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SEBASTOPOL COMMONS: BUILDING THE COMMONS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

DRAFT 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 10:00 am***ROLL CALL:****Attendees:** **Committee:** *Councilmember Stephen Zollman, Councilmember Phill Carter, RM Horrell, Sarah Glade Gurney, Naomi Hupert, Kent Jenkins, Mary Lou Schmidt, Remote: Fred Engbarth***Other:** *None***Absent:** *Deb Hoadley***City Staff:** *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.**Consent Calendar Item(s):**

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 13, 2026 Building the Commons Committee Meeting
 - a. **Motion for Approval: Yay's: 8, Nay's: 1 (due to absence from the meeting),**

Subcommittee Update(s):

2. Update from the Funding Assessment Subcommittee
3. Update from the Community Needs Assessment Subcommittee (*attached "3. Community Needs*

Subcommittee Composition:

4. Discussion of Restructuring of current Subcommittees or establishment of additional subcommittees (this is a standing agenda item and will only be discussed if new subcommittees are requested)
5. Identify focus topics of newly created subcommittees (this is a standing agenda item and will only be discussed if new subcommittees are created)

New Business:

6. Quarterly Report to the City Council for the January 20, 2026 City Council Meeting

- a. Committee Members are satisfied with the Agenda report as modified during the meeting.

Timelines/Milestones/Next Steps:

7. What is required to be accomplished by the next meeting
8. What is required to be accomplished within three months
9. What is required to be accomplished within six months

Future Meetings:

10. Next Meeting Date: **February 10, 2026 at 1:00 pm**
11. Meeting Agenda Items for February 10, 2026 (the committee process is to approve the agenda items for the next Committee meeting)
 - a. **Reminders will be sent two weeks and one week prior to the meeting, with one week prior being the deadline for subcommittee reports.**
12. Request for Future Agenda items (this is an opportunity for members to make requests for topics/agenda items/information for next meeting)

I. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- Councilmember Zollman adjourned the meeting at: 3:00 pm

Submitted by: Elissa Overton, City Staff Member

ATTACHED:

Attachment A – AI transcription of meeting minutes

ATTACHMENT A

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10:02:17 I apologize, we try to use multiple services, and we were unable to get somebody to hear, so...

10:02:21 Okay, and I understand that might have been the situation last time, so hopefully with staff, um, we can...

10:02:28 Because we know when these meetings are, so we actually reach out to another supply...

10:02:33 provider, and they were so unable to meet today's need, but we're trying. Yeah, they have their ongoing schedule, but they seem to still be, um,

10:02:42 failing at supplying what we need, so...

10:02:45 And I can touch base with Mary about that, too, because we definitely do, as a city, need to demonstrate that we are aware, and that we are making sure that all of our meetings are as inclusive, um, as possible. So, thank you guys again for all of your ongoing hard work, and before we jump in, Mary did all of our work for us today. Mary, um,

10:03:07 or Naomi has mentioned that he needs to leave at 11. So, just as a precursor for all of this, Mary revised the last staff report.

10:03:17 And I always trust staff, because they sit in the meetings for a reason, they collectively hear our discussion,

10:03:25 And they are the neutral person. While we all might have our views, and we all need to assert them,

10:03:31 staff condenses it.

10:03:34 puts it at a neutral format. So, Mary's not here, but I thanked her profusely. So...

10:03:40 You have a copy that's printed out. I think, the most current version, but I did ask her to put it up on the screen.

10:03:46 So, that's gonna help us move through this meeting. And I do appreciate the Finance Committee. I understand that they did get their report to staff early this morning, and I think that they are part is also

10:03:58 Somewhere in this pathway.

10:04:00 So Mary's thought was, is that we could go through

10:04:04 what she's type here.

10:04:06 And that each of the prior subcommittee reports would just be attached to it.

10:04:11 So that we're not trying to cram language in from multiple different entities into one document.

10:04:18 Um, so that is the thought of how to make this move smoothly and fastly in the next 55 minutes.

10:04:26 So, anyone have any questions, thoughts, concerns about that before we dive in?

10:04:32 Nope. Alright. So, he does have on here, um, approval of past minutes, but I don't really remember seeing our minutes from the last time, and I don't really know if it's that.

10:04:42 Would you like me to combine, uh, last meetings and this meetings to be approved at next?

10:04:50 So, if you're gonna bring them forward, bring them forward as minutes, strap minutes from the prior meeting, and then the draft minutes from this meeting. Go ahead. I'm just looking at the...

10:05:03 minutes are literally...

10:05:05 page and I have. I think we could probably give them 2 minutes. Okay, alright, well then, that would definitely beg it, then there's a motion to approve. I see, uh, throw his hand up. Is there a second?

10:05:17 I'm just gonna read them really quickly.

10:05:21 Sarah? I'll second it. Alright, the paper first.

10:05:27 Okay. A lot of chance to scan it.

10:05:32 Yes, yes. F.

10:05:34 Alright, we can do it by consensus, unless there's any objections. Not seeing any objections? Alright, they are approved.

10:05:40 Okay. If I was present. Perfect.

10:05:42 Perfect, perfect. Um, and with that, then, yes, uh, staff, you have the report queued up.

10:05:49 So, once...

10:05:52 Just go slow.

10:05:53 Okay, thank you, Fred. All right.

10:05:57 So, we just...

10:06:00 read along with what's in front of you, or...?

10:06:02 up there, and see what we think.

10:06:37 I think we can just probably stop after Executive Summary, and just see what people's thoughts are.

10:06:42 from the two, the Honorable Mayor, and then also the process of presentation of the agenda item.

10:06:49 I'm still a bit unclear what the intention or what the will of the body is, or how we present this to Council.

10:06:56 Um, is it...

10:06:57 Currently, it's on an action item, correct?

10:07:00 Okay, so there's going to be the normal sort of consent calendar item stuff, and then this will be something that the Council is definitely

10:07:09 should be prepared to... should have read, should be prepared to discuss, and prepared to weigh in on.

10:07:15 And as far as

10:07:19 Letter a presentation of agenda item by the requester or responsible department. Are you, Eric,

10:07:25 going to be the one that Jill, our mayor, will turn to when she reads the item to...

10:07:32 present something? If that's what you want, I can present.

10:07:36 If this would... if you guys agree to, I'm happy to do that.

10:07:40 And that's just for discussion. Go ahead. Hi, I apologize. When I left the last meeting,

10:07:45 I was clear that this was going to be an informational item, not an action item, okay? And this is now queued up. Eric, as an action item, or is it an informational item?

10:07:56 Before I was reading it. It's informational item. The city received informational report from the community.

10:08:02 Perfect. I did remember reading that some more last night, too, so I didn't know what action we'd take anyway. There we go, so it's an informational.

10:08:09 So, oh, sorry, I had to go back to you. Yeah, that was because that was the grand bargain that, like...

10:08:16 It's early, we're just giving...

10:08:20 an update that we don't have enough to engage with yet.

10:08:23 Got it. Alright, so that is the will of the group, then. What's the purpose of this document here? Is this still open for edits?

10:08:30 It is, yeah, it is for us, and that purpose is for us to be okay with the language between now and... I mean, we could continue on without Naomi after 11.

10:08:39 But whatever we see here,

10:08:42 is going to be what Council receives when we show up, because we cannot wordsmith.

10:08:48 anymore after we leave the meeting today. So it has to lock before we do. It has to lock today, yeah. Can I just start with just a few...

10:08:54 5 extra bullets.

10:08:56 And, like, double bulleted in a couple spots. Yeah, I have... I fixed those on last night's draft, but this is a new...

10:09:03 Just stay up, um, fair. Because I just want to make sure that we're clear about the process of the proposed agenda item, and... If it is an informational item,

10:09:16 Is there still questions and discussion? Yeah. Is that how that works? Yes.

10:09:21 So, it would just be, um...

10:09:24 The mayor would read the item, and then on the agenda, it says responsible department, it'll say public works, and then she's going to be looking to turn to you, unless otherwise indicated.

10:09:34 I'm sorry, just procedurally.

10:09:37 Who's answering the questions? It would be still up for us to decide how we want to deal with it. I mean, typically, Phil, correct me if I'm wrong, is the fact that the questions go to staff,

10:09:47 Usually first, and then if there are questions of the actual committee members, then any one of us can chime in.

10:09:54 Um, again, speaking on behalf of ourselves and not on behalf of the whole committee, but go ahead. With that said, the council members probably would

10:10:01 do a lot. The council members wouldn't do what? I don't know that we would...

10:10:07 trying to influence the council by saying... No, that's the reason why I always, when I was mayor, figured out, like, who I was going to turn over the discussion to, which is the neutral person, which is the staff.

10:10:18 And... but then, I mean...

10:10:21 taking the Budget Committee as an example,

10:10:23 We usually have questions directly of staff, and then sometimes it comes back up to the dais saying, well, if there are questions of individual members of

10:10:31 the respective committee. And I guess, would it be...

10:10:35 I need you both to jump in, but again, if we were asked questions, it would just be from our individual perspective. I would not speak on behalf of...

10:10:43 the body. Procedurally, again, though,

10:10:46 I... since it was informational, I plan to...

10:10:50 watch the meeting next time, but I hadn't planned to be there. Is this something where the...

10:10:55 the committee's supposed to be there. I just... I don't know. Committee members can always be there. There's no expectation that you'd be there, and if you want to just join online and just follow along or watch the tape afterwards,

10:11:06 But there's no expectation that committee members have to be present, ever. Um, but go ahead, Sarah. I think, Stephen, we have to put this in the context that you've established.

10:11:16 Which is, the council could dump this whole committee in June.

10:11:20 So, um...

10:11:22 We really need to be enthusiastic and advocate for ourselves, which means you two council members on the council

10:11:30 do want to influence your colleagues because you're our people, right?

10:11:35 You're here on this committee. If you think that some decorum, I have to disagree with asleep council members are at Pittsburgh point of view.

10:11:42 So, I totally hear that, too, but I just want to be clear that if some of the questions were to come up back up to the guys from me, I would just say, this is from my individual perspective.

10:11:53 To answer your question as a committee member, to answer your question, being very mindful, especially since I'm currently chair, that I'm not speaking on behalf of y'all, on behalf of the body. Is that how you would

10:12:04 I see it happening, too. It was a rather new council member, you know, I'm taking, um...

10:12:09 The former mayor's council on this. It was my... I got...

10:12:15 a lot of feedback last year about not speaking over the things that I was on the campus.

10:12:21 So I'm gonna defer to other members of the committee that would love to

10:12:27 advocate, pitch, promote.

10:12:29 these kinds of things, and leaves me to my own...

10:12:35 Thanks. Because I have a tendency to talk, I can do it right now.

10:12:40 No, it's all good. I mean, and the fact that, I mean, of course, we all... I mean, hopefully we all want to speak positively of the work, and...

10:12:50 demonstrate the fact that there's movement forward, but yes, also being mindful, um, that each of us can only do that from our own individual capacity. But, go ahead.

10:12:58 So, this is an informational item, it's going to be up front on the agenda.

10:13:05 So, I think it would be very strategic, as many of us showed up as possible, and when the item was introduced, we were available.

10:13:15 to either support Eric, he's going to be the main presenter, or...

10:13:21 Speak.

10:13:22 As in your context, Steven, this is going to be dumped by June if we don't, like, show something and do something, that that is true, and then I will just speak as a former mayor, and probably you sense this too, our current mayor,

10:13:34 the way that these are presented is that it's 10 minutes. That's it. Yeah. It's 10 minutes for the entire presentation. Correct. So, I would like a will of the body to just say,

10:13:46 Eric, we're going to defer to you to prevent

10:13:49 present the staff thing. However long you choose to take it. I would imagine it's not going to be more than 2 or 3 minutes. If the will of the body is to then say, okay, Eric's done,

10:13:59 But then also, if you want to have questions of the individual committee members, somewhere on the dais, some are in the audience, we could have that be part of the remaining 10 minutes. But this is not going to be a free-for-all, because I'm not... this... the presentation itself

10:14:13 needs to be wrapped up within 10 minutes, and then unlimited question and answer, depending upon from colleagues or from the public, but I see multiple hands, and I forgot who... was it? RM for... let's go with RM first, and then Phil.

10:14:26 Um, this is...

10:14:28 Only informational, there's no vote that's gonna be taken on.

10:14:31 this... in this session.

10:14:33 And so I think there's a balance to be had, and I hear what you're saying, in terms of showing up and showing global support for it from the audience at very minimum, just being there with somebody's

10:14:42 not to get approval. It does influence the way people feel about things, I recognize that, but also,

10:14:47 Recognizing that there's no vote to be made here. And so, uh, Milady does protest too much, methinks, like, I don't want to get in there when we're starting to advocate for something that isn't on the block as of right now, and then it feels like we're overperforming it, versus just

10:14:59 Here's an update that we're working on. Next time we come back, we're going to have more information. At that point, it's going to be actionable. It's going to be an action item, and then we maybe are more present to answer more of the more difficult questions when we have more information to answer with, versus

10:15:12 We've set up our framework, and we're getting started, and there's not much more to say at this point. And I'll take my answer offline.

10:15:18 So, the reason... oh, okay, yeah, I... I was just...

10:15:23 gonna modify what RM said by saying,

10:15:27 having support there at Council can choose to be there or not be there, but it might be fun if you were there just to... just to be a physical body, and kind of say, like, hey, you know, we're interested in this.

10:15:38 We're doing this. You know, you can be on the, uh...

10:15:43 the Zoom, and we'll see your name.

10:15:46 Uh, and, uh, but I do also feel like, you know, there's critical mass, but you don't want to look like you're, like, schmitting it down the council's throat already, because...

10:15:56 You know, then that that wears out.

10:15:59 Yes, we all know how to be diplomatic.

10:16:01 This is true.

10:16:04 And real people are much more compelling than blah blah blah blah, which they want to say something, because they're looking at the next agenda item, which is an afternoon. There are people in your public, probably going to leave.

10:16:17 Do that, do that.

10:16:20 So I think it shows more would be happening, because it makes it amazing.

10:16:25 Okay. If they're kind of there, but back to back to that. Cool.

10:16:30 not knowing this, I actually have a...

10:16:32 Sadly been scheduled, so I cannot be present, but I can be on the Zoom, so if that helps...

10:16:39 I think that that's great, and then also public comment, I mean, it's a side... granted, you're on the committee itself, but you could always write, like, in my individual capacity as a citizen and a community member, I am writing blah blah blah, a couple paragraphs, send it to Mary, and then

10:16:55 Council members will already have a chance to review it, and most importantly, members of the public, your public comment will always be part of the record of the meeting.

10:17:05 If we could get a notification my windows are due? At a minimum, it's a second. I mean, the earlier, the better. Four days before? Because you're posting with the agenda, so I think it's a Thursday before the meeting. Agreed, but then also, Mary, aside the fact that it's never too late, as long as you submit something to her in email before the conclusion of the meeting.

10:17:26 Which is not always helpful if it's being submitted after the discussions happen, but if you want to make sure it's part of the record... The week before.

10:17:35 the... always, the earlier, the better. I mean, usually most people who don't submit the public comments until after the packets released to the public, which is not true. Yeah, I don't know, I agree.

10:17:45 But no, I mean, what I'm hearing, sort of, is the fact that, again, we're in agreement that Jill, our mayor, will call the item,

10:17:51 And she'll read responsible department. She'll then turn to Eric. Eric will present.

10:17:56 My experience from staff is that they're just gonna not read the contents.

10:18:02 of the SHAP report, but kind of summarize it, and then just say, these... this is what I have, but members of the committee want to say something, then that could be their time.

10:18:12 And then it just goes right into questions from the Council. Um, does that...

10:18:18 sound okay, mostly, the will of the body about how this will kick off the process of the agenda item.

10:18:27 Yeah, I think that's appropriate. Okay. Alright, I'm not seeing you, but Frank gave us up. Alright, alright. Great. So let's move on into executive summary. Has everyone had a chance to read that paragraph, and what are people's thoughts on that part?

10:18:59 Everybody, you have seen Anchor films?

10:19:03 I don't love editing things to death, but I wish there was a statement that the executive summary that just pushed us a little bit further than just establishing baselines and community.

10:19:14 You know, to say that we've done just a touch more work.

10:19:18 with refining...

10:19:21 where we're going with this, because this still makes us...

10:19:24 makes me feel like, you know, like, you know, we're still just gonna figuring things out after 3 or 4 months. Which we may be...

10:19:30 But, um, you know, I would love it if...

10:19:34 It was just a touch stronger.

10:19:38 Okay. Other people's thoughts. I saw a hand, uh, thumbs up from Naomi. Well, I would just have a question.

10:19:45 So, when we, like, identifying a deliverable that we would like to produce by the end? Is that what you're thinking?

10:19:52 Um, no, I'm not saying that we have a specific...

10:19:56 outset, but we've established

10:19:59 Well, we're not just gathering data, we're not just trying to figure out, we're not just trying to... we have identified

10:20:06 Okay, I see. We have...

10:20:09 We made assessments. You know, we've done work.

10:20:12 And, you know, this should be shown.

10:20:14 So what words is it that do you want to change?

10:20:18 or add... I'm the tense. Yeah.

10:20:21 We're done.

10:20:24 You're just suggesting the committee

10:20:26 um, has organized the structure, gathered

10:20:30 baseline data, assessed...

10:20:32 We're going to assess some of your needs, identify potential pathways forward, so it just...

10:20:38 You just change it from a sort of doing to, we are doing, bat.

10:20:44 Got it, okay. Okay, and it sounds like the editing is happening live. As organized. Yes, I know, I know.

10:20:54 kind of finish my sentence. I'm about to leave. This is very inaccessible to me when people talk of each other.

10:20:59 the captions don't even show up at all, and it's already hard enough. Can you please not interrupt?

10:21:03 Okay, thank you. Fair enough. So, my question was back to staff. Is this going to be able to be live edited, or is this not a possibility as we sit here?

10:21:13 ask a question. I have changed it to edit on this screen, so it has shrunk, because we just realized that this

10:21:20 laptop does not have Word on it, so I'm sorry, the editing will be smaller, but I can edit through this screen.

10:21:26 So, we can... we can do that. I can follow your instruction to edit, and you'll see it live up on the screen. Alright, let's gonna work best for you, given...

10:21:37 what the situation we're in.

10:21:43 what's going to work best? I'm sorry, I'm going to ask Parham first what's going to be helpful for him, because I would prefer him not to leave.

10:21:50 Because of frustration at this, so... RM.

10:21:56 I'm not sure. No, I'm just asking you what...

10:22:00 Given what was just said, what would make this more workable for you so that you could stay and be part of this problem? But Phil, I see your hand keep going on, so go ahead. I need people just to not speak over each other, and I need... I need

10:22:11 you to give a space for someone to finish an answer before you start again. Oh, okay. Because I know you're trying to get an agenda complete, but we're also trying to create access where we all understand what's happening, rather than just race through hitting the bullet points. Got it. So it's really important that we just take a breath so someone can

10:22:25 I can look up and know who's responding. I just cannot keep up like this. Okay, understood. Phil, you also had a comment?

10:22:32 Um, my comment is for Alyssa to actually verbally speak what she has written so it comes up in the transcript that RM may read it.

10:22:43 And so it doesn't have to go through Word, but you can actually speak it here,

10:22:46 He can see it on the...

10:22:50 that. It did do that. It should be...

10:22:53 You want me to restate?

10:22:56 like, you know, past tense and...

10:22:59 edit. It might be weird, or... So, there was a suggestion to change the tense of

10:23:06 of the agenda, so I just made myself a note on that to change the text, so I'm writing that.

10:23:11 Oh, I didn't know if you had actually done it already.

10:23:14 No.

10:23:19 I'm still now equally confused about the process, but if I can't...

10:23:23 So, Sarah, I think you and I did the same thing. I have...

10:23:28 change ING's to ED's, and I think I have the actual warning, which I can...

10:23:33 hand over or re-aloud.

10:23:38 Whatever anybody who really wants to do to move this.

10:23:41 Let me read it, and then I can...

10:23:44 Added to Alyssa, and she can...

10:23:46 do what she needs to do with it. So, during this phase, the committee has

10:23:51 Organized is structure.

10:23:54 Gathered baseline data,

10:23:56 assessed community needs,

10:23:58 And identify potential pathways forward.

10:24:02 Thank you.

10:24:05 Yes, all right. I like that. Can we just approve that chat? That paragraph and move on? Yeah.

10:24:10 Yes. Does that make sense, Alyssa? Yeah. So you keep this? Okay. And just put a check next to it, and at the end, I'll Xerox this, and let you go home with coffee, and I'll go open it up.

10:24:24 Jack Harbor, beautiful. Okay. So, Steph, can you blow this out, whatever is being shown here, so at least I can read where we're at?

10:24:32 Or is that not possible? Never mind.

10:24:34 I'll find it here. Um, so we've done an executive summary. Now we're on to background. Let's take a minute to read.

10:24:42 for everyone in this background part is.

10:24:44 the whole background section.

10:25:34 I'm just waiting for people to look up, like, back at elementary school, uh, but questions. I think Ken first, and then RM can't...

10:25:40 Just procedurally under current committee members.

10:25:44 You have mentioned the Community Foundation has none.

10:25:47 But did not do that for the Center of the Arts. So either we add Center of the Arts, or take them both up. I thought we were doing the background.

10:25:54 I'm sorry. Yeah, we haven't finished the background, or... we're going step by step, process by process, but RM? Oh, I just have one, um...

10:26:04 grammatical edit, and that's where it says, potentially including library or library-adjacent functions. I believe that should be parenthetically separated by two commas.

10:26:11 Before or and after adjacent.

10:26:14 It says, unrelated, the last line in the first paragraph of background, it says, um...

10:26:20 Recreational classes, related activities, potentially including public library, I think I should say common or public, or library adjacent comma, functions,

10:26:27 Because if we're splitting library n functions,

10:26:31 Then, parenthetically, library-related.

10:26:34 should be separated?

10:26:36 Does that make sense? Yes.

10:26:38 Yes. Check. Sure.

10:26:43 Okay, is everyone okay with the background section of the report? Looking around the room to see anybody, Sarah? I have one addition at the very end before it says, current committee members.

10:26:56 It operates under Brown Act compliance protocols, with in-person and remote access.

10:27:01 via Zoom when needed.

10:27:04 During its monthly meetings, or at the monthly meetings, because it's important, I think, to note

10:27:09 That we meet at least monthly.

10:27:12 is repeated down below, but I don't think...

10:27:14 If there's any risk in saying monthly meetings here.

10:27:17 So that would just add, at its monthly meets.

10:27:22 Okay.

10:27:26 Are you satisfied with how I added it on the screen? Yes, that's good. Okay.

10:27:32 I... you know, I'm just gonna confirm...

10:27:36 that the bulleting situation, you said you... because it's two separate sets of boats, right? So...

10:27:42 Okay, check. You're talking about the bullets? Yeah. Okay, that was mine. Thanks. Sure.

10:27:47 Okay? So we've made it all the way through. Everyone's good through the background section.

10:27:52 That's... I guess.

10:27:55 And then the current committee member of that section.

10:28:00 Is everyone fine with what stated there?

10:28:03 then a pause. I'll do my best to try to help you then pause, and then I'll acknowledge the next speaker. Sarah?

10:28:08 I believe the official name of the committee I'm on is Measure Y, not W.

10:28:14 Yes. W may be the next one.

10:28:19 But we haven't changed our name.

10:28:21 Because the re-up doesn't start until...

10:28:26 equal, or in August of 26th of this year.

10:28:31 Changed?

10:28:32 Jack, that applause are allowed. Can we just change the name of Copperfields to say Copperfields Books?

10:28:38 Of course.

10:28:47 I think we have paused. Any other heated corrections through current committee?

10:28:52 members, Kent? I'm just saying we just take the Community Foundation off.

10:28:57 Okay, I think they've abdicated, and...

10:28:59 So they're just not a presence here, okay? Instead of leaving a hole of...

10:29:04 Why aren't they there? Okay?

10:29:07 May I offer a counterpoint? Sure. I think we should mention at some point that they were part of this.

10:29:13 Because this is a summary of what's happened.

10:29:16 thus far, so at some point, they were here.

10:29:18 And so, I think it needs to at least be mentioned if we're talking about a summary of who's been in and out.

10:29:22 I mean, I have a response, but go ahead, Kent. Accept that it was a City Council

10:29:29 Action to remove them from it.

10:29:31 previously. So that is dead and varied.

10:29:36 Can we solve this by putting former member?

10:29:39 After it, after the bullet point? Well, my recollection in the process was we had set up those invitations to different bodies,

10:29:46 for them to come and participate.

10:29:49 Some accepted the invitation, some did not. They'd never accepted the invitation. Oscar never accepted the invitation. So, to say the fact that they're even a past member seems concerning to me.

10:30:00 Um, that's kind of my point, is I think we should share to the public who was invited,

10:30:04 Because I don't want a presumption that they were excluded.

10:30:07 On behalf of, um, for some reason, so I don't know how to word it artfully, and I'm not saying it needs to be here, I'm not saying... I think at some point,

10:30:15 People need to know that the Community Foundation was invited and opted not to join because... not for a whole or a shame reason, but to protect you from potential favoritism by not having invited certain bodies that

10:30:28 could have contributed. So there's something to be said for that as well, but I don't necessarily know if that's true.

10:30:34 Boss count. I'm just thinking because there's a very public record.

10:30:38 of them being invited, them not wanting to be there, to the point of the City Council action to reduce the committee membership.

10:30:46 And that's recorded already? Yes, that is. Then I'm with my comment. That's how I was to make sure that we were protected from the appearance of not having

10:30:54 offer the exemption. Thank you.

10:30:55 Great. So, just... I'm sorry, so just delete...

10:30:59 Okay. The Community Foundation one. I agree with that, in case for taking that vote. We should... we all agreed to just delete them.

10:31:06 Sure. Great. If seeing nothing, let's move on to the discussion section, and let's just do the discussion section right up to the Parkinson's Community Needs Assessment. Let's just go chunk by chunk.

10:31:19 Let's just read the wording there.

10:31:43 It looks like most people are done reading and RM.

10:31:46 Um, I like that we pointed out that there have been no

10:31:49 decisions or site selections or funding commitments yet. I think it's important that we don't...

10:31:55 that we temper expectations so the community doesn't hear, like, what have you already defined? Oh my gosh, like, this is going, I've heard something about whatever.

10:32:02 I mean, I...

10:32:03 I wonder if I phrase, no major decisions, if we want to edit that, but I like that we're being really clear that

10:32:11 But there's nothing that is going to already be in the works.

10:32:16 Other comments, Naomi? Following that,

10:32:19 We say, yet.

10:32:21 Does that mean that we are going to have

10:32:25 funding commitments as part of this, because I don't know if we...

10:32:29 are, right? I feel that, too. Can we just say we've made no commitments?

10:32:35 Yeah, I...

10:32:35 decisions. Whatever, yeah. I'm sorry for... I'm so rude.

10:32:40 Go ahead. Go ahead. I hear myself, so I don't think it's a problem. I'm so sorry, that was rude. I will do better.

10:32:46 Um, I mean, it starts with two dates, so I don't think we need that.

10:32:50 And because that is still factual, I think it's okay to omit it.

10:32:55 pause, uh, wait, I thank you, Alyssa, for pointing out, um, Fred?

10:32:59 Yeah, I agree with Naomi, um, and where we're heading with the dropping the yet makes good sense.

10:33:08 Thank you, and then, Kent, I saw your hand.

10:33:11 I just... I feel like the...

10:33:13 MDAS should be with

10:33:15 homework, but no...

10:33:17 I'm missing a connector word there.

10:33:25 Or just put a period in capital. Yeah, two different sentences? Yeah.

10:33:31 Indy and verb, yeah.

10:33:34 We don't use semicolons much anymore, those are done. Yeah, semicolon. It fits.

10:33:39 Oh, I'd love to have a 70. Yeah, semicolons are gonna need a verb.

10:33:43 How about at... at this time?

10:33:46 At the end? That's not a verb. No.

10:33:52 A major decision, site selections, or funding commands have been made. Have been made to me.

10:33:58 That is maybe two sentences?

10:33:59 Yeah. He's made.

10:34:01 It doesn't feel redundant.

10:34:06 told us that.

10:34:07 just go in the face of what you said before, that we're trying to show

10:34:11 progress, instead of saying, but we haven't decided anything.

10:34:14 Is that unflicted?

10:34:20 I don't feel like those are similar statements.

10:34:23 Okay. But now I'm starting to wonder if, like, I just inferred that decisions will be made.

10:34:30 I think, like, maybe establishing that we're gonna come to an outcome is different than a decision.

10:34:35 I'm not sure. Okay, but I saw Naomi first, and then RM. So, I...

10:34:39 So I think we're balancing two things. We, as a committee, we are not in a position to make commitments about funding or...

10:34:48 property, but... and also, we want to make sure that we're clear that we are not making decisions without input from the community.

10:34:56 Right, but we... so we have to figure out what we want to call the thing that we're going to come up with, because we're going to come up with options, like, viable options, right?

10:35:03 And so we have... but we're not there yet, because we're still collecting all the information.

10:35:08 So we just need a phrase that represents...

10:35:11 Okay, back to RM, and then... I mean, could we solve this with a little bit of...

10:35:16 Everybody's favorite passive voice. I mean, you know, there have been, you know, major decisions, selections, or funding commitments made. I mean, like, I know that Ask the Voice is a little gross, but also it's saying,

10:35:27 then we don't... we're not saying that we're empowered and we haven't done it, we're just saying... We're just acknowledging. The sort of oblique...

10:35:34 Those who have the power to make these decisions haven't yet done so, and we're just alluding to it that they just...

10:35:39 haven't happened on their own passively.

10:35:42 Okay, Kent and then Phil?

10:35:46 or replace that after the ingest.

10:35:51 Gathering, structure building,

10:35:54 Without...

10:35:56 identifying a particular direction yet.

10:36:01 cross there. So the two words, I would say, are similar to that, which is to provide guidance or determination.

10:36:10 Uh, which cancels out.

10:36:12 decision.

10:36:14 But direction is perfect.

10:36:19 How about replacing the decision with suggestion?

10:36:24 Absolutely too soft. Oh, just to leave it. You're getting a call.

10:36:28 Ignore it.

10:36:31 Okay, I haven't heard from Sarah in a minute, so let's go over to Sarah.

10:36:35 why not just delete it?

10:36:39 Our responsibility will be to make a recommendation to...

10:36:43 accounts often. We're gonna make a lot of decisions along the way, like, we're deciding on the content of this report, so I think we're messing with words that we can just take out.

10:36:55 And keep going.

10:36:56 Okay? There's a pause, but I'm trying to do the pausing so that...

10:37:02 follow-up for everybody. I think that's really wise. I like what... I like what you just said. Um, I think there also needs to be some allusion to the fact that we're not

10:37:12 I think something...

10:37:14 An ordinary citizen needs to understand that something isn't being decided without them yet, and so there needs to be something, maybe, in that, whether it's in the Council's report about this,

10:37:24 Um, but somehow it needs to be mentioned that there aren't any decisions, commitments, or offers, or explorations being extended that were going down something that can't be undone.

10:37:33 But I also agree that we can't say we haven't made decisions for...

10:37:36 Making them right now, that's a good point, folks.

10:37:39 I think something needs to be said there, but I don't know what.

10:37:41 Okay, pause. Naomi?

10:37:44 Can we eliminate that?

10:37:48 the No Major Decisions segment.

10:37:51 But after building, say,

10:37:54 Something like future recommendations, or we will make recommendations

10:38:00 and future reports based on our findings, or something like that. So we're saying that we're going to suggest something,

10:38:05 We're not saying it's a final decision, and we're also saying it's not here yet, it's gonna come.

10:38:10 In the future.

10:38:12 That's what I'm getting through, something. Something like that. Here, go ahead. Extra copy today, I apologize.

10:38:19 That's what I'm trying to get to, is there needs to be some sort of

10:38:22 promise that what we are going to do, and limiting expectations of what we already have done, so that there's nothing on rails yet that can't be undone.

10:38:31 in the public eye, in terms of their funding or tax measures or expenses or things that they're moving, or... I just don't want people to... there's been rumor meals already about decisions that have been made long-form, and we haven't really got started, so I think putting those to rest with something like that,

10:38:45 would be good for what you're advocating for earlier, and making sure that we're showing up for the public and

10:38:52 defending this process before it gets attacked.

10:38:55 Okay, I saw Kent, and then back to Sarah.

10:38:58 I want to be mindful, but this is a report that has a sequence.

10:39:02 and has the very first thing up front.

10:39:06 the executive summary, or identified there we're working on a community engagement outcomes.

10:39:11 So, if we look... instead of trying to bury a pretty strong statement,

10:39:17 way farther down...

10:39:19 That's right up front, that this is part of it.

10:39:22 And what we're saying is, really, to this point, we've been talking to each other with structures,

10:39:27 was figuring it out.

10:39:29 And that's just the truth, and just kind of leave it there, because up front...

10:39:33 We're going to be doing community engagement.

10:39:37 So, procedurally or structurally, that was the first thing we said.

10:39:41 Okay, alright. Agreed, there's something also to be said for internal consistency and symmetry to it.

10:39:46 Because some people do skim, they don't... might... not everyone may understand what community engagement means in terms of real, actionable items, and whether their feedback is

10:39:55 valid, or whether that's engaging with only business owners or only realtors.

10:40:00 So, ensuring that there's a little bit of symmetry to it.

10:40:02 But the fact there is a full committee

10:40:06 dedicated community needs assessment.

10:40:09 Okay, I'm just gonna interject and do a time check, because we have 20 minutes before Naomi needs to leave. Naomi offered to come back, um, but she'll be gone for a minute after 11 a.m., and also,

10:40:21 Just bear in mind kind of what I had said. Mary had thought that she redid the report.

10:40:27 And also tried to summarize the various attachments, um, and...

10:40:33 One of them is, if I were to summarize the Community Needs Assessment documents that were shared earlier.

10:40:39 And she said that she would also

10:40:41 Or maybe she already did, through a summary of what was submitted by the finance.

10:40:46 subcommittee. So, we still have all of that to go. Um, and this needs, again, be locked up.

10:40:53 by the time we leave the room at noon. So, I just want to pause there.

10:40:58 We have people just pick a breath.

10:41:02 and think through what you have in front of you,

10:41:05 timing we have longed, and then the importance of whatever comments you'd like to make, so let's just... we'll take...

10:41:14 Okay, repaused. Got it.

10:41:17 Thank you, Steven. I think that...

10:41:19 Because the very next thing, RM,

10:41:23 He's all about community needs assessment.

10:41:24 So I think removing this line here, one paragraph later,

10:41:30 It's all about how the community.

10:41:34 I'm wondering if that kind of makes that particular point. I just don't think it's, like, in a good contract. I don't think there's any point in...

10:41:41 intentionally being non-redundant, because it creates an opportunity for things to sink in, and I think if you could throw a sentence in that says the thing,

10:41:48 And someone skimming around to catch it in those three places, I think it's worth it, but...

10:41:52 I'll defer to the body, and I'll stop advocating for it. Okay, we're gonna pause, make sure.

10:41:58 Mary Lou has a spot. Sorry. No, no, no, thank you for joining us.

10:42:05 And just to bring Fairyloot up to speed, what's happening, Mary Lou, is that because Mary and our wonderful staff

10:42:13 spent countless hours last night.

10:42:15 She revised the prior staff meeting that they saw, and we're literally going through

10:42:20 You have a hard copy in front of you,

10:42:24 But we're also going through this live up on the screen, literally, so whichever one... whichever one you like the best. But then also, what she did was she summarized

10:42:37 It heads up all of our documents from our community needs assessments.

10:42:40 And she summarized that, and we're going to get to that part.

10:42:44 Finance also submitted their report, so she summarized that.

10:42:47 those... all that material will then be added onto as attachments to whatever we agree to.

10:42:54 Today. So those attachments can go in without us?

10:42:59 wordsmithing them, or comments about relevancy, or whatever, whatever, yeah, we can definitely just sort of attach them for whatever value they have.

10:43:07 Um, so, Mary Lou, where we are now is these pages are not noted.

10:43:13 And there's minor, very minor things

10:43:20 above, but you can read along at your own, um, after the meeting.

10:43:24 So, with that, Mayor Liu came in, and you were sort of responding to RM about comments about what we still need to agree to for the

10:43:37 part, paragraph, key activities, and progress since inception. I think that's where we left off.

10:43:42 Okay, great, right. So you provided your comments, then RM, I think you were in the process of trying to respond to the podcast.

10:43:49 I was... I was just saying that I've advocated for my position on a little bit of redundancy, because I think that helps for clarity, but I will, at this point,

10:43:58 cease to advocate on that behalf, and just go with what people agree to. I've made my point today. Thank you. Okay.

10:44:03 And then I think I saw Sarah hand, and then back to Ken.

10:44:08 There's no choices. Uh, first, I recommend we just delete that section, no major decisions, blah blah blah, yet.

10:44:14 Just delete it. Alternatively, if we want to say something...

10:44:18 about our effort, we might...

10:44:21 Right, the committee is working toward future recommendations to present to the Council for public discussion.

10:44:30 That's the overall deal. And if that means we're going to edit that a whole lot, I recommend deleting that.

10:44:37 We gotta move on. Yeah, that's pretty cool.

10:44:40 So, for this turn on.

10:44:43 Okay. Good mute.

10:44:46 Can you re-read that one more time? Okay, it says, to date, the committees met five times. This phase has been about data gathering, research, and structure building.

10:44:57 Stop. The committee is working toward future recommendations to present to the Council for public discussion.

10:45:05 I see a thumbs up from Naomi. I think that summarizes it perfectly. Okay, I see lots of thumbs up, but I... yours seems tentative, Kent. Are you okay?

10:45:13 I just want to make sure we got the deletion and the addition, and Alyssa has nailed it, so...

10:45:19 Okay. Then we're moving on. Oh, Fred. Uh-huh, sorry, go ahead.

10:45:24 Yeah, yeah, two things. One of them is what we're writing here. This is a summary.

10:45:32 Um, only. So, I mean, it's gonna miss things, it's gonna include things, and...

10:45:38 going to be a summary by the staff of...

10:45:41 what we've done, and if anybody's motivated to, they can look at the reports that...

10:45:49 are attached, and the more...

10:45:50 the detail of what we've been talking about,

10:45:56 is... that's where they could go and see it, and I think that...

10:46:01 that, you know, we're keeping it as a general summary.

10:46:07 Biden's staff, it's a staff's document, I think that...

10:46:11 you know, some of this detail, we don't really need to include in it.

10:46:17 Alright, noted. So, we are moving now onto the Community Needs Assessment part. What's in TALIS, and we're going to read the little bullet points.

10:46:26 underneath, and we're gonna stop.

10:46:29 at the part that says Funding Assessments, and I'll take a minute there and make sure that we've reviewed it, read it, and then...

10:46:35 Eric, we'll talk about comments, so let's just take a minute to make sure everybody has had a chance to read that section.

10:47:40 No.

10:47:43 It looks like most people have a chance to review it. I see RM's hand already.

10:47:47 Um, I... I haven't forget it, and that's, uh, at the first indented bullet.

10:47:52 There's a... the word but is sort of...

10:47:56 strangely placed there. Discuss data collection methods, noting available library usage data, but ongoing broader surveys. I'm just not sure.

10:48:03 If that's a typo, or...

10:48:06 And... BS should be end. That's right back.

10:48:11 Okay, and I definitely want to make sure that those that took the time to go through all of this, the commaring these Assessment Subcommittee, do you think Mary did a good job? I did not come up with this wording. Mary, at 12 o'clock last night, or 1 o'clock this morning.

10:48:25 did her best to try to summarize.

10:48:27 what we had offered the last time at the meeting, so I just want to make sure that those members who weighed in and took their time

10:48:35 are okay with what's been represented. Mary Lou?

10:48:38 I just have a couple things, which...

10:48:40 You can, you know, say yes or no.

10:48:43 Uh, research into models like public libraries.

10:48:47 Actually, the models were broader than that, that we looked into.

10:48:50 And it seems that just...

10:48:54 I can't remember it, unfortunately, all of the models, but it seems I would like to make it broader, because it's...

10:49:01 Well, if we're trying to do a community thing, we don't want...

10:49:06 When we get into the public sector, then say, well, this is just about the library.

10:49:11 And you're just using other libraries. No, that's not exactly what's happening. What's happening is we're using other models.

10:49:18 Now, for the life of me, I can't remember them, but Fred, I'm sure, has that memory, so I would just add one...

10:49:26 small thing there, which we could maybe library and...

10:49:36 Yeah.

10:49:33 Other public spaces. There you go. That sounds good, Sarah, I saw your hand. And then Fred? And we're adding

10:49:40 Like public libraries.

10:49:40 Um, yeah, I agree with the change that...

10:49:44 marriage made, plus, I think, other commons.

10:49:48 Um, other civic commons, so either public...

10:49:51 places or other commons, um,

10:49:54 buildings, because, like, on the...

10:49:57 Dropbox, when I get done with the basic stuff, I'm...

10:50:02 my next model coming up is going to be a...

10:50:06 a summary of building designs for these things, and it includes

10:50:12 Uh, libraries and commons buildings and the like.

10:50:16 Okay, first to Sarah, and then back to Mary Lou. Sarah? I don't understand the suggested revision.

10:50:22 Would you repeat it?

10:50:25 Oh. Okay.

10:50:29 Alright? Uh, on the bottom of that page...

10:50:36 It says there's a bullet that says, dispatch interview 30 community members.

10:50:41 in settings like...

10:50:43 with... with Dorian, I think we should say,

10:50:47 discussed interviewing 30 community members.

10:50:49 comma, including in settings such as, because there are a lot of people who are officially, sort of,

10:50:57 Culturally recognized as leaders, that we're not going to find in the laundromat.

10:51:02 Okay? So I don't want to mislead them to think it's all 30 people on the street.

10:51:06 Okay? That we find. So it would be community members, comma, including in settings like

10:51:14 Okay. You have that?

10:51:16 So, for the subcommittee members, you were okay with what's now been proposed. People want to turn it to the non-subcommittee members.

10:51:25 Okay, and I know I talked about this before, emphasizing expanding self-healing community beyond traditional libraries to comprehensive... Oh, and Mary Lou, if you can speak a little louder, because we're trying... no, no, it's just to make sure that everyone's needs are being...

10:51:40 Okay, it's... it's the piece about the self-healing community.

10:51:44 And it puts it beyond traditional... I mean, self-healing community isn't traditionally a library thing, period.

10:51:51 It is coming from the health care sector, and so that's sort of a misnomer.

10:51:57 But the... but that's not the... I mean...

10:51:59 Our mission and vision is based on a self-healing community, so I love that concept. It's very hard to explain.

10:52:06 inter... when people are not in healthcare, I think...

10:52:11 So, you know, I love having that in there, but I don't know that any...

10:52:16 Anybody would really know or care.

10:52:19 Okay. So, what Alyssa's typing something, whatever she typed, is that alright with you? And I do see multiple hands, but I want to let you know that how I run meetings,

10:52:29 is to defer to make sure that the individual work of those that are on the subcommittee, that those members feel represented in their word choice. When we get to the finance one, we will pause for you at the finance people to have more time to make sure that what they intend to be included is

10:52:47 actually being included. So, Mary Lou, with what's being included in there, are you fine with what Alyssa's typing about the self-healing? I didn't... I have not typed anything to at this time. I'm waiting for a suggestion of what to... And I'm seeing your hand. I'm not ignoring you. I'm a volunteer here, and I'm working for you, and this is not better, and unkind.

10:53:08 I'm allowed to raise my hand and ask a question for clarification. Please don't speak to that way again. Thank you. Got it. Alright. But I'm also not finished, so I will recognize you when Mary Lou is finished.

10:53:18 Oh, well, actually, I would be interested in

10:53:21 people who are not in healthcare that are around this table have to say about that, because

10:53:27 I know that in our strategic plan, we explain self-healing. It takes...

10:53:33 a bit of time, a bit of space, written space. So, I mean, what do other people think? Do they understand that? Does it matter in this particular document?

10:53:46 Okay, I'm saying, Sarah, thoughts?

10:53:49 I think it does matter, because it's a whole...

10:53:52 way of looking at things, and...

10:53:59 it makes the whole effort more inclusive.

10:54:01 Okay. So what I would suggest is we say emphasize expanding,

10:54:07 The self-healing community, the concept of the self-healing community.

10:54:13 Stop. Then I would suggest on, like, an appendix that we have some kind of explanation about self-healing communities. Okay.

10:54:22 And can I... And we may or may not, because again, Mary Lou, you came a little late. Naomi is needing to leave for a little bit at 11, we have till 12.

10:54:31 So what... the limited time we have with what wording, which has been reduced here about South Philly Link, are you okay? Yes, yes.

10:54:39 Now, we're moving over to the non.

10:54:41 community needs assessment members of this body. So, RN.

10:54:47 Right? You need to be allowed to ask clarifying questions, even if it's not.

10:54:53 preferred for you, and all of us need to have the right to respond to each other's community members, so we're using

10:54:58 During our presentation as the Finance Committee, we offered space for non-finance committee members to give feedback and suggestions. In our last meeting that I presented at.

10:55:05 And I just want the same without, uh...

10:55:08 Without being cut off into thought. Okay, no.

10:55:11 Um, I was trying to ask a clarifying question that's now eluded me, it's now escaped me, because we didn't have a chance to

10:55:17 to engage in it, I feel like it just sort of dropped away.

10:55:21 Okay, noted. RM, or excuse me, Kent.

10:55:24 Um, just as language.

10:55:26 Um, I get...

10:55:28 You're saying self-healing communities beyond legal, you could say traditional settings, traditional healthcare settings.

10:55:36 If that's what you're doing. And Mary Lou, I just want to make sure

10:55:40 Since you were here late, this is just a quick-take summary. Your full report still attached in the back.

10:55:47 Right. And I'm looking at where the full report that you wrote.

10:55:51 says, expanding self-healing committee initiatives.

10:55:55 beyond traditional library services. She just lifted your language. I know, and I didn't... I have problems with that language in the back, but I didn't correct... I mean, I didn't know how I wanted to correct it, so yes, I know that that came from it. I'm just saying right now, I think...

10:56:12 that the greater audience, including

10:56:15 the, uh, Councilmember now.

10:56:18 So, after that...

10:56:21 what you just said, now I understand what it means now, thank you.

10:56:26 Uh... that is a healthcare term.

10:56:28 So maybe you just want to say beyond traditional healthcare settings.

10:56:34 Instead of traditional libraries. Oh, oh, I see what you're saying. Instead... in the summary. Yeah, right, it has nothing to do... I mean, the beginning of self-healing community has nothing to do with libraries, it has to do with

10:56:47 So...

10:56:49 More than healthcare. It's more than... Yes, it's social.

10:56:54 just suggest it says, emphasize self-healing community beyond digital healthcare settings.

10:57:01 Yeah. What's that?

10:57:02 Public settings? I'm...

10:57:04 public healthcare settings? Just setting.

10:57:07 Or just say... I'm gonna bring RM into the mix, RM.

10:57:11 Is there a reason that it's tied to the library? Was there... was there... could it... was it intended to say something like, uh, besides expanding traditional library initiatives to include

10:57:23 self-healing community? I mean, like, is it supposed to be inverted? Was there some reason that they're tied together?

10:57:31 the... should I answer? Sure, please.

10:57:34 involved with this diabetic.

10:57:36 From my point of view, and...

10:57:38 as I say, our mission and vision is based on the self-healing community, which is a concept

10:57:44 or a theory that has been tested in Seattle and has shown improved

10:57:50 Um, health... overall health for communities when taken in actually has to do with leaders

10:57:57 of the community taking hold of their community, sort of like, almost like neighbor to neighbor, but on a sort of leadership level.

10:58:06 So, um...

10:58:09 It... to me, it is public health.

10:58:11 But if you put those parameters around it, somebody who is not in healthcare

10:58:18 tends to turn it off.

10:58:20 Because it's not in their...

10:58:24 understanding, and so...

10:58:29 If we're going... I love...

10:58:31 basing this on that concept of improving community health with community leaders,

10:58:37 How do we get that across in one sentence?

10:58:40 Where somebody, if they wanted to, they could look it up. There's...

10:58:46 research and pages around it, but...

10:58:49 Um, that's where I'm stuck, is how... Okay, um, doing a time check, we now have, um...

10:58:56 Over an hour left for this. So, with that...

10:58:59 I think I saw Kent and then RM.

10:59:02 I just want to acknowledge Alyssa has written down, emphasize expanding the concept of the space to support.

10:59:09 a self-healing community.

10:59:11 I'm fine with that. Okay. Good.

10:59:13 And then, Fred, I saw your hand up here.

10:59:15 Um, yeah, I just, um, I'm happy with the direction it's going in on this part, and I...

10:59:23 attached to the chat.

10:59:25 a definition of a self-healing community.

10:59:29 Okay, perfect. So then it sounds like we're fine with everything up to, um...

10:59:35 Moving forward, both new jumpers on here, up to the funding assessment piece, is that...?

10:59:41 Am I reading them correctly? Yes, I'm saying yes. Okay, so now we are moving on to funding assessment. So, let's take this chunk from funding assessment to public messaging subcommittee. So, let's just take a pause. And Naomi, if you need to...

10:59:55 Let's been 5 more minutes now. Okay.

10:59:57 And then you'll have your colleagues from your finance subcommittee. I'm sure they'll be able to pitch it for you while you're gone for bed.

11:00:55 How far are we leaving? Just up to public messaging, so just that paragraph for funding assessment.

11:01:03 Brett, is your hand raised a new hand, or is that leftover?

11:01:10 Oh, I'm sorry, it should be down.

11:01:12 Okay, thanks.

11:01:12 Thanks. Yay!

11:01:15 Okay, I'm reading, looking around, looks like most eyes are up, so I saw Sarah first, and then we go to the side. I actually have, uh... I'm sorry, I'm sort of into Amy's boat. I didn't realize this was, like, a two-hour thing, and I have

11:01:28 quite a bit other things to do. I read this, you know, as quickly as I could just now.

11:01:34 I did put Measure W instead of Measure Y, so that can be addressed, but otherwise, I feel like, uh,

11:01:42 scientists can be spoken to, and I trust my colleagues on the edits.

11:01:46 Fair enough. All right, thank you.

11:01:48 Thank you, thank you. Um, but it looked like everyone is pretty much read everything, so Sarah, back to you.

11:01:56 I think it was just a formatting change under Approach.

11:02:00 It discusses three options, and then there are 4 bullet points, so I think the last bullet point needs to go out to the left margin.

11:02:08 Because you're going to... Yeah.

11:02:10 work with a tracking table or prepare one.

11:02:14 Okay. Oh, yeah, that's a task, not an approach. Right, that's just...

11:02:19 Agreed. Okay.

11:02:22 My apologies. Okay, thank you.

11:02:28 Any thoughts? Thoughts?

11:02:30 on that part of the report.

11:02:33 If not...

11:02:35 Thank you again to the Finance Subcommittee Club.

11:02:38 You're gonna have the finance?

11:02:41 committee, I don't see any edits that need to be made beyond the one that Sarah mentioned in that section.

11:02:47 Okay, good. Thank you again for the work and submitting everything.

11:02:51 everything, so...

11:02:53 Yeah, sorry.

11:02:57 Um, in the report that the Finance Committee is submitting,

11:03:00 There's a list of potential sources, this table, and the regional library is not listed.

11:03:09 The regional library system had an \$8 million savings on Flex budget.

11:03:15 And then an \$8 million dollar

11:03:18 Increase in revenue that they didn't expect. That's a \$16 million...

11:03:24 change in one year, so they're pretty good, yes.

11:03:27 Thanks for that. We will...

11:03:30 And that this is a non-inclusive starting point for things. That's something that we will absolutely add to the next one as we continue to research other potential funding sources, and it really depends on, again,

11:03:41 part of what we're speaking to here is we are going to help the committee make decisions about how to navigate seeking out funding based on what the community needs assessment

11:03:51 finally drives? Like, what's the ultimate goal? Once we have more...

11:03:53 something to, uh, to approach these with. Yes. But right now, this is just, like, again, a very preliminary sort of cursory list of things. It's not inclusive, but that's really helpful information. We'll make sure to add it to our matrices for going through. So, thank you.

11:04:07 But I wouldn't like to edit this.

11:04:09 document as it stands, because we haven't added that, we haven't thought about it, we haven't looked at it, and it would be, uh, I think a little disingenuous if I added it now without actually doing the work.

11:04:19 Okay, so this was going to be an attachment to this committee report.

11:04:25 I mean, they generate that report.

11:04:28 Um, is that okay, or do you need to make that edit prior to attaching it?

11:04:32 No answer. I don't know. I don't want to make any edits to it. I want to just take the information you've provided us, good information for us to work toward for the next thing that we add to this going forward, but as it stands, this is what we've actually done. I don't want to edit it falsely. Just wanted to confirm. Thank you.

11:04:49 Perfect, so then we're good, and, you know, we...

11:04:52 I have to leave, I...

11:04:55 This is my finance committee members to make all decisions, I'm sure whatever they make is gonna work perfectly.

11:05:02 Thank you.

11:05:02 I will come back in half an hour. If we're still here, we might be done, and I don't know. Okay. I hope you're not. You could probably take somebody else. You could probably text one of us to see if we're still here, because I said, thank you for everything.

11:05:16 So we're a good rate of funding assessment part, so let's take a minute and read from Public Messaging Subcommittee temporary part down to

11:05:26 future items. And that marriage is cut and pasted in. I don't think she edited it.

11:05:32 Correct.

11:05:34 So we've already seen it. Both parties. Yeah, let's just repeated it. Yeah, let's just take a minute, just to... because it might add to the flavor for the rest of the stuff we're talking about.

11:06:12 Alright, seeing lots of eyes up, so questions, uh, comments. Sarah.

11:06:18 I find the formatting is really, uh...

11:06:21 makes it hard to read with the line is being centered, so I would just go to the hard left margin.

11:06:27 Correct. Everybody's eyes. On the previous version, it was left margin with an index.

11:06:35 So I can do that again. I love indents.

11:06:38 Also, while it says that I think

11:06:41 I think the word...

11:06:43 Temporary is confusing.

11:06:48 It was an ad hoc. It was an ad hoc. That means the subcommittee is temporary reset, which trying to get across there? Yeah, the one that was formed. The one that was worked on. Yeah. So, I think I... ad hoc is a word that the Council understands, temporary.

11:07:02 Right. So, former ad hoc, for example.

11:07:08 As chair of that committee, um, I would like to respond and say that I agree. I think I should say an ad hoc subcommittee was temporarily active.

11:07:17 for a duration of 4 weeks, and that way... or it just was active for 4 weeks, because that... everything's temporary if you take it to the extreme.

11:07:24 All things are impermanent and all that. Um, can we... and we agreed to make the intense, we're gonna move back left, I didn't catch that. Yes, we are.

11:07:30 Because the center is a little...

11:07:33 Uh, it's at our place.

11:07:36 I have one final comment? Yes. While I still have the forward?

11:07:39 Uh, and that's that I think the final sentence versus that subcommittee has been dissolved. I think it wouldn't hurt to just reiterate the name of the committee.

11:07:45 I think it would be nice to just say,

11:07:49 The Public Messaging Subcommittee has been...

11:07:51 resolved. Where is that?

11:07:56 Next page, right before future items.

11:08:01 Yeah. Yeah, sorry, the very last sentence. Fill over the...

11:08:07 centered paragraph.

11:08:20 Okay, does everyone good with where we know with that section? Staying general.

11:08:26 No, that's exhibited, uh, RM? And, um, I think, again, as a member of that committee, I don't have any other notes as to what our message and our work was that seems to accurately reflect our previous report.

11:08:41 Have thoughts?

11:08:42 Um, and let's take a look at that part that says Future Items from Future Items to staff analysis.

11:09:31 Sorry, Al. Uh, we're just reading that small two paragraphs related to future items.

11:09:39 And I'm seeing most people...

11:09:41 I'm looking at their eyes up, okay, R. Um, the second paragraph is anticipated within the next 6 months.

11:09:47 Should we add a line about, um...

11:09:51 developing, um...

11:09:53 a list of potential donors and funding sources.

11:09:56 As well, because...

11:09:59 or funding sources.

11:10:00 Because, um, prepare for a potential site or design considerations, and this is report back with progress.

11:10:06 should we, after that, have some reference as to

11:10:11 Yes, I know, but we're refining it over the next 6 months, so we're only... if we're only... we're sort of... we're preliminarily developing a list, but then we're going to refine and make recommendations on it in the second two quarters of the...

11:10:22 fiscal year is what I'm saying. So should we come back to it? Because we are going to potentially, at that point, narrow down and refine sources that would be applicable and exclude those that aren't.

11:10:35 This one? Yeah. Yes? Okay, then yes.

11:10:39 So let's look at the proposed language.

11:10:46 you... and you went beyond identifying.

11:10:50 Or... I think we would, at that point, start making recommendations about...

11:10:54 you know, um... you know, I...

11:10:58 Yeah, because I think in the first 3 months, we're identifying things, in the second 6 months, as we start working toward it, we're going to start making formal recommendations and pursuing the opportunities that present themselves

11:11:07 from those preliminary lists that we're compiling in the first quarter. Recommending.

11:11:22 Sorry, I was just a second. So, would simply saying,

11:11:25 design considerations than recommending buddy sources, as opposed to identify in 3 months, now at 6 months, we're recommending.

11:11:33 Yeah, and I don't know how to distill it properly, but narrow it down and make final recommendations based on the work we've done over the last...

11:11:39 6 months. Uh, Sarah? Here's a for instance. At the end of 6 months, we come back and say, we want the council, we're recommending the council apply for this grant.

11:11:48 The deadline is August 1st.

11:11:50 Get on it. That's an example, I'm just doing an example. Yeah.

11:11:55 I think that's a great example of... and I also think that as we're developing things, if we find that we're including in the comments things about

11:12:02 healthcare, there might be healthcare grants that we had heretofore not consider that we've now narrowed it down toward, or vice versa, if we...

11:12:09 Find another library granted center. We should be pursuing them in the second six months, where we're just identifying in the first three.

11:12:16 Sure. So, thanks for understanding.

11:12:19 Okay, looks like we got... are we good with the wording? That's on the screen.

11:12:25 Um, I apologize. And part of the reason that I want to keep mentioning back the funding sources is to protect the Council from

11:12:34 um, community response where there might be an assumption that it's supposed to be funded by some sort of ballot measure, or a tax, or a school... or a fund of some kind that's going to increase taxing.

11:12:45 The more we can project that we're exploring as many options as possible to limit the expense that's going to go directly to the public.

11:12:51 the more it's actually protecting this process and keeping people engaged, rather than shutting down and saying, I'm not paying another bond, so to speak.

11:12:57 So, thanks for moving with me in this

11:13:01 concept that I've continued to mention that we're keeping outside.

11:13:05 See if the Council so chooses. Sure. Okay, now we're just gonna look at the staff assessment. Staff analysis, just this...

11:13:15 Uh, one sentence.

11:13:16 Let's focus on that. See if we're fine with that.

11:13:26 I seen thumbs up, okay, to my left. We're focusing on the language.

11:13:30 Over here, under staff analysis, yes, very little.

11:13:36 Yes. Yes, okay.

11:13:40 Just so the people that are not familiar with who the staff reports. All staff reports tie into a framework.

11:13:47 And so the immediate framework is the current set of city goals.

11:13:51 And we go through our goal setting every year. Well, we haven't.

11:13:56 But now we're committed to it.

11:13:58 So, this next paragraph that says City Council Global Priority Federal Plan Consistency,

11:14:04 that part of marriage type, community vitality, infrastructure, high-performance Organization, and economic development,

11:14:10 those were one.

11:14:13 2, 3, 4 of the sixth.

11:14:15 City Council poles that we've established.

11:14:19 sometime last year. So just as a framework, it's tying back to that, and then you'll also see how she tied it into the Sebastopol General Plan.

11:14:27 So this is context for fellow council members and the public about, like, why are you taking time to discuss this? It's to move us forward for the city goals, and then also Project General Plan accomplishments. But, Kent? I just want to thank you.

11:14:41 for saying that.

11:14:44 Very helpful for me.

11:14:47 That's... that's what we're here for.

11:14:49 try to be helpful, try to connect the dots. That's what we are. That's what we are here for.

11:14:55 Um, as City Council, as the only member in the room, does this satisfy your need to make that messaging? Is there any others that you see in here, or is it as good as it is? No, I trust Mary wholeheartedly, and staff, and I trust staff.

11:15:08 And they took the time to try to figure out where we left things at our last meeting to make this streamlined, so I 100% trust Mary's analysis of how to condense the narrative

11:15:20 relevant City Council goals, and also picking the sections from our Sebastable demo.

11:15:27 Sorry to interrupt, man. Um, just for grammatical

11:15:30 consistency. I think community vitality, to preserve basketball unique characters, I think, should be...

11:15:35 indented, like it is under high-performance organizations. I think that's a subset.

11:15:40 Same thing under infrastructure. That outdated facility should be another subset.

11:15:46 Yeah, that was completely... Just for consistency's sake, so Rory.

11:15:51 Making that extra clear to people who are following along in the public?

11:15:56 Obviously... obviously don't set off pins and needles. Look at everything City Council does, so there you go.

11:16:03 Um, RM.

11:16:05 I see your hand up. Well, actually, the sub-bullet underneath infrastructure, I think, actually should just be a backspace.

11:16:12 And go back. It should be moving up. It looks like replacing outdated is...

11:16:16 I just saw... yes, Scott, thank you.

11:16:24 Great. Yeah.

11:16:26 And also, I do appreciate Mary

11:16:29 Um, put it in here after the general plan at the top of the following page. This item also represents the Sonoma County Mayor's and Councilmembers Association's

11:16:39 Um, ongoing work.

11:16:42 towards the last three priorities, which were mental health and homeless services being one, emergency preparedness being the second, and also shared facilities. It was actually shared facilities and shared services.

11:16:56 Um, those may not be the actual current

11:17:01 priorities, but at least references the fact that we are moving in sync.

11:17:05 with all other cities and as a county, to accomplish certain goals. So I really appreciate her remembering to tie that in.

11:17:14 Um, and then the last paragraph.

11:17:15 Let me read that to you.

11:17:22 Oh, okay, well, I should just summarize exactly what I said. Never mind.

11:17:26 Okay, over here, I think I saw Sarah first in that, Marilyn.

11:17:30 That'd be Mary. Mary Lou first, and then Sarah. Okay, I'm gonna jump on the whole mental health thing.

11:17:37 If that matters.

11:17:40 The mental health issue, from my point of view, matches

11:17:44 the community comes. I mean, it is...

11:17:48 It is part of it, okay?

11:17:50 if the city...

11:17:53 Council goals include mental health, is that what you told me?

11:17:56 Um, not specifically. Okay. It's tied towards the public safety, um,

11:18:03 goal that it had set. It was sort of a sub-part of that.

11:18:07 Okay, because I would have included that, because it's...

11:18:12 a very... I think, in this structure... if it comes to fruition as we want it to, it would be very important for mental health within the community.

11:18:21 So, um...

11:18:24 I'm glad Mary put that in there, and it reminded me, because one of the other things I was going to suggest to Arianne is that they put mental health, um,

11:18:31 funding or grants under their list when they go at that list again.

11:18:36 Oh, right. Um, that's a...

11:18:40 If my understanding is right, there's a bit of money out there for mental health, teen mental health.

11:18:45 that kind of stuff, which...

11:18:48 But, okay.

11:18:51 then there's no changes that I can see.

11:18:54 Good. Good, good, good. Um, Sarah, did I see you right now with you. I just want to share with...

11:19:00 then non-council member people that...

11:19:04 It's really significant that the...

11:19:06 the 9 cities are through the mayors and council members association, coming up with

11:19:13 shared goals. And actually, Sebastopol is leading in...

11:19:18 working publicly,

11:19:20 on those goals. So, this committee is a real brag for our mayor to take to that regional meeting.

11:19:28 Because we are considering mental health of our community, the well-being.

11:19:32 our community, the expansion of our social services, like, the whole big tent.

11:19:39 Which is what the All the mayors and council members want to do.

11:19:43 a great thing. Alright. But I would echo that. Just thank the former mayor, for really spearheading this. We went into the community and sought people out and, you know, sought behind specifically. We talked at length about these goals, and so I just want to recognize the work that you've put into making this begin, and so that...

11:19:58 any mayor following this, however long this takes.

11:20:01 I think it is a really nice feather in the cap of this town that's doing this work intentionally, and it should be recognized.

11:20:08 I just want to echo that so that we all pull that minute, so thank you.

11:20:12 Thank you, and thank you for joining in, accepting the invitation, and being part of the ongoing discussions about how to move this forward for all of us in the community. So awesome. Uh, that brings us down to the rest of the standard things, um, that are on staff reports, which is the time for public comment,

11:20:30 Um, listing the fact that there is specifically to other people who have raised during this meeting about potential fiscal impacts of this associated work.

11:20:40 It clearly states there is no fiscal impact. Um, sometimes staff says that, you know,

11:20:45 whatever staff time has been used to work on this is incorporated and already budgeted through, um,

11:20:53 salaries and everything else, but...

11:20:56 that's... that that's listed there.

11:20:57 And just to be clear, as far as the attachments, all the prior attachments that the, um, needs assessment subcommittee entered the last time will be attached to this one, too.

11:21:08 For whatever it's worth, whether people understand, whether it's relevant, not relevant, whatever.

11:21:13 That committee did the work and thus that committee's request that those attachments be provided.

11:21:19 to this report, along with the report from the Finance Committee.

11:21:24 I... I was wondering, in the last meeting, said I didn't understand it, and I've since readily read it, and...

11:21:30 Considering the totality of what we're doing is that it's our responsibility to

11:21:35 bring all sorts of viewpoints.

11:21:36 I withdraw all that commentary. I understand what you guys have been doing. That's an important counterbalance to some other things that we're doing.

11:21:44 So, thank you. Well, thank you.

11:21:48 Um, and so...

11:21:50 That's it. Is that the report? Does everyone feel?

11:21:55 Go ahead.

11:21:57 Okay. Uh, alright, you said that you're also gonna...

11:22:03 Alright, I see it.

11:22:05 Got it? Good. And so, just as a refresher, because Mary Lou, you came in a bit late, what you missed is

11:22:13 Um, the process for this, it's gonna remain as an informational item.

11:22:17 So, that goes towards the top of the agenda, um, and the mayor will read it.

11:22:24 And then she will then read the fact that the responsible department is Public Works.

11:22:30 So, we all agreed that she will direct the conversation to Eric.

11:22:34 Eric will not read the contents of the report that we just went over. He'll do his best as far as summarizing it.

11:22:40 And then turn to anyone who's in the room. Maybe even those on Zoom.

11:22:46 could just say, this is what staff has to present,

11:22:50 members of the actual committee itself, some are on the dais, some are physically in the room, some are on Zoom. If there's anything they want to add.

11:22:59 And then we were all very mindful of the fact that whatever works come out of our mouth, that that's from our individual perspective as far as the committee member, and not speaking on behalf of the entire body.

11:23:11 Bearing in mind that that full presentation starts

11:23:15 advance within 10 minutes.

11:23:16 No more, no luck. And then the mayor will open it up to Council questions.

11:23:21 And then community public comment, which could be unlimited in nature. So that's basically what my understanding is, that we agree to, as far as how this process will be.

11:23:32 done at the City Council, unless I misspoke.

11:23:35 And again, procedurally so.

11:23:38 If I wanted to make public comment up front,

11:23:41 it's not a public comment, it's a committee comment.

11:23:44 as an individual, and that if I was there,

11:23:49 I would be speaking as part of that 10 minutes, as opposed to...

11:23:53 the public commentary section said, correct? Yeah, I mean, as far as, like, what you could submit in ahead of time,

11:23:59 you know, I always am very mindful. It's just like if I'm a member of the body, then I say my following comments are as a member of the committee. That part counts if you were to...

11:24:11 join in Zoom and verbally, your part would be part of the 10-minute arts pad. But you could also just submit a public comment that while I'm a member of the committee,

11:24:21 in my personal citizen role, I also have my following comments, and then you can just go on for... I love that. Okay. However long... however long you want to type, or however long you want to comment. Again, like, being mindful of those two rules, because the mayor has a right

11:24:37 to cut this presentation off at the 10-minute part. That is what's been established.

11:24:41 And that's to make sure that we keep the public expectations, the informational items just don't drone on for 10,000 hours. That's not the point of the provisional items. Why is the limit on public comment per speaker, 2 minutes? Two minutes is what we have been following. That's the Council protocol. So...

11:24:58 That's basically it, and the other comments or concerns or other things for the good of the body? Just want to make a comment, because Mary Lou asked me, this is for the February 3rd meeting.

11:25:08 Yes, it did get, it did get moved from last ever last Saturday to February 3rd.

11:25:15 having looked at the agenda, I don't see a whole huge part of it, and at least since it's an informational item, that will be done first. So, for timing, for people who may or may not decide to come physically to be part of the room, or dial in via Zoom,

11:25:30 I would anticipate that we would get to the informational item by probably 620, at best.

11:25:36 Because there's the normal verbiage that you go through, protocol, blah blah blah blah, and that informational items, so...

11:25:43 For just timing, you should be in and out of there by...

11:25:46 6.30. I wish there really much has spread the news.

11:25:51 I think there's another important dimension to the delivery of this report.

11:25:57 And that is that...

11:26:00 The public holds on to some idea that we're doing this, because it's so often in Stephen and Phil's situation, people go, I never heard about that! What do you mean you've been doing this for all these years?

11:26:12 So, perhaps in our individual comments as committee members or citizens, we can say,

11:26:19 You know, this is really important. We hope everybody's listening, because we want people to know what's actually going on, so...

11:26:26 Give us your attention, then.

11:26:28 Notice this. However diplomatically anybody would like to say that.

11:26:32 Agreed. Uh, Fred, I see your hand, sorry, I didn't mean to ignore you.

11:26:36 Yeah, just, just, um...

11:26:40 some information, um, in the, uh,

11:26:44 Chatbox, I've also now put in, because it came up in the discussions.

11:26:48 Um, some information about

11:26:51 public libraries, and...

11:26:54 commons and a self-healing community concept in terms of what

11:26:59 a library

11:27:02 can do or not do in that... under that framework, and also what, um,

11:27:07 Hey, that's William.

11:27:07 Civic Commons can accomplish, too, so they're... they're short paragraphs, if you want to...

11:27:12 get an idea about what the
11:27:15 what the concept is better than...
11:27:16 Just the definition.
11:27:19 Brad, can you send those to my email? This is Alyssa, you can't see me. Um...
11:27:25 I... let's see, could...
11:27:26 Are you able to print... print out the chats?
11:27:29 No, what I'll do is I'll put them on the Dropbox, so they can access them there.
11:27:34 Yeah. Yeah, that would be good.
11:27:36 Rich.
11:27:37 Alright, if there are no other comments for the good of the body, then I think we will adjourn, but I will remind everybody that we are back under normal sync.
11:27:46 Our next time we'll be in the meeting will be February, um, 10th.
11:27:51 And Alyssa or staff will do their normal, which is they will send out reminders,
11:27:57 Uh, do you want anything attached?
11:28:00 to the packet for the February company. That burden then falls on you to be mindful.
11:28:05 of submitting things in a timely fashion to her, so that she will be able to attach it to the proposed agenda, which we are still back in the same area.
11:28:14 of whether we decide on the common agenda now, for next meeting, or whether you delegate to our M&I to meet with staff.
11:28:23 Between now and the next meeting, which we can discuss now, or just punt that over until that point.
11:28:29 But anyway, go ahead, Martin. That was my question about the next agenda, so it's perfect. That's my segue. The question was whether this stands as a separate meeting from the last, or a continuation of the last, and therefore we should develop the agenda.
11:28:40 And if so, I would like to add to the agenda an item.
11:28:43 Sure, and I mean, you know, and then tying into that, it's like, does the body... well, I didn't want to make the decision without you the last time.
11:28:51 Does this body want to delegate to RM&I to have separate meetings?
11:28:57 between when we finish this meeting and when we meet on February 9th.
11:29:01 to develop an agenda for you all? Or do you want to stay with the standard practice of we fall
11:29:09 contribute to the development of the agendas.
11:29:11 at the meeting, the last meeting before the meeting that we meet in the future.
11:29:16 Got it. If you all have that meeting, it doesn't have to be a noticed public meeting.
11:29:21 It does not. It's like the same thing, um... What gender review is. Yeah, now I'm...
11:29:29 Well, my point was, if it's more work to staff, I would say, don't do that.
11:29:33 If you guys want to do that,
11:29:36 We need to know... Right. ...what's easier for y'all? And I did not want to speak for you, because you were not here.
11:29:43 So, I'm fine with whatever the will of the body is to make sure that each time you show up for meetings, that you're okay, you know what to dissipate on the agenda, or you know the two people that you delegated the responsibility to.
11:29:58 to propose an agenda for you. To respond to that, I would say it's not gonna work for me, I don't really care, um, and I think...
11:30:07 I don't want to volunteer for staff, but I think it's essentially the same amount of work, really, except for it's another meeting for us to get to, but I would say, if it preserves time within this body to do more substantial work,
11:30:18 for us to use all of that time and not spend any of it building the agenda. I'm more than happy to meet with you outside of it, so we essentially get more time in meeting to do work.
11:30:26 But if you also reverse of that, if you want to be part of crafting the agenda, and you have a strong feeling about it, then I also don't mind just keeping it there. I'm very open to doing it, if it's best.
11:30:39 Right. If that makes sense. I'm very agnostic about it. Okay, gotcha.
11:30:44 My understanding was...
11:30:47 Two times ago, when we set up the generic agenda,
11:30:50 We did that in the broadest possible terms so that anything within the normal course of business

11:30:56 could be brought up in depth, so we wouldn't have to go through this each time. So is... has something changed that I'm aware of? No, I mean, I can say from my own experience that if that continues to remain the will of the body, then that's good. So that sends a clear message to staff,

11:31:12 that they don't need to interact with me at all.

11:31:16 in the role of chair, or to RM as role of chair. Like, I don't need any emails from staff.

11:31:22 Now, if you guys want to develop,

11:31:25 the agenda, like, for the February 9th in the next 29 minutes, then that's it.

11:31:31 I'm walking out of the room, and I'm not interacting with staff.

11:31:34 And they will know what agenda to put forward, and they know what attachments to include,

11:31:40 depending upon who submits things to be attached to the agenda, or we can just reopen it all, and again, have RM and I spend time with staff.

11:31:51 tweaking things.

11:31:53 from the standard agenda that we've had in the past.

11:31:57 I don't know if that helps. It doesn't look, uh, procedurally. Yes.

11:32:01 I thought we added that

11:32:04 getting wild cards that we end up talking in subcommittee, we bring up through a subcommittee report, which then the committee can discuss that.

11:32:12 Or, alternatively, if there's something I absolutely want all of you to read, I submit it for the meeting, and that gets attached to our standard agenda, because there's a point where you...

11:32:22 look at attachments.

11:32:24 So I'm really unclear of a scenario where we need a specialized agenda at this point, particularly for such a small body. And I'm with you 100%. I just want to reiterate that, and I also want to reiterate it to staff.

11:32:37 Because there's a lot of stress personally for myself, and a lot for them, too, about back-and-forth emails, of what's to include. Is this to be included as a subcommittee report? Is this to be included as attachment? I don't really want to deal with that.

11:32:52 At all. I'll just say this, clearly.

11:32:55 To them, no offense, but I do not want to deal with that. I'd rather just have us decide what we anticipate on the next agenda. We walk out of the room...

11:33:03 And that's it. I agree. I can see... I can see procedurally a scenario where this is important for chairs to meet outside to create a new agenda.

11:33:13 things come up in the council, there might be something that's a decision made that needs to be added to the agenda. It makes sense to have that. I've been on boards, we meet all the time outside to prepare it.

11:33:23 But I also... I love the idea of, like, now we have 29... 25 minutes. On a meeting like this, when we're done early, we absolutely should develop the next agenda without question, in case there's something we need to

11:33:33 Starting from that standard framework that is pretty broad enough to include most things, but there could be something that's, uh...

11:33:41 But it's an outlier that needs to be added to the agenda we should talk about. One of the things I want to add to the agenda, which I started with, is I'd like to add

11:33:47 to our agenda that we review the results of the full committee meet... of the full council meeting, if there's something that's pertinent to... that came up that not all of us were privy to, because maybe it won't all make it.

11:33:59 So, one of the agenda items that I'd like to do would be maybe a short summary from the standing council members about

11:34:06 their impression of, um, or results from

11:34:09 or questions that might have come up from the public that you think are pertinent to drive our work.

11:34:14 in the next meeting. And that's one that's not really inclusive in our standard

11:34:19 formatted agenda, but gives us a little bit of...

11:34:22 You know, does that make sense? From the procedural...

11:34:25 approach. Okay, I saw Alyssip, and then, um, to Mary Lou. Alyssa, did you have your hand up? I would like to make a comment, just to clarify timelines, but, um...

11:34:35 Brad has been waiting with his canvas. Sure, Brad.

11:34:41 Uh, uh...

11:34:43 I was just wondering about how we could maybe have on the agenda on a future meeting,

11:34:50 Not necessarily the next one,
11:34:52 get together with the people that are doing the, um...
11:34:57 Helped shape the future of downtown Sebastopol.
11:35:01 Uh, committee, um, on that transportation study. I think that, um,
11:35:06 It would be a good thing if we can integrate what we're working on
11:35:10 conceptually with what they're working on, so that the two could...
11:35:14 dovetail off of one another at some point.
11:35:20 Mary Lou, I think I did see her again. Yeah, no, I... it's just a...
11:35:25 Yeah, um, if... it seems that...
11:35:29 this agenda for the next meeting might need
11:35:33 some help, depending on the February 3rd meeting. Like, if something did come up there, how do we...
11:35:41 How are we able to include that on the agenda? And I think that's sort of what RM was talking about.
11:35:47 Um, I don't know what is the procedure for that, because we hear an issue and we say, okay, we can address that.
11:35:54 next report, or whatever. Okay.
11:35:57 Naomi, welcome back. And we, as a Finnish, just to bring up to speed quickly, we have finished the contents of the report. Now we're on to discussing the contents of our next agenda at the meeting. Um, and whether we stick with a standard format, so whether we expand categories, Aram brought one up, or who was speaking to it, but now back to Sarah.
11:36:17 I think that generic agenda is going to have a section that says New Business,
11:36:22 So you just put a subpoint on that that says, any new issues that have arisen? You know, and...
11:36:29 Well, there you go. I would like a report from the council members present about the meeting.
11:36:34 You just have this open-ended language.
11:36:36 And the group can decide, let's talk about that... oh, we didn't know about that, let's talk about that now, or let's roll that to the next meeting we don't have time.
11:36:46 Great, except that...
11:36:49 One of us might not be here whose idea it was to say that, so...
11:36:53 specifying it now, in case...
11:36:55 I'm not going to come back and do this again, where I'm guessing what everyone's saying, and, like, the captions are all terrible, and I don't even know who it is.
11:37:01 Like, the words... the names are all being spelled wrong, it's just...
11:37:04 untenable for me. So what that happens, again, I wouldn't be here to ask that question, but if it's in the agenda, it's already going to be answered.
11:37:10 And so my pressure comes back again to Council, um, if you...
11:37:14 If you mind, if you and Phil mind, to give a short summary of it.
11:37:18 as an agenda item, rather than as a new business item, because I may not be here.
11:37:22 Because this is, um, inaccessible.
11:37:25 For one example, or you might have to step out, or somebody might not be here to say it when it comes to that bullet point.
11:37:31 And I want it on the agenda.
11:37:33 Okay, noted, and I'm happy to do that. I was just using it as an example.
11:37:41 Okay. That pops up today.
11:37:43 So, is staff clear about the requested addition to the standard agenda?
11:37:49 Yes, so a week prior, if it's not going to you to review before this time,
11:37:55 A week prior to this meeting, I need all attachments to the agenda.
11:38:00 So that... so that it can be posted in time.
11:38:02 So, for our next meeting on February 10th,
11:38:06 That would mean everything is due on February 3rd.
11:38:14 On the day of the council meeting.
11:38:16 Correct. Okay.
11:38:19 So, that seems like the way it's gonna move forward, for clarity for staff, for clarity of whoever is chairing and vice chairing.

11:38:26 that it will always be the week before.

11:38:31 our standard meaning that you need to submit whatever you want.

11:38:34 Kuala to be included in the habit for the next meeting, is that?

11:38:39 Seem right? And I will send out an email one week prior reminding you.

11:38:46 We have one week left.

11:38:48 to get me whatever you want attached to that agenda report.

11:38:53 or committee. Okay.

11:38:57 Uh... awesome.

11:38:58 I didn't hear the answer to the new agenda item.

11:39:02 I think I was just looking for hands nodding, but I think I was a yes to adding that agenda. Before we vote on it formally, I just wanted to ensure that you were comfortable doing it.

11:39:10 in your... in your professional capacity as a council member. Yes, I'm absolutely happy to do whatever's gonna keep everybody up to date, happy to do whatever that is. Um, is it degrees?

11:39:21 Are we all agreeing that that's okay?

11:39:23 All right. Yes. Go ahead.

11:39:26 I would just jump back to the council meeting for a minute, but...

11:39:30 Is there a strategy for that 10 minutes for us? I know.

11:39:34 going into council members for the tobacco stuff, we always have

11:39:40 a strategy of what to do with that particular time, and I'm not sure if I hear one. Are we just going to let them read it and answer questions? Well, that was part of the prior discussion that you missed, but to summarize that, there was comments, the fact that y'all, in your individual capacity can be as much of an advocate as you want.

11:39:59 to do that, but to your experience, too.

11:40:03 correct question. Did we come up with a collective strategy about how best to use the 10 minutes? From my perception, the answer was no.

11:40:10 However, Eric is going to give the report. Yes. We know that. And that's within the 10-minute. That's within the 10 minutes, so I think your question is, what do we do with the time Eric doesn't use?

11:40:21 Right. Do we want some strategy of additional presentation?

11:40:27 for... I get, I...

11:40:29 You know, we don't really know what's going to happen in terms... when Eric gives a report, then do they...

11:40:35 they ask questions to Avari, correct? Yeah, I mean, what normally happens is, again, the mayor will read the agenda item, and then she'll say responsible department is, in this case, Public Works. Right. So it's all going to go to Eric.

11:40:47 And again, my expectation is Eric will not read this. He will do his best to summarize it, and refer to specific parts that he thinks, from a staff perspective, is important for the full council.

11:41:00 to be more made aware of.

11:41:02 And then he will just say, this concludes staff presentation, turning it back to the chair to, yes, turning it back to

11:41:10 the chair to see if the chair will acknowledge.

11:41:13 other committee members' input, is what...

11:41:17 Okay. Expecting to happen.

11:41:22 I guess the... what I'm thinking on here is,

11:41:25 If the question, or if there's questions that come up in ESERT,

11:41:31 certain... about a certain issue. Is there someone on this committee who... well, we don't know who's going to be there.

11:41:39 that...

11:41:40 could sort of say, I could answer that if it comes up. I think you all have free will.

11:41:45 to do whatever you want. I will always just encourage

11:41:50 that I'm very mindful of it, that my comments are in this capacity.

11:41:54 So, for you, if you hear something, you would say, hi, Mary Lou, I serve on this committee, and in my individual committee,

11:42:02 past members' capacity, I would like to offer the following, just to make sure that you're not representing all the rest of our business.

11:42:09 So that would be just my thought, but Kent.

11:42:12 And then I'm going to get to you, Fred, I'm not ignoring you.

11:42:16 Um,

11:42:15 Just to your point, by the way,

11:42:18 I think in the second report to the Council,

11:42:23 That's going to become very important.

11:42:25 And I would absolutely want to have a strategy of, okay, it's a jump ball, it's this category,

11:42:33 He always can answer it. If it's this category, Sarah's gonna pick it up. If it's this category, or Lou's gonna pick it up. I think right now, because the whole tenor of the report is

11:42:42 We're doing stuff, it's kind of structural, there's not...

11:42:45 for purposely leaving out

11:42:47 meat, because we haven't made any decisions to attack yet, and to fully engage with, so I think it's gonna be pretty...

11:42:55 broad, and I can't imagine any of us wanting to say, well, actually, look, what we should do is this, because we haven't come to that

11:43:02 consensus yet. So, I'm very interested in having this conversation in 3 months.

11:43:08 About how to do that. Yeah, yeah.

11:43:11 Awesome. Fred?

11:43:12 Yeah, on a separate topic here, just because of the timing on...

11:43:17 on the... on the, um...

11:43:21 emails and stuff, um...

11:43:24 I'd like to back up Alyssa.

11:43:27 In her comment about the agenda items, that it's not just a matter of

11:43:34 convenience for the staff, but that the Brown Act requires

11:43:39 documents that are going to be discussed at a public meeting.

11:43:43 to have been on the agenda, uh, when the agenda's posted.

11:43:48 Um, and if something's not on the agenda when it's been... when it's posted, it really...

11:43:54 technically can't be talked about as a part of the agenda.

11:43:59 Um, and it... it's something that Mary... Mary's maybe working on, I would imagine, for the city.

11:44:07 But that the Brown Act has gone through some pretty significant changes, and it would be...

11:44:14 important to keep up with the information that Mary

11:44:18 And the staff are providing in the dropbox about what's going on with the Brown Act.

11:44:22 Because there have been some important changes to it.

11:44:26 That's all.

11:44:26 Thank you. Thank you, um, Ken. I'd like to acknowledge Alyssa

11:44:32 published in December to all of us.

11:44:35 the changes for the Brown Act, and how the majority of those changes does not affect this particular body because of size, because of...

11:44:43 There are a couple considerations that...

11:44:45 Many of the elaborate and onerous details haven't reached our level of community efforts.

11:44:50 Right, right.

11:44:52 Right.

11:44:53 Great. All right, with the mind of just where we are as body, is there anything else that, for the good of the body, before we adjourn this meeting, uh, Eric? Just procedural things, so I just want to make sure we're clear for the next agenda, so...

11:45:04 There's no confusion. So, our set standard is consent calendar is always on there.

11:45:10 Um, which is User Pro 12 minutes.

11:45:12 Subcommittee updates, since...

11:45:15 always on there. Subcommittee composition, in case we need to add a subcommittee or change composition.

11:45:21 in your business, which it sounds like...

11:45:24 I did want to put in our new business. You want report back from Council to be a separate item on the agenda?

11:45:30 I think it should be. I think it should be, I think. Does that want to be a set...?

11:45:35 saying, every meeting will be a report back from Council. Sure.

11:45:38 For good or bad boy, I think. I just want to make sure that we're, you know, we're set so we don't have no confusion. And then it'll just be timelines is always on there, and future meetings, so those are the...

11:45:47 Or set standard things. And then...

11:45:50 Any new visitors would always add in

11:45:53 Yeah, under new administration. Perfect.

11:45:54 Okay, perfect. Anything else? But if it's no business that needs reading, we have to have it in a week ahead of time, correct?

11:46:02 Okay, good. Anything else? A motion to adjourn.

11:46:07 Can I save this kind of script?

11:46:09 Before you close it.

11:46:11 It will automatically save, I can email it to you. How about that?

11:46:16 Is that possible? It automatically saves.

11:46:20 Great. Yeah. I blank.

11:46:22 Um, I'd like someone else on this committee to also look at it, and just...

11:46:26 If we're adjourned, I'll...

11:46:28 Sure, unless there's anything else, then we can just adjourn. Move to adjourn. Second? Second thing, we are adjourned. Thank you all very much. Thank you.

11:46:39 Okay, really. I guess with, like, someone else to take a look at these transcripts, because...