY FOUR YEARS WE HAVE TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO UNESCO. THAT IS A REPORT THAT LISTS WHAT ARE THE KEY THINGS THAT WE'VE DONE DURING THESE FOUR YEARS, AND THEN WHAT IS OUR

ACTION PLAN MOVING FORWARD. SO THIS IS DUE NOVEMBER 30TH. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A DRAFT OF THIS, AND THIS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. AND WE DID SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN OTHER CITIES DO, IN THAT THEY, A LOT OF TIMES, HAVE SOMEONE THAT SITS BEHIND A DESK, LOGS ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND THEN DEVELOPS THE PLAN WITHOUT ANY COMMUNITY INPUT. SO WE DID A SURVEY WHICH THE COUNCIL OFFICES HELPED US WITH, AND WE RECEIVED 900 RESPONSES TO THE SURVEY, IT WAS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, WE SENT IT OUT TO OUR SENIORS AND ALSO DISTRIBUTED IT THROUGH THE LIBRARY. AND WE WANTED TO KNOW FIRST, WERE THEY AWARE OF THE GASTRONOMY DESIGNATION, AND THEN WHAT WERE THEIR PRIORITIES MOVING FORWARD. SO WHAT WE LEARNED IS 30% OF THE COMMUNITY KNOWS ABOUT THE DESIGNATION, SO THAT'S WHY YOU'LL SEE A LOT OF OUR PROGRAMS ARE FOCUSED ON THAT COMMUNITY AWARENESS. WE ALSO DID FOCUS GROUPS IN THESE FOUR CATEGORIES AND HAD 72 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE FOCUS GROUPS. AS A RESULT OF THAT, THE TOP PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY, FROM THESE TWO EFFORTS, WAS FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD JUSTICE. SO WE'LL CONTINUE WORKING WITH OUR METRO HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS THEY HAVE GOTTEN A GRANT FOR FOOD POLICY PERSON, AND IT'S ALSO LISTED ON THE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN, AND PLANNING HAS IT ON THEIR PLAN, TOO, AS A PRIORITY. SO WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH ALL THE DEPARTMENTS, AND WITH ALL OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS ON ISSUES RELATED TO FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD JUSTICE. TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PUBLIC, SO THE TOMAL INSTITUTE WILL CONTINUE. THERE IS A COMMITTEE COMING BACK TO BRIEF YOU ON THIS STATUS. THAT WAS LISTED IN THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION, AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIST THAT AS SOMETHING THAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE COMPLETED BECAUSE THEY'LL SHARE CULINARY BEST PRACTICES, HAVE COOKING CLASSES, ARTISAN MARKETS, AND WE CAN HAVE CHEF EXCHANGES THERE. SUSTAINABILITY WAS THE THIRD ITEM. SO POR VIDA IS SOMETHING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DOING FOR 10 YEARS. ARISA CAME FROM METRO HEALTH WORKING ON THE POR VIDA PROGRAM, AND SO THEY'RE GOING TO RELAUNCH THE PROGRAM, BUT WE'VE ADDED THE ELEMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY, OR METRO HEALTH HAS, WHERE YOU GET POINTS IF YOU ARE WORKING WITH REWORKS, FOR COMMUNITY GIVEBACK, AND THEN THE LAST LEVEL YOU'LL HAVE LIKE A BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD LEVEL. THE LAST LEVEL, IF YOU ARE A LOCAL, FROM SCRATCH KITCHEN, AND YOU MEET THE SUSTAINABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY GIVEBACK REQUIREMENT, YOU GET A GASTRONOMY DESIGNATED RESTAURANT. THAT'S A WAY TO GET THE

DESIGNATION OUT TO OUR LOCAL RESTAURATEURS AND TO THE COMMUNITY, WHILE ALSO HOPEFULLY REINFORCING HEALTHY EATING AND SUSTAINABILITY. JUST TO MENTION, EVERYTHING WORLD HERITAGE AND GASTRONOMY POINTS TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS. DOUG IS A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A COHORT. AND SO WE ARE WORKING WITH HIM, AND THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION ON SOME PROJECT THAT WHERE WE CAN DO SOME SORT OF LOCAL VOLUNTARY REVIEW. THIS IS A WAY FOR ALL OF THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE WORKING ON ALL OF THESE ISSUES TO BE ABLE TO CATALOG THINGS AND TO REPORT ABOUT IT INTERNATIONALLY. SO THIS IS WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US. WE DO AN ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT. DR. NIVEN IS HERE. WE DID, OF COURSE, SEE A DECLINE IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CULINARY INDUSTRY, HOWEVER THERE WAS SOME GROWTH IN OTHER SECTORS, AND SO WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH HIM. HE DOES THAT REPORT EVERY YEAR AND YOU'LL RECEIVE AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THIS YEAR'S. THEN MOVING FORWARD FOR PROGRAMMING, WE'LL CONTINUE THAT COLLABORATION WITH OTHER CREATIVE CITIES AND OUR SISTER CITIES. WE ALSO WE'VE BEEN ASKED BY TUSCAN AND PUEBLO TO WORK ON A PROJECT, SO WE'LL DO SOMETHING IN MAY. AND WE'RE ALSO PARTNERING WITH UTSA LIBRARY, THEY HAVE [INDISCERNIBLE] BUT THEY HAVE THE LARGEST MEXICAN COOKBOOK COLLECTION IN NORTH AMERICA, SO THERE WILL BE A CHEF BROUGHT IN AND THERE WILL BE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES AS WELL. WE'LL CONTINUE TO EDUCATION. WE ARE A VERY SMALL DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE ONE PERSON DEVOTED TO GASTRONOMY. ERISA HAS BEEN TALKING TO SENIOR SERVICES TO DO SOMETHING WITH THEM. WE PARTNER WITH GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT. WE JUST DID AN EVENT WITH JUAN JU OUR SISTER CITY, THEY'RE HAVING THEIR FESTIVAL AND THEY BROADCAST THE COOKING DEMO FROM KOREA AT MIDNIGHT, AND WE WORKED WITH ST. PHILLIP'S COLLEGE TO HAVE THAT MASTER CHEF TEACH THE STUDENTS. AND THEN WE HAD A CHEF AMBASSADOR INVOLVED, BUT THAT'S REALLY IT. WE REALLY WANTED TO COME TO WE HAVE A NEW GROUP OF COUNCILMEMBERS CREATE SOME AWARENESS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. AND ACTUALLY, HOW CAN YOU PARTNER IN OUR DISTRICT. IN BRIEFING, WE'VE GOTTEN SOME GREAT IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN DO THAT AND REALLY SPREAD THAT COMMUNITY AWARENESS ABOUT THIS DESIGNATION AND ALSO SOME UNDERSTANDING, BECAUSE GASTRONOMY IS A HARD WORD, IT'S BASICALLY FOOD AND CULTURE BUT THERE'S A LOT MORE AN THAT, AND THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE OUR FOOD AND CULTURE WITH OUR COMMUNITY IN

THE WORLD. THAT'S IT. I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. I'M REALLY GLAD ABOUT THE INTEGRATION WITH METRO HEALTH. ARE THERE ANY WORDS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT AT THIS POINT?

SWAIN: DID YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE ECONOMIC... [INAUDIBLE SPEAKERS]

SO I DON'T THINK IT'S ANY SURPRISE THAT THERE WAS A DECLINE IN THE CULINARY INDUSTRY FROM 2019 TO 2020. MOST OF THAT IS IN THE RESTAURANT SECTOR OF THE CULINARY INDUSTRY. THE GROWTH SECTORS BEING THE FOOD MANUFACTURERS AND THE FOOD RETAILERS AND THAT SENSE AS WELL. IT'S IT'S AN INDUSTRY THAT'S GOING TO BE GOING THROUGH A LOT OF CHANGE, I THINK, GOING FORWARD, AS PEOPLE ASSESS THEIR VALUATION OF THEIR TIME AND HOW THEY WANT TO SPEND THEIR TIME AND WORK, AND I THINK THAT AFFECTS THAT INDUSTRY. AND SO WE'VE SEEN SOME CONTINUED SHORTAGES IN THERE, BUT IT'S WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH THAT. ALONG THOSE LINES, WE ARE WE ARE PART OF THE RESEARCH PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF GASTRONOMY EFFORT IS THAT WE ARE WORKING ON RESEARCH TO ASSESS WHERE THE RESTAURANTS LOCAL, INDEPENDENTLY OWNED RESTAURANTS, WHERE THEY'RE AT RIGHT NOW, HOW THEY ADAPTED TO THE PANDEMIC, WHAT CHANGES MIGHT BE PERMANENT. AND THEN WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS LOOK FORWARD AND THEN, OKAY, AS WE MOVE THROUGH THIS, HOW DO WE HELP YOU GROW. WHAT DO WE, AS A COMMUNITY, NEED TO DO TO HELP THIS INDUSTRY GROW? SO WE'RE LOOKING AT WE'RE DOING THAT. AND THE FIRST SURVEY WILL HOPEFULLY BE GOING OUT HERE NEXT MONTH OR TWO, SO... THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL START WITH COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS WITH COUNCILWOMAN VIAGRAN?

VIAGRAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COLLEEN. SO, YES, CITY OF GASTRONOMY IS A WHOLE LOT TO SAY FOR SOME PEOPLE, I DO WANT TO ENCOURAGE MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AS A COMMITTEE TO REALLY SET THE AGENDA OF WHAT WE WANT TO SEE AND TAKE FORWARD TO FULL COUNCIL. AND SO I THINK THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE



CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLEEN, HAVE HER COME BACK WITH REALLY CREATIVE IDEAS, RESTAURANTS THAT WE THINK CAN GET THAT DESIGNATION. I KNOW FISH LON HA JUST MADE "THE NEW YORK TIMES" LIST AND I'M NOMINATING THEM. THEY'LL BE FINE WITH IT, BUT YOU EACH HAVE A RESTAURANT. AND THEN THE ONE THING I'M GOING TO DO IN MY DISTRICT, WHICH I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU, IS CITY OF GASTRONOMY, BUT THEN I WANT THEM TO PICK A FOOD OR PICK A DESCRIPTION OF A FOOD FOR MY RESIDENTS. SO SPICE OR CHEESE OR WHATEVER THEY LIKE, BECAUSE IT IS ABOUT THE FOOD AND THE CULTURE. AND I KNOW IN DISTRICT 3, WE LIKE THE SPICY, WE LIKE THE WE LIKE THE CHEESY, AND IT MIGHT BE THE SAME OR DIFFERENT FOR YOUR DISTRICTS. SO I THINK IT'S ABOUT GETTING THEM OUT THERE AND GETTING THEM TO IDENTIFY, SO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK. I KNOW YOU'RE DOING A LOT OF WORK. I DO SIT ON THE VISIT SAN ANTONIO BOARD. VISIT SAN ANTONIO IS DOING A LOT OF WORK. WE JUST DON'T GET TO SEE THAT BECAUSE THEY TAKE IT OUT. WHENEVER YOU WANT AN UPDATE ON WHAT THEY'RE DOING, LET MYSELF OR MARK ANDERSON KNOW AND THEY CAN SEND THAT TO YOU. BUT I THINK WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS REALLY SPECIFIC TO SAN ANTONIO AND TO YOUR RESIDENTS IN PARTICULAR OF HOW THEY USE FOOD AND HOW THEY USE IT TO CREATE COMMUNITY, TO SHOW LOVE, AND JUST TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE FED. AND I DO WANT TO APPLAUD THE PRIORITIES OF FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD JUSTICE BECAUSE THAT'S A HUGE ISSUE IN MY AREA, AND I THINK THAT IF WE IF WE CONTINUE TO MAKE THAT A PRIORITY, THEN WE'LL SEE IT DECREASE. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. COUNCILMAN BRAVO?

BRAVO: I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE WORK YOU'VE DONE. CONGRATULATIONS ON AND IT'S BEEN A LITTLE WHILE SINCE YOU GOT THAT UNESCO DESIGNATION, BUT I JUST WANT TO WORK WITH YOU AND I'M ACTUALLY EAGER TO HEAR IN THE FUTURE MORE ABOUT THAT COLLABORATION WITH PUEBLA. I ONCE MADE A SIDE TRIP WHEN I WAS IN MEXICO, AND I BOUGHT ABOUT 15 KILOS OF DIFFERENT MOLES, ALL THESE DIFFERENT ONES IN THE MARKET. THE ONLY REASON I DIDN'T BUY MORE IS BECAUSE THAT'S ALL I COULD CARRY. AND MY BAGS WERE DIGGING INTO MY SHOULDERS AT THAT TIME, BUT I'M I AM REALLY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU AND ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO SHOWCASE SAN ANTONIO AS A CITY OF GASTRONOMY. THANKS.



SWAIN: THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: COUNCILMAN MCKEE RODRIGUEZ DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?  
OKAY. COUNCILMAN CASTILLO.

CASTILLO: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. WITH THE NEXT ROUND OF SURVEYS, Y'ALL HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB, BUT WITH THE NEXT ROUND OF SURVEY, I THINK THERE'S OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ASK THE QUESTIONS TO OUR MICROBUSINESSES, IF THEY'VE RECEIVED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, LIKE HOSPITALITY GRANT, AND IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF THAT. BUT THOSE ARE ALL MY COMMENTS.

SWAIN: THANK YOU. AND THAT IS A PROPOSED QUESTION ON DR. NIVINS' SURVEY.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. TREMENDOUS WORK. ALL RIGHT. AND IF ANYBODY CAME HERE FOR THE PARKS PRESENTATION, THE TIME HAS COME. HOMER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. VERY EXCITED TO HEAR ABOUT THIS. I'M GOING TO HAVE LOTS OF COMMENTS WHEN YOU'RE DONE, BUT THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

CLERK: ITEM NUMBER THREE IS THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND PARKSCORE AND 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK INITIATIVE.

GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ON THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND PARKSCORE AND 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. MY NAME IS HOMER GARCIA, DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A COUPLE OF KEY MEMBERS TO OUR TEAM SPECIFIC TO THIS EFFORT. MELINDA SERTA, SHE IS ONE OF TWO ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, AND TONY FORSHAGE, HE IS ONE OF OUR ASSISTANCE MANAGERS, BOTH OF THEM AND SOME OTHERS WORKED VERY CLOSELY ON COMPLETING THE 2021 SURVEY, WHICH IS WHAT I WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING HERE THIS MORNING. SO TO PROVIDE A BIT OF BACKGROUND ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND PUBLISHES AN ANNUAL PARKSCORE INDEX, AND IT LOOKS AT AND RANKS THE 100 LARGEST U.S. CITIES IN AMERICA AND SCORES THEM UPON FIVE CATEGORIES. NOW, THIS YEAR, IN 2021, THERE WAS A NEW CATEGORY HIGHLIGHTED AROUND EQUITY, BUT WE SEE THE OTHER

CATEGORIES ARE ACREAGE, INVESTMENT, AMENITIES, PARK ACCESS, AND ACROSS THESE FIVE CATEGORIES, THERE ARE 14 MEASURES THAT FEED INTO EACH ONE OF THESE. SO FOR 2021, OUR PARKSCORE WAS 60 OUT OF 100. AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE SURVEY CAPTURES NOT ONLY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S INVESTMENT IN OUR GREENSPACE BUT REALLY LOOKS AT ALL AVAILABLE PUBLIC LAND, PARKS AND WILDLIFE, BEXAR COUNTY, SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, SO ANY TIME HERE LOCALLY IN THE COUNTY WE SEE INVESTMENT BY ANY ONE OF OUR PARTNER AGENCIES, WE ARE ALL BENEFITING FROM THAT PARKSCORE AND THAT FEEDS INTO WHAT THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND LOOKS FOR ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. SO WHILE 60 IS REALLY IN THE BACK HALF OR THIRD QUARTILE OF THE INDEX, I WILL HIGHLIGHT THAT IT IS UP FROM WHERE WE WERE A YEAR AGO IN 2020. WE WERE AT 75. SO FOR US, WE LOOK AT THAT AS OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND GROW AS WE STRIVE TO INCREASE OUR RANKING ACROSS THE 100 U.S. LARGEST CITIES. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES A SNAPSHOT I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO, THAT ACROSS THE FIVE CATEGORIES, THERE ARE 14 MEASURES THAT FEED INTO IT. SO AS IT RELATES TO PARK EXCUSE ME. IT'S A LITTLE SMALL ON THE SCREEN, I APOLOGIZE. SO I'M GOING TO LOOK DOWN AND READ TO YOU. SO LOOKING AT PARK ACCESS, IT'S A PERCENT OF POPULATION LIVING WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. I HAVE SOME DETAILS SPECIFIC TO THAT MOMENTARILY. ADDITIONALLY, AROUND ACREAGE. IT CAPTURES TWO THINGS, MEDIAN PARK SIZE AND PARKLAND AS A PERCENT OF THE CITY AREA. AROUND INVESTMENT, IT'S LOOKING AT PUBLIC SPENDING, NONPROFIT SPENDING AND VOLUNTEER HOURS. SO, AGAIN, WHEN WE COLLECTIVELY LOOK AT OUR PUBLIC PARTNER AGENCIES, THIS REALLY HELPS FEED INTO THAT NUMBER AS WELL. AND THEN LASTLY, AMENITIES. THERE'S SEVERAL THINGS THAT ARE MEASURED THAT DRIVES THIS SCORE. IT LOOKS AT BASKETBALL GOALS, DOG PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, SPLASH PADS, COMMUNITY CENTERS AND RESTROOMS, AND THEN LASTLY EQUITY. AND IT'S LOOKING AT TWO PRIMARILY THINGS. PEOPLE OF COLOR WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK AND LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. NOW, I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT WE RANKED 60 OUT OF 100. IN THIS INSTANCE, THESE SCALES ARE ALSO ON 100, SO THE GREEN REPRESENTS THE HIGHER THE SCORE, THEN THAT'S A GOOD THING, RIGHT? SO THE WHITE SPACE REALLY IS AREAS WHERE WE NEED TO FOCUS ON AND CONTINUE TO TRY TO STRATEGIZE TO INCREASE OUR SCORE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THE 2021 PARKSCORE, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF THINGS. FOR 2021, THERE IS 33% MORE PARK SPACE PER PERSON IN LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS THAN THE CITY MEDIAN. SO

WHEN YOU TAKE THAT SAME MEASURE AND COMPARE IT TO HIGH INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, WE GO FROM 33% TO 40%. SO, AGAIN, SOMETHING VERY CRITICAL TO NOTE, AND WHEN THESE SURVEY FINDINGS WERE RELEASED, THOSE WERE BOTH THINGS THAT WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE REPORT. 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SIGNED ONTO IN DECEMBER OF 2018, AND YOU'LL NOTICE SINCE THEN, WE HAVE SEEN SOME SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THIS REGARD. FOR 2021, 48% OF OUR RESIDENTS LIVE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK. AND IT IS WE WERE IDENTIFIED AS A TOP THREE FASTEST RISER AMONG CITIES WITH THE GREATEST INCREASE OF RESIDENTS TO OR WITHIN GREATEST INCREASE OF RESIDENTS WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK OF A PARK, AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO HIGHLIGHT AS WELL, SO PART OF THAT CAMPAIGN OF 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK CALLS THAT ALL RESIDENTS WOULD LIVE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK BY 2050. WE HAVE ADOPTED THAT AND THAT IS PART OF OUR VISION STATEMENT FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. NOW, THERE ARE STRATEGIES THAT WE LOOK AT TO INCREASE PARK ACCESS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CONTINUES TO BE A STRATEGY AS WE MOVE FORWARD HAS BEEN THROUGH OUR SCHOOL PARK PROGRAM. WE HAVE AN EXISTING RELATIONSHIP WITH SAN ANTONIO SPORTS AND THE SANTIKOS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SO THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY THOSE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM TO CONNECT RESIDENTS TO PLAYGROUNDS, PARK AMENITIES, EXERCISE AMENITIES WITHIN THOSE GREENSPACES, AND CURRENTLY THERE ARE 36 COMPLETED SCHOOL PARKS ACROSS EIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND I ALSO WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT WE DO HAVE A SCHOOL PARK IN EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT AS WELL. NOW, KIND OF A VERSION OF THAT, RIGHT, OUR SCHOOL PARKS STRATEGY, THAT IS A FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS DEPARTMENT AND ANY SCHOOL THAT WILL PARTICIPATE. THEY PROVIDE MATCHING DOLLARS, BUT SEPARATE FROM THAT, WE ALSO HAVE WHAT WE REALLY JUST BEGAN THIS FISCAL YEAR ENDED IS OUR RECREATIONAL SCHOOL YARD AGREEMENTS. SO UNDER THAT TYPE OF AGREEMENT, AND NEISD WAS FIRST TO THE TABLE. IT DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY FUNDING. WHAT IT DOES IS NEISD ENTERED INTO AN MOU THAT MAKES AVAILABLE THEIR CAMPUSES AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES TO THE PUBLIC WHEN NOT IN USE BY THE SCHOOL. VERY, VERY SIMILAR TO OUR SCHOOL PARK PROGRAM, SAME THING. THE SCHOOL PARKS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE RESIDENTS WHEN NOT IN SCHOOL. THAT'S FUNDING. THIS RECREATIONAL SCHOOL YARD IS NOT. IT REALLY DOESN'T COST US ANYTHING. AND REALLY WHAT WE'VE

DISCOVERED WE'RE JUST CAPTURING THE PRACTICE THAT IS IN PLACE ALREADY. WE KNOW MANY RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO THEIR SCHOOLS, WALK ON THEIR TRACK, AND SO WE'RE JUST KIND OF TRUEING UP AND CAPTURING THE PRACTICE THAT'S IN PLACE. WE CURRENTLY ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SEISD TO DO THE SAME, AS WELL AS HARLANDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. SO, AGAIN, REALLY LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN EXTEND THE REACH OF OUR PARTNERS AND PUBLIC PARKLAND TO THE RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, WE ALSO HAVE OUR OWN CITY ASSETS, SO WE LOOK AT EXISTING STORMWATER PROPERTY, FOR EXAMPLE. THIS BUDGET WORK SESSION THAT JUST CONCLUDED HERE, JUST SEEMS LIKE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO I GUESS, WE TALKED ABOUT THE IDEAS OF LOOKING AT MAYBE THERE ARE TRAFFIC ISLANDS OR OTHER RIGHT OF WAY THAT WE COULD UTILIZE AS POTENTIAL GREENSPACE LOOKING AT CONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH UTILITIES EASEMENTS. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES WHERE WE'VE DONE SO IN DISTRICT 10, SAME WITH DISTRICT 9, SO REALLY JUST LOOKING AT OUR CURRENT ASSETS, REALLY NOT DEALING WITH ACQUISITION, SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO EXTEND PEOPLE TO OUR PARK PROPERTIES THROUGH THOSE UTILITY EASEMENTS AS WELL, AND THEN, OF COURSE, PROBABLY THE BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE THINK ABOUT ACQUISITION, REALLY IT IS ON EVERY FIVE YEARS WE HAVE OUR BOND PROGRAM, SO STRATEGICALLY LOOKING AT WHERE WE NEED TO MAKE THESE INVESTMENTS SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO ACQUIRE PARKLAND AND GROW OUR GREENSPACE, OUR HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL SYSTEM, GREENWAY TRAILS ALSO CONTINUES TO BE VERY, VERY POPULAR. AND THEN WE DO HAVE PARTNERS THAT WILL STEP UP AND MAKE DONATIONS TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO THAT ALLOWS US TO CAPTURE AND GROW OUR GREENSPACE. MOST NOTABLY COMES TO MIND WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT A DONATION IN DISTRICT 7 IN ANNIE FALCON, AND SO WE'RE ACTIVELY TRYING TO PLAN TO EXPAND THAT GREENSPACE AND DEVELOP IT AS WELL. REALLY NOT JUST ONE STRATEGY THAT DRIVES US FORWARD, BUT IT'S MANY LAYERS. AND SO WITH THAT, THAT WILL CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION. I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AS WELL AS MELINDA AND TONY. BUT THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. AND WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN AND RECORD NOTES.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU, HOMER. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE READY TO JUMP INTO THEIR COMMENTS. JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK REQUESTS. REALLY GLAD TO SEE THE MOST IMPROVED. I GUESS THAT'S THE FASTEST RISER.

GARCIA: YES, MA'AM.

SANDOVAL: I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US IF YOU'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN E MAIL TO US, REGARDING HOW SOME OF THE SCORES ARE COMPUTED, WHAT THEY REPRESENT, BASICALLY.

GARCIA: THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES. THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND SURVEY, IT'S REALLY EASY TO USE. WE WILL SEND IT TO EVERYONE. IT GIVES YOU A DIRECT LINK SO THAT YOU CLICK ON IT. AND SOME OF THE IMAGES YOU SAW ARE DIRECTLY EXTRACTED FROM THAT REPORT, SO IT GIVES YOU A LITTLE BIT OF A DEEP DIVE, BUT WE CAN DEFINITELY GET THAT INFORMATION TO EVERYBODY.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. AND ONE THING I NOTICED WHEN I CAME ON COUNCIL IS THAT WE HAD I CAME ON IN 2017 WITH A NUMBER OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOND HAD JUST BEEN APPROVED AND A LOT OF WORK WORK IS ALWAYS HAPPENING ON PARKS, FORTUNATELY. BUT THE SIDEWALKS OR THE ACCESS TO THE PARKS WASN'T ALWAYS THERE, PART OF THE PROJECT, RIGHT, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOU FOCUS ON WHAT'S THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY. SO WHEN WE LOOK AT THE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION LIVING WITHIN A 10 MILE WALK TO A PARK, DOES THAT BY ANY CHANCE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHETHER IT'S SAFE TO WALK THERE?

GARCIA: YES. ABSOLUTELY. SO IN THIS PAST FISCAL YEAR, WE STARTED A DIALOGUE WITH ANTHONY AND HIS TEAM IN PUBLIC WORKS TO LOOK AT THOSE AREAS WHERE SO THINK OF IT THIS WAY, RIGHT? EVERYONE 48% MAY LIVE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK, BUT IF THEY DON'T HAVE A WHAT'S THE EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THEIR DOORSTEP AND GETTING TO THE GREENSPACE? SO WE HAVE STARTED THAT DIALOGUE. ACTUALLY, TONY IS WORKING WITH SOMEONE ON ANTHONY'S TEAM, AND I'LL TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER, MADAM CHAIR, SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JUST MAYBE THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, BUT EVEN LOOKING AT THE URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT. I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT DOUG, RIGHT, AND I ALWAYS TELL DOUG, HE HAS A SMALL TEAM, HIS SUCCESS REALLY RELIES ON PARKS, PUBLIC WORKS, A LOT OF OUR SISTER DEPARTMENTS. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AS WELL IS NOT ONLY THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, BUT EVERYONE IF THE WALKWAY IS SAFE, BUT, YOU KNOW, IN THE NORMAL SUMMER, IT'S REALLY,

REALLY HOT. WE CAN LOOK AT HOW WE CAN THEN MAYBE STRATEGICALLY PLANT TREES AS WELL SO THAT THAT EXPERIENCE FROM YOUR DOORSTEP TO THE PARK IS HOPEFULLY A PLEASANT ONE, YOU CAN GET THEIR SAFELY, AND SO WE HAVE THE TOOLS TO DO THAT. AND THAT'S KIND OF ONE OF OUR STRATEGIES THAT WE'LL BE WORKING METHODICALLY TO START PLANNING FOR AND IMPLEMENTING.

SANDOVAL: THAT SOUNDS FANTASTIC. REALLY GLAD THAT'S TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. MY OFFICE AND I JUST WENT THROUGH THE EXERCISE WITH A SELECTION OF BOND OR PROPOSAL OF BOND PROJECTS, AND DISTRICT 7 HAS SOME OF THE BIGGEST SIDEWALK GAPS, SO TO PRIORITIZE THEM, WE LOOKED AT BUS ROUTES, MAJOR THOROUGHFARES BUT WE ALSO LOOKED AT PARKS IN ALL OF THE DISTRICT AND IDENTIFIED WHERE THE SIDEWALK GAPS WERE GETTING TO THEM. SO WE'RE GOING TO BE PROPOSING THAT AS ONE OF OUR BOND ITEMS FOR DISTRICT 7, BUT I'D LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU AND POSSIBLY COMPLEMENT THAT WITH SOME TREE MITIGATION FUNDING FOR POTENTIAL SHADE STRUCTURES OR NOT STRUCTURES, TREES.

GARCIA: YES. ABSOLUTELY. I THINK IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND LOVE TO BE PART OF THAT PROCESS AND DIALOGUE.

SANDOVAL: YAY! WONDERFUL. OKAY. GO FOR IT, COUNCILMAN MCKEE RODRIGUEZ?

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: HI, HOMER. THANK YOU, CHAIR. MY FIRST QUESTION IS, WHAT DEFINES A PARK?

GARCIA: IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS PRESENTATION AND WHAT TPL SURVEYS, IT'S ANYTHING AND THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT, BECAUSE I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS I MEANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS IT IS ABOUT ACCESS TO PUBLIC GREENSPACE, WHETHER IT'S CITY OWNED, THE COUNTY, WHAT HAVE YOU. SO IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS, IT'S PUBLIC ACCESS TO GREENSPACE. WE KNOW THAT REALLY WHILE 48% HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC GREENSPACE, THERE'S ALSO A LARGE YOU KNOW, THERE ARE COMMUNITIES OR POCKETS IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVE ACCESS TO PRIVATE GREENSPACE. THAT IS NOT COUNTED HERE, THAT IS NOT REFLECTED HERE. AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THOSE RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO GREENSPACE. SO I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION BECAUSE I KNOW I

THINK I HIGHLIGHTED THAT WHEN WE HAD OUR BUDGET PRESENTATION IN SEPTEMBER, BUT THAT IS A CRITICAL THING TO KNOW. THERE IS PRIVATE GREENSPACE, THIS DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THAT. SO IT'S NOT A MECHANISM [LAPSE IN AUDIO] CONSIDERED. SO DOES THAT GIVE YOU ENOUGH INSIGHT OR CONTEXT.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: YES. I'M ALWAYS JUST WORRIED THAT RANDOM VACANT LOTS ARE GOING TO COUNT AS A PARK IN DISTRICT 2.

GARCIA: NO. BUN OF THE THINGS I HIGHLIGHTED ON HERE WAS STORMWATER PROPERTY. THERE ARE SOME PIECES THAT PROVIDE GOOD CONNECTIVITY TO A PARK OR CAN BE DEVELOPED AS A PARK. WE HAVE EXAMPLES WHERE OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE INVESTED FUNDS TO LOOK AT STORMWATER PROPERTIES, THE CURRENT ONE IS DISTRICT 6. WE WORKED WITH RAZI AND HIS TEAM. IT'S NOT JUST LOOKING AT A STORMWATER FEATURE AND SAYING I'M GOING TO COUNT IT. THAT'S DISINGENUOUS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU FURTHER PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN, WHEN WE LOOK AT, SAY, A BASKETBALL COURT, FOR EXAMPLE, IF IT'S GETTING LITTLE USE, I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO EVALUATE, WELL, SHOULD THAT SPACE BE BETTER SERVED DOING SOMETHING ELSE? FULL WELL KNOWING IF IT'S NO LONGER A BASKETBALL COURT, THAT MEANS IT'S ADVERSELY GOING TO IMPACT OUR PARKSCORE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE SHOULDN'T CONSIDER IT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE GOING TO THROW UP BASKETBALL HOOPS UP EVERYWHERE, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE OUR GREENSPACE IS REFLECTIVE OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS AND HOW THEY'RE GOING TO USE IT. SO IT IS NOT JUST ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY OR STORMWATER, EVEN THOUGH IT'S PUBLIC PROPERTY, BUT REALLY SERVING A PARK PURPOSE AND CONNECTION TO A PARK.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: THANK YOU. AND THIS NEXT ONE, IT MIGHT SOUND SILLY, BUT MY TEAM AND I DEBATE ABOUT THIS QUITE A BIT. DO CEMETERIES COUNT AS PARKS.

GARCIA: YES. TONY, I'M GOING TO LOOK CEMETERY PARKLAND, IS THIS PICKED UP IN THERE? AND I BELIEVE THAT IT IS. YES. SO EVERYTHING, THE HISTORIC CEMETERIES, RIGHT THERE BY PITTMAN SULLIVAN, WE HAVE SAN JOSE BURIAL PARK IN DISTRICT 3, SO THE ANSWER IS YES.



MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: INTERESTING. I THINK THAT'S WORTH ANOTHER CONVERSATION. I GUESS ANOTHER QUESTION THAT I HAVE IS SO BECAUSE WE MOVED UP FROM 75TH TO 60TH. I'M WONDERING WHY? ARE THE NUMBER OF PARKS INCREASING OR IS IT POSSIBLE THAT APARTMENTS OR HOUSING IS BEING BUILT CLOSER TO PARKS THAT EXIST? AND SO...

GARCIA: SO I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR TONY COME UP AND SPEAK BECAUSE I KNOW THE ANSWER, BUT HE HAS DONE SUCH HE AND MELINDA BOTH REALLY PEELED BACK ALL THE LAYERS OF WHAT THIS MEANS, SO TONY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS? HOW WE WERE ABLE TO JUMP FROM 75 TO 60.

SURE. WELL, AND AS HOMER ELUDED, WE RELY ON OUR PARTNERS, SO ONE WAY WE DID IT WAS COUNTY ACQUISITIONS, NEW PARKLAND PURCHASED BY THE COUNTY IN ADDITION TO THE CITY. AND THEN THE OTHER REALLY BIG PIECE OF IT WAS WE WORKED SORRY. WE WORKED WITH OUR CONTRACTS DIVISION IN ORDER TO BRING ON A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND SO WE BROUGHT ON A LOT OF NEW SCHOOL PARKS. AND THAT BOTH IMPROVED OUR 10 MINUTE WALK, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT, BY THE WAY, TO A HALF A MILE WALK.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: UH HUH.

AND IT ALSO IMPROVED OUR AMENITY SCORE DRAMATICALLY, BECAUSE IF THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES, WE HAD BASKETBALL COURTS OR PLAYGROUNDS, WE GOT AN INCREASED SCORE FOR THAT. SO THOSE ARE THE TWO PRIMARY WAYS BY WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO IMPROVE SO DRAMATICALLY.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: SO WE BELIEVE IT'S BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN PARKS AND ACQUISITION AND THINGS LIKE THAT, RATHER THAN PEOPLE MOVING OR BUILDING PROPERTY CLOSER TO PARKS?

NO.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: OKAY.

GARCIA: AND I CAN GIVE YOU KIND OF A REAL CONCRETE EXAMPLE HERE. SO WE TALKED ABOUT A RECREATIONAL SCHOOL YARD. THAT, YOU KNOW, IS NOT

SOMETHING WHERE WE HAVE TO SUBMIT LIKE UNDER OUR SCHOOL PART WHERE WE WOULD SAY, HERE'S FUNDING, LET'S BUILD A PLAYGROUND OR WHATEVER THAT CASE MAY BE. IN OUR RECREATIONAL SCHOOL YARD MODEL WITH NEISD, WE WERE ABLE TO PICK UP MORE THAN 40 CAMPUSES THAT PREVIOUSLY WERE NOT IN OUR INVENTORY. WE WEREN'T HIGHLIGHTING THAT. THE REALITY IS, THOUGH, VERY LIKELY, THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN USING ALL OF THOSE CAMPUSES FOR YEARS. WE JUST, AGAIN, THROUGH REALLY PEELING BACK THE LAYERS OF DATA, TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY'RE GETTING IT. AND SO BACK TO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT IT COUNTS, LIKE BASKETBALL GOALS, FOR EXAMPLE, OR BATHROOMS, NOW THINK ABOUT STEPPING ONTO A MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS, YOU HAVE BASKETBALL COURTS, YOU HAVE BATHROOMS, SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT WERE ABLE TO FEED INTO THAT WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE. AND SO, AGAIN, EXTENDING THAT TO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS WELL, BUT SO THAT'S KIND OF MORE BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE DATA. I DON'T THINK IT WAS SO MUCH ABOUT NEW DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH NEXT TO GREENSPACES, IT WAS ABOUT WHAT DRIVES THE NUMBERS AND THEN UTILIZING OUR PARTNERS TO EXTEND OUR REACH.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU. AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION, I KNOW I'M GOING A LITTLE... SO IS IT POSSIBLE TO COMPARE DISTRICT BY DISTRICT, SPECIFICALLY I KNOW DISTRICT 2 HAS A LARGER LAND AREA THAN SOME OTHER DISTRICTS AND THIS MIGHT MEAN THAT A 10 MINUTE WALK IS LESS ACHIEVABLE, SO I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT.

GARCIA: ABSOLUTELY. SO WE'LL DO A COUPLE OF THINGS. IN THAT TPL SCORE, THERE IS A VERY EASY TO USE MAP, IT KIND OF HIGHLIGHTS I THINK THEY USE THE COLOR TWO SHADES OF PURPLE AND PURPLE WOULD GENERALLY MEAN THAT COMMUNITY IS BELOW THE 10 MINUTE WALK. SO IT'S LIKE A HEAT MAP. AND YOU CAN SEE IT. SO WE USE THAT TO STRATEGIZE KIND OF OR BASED ON SOME OF THE THEMES THAT WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY, THAT'S WHAT WE USED TO TRY TO DRIVE FORWARD AND START TO FILL SOME OF THESE GAPS. SO WE WILL POPULATE THAT LINK SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN BE ABLE TO KIND OF DRILL DOWN A LITTLE BIT AND SEE. BUT IT IS VERY EASY TO USE.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: WONDERFUL.

GARCIA: YEAH, WE LOOK AT THAT, TOO.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: THANK YOU SO MUCH, HOMER.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO SKIP OVER TO COUNCILWOMAN VIAGRAN FOR A SECOND.

VIAGRAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, HOMER. I JUST WANT TO SAY I'M GLAD YOU'RE TAKING IT INTO THE HEAT INDEX, BECAUSE I AM 10 MINUTES FROM MISSION REACH, BUT TO GET THERE, IT'S ALL STREETS AND PAVEMENT, SO IT'S A REALLY IT'S A HOT WALK, SO [LAPSE IN AUDIO] I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THAT INTO CONSIDERATION. THE ONE THING THAT'S COMING UP WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PARKLAND IN THIS TRUST IS THE RESTROOMS, AND I HEAR IT FROM MY CONSTITUENTS, THEY DON'T WANT THE PORTA POTTIES, THEY DON'T NECESSARILY WANT THE FULL ON BATHROOMS, MAYBE A PORT A LOO OR SOMETHING THAT THEY DO. I KNOW THEY HAVE THEM IN AUSTIN WHERE IT JUST LOOKS LIKE THIS BIG MONSTER CONFIGURATION, SO I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AS WE MOVE THAT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF Y'ALL CAN DO 10 MINUTE WALKS AND THEN LET THEM KNOW WHERE THE NEAREST BATHROOM IS, LIKE HERE'S YOUR 10 MINUTE WALK AND THERE'S YOUR THREE MINUTE WALK TO YOUR BATHROOM. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE IDENTIFYING THAT. WHEN IT COMES TO THE LAND ACQUISITION, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT FLOOD WHEN WE ACQUIRE IT, IF IT'S IN A FLOODPLAIN, THAT WE'RE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THAT BUILDS, BUT WE KNOW THAT NOTHING ELSE CAN GO THERE. ALSO WHEN WE LOOK INTO OUR CREEKWAYS WHERE THE WATER FLOWS FROM OUR CREEKWAYS, BECAUSE WHEN WE DO HAVE THESE PARKS, IF THEY'RE LEAVING A LOT OF TRASH BEHIND, THEN THAT ENDS UP IN THE RIVER. AND ALSO THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S THERE. BECAUSE I HAVE RESIDENTS IN DISTRICT 3 THAT IF THERE'S SOMETHING OVERGROWN, THEY AUTOMATICALLY WANT IT TO STAY GREENSPACE, BUT THERE'S INFRASTRUCTURE THERE. AND IT BELONGS TO SOMEBODY, SO IF THERE'S INFRASTRUCTURE THERE AND THERE'S A BUILD THAT WE CAN HAVE, I DON'T WANT THEM I WANT US TO BE VERY CLEAR WHEN WE TALK ABOUT LAND ACQUISITION FOR PUBLIC PARKS, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. SO THEY THAT OUR RESIDENTS DON'T THINK THAT IT'S FOR WHATEVER EMPTY SPACE WE HAVE OUT THERE. SO I JUST I WANT YOU TO KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WE MOVE FORWARD. BUT THANK YOU FOR THE WORK. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOU GETTING HARLANDALE IN THE MIX AND IF YOU NEED ANY HELP

WITH THEM, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THANK YOU.

GARCIA: YES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS, SUPPORT. ALL GOOD STUFF, AND WE'LL USE THAT IN OUR PLANNING EFFORTS. AND IF I NEED AN ASSIST, I'LL REACH OUT, BUT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE GOOD WORK. THANK YOU.

SANDOVAL: THANK YOU. COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO?

CASTILLO: THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANKS, HOMER. I'M PLEASED TO HEAR THAT WE'RE HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT SIDEWALK GAPS. I'M IN FAVOR OF A 10 MINUTE WALK TO A PARK BUT I HAD CONCERNS ABOUT SIDEWALK GAPS AND THE SAFETY IN GETTING TO THAT PARK. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS CAN PROVIDE EACH DISTRICT WITH GAPS NEAR PARKS WITHIN OUR DISTRICTS, SO THAT WAY MOVING FORWARD, WE KNOW WHERE TO PRIORITIZE WHETHER, RATHER, WHETHER IT'S NONADA COMPLIANT OR A SIDEWALK GAP THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THAT SIDEWALK GAP. IN ADDITION TO THAT, ON SLIDE 5, I THINK IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL THAT RATHER THAN IDENTIFYING BY JUST RACE, IF WE CAN HAVE A BREAKDOWN FOR EXAMPLE, LOW INCOME HISPANIC NEIGHBORHOOD, THE PARK SPACE, LIKE THE GAP. AND THEN THE PARK SPACE GAP BETWEEN LOW INCOME WHITE COMMUNITIES, I THINK THAT WOULD ALSO BE VERY HELPFUL. BUT OTHER THAN THAT, MY LAST QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ACTIVATE OUR PARKS RIGHT NOW IN SUPPORTING COMMUNITY LED ACTIVITIES?

GARCIA: OKAY. AND SO THE LAST PIECE, AND I'M GOING TO ASK TONY TO CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, SO BACK TO THE TPL SURVEY, IT ALLOWS US OR ANYBODY, TO KIND OF DO A DEEP DIVE TO SEE SOME OF THAT GRANULAR DATA AS IT RELATES TO RACE, ETHNICITY, IS THAT CORRECT, TONY?

YES. IN FACT, I'LL QUICKLY COMMENT THAT HOMER MENTIONED THAT WE'RE HOVERING AT ABOUT 51% YEAH, 51 FOR OUR EQUITY SCORE, WHICH, YOU KNOW, THAT'S MODEST. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS THAT THE TAKE HOME MESSAGES IN THE REPORT INDICATES THAT WHILE 40% OF HIGH INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS ARE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK, THAT 54% OF LOWER INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS ARE WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK. AND NEIGHBORHOODS

OF COLOR ARE APPROXIMATELY 30 HAVE APPROXIMATELY 30% MORE PARK SPACE PER PERSON THAN THE CITY MEDIAN, AND THEN FINALLY, LOWER INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE 33% MORE PARKSPACE THAN THE CITY MEDIAN. AND 40% MORE THAN HIGH INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS. SO JUST SOME HIGHLIGHTS TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE OVERALL 50%, OR 51% SCORE. SAN ANTONIO RANKS SORT OF UNIQUE IN THAT REGARD THAN A LOT OF THE CITIES IN THE TOP HUNDRED.

CASTILLO: THANK YOU.

GARCIA: THANK YOU. AND TO YOUR LAST QUESTION, HOW WE'RE ACTIVATING SPACE, ONE PRIMARILY WAY IS OUR FITNESS IN THE PARK PROGRAM. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING THIS YEAR AS PART OF OUR WORK PLAN IS LOOKING UTILIZING OUR FITNESS PROGRAMMING IN OPEN GREENSPACE, REALLY BASED ON THE AREAS OF NEED. ADDITIONALLY, IF WE'RE ABLE TO EXTEND THOSE BEYOND THE PARK, SO, FOR EXAMPLE, MAYBE THERE'S A LOCAL CIVIC GROUP THAT CAN'T MAKE IT OUT TO THE PARK, BUT THEY HAVE, I DON'T KNOW, A QUARTERLY MEETING AT A CHURCH OR SOMETHING, MAYBE WE CAN GO THERE AND DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

CASTILLO: UH HUH.

GARCIA: SO THAT'S ONE WAY WE'RE ACTIVATING OUR GREENSPACES. THE STRATEGY, AGAIN, WOULD BE CITYWIDE, BUT WE'RE DOING THIS IN DISTRICT 5. ADDITIONALLY WE HAVE ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS, THEY ARE OPEN. WE ARE LOOKING AT WHEN WE'RE NOT THERE, HAVING IT STAFFED AND OPENED TO RECEIVE THE KIDS WHEN THEY GET OUT OF SCHOOL, THAT MEANS THE FACILITY'S STILL AN ASSET THERE. IF THERE'S A PARTNER GROUP OR CIVIC GROUP THAT MAY WANT TO COME IN AND UTILIZE THE SPACE IN THE MORNING WHEN WE'RE NOT THERE, THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER WAY TO EXTEND OUR REACH, ACTIVATE THE ASSET BY OPENING UP OUR DOORS TO A GROUP THAT WANTS TO COME IN AND MAYBE DO PROGRAMMING AS WELL. SO WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TOO FAR DOWN THE ROAD, WE JUST STARTED THAT DISCUSSION. IF THERE'S ANYONE PARTICULAR IN MIND THAT WE THINK, YOU KNOW, WOULD WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT, THAT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT WE COULD ENTERTAIN AS WELL. SO THOSE ARE TWO PRIMARY WAYS WE'RE LOOKING AT ACTIVATING OUR SPACES. AND THEN PROBABLY THE LAST ONE IS MORE SPECIAL EVENT DRIVEN, WE HAVE DIFFERENT TYPES OF

PROGRAMMING IN OUR NATURAL AREAS. WE TAKE KIND OF THEY CALL IT OUR DISCOVER NATURE SERIES, IT'S LIKE OUR NATURE ROAD SHOW, IF YOU WILL. SO FOR THOSE SPACES THAT ARE IN URBAN PARKS, MAYBE THE RESIDENTS CAN'T GET TO A NATURAL AREA BECAUSE THEY'RE KIND OF, YOU KNOW, GEOGRAPHICALLY DISPERSED, WE BRING THE NATURE TO THEM. SO WE TRY TO BE REALLY CAREFUL IN PLANNING THAT SO THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE KIND OF REALLY MAKING SURE WE'RE IN THE SWEET SPOT TO HAVE THE BIGGEST DRAW. SO THAT'S JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING TO ACTIVATE OUR GREENSPACES. REALLY A MULTITUDE OF WAYS, BUT WE'RE ALSO OPEN TO FEEDBACK AND NEW IDEAS AS WELL.

CASTILLO: GREAT. THANK YOU, HOMER.

GARCIA: YES.

SANDOVAL: JUST A QUICK CLARIFYING QUESTION, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ACCESS TO PARKS [LAPSE IN AUDIO]

GARCIA: YES, ANY OF THE OTHER, THE COUNTY, TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE, THE RIVER AUTHORITY, PUBLIC ACCESS.

SANDOVAL: SO FOR THOSE OF US WHO MAY HAVE HOAS IN OUR DISTRICTS THAT HAVE PRIVATE PARKS OR OTHER SAFETY [LAPSE IN AUDIO] RESIDENTS, THIS DOES NOT TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT?

GARCIA: THAT IS CORRECT.

SANDOVAL: OKAY. GREAT. THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN, DID YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?

BRAVO: THANKS FOR THIS PRESENTATION, HOMER. I'M WONDERING, SO THIS IS THEIR PARKSCORE. DO WE HAVE OUR OWN PARKSCORE? YOU MENTIONED THAT WE MAY NOT WANT TO ADD MORE BASKETBALL COURTS WHERE THEY'RE NOT NEEDED BECAUSE THAT'S JUST JUST TO INCREASE OUR SCORE THERE. HOW DO WE SCORE OURSELVES AND WHAT ARE WE HOW ARE WE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION MAYBE THAT OKAY, WE'RE DOING BETTER NOW BY HAVING PARKS THAT ARE



WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK WITHIN LOW INCOME AREAS AND PRIORITIZING THAT, AND SAYING, YOU KNOW WHAT? A LOT OF LOW INCOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION, SO LET'S FOCUS ON THAT EVEN MORE, OR HOW ARE WE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION CLIMATE CHANGE, FLOODING ISSUES THAT WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, EXTREME HEAT AND HOW WE ADDRESS THAT OR ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE UNIQUE TO SAN ANTONIO. DO WE HAVE OUR OWN GUIDELINES AND SCORING MATRIX?

GARCIA: CURRENTLY, WE DO NOT. WHAT WE LOOK AT THESE OTHER THINGS, I'LL GIVE YOU THE ANECDOTAL PIECES, IT'S MORE ANECDOTAL. BUT FOR WHAT WE GO BY, WE LOOK AT THIS PARKSCORE. I THINK, THOUGH, TO YOUR POINT ABOUT US BEING A LITTLE BIT UNIQUE, OR TONY MENTIONED UNIQUE, BUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT WORKS FOR SAN ANTONIO. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE LOOK AT IS, WELL, WHENEVER THERE'S A COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY, KIND OF USING THAT AS AN INDICATION OF WHAT THE SENSE IS BY THE COMMUNITY AND HOW WE'RE DOING IN MEETING THEIR NEEDS. ADDITIONALLY OF COURSE, WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS. BUT I THINK MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU KNOW, I TALKED ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS AND DOUG AND SUSTAINABILITY AND WHAT ROLE PARKS PLAYS, YOU KNOW, THE CITY MANAGER TALKED ABOUT WANTING TO BE A DATA DRIVEN AGENCY, AND SO, YOU KNOW, WE'RE CARRYING THAT FORWARD. WE'RE IN PARKS RIGHT NOW IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO ORGANIZE AROUND THAT, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US? AND I DO THINK THAT THERE IS A STORY THERE TO TELL. WE'RE NOT ORGANIZED THAT WAY JUST YET. I THINK ONCE WE GET THAT TABLE SET, THAT'S THE NEXT ITERATION OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE GOOD PIECES OF INFORMATION TO KNOW THAT MAYBE IS NOT PICKED UP IN THE TPL SCORE, SO BUT, AGAIN, THAT'S MORE OF A PLANNING PROCESS AND BEING ABLE FOR US TO TELL OUR OWN STORY WHERE WE THINK THERE THIS ISN'T REALLY DOING JUST THAT, BUT CURRENTLY WE'RE NOT AT THAT POINT. WE REALLY JUST LOOK TO THESE OTHER ANECDOTAL PIECES OF INFORMATION.

BRAVO: SO WOULD IT MAKE SENSE TO MAYBE COME FORWARD TO THIS COMMITTEE WITH SOME OF THE DATA THAT YOU LOOK AT AND MAYBE WE CAN START WORKING TOGETHER ON HOW WE SCORE PARKS AND HAVE A YOU KNOW, I GUESS HAVE A PLAN FOR HOW WE DECIDE HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE SPENDING MONEY ON PARKS GOING FORWARD?



GARCIA: YES. I DO THINK THAT IT MAKES SENSE THAT WE FIGURE OUT A METHODOLOGY THAT WE CAN THEN SHARE. AND A LITTLE BIT DOES TIE BACK TO THAT, YOU KNOW, PARK EXPERIENCE BEFORE YOU GET TO THE PARK, RIGHT, OR BEYOND THE PARK AS I WOULD REFER TO IT, THINKING ABOUT YOU STEP OUT YOUR FRONT DOOR, WHAT IS THAT EXPERIENCE LIKE. SO I THINK THAT ALL THAT IS TIED TOGETHER. AND THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES, WE'RE JUST NOT QUITE THERE YET. BUT I DO THINK WE NEED TO KIND OF CREATE THAT AND THEN WE CAN COME BACK AND SHARE THAT, OR IF THERE'S PIECES THAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT, WE ABSOLUTELY WILL TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AS WELL.

BRAVO: GREAT. YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE THAT YOU MENTIONED HOW SOMETIMES YOU LOOK AT PEOPLE'S PATH TO THE PARKS AND SOMETIMES SEEING, SHOULD WE PLANT SOME TREES THERE TO GIVE PEOPLE MORE SHADE. IT'S HOT HERE. IT'S GOING TO GET HOTTER. I USED TO HAVE A DOG NAMED MOUSE WHO LIKED TO CHASE CATS. AND MOUSE LOVED TO CHASE TENNIS BALLS, BUT IF I TOOK HER OUT DURING THE DAY, IT WAS SO HOT, THAT SHE COULD ONLY CHASE THE TENNIS BALL FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. IF I TOOK HER OUT AT NIGHTTIME AFTER THE SUN WENT DOWN, SHE COULD CHASE THE TENNIS BALL UNTIL MY ARM GOT TIRED. AND I LIVED NEAR DOWNTOWN IN AUSTIN, AND THERE WAS A GOLF COURSE THERE. AND AFTER THE BARS CLOSED, ALL THE NEIGHBORS WOULD GO TO THE GOLF COURSE AND IT TURNED INTO LIKE AN AFTER HOURS DOG PARK. AND SO I KNOW THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ABLE TO USE PARKS, THAT TOLD ME THAT PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN USING PARKS HERE IN THE EVENINGS, AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN IT'S NOT SO HOT OUT. I'M WONDERING, WHAT IS YOUR SENSE HERE? AND THEN DO WE HAVE ENOUGH I MEAN, DO WE HAVE PARKS THAT CLOSE AT 10:00 P.M.? DO WE HAVE PARKS THAT ARE WELL LIT AT NIGHT? AND ARE THEY SAFE AT NIGHT FOR PEOPLE TO GO OUT AND USE THEM?

GARCIA: YEAH, I THINK IT'S EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN. GENERAL PARK CURFEW IS 11:00 P.M. SO THEY'RE OPEN FROM 5:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M. AND MOST OF OUR PARKS WE DO HAVE A FEW ONE OFFS, LIKE WOODLAWN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT USED TO BE, I BELIEVE, 24 HOURS, AND.

SANDOVAL: IT'S MIDNIGHT NOW.

GARCIA: IN 2014, I FEEL, WE DID SOME FIELD STUDIES OVER SEVERAL MONTHS AND

WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY AND ENDED UP WITH A PARK CURFEW THERE THAT BEGINS AT MIDNIGHT. SO THERE THE PARK'S CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 5:00 P.M. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF ODD BALLS. GENERALLY, THOUGH, AS A BROAD STROKE, PARK OCCUR VIEW AT 11:00. WE DO HAVE LIGHTS IN A LOT OF OUR URBAN PARKS, IN OUR NATURAL AREAS. THAT'S NOT THE CASE. THOSE ARE SUN UP TO SUN DOWN, SO IT'S KIND OF EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN, BUT WE HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PARK POLICE. YOU KNOW, FOR US, AS WE CONTINUE TO SEE PARK USAGE, I THINK THEY MAKE THEM SAFER SPACES. IF SOMEBODY'S GOING TO BE DOING SOMETHING, THEY DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT, AND SO THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT DRIVE FORWARD OUR WORK IN PLANNING AND, AGAIN, WE'RE OPEN TO THOUGHTS AND IDEAS AS WE LOOK TO EXPAND OUR PARK SYSTEM.

BRAVO: GREAT. THANKS A LOT, HOMER.

GARCIA: YES, SIR.

SANDOVAL: WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, HOMER. I APPRECIATE IT. SO WE HAVE ABOUT ONE MINUTE LEFT FOR OUR MEETING, AND I KNOW SOMEONE WANTED TO HAVE A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE MINUTES. WE WILL HAVE TO STAY LATE IF WE DO THAT, SO I'LL LEAVE IT UP TO THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO I WOULD NEED A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE MINUTES. A MOTION FROM SOMEONE WHO VOTED.

MCKEE-RODRIGUEZ: I MOVE TO RECONSIDER THE MINUTES, ITEM 1.

SANDOVAL: IS THERE A SECOND? ALL RIGHT. WE DON'T HAVE A SECOND. SO ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE MEETING IS CONCLUDED.