



City of Sebastopol

SEBASTOPOL COMMONS: BUILDING THE COMMONS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES (ABBREVIATED)

In Person Location: Sebastopol City Hall, City Hall Conference Room, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol

Remote Teleconference Participation: 12125 Ramsey Road, Sebastopol

CALL TO ORDER: *Councilmember Zollman called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm*

ROLL CALL:

Attendees: *Councilmember Stephen Zollman, RM Horrell, Councilmember Phill Carter, Ray Holley, Sarah Glade Gurney, Naomi Hupert, Kent Jenkins, Mary Lou Schmidt, Remote: Fred Engbarth*

Other: *Interpreters*

Absent: *None*

City Staff: *Mary Gourley, Erik Billing, Elissa Overton*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The City of Sebastopol acknowledges that we live and work within the unceded ancestral homelands of the Southern Pomo and the Coast Miwok people. We pay our respect to the past, present, and future generations of these peoples, including the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Committee meeting: 11/10/2025
 - MOTION: Approve after change of one attendee
 - Yay's: 9, Nay's: 0,

II. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- Funding Assessment Subcommittee
 - ACTION: Staff to post maps to Dropbox when created: Aerial, flood plain, future development.
- Community Needs Assessment Subcommittee
 - ACTION: Subcommittee will create system of weights for interview exercise.
 - ACTION: Subcommittee will list affiliations and additional members to interview.
 - ACTION: Fred to send heat map on where people come from to visit the Library
- Public Messaging Subcommittee
 - ACTION: RM to submit revised messaging using "Building the Commons" as name. Staff will post to Dropbox.
 - ACTION: Mary will create agenda report templates for committee to report at City Council meeting.
 - ACTION: Dissolve this subcommittee.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE COMPOSITION

- Possible need for restructuring of current Subcommittee's or establishment of additional subcommittee(s)
- Identify focus topic(s) of each Subcommittee
- ACTION: Keep this item on the agenda in the event subcommittee needs restructuring.
- ACTION: Add item to allow reorganization of standing committee.
- ACTION: Add "OLD BUSINESS" section on the agenda.
- ACTION: Staff to call Erika (Library) to determine if she wants to fill the library seat or appoint someone else.

IV. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- Quarterly Report to City Council, due 1/20/2026
- List of Resources on Dropbox
 - ACTION: Staff to resend Dropbox link to committee.
- Recap of Brown Act Requirements
 - ACTION: Changes to Brown Act need to be posted to Dropbox.

V. TIMELINE/MILESTONES

- What needs to be accomplished?
 - By next meeting
 - In 3 months
 - In 6 months

VI. NEXT STEPS / FUTURE MEETINGS

- ACTION: Staff to create template to adopt standard agenda at next meeting.
- ACTION: Staff will email committee members to request submittal of subcommittee documents two weeks prior to the meeting.
- ACTION: Staff will email agenda packet out to chair for review one week prior to the meeting.
- ACTION: Staff will email agenda packet out to committee members 72 hours prior to the next meeting.
- ACTION: Staff will add Committee report out to January 20 City Council meeting.
- Next meeting date:
 - Discussion of Future Meeting dates: Conflict with Conference Room
 - ACTION: Keep the same meeting schedule. Next meeting January 13, 2026.
- Future Meeting Agenda (request for topics/agenda items for upcoming meetings)

VII. RESOURCES

Brown Act: <https://www.cacities.org/uploadedfiles/leagueinternet/0d/0dd433d2-29c5-410c-af4f-418e247e7af3.pdf>

Public Document Access: <https://www.cityofsebastopol.gov/boards-commissions-committees/>

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- Councilmember Zollman adjourned the meeting at: 2:00 pm

Submitted by: Elissa Overton, City Staff Member

ATTACHED:

Attachment A – AI transcription of meeting minutes

ATTACHMENT A

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SUMMARY

The meeting focused on updates and planning for the Sebastopol Commons project, including discussions about property options and community needs assessments. The committee explored renaming the project to "West County Commons" to attract broader financial support, while also addressing the need to conduct interviews and surveys to assess community needs. The group established meeting procedures, deadlines for submitting reports, and discussed potential changes to committee composition, while also reviewing upcoming changes to the Brown Act.

The meeting focused on updates and planning for the Sebastopol Commons project. RM emphasized the importance of completing a report to go to Council as soon as possible for website messaging and encouraged participants to think about how their discussions would translate into writing during meetings. The funding assessment subcommittee reported on their proof of concept for repurposing the O'Reilly complex, awaiting further information from the Community Needs Assessment Subcommittee. Phillip shared insights on potential properties, and the group discussed exploring new construction options on city-owned land. Staff has been working on creating a map of city-owned properties, with the goal of providing a comprehensive overview for future decision-making.

The Community Assessment Subcommittee presented their report on interview candidates, which included 30 individuals identified through a prioritization process based on frequency of mention. It was explained that the list focuses on marginalized community voices and includes both present and absent community members, with the goal of conducting interviews rather than surveys. The subcommittee is now tasked with organizing the interviews, confirming the final list with the full body, and determining the approach and structure for the interviews, while also addressing the need for accurate name spellings and affiliations in their report.

The committee discussed conducting interviews and surveys to assess community needs for a new facility, with a focus on reaching marginalized groups and key influencers. They agreed to start with targeted conversations with significant community members before creating a more structured survey. The group also explored the scope of the project, considering options like repurposing existing spaces or building from scratch, and emphasized the need to communicate a clear vision to potential tenants and donors.

The committee discussed renaming the Sebastopol community center project to "West County Commons" to attract broader financial support from outside Sebastopol. It was proposed to change the focus beyond the city limits, but several committee members expressed concerns about losing the Sebastopol identity and the importance of maintaining the city's connection to the project. The group debated alternative names that would incorporate both Sebastopol and West County elements, with some members suggesting a focus on the project's economic benefits for Sebastopol while others emphasized the need to respect the broader West County community.

The committee discussed renaming the Sebastopol Commons to better reflect its service to the wider West County area. They debated whether to change the name of the standing committee or just the property itself, with RM suggesting they could invite openness without formally proposing a new name.

The group agreed that expanding the vision beyond Sebastopol could help attract more funding from outside sources, as evidenced by heat maps showing library patrons come from a diverse range of areas. They concluded that while Sebastopol is proud of its identity, being more inclusive could actually benefit the city by securing broader support and funding.

The committee discussed and approved revised messaging for the Building Commons project, removing references to renaming and focusing on the concept of building a centralized hub in Sebastopol. They agreed to submit a simplified version of the report to the City Council by January 20th, with RM committing to send the updated document to staff immediately after the meeting. The committee also decided to request that the approved messaging be added to the city website, pending Council approval at their January 20th meeting.

The committee discussed meeting procedures and deadlines for submitting reports. They agreed on a two-week draft report deadline and a one-week final deadline for subcommittee reports. Mary offered to help create draft staff reports to make the process easier for subcommittees. Ray announced his departure from the library and the need to find a replacement for the library representative on the committee. The group discussed potential changes to committee composition if Erica, the current library representative, cannot serve. They also addressed scheduling conflicts between this committee and the Public Arts Committee. Fred reminded the group about upcoming changes to the Brown Act and an upcoming workshop on the new changes. The committee set the agenda for their next meeting, including items about committee composition and reviewing their upcoming report to the City Council.

TRANSCRIPTION

13:00:43 Alright, some photos. We're gonna go ahead and start?
13:00:49 quality to order at 1PLAC, and first, thank you all very much for being here in the middle of everything that's going on in the world.
13:00:56 But for paying this attention of conflicts, I'm thrilled that this is all happening.
13:01:00 We're here, so thank you for being here, and thank you for the...
13:01:04 Continuing on with all of this, um, I don't think we need to do a roll call, but I will do land acknowledgement. Uh, the City of Sebastopol acknowledges that we live and work within the unceded ancestral homelands of the Southern Among.
13:01:16 and post-mehawk people.
13:01:18 We pay our respect to the past, present, and future generations of these peoples.
13:01:22 Including the Federated Indians of Britain and Sheridad.
13:01:27 And the next is moving into item number one, which is approval minutes.
13:01:33 So, thank you to staff for pulling this together. Thank you for Mary for bringing up the fact that we could do action items, which to me is really fabulous.
13:01:41 So that makes the minutes really, really small and brief. So... I do have one...
13:01:49 thing is that you have to be down on the skier on the veteran of the 10th, and I was in India at the time, so...
13:01:57 Um, I was absent.
13:02:01 Thank you. Any other needed corrections or challenges? I like here how that's possible. Me too. Um, if nothing more, is there a motion to put the minutes?
13:02:18 Yeah, I'll make motion.
13:02:22 Which, we've got all that done, and so we can just do it by in that has us consent, unless there's an objection, sitting no objection.
13:02:29 I guess we'll pass it by way of unanimous consent. It's a new thing I learned from some other governing body, and so on, so...
13:02:36 Um, so, moving on to agenda item number 2, then, um...
13:02:41 updates, yay, I gotta say, thanks for all of you guys doing the hard work.
13:02:46 Thank you for not only having your days and verbally talking, but reducing it all to writing,
13:02:53 And sending it in to Melissa,
13:02:55 Um, and part of the later part of the agenda will, of course...

13:03:01 clearly talking about, um,

13:03:03 patients so that it's not planned.

13:03:06 Um, about when RIC reports are due, and all that stuff. That's thanks to Maris' help, it's... it's later on in the agenda, but...

13:03:13 So, we won't be pressured. I know our group felt a lot of pressure, and I know a lot of others. But I also want to thank RM

13:03:21 In particular, because each of that one, but two other subcommittees, and was able to get the forms from both of them in, so...

13:03:30 Yeah, I think.

13:03:33 I was laid on one of them. The staff was really kind.

13:03:36 I always look forward to this, so thank you again to all the subcommittee members, and for the chairs, and...

13:03:45 time to step it all up, and there you have it. So, agenda item number 2, subcommittee updates. Number one, funding assessment subcommittee.

13:03:54 Um, turn it over to Arm.

13:03:56 Okay, well, I submitted the report, it's been here. It's very, very simple. It essentially says that we're continuing to work on developing our proof of concept cost estimation for repurposing the O'Reilly complex.

13:04:07 We're awaiting further information because it's sort of... we don't want a cart and horse situation. We're still awaiting a little bit of information from the Community Needs Assessment Subcommittee to know what we're gonna...

13:04:17 price out, because we don't want to start

13:04:19 doing too much exploratory work without knowing exactly what the community needs, so we're not working too fast.

13:04:25 Um, uh, so in order to determine the scope of the needs for the build, um, we also start looking at, like we talked about before, looking at the city's financial ability to self-fund some or all of that, so part of it is looking at what assets we currently own that could be for sale, that could be traded off, that could be negotiated for lease, or some way to help pay for some of this.

13:04:48 And we met at Galo 12 and 4, I do not have an update from that meeting, except to say that we continue to work on scoping out

13:04:58 Both that proof of concept,

13:05:00 Examining another potential group of concept.

13:05:05 Can you take it from here? Do you have this, actually?

13:05:08 I'm looking at a...

13:05:10 New building versus... Older.

13:05:12 remodeled versus...

13:05:16 uh, repurpose, for instance,

13:05:19 retrofitting. Yeah, so we're basically trying to examine what would be the various costs and the various results of

13:05:26 buying an existing building and retrofitting it to fit what we could make it work for, which is, you know, rather complex.

13:05:32 popping the top of those buildings we have, or expanding on buildings we currently have.

13:05:36 Building from scratch on new property.

13:05:40 or buying entirely new grounds and building from the ground up. We're just trying to look at what would be cost estimation speed for all of those various ways about

13:05:48 ways of going about building these up.

13:05:51 And part of it, again, is sort of generally scoping out roughly what it costs from the... from that...

13:05:58 from big to small, for the fine details, we're still going to be waiting on the community needs assessment.

13:06:04 So, we'll be looking back and forth at your reports.

13:06:07 to start scoping out the cost of buying materials, but we're essentially broadly looking at

13:06:11 roughly the cost of the library with the square footage into expanding roughly the cost of a senior center with the expansion of a bigger kitchen, roughly the cost of a youth annex with the expansion of et cetera.

13:06:22 So we're sort of broadly looking at the biggest

13:06:26 bang for our buck, but going to refine that as we go along, depending on what the community needs assessment

13:06:31 yields. I'm sorry for the question, because I was imputed, but...

13:06:35 I see that you have repurposing the O'Reilly complex, so you don't have any other

13:06:41 Um, uh, possibilities here. Is that because...

13:06:45 As we've met since this was... this report was due, we met on the 4th, and I had submitted this earlier today on the 4th, when it was due, and so...

13:06:54 the report that I'm adding now is a supplement to this, which we developed orally on that afternoon. So it isn't sort of like it's the O'Reilly Complex, or if we go the way of repurposing a building, it's not like, okay, we've already decided the O'Reilly complex. The only reason I ask this was because that's the way I read it, and I might be wrong.

13:07:14 No, that was in the last meeting prior to this one. We have a more extensive conversation around the fact that we chose that as a proof of concept for several reasons, and I can try and get you those notes to look at it more in depth, but essentially we did cover that extensively, that it's essentially looking at a proof of concept of what it would roughly cost to take an existing structure within city limits, that's already fully built out,

13:07:34 Because it's in existence, it's available, it is the right size, and so it is a good proof of concept to start from, so we can look at comparatively as a body and say, this is what it would cost if we started from the ground up and built. This is what it would cost if we took something already in existence,

13:07:49 This is what it would cost if we remodeled our current properties, and that way we have something to look at at the end of it.

13:07:56 Okay, lovely, uh, hands, I think I saw filament. Oh, sorry. So I just want to augment that and say, like, this was an easy one to just get done quickly, and as far as homework goes, like, we will look at

13:08:08 Like, I have the rest of the properties here.

13:08:10 I'll start, like...

13:08:13 we'll start looking at some of the other ways to visualize some of the other things. So this is...

13:08:19 one example of how we are going to progress in looking at these things, so that we can...

13:08:24 I'll get a feel for how much Turric will cost.

13:08:27 Yeah, well, the only reason I ask is because there's a Rite Aid building sitting there, empty, and I would think that would be an easy one to do also.

13:08:34 So, just so you know, uh, I went and looked at it yesterday, and uh...

13:08:40 I talked to the, um...

13:08:43 the realtor that owns... that is managing it for the company that owns it, and for full disclosure for everybody,

13:08:50 Um, what happened was, uh, CVS is going... having a difficult time, so it kind of offloaded a lot of properties in bulk.

13:08:58 This LA financing firm bought, like, a big package of, like, 10 or whatever.

13:09:02 And, uh, as part of that, got this one, and they're looking for a way to, like, redo it.

13:09:09 It's, uh, about the size of, like, say,

13:09:13 Um, it includes Marys, and inside of it is, is, uh,

13:09:19 I think about 40,000 feet, 40, 45,000 feet on the intercept Rite Aid, or are we talking about the whole 3D, not the old CVS. No, I was talking about Rite Aid, because it's been sitting there. Okay, so that... This is what I've seen.

13:09:32 So, I just want to give you the cost really quickly on those, since I know them. It's about \$10 million for the Rite Aid building.

13:09:41 And both... both buildings want between \$20,000 and \$40,000 a month.

13:09:45 So, that kind of, like, puts it into a different financial area. Okay, I saw Sarah's hand earlier.

13:09:52 Right, just... I'm so confused, Phil. Were your numbers about...

13:09:57 Her old writing building, or an old city ethos?

13:10:00 Because you said... The old Rite Aid building is for sale for \$10 million, and they want, you know, like, \$30,000 a month to pay for it to rent. Okay, but you said CVS bought a package of...

13:10:12 And that was referring to the old building. Okay. That may have been crossed over. What was that Lowe's, or something? It was Loween's, and then it became CVS. So long slash Mary is, like, \$45, 40,000 feet.

13:10:29 I think it can be purchased through about \$2 million, is what I kind of got the feel for. And they want more than, um...

13:10:39 35 grand a month.

13:10:41 Correct. Okay, so this is a question. I was just trying to be clear about what you're saying, because...

13:10:45 you know, go back around to that answer, but... Yeah, so good. This is...

13:10:49 my question for the committee. I think...

13:10:51 Uh, you're missing one option, and that is a new building on city-owned property. We've already said that. We're not missing it. Oh, good. We don't have to pay for any real estate. We're just doing strictly a building.

13:11:05 Okay? I see that.

13:11:08 Yep, got it. This was just...

13:11:11 step one of, like, 10.

13:11:13 Right, because this is our concern. We haven't done survey or anything. We don't know what to price out.

13:11:20 in what location the community wants such a project. Got it. Right?

13:11:25 Just to step back to 30,000 feet, I hope you'll kind of say the same thing.

13:11:30 Yeah, all we know we can do in the committee is...

13:11:33 We look at examples of what a new instruction would look like.

13:11:38 looking at existing construction, and we're not saying this is the one.

13:11:42 Uh, just, yeah, we have to pick something as an example. And our goal internally, I don't know,

13:11:49 Okay, but I think our goal internally is at the end of our process,

13:11:53 deliver it back to the City Council, say,

13:11:55 Here's what that would cost, here's an example.

13:11:59 Now, let's do a real process to decide if that's the best one, or if there's something better than what we've got.

13:12:04 at least we have a ballpark for each kind of the four different sorts of constructions.

13:12:09 Four different kinds, right? For all of us, I think it would be helpful to see a spreadsheet. Like, you could do it this way, this way, this way. That's the goal of our subcommittee, is actually to give that say, here's what we want,

13:12:21 Here's how it can happen, and here's an example priced out. Right, got it. Someone's got a better idea?

13:12:26 of this kind of construction, go for it, right? But here's an example so we know

13:12:32 Roughly, are these equivalent? Are they not equivalent? Are they rankable?

13:12:36 And then the city council's gonna have to decide. Well, we choose those two, let's get a...

13:12:41 I love about this, and one thing I forgot to put up, I was going to say at the beginning of all this, our discussions, let's try to, like, synthesize it in, because Mary's identified our Promise report out speaking of City Council report outs. Quarterly report to City Council to...

13:12:58 January 20th. So during this conversation today, and the remaining hour and 50 minutes that we have,

13:13:05 Let's make sure that whatever we're discussing, we have a mind of, like,

13:13:09 How is that going to get reduced to writing?

13:13:12 In order to get it to marry,

13:13:15 get enough time to get it published.

13:13:17 I just want to provide that context. I will challenge you to take that one step further, because that's got to be in context of what we gave from Council for what we should.

13:13:26 In June. Oh, right, the long day, but for me, I'm looking at the timing here. Thank you, Mary, and staff.

13:13:33 for putting this together. And for me, the first thing that really stands out to me is
13:13:38 At the end of the meeting, I'm really hoping that we can kind of walk away with, like, a thought
of what it is that we're gonna see in writing.
13:13:45 That'll get to Mary before the 20th, so she can post it to start sending them out. So I just wanted
to throw that in there as far as his contact.
13:13:52 But as far as hands, who was next? Was it RM? I saw, I thought I saw ASMI answer.
13:13:57 Over the Napier on this side, and...
13:14:00 in reference to questions for the Finance Subcommittee report out, RM?
13:14:06 I think I had been finalizing this report, essentially getting back to what you said, back to the last
report I gave, which was essentially examining that we are working on this as a proof of concept.
13:14:16 As pointed out, as what it could potentially, theoretically cost to build one up.
13:14:22 in an existing structure that suits the square footage to fit all of the...
13:14:27 things we would like to fit in an existing building.
13:14:31 That's only one of the various ways that we're going to continue to work on.
13:14:35 we're not gonna have a finished spreadsheet to present until we finish the work.
13:14:39 But at that point, we will. So, and just... just... just for openness, we also discussed, like, the next
step may be, like, what does building out this whole plot look like, and connecting it to that?
13:14:52 So, uh, that'll be the next one we work on, probably, not sure, but I feel like I'll put my...
13:14:59 put our energy that way. And then, you know, I did a map of, like, the...
13:15:04 areas that we have for sale, and, you know,
13:15:08 We'll get Youth Annex, the railroad for us, you know, uh, the area.
13:15:15 in that parking lot beside Hot Monk, you know, we'll start picking these off.
13:15:20 So that we can conceive you.
13:15:22 see it clearly. Awesome.
13:15:24 Thank you, the work. The question I had, and thank you again for taking the time to write this
stuff, because it's a lot to process orally, of having things agreed before you show up.
13:15:35 I mean, so...
13:15:35 have questions, support for support. So, where it says, um...
13:15:41 I understand the part about awaiting further information from the community needs
assessment subcommittee, which we're going to get a report out on.
13:15:52 To determine the scope of need for the building, as well as a list of assets.
13:15:57 from the city to determine starting point for Sidious financial ability to self-fund some or fall of
the venture work.
13:16:05 You know, you referenced that you have the crib sheet. The crib sheet them staff about
available, whatever.
13:16:10 We've had now for a little bit. Are you looking for more, or is short subcommittee happy with
what staff has produced? Because if not, now is the time to have the discussion to see from Mary, what is
available, timing, all that stuff, so we'll...
13:16:26 Yes, please, now. You know, we're working on it right now on the map to get a map of all the
cities.
13:16:34 locations, city of property, so that does committee have it, so that you can see...
13:16:38 at a hole where the property was under a company they owned.
13:16:42 Um, pretty much what our...
13:16:44 that's the goal right now. So we're working with staff to get that done ASAP. Okay, and is there a
problem with when you get that, that if the post had the drop box, or legally, is that a problem, having all
of us have the same information?
13:16:56 as when it was sent to a subcommittee. So we can start looking at that map.
13:17:00 Oh, yeah, the map can be played to everybody. Okay. That's just the location of all the city
properties, so that's not any conflict. Okay.
13:17:08 Along that line about the property and the needs of staff.
13:17:11 from the chair, from the various members of that subcommittee, what else is your need?
13:17:16 for data from staff, because now is the time to figure out if we all want to vote.
13:17:22 how staff have that be a task to achieve.

13:17:26 Between now and the next meeting's room.

13:17:28 So, I'm just gonna throw that question out there, but in the meantime, there's a Sarah on that, Naomi, or Naomi? Sarah? Uh, I have maybe a shortcut for Mary in that work? Mm-hmm.

13:17:38 We did all those maps for Pine Grove Square, and they're even aerial photographs of the lots, if you have access to those reports.

13:17:46 Because the land... the size of the land hasn't changed.

13:17:50 Let me see what they have in their files. Yeah, okay.

13:17:54 So, thank you. I don't know if this is possible, but I wonder if there's a way to overlay, like, blood claim information and other climate information on top of that, because I know places like Pine Square are

13:18:06 can be problematic as...

13:18:08 And also, there's the Sebastopol Future Plan, where there's going to be a...

13:18:13 possible readily through that, so I just... I don't... I don't want to make sure that we're not...

13:18:18 running in conflict with other planning activities that are happening. I don't...

13:18:21 Not trying to give you, like, a million things to pile up, but I just want to figure out how we can...

13:18:26 get that information and take into consideration so that we're not saying, this is a great spot, and someone else has already said, this is the spot, we're going to do, you know,

13:18:35 a bike path right through.

13:18:37 So, right, but there isn't money committed to it, it's just an idea, right? It's just a plan on the shelf.

13:18:42 So, I think there's two different things. So, one is the overlay of the flood, which, um, we'll have to look at GIS and say, yeah, that we can do that.

13:18:50 Um, the potential projects, just like the, you know, Sarah said, they're... they're in the works, we can show

13:18:57 Like, what is the potential projects, and we're going to work for looking for grants, something like that, but we could be... I just don't know if we can overlay it based on GIS. That's something we may have to...

13:19:05 you know, just showing the map as well, there's the...

13:19:08 potential projects. The City of Santa Rosa operates our GIS platform.

13:19:12 And so, what we do is we provide them information on what layers to create.

13:19:17 So, uh, they are in the middle of creating a COM property layer. They already have a floodplain layer on that GIS platform.

13:19:26 Um, I do not believe they have our general plan uploaded in those sites, so that would be...

13:19:33 Likely, either something done manually,

13:19:35 you know, with me doing it in Adobe, since we do not have a GIS platform.

13:19:40 Um, or...

13:19:43 put it in Excel, and...

13:19:45 issued to the City of Santa Rosa to create another layer. I don't think we have to have it as an all single...

13:19:51 multi-layered math. I think we could just have it side by side. I mean, that's my sense. And I just want to clarify, I'm not talking the general plan, I was talking proposed projects.

13:20:00 Okay, just my, yeah, just want to make sure we weren't overloading that. Thank you.

13:20:07 Hello. I just had a question, and we're talking about, uh, planning, and what's happening in the city.

13:20:14 Is there also a possibility that, uh, District 5 planning might have some...

13:20:20 impact on whatever we might want to do there, when there might be some need for us to con... or...

13:20:27 Communicate with District 5, or...?

13:20:30 we kind of had a little discussion of that towards the tail end of what we wanted to share, and what content.

13:20:37 out towards people like District 5, but I'm seeing heads nodding, so Het looked at you, Phil, so please share whatever it is that you want to share.

13:20:45 look at that suspicious face.

13:20:50 What's up? Is this in regards to an EIF? It could be, because that's a nice segue, that's where my mind went to, because the City Council
13:20:59 And who could blame if you didn't watch or care?
13:21:02 But the city did decide, the city council did decide to continue exploring.
13:21:07 something by way of anxiety with...
13:21:11 We did not. Um, where it is from my perspective, I'll just say, is about contribution of money.
13:21:17 And then worrying about staff time.
13:21:19 um, is the fact that we need to have more dialogue.
13:21:23 correct me if I'm wrong, that was my takeaway. More dialogue with, um,
13:21:27 Our supervisor to figure out what... what is possible before we... I think it would go back through the Budget Committee if she's proposing something, and then the Budget Committee will let us know. But I'll stop talking. No, that's okay. I mean, that sums it up.
13:21:41 But, um, I am having soft talks with her.
13:21:44 here and there about this specific thing.
13:21:48 among some other things.
13:21:51 I wasn't really talking about money in my mind, because I didn't know... I don't know much about, but we don't have to do. There's some, but...
13:21:57 Um, I was more in Tommy Lance, because there... there is...
13:22:02 district or, uh, county lands here within the city.
13:22:08 what I consider the city limits of the Jose. So, um...
13:22:13 I don't know, but there'd be some help there. So that's where I had talked to Linda maybe a year ago.
13:22:20 about iSparklers, we were trying to re... you know, maybe possibly rethinking how to start, and, um, she said, you know, like, well,
13:22:31 We can think about the vet billing, you know, if you guys have something compelling.
13:22:36 So, but that's the only...
13:22:39 I mean, that's... those are loose words, right? Right, and it was years. Yeah, but I understand. So you... but as long as, I think...
13:22:47 They're on the agenda.
13:22:48 Yeah, no, thank you for reiterating, because I've heard the similar thing floating in the community.
13:22:53 what can we do with park, high park, that's a site.
13:22:57 what is possible to reimagine, maybe? Yeah, exactly. All of those kind of talks with Sarah. And Linda did dedicate a staff member to our previous committee.
13:23:09 That's true, just so everybody knows. That is true, she is.
13:23:14 If she was involved.
13:23:16 Yeah, that's true.
13:23:18 Yeah, so it wouldn't pay too much to connect up the stones and put it in minutes. Right.
13:23:25 I apologize for jumping ahead, but if I focus on the next subcommittee report, Linda is one of the interviewees. Yes, yes. So that's...
13:23:37 really important place to...
13:23:42 So, next template for this, but before we move off of this,
13:23:46 based on this discussion, do the subcommittee members think that there would be good things to have staff do?
13:23:52 within X amount of time. And again, preparation for our
13:23:57 December, January 20th report out, looking at parcels, having people make inquiries. I don't know if now is the time, now would be the time.
13:24:07 Because we all have to weigh in about what
13:24:10 we make the request up, and then Mary's here to figure out, is your timing
13:24:15 in connection with the January 20th meeting,
13:24:18 possible, not possible. Now is the time.
13:24:20 to have this discussion, so I just want to pause and...
13:24:24 That was... reflect.

13:24:26 Yeah, I'm only gonna own their time for the parcel, so that...

13:24:30 I only, you know, for this little segment of that time between beginnings, I only want to do the map, really. I think that that's kind of

13:24:39 a lot of years, so... Yep, I agree with that. That's all we need.

13:24:43 Okay. Just wanted to make sure to help out the subcommittees, the hard-working subcommittees, go to the job. All right, great, so I did see a hearing... Actually, when we get to the next group.

13:24:55 The third report, there might be something more, but I don't want to speak until we get to it, because it depends on the results of that.

13:25:00 Got it. So, Kent already provided a nice segue into the next subcommittee report out, which is community needs assessment subcommittee. We did have a meeting. Um, thank you, Fred. I think.

13:25:12 Anyway, thank you, Fred, for listening.

13:25:16 Oh, is he still there? Yeah, he's got his path with him.

13:25:20 But, thank you, Fred, for taking notes during our meeting and putting up with our

13:25:26 rushed feeling of needing to get something into staff, which we're gonna, as I said at the beginning of the hour,

13:25:32 spend time at the end of the calendar talking about deadlines, so that we're all clear when reports. If you're going to do a written report,

13:25:39 Like, when you need to get it to Alisa to get incorporated in this package, because I can tell there was a lot of stress that I could have lived without trying to get far with the court judges.

13:25:48 It's gonna say it. Um, so since Fret's not here,

13:25:53 One of my fellow subcommittee members want to speak?

13:25:56 to it, or do we just want to assume everybody read it?

13:26:00 And then it's come prepared with questions based upon what they write.

13:26:06 I'll be on YouTube. No pressure. My guys are down. That's fine. I mean, if not, I can just sort of give an overlay over this. Essentially,

13:26:16 I just wanted to bring everyone's attention, like, the context.

13:26:20 of, again, how we got down to

13:26:23 talking about...

13:26:25 having you all submit your top 10.

13:26:28 interviewees from last time, and thank you very much for those who did the homework,

13:26:33 Being prepared with sort of lists as we did reviews them during the context of our subcommittee meeting.

13:26:39 And we condensed it, and just so that you know, when you look at those,

13:26:43 They will be their individual people who, like myself, I was a big proponent of reaching out to people who are not

13:26:50 present, their organizations are not present, but they speak for marginalized parts in the community.

13:26:55 Right? So we each went around the table, then we each threw out, like, our five names.

13:27:01 But then, we looked at y'all's list,

13:27:03 And we prioritized those that were mentioned more than once.

13:27:08 More than twice. More than three times? Sure, definitely, here. So, that was kind of the rhyme reason.

13:27:14 And for the members of the public, the reason why I think these written reports are important is because

13:27:20 It's now all public record. So now the public can start scanning these things if they go to our site and downloading it, going,

13:27:27 Why did they jump from blah blah blah, community needs assessment, to talking to different people?

13:27:33 Brett's done research.

13:27:35 That's what page 1 is, is basically providing this context about why it is that we already jumped

13:27:42 to that stage. And from my point of view, um, I'm appreciative of the fact that Greg pointed out,

13:27:47 that this is just where we think the natural part would be, is to start doing the interviews.

13:27:53 And then based on that, we will then perform a better cop to the body. Inside is the next stage.
13:27:59 more interviews? Or is it a community survey? Or is it a what? Or is it a what? So I'm just going to pause if I...

13:28:06 Uh, I wanted to ask, just even go forth, is that okay with this?

13:28:12 Where do you plan to start doing the interviews?

13:28:16 Whenever you want us to, because basically this is our report out. This is, again, my structure of how I view the world. We task subcommittees to do work.

13:28:25 This is our recommendation for you, the full body, to review this and decide today.

13:28:31 I like this direction, or I hate it.

13:28:34 And then say, what you don't like, and if you want to direct it back to the subcommittee to do more work,

13:28:40 between this meeting and the next meeting.

13:28:43 If you like the general idea, then yes, in the time that we have, I would like us to kind of look through the names, and if you bless this,

13:28:50 than just say, we would like you to make a good faith effort to try to go through as many of these as you can, or, in particular,

13:28:58 Kind of like what you brought out, maybe putting Linda first.

13:29:02 the popular cloud for various reasons. But this is your time to review our work product.

13:29:06 And let us know whether you want to adopt the recommendation,

13:29:09 for you to... I don't know if that helps or not.

13:29:14 I also, within my system with grades.

13:29:16 Okay, how, how do you weight this particular person? Okay. Uh, like, uh, you know, some people are more associated with a group of people trying to solve, but they can, or something like that.

13:29:29 As opposed to, like, I love Greg Bill, but, like, you know, he knows property, but I don't know if he knows.

13:29:35 Exactly the little crowd, too.

13:29:38 Agreed, Sarah. So, I believe the next...

13:29:42 work through the subcommittee will be organizing ourselves for the interviews.

13:29:47 That will be confirming the list with you guys today, hopefully.

13:29:52 then figuring out how we want to approach the interviews,

13:29:55 And how we want to maybe divide ourselves and make sure

13:29:59 We know how to manage the time, because it's quite a big commitment.

13:30:03 And, um...

13:30:05 I'm sorry this list didn't come out with the associations of all these people, because it's a little hard to get, but that was the point, too. There are misspellings, so members of the public who you think you were looking this list go like, that might be my name, or it's not right, apologies again.

13:30:22 all the more reason of why we lack leave today. We have deadlines of when staff is expecting this, so that we can spend more time to be more detail-conscious. Spelling names is good, and affiliations, because I had my affiliations listed, but it was in a prior draft that didn't get me enough time, so... And mine, too. Yes. And I had even specific people

13:30:43 from the Historical Society and World Friends, but it...

13:30:45 This is as good as we can do in our reporting time with that deadline.

13:30:50 Also, there are people here, like you mentioned, one of you mentioned, Greg Beal,

13:30:55 He's on the list exactly because he knows about buildings, he knows what we don't have, he knows what land we don't have, he knows the pressures on the land, he knows the costs of building, so he has a lot in his head.

13:31:06 As a developer that could potentially be

13:31:10 useful to our assessment of needs. I get that. Sorry, Greg.

13:31:18 You know, so everybody here, we felt, had a significant value.

13:31:22 And it's also what I followed the first 30, the list of the first 30, because there are potentially even more people of equal or more importance.

13:31:33 Depending on what we learn. Somebody might lead us to somebody else, or that somebody else might be mentioned 5 times, and we can't ignore that name.

13:31:42 a group. I think I saw RM and then to Naomi.

13:31:46 I think of it.

13:31:48 You mentioned interviews, but we've also mentioned surveys back and forth, and I'm not sure if you're using that interchangeably, or do you plan to do this as a survey, or are you actually going to have conversations and interview these people?

13:31:58 Another question was going to be the same, is there uniformity to this? Like, what's the structure of how you're going to ask questions so that we can make sure that there's a...

13:32:06 I don't know, what's the approach to that?

13:32:08 I would say, and I'll check with my committee members, that's our next task to figure out. We're not interchanging interview with survey, written survey is something else, and I wish Fred were here, because somewhere in the kind of preamble of the page,

13:32:25 he quotes something, a webinar, or the library. Let's take the library as an example.

13:32:30 the library's doing its interviews for its priority

13:32:35 That'll help me out, Ray. Yes, so we, honestly, I was like, well, why not...

13:32:42 just copy and paste whatever questions they're doing. So there was a discussion of that, too. So, to your point of being scientific,

13:32:49 and methodical? Yes. But to Sarah's point, we haven't really gotten to that. But we want your feedback. Right, and I ask because... and I ask because if you wanted to start, theoretically, just throwing this out, if it's a...

13:33:00 If it's okay, conversation about it. So I filled this out because if you wanted to start with a few

13:33:07 conversations with heavily weighted, um, community members whose feedback you might want to get more.

13:33:13 Uh, in person, you could then extract from them their information, you know, get their good information, and then create a survey that is a little bit more uniform that you then could reach more people with a less

13:33:25 per effort, perhaps? And, um, I don't know, I just was wondering if that was maybe part of your approach to it.

13:33:31 I don't know if I'm gonna need to get to know I only got to keep missing her on the corner. Do you wanna...

13:33:36 Oh, I was gonna say, yes, that's a great approach?

13:33:39 One of the reasons the list is the first 30 is, uh, for outreach.

13:33:44 Just so we're getting the word out to people we deem of significance some weight, or some other wake.

13:33:52 To make sure this project notion is in the community, so down the road.

13:33:57 people who would say, I never heard of that. We're trying to make sure that voice of, I never heard of it, is

13:34:04 quieter. And definitely, like I said, for the marginalized people, and I can run through if you're interested, because you don't recognize these names,

13:34:12 The thought was, it's just like, we don't want to go down the road and then have to go, oh, where are the Native American community voices? Where are the Latinx community voices? Where are the queer? Where are the disabled?

13:34:23 I wanted them to be able to listen at first, whether they want to participate with us or not. I just wanted to make sure, similar to what Sarah was saying, that way of outreach, we thought of you,

13:34:34 And we're going to get to you in some fashion.

13:34:37 So, my question really follows on what I was asking for this committee, because when I had looked at the...

13:34:45 notes about bringing in this person from Yora Linda or this organization.

13:34:50 um, FM3 research.

13:34:52 It sounded like you were using this group of people

13:34:56 as your foundation,

13:34:58 for a starter list, maybe for community needs assessment.

13:35:02 But it also sounds like in the conversation, that's... you're not really using this group as the needs assessment, because these are key representatives of individual constituents, constituencies.

13:35:12 And so, the interview that you... whatever you do, will probably be tailored to individuals.
13:35:18 And not aggregatable.
13:35:21 Because each one brings so much... I mean, maybe there'll be important components of it, but each one brings such different area of expertise.
13:35:28 So, I just wanted to...
13:35:30 mention that, and... and...
13:35:34 ask, I guess, are you considering... I mean, if you do a survey, I'm assuming these are not the people you're surveying, you're surveying, like, the general public who will use...
13:35:42 expanded library, or something of those, for community...
13:35:48 resource kind of center? Is that what we're talking about? A commons, or is that still open? Hi, I think it's basically really, like, open, and the fact that we're still trying to figure out the scope, and we're looking for your input, the whole body's input, about what the scope
13:36:02 And the order of work should be for the subcommittee. And maybe we spend a lot of time on this, or maybe we jump ahead to your subcommittee,
13:36:10 And all the work you did,
13:36:12 That lays out the scope, we've got some stuff. Exactly, and that being shaped like the whole part of, like,
13:36:19 We want to reach out and have coffee with you. And she'll be like, what's it about? And then we have our pre-approved little marketing pitch, which is the next agenda item.
13:36:29 And we all know how she was outreached to.
13:36:33 And then you guys can decide what we should do during that meeting if she does decide she wants to have...
13:36:37 And I'm gonna pause, I see hands. What are you first, or were you first? I don't know.
13:36:42 So, there we go.
13:36:44 A, I think unstructured data's fine. Like, so, if you talk to these people, they can be real quick conversations. You never know where these things are gonna go.
13:36:52 Uh, and recording, like, little tiny things is useful, because that may help.
13:36:59 associate things a little bit later.
13:37:02 Uh, then B, I was hoping that you could...
13:37:05 And I didn't notice anybody on here for, like, some of the schools, like, a hospital charter or summit, or something like that. Yeah, there is, there is. We could go through the list real quickly, and then that way.
13:37:18 Yeah. Right, and then my last one was just to reiterate what I think you said. It's like, there should be, like, a point, not 5 people should talk to me. Of course, of course. Oh, exactly.
13:37:29 Of course. Yeah, you serve.
13:37:32 So...
13:37:34 Constructing from finance subcommittee first.
13:37:38 for us to really move forward, we need to know how big does this envelope need to be.
13:37:44 And that means...
13:37:47 Back to the AB20 rule.
13:37:49 you know, you're working on is...
13:37:53 how many people are going to actually be in the comments?
13:37:56 How many organizations, and roughly how many square feet does each of them need.
13:38:01 And is there any particular
13:38:04 amenity, like a senior center, uh, working kitchen.
13:38:08 that they'd really like to have.
13:38:10 If they had a new Sphinx.
13:38:12 Those three things...
13:38:15 give us what we need to do to start...
13:38:18 finding places and saying, I need 100,000 square feet, or I need 200, or I only need 50.
13:38:22 You know, that... that radically changes to what we do.
13:38:26 So, there's going to be...
13:38:28 basic information like that of intended tenets.

13:38:32 Then there's going to be that aspect of some of these names which aren't going to have the space in there, but you really want to make sure they're

13:38:40 approving of what's going on and understanding how the organizations work together on a state level. And there's that third component of just,

13:38:48 The key influencers in town should be ported, as you say. Let them know up front what's happening, so they are hard to process, not against the process.

13:38:57 In terms of finance,

13:38:59 First thing that I'd love you to do is talk to people who are

13:39:03 Intended to be tenants.

13:39:05 And what is the rough size of space?

13:39:06 Is there must-have?

13:39:09 and dream needs. So we did that.

13:39:12 map out what's minimum, what's maximum, so forthcoming basis.

13:39:16 But that's what we need right away being productive.

13:39:18 From this point. You'll love it. And then, was it? And that's ex... that's a really...

13:39:25 very great answer to your first question, which is why we chose the O'Reilly's complex, because there is 3 structures there, so regardless of how much that needs assessment grows,

13:39:36 we can replicate it from... we can... we can almost triple the size, because each building is 90,000 square feet, so if it grows from a 90,000 square foot need to...

13:39:46 180 square... thousand square foot, I mean, we can just double our square foot, because those both exist. So in terms of a, uh...

13:39:54 Does that make sense?

13:39:55 Yes. That's kind of why we chose it, because we don't really... we can start with one,

13:39:59 do a cost assessment, and we could double it, because we could take up both buildings.

13:40:03 And then the third building's a warehouse, it's weird. And it's something else that we... we met on...

13:40:08 you know, to communicate to you is, like, we also kind of need to know the scope to be able to know

13:40:13 who you might ask for money. Like, say, like, we have a contingency that we're familiar with, like, be at the Tech World, Library World,

13:40:22 Or some other industry that's willing to give money, you know, this will help us give shape to, like, people outside the community that are...

13:40:29 potential donors.

13:40:32 Love that kind of language. Really, those drive us to the next... It does, but if I can get to Naomi before we just want. Yes, Naomi. Because one of the things that seems to be developing here is, like, who comes first? Like, do we do the needs assessment to tell us what we're building, or do we tell what we're building to figure out

13:40:48 When we're talking to, if we get to get a sense of needs. And I think what we really need is, like, a sort of a multi-stage process where we...

13:40:55 whatever our committee's called? Our committee is...

13:40:59 creating a vision of what we think, and it has to be short and easy to read. It's, like, basically a series of scenarios. We could do this, which is repurposing. If you do this, this is building from scratch. We could do this, which is, you know...

13:41:11 whatever the other one is. Uh...

13:41:15 Rebuilding, sorry. Um...

13:41:17 And we have to make that available to your committee so that when you go talking to these

13:41:23 key, sort of, people in the community, you can say, we have this vision, and this, you know, read these three short paragraphs. This is what we're envisioning.

13:41:30 Where do you see your organization fitting in? Would you like to be a part of this? If so, like, how much space could you need, or who could you see? If not your organization, where else? Where could we put this? Where might we get financing? And then...

13:41:44 that... that's not really a needs assessment, that's more like a... just a fact-finding...

13:41:49 Yeah, an outreach and information sharing, so that we start building people. And then, we take that, we need to then go back and say, alright, this is what everyone seems to be moving in this direction of...

13:42:02 a repurpose, or whatever it is, or a build from scratch, and then we... then we create something more...

13:42:08 solid, and that's when we go out to look for more of a, like, general community input.

13:42:14 I think. That does segue right into maybe the talk that we have put a pause here, and then we get to the third agenda item, which is the three paragraphs that I think you just referenced.

13:42:24 Which is, do we all agree on the three paragraphs as being things that we could send out in emails to any one of these people on this list?

13:42:32 But before we do that, Mary Lou, I just have one sort of moment that I use.

13:42:38 Um, these are people on the list that we think are...

13:42:42 community leaders.

13:42:44 in my mind, the other most important group is for the community itself, the people who are actually going to be using these facilities.

13:42:52 And we have talked about that, and I think building

13:42:57 survey, focus groups, whatever that comes next, but that piece isn't being missed. It will be...

13:43:05 developed out of...

13:43:07 all this information that we're trying to... because he can't... because we need to go to the community then.

13:43:13 some real, um...

13:43:16 solid information. Let's put it that way could then give us their input.

13:43:19 I love it. So, is there consensus to stop talking about this one and get to yours, which was all your peppers for wordsmithing pieces? But before you start, right? Can we come back to this one after? Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. I'm just checking the volume. Is everyone alright with pausing? This community needs assessment thing?

13:43:38 to get to what's any of you guys' committee again, as the last spoke, I was communications message intervention.

13:43:43 Are we okay? We're going to this event? Certainly it is, because you're starting, so go ahead. On this one, I apologize ahead of time, because there's going to be a little bit of a reframing in the way we talk about it. This is a bigger...

13:43:55 conversation that I expected it to be, but, um, I'm not going to throw you on the bus and blame you on this, but you were the one who had the data, so...

13:44:02 Congratulate for Blame Naomi as much as you would like, because this is a lot of people to know. The first paragraph there, we really kind of just started off... we initially just started trying to write, um, a few paragraphs about how to talk about what we're doing, and we really started thinking about the fact that

13:44:19 We need to talk about what we're doing, but then we started thinking about, to whom are we speaking, and...

13:44:24 Why aren't we speaking to them, and what are we asking of them? So it comes back to the community needs assessment. And so in this first paragraph, we talk about the naming convention.

13:44:32 The way we referred to this

13:44:35 Uh, so I'll just read it verbatim here, and I think every word counts on this. This subcommittee recommends reconsidering renaming the Sebastopol Commons to the West County Commons.

13:44:44 And I want to let that breathe for a second.

13:44:47 Uh, the purpose for the change is to garner greater financial support outside of Sebastopol City,

13:44:52 From towns and cities, county agencies, and private companies located outside of Sebastopol city limits.

13:44:58 And I think, and we believe, we agree as a subcommittee,

13:45:01 The renaming at the West County Commons, or some other name, this is just sort of a...

13:45:07 placeholder name, but we liked it. It landed really nicely. The West County Commons, it affords all potential West County stakeholders and investors an equal sense of ownership and connection to the project.

13:45:16 Which may make funding and launching easier. Now, getting back to, like, the community needs assessment and our list of people that we're going to talk to,

13:45:24 If it's cold, the West County Commons, for example, now we're looking at people who might live in Occidental, might want to invest in this,

13:45:31 or, you know, we're looking at the community who might invest in... we look at this, the number of people who come into the Library in Sebastopol, it's so much more than the people who just live in the city of Sebastopol.

13:45:40 We look at the senior center and the community that it serves. It is so much more than the City of Sebastopol.

13:45:46 Of course, we still want it to be in the city limits, it's still city, it's still something that we are doing as a city, but renaming it this sort of does

13:45:54 So open it up to this greater thing that we are actually serving, and we talk about it. So, we considered renaming it in this way. It sort of pivots and opens it to a greater...

13:46:05 community of people that might be interested in it, in terms of people who live in Forestville or Riodo, thinking, I can invest in that, or why would I invest in a Sebastopol city center? Why would I invest in the Sebastopol thing when I live in...

13:46:17 or whatever. So, that was something that, in terms of part of the messaging,

13:46:21 creates a sense of community that's broader than the small city itself, and I'd like to just...

13:46:27 Have a conversation around that. If...

13:46:31 that conversation moves forward, then it moves into the what, how, and why.

13:46:35 part of this, uh, and when.

13:46:38 Those all stay the same.

13:46:39 Um, whether it's called the West County Commons moving forward, still, the committee is made up of Sebastopol and West County community members that will explore a range of options for new development and revitalization of existing structures.

13:46:50 We'll gather community input about the region to inform, uh, planning and goal development.

13:46:55 The Y is still the same, no matter what, whether we rename it or not. The Sebaste will place a central role in West County Civic and social activities.

13:47:02 Currently, government and leading community organizations occupy a variety of buildings and locations throughout the larger Sebastopol area.

13:47:09 And we're trying to find a way to help them come together more, and all of them save on overhead, all of them save on space, create better parking flow, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. All those things stay true, no matter whether we rename it or not.

13:47:20 But... but I think from a marketing and branding standpoint, and if we're going to try to garner funds from...

13:47:25 As far as even maybe the Federated Indians of Greater Rancheria, there are different community members who might be more interested in investing in this than

13:47:36 keeping it named after a city.

13:47:38 And that was our thoughts on it. And again, entirely Naomi Small computer. No, I think it's Procogenos, I really do. I mean, from a marketable standpoint, I think it's genius. I really, really do. We've all kind of grappled with what to name and how to call it.

13:47:53 And I... but I'd like to turn it over to conversation, if anyone has thoughts about it.

13:47:58 I have a lot of thoughts about it. I think you've hit on something really, really mission critical here.

13:48:04 And that is as inclusive

13:48:06 mess up that wider area.

13:48:10 Recognizing that Sebasto is the hub.

13:48:13 That's been the goal, that's what we're talking about.

13:48:16 And at the same time, you're recognizing that idea, and you're dropping off something really important.

13:48:22 Which is that this committee has been handled by the City Council.

13:48:27 And staffed by city members.

13:48:32 And you're affirmatively diminishing the role of

13:48:38 successful community by taking that name away.
13:48:42 And I'm thinking of examples.
13:48:46 You put that fit in, like, the...
13:48:49 recent charitable funding organization is called Sebastopol West 100.
13:48:54 It's not called West County 100.
13:48:57 Because West County is so big and so diverse, and a lot of people...
13:49:02 don't even know what the West County is, or it has a pejorative meaning for it.
13:49:08 Julie, I know this from...
13:49:12 my experience with other cities.
13:49:14 Also, the Chamber of Commerce is a special area. Chamber of Commerce. Sebastical area senior center.
13:49:21 Sebastopol wrote her name. Now we look at... if you look at the membership of Sebastical Rotary, the Noon Club,
13:49:27 Those guys don't live in town.
13:49:29 They probably don't have offices in town.
13:49:32 But they identify with...
13:49:36 That name is a piece of belonging, and the sense of belonging to Sebasto is really deeply felt in and in...
13:49:46 the whole rural Sebastopol area.
13:49:50 Some people call that a zip code area.
13:49:53 Other people look at, um,
13:49:56 the school districts.
13:49:59 better serving the children here.
13:50:01 Or in the churches. So, uh, to me, to have Sebastobal in there is really important, so I was trying to think of
13:50:07 names that would include both concepts, right? So, I came up with these, because I don't want to lose either idea. I think it's really important.
13:50:17 to honor who has impaneled us, and who is a likely funder, who's potentially going to donate land to this project.
13:50:23 So I thought, well, the Sebasto Area Commons?
13:50:28 Vessel Center for the West County.
13:50:30 I mean, you can just start ripping off this word. Wonderful. Like I said, this is sort of a placeholder name concept of
13:50:39 considering when it's built to have a name that's evocative of those theories. It's not a...
13:50:45 finished product. You're not a marketing team that has spent 100 grand coming up with it, we're just saying... But you're coming up with a sheet that has an interview...
13:50:54 person, I'm gonna say, well, here's our concept sheet. West County.
13:50:59 comments. That, to me, doesn't sit comfortably, because it's...
13:51:04 just disappeared, as Sebastopolized identity.
13:51:07 Which is really big. I mean, I mean, I can just tell you that.
13:51:10 From my experience, going door-to-door in this town...
13:51:14 People love Tabasco.
13:51:17 And for generations? Before we get to the committee that actually adopted all this invested stuff, I did two house. I have, like, the same reaction.
13:51:27 And maybe we just steal the fundraising part, the group that you just mentioned. What are they calling themselves a little west!
13:51:35 What is it called? So maybe we just steal that. Um, but I do agree that just, like, because, one, it's the respecting, and also it's the taxpayer's money.
13:51:45 I mean, that bottom line, the taxpayers put us in our seats.
13:51:48 And this delights the staff typing everything. This is their money.
13:51:54 That's not West Counties money. That's putting on this room. So, for me, the importance is to be accountable as electives,
13:52:02 I can't without Sebastopol somewhere here. I just cannot, because I owe a duty

13:52:09 Well, anyway, I mean, so that was my initial reaction. Yeah, very. I'm sorry. You had your hand at first.

13:52:20 Continuing on that, um...

13:52:23 I can speak to some parts of cellular bounty.

13:52:27 group, so I can't speak to how that name is not a signed document.

13:52:31 It's not what? Wasn't a slam dunk.

13:52:35 Um, number two...

13:52:38 Part of this is saying that

13:52:42 that there's... there's naming which is a brand.

13:52:45 And then there's effectiveness, what's actually happening.

13:52:48 And part of what this is saying is that

13:52:51 This hub, we are the hub, so we...

13:52:55 I'm a zip code person, I'm not a channel person, so...

13:52:58 Right. This is a hub, this is where I come and spend my tax dollars, right? My sales tax dollars.

13:53:04 from West Canada, so I want to spend that money.

13:53:07 And it's going to be located

13:53:11 in Sebastopol.

13:53:13 city limits, and it's going to be an economic revitalization of whatever it

13:53:17 incarnation comes in. It's going to be a centralizing place where people will come from. Outside Seasco.

13:53:24 Third thing I want to say is, having attended

13:53:28 community meetings outside the Sebastopol pool.

13:53:31 In Forestville, and he went very well, and...

13:53:34 Great move. And...

13:53:37 They're not excited about Sebastopol always taking credit. I know. And not expecting the wildest...

13:53:45 way I can put it.

13:53:48 bit for public consumption.

13:53:49 There is a thing about that.

13:53:51 And so, if we are effectively

13:53:56 creating the majority of them.

13:53:59 broader economic revitalization efforts. They're hitting the city limits.

13:54:05 I have no problem extending a name which is recognition of all people are actually

13:54:11 So, it...

13:54:13 I understand exactly what you said. There is definitely

13:54:17 independent money here wants to invest Fastful.

13:54:19 Again, coming from Apple 100, I...

13:54:22 I understand that this early.

13:54:27 But also, I think one of the things we talk about at the Finance Committee was, what if we turn this process around? Instead of building how many square feet,

13:54:35 Like we said, anything's open. Who do we know?

13:54:39 that would want to fund something happening here. What if budget wasn't the constraint?

13:54:44 What if we went and said, who's interested, and put in a lot of money into the city of Sebastopol?

13:54:50 For whatever reason.

13:54:51 And if that money showed up, then what could we buy?

13:54:54 What can we do with it? We're flipping that around.

13:54:57 And I've seen this in the same vein, that

13:55:00 keeping that door open, because the economic benefits...

13:55:04 are going to go to Sebastopol soon.

13:55:06 this collateral benefits, no matter how this is owned.

13:55:10 But we're really excited. It's going to be modernized for our plan is.

13:55:14 So I add to the businesses around it.

13:55:18 probably been a transit stop, that probably improved sidewalks, you know, there's going to be something about that.

13:55:23 Around whatever we do, which kind of benefits the hospital directly, and I have no problem making a direct appeal to

13:55:31 money sources, saying, look.

13:55:33 I understand you want to say fast for.

13:55:35 But here's what it's doing for our city.

13:55:38 Just so I have those points in our scene. I think, Phil, and I see yours, Medbara, and then down the side now. Can I see you again? No? Okay. I just want to come back, so I'm not moving into any ideas.

13:55:50 I just think, theoretically, the idea of trying to open it up to as many people as possible to garner more funding

13:55:56 And if there's a pos... if there's a possibility of doing that, I think it's brilliant. I think... because then we're... then it's a win for the city and the people of Sebastopol, because they're not shouldering all the tax burden and all of the expenses of it. We're actually opening it up to a wider community, so the people who might do it.

13:56:09 And also, if we're still going to call it, it's still the Sebastable Library. It's still the Sebastable Senior Center. It part of this

13:56:16 Commons, which is common to all of...

13:56:20 the sort of gateway to the West County, which the basketball really is, off the 12, right? I mean, this is that... this is that...

13:56:25 That era. There it is. Um...

13:56:29 Also, not every idea is a finished product, so we can keep working on it.

13:56:34 Thank you so much, right?

13:56:36 Good, there we go. Um, I was gonna...

13:56:39 say some of those things. The Sebasto Library is still going to have that name, Sebastopol Senior Center, Spossible Center for the Arts, you know, decides to, you know, whatever these places are.

13:56:48 Um, so... and I'm not wedding necessarily to this name, but I do think...

13:56:53 it's important to think beyond sypassical

13:56:56 Even though we're talking about a place here,

13:56:59 And one of the challenges that the libraries face is that it was called the Sebastopol Library.

13:57:04 And viewed as a small library serving a small community, but we know that that's not the case. It's not...

13:57:11 just a small library serving just a basketball. It is serving all of West County, and that's one of the challenges it faces.

13:57:17 there's not enough space for all of those people. There are not enough resources, there are not enough staff.

13:57:22 Etc. And so, to help make sure that that...

13:57:27 resource gets the support it needs. There are, if I'm not saying we should change the name, I don't think there's any change that will happen, but I'm just saying, in general, when you call something biased, the name of a town,

13:57:37 It can limit how people view it and what they provide for it.

13:57:40 And... and I... I don't, you know, I don't really... I've not been involved in City Council.

13:57:45 So I don't really know what the feelings are about keeping the names of basketball in every effort that happens.

13:57:52 But I think as a... as a community that reaches beyond just our city, kids come to school here, work, you know,

13:57:59 Healthcare is distributed around the...

13:58:02 access to, you know, all kinds of resources,

13:58:04 it seems like we should, as a...

13:58:07 community be concerned about the well-being of our county.

13:58:11 or our area within the county that we have contact with. People come here and they shop.

13:58:15 People come here for entertainment or going out to dinner, and... and if we don't... I don't...

13:58:21 I don't... I guess I'm not seeing the need to include Sebastopol in the name specifically.

13:58:26 But I also understand that we're spending Sebastopol's taxpayer dollars to do something, and so I guess I'm going back to the idea that

13:58:34 Well, the name of a larger entity just not only include Sebastopol dollars, might have a different name, there will be entities within something like that. There could be that do retain a Sebastopol name, but maybe that's a...

13:58:48 You get all of that, and something I brought up before, we had this discussion about what's happening with our library and our city attorney.

13:58:54 So if you go on our website,

13:58:56 And you go under departments, you will find a little drop-down that says successful regional library.

13:59:03 Right. So it's not up for debate. It's not the Sebastopol Library, it's the Sebastopol Regional Library to capture what you're saying, and the fact that it's just like, we just don't provide books, 13:59:14 to our 7,500 people. It's everywhere. So, continuing... Mary, I think you were... Yeah, I have a procedural question. Oh, yeah, yeah. So I just want clarification. Are we looking at renaming this committee?

13:59:25 Is that... is that the intent? But to your point, we would be doing this by the Council, which could be part of what we need to focus on in the next, um,

13:59:36 I just wanted to bring that procedure back. Yeah. This was established by the Council. The changes for changing the...

13:59:43 the name of the committee. Right.

13:59:45 that is go back. So, I mean, I love this, and it's just, like, as far as whatever we're thinking about getting to marry in advance of the January 10th, I just say we just copy and paste this with a discussion of 13:59:55 you know, the committee has thought about, like, the renaming it from the Sebastopol Commons that you've ordained.

14:00:02 to something West comments, whatever, and lets the Council and the public, like, weigh in at that time.

14:00:08 Because we're going to get feedback between now and January 10th.

14:00:11 So that could be a way to quickly get feedback about what people think about. But let's go to Rick. Can I clarify that, James, if I can answer that, though. Go ahead. I don't... I don't think that we're proposing renaming this body.

14:00:22 I think we're proposing potentially coming up with a name for the property once it's established.

14:00:28 for something that incorporates enough of...

14:00:32 uh, diversity of the people that we serve.

14:00:35 So that it's inclusive of enough years. And you talked about talking to people, I want to ensure that we're also talking to people who live outside of

14:00:42 the zip code of town, because they need to feel a sense of ownership as well, so that they come and spend their tax dollars, so they come and invest...

14:00:48 So they maybe say, yeah, I'll actually give a \$100,000 legacy

14:00:51 donation to help make this happen, because the more... that was the purpose of considering the naming of the property. That was the purpose of it, is to be as inclusive as possible... as inclusive as possible.

14:01:02 So that it's not only on the shoulders of Sebastopol City,

14:01:07 residents and the city itself to pay for funding all of this, because if we can, as a Finance Committee,

14:01:13 help generate ways to fund this

14:01:16 outside of city funds, we're helping... so I guess if we sacrifice a little on just making this a little bit more open,

14:01:25 We can reach out to other city entities, county entities, non-profits, you know, wealthy people who live farther out, farther out west and farther out north, you know.

14:01:35 And just do some sort of public funding, et cetera, to help make this happen.

14:01:40 If we can think outside of the box of... in terms of

14:01:44 marketing that way. We can actually do a better service for the city

14:01:49 the better service for the budget for the city, and a better service for the people who live within the city.

14:01:54 And that was the stated purpose of... of...

14:01:57 of considering renaming it, though. That was my... that's my answer. Can I just want to mirror first. Procedural, I'm sorry. So, as part of your report, though, is that going to be asked to the Council? 14:02:07 Because this is a subcommittee, as the entire city council, so if we're going to go out with a name,

14:02:13 We need the entire input of the Council.

14:02:16 Maybe right. So I did... if that's part of your report, then... But apparently, I mean, I just want to pause here, because what you just said, R.N.,

14:02:24 is important because the way you type this, the subcommittee recommends considering a renaming.

14:02:29 what I think I'm hearing you saying is the reframing of the concept

14:02:33 but not asking City Council on the 10th,

14:02:37 to rename this standing committee from something other than what it's already blessed.

14:02:41 Which is the Sebastopol Commons. But Phil, right? Yeah, I just... not to...

14:02:46 split hairs, but I think that we can, um, work with the concept of openness and put this in the, like, the percentage. Should we name this something as, like, a...

14:02:57 like, a rhetorical question to invite openness.

14:03:00 But not get into legal jeering with that.

14:03:04 the city council are trying to change the names, you know? That seems a bit of work. So, like, maybe if...

14:03:10 buildings or some other part of the concept.

14:03:13 included West County Commons as a fun way to say it. This could be involved later.

14:03:20 but not so officially. Got it. Now, back over to Ray, because I saw his hand a little while ago.

14:03:27 Um, a few things, um...

14:03:29 I... I'd like to weigh in supporting what's kind of comments.

14:03:33 Um, I...

14:03:36 with... I don't live in Rose County.

14:03:38 I... I did.

14:03:41 Back to the dark pages. Um...

14:03:43 And, um, when I think of West County, I think it's Aspen Coast.

14:03:48 You think of Sebastopol? And the coat, okay, I don't know.

14:03:52 I think there's an opportunity for you to...

14:03:57 maybe let go of...

14:04:00 something that comes off a little colloquial.

14:04:03 Mm-hmm. Um, around, you know, it's got to be Sebastopol, no matter what.

14:04:10 Uh, yeah, it's still going to be the Sebastopol Regional Library. It's still going to be the Sebastopol Senior Center. And that's where people are going to go.

14:04:17 Nobody's going to say, I want to go to the West County Commons today. Or go to my yoga class.

14:04:24 Um, the other thing is that

14:04:26 The world is diversifying.

14:04:29 We decentralize it.

14:04:31 Just an example related to the library, we have a community engagement platform that we use.

14:04:37 Uh, for incident reporting and emailing patrons and all sorts of different things.

14:04:42 And one of the features is that

14:04:46 I can generate, and you've...

14:04:48 You've probably seen it.

14:04:50 I can generate a heat map that shows you...

14:04:54 where Sebastopol Regional Library patrons.

14:04:57 come from? A heat map. Heat. Like, heat. I love heat.

14:05:04 Okay. Oh, Tom, they're available for all the branches.

14:05:11 Sebastopol is closer to Cotting Town than you think.

14:05:15 In terms of car travel. It's close to Guerneville, it's close to Roseland.

14:05:19 And Occidental, Forestville. I can pull up the map today, and I can guarantee you there will be Florendale people

14:05:26 who visited the Sebastian Hill Regional Library.
14:05:30 Maybe they're following a favorite performer. Maybe they're following a favorite Liberian.
14:05:35 Maybe they live in Cloverdale and work kids about with their kid.
14:05:40 goes to school in the Alamos County.
14:05:42 Um, the idea of a tight surface area and only some aspects of people come to...
14:05:49 That's... that's...
14:05:50 not only not the case here, where you have a diverse and sparsely populated
14:05:55 area, you've seen the particular village testers.
14:05:58 you know, the Hopkins is huge.
14:06:01 Yeah. Um...
14:06:03 And so the same thing is happening elsewhere.
14:06:06 you know, my wife and I joked about going to Safeway to buy this parkland water that she likes,
and going to all of her.
14:06:14 To get, um, a lot of groceries and go use big jobs for meat.
14:06:18 We have the... we have cars, you know, we have some free time on the weekend.
14:06:25 That stuff happens, and I think...
14:06:27 Limiting yourself to sabbatical is...
14:06:33 is just loading, and it could be problematic for you. And as you know, I can't remember who
brought it up,
14:06:39 Um, Sebast Wolfe...
14:06:42 It has a little bit of a rep of being a little different.
14:06:45 You know, I'm very interested in Sebastical, but I get the feeling that Pascal's not very interested
in me.
14:06:51 Um, you know, I... we came to town on Sunday, and we went to a movie and had a nice meal,
and...
14:06:56 bought some trinkets, and...
14:06:58 I think, generally, you know, Sebastian was glad I came, they were even glad that we left.
14:07:04 So, you know, it just has that kind of vibe of that. I'm an outsider.
14:07:09 Okay, you probably feel differently because you're here, but to an outsider,
14:07:14 You know, it's basketball feels... comes off like...
14:07:18 We're self-contained, we got all we need.
14:07:23 So anyway, I think the expanded vision is better.
14:07:27 I have a question for Ray.
14:07:29 Sure, Karen? What evidence do you...
14:07:33 Would you share with us that...
14:07:36 gave you the impression that Sebago was glad when you left.
14:07:41 living in Sonoma County for 70 years. His reputation. It's not actually there. It's a preconceived
reputation that you came with.
14:07:50 And, you know, it goes back to your brownneck training. Perception is reality.
14:07:55 Yes, that's what they told me to stay at. Is it a problem for electives.
14:08:00 Yes. Okay, gotcha. Just a...
14:08:04 factoid, um, I've run similar heat maps on the Sebastopol area Senior Center.
14:08:10 Same thing. There's comfortable moving.
14:08:12 Yeah, the actual... we have people coming from the other side of 101.
14:08:19 that is valid, those kinds of things. We have convention coming literally from the negative effect.
14:08:23 Casa Dera.
14:08:27 for coming from a pad early month. You know, it... it...
14:08:30 The heat map starts to get very unshaded, but... Sure, of course. It's clearly not confined to...
and it is, when we talk about us...
14:08:38 Asspoke.
14:08:42 area senior center. So we're all trying to get events saying,
14:08:45 Yeah, look, let's be more inclusive. Got it, buy soda pot right now. I just have a two-second add-
on to that. West County Soccer Club is... West County Soccer Club, so I coach kids from Cass.

14:08:58 uh... Petaluma,
14:09:00 East Santa Rosa, and if you go to my kid's schools, which are now hill... they were Sunridge, but now they're Hillgrass and...
14:09:08 driving scene, all my kids' friends are from God knows where, but they're not close.
14:09:13 So, the last thing I want to say about this part of it,
14:09:20 Before we do a time check and really kind of...
14:09:23 maybe have to table this for at another time. It's just that there's...
14:09:28 Honestly, genuinely, no intent to have any slight toward the effort of the city, the City Council, the city mayor, or the staff who put work on this, it's to take anything away from Sebastopol. It's to ensure that Sebastopol support and funding from people outside of Sebastopol, so that you don't have to bear the whole burden of it.
14:09:45 That's it, post-op. If we can open this up so that it includes funding sources outside of the city, we only help the city. And if we have to change the name to make it more inclusive to do so, that was the stated purpose of this.
14:09:57 As was written in here. That's it. And I... and... and that's not intended in any way to be a slight against the city. It's intended to be an offer of help for the city, so that you can
14:10:09 be what you really are, which is this gateway toward the West, so to speak, so that you're opening yourselves up and saying, hey, we're actually here for all of you.
14:10:17 And it's this hub here, and whether the name is something else, whether it's the, you know, West County Commons at Sebastopol, or whatever you want to call it, whatever it ends up being,
14:10:25 It still is that thing for the West County. You still are that thing for West County.
14:10:30 So if we can find a way to have other people see that and want to get involved and say, Linda,
14:10:37 you know, the county, you know, county board supervisors, or whether it's state funding, or grants, or whatever it might be that offsets some of the cost
14:10:45 on the shoulders of this body, that just...
14:10:48 That's it. I saw other hands. Amy, did you have your second before we go around? Okay. I think, too.
14:10:55 May our future politically smoother.
14:11:00 With our first report coming in January.
14:11:03 That we not raise this issue.
14:11:05 If we want to raise it, I would suggest we give them the...
14:11:10 Council-specific...
14:11:12 names to consider, because otherwise it becomes a loose free-for-all.
14:11:17 potentially have conflicts at our first report, and what we want them to do is buy in and say, keep going.
14:11:24 go for it, you're doing good work, and we suggest you also do XYZ to support
14:11:30 our mission. Yeah, but then I also see the exact opposite. You know, I assume this discussion in the last hour and 10 minutes, we sort of went through the different reports, and then we sort of landed on yours.
14:11:41 Because if we're going to do anything, my summary on all of this, is that we just sort of adopt
14:11:49 this to...
14:11:49 pages. Page and a half.
14:11:52 as being the report with the preface is the fact that it's like, we're not asking the Council to rename the organization, but to give thought of the concept that you laid out here.
14:12:02 quickly do that, because we need your blessing to then go off to do our community needs assessment.
14:12:09 of the top three, whether they be weighted or what for interviewing, which then leads to Kent, your topic of,
14:12:15 I want the people who are going to be tenants to be... to be interviewed first. So I see
14:12:22 the need to get something in writing.
14:12:23 before the council, basically your page and a half.
14:12:27 to them first, on January 10th, to at least open up the dialogue. That's where I'm seeing this. May I suggest, then, that we could...

14:12:36 change the language here among us right now. Okay. And to, instead of use the word nomenclature renaming,

14:12:42 you know, do something around the words rethinking this.

14:12:46 has this from being the Sebastopol commas to being the West County commons. We have Jane King not renamed. Yes. Because the renaming clearly was triggering for me, because it's from a council perspective, and going against Council's wishes, where they just voted on this name, and the recomposition again, seems like a lot, so I don't want them to come into this agenda report going, what the fuck, we just gave

14:13:09 then disability tax dollars, this and this, then they want to change it, then they want to reduce size, it's too much. Focus on what we told you to do, and stop trying to tinker with it.

14:13:19 So...

14:13:20 And can I submit a supplementary report that just submits the part about the name change? We still focus on the public messaging part.

14:13:26 Because that's still accurate.

14:13:28 I mean, I love what Canada just said. What did you just say? You said reframing. Just swap out one word. When you think about concept, we're talking about the concept. Can I have my... can I have my answer?

14:13:45 I mean, I asked a direct question. Okay, well, let me address it. Okay, well, what is it? Can I submit a supplementary report that omits the first part about renaming it for now, because we're talking about two separate things. We're talking about this body discussing and reframing it, and renaming it, versus going to the City Council, which this wasn't intended to do.

14:14:02 This is not a report to the City Council, this is a report to this body. We still have, between now and January 20th to report

14:14:08 an actual report that we want to take directly to the City Council, which we can amend from this to be more concise, which is

14:14:14 what we are editing now. I will rewrite this in any way we want, so let's not...

14:14:19 urgently panic and strike one word of change it. I'll rewrite it the way we want it as a body. I love all of that. But also, timing is everything, because, Mary, you're back here. So, let's get down to... Back to my question, which is... And I'm getting to thank, but also understanding the fact that I operate on council with staff. Timing is everything.

14:14:39 So marries back. So, for the January 20th report out, when do you need this report? We need the draft report, which is almost finalized, 2 weeks in advance of the meeting. So, the January 6th...

14:14:51 would be the deadline to have a draft.

14:14:54 Um, we'll review it if you have any minor changes.

14:14:58 by posting deadline is a week before, which would be the 13th.

14:15:02 And that's our next meeting date. That's very exciting.

14:15:07 Oh, is that your fault? Oh, for this committee, I'm sorry. Right, because we have to do this today. Yes.

14:15:15 Which comes back to my question. If I omit the introduction with the naming convention, and I edit where it says the West County Commons, and just change the public messaging to refer to the Building the Commons Committee,

14:15:26 As we've already been named.

14:15:28 I can get this to you literally today.

14:15:32 So that you can have it ready for your January 20th meeting. But it needs to be blasted at this body now.

14:15:37 Which is what I'm saying right now, can we bless it?

14:15:40 We're just removing the name, but blessing all the instances of what it is. So what we should... if we strive the introduction, it is a direct introduction, and downward says the West County Commons in chapter... in public messaging, under what? The very first line says, West County Commons. If everywhere that it says West County Commons, if I change it back to saying Building the Commons as it was blessed by the committee,

14:16:01 The public messaging then still stays accurate as to what we've worked on, and I'd like to have the committee bless this, that we still say our public messaging should be that

14:16:10 the Building the Commons is a community development project located within the Sabasco city limits and inclusive of West County residents, the commons to be centralized hub that plans civic, cultural, and social resources, fostering engagement at economic vitality.

14:16:22 We go on to how. The Committee Mayor of Sebastopol and West County community members to explore a range of options in new development, revitalization of existing structures will gather community input.

14:16:30 etc. The Y, if you read back to that again, and if you read back through the when, the building economists committee, because I didn't name it that, because it was still called that at the time, 14:16:39 was appointed by Sebastopol City Council to give actionable definition of the Commons concept by Q3 2026. We'll identify and assess potential leading occupants to specific needs, 14:16:49 place to locate. The commons estimated cost and funding sources, the committee began... so that's that.

14:16:55 Conclusion. The successful comments, communication, messaging, simply. Now, I can... if we strike conclusion, and we strike...

14:17:01 The introduction, and I changed the West County Commons in the first line of what?

14:17:07 to just being... just referring to it as the Building of Commons Committee.

14:17:10 In quotes. End quote.

14:17:13 In quotes, I can submit that to you as soon as we finish this meeting, and you can have it ready for the January 20th meeting.

14:17:19 Because we would all have blessed it now. Does that meet with the criteria required?

14:17:24 for the messaging part, because we've omitted the concept of rethinking or renaming at all, and you don't have to stress about it.

14:17:32 And that can be something we sort of kick down the road when we start looking at funders, or looking at properties, or looking at naming conventions,

14:17:39 For now. Okay. Having said that, now questions based upon. I think I said Ray and then Sarah, and then we'll pass around.

14:17:47 So, I support you moving ahead.

14:17:49 with this, uh, as a...

14:17:51 committee member as of today. Um, I would also...

14:17:56 ask you to consider some language along the...

14:17:59 lines of, uh, recognizing Sebastopol as the economic and social hub.

14:18:06 of Western Sonoma County.

14:18:08 So, 100 people feel hurt. The very first thing in the why Sebastian plays a central role in West County civic and cultural activities.

14:18:18 I mean, I mean, like, I can add to that if you want more. Just to add economic?

14:18:23 Uh, the Civic...

14:18:26 Cultural Commons will be a centralized hub that blends civic, cultural, economic, and social resources.

14:18:34 Sorry, where was that? The very... under what?

14:18:38 Second sentence.

14:18:41 public messaging. We are, because otherwise we leave and we don't have it, we're not going to meet Mary's deadlines to have this report before Council at the January 20th deadline, which is what they're expecting, which is what I really want to deliver. I do not want to be

14:18:58 late in the deliverables. Right. So, can I just ask a clarifying question?

14:19:04 This is an informational report going to the Council, correct? Yes. So, there's no action being asked of the Council.

14:19:13 So far. I would prefer not rushing through it today.

14:19:17 Um, we can still meet the deadline on... if we're... we need to discuss meeting dates, because there's been a conflict.

14:19:23 Um, the 13th would...

14:19:26 If you guys can agree on the 13th with this concept that I would recommend it being in the agenda report for the January 16th agenda...

14:19:36 on the 13th. Whenever the next building upon is day 13. Please have...

14:19:42 Whatever is going to be presented to the City Council,
14:19:45 As part of this packet for the next Code in the Commons for this group to review, so that we can put that into the council. Okay, that was helpful and less stressful.
14:19:55 And... I'm trying to reconcile something here, because we're talking about City Council meeting, and then we're talking about the purpose of this and listen.
14:20:03 Two months ago, Paras was urgency from several members that we have to put something on the legislative side as soon as possible,
14:20:10 So let's... community knows what prompts you.
14:20:13 This is just effectively pick that can down the road another month.
14:20:17 Which...
14:20:20 Which was my original suggestion with colleagues help.
14:20:23 wait till sometime, but I'm shocked now that people wanted to let people know sooner than later.
14:20:28 what we are up to. And that's what this was set to address.
14:20:31 And now we've just extended this subcommittee another month.
14:20:36 So, I agree with... so, okay, so two different things. Yes.
14:20:40 Same concept, though. Whatever goes on the website cannot be a committee decision.
14:20:46 Because the Council created this committee.
14:20:48 You're telling... you... is a procedure. You, this committee is telling the council
14:20:53 This is what we want to prove, put on the website.
14:20:56 Council has to approve what goes on the website.
14:20:59 typically did not take this. When this committee was created.
14:21:02 We did not take this messaging.
14:21:05 the City Council. So, it is a... it's still a council decision. We could put it on the 6th,
14:21:11 If you guys want to agree to the changes today, we can add it
14:21:15 As a consent calendar to the 6th, we can add it to the committee assignments on the 6th.
14:21:20 There's two different ways to get it onto the SIG, so you're not waiting to discuss... Yeah, let me withdraw my comments, so...
14:21:28 website. All right.
14:21:30 So, I have to get... I don't know what I did. I hurt my...
14:21:33 Also, they're going to the emergency lab. Put the website over here for a second, then we're back to...
14:21:39 What can your subcommittee...
14:21:43 use as language.
14:21:45 committee to decide what that language is you're going to use.
14:21:48 for starting your interviews, is that correct? Correct. So that would be helpful, otherwise... That's what we want out of here. Right, so again, we're now down to...
14:21:57 I understand procedurally, anything involving council, which means the website, right? So, going down to a much smaller issue of this.
14:22:03 came with RM just suggested,
14:22:05 be approved by this committee, so you can start tomorrow at your meeting with people.
Because if we approve it right now, I can send it out, Ms. Otta Brown Act violation, because then it's not a new... because then I can send it to you, and you can send it off, because it's approved here. Right, and then this committee had something.
14:22:17 Is that correct? We send it out to staff, staff would do a one-way communication,
14:22:22 You cannot... this committee, even though it's approved, cannot go back and forth. There were changes to it or anything like that. So if I... if we make these changes now, let me prove it, and I commemorate that in a document that I sent to staff, you can put that in the document, you'll have access to it, and it would not be a Brown Act by Admission.
14:22:36 Correct. And that's my point. So if we can agree on this right now, there's no back and forth about it later, which would be a Brown Act violation, so we cannot go back and forth about it after this meeting ends. Unless it's agendized on the 13th, which Mary suggestions, so I have this question, though.
14:22:51 If we wanted to, on the 20th, we could do an informational report to the Council,

14:22:57 They would have this written, and we could also make a request for an action item that says, would you please put this up on your website? We were asking you to put it on the website. And then it's put it on the website, which is what we wanted it for, in part why we wanted it for. We just asked him, 14:23:12 I mean, they can say no, but what's the point of that?

14:23:16 Right. You can also put it as part of the, again, committee assignments that are coming on the 6th.

14:23:21 Because this committee... appointments to the committees, are coming back. We can put RM's draft as part of the purpose.

14:23:30 Quick committee.

14:23:33 So, Phil, really quickly, we can get this done, and this way you can get your thing, and that way you can get this for the committee.

14:23:41 The new document is going to read,

14:23:44 The Sebastopol Commons Communications Messaging Subcommittee with the date of the report, the members, and then it's going to skip the introduction.

14:23:50 It's gonna go straight to public messaging, and it's gonna say what, and it's gonna say the building of the Commons

14:23:57 Committee.

14:23:58 I mean, just building the commons. Building the commons is a community development project, and all of that's going to stay the same.

14:24:06 On the last slide, it's going to say that blend civic, comma, cultural, economic, comma, and social resources, etc.

14:24:13 And nothing in the how is going to change. In why. Sebastopol plays a central role in West County's civic, comma...

14:24:21 Economic, comma, and cultural activities, nothing else changes.

14:24:24 In the wind, nothing changes. Conclusion is scratch.

14:24:28 If we can approve that activity,

14:24:32 No, we have a buddy.

14:24:34 Could I clarify? Sure, I'm seeing hands over here before. I think it was Mary Lauer.

14:24:41 Great, I get this, but at the same token, someone else wants to share this, this is great.

14:24:46 way I share things are things are evolving.

14:24:49 It's because one person asked a question, and they demand the response. That's prerogative of the chair.

14:24:54 Right? Because we might not have...

14:24:58 The answer, but I can't read their minds either.

14:25:00 So, I'm doing the best I can to facilitate this, so I'm gonna go through this side, and I'm gonna go back this way, Marilyn.

14:25:06 I'm just talking from the person who is going to be interacting with this compiled list, right? And that's what we're asking.

14:25:14 from this document.

14:25:15 But getting back to the West County...

14:25:20 question. There are some people on this list who are going to ask us this question, you know, and...

14:25:28 Do we write something now that might...

14:25:32 give us a structure to answer that question, or do we...

14:25:37 Just say, oh, well, we're thinking about it.

14:25:41 I mean, I'm thinking of people from...

14:25:45 from the Department of Health, or the...

14:25:49 lit up the Board of Supervisors.

14:25:51 Um, that sort of been a question that we hear. If we're... if we're talking to somebody who...

14:25:59 thoughts, Sarah, and then back around this way to Naomi in the background on the side, huh?

14:26:04 So, I think I saw your hand with... I'm going to do this side of the room, and then we're gonna go around this way.

14:26:10 Thank you for your facilitating our meetings, Mr. Former Mayor. Whatever I was going to say before, I don't remember, but now I would say...

14:26:19 Uh, that.

14:26:21 We don't want to lose track of the idea of the West County concept, like the way Ray put it particularly, that it set.

14:26:30 inclusiveness.

14:26:31 For many reasons, such as finding.

14:26:34 So, um...

14:26:36 I think now, we just say...

14:26:40 the actual name of the project will be discussed over the months that we're working on.

14:26:45 This is our concept name for now.

14:26:47 And it's inclusive of the West County. We just dispatched it that easily, just like we can now.

14:26:52 I remember why reason, for I was going to move that we adopt RN's revised version of the report.

14:26:58 Okay, were you ready for that motion? Are we all ready for that?

14:27:01 We can discuss it more if anybody needs to. I think we're good. Show of hands. Yeah, I'll second it, but anyway, continue discussions, Ken. I just...

14:27:13 one thing I would... I would just...

14:27:15 whatever you do at the end of paragraph 1.

14:27:18 civic, economic, and cultural resources.

14:27:21 parallel with the presence of why.

14:27:25 civic, economic, and cultural.

14:27:28 Just so those things say the same three things. Oh, I see, right.

14:27:34 He wants all your work. She had the same trait list. Okay.

14:27:38 Including Toshma.

14:27:41 Okay. Are we all clear on the pending motion?

14:27:44 Yes. Claire, my second day, so we can do it by unanimous consent. Was there subjections.

14:27:50 Alright, I got it, yay, here it was. I will stay as soon as this is over and send it to you before I leave the building.

14:27:56 If the room is available. I know my office, that's right.

14:28:02 Yes, well, thank you very much to the hardworking.

14:28:05 committee members that got us to this stage. Thank you for the discussion about it. It's really important. This is the whole purpose of that.

14:28:12 And I... I recognize that.

14:28:15 Good. And I'm also excited to do it on the website that I think...

14:28:19 Not until the council approves it. But that would be to follow off on Sarah's thing, that would be part of the action that we could request of them on the 20th, which is to approve

14:28:29 The recommendation of this committee is, and then get it on the website. So that would be an action item for them.

14:28:34 That would be an action item. I'm going to also follow up with Alex to see if I can't put it as to the purpose of the committee on the committee.

14:28:43 Sorry. Uh, it's...

14:28:45 Excel sheet itself.

14:28:47 or the chart, when we do the committee assignments, and just have them adopted it that way.

14:28:52 That might be... that would be faster.

14:28:55 As long as Alex tells me that I can do it that way, then we're good. Then we won't have to worry about having an action item at that point, because...

14:29:01 A lot of times when we do the humidities, we've asked for the purpose

14:29:05 of it, and I think if we can put that into that, we might be able to adopt it faster than that.

14:29:09 Yeah, but he might say no, in which case you say proposed, and we put it on the 20th. Oh, the 20th, yes. If he says, no, I can't do it this way, then we'll put it on the 20th, definitely. Okay, good. And I just wanted to get back to your question about how you talked about this with people who are not

14:29:24 And Sebastopol, and I think that's something... that's language that we can continue to develop, because there are going to be a million questions, and we can hopefully imagine some of them, at least, and provide language.

14:29:33 for at least the conversations that we've had around the different issues, you know, different... Exactly. These are an important concepts.

14:29:41 that these people know

14:29:43 that is in the thought process of this group, right?

14:29:48 That's... that is the brain. So that may not end up on the website, but we'll share it so that we can use it in merit compensations.

14:29:55 Kent. In business, we often have the project name internally.

14:30:00 not saying what the product is going to be, but the project. And so, that's the way I would say, well, this is just our product name, but make sure we're including everybody.

14:30:09 Did you have an opinion? Yeah, exactly. You know, just turn it around, just the project name, say, we understand, we're talking includedly.

14:30:18 Is that an issue for you? Thank you. Next. Good. All right, we're doing a time check to figure out what we really need to get done in the next 29 minutes.

14:30:28 Perseverance, because Mary's always good at encouraging me to follow the agenda. The bottom line, when we get to it, Mary, please interject where

14:30:35 We need to definitively give staff

14:30:38 Well, maybe I should just open it up at this point.

14:30:42 A while back, we agreed we would

14:30:45 produce the agenda we want to see for the next meeting before we left the meeting before, right?

14:30:51 Meaning the fact that we all agreed that by the time we get done in 29 minutes, we'll already know what's on the agenda for the next meeting.

14:30:58 Meaning the fact that there is no agenda review.

14:31:01 Because I will say, I fielded enough emails that I don't want to inventory. I'm not, like, I want this on the agenda.

14:31:08 And I'm gonna do this, but I'm gonna send an email to so-and-so, because I want this, I'm like, no, that was not what we agreed to. We agreed to the fact that all of us sitting at this table

14:31:17 Before we leave one meeting, we'll agree to what's on the next meeting's agenda.

14:31:22 Unless we revisit that and do what Council Agenda Review means.

14:31:27 Which means you advance authority to RM and pipe,

14:31:32 To me, after the meetings, go through what we thought we heard, discuss it with staff,

14:31:38 And then come up with an agenda that you may or may not like the next time you come and sit down at the meeting. That's how City Council works.

14:31:46 So I really... that's, like, a bigger thing for me, because I cannot deal with the emails of people feeling annoyed, like,

14:31:52 I want this, and why can't I get this on the next agenda? I'm like, okay, because you're not understanding where to body gave authority.

14:31:59 The last time we sat down, second.

14:32:03 I don't want to make extra repeat acts.

14:32:05 I'm beginning to appreciate how much work this is.

14:32:09 That's the last thing I would do, and what... what I would be satisfied by saying, let's do it now, is because...

14:32:14 It's the subcommittee reports where we actually are having our discussions, and where...

14:32:19 that can come on the fly.

14:32:22 As long as they're not approving something, the discussions can happen there that may occur during the month.

14:32:28 So, I would support.

14:32:31 Let's make the basic one, knowing that the subcommittee reports are going to contain all the aftermate comes up to legal.

14:32:38 Right, and if we do want to stay with that status quo, I want to make sure we all leave this building with that common understanding, because do not send me any more emails.

14:32:46 And saying, I want this on the agenda, why can't I get this on the agenda? I'm not up. At this point, I'm not gonna respond.

14:32:51 But also, I want to make sure that, Mary, what I don't think was clear after we allowed at the last meeting was giving authority to staff to change things according to their understanding between meetings. If there was an urgent item or something like we felt...

14:33:07 needed to get on their... my understanding, and correct me if I'm wrong, is that you had directed staff to have that authority to do that. If there was something urgent, I could not wait, so...

14:33:16 We would add something to that, we would let the share know at that point that it was being added, but that was the direction was my direction. Okay, so I just want to make sure you all understood that. So if there really were emergencies, like a building let up on fire or whatever, that obviously staff would know about it, and then that would be on the agenda. You would see when you next show up in January.

14:33:34 So, are we all clear? Are there questions about that?

14:33:37 Anything? No?

14:33:39 All good? Okay, we can walk through this, the deadlines for me are really important. So, Mary already identified the deadlines for when reports need to be turned at the end.

14:33:50 Can you walk us through using the scenario of, on a January 13th meeting, because that's the one we're coming up to now,

14:33:56 If the subcommittees want to present their written reports,

14:34:02 By when does it need to go to, I'm assuming, Alyssa? By the deadline, and let's put it... a calendar deadline now. Okay, so...

14:34:10 In theory, I would always use what the council is. Two weeks before a council meeting is the deadline for draft reports.

14:34:18 We take a look at it, see if there's something that's missing.

14:34:23 if there's... if we think it's great, we'll just move forward.

14:34:28 then we're done. You can also, the week before is the drop dead.

14:34:33 Which is what... usually at 72 hours, but the Tuesdays when we'd like to have everything done, so that, you know, if we need an extra day,

14:34:42 to post something, to attach something. So for the 20th,

14:34:46 If you want to meet on the 13th, that's still enough time for us to get the packet done for the City Council for January 20th.

14:34:53 So we can wait... I can wait and post it on Wednesday, but it's always...

14:34:57 Two weeks, you can get us most of the information. If you need more time, just let us know, but no more than a week over the need.

14:35:05 This, on my understanding, it was like...

14:35:07 the day before the posting of the packet or something where things were received, so...

14:35:12 Um, two weeks, one week.

14:35:13 And this is clearly just for us, but also for staff, because we have 3 staff running this, and I want to walk out of this room knowing when the deadline is on the calendars,

14:35:22 Because I don't want to be receiving any more emails.

14:35:25 Other than your deadline is tomorrow,

14:35:28 Have you turned in your subcommittee report? Like, this needs to be locked in, because the emails for this are just...

14:35:34 too much. Then my recommendation is for staff to send out

14:35:38 like that two weeks before reminders, like, hey,

14:35:42 Your staff report is due to me by X date.

14:35:46 Um, you know, within the next week, you have until this... this is the drop-down deadline. I think that'll be helpful for this committee as well.

14:35:52 Okay, based upon what Mary said, how does that configure with the chairs of the respective subcommittees?

14:35:57 So you're going to have your date in mind. Ours is always going to be for the special... the community needs, it's going to be, what is it, the Monday before our regular meeting here?

14:36:08 And ours is already locked. And it is Monday.

14:36:14 In fact, it's dramatically more hours just locked in, so I want our...

14:36:18 We need to start thinking about the deadline Mary just proposed, how that's going to tie in with our MBR questions out of yours. I really... I apologize for this, but part of the subcommittee composition, we need to... we need to resolve the comms of the Communications Subcommittee.

14:36:32 As we've completed our charge, we don't have a reason to have a standing committee.

14:36:38 I apologize for that, I know it's...

14:36:41 Not necessarily itemized on this agenda, but we just wait for the next meeting? It's actually... I put a general...

14:36:47 Um, set committee composition discussions. That's what it's called, yeah. That's for... Can I make a motion that because, as we've just discussed, that we've completed the task that was assigned to that committee, that we can... that... to that subcommittee, that we can result... that we can dissolve that subcommittee effectively?

14:37:03 Okay, all that consensus depth is all. Okay, thanks for joining us about that. So, back to the timelines for the chairs of the respective subcommittees, based upon the timing that Mary

14:37:14 has laid out on when you need to get your referring, should you want to submit one.

14:37:19 Are you understanding a death in the way, and are you able to meet it?

14:37:22 Or do we need to have a discussion about those things? So, the deadline is the 13th, but the report will be able to be submitted by the 14th, because we're having a meeting on the 13th, is that correct?

14:37:34 Yes, I will hold off posting an agenda packets if this... if this committee needs to review the entire report, which it should, before it goes to Council. But the draft...

14:37:44 deadline then would be 7 days before the 13th. Well, typically, because you have to shoot.

14:37:49 Staff is going to have to pose for that 13th.

14:37:53 the prior Thursday. So, 2 days before that is when...

14:37:58 that draft report for this committee needs to be just staffed so that they can post it with the January 13th, this committee.

14:38:06 So that's the shift.

14:38:09 6. In a problematic or subcommittee because of what it means is...

14:38:14 We don't have to do our work in the next two weeks so we can write a report, so we can get in when Mary's deadline. Pretty hard for us. It is incredibly hard. Yes. And I'm just going to say that if there's anything that we could do by way of, like, staff to accommodate that, because literally, to Ken's point, the work is done in subfields.

14:38:31 like the agendas, each one we sit here, it should be the same.

14:38:34 past minutes, report out from subcommittee, facilities, blah blah blah blah blah. It should just be routine, right? Because we're wanting the subcommittees to have as much time to meet,

14:38:45 process, not be freaked out, type in, and then send it to SAP.

14:38:49 or a real deadline. And so I'm turning this all over to you, because you're in charge of August.

Okay.

14:38:55 So, for the 13th,

14:38:58 The real deadline would be...

14:39:01 the 8th.

14:39:05 But this committee meeting, that's the deadline. It's got to be posted.

14:39:09 On that Thursday. So that's the 8th.

14:39:12 1 o'clock at first. 1 o'clock on that Thursday to have everything posted for the meeting on the 13th.

14:39:18 for me to have all the council packet,

14:39:22 I can give you till Wednesday, which is the day after this meeting, so the 14th. So those are hard deadlines.

14:39:31 Those are the realistic deadlines for the counselor.

14:39:34 Um, a suggestion might be, if it's an informational item,

14:39:39 We do a tip, a standard template, staff can help you with that. I can help...

14:39:44 They can make the staff members with creating just a template staff report.

14:39:47 And then we attach the subcommittee, and the, you know, the subcommittee agendas, and then we highlight what the key issues are in the agenda report, but we attach that. So that might be...

14:39:56 helpful for the subcommittees as well, so that, you know, we're helping you get that... those deadlines met.

14:40:03 questions, because that was a lot. Okay, a lot by me, and I've been in this game for 3 years. Can I highlight one important thing, just to reminders. This is holiday season, too, so subcommittees meet as early as possible, maybe even this week or the following week, because now you're looking at holiday break before trying to get these reports in, and I don't want us to get behind.

14:40:24 And I'm saying that to myself, because I let us down last time, and we got to the last minute to schedule it, and I apologize.

14:40:30 I understand the workload that we... we might put ourselves under, let's not do that. You know, like, you know...

14:40:38 Shrew off something nice and small, and just...

14:40:41 you know, as a way of buttoning it up, saying, like, we've had this one small discussion,

14:40:47 If I were you? And put that into the blurb that, you know, if you just...

14:40:51 Kind of have a vacation, though. Mike?

14:40:55 I'm feeling that, but I'm also feeling the fact that we only have authority. Like, so many months have flown by. I just read it here, isn't our final turn up in April.

14:41:05 Uh, June, I believe. Is it June?

14:41:07 Okay, because I thought it was just for your reports, not for, like, conceptualizing and doing the work. Oh, you mean for the written reports from the subcommittees, just keep it brief? Okay, but sure, yeah.

14:41:20 Yes. What else has been, like, rooting up for you guys that you guys are unhappy?

14:41:26 is we can go through the rest of the agenda items, but Mary, is there anything that you think we did not address that we need...

14:41:33 No, but I will make this commitment. How about if I do a draft staff report for this committee?

14:41:38 Um, I'll give it to staff, they can take a look at it.

14:41:41 If the chair from the two committees could just give me a blurb about what your committee does,

14:41:47 That, to me, is simple for the 20th. That's really all you need, unless they don't approve the action, and I can include that as well to add to the website.

14:41:55 That'll make your life easier. We do need that part.

14:41:57 Yep. Uh, if it's in here, is it in the packet? I can just take it from the packet.

14:42:06 Right, by the way, give me a minute.

14:42:09 Uh, next week.

14:42:11 Okay, I'll start a Google Doc for the finance one, but for the other, it's in this, and it's done. I'll submit this document for the comms subcommittee.

14:42:22 that's all be... will be complete as we edit it in real time here. That will be done. I'll get it to you today. Okay. For the other one, we'll create a Google Doc and

14:42:31 Throw it together. And if the geese can just give me a real short blur in the paragraph,

14:42:36 that'll work, and then I'll just send something for you guys to start with, that way you're not all trying to do one agenda report. Does that...

14:42:42 alleviate stress.

14:42:44 That sounds lovely. Okay, thank you.

14:42:47 questions. If I see any answers? Let's go with Ray. We haven't heard from you in a while. Um, I know we're low on time.

14:42:53 I wanted to add a couple of things from the hundreds perspective. The needs assessment conversation.

14:42:59 Um, as Steven pointed out, a library is...

14:43:03 about a third of the way into a 9-month-long strategic planning process, and we have a survey in the field.

14:43:10 That survey will be open until January the 15th. Please take it. Go to our website, and look for it.

14:43:15 Um, we have... we are just completing

14:43:19 This week, a series of community leader interviews, similar to the list you have.

14:43:26 Um, this is partly library product, partly consulting with a product.

14:43:30 I don't know what's going to be available. That's book.

14:43:34 beyond my pay grade. Uh, but...

14:43:37 I do... I looked at your list, okay? At least half the people on your list are people on our list.

14:43:44 of community interviews, and so...

14:43:46 I would not in any way want to hamper

14:43:49 what this committee wants to do. I think they'll... they can have the potential to be mutually reinforcing.

14:43:55 But I would clarify

14:43:59 what you're doing, you know. We don't want somebody to be invited to two conversations

14:44:05 And not sure which one to do, and they find it to either.

14:44:08 You know, so, um, I wouldn't...

14:44:12 suggest that you stop using the word survey and use community leader interviews.

14:44:16 When you go through these kinds of processes,

14:44:19 One of the really important values that you have to remember, I don't know what I don't know,

14:44:24 Okay, you're not, I think,

14:44:26 You're not going to interview these people so that they can reaffirm what you want to do.

14:44:30 You're going to interview these people so you can be curious.

14:44:34 And find out what they need.

14:44:36 And then you can move forward from there.

14:44:38 So there's that, but just again, just...

14:44:41 to know that in the spring, there'll be focus groups.

14:44:45 There'll be, uh, community meetings. You'll hear about all those things. Obviously, you can hear about them from Commissioner Engbarth.

14:44:52 A lot of people are on other lists, too, but I just want to clarify there's a little difference there?

14:44:57 And then the other thing I want to add is that this is my last meeting.

14:45:02 of his committee, uh...

14:45:05 As of, uh, midnight on Friday, I'm no longer a boy in the library.

14:45:10 I've taken another job.

14:45:11 Um, and I don't know who my replacement is. Uh, we are... I picked a really bad time.

14:45:18 To leave the library from library perspective,

14:45:21 But I have to jump on this other opportunity.

14:45:24 Um, Erica is up to here.

14:45:26 Um, I would be surprised if she had the time to...

14:45:30 come to this meeting herself, but I know she wants to stay on the mailing list.

14:45:35 Uh, if she wants to, um, you know, get somebody else appointed to the committee at some point.

14:45:40 Um, I think this is really interesting. I love what everyone here's doing.

14:45:44 I'm offering my appreciation, and...

14:45:48 Say it won't be around after this.

14:45:50 Well, thank you, and thank you for being part of it. We will miss you.

14:45:54 And yes, please do send to Erica whether she is planning on filling the seat, because it does affect you caught the whole hysterics. Where do you have all America is well aware of the situation. Okay.

14:46:08 As of the last time I spoke to her about it, she wasn't sure how she was going to proceed.

14:46:14 And what my request is that she kind of decide soon, because we're going to come before Council on the 20th.

14:46:22 So, we need to have another discussion on the 13th about what it would get part of the 20th report is an action item,

14:46:29 to, again, change the composition of this committee to make sure we consistently have quorum. But go ahead. So let me make a recommendation.

14:46:36 Um, that...

14:46:39 You direct staff to reach out to Erica.

14:46:43 Um, to see if she would like to fill the seat or not, and since we're talking about it on this,

14:46:48 Is there the wellness committee that if Erica says no, to reformat, to make that recommendation at the committee assignments on the 6th?

14:46:57 Rather than waiting until the 20th, because we were talking committee assignments.

14:47:01 When the mayors make recommendations as to who's on what pace.

14:47:06 we could state at that time, if we could put it into the staff report as an action that that presentation of Erica does want to fill it, be removed.

14:47:14 And then the subcommittees reduce down to...

14:47:18 8 at this point, I believe.

14:47:21 Yeah, so I would give direction to you to sort this out with Erica, because again, it is a lot of pressure to be very... if you're going to have a quorum or not, because again, this is taxpayers' money. This room, staff time, free staff, the whole bit, we can't. Meetings, and then miss one. We still have a hard issue.

14:47:41 Right.

14:47:44 There's got that part. Okay.

14:47:46 We need to discuss meeting dates. That's important. And so, yeah, she did mention something about a conflict. What was the conflict with having this?

14:47:53 something with this meeting? So this meeting conflicts every other month with the Public Arts Committee.

14:48:00 Me, which is a... has been a standing committee and has always had that set time.

14:48:05 Um, so, there's a complement use of the conference room.

14:48:10 Okay, so we could either do this meeting... No, or ask them to boot theirs.

14:48:18 Seriously? I mean, you have two... I mean, you have two electeds, so who is the elected to that number? There is no elected to... Precisely. Precisely. So, Bill, unless you think differently, my request is that they need to change theirs, because I'm not having these people go back through.

14:48:33 and look at calendars and discussing in our own minds, we know it's the second whatever day of the month.

14:48:39 is this, that this is here, and our subcommittee meeting schedules, in my mind, have been based on this

14:48:45 Yes, that is my field. Do you think differently?

14:48:51 the planning department? No, they run the community, so they would have the same arts committee.

14:48:58 I should have an onsite in the public arts building. That's what I would do. I'd just walk over there with a cleat.

14:49:05 So, yes, we will work on that. Can I just go back to this about the library? If Erica says no, do we just leave it open, or do you want us to make the recommendation when the committees come back?

14:49:15 to remove that position. Doesn't change the form or anything at that point. It's up to the will of his body, because that doesn't put pressure on us.

14:49:22 If we leave that seat open,

14:49:25 then you all need to not get in excellence.

14:49:27 Yeah, I would have to make sure your body is here, or here, otherwise meetings get canceled. So, it's a lot of pressure more on us.

14:49:34 the residual people, if we leave that seat open, but go ahead, um, Sarah, then, Amy.

14:49:41 Does something state specifically that Erica has the power and authority to appoint

14:49:45 I think it's, um... Regular organization. The organization admin, or the library, or what?

14:49:52 Because I'm wondering, pardon me?

14:49:54 The library and library aggame, same thing. So managing art. The libraries in public building, it's also a concept Indian community.

14:50:02 You're talking about.

14:50:04 So, yeah, we don't need that, because of the time rate. We don't raise an appointment at the Snowy Town Library, so it's after the Snowy County Library to...

14:50:12 All right, so... All right. We have a commissioner. Would you fill the seat? He's part of the library. But I thought he already builds a seat.

14:50:19 It just says the library.

14:50:22 So, Sonoma County Library, and then...

14:50:25 Sonoma County Library Foundation.

14:50:28 And then...

14:50:31 Let me, uh, mention what I'm getting to. I think the libraries, raise your hand.

14:50:36 It's really important to have a seat at this table. And if Eric is too busy,

14:50:41 intent to vote a staff member, because the staff is also prolied.

14:50:45 We need to vibrate person in that culture, in...

14:50:48 that activity to be an advocate for the library here to talk about what we do, because I don't want to go down the road of, like, going through design, and then having the people that actually put bodies in the design and saying, sorry, we were part of this process.

14:51:02 I'm not having that.

14:51:05 So, if we're clear on what we're directing Mary to sort out in the timing,

14:51:10 Mary, when are you thinking the timing of getting this sorted out with Erica will be, or need to be? Well, I think staff should email her or send it possible, so that we can have this. If we have to change it, um...

14:51:23 So, Fred is the City of Asphalt Library.

14:51:28 Yes, yes, yes, they're the same.

14:51:35 So...

14:51:37 I mean, reading this, my Sonoma County Library, in my opinion, I would leave it up to the director.

14:51:43 As to who they want to deploy. That would be my... I'm here representing the director. Right.

14:51:48 So we'll reach out to Erica, we will see if she wants someone to be here. Person isn't.

14:51:53 um, have to attend all the time, but we just need to make sure that before all the meetings, we're reaching out, making sure we have a quorum.

14:52:00 But, I mean, with the excellent payout, I mean, you phrase it, the expectation that that person will be at every meeting, because again, I want to convey the fact that that puts extra pressure on the rest of us

14:52:10 To make sure that we are here, because there's, like,

14:52:13 a real possibility that the one person is going to consistently not be here. Like, as long as you can kind of convey to her day and work, then I think that would be great. And, because we're, like, you know,

14:52:24 I would just... my suggestion would be, if we can't have Erica fill that seat, that we change the composition of the committee, knowing my schedule, I know, you know, I will try and be here every meeting, but I know we travel a lot,

14:52:38 You're not exactly the same, I'm sorry, I...

14:52:41 can't go to wherever my husband wants to go. So then my recommendation would be, let's figure out what Sonoma County Library's doing and bring it to the 13th agenda. Yes. Yeah. Have a full discussion. And have a discussion. Okay, so that's an agenda item. It does, but questionable hearing will probably bring the hand up a little while ago.

14:52:59 It's gonna pass now, but I just wanted to say that I'm also in the Library Foundation, and have...

14:53:04 And on the agenda for January to report on the activities of this committee, because they're really interested in what's going on, so if we don't have a person yet, I... and Erica does come to those meetings, because first planning's very important to the library.

14:53:17 I will just try and support...

14:53:20 The replacement for me, sure, would be very hard.

14:53:22 Um, but just trying to keep that connection going. I know she is... I mean, she's at least said to me,

14:53:29 you know, inform her that she's interested in this section.

14:53:32 Lovely. I get the questions, but you're right, timing...

14:53:35 What else, Mary, do you think we really need to get? Um, the only thing I just wanted to do a recap of is... and RM already did it, Brown Act.

14:53:45 Please be mindful, um, if you're replying, do not reply all, it creates a Brown Act violation.
14:53:51 If you're ordering questions, send it to staff.
14:53:54 Staff will make sure we send it out to who it needs to, so that was the only thing. I've seen a lot of emails going around, so I just wanted to remind that.
14:54:02 Um, that's off.
14:54:04 Steven?
14:54:03 Good. Yes, I'm sorry, Fred. Uh-huh.
14:54:06 Okay, that's okay, I was just... wasn't sure.
14:54:10 The hand signal was up on your end.
14:54:13 Two things. One of them is... it's up to Erica to decide
14:54:18 who it is that she wants to represent.
14:54:22 the administration from the library, but I... I'd like to suggest that we make a suggestion, or that, um,
14:54:31 Uh, as I've done in the past, would be the branch manager
14:54:36 Uh, be the, um, the person designated to attend.
14:54:41 Um, especially with, uh, Deb, uh,
14:54:45 I was doing, I think, a good job in terms of what she's...
14:54:50 been doing so far, and also in terms of her skills and background, she...
14:54:54 would be a real asset, so...
14:54:58 for the good of the order, just suggests that, um...
14:55:03 the, um...
14:55:04 The other thing is for people that are interested in the Brown Act, there's going to be some major changes.
14:55:10 happening, um...
14:55:12 to the Brown Act, uh, for the first time in a long time.
14:55:16 So, it would be of value to keep your eyes open on that.
14:55:22 I'll send a thing to put on the Dropbox
14:55:26 summarizing the changes that are being done, but there's also a, uh,
14:55:31 workshop coming up from the, um...
14:55:34 Uh, uh...
14:55:35 you know, the Cal Cities folks.
14:55:38 Um, that's going to be covering all the new changes, but they're, uh...
14:55:43 a good number of them.
14:55:46 Thank you for RM. I think you were trying to get through some things.
14:55:49 I just think we need to work out... we have 5 minutes to get our agenda set for the next meeting for our agreement, so just looking at...
14:55:58 Um, looking at the next agenda, I think we should get on that.
14:56:02 And for me, I think it's just the same as a business spend, right? I assume that the structure is always going to be in the city, it's that stuff is not bold that might change.
14:56:13 Right. Correct. I just assume that it's... Anything that needs to be added to the next agenda that's not on here, is what I mean. Okay, I just want to make sure something's always on here to think this might be the first time the sub...
14:56:25 committee composition. I think we should always have agendized.
14:56:29 that item, so that if we need to create a new subcommittee, or change who's where of that, we can go, oh, we never thought we needed one of those. Let's do it, and we're okay to do it at that meeting. I see people taking notes on that, so that's going to be incorporated into the scanning agenda? Yes. Or Mary? Yeah, so I just wanted to clarify, though, we need to add an agenda item versus the Standing Committee composition
14:56:53 Not the set of committees, because the ones that's under right now are subcommittees only.
14:56:57 So we need to add one specific to this standing committee, which is this committee, if you're going to reject it.
14:57:04 So that would be an additional topic.

14:57:07 Okay, but does that repeat every time? Yeah, we don't repeat it every time, but I just want to make sure, like, we're not confusing it with the subcommittee one that's here already. We want both. We want both. Oh, okay. Go ahead. Good.

14:57:20 Sorry, RM or Phil, you had your answer, I hope.

14:57:25 So, do we need to have anything on here about reviewing our report that's going to go out to the City Council?

14:57:33 At the next meeting. Um, so it's on the new...

14:57:36 new business or discussion?

14:57:39 You should, honestly, you should... you might want to add an old business.

14:57:44 Um, items, so that is still a discussion and action, but it's something that you've already done, and it's not new business, so we could just add that as well.

14:57:50 Okay. So we need an old business. So add the line that says, uh, old business? Yeah, new business, or, you know, the new business, examine the old business.

14:58:00 And then you added the part about the standing committee and the subcommittee?

14:58:03 And that way. Yes, you guys can? No? Okay. You're good.

14:58:08 What else for the will of the body? Any other frustrations of, like, I want something different, but why did that happen?

14:58:15 Now's the time to talk about it.

14:58:18 Okay, zoom.

14:58:22 I do have a question. Am I the only one who's not getting all the Dropbox stuff?

14:58:28 What drove by myself. There's a list of that, and I don't have any in the city, uh, agendas or attachments.

14:58:36 on my access to Dropbox.

14:58:38 So it could be user error. I'm just wondering if that's a common problem.

14:58:41 Thank you for bringing it up. I haven't actually even clicked on a topic, but I will actually make a suggestion, because at least for City Council packets, we all get our phone. We don't have to go to the city website.

14:58:52 So, I'm making that request that we get emailed as soon as you guys publish it, that we all have distributed the packet via email at Woody on City Council. So if there's changes to the last minute, either that means...

14:59:05 the Thursday prior could be...

14:59:08 Um, you know, 1 o'clock Thursday prior, if everybody's got me all, you know, if I received all the items.

14:59:14 then I can distribute to all the committee members, correct? The Dropbox link that would contain all of the... it's a one-way communication still.

14:59:23 You know, put all the emails you just put in your email in there, you blind copy everybody.

14:59:28 But you can send it out to them. Here's the agenda packet, here's the attachments.

14:59:33 I'm trying to do the actual document and not just the link.

14:59:37 Yeah, I mean, if it's... if it's a small packet, sorry, really quick... if it packet, I just email them.

14:59:43 Okay. If it's a large packet, like a council packet, I give them a Dropbox link, because there's multiple documents that are there.

14:59:48 I did not get a Dropbox. No, I think what you want is the actual...

14:59:55 Agenda's packed. Okay, I just want to clarify...

14:59:59 I know we were going to talk about this second, but it seems like a large issue.

15:00:02 We talk about people

15:00:05 Take a breath, he just has a lot of Dropbox links.

15:00:08 I would keep saying, well, that information's gonna be on Dropbox,

15:00:11 And I've met over 3 months to be successful in finding anything I drop off. So I just want to make sure it's...

15:00:16 that leaves, and it's... is there a permissions problem, formal examination that we...

15:00:21 Dropbox is actually not being used by the majority of us.

15:00:26 I see Jolene time to work there, right?

15:00:29 It sounds like I was at the same thing, but keep using... They should be the same link, correct? It should be the same link.

15:00:34 So all those documents should be on that same domain that I sent to you.

15:00:38 Okay, so we log in under my email that is used for this body is not enough.

15:00:40 Meeting adjourned