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Sebastopol Commons Committee

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**SEBASTOPOL COMMONS: BUILDING THE COMMONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026
1:00 pm**

**MEETING MINUTES
(ABBREVIATED)**

In Person Location: Sebastopol City Hall, City Hall Conference Room, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol
Remote Teleconference Participation: 12125 Ramsey Road, Sebastopol

CALL TO ORDER: *Councilmember Zollman called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm*

ROLL CALL:

Attendees: ***Committee:*** *Councilmember Stephen Zollman, Councilmember Phill Carter, RM Horrell, Sarah Glade Gurney, Naomi Hupert, Kent Jenkins, Remote: Fred Engbarth and Deb Hoadley*
Absent: *Mary Lou Schmidt*
City Staff: *Mary Gourley, Oriana Hart, Elissa Overton*

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Consent Calendar Item(s):

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Building the Commons Committee Meeting
 - a. **Motion for Approval: Yay’s: 7, Nay’s: 0, Absent: 1** (eighth attendee arrived after this point)

Subcommittee Update(s):

- 2. Update from the Funding Assessment Subcommittee
- 3. Update from the Community Needs Assessment Subcommittee

Community Engagement:

- 4. Discussion regarding public workshop or forum to gather broader community input.

Council Agenda Report:

- 1. Next report out at July 7 Council Meeting. Finalize report at June 9 meeting
 - a. Suggested focus: narrow down location recommendations, stakeholder interview results, and potential funding sources. Include financial/feasibility data, infrastructure requirements, and studies required for selected sites.

Subcommittee Composition:

- 2. 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)

3. Identify focus topics of newly created subcommittees (this is a standing agenda item and will only be discussed if new subcommittees are created)

Timelines/Milestones/Next Steps:

4. What is required to be accomplished by the next meeting
5. What is required to be accomplished within three months
6. What is required to be accomplished within six months

Future Meetings:

7. Next Meeting Date: **May 12, 2026 at 1:00 pm**
8. Meeting Agenda Items for May 12, 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.
9. 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: 2:56 pm

Submitted by: Elissa Overton, City Staff Member

ATTACHED:

Attachment A – AI transcription of meeting minutes

ATTACHMENT A

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Meeting Recap

The Sebastopol Commons Committee met to discuss the progress of their community needs assessment and funding assessment work. The committee reviewed the interview process for stakeholders, with members reporting on their experiences conducting interviews and discussing challenges with reaching the full list of identified individuals. The funding assessment subcommittee presented their findings on financing options for the Commons project, including a detailed analysis of potential funding and public/private partnerships. The committee agreed to modify their approach to stakeholder interviews by using a survey format similar to previous community surveys, while still offering the option for in-person meetings. They also discussed the need to extend the committee's timeline through September to complete their work properly, rather than rushing to meet an original June deadline. The conversation ended with plans to address specific questions from staff about next steps and deliverables at their next meeting in May.

Next Steps

- Update the approved interview questions to include the three additional questions suggested by Sarah, and prepare a survey form (similar to previous community survey) for distribution to the identified stakeholders.
- Revise and send out the email invitation to stakeholders, incorporating warmer introductory language about the committee's purpose and the project, and provide options for responding to the survey via email, Zoom, or in-person interview.
- Subcommittee members conducting interviews: Continue scheduling and conducting interviews with stakeholders, using the updated questions and offering flexibility in interview format; provide typed/compiled notes to Mary as interviews are completed.
- Subcommittee members: Substitute or update the list of stakeholders as needed (e.g., if a contact is unavailable), without requiring full committee approval for minor swap-outs.
- Upload the Funding Assessment Subcommittee's report and related documents to the city website under "Other Documents" for public access.
- Open a new chapter in the Dropbox and add examples of Commons projects and resources for committee reference.
- Add an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss planning a future public workshop or forum to gather broader community input after stakeholder interviews are complete.
- Committee: At the next (May) meeting, review and address the list of questions regarding site selection, required studies, funding mechanisms, and staff time, in preparation for the July report to Council.
- Prepare a timeline for deliverables leading up to the September deadline and include it as part of the next meeting's agenda.
- Ensure all interview/report data shared in public sessions is aggregated and, if needed, anonymized to protect individual privacy.
- Subcommittee: Begin planning for a community survey (for service recipients and the broader public) as a future action item, to be discussed in a subsequent subcommittee meeting.

- Prepare a consent calendar item for City Council agenda review to extend the committee's authorization through September.
- At the May meeting, be prepared to discuss and decide on recommendations for one or two sites, based on stakeholder input and financial/feasibility data, and identify required studies for those sites.

Summary

Committee Term Extension Discussion

The committee discussed extending its term beyond the original June 30th deadline, ultimately deciding to request an extension through September 2026 to complete the year's worth of work appropriately. Mary suggested the next steps should include narrowing down location recommendations, assessing required staff time and studies, and preparing a report for the City Council that includes stakeholder interviews and potential funding sources. The committee also noted the importance of being mindful of staff time usage, as there is no current policy limiting committee staff time, though this is under discussion for future council consideration.

Stakeholder Interview Planning Discussion

The meeting focused on discussing the approach for conducting stakeholder interviews as part of a community needs assessment. The group debated whether to use a survey format or personal interviews, ultimately deciding to use a pre-approved survey format similar to previous community goal-setting surveys. There was discussion about the logistics of conducting 30 interviews, with the consensus that only four subcommittee members should conduct these interviews to avoid Brown Act conflicts. The meeting also briefly touched on the need to present updates from the finance committee regarding financial needs and infrastructure requirements, though the detailed presentation was deferred to a later agenda item.

Creating the Commons Development Plan

Committee discussed a "Creating the Commons" concept, outlining plans for a 30-year community development project involving the library, senior center, City Hall, and Community Cultural Center. He discussed the innovative nature of the project, referencing similar initiatives in Emeryville, South San Francisco, and Youngville, and explained the proposed capital stack which includes private-public partnerships, EIFD funding, and philanthropic support to minimize budget impact. Discussed how public-private partnerships could help offset costs through business tenants responsible for their own space improvements, similar to commercial lease agreements.

Community Commons Project Funding Assessment

The meeting focused on discussing a funding assessment for a proposed community commons project. It was noted that the project would involve a city-owned facility with various tenants, including commercial, nonprofit, and government entities, leveraging existing city-owned properties to minimize upfront costs. The funding subcommittee has identified potential financing options, including leveraging existing assets and seeking donations, though a detailed funding plan is still being developed. The group also discussed the community needs assessment process, where they are working to gather input from 30 community members, with two people conducting interviews and using AI to capture additional insights.

Community Commons Project Interviews

The committee discussed their interview process for the community commons project, with members sharing their experiences conducting interviews. They identified challenges with the initial email format and discussed switching to Zoom interviews to make the process more efficient. Fred announced a new Dropbox series starting April 27th featuring examples of commons projects. The committee also considered adding three additional questions to their interview list and discussed the need for public forums to gather more input before their upcoming report.

Community Needs Assessment Process Updates

The committee discussed the community needs assessment process and agreed to empower the subcommittee to modify questions as needed during interviews with key stakeholders. They decided to add three new questions to the existing list, including one about preferred location in town rather than specific sites. The committee agreed to extend their work through September with a final report due by that time, and decided to provide updates at each meeting rather than waiting for all interviews to be completed. They also agreed to include Mary's prepared questions in the next meeting agenda for July, with a focus on discussing site proposals and required studies.

AI Transcript

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Oh, yes, thank you. All right, so apparently IT is good. All right, so good. We're going to go ahead and call the meetings over at, um...

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continuing to do the work. I don't see the emails that I see, that I can see, but I know a lot of work has been going on, especially in the ongoing climate that we all are existing in.

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Just want to say thank you for all of that, and thank you for being here today, so...

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Appreciation. No problem, Matt. Um, I heard from staff, we do not have public comment. In fact, no one else is waiting in the waiting room, or if somebody is, they would be escorted in. I'd say yes.

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Okay? Okay, good. We are going to go around the room, because we do have people from the community, um, send a single out, but might just be Larsh, who's...

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new to the process. Anyway, let's just go around the room briefly. Name and whoever you identify with.

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Kenyon-Webster Community Cultural Center at Jenkins, and I am representing the Senior Center.

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Sarah Gourney officially Measure Y Oversight Committee.

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Mary Gourley Interim City Manager.

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Mary Schmidt, Gravity Health Action Coalition.

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Naomi Hubert, Noah County Library practice.

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See, Ms. Allman, Council liaison.

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I'm talking about, um, those books.

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Hello, Carter, City Council.

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Brianna Hart, Public Works Director.

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Fred Engbarth: And...

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Elissa Overton, engineering technician. Go ahead, Fred.

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Fred Engbarth: Oh.

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Fred Engbarth: Uh, uh, Fred Engbarth, the library commissioner appointed by the City of Sebastopol.

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I wouldn't like the interpreters to be here, because I always feel bad. I... you aren't part of the group, you helped make this run, so if you wouldn't mind. Yes, Ali and Tony, the sign language interpreters. Well, thank you also for the process.

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So, we're gonna move along into the agenda. Um...

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Roll call, we kind of did, formally, just now, we do have quorum, yay, and acknowledgement.

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printed there, which is great. Uh, public comment, we have no members of the public, we're moving beyond that.

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Send calendar items. A couple of minutes of the March 10th, uh, 2026.

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Attachment was sent out. Thanks to staff. Questions? Sure. Good.

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Move to approve. Second. Alright, and then we can just do it by, um, acquiescence. Anyone else oppose, or just thumbs up, thumbs up, thumbs up, yay, moving along.

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subcommittee updates. Before we get into that, a little break ahead. Again, thank you for dealing with my ongoing anxiety about, like, how best we're moving things around and long towards a goal.

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For me, it's like, I have been thinking the fact that we just reported out to City Council.

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For our second quarter report.

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This is our April meeting.

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My recollection is Council lost its form of the sharing of taxpayers' money through.

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July. Is that correct, Mary and staff? Let me pull it in real quick. Okay.

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As a result, I sent an email to Marian to send the staff saying, please put forth your thoughts.

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About what you would think we would be able to achieve.

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in our next report out, which probably, my calculation, would not be a third quarterly report. It might be our last.

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report to Council to decide if they're going to plus the continuation of this.

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So I want to get a verification from Mary, and then also get her thoughts about what she thinks.

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is possible, because I'm hoping, again, she will graciously author to provide a trapped staff report to us.

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So that we can really figure out what we need to do in today's meeting.

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the May meeting, and that might be the end before we get to Council, but I see a question.

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I just think about timing, I was thinking that through with you before, that when this.

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committee ends, we should be doing our final report, but I'm actually thinking the work ends then.

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But we know it takes a month or a month and a half to actually get to Council, so we end, and our final report will actually be after the termination of this committee.

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I'm thinking, even if we work up until June.

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It may end up being an accounts meeting that's July or August at that point, so we don't... that's...

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we're not stopping working in time to have a June 30th report. We work up till that, and then submit our final report, so we still have several months of work. I want to get clarification, because Mary's clear, because she is always very clear about what steps.

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blast. My understanding is they blast the continued expenditure of past resources. There's resources.

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through a certain date, so I would want to honor that, and have our last meeting.

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be connected with the last date the Council Plus.

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for us working, because if I were not a council meeting member, I would be concerned.

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That taxpayers' money is being spent for additional meetings beyond the date.

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that I had expected things to be wrapped up, so I'm gonna defer to Mary. So it is June 30th, but I would say that I would...

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I'm not gonna speak...

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So that we can do the next step.

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Council in June, because then we're trying to force, you know, we're trying to do a lot of work prior to that termination date.

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But the resolution basically says June 30th, um...

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So, I would say extending the committee, um, until such time that this work is done.

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That would be my recommendation, because I think otherwise, if we just go forward, you're going to do a final report, but then what's going to happen after that?

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I mean, if we don't have a plan in place, which is kind of what I think we need to talk about today, like, what are your next steps coming to the City Council?

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So there's questions here, but I see Councilmember Phil, go ahead.

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Yeah, I think it's totally understandable to, if this is our second quarterly report, to have four, uh, and then put out, and I think it's totally, you know, understandable to not even have it on the agenda, but to expect that we get, like, a full year.

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And I don't know if that extends through the budget year or how it was, but, you know, for a year, so I think we can expect just a little bit more work. I love all that, but I don't want to assume anything. So, for me, I would like to see from you.

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Because you said on agenda review, when could this item asking for an extension.

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be brought before Council before June 30th, because I don't want them to be super clear that maybe they don't remember that we didn't start till November. Maybe they have forgotten that we've only done two quarterly reports, but.

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the resolution said you would have 4. So, Mary, when do you think we could get on agenda review to ask their permission.

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to extend this for 6 months, is what I'm understanding. So I have a January committee meeting next week. Okay. So we can... we can discuss at that point the continuation of the committee.

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Um, I have a question, so...

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is this committee willing to stay on if it's expanded in the initial 6 months? Because I think that's going to be a key that I would put into the report as well.

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Yes, is everybody good with that? So... I committed for a year, and so I'm gonna have to reevaluate that. This is a time-consuming process, and...

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I'd like to use the full year, but I'm not just here till whenever. Well, so, again, the committee for the resolution goes through June 30th, but the committee didn't start until...

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November 18th. So, theoretically, a year would be November 18th of 2026.

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Right now. I understand that actual activity, but, you know, we were asked to join.

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if it maybe didn't start till November, that's... that's what happened, but... Right. The commitment was made for the year, and I would need to seriously reevaluate that. I would love to support the work, but...

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sitting here, I can't just say, well, sure, 6 months, like, that's okay. I do feel like that's kind of an important thing to decide, so Naomi, just do your hands. I'm just wondering if we can talk through... so, put this on just, like, the side for a minute, how many more months we would need to continue, and then think about what it is that we need to get done.

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and how much time that might take, we're guessing, but, you know, at least we can have some sort of framework for, you know, we know that the Senior Center is on a tight timeline, you know, what is it that.

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How do we figure out what our plan is so that we can fit in with the timelines of the organizations here, and.

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And hopefully within, or less... under the 6 months.

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That we might be requesting in terms of an extension.

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So, I'm hearing that maybe we should make our way through the agenda, and then revisit the extension.

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issue before we adjourn today.

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Because today's discussion will inform how much longer there might be, and ask that people continue sticking around.

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past you. Is that kind of what I'm hearing? Yes, just depends, or... I forget whose name went up first. And I just want to include in that that we have some kind of, like, expectation of deliverables at the end, so...

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maybe another senior center representative shows up, or, you know, not...
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not getting rid of the committee, I just talked about my personal commitments. Maybe... maybe we have the committee center rejoin. There may be a chance to reconstitute a little bit.
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Given personal commitments.
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So I can see how that could work. Okay, so it's the will of the body that we move through the published agenda, and then carve out time.
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really talk about time, so none of us are phonetic about reaching a decision about when we're going to ask Mary.
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to bring the extension before general review. Is that what I'm feeling, is the vibe?
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Yeah, okay, I don't see a lot of energy one way or the other, but anyway... Unless it makes sense, I mean, maybe now I'm going to take back my suggestion, but we just want to request an...
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an extension, no matter what. And then we just, if we're done sooner, we provide our final product sooner, and...
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We know that we have time. That's... that's actually sort of my thinking on this. As you pointed out, we were formed to do a year's worth of work.
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And the aspirational goal was June to June, and we started in November, so November to November isn't necessarily an addition of time, it's just.
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adjusting the time that we had to get it done. And I would... I would be concerned if we tried to rush a years-long process into 6 months, and I'd also be concerned if we were on, you know, at Infinitum.
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Because that equally seems like a misuse of our time and our resources, so I think if we reasonably project that we should.
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extend by 6 months, and shoot for getting it done sooner. We've done really good work, but we...
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if we look at the calendar and think we haven't done anything since June, so no, that's not going to be fair, because November to now, we've gotten quite a bit of substantive and substantial work done, and I think we could.
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I say we should have the time on the calendar that we were supposed to have to do the actual work instead of trying to rush something, because we got started late because of other things we couldn't control. That's my...
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Got it. And I think, uh, great, my concern is the quality of the work you turn in.
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It really is going to affect.
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I understand the commitment from Ed.
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the point of view of the community was June to June.
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But if we only got started again in November, the quality of work.
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It's very important whether this project actually goes anywhere.
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Um, and if I were a council member, I would expect.
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That it wasn't something that was rushed and looked rushed.

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Yeah, so I wanted to make clarification. It was September, and then we revised the committee in November, so that was...

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My mistake. So, September would be the... the extension for Foyer. My apologies.

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Thank you. Okay, so it's...

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three additional months. Three additional months. Which I think is what we're kind of saying, is that looks like where we're lining up the work that we had scheduled to get done, you know, it's...

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So it's a lot of moving parts throughout, so I think September would be fair, and I could continue to commit through September, as well as what I think the voters should... Yes, so I'm seeing heads nodding, so we're just going to move through.

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with September, keeping that in our minds today, it's September. And before we get into the actual what's on the agenda for the subcommittee updates, I would like Mary to share.

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And thank you, Mary, for fielding my email this morning about what you think would be your.

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thoughts about what this body could do now that we've established that it's going to be through September, so could you kind of lay that out there?

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So, I think it goes back to what we just talked about, like, what are our actions, right? So, what is our next step? I think the next step.

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You... we might want to narrow down, like, what are your recommendations for a location, everyone?

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So, if there's one location that you all agree on, if there's two locations. And then from there, um, you know, we should tell the council why those locations were picked.

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you know, whether it's the area, the cost, things like that. Um, but while we're doing that, we also need to talk about, like, how much staff time that's going to involve, what studies are going to involve for those locations, because then the council's going to have to approve that, so...

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Um, and then financial funding, which the finance committee is doing. I think this is your time now to take it to the City Council with direct information, um, and then say, are you supportive of this?

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this is how much staff time is going to take, this is what the next steps are as far as, like, identification of funding sources, doing a recap of what the interviews were with stakeholders. I think that's what your item needs to be for July.

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For July. For your next... unless you want to do it earlier, but you could... For the...

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Support what your work has been.

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two locations could be, and then how much staff time would that take to look at, like, what studies would be required, what, you know, if there are inter-environmental issues, things like that, so...

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I think we need to start narrowing it down to what the Finance Committee has looked at, giving the Council a recap, what the stakeholder interviews have looked at, if there's any, you know, what those potential funding resources are.

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And then get the buy-in now at the Council. I think you're at that point right now. Okay, and then my other thing, too, that came up at the last Council meeting, be very sensitive around staff time.

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So, refresh my memory... my memory, Mary. Um...

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Council did not pass a new policy about how much time committees.

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Can make use of staff time before it exceeds a certain hour level.

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We have not done that yet. That policy is not coming for Council. You're correct, we have not done that for committees yet. We were bringing an item back for Council only, but not for committees.

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And what that discussion has happened, and I just want to make sure that y'all are caught up to speed on this.

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Because there have been committees that have asked a lot.

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Of staff time, by way of, uh, sending emails, requesting to have information sent, forwarded, etc, etc.

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report about how...

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And if you feel like we're going to be approaching a substantial amount of staff time.

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that would then trigger council approval or non-approval. Does that make sense? That makes total sense. Okay, so I just want to throw that in there, too. So we can have a lot of aspirations in the next couple of hours.

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But if it's gonna look like, from Air's point of view, it's gonna take a lot of staff time, we need to figure that in, too.

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about when we approach Council for renewals or not, Maryland. Yeah, I have a little bit of a concern about, I guess, staff time being sensitive to staff time. However, if the.

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Committee is actually supported by the city, or the city staff.

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Um, when we're doing these interviews, for instance.

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we are taking in a lot of information. In order to produce a report, that information's going to have to be collated and that.

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And I, for one, am not gonna... I don't feel like I'm the one who's gonna be... be doing that.

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does... is there... I do know it could be done by AI, but I know nothing about it.

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So, um, is that something that staff... is there an IT person that could do that? Is that overreaching? Because.

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you know, I feel like we're putting in... I don't... well, my time is volunteer, I don't know about other people's...

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But there's a certain limit to what I can do.

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Um, agreed. And thank you, because that did come up in our subcommittee meeting, and you all decide if you want to go in the order that we published this, which was update from the funding assessment, or if you want to flip it around us, the community needs assessment.

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That did come up in our subcommittee meeting, in the fact that there was discussion at the last meeting that y'all wanted us to do this, and there's going to be a special forum.

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that you all wanted us to plug in, we never got the form. So, we ended up deciding we would do the best we can.

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taking notes, and hopefully having the interviewees actually has to have an AI run in the background.

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So that could refresh our memory of the contents, and that if you wanted to listen to, like, Katie's interview, we could just forward you the PDF file, and you too could listen to it.

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But even with all of that, Mary Lou did bring up what, in our subcommittee meeting, what she just brought up here, that's a lot of time.

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And also, are we, individual citizens, the best to compile.

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And digest that information from each stakeholder.

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In the way that you want it digested for your finance needs.

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Or should we, maybe, to Mary Lou's question, have staff who are probably much more skilled.

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digesting information to put it in a format that you finance people would want. So that brings in the issue of staff time.

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And whether we ask staff, if that's possible. And if so, how many hours... I just, like, volunteer to do it. I can do it really fast. But there's... I love that, but then also, from a brownout point of view.

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I want to discuss that, because I think I slipped, because I sent an email that the subcommittee blessed the term, and Kenyon, you got it.

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You got it too, and I inadvertently put the four of us.

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Asking you for an interview.

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you, in particular, being on this committee, was, from my estimation, around acting, so I really want to be super cautious, and maybe get Mary's thoughts, since Phil offered to just.

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do it all? Could he do it all?

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I would probably say no, since you have two committees today. You already have two Brownout committees, so you are now would be involved with...

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the stakeholders, where I think you're on the finance committee, so it would have to be all done at one group to do it, the way that you would want to do it. So...

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How many interviews would be number one? 30. 30, at least. Is there... Well, 30 is, let's be clear, draft, because what I heard from this last body is, you four take care of 30. Right. Like, we don't want to be involved, the finance people are off doing their work, so you...

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4 do 30 interviews. So, let's be clear, 30 was on the list of approved names. That was me, and I want to clarify that position. Okay.

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Just that I wasn't ready to get it last month, because we were in the middle of some stuff that.

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didn't have time for that, so I didn't want to offer some help that wasn't... just wasn't possible.

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So, that was... that was one month I'm gonna talk about it based upon your preliminary interviews, based upon what you looked at.

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thing that you've got worked for you, or didn't work if you want to make a change. And then I thought it was open to all of us doing it once you had settled on.

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a format, an approach, a list of questions that you felt comfortable with after those first few iterations. I just didn't want to be part of that. Okay.

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No, I... so I wasn't saying never. No, no, no, that's fine, but I think Mary asked the... answer the question. I don't think you can. You finance people can be part of interviewing the stakeholders, right? Because we need the stakeholder group, we need the right answer.

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So I think we answered our own question, that in reality, only 4 people can do the 30 interviews. Is that what you're saying, Mary? So, if that was the task of that committee, you cannot have the majority sitting in on that subcommittee. But co-writing is a different thing.

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That's just, like, adding things, yeah, that has nothing... But that would be for staff, though, because you would be one person from the entire community getting all the information.

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Rather than the entire committee getting it. It would be like the survey, like, if I were to send you the survey individually.

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Versus sending a survey of the goals to the entire city council on Solisten. So, um...

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So, 30 is a lot, I will say that. Is there... you had stated there's a form. Is there a form that is going to be used for the... for them to fill out, or are you filling them out to be done? There's a question, but then I'm seeing multiple things. And I don't know how...

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Uh, I didn't make it open or something, I don't know, but I filled it out, like... and I asked Elissa, and Elissa said she didn't receive the form, so... I received the form, uh, you asked me to do updates to it, and I said I do not have access, so I was... it was waiting until I had...

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Okay, and I didn't get your access. Nope, I logged... I tried in... I gave you an email with, um, personal.

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Email addresses to possibly try that versus city. Oh. And, uh...

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And that was the last. Okay, so there's that, but then I'm saying RM, and then Naomi, and then we'll work our way around. Oh, and then Sarah, I think I saw Arianna a while ago, too. I guess Sarah, too. I think I said...

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Do you remember? Are you ready for me? Yeah, sorry. Okay, I have a number of very specific comments about the interview process, but maybe this isn't the time to get into those details, right?

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But I want to say, uh, ahead of that.

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Our subcommittee brought in the list of 30 names, and said, y'all are going to help us do this, because that's too much for us, and it wasn't said at that moment.

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much greater than that, having done some interviews. I'm just getting referrals to more people and more people.

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We'll get into those details. We will, in the subcommittee report out, but there seems to be other questions. RM, and then I'm going to get to Naomi.

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I just...

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In terms of...

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Avoiding Brown Act conflicts. What if it was the other direction, where we helped create a form that would have.

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An easy-to-tabulate.

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survey that would make it easy during these interviews for them to tabulate this information without having to be an IT expert, because we developed.

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You know, the thing for that. As long as that is here, as a whole, that you're doing that form.

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Another option is to do, if we know what the questions are, is to do what we did with the survey.

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Where people fill the...

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I would say it's an option, because that was...

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It did, and we already approved the questions. The questions were approved as of the last setting of the meeting. So that would not be staff very long to do the survey. So, I'm hearing from staff, if you took the pre-approved survey questions and put it in this community survey.

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format, would that be acceptable? Because basically... Okay, I'm jumping, yeah.

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Okay, so... I need to be clear on the process, too. So...

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Based upon the community survey that we did for goal setting, it would just be the questions, which are, like, 7 or 8 of them, with open fields.

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and then the person, like Katie, would just type whatever she wanted under question number one.

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Is that what you're... That's... that is an option, yes. That's what we do with the community survey for the goals.

Okay, so let's do that.

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I think that's the easiest... sorry, I just want to jump in real quick. I think that's the easiest, it's the most efficient, it doesn't take staff a lot of time to do that. We were able to do 300 goals.

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In efficient time, so we can do that up here, we don't, you know, we can do...

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that, to me, is the most efficient. I love that. And it takes away the personal touch. Right, I love that, now I'm seeing hands. I think it was Kent, and let's go around the room so I don't miss anyone, Kent.

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I think I missed something. Um, is this going to the general public, or is this just going to the 30 people? In the form, it's whoever you choose it to go to.

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So if it's just the 30, it would go to those 30 individuals in that format for them to respond to.

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That seems to solve a lot of issues. I think we do miss something on personal, but...

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I imagine we could always do personal follow-ups, if we see something interesting.

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And that was actually going to be my suggestion, is to get their input, and then if you see, like, 4 or 5 of them have some really specific things that you want to follow up on.

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that would be my recommendation to follow up on it that way. Because then, everyone on this committee will have that input.

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And then you all could go ahead and...

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And talk to them. Okay, I have questions, but Sarah, let's go around the room. Okay, um...

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I'm finding in my interview experience that the personal contact makes all the difference. One of our responsibilities is to inform people about what we're doing.

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And we pick stakeholders because they are the leaders or the need, both sides, in our community.

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And what we're talking about isn't just, like, a check-the-box thing on a survey that comes by email. It's really much more detailed than that, and...

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I think it's also important to assess the level of response the person is giving you. Are they lit up? Do they like it?

Are they bored and want you out of their office?

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Those are the bookends. So, for me, in-person is going to achieve much more.

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Uh, building up energy and understanding in the community, so we aren't hit with that.

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I never heard about this, what are you doing? Right? We're building partners, we're building potential funders.

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We're building potential tenants.

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Clients, etc.

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Got it. Okay, let's continue to go around so I don't miss people. Yeah, I'm confused now, uh, about the formatting.

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I've only done... we've done one, Canyon, uh, with... I've done it with Sarah, and we...

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Just had the questions, and we filled in, and...

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that's what we did, because that's what we had, so I didn't... we didn't have...

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what you developed. So that...

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So now I'm confused. Are we going to wait for that piece of paper that you developed, and then for us to try and.

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you know, jam in what we've written down from Kenyon's.

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And so those are questions. Okay, so just simply, like, I don't think they're mutually exclusive. I would like to do what she, uh, Mary suggested and have the survey form.

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And then we can go out in person, or you guys can go out in person, or anybody can go out in person and use that form, and then that kind of, like, captures.

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Both personal and or, if that's not available, a form. But that form would take the place of my form, which has now become a moot point, because it's not out.

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So that... I feel like that would catch them off.

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Okay, and then, did I miss you? I was trying to, like, make sure I'm not missing people on the mix, so who was next? Naomi.

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Um, and this is just as we were talking about approaches to collecting data. If the goal is to collect something that's.

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personal and interactive, so that the questions aren't going to be static, then I would suggest one way to do it that we can support but not actually be involved in, or I can... I'm happy to support.

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is recording, audio recording on Zoom, or whatever, all of your interviews, which will automatically be transcribed into text.

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you can read them over to make sure they're accurate, and then you can put them into an AI bot and have it.

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you know, pull themes out for you, and identify them by the name of the file that you put your name on, so if it's...

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you know, so we'll pull that information out for you, and we can do that in a way that's closed and fast. The only...

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requirement is that the information is in text, not in handwriting. Okay, Mary Lou, and then background.

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Right, I looked it up, and I know that that can happen. It is not going to be me who makes that happen. But I'm saying I can help.

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If there's something that I have to do anyway, I can help create that. You know, we have these people that we're responsible to interview. Let me... can I ask Kenya? I agree, but when we said we make offers, let's remember the brown hat.

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So, what we just heard Mary, and I heard you offer, but you cannot help.

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My understanding is any type of enrollment with the collection of data through improved.

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committee, subcommittee, has to stay with those subcommittee members, is that... That's my understanding, yeah. But can I set up... can I set up a system without touching the data? Yeah, you can set it all up, and then, like, like, here, you guys... Right, yeah, you're not doing the interviews, you're not being involved with the interviews, you're just...

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Setting it up, and then they conduct the interviews, and...

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Okay. Okay, so... but I saw Kev with this hand, too, so I don't want to just focus on one person, but anyway... Can I ask...

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Kenyon has done it with us. We did it yesterday, so...

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Notes, right? There were two of us...

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That there's one... that's it.

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I mean, would you prefer to write your own answers?

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To the questions, or would you prefer to have a conversation?

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Well, I think a good conversation. I mean.

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Zoom and AI sounds like it could be the most efficient way, but then...

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You wouldn't have to take all, you know, hand notes, and then somebody... you or somebody else transcribe them.
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So that, to me, sounds like that might be... and so you would conduct your interviews over Zoom, and then...
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figure out who's gonna feed them into AI and generate a summary.
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So that begs the question in terms with Sarah, who really... and, you know, I do too, but I'm gonna pick on Sarah.
Uh, okay, go ahead. She really likes to have that personal contact.
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that means that we have to somehow record it while we're sitting there, and I'm not quite sure how to do that.
And then also, I just want to interject, because I've gotten this off agenda, so I apologize. Also, I want to confirm,
we are committed only until, is it 3 or 3.30? I forgot how long.
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So, in the next hour and 15 minutes, one, I want to make consensus 7. I've got us off agenda. I think we're now
kind of talking more about agenda item number 3.
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Just update from the community age assessment, but that came after number 2, which is the finance.
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So I just want to get a pulse check of the next hour and 15 minutes. Where do y'all want to spend the time? Do you
want to drill down into this assessment group? Do you finance people want to present?
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What do you want to do?
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Yes, I appreciate your point that we've just sort of morphed into the... Yes.
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Um, let's just take it the way it should. If we can do a presentation.
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I think it might be instructive, and then I've got lots of things to say, but it belongs in that.
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Next item that you have... And I hear that, but I also heard really loudly, and we talked about in our subcommittee
meeting, that you finance people were waiting on us.
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the community needs people for a lot of the work that you were planning on doing. But if that's now shifted, and
you're fine, and you want to present to us before you hear us on the community needs assessment, I'm happy to
do that too.
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Meaning, following the agenda, and allowing finance people decide what you want to see happen.
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Did you just say go back to finance? Yes. I think we've gotten ahead of ourselves. We can just take a time out and
do finance really quickly, because everyone on the community needs to say, because we really should honor this
agenda, especially for people who might be watching this recording, they're like.
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Where is he at? Alright, so now we're back to finance. So, who would like to present? Uh, thanks for the field today
to present.
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Okay. Okay, so our finance committee.
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We've developed the stack, and we've developed, you know, an assortment of places to initially look at, which we
would like to refine a little bit later.
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But something that I was reminded of in, um, the last council meeting, you know, which I, you know, we conveyed
with the group, is, like, a need for the why.
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And to explain the background. And anytime that you create a financial, um...
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uh, path forward, you have to explain why, right? So, this is what we're doing, and...
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Um, and along with that, I developed some case studies, too, or, you know, we came across some of these.
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But, uh, we made a little background here, and I just want to go over it briefly that.
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You know, we have infrastructure, and one of the reasons why we're here is to address.
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uh, some needs, and one of the real needs that we have is financial needs. The city has financial needs.
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uh, needs, and these are based on the infrastructure we're trying to keep up, and the admin that we're trying to keep up. And in this document, kind of go over some of the.
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basic big four, right? So that establishes a more community government background. And let me just pause, because we have a lot of stuff that was delivered in front of us, but I'm not usually used to having when I sit down at a meeting.
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I want, like, it all to happen prior to publish to the yesterday.
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No, no, no, that's fine. I just want for the public to know what we're referencing. So we're not referencing what's in the published packet, we're referencing.
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What do you want us to reference when you're shooting?
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Yeah, so I'm gonna start out with a document that I expect will be attached.
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to the record, uh, uh, creating the Commons and this is, uh, 5 pages, kind of going over the situation we've developed right now. It's a bit of a summary, a brief.
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In the background. Um, the background is based on, like, you know, some of our four... what I think is, like, our four pillars.
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the library, the senior center, the City Hall, and the Community Cultural Center. The paragraph under the Community Culture Center goes along with.
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Something that, uh, Councilmember Maurer brought up about the state of the building.
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And whether it's a, uh, fix or re-buy situation, rebuild situation.
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And the first paragraph states clearly that, you know, we're not in a state of crisis at the moment, but we're in a beautiful place to plan for the next 30 years.
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And that's something that this seeks to address. Something about the creating the Commons concept, which I've come to.
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Uh, and uh, we are co-evolving as, as, as we do this, is super novel.
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Uh, there are precedents, but it is... it is probably gonna be one of the...
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one of the first to go. Uh, the only other ones that I can find that sort of are, uh, existing in the concept that we have it right now as we talk.
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Uh, is the Emiratesville, uh, yeah, I'm switching documents, because this should actually be the end of the party. Okay, so for people following along at home, and for people to isolate, for the public slash.
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So now you're referring to the email, a copy of our pre-email of 14. This is the one you're referring to, though?
Correct. Bye.
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Just for people following along, and Fred, who's viewing. Okay, okay, so this is what you're referencing now. Okay, thank you.
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Correct, so I'm talking about the novelty of what we're trying to accomplish, the innovativeness and the ambition towards it, which has root in, um, substantial data for the past 10 years.
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But is only fleshed out in partial form.
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Uh, in some of the case studies, but Emeryville, uh...
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South San Francisco and Youngville are currently in process for the same activity, creating Commons in a Canvas form.
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And, uh, you know, these...
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Do not exist now.
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But are kind of in the same process we are. We're actually going pretty fast. And, uh, you know, something that I'm very proud of. You know, we've come to, uh.
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A place where other...
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People are dumping \$94 billion, or 24, you know, like, like that into it.
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Um, and uh, now that we have these.
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These, as a reference point, we have something to...
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I don't know what the right word is, like, not substantiated. Understood.
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Vindicate, validate, validate, yes, that's okay.
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To validate, uh, an idea.
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And these include... these projects often include the same board that we have.
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the library itself, the City Hall, the Community Center, and they often include classes and participation among, uh, you know.
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Um, some private companies, like a cafe or a bookstore like that.
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I think that our public-private relationships and our financial stacks want to go just a little bit further than these, but they'll be quite similar.
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And, uh, yeah.
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So, as I... as I flip pages, you know, I just want to, you know... And make sure that we're following along at home, because actually, honestly, somebody at home might watch this recording, and this is also the reason why the taxpayers' money is being spent on this recording. So, when you were referencing this book, could you flip the page and tell us what page you're on when you kind of go through these documents?
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So that would be helpful. Okay, now I'm on page 2.

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Sorry, I understand. Okay, good. Alright, sorry. Okay, I will stick on this document so that we don't have to, like, what happens and refer...

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Okay, so...

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Um, you know...

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I'm not a lost one place. We know our own place.

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Um, so we have these four cost centers, you know, and this is some of the bases. It's, of course, not all of the basis for which we're gonna go out and get surveys and find out who else needs to be a part of this. This is part of the validation.

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Um, but...

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you know, here's where I want to add, uh, some of the case studies, like Cordelius, Oregon, uh, Mission Creek, San Francisco, Brooklyn, and we do have some examples of partnerships in this county within, um.

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I think Petaluma, Varner Park, or, uh...

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Coach Hottie also shared primary services, and, and, uh, senior services.

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Okay, so in order to build this without being too impactful to our budget, you know, we have to think about this capital stack, and it's going to get pretty innovative, and it's gonna be a private-public partnership. We're gonna have a basket, which has been.

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Supplied in our previous, uh...

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Uh, we... our work that we... our work that we supplied.

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It's gonna be, uh, our private, you know, um...

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a primary engine, but then we also have the EIFD, which we listed in there, you know, which was... is something that, you know, in our city goal, you might have to remember.

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And then we'll also have a philanthropic bridge. Uh, you know, we'll have to have people not only participate in a private way, you know, as part of, like, a business anchor.

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That's my, uh, like, uh, of...

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I don't know what somebody is called as paying rent, like, an ongoing...

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Not capital, it's another word.

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Yeah, like, a tenant... I'm thinking of a different word, but... Anyway, uh, this is part of the capital stack, so there's operating capital, and then there's...

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The primary company you take to acquire something.

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And that's what's gonna round out how it operates through, and how it subsidizes some of the places that we have.

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now, because one of the major things that we have to deal with are, we own the properties right now. We own the library, we own the senior center, we own the community, uh.

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Community center, and if we take on any payments or, you know, capital expense.

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Uh, a building that...

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How are we... how are we gonna make it?

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unimpactful to our budget on an ongoing basis. Uh, so we have to figure out, A, how we acquire the thing, but also how it pays for itself.

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Month to month, because right now, we're not really paying.

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Yeah, we have, you know, expenses for the, uh, the nonprofits themselves actually take care of a lot of their, uh, ongoing expenses, but the...

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The capital assets they have are helps, right?

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Okay, so, uh, these partnerships, like a business partnership, or, um, some of our other nonprofits.

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will pay...

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To help subsidize the city hall will help subsidize.

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Uh, some of the things that aren't...

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One of the reasons that we're also looking at having the public-private partnership is.

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public entities, I mean, private entities, businesses leasing space, are typically required to do the capital improvements of their leased space. So, in this type of partnership, it means we're offsetting some of the cost of the original build-out, because essentially we can build partly a shell, and if we had 3 or 4.

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two or three private businesses in there, and they're paying to finish off whatever needs to be there as part of their leasing, right? Which offset some of the cost of the original build on our side, if that's making sense.

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So, for example, if I was going to lease a building as a bookstore, I know that I'm just getting the walls, and I'm responsible to provide any other improvement in there to make it a viable business. In that same way.

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If we're looking at building out 90,000 square feet, but 20,000 is going to be leased out to companies, we're only responsible to actually build out the 70,000 square feet, because the other 20 could be built out as part of the capital improvement.

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plan with new, um, lease... leaseholders coming in to take that space. There's a cleanliness between landlords and tends to make it happen, but in.

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But in, um...

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in sort of a non-private lease agreement, is what's that word? I can't believe I've lost the word.

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Commercial lease agreements. My goodness, my brain froze. Commercial lease agreements. We can set them up this way and structured this way, so that those... so that some of those expenses in the build-out are offset to credit partner. That's my problem.

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May I just interject? I believe that's true, too, at the library.

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In a lease agreement that the library would do the internal design and furnishings.

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So if we're looking at that MS coalition and how to build it out.

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you know, if we're looking at, oh my gosh, this is going to be X million dollars, but if we start really parsing out where some of the internal building and structure is going to come.

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the upfront capital required to get it started isn't as big or insurmountable as it might otherwise be, which is part of why this model has been, as we wrote here, it's a tested model, it's not.

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This is not aspirational or theoretical, this has been working because this is the perfect balance between how we can work as.

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City property, with private entities, with, um, non-profit entities, in a way that really makes it possible for all of them, all of us to thrive on that.

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shared experience. I love that. Let's hear more from the finance people, because I want to make sure... I get a lot of... Right, no, no, no, no, no, but I want to make sure I hear fully from you, because obviously you've done a ton of work. So, Ken, you're on finance, did you want to add anything more? I just want to simply close with.

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Um, you know, we found the mix of financing that we think would support a project like this.

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And we found, uh, you know.

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organizations that want to be what I would call cornerstone, or key.

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organizations in this partnership. There are, of course, lots of other partners that we might reach out to for space or influence, but I think we've gone a long way in figuring out.

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What the matrix is for financing in, you know, bridge, acquisition.

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Um, finding the way towards, you know, Sebastopol.

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you know, uh, support, and a way that, um... I'm just gonna stop talking. I feel like my brain was full of sales. Yeah, you did amazing. You did amazing, but Naom, you're also in finance, so... Yeah, I don't really need to add, I think...

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I mean, I think this is an incredibly comprehensive document that lays out good rationale for why this.

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Approach seems pretty sound.

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Awesome. Alright, I've included my quote to it, so thanks. Okay, no, this is, like, really amazing. So, thank you and Sirefo for me interjecting, but I just really want the public, and especially now, we have depressed.

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Kind of understand what's the topic of the conversation, so then be able to follow along. Amazing, a lot, a lot, a lot of information. I'm like, wow, okay, what amazing nonetheless.

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Kent, I just wanna...

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simplify it, because I've sort of done this thought experiment with people.

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it seems to be this massive public partner partnership. What is this new thing that's been tested? And...

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in its basic essence, the Commons would be a city-owned facility.

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Okay. Which would have tenants who are commercial.

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Or nonprofit, or county, or city entities.

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And we would leverage existing city-owned properties in order to pay for whatever the city needed to pay for.

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And then, given who the tenants are, they're gonna pay as they can, or as previous agreements.

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So it is not...

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a huge money suck for the city. We have the resources. It's about realigning our resources into a new configuration.

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And at the same time, bring together the non-profits that would really.

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No, it's a senior...

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A number of wellness doctor's office would be on the 3rd floor, a chiropractor, you know, bringing us a real.

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Civic center that the city owns.

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And then it has a various complicated rent structure, which pays back to the city.

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And through a lot of work through Bill and the committee, we've identified a funding stack, which means.

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The stuff is out there, we just have to be thinking freshly about how to realign our existing resources and bring us all together, and the inherent savings that happens when you do that.

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Um, Mayor Sarah? Yes.

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Question... well, I just want to make sure finance is done. I just want to throw one word... And then we'll open it up for questions.

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We have thought about it being multi-generational and economics.

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So... Okay, thank you, Ken, for clearing that up. I don't know where my brain is today. All awesome. So now, questions from people who are not on fire. I just want to make sure I understand. You said leverage existing city-owned properties. Does that mean we're going to take a mortgage out, the city's going to take a mortgage out on its parking lots, or something to...

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So, for instance, this new land that's being acquired? No, so for instance, this building, if the City Hall becomes part of a new conference, which is.

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An open question, but if it does.

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And there's a NetQ property here.

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So, could you think about swapping this as an asset, or swapping it into the new campus?

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if you sell this, put that money towards that. Again, how do we leverage existing city assets so that at net zero cost.

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we put it where we want it to be together with... And also, to interject, we did sort of...

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talk about the difference between the finance committee and the Funding Committee being slightly different work. We haven't.

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clear funding package. We look at a finance package. When it comes to looking at funding, that's when we talk about things like if we could.

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If the library and the City Hall and the Senior Center are all moving, those are 3 buildings available for sale release.

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And so that's a new asset that actually comes into play, so that's what we're talking about leveraging, but that's all part of a potential list of various ways to get money, including.

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Um, soliciting donations from, you know, deep pocket donors who just want to make this thing happen. I'm looking at.

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leaseholders who contribute to help make for the payment, but also, like Kat pointed out, we could look at if this building is not being used for its stated purpose, and you move to a new place.

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This could be a great dental office, or law firm, or whatever it might be that would rent out a prime...

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prime rent to help offset any costs that we might incur to have to go. But again, that's work that's more about funding.

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Subcommittees on... a finance committee that's looking at the, sort of, theoretical framework of what we could pitch.

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When it comes to detail, I think we will look as a committee to form a subcommittee, but actually.

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cultivate donors, cultivate a funding plan to make it happen. Yes, and thank you for correcting, because I keep referring to that.

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According to the agenda, the official name, or official name, was Funding Assessment Assessment, so I apologize for referring to you as the finance group.

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So if we stick with the vernacular thing, it captures what you've just said.

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So, apologies. Funding. I just haven't gotten into that. I don't want to, you know, really speak off the cuff too much, and be on record, where we're just sort of theoretically saying these are things we could look toward, and once we make a decision about what the total costs really will be, and where we really want to be, and what we're doing.

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Then we would take that and go, okay, now, here's how we're going to actually move forward to fund it.

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Awesome. Marilee, did I see your hand? Yeah, um, I'm going back to...

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First of all, thank you very much for this, this really helps.

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Um, you did a great job, you've done a great job on both.

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Right. Both presentations that you've given us, which the last one was the properties and that.

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Um, given this, which we didn't have when we addressed the survey questions, is there something that is missing in those questions that will help.

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I see this as the why, I mean, in terms of presenting it to the City Council, right?

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Yeah. I feel like one of the questions are, what are your needs? Like, what is holding you back from doing the best work that you can do? I feel like you're asking those, and that's the one.

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Okay. Agreed.

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I think you did a great job analyzing the questions that you put together. Well, you guys all approved them, too, so take credit. Yeah, they were approved.

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It's a paper that we did 3 weeks ago.

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Good, good point, because by the time we wrap this up, we're gonna need to talk about, like, how those questions you previously approved get stuck through staff, so...

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similar community thing, so good... good tracking on that. When we report, it's going to be about our subjective experience asking those questions, which is the next agenda. Which is getting into what y'all want us to do, right?

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So, what, from there, let me get this right, the Funding Assessment Subcommittee, and if you have minutes, then we have a lot. I have not written out the name.

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Well, to Aram's point, it is... there's a difference. We've discussed a lot in these meetings.

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the difference between funding assessment and finance, and we did agree we're not going to give the minutia of the finance, it's more of funding.

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If we need to officially approve this report today so it can go on the city website, I think this would be critical, right? Information. But it's up to you all, because I don't know if you opt out, and it's published on the city website as.

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part of the minutes, and I'm deferring to Mary. So it's not approval of it, but it's information that was presented here, so it should go up on the, um...

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Okay, can we just accept it, yes. It's part of... yes, it's part of the, um, communications that we're presenting, right? But are you okay? Because I know in the past, people have offered things, and they're like, but I don't want it published, but are y'all...

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fine with having this be something... how would this get on the edge? The Council City thing, and how fast would that occur? So it would be, like, other documents? Yeah. So, like, at the Council, when we have other documents, that's not always a part of the staff report or anything like that, it would just be other documents located on that meeting page. So, on this meeting page... Yeah.

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there's a section, we would upload those with other documents. So, it would be under agenda, because I went on the city site to figure out what did get published. So right now, just as agenda, as of this.

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Agenda with, like, 57 other pages, so this would be added within the hour, sir.

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After this meeting. So now we can run around and tell people that the report is published on the city site, so they can start looking at those. And it's under a head called Other Documents. Let me pull it up, and that's how Council is, so let me... Okay. And it's also gonna say, received April 14th.

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that would be good to start paper trailing the lawyers, or, like, the date and time, when those are received, important stuff. We received with great appreciation and recognition for the hard work. Yes, of course.

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Of course. So, yeah, Mary's going to look to figure out where that's... and how it's going to be titled. But back to the general rule. How do you want to spend the next 15 minutes? Is the funding assessment subcommittee done? Do you want to hear the next agenda item, which is number 3?

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the community needs assessment, or what do y'all want to do? What do you want to hear? What do you want to work on?

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I'd like to turn it over to the next committee and give you time.

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Okay. All right, you already kind of heard a lift. So we did meet, we were really, really worried about the form, because we heard from y'all that you wanted the 30 people to hear you.

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But you wanted the data?

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Compile input somewhere, and some rhyme or reason of what...

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How we transcribe the words that came out of people's mouths into something that y'all would be happy with.

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So we spent, I don't know, I mean, it was an hour? We spent, like, 50 minutes talking about just that. It was very successful.

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So, what we came out with is agreed upon the fact that, because we didn't talk about this, how would we approach the 30 people?

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Like, we just can't send them the approved questions. Like, it'd be like, hi, we are so-and-so, you saw it, so I'm interested in your thoughts when you opened up the email.

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getting a new thought, so I'm interested in your thoughts, because maybe we do better than that. I don't know, maybe it was confusing. It might be confusing, because there was thoughts that.

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your new ED was not on the 30, so we had a lot of discussion of was it appropriate to include your new ED and then also on you, so we had a lot of discussion about that.

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And then since then, it's just been a logistical nightmare, I have to say, because we all have our lives in trying to attract 30 different people, and we did agree.

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that, from what I think is a reasonable assumption, that it should not just be one of us.

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Because we're all old, and we only retain so much information. So we decided it would be good to have two people go with AI in the background, to catch all the things that the two old people missed.

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Right? So, that was sort of it, but I did hear from Mary Liu that you already did one.

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Okay, so I'd like to hear some of that to figure out, like, was it great?

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What would you do differently? I think that would be fruitful for...

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can be to hear how your interviews went, and then to inform this group, and then to give you just an update on where I live with the 30.

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Like, are you gonna get what you want between the time we next meet?

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Or, if we can't, what are you going to be happening to them?

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Of 30, do you really want us to hit on, like, you, that we didn't get to?

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Or is it Linda? Or is it this? Or is it that? I really want to see if you can help us prioritize, because we might not get to all 30, so that was the stress of our meeting.

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Um, but I would like to invest Mary Lou or Fred.

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For Sarah, you are not able to make the meeting. Do you want to hear about the interview? I'm fascinated to hear about the interview, so Mary Lou, could you go with Sarah to hear? Kenny already gave a brief report. All three of us are here. We're all here. And other interviews, and...

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I didn't really understand what happened with your opinion, so since he's sitting in the room, did you...

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Yeah, first, can you explain what your thoughts were when you opened the email?

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did you hate it? And then I'm gonna ask you, too. Did you understand why he emailed you to begin with? Because if the emails are not clear, then the other 28 that hasn't really responded yet, there might be things we could do to get them email, essentially. I understood it.

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It's, yeah, kind of... that was something about what's happening here. Maybe not everybody would.

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it was addressed to everybody on the list, and instead of individually, and I think that was approximately, you know, I saw one person replied to all, and that's not really necessary.

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So, the format of it was...

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an issue, I think. I mean, not a problem for me, but...

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Maybe for others.

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Yeah, the interview, like Sarah, I think, said, was a conversation. It's hard...

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It's gonna be hard to quantify.

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many of the responses, and ideally, you would be able to translate it into.

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Some kind of quantified responses, but I don't...

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And a lot of it is about values, and what's important, and not...

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Numbers so much.

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So...

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And hopefully they...

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Got something about the community center hour conversation.

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The issues and needs, and...

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Square footage is a simple follow-up.

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Document to them.

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some of that. What did you think about the questions? Because I don't know if you were at the table when we formalized the questions that were asked of you. Did you like them? What did you... did you feel like...

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Those questions just did not plan well.

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generated thoughts, and yeah, they were... they were all right. I think that maybe there were one or two that were repetitive. Um, I don't remember anything.

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that I think you guys kind of said, well, we already asked that.

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Well, part of that, I think, was the discussion went to that question before we asked the question.

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So when you're writing down, you know, it's not under the question, it's under another question, but it answers.

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I'm reading ahead.

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I mean...

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We're doing, if you want to put it that way, qualitative research. We are not doing quantitative research on these surveys, period. I mean, we are not...

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We are not going to get.

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a lot of numbers, other than how many people we do, and you know, there are some numbers that we asked, and actually, it was interesting when we asked Kenyon about various numbers, is there.

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They're not numbers that his organization aren't tracking, so it might help us, but we might not be able to give that.

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Actually.

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How long, um, how long did it take you to conduct that interview? Well, that was our discussion, too, because we actually forgot how long you wanted us to have each of these people captive in an audience, in a room, so we thought maybe it was 30, maybe it was 40, so in the email, it was kind of.

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and I'm hanging out.

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We did thank you, thank you, can you?

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Good. How you doing, so thank you so much for being part of that. Thank you so much.

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is that about the time and rhythm you think they're gonna each take? Or could you... could you streamline those down to maybe two of you interviewing one person, and it can go to 20, 25 minutes? I think in the email, I did say up to 20, 30, I can't remember what I typed, but it was... Did you? I thought I did to kind of give the people an idea that we're not sucking up your entire morning.

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that it would be short, sweet, and that's the reason why we did agree to sending out the questions ahead of time, which is, you might open and go, I don't want to talk about your response, right? So at least it would prime, or hoping you would prime.

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before we finish up with Kenyon, what was your response when you opened the email? That was a Brown Act violation, by the way. I'm just admitting that, I mean, we all make mistakes, so... So I have a question about whether it was only because we already previously agreed to the questions, so we were already privy to them in full committee.

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I don't know that it was, um, because we didn't create any new information between us, although it was already presented, but it's still sticky, so I didn't realize that there was either.

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Um, it's... I don't think I'm a good answer. I don't think I'm a good person to ask, because I was so vested in the whole process that I wasn't...

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I don't think I'm an unbiased answer to it. For me, it was exactly what I expected, because I expected it. So, I don't...

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I'm a good person to ask, because you guys said AL1. Oh, and he was always fine. He was like, what? What? Oh, one of the 30? And I forgot.

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I don't really miss goodbye. Like, what, what is this? Why? What? Yeah. Okay, well, that's good to know. So maybe that's why you haven't heard from him.

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Yeah, well, and I appreciate that directly, because we literally spent 15 minutes of our 60-minute meeting talking about, like, what would this group want us to say in the email, because it's a totally different thing.

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Of approving 30 questions.

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what to send out how through a pigeon. I mean, what was the vehicle? What were the words to be used? And so we didn't know. You know, I...

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What I am finding, because at this point, after that email went out, and.

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I didn't know where people would respond. The people that I knew, and that I knew I put on that list.

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I recontacted. Okay. And that's the only way I got.

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That's the only way I got an appointment with them. That's one. The other is that.

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the... for instance, Ellen Bauer, and I don't know, I don't know how Katie went, but...

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is going to be on Zoom. I know for sure that she's got a limited amount of time in her morning to.

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you know, answer those questions, and she'll be very succinct about that. It was fun doing it with Kenyon, I gotta tell you, because we were nice, but, um...

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And I just got a response from Teresa, from, uh, the, uh...

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Historical Society. And, you know, she wants to do it by Zoom. So, I think if we say.

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We had talked about not doing it by Zoom because we wanted that personal interaction.

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But I think the business people want to do it by Zoom, and at that point, it will be recorded.

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So, I think, depending on what your name came up, before you interviewed, we had the discussion, and so I think.

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It's my takeaway from our subcommittee meeting, and Fred, we haven't gotten you your thoughts either. It was important for us to make an overture that we do it in person.

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but to be clear in the email that we would like AI to be running in the background, because basically we're old.

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And we wanted to convey that we... I think I actually typed that email so that we can make sure we got your full thoughts. We would like AI to just.

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Zoom to run in the background, just for the purposes of the recording. And then I think a lot of people are like, I don't care. In your back saying, we're not doing this, because I don't...

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I'm actually... I think this would get back to some of your earlier concerns about trying to get through.

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the daunting number of 30. If there... if it's 20 minutes and on Zoom, you could do 3 of them in an hour, back-to-back, and just knock some... I mean, like, probably 10 minutes in between, but you could.

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Schedule 2 every hour with a little decompression in between, because you don't have to travel someplace and meet someplace over coffee and kind of start. You can literally jump on Zoom, say hi, have a personal interaction, and.

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you know, create some warmth between you, and get straight to it, and when they're done, they can check out, and that way you're not asking someone to schedule much more of their day. So I know it seems warm personal, but.

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Like, you're talking about, you know, um...

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trying to squeeze in 15 minutes a day, but it's really an hour to get across town and back. It's not really a 15-minute meeting, so you maybe will get warmer responses if you try to prioritize doing it on Zoom, and we'll definitely make it easier for all of you to get through more of them at a time. You could...

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If you do teams of two on Zoom.

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and you do 20-minute interviews, you're only looking at 15 interviews per team.

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And you can do those in a few days, in a couple days, but, you know, a couple hours here and there. Yeah, that's assuming that the people that you're trying to get.

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To answer to you, have the same amount of time, or the same time and day, and...

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And whatever that you do. Getting 3 people, the same time, in the same spot is not...

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No, I understand, I understand. But anyway, yeah, I mean, we did the best we could with where we left things in order to move things through, so I appreciate the fact that you two are able to do Kenyon, so we heard Kenyon's perspective.

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I haven't gotten to you. Does anyone else want to report out how you've done. Yes, um, so I interviewed Katie, who was at the Senior Center today, in person.

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Which was really delightful. I set a timer so that I wouldn't intrude on their workday.

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Kenyon, I know, is a very dedicated community volunteer, and not employed with the time schedule, so they can kind of lead into his personal time a bit more heavily there.

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But with Katie, I had a time, and we met in her office, which is, right, her power center, so that's really helpful, makes a difference, I think.

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And we had a delightful conversation with me starting. I'm gonna stick to the questions, so this is objective.

Everybody gets asked the same questions, and then afterwards, we'll have a personal conversation.

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So, after our 30 minutes, the timer went off, and I filled in the form.

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in messy handwriting, she and I had a personal conversation, which also included her staff.

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For 10 minutes.

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And that's what matters to me, because then you're actually connecting, uh, warmly and physically and in person with somebody. I appreciated Kenyon because he was willing to be our first interview, and I said, I don't have any experience at this.

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So, buddy, I know you, is that, you know, thank you. So, he was our practice person.

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But I found this, um...

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It's important to let the interviewee know.

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That we're just volunteers.

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just us real people doing this. And it was really clear to me that, um...

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Some of the questions weren't exactly on target for the organization.

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But if we've got a sense of that.

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uh, like with Mary Lou, we could dial it in a little better. Mary Lou asked a really good summary question.

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something like, are you telling us you need a new home? Can you? For the community center, right? They kind of wrapped it up and pulled our thoughts together.

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Um, with KD, that didn't happen so much, but I noticed there is one really important question missing.

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uh, came to me after talking to Kenyon, and I didn't ask Katie this morning.

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And I'm surprised our finance people who are researching real estate.

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That we didn't think of this together, and that is, what location do you think.

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would be...

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The successful spot for this Commons complex.

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Or maybe we ask, of these choices, which do you think would work better, and give them some prompts.

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And we're not getting that information. You know, I really kind of want to sneak it in today, but I didn't because I was being appropriate.

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And there's another question that's really good to ask that isn't on the list, which is, is there something we missed?

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that you would have liked to have been asked, or that you want to say? It's actually a two-part question, and I would suggest.

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If we're going to go ahead with that format that we had those 3 things.

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Sounds like that.

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Find me? Yeah, it's pretty straightforward.

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And so, I'm rolling onto 4 interviews, um, that are scheduled, and I haven't reached out to my people.

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I think I put David on the list, or maybe I did, I can't remember exactly.
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But, but I think...
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had I been at that subcommittee meeting, we may have thought to follow up with our people. Oh, you've heard from Steven!
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Now I want you to know I'd love to meet with you.
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Because as a response to that email, Katie actually reached out to me, and she was like, what is this?
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Yeah, but we do think about giving all the members' names, so that even if they're like, I don't like him, I don't respond to him anyway, it was like, then they could, like, pick off somebody else that was also CC'd on there, that they would have a better... Right, which is a little tricky, because I'm not sure that list was meant to be public information.
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the whole long list. Oh, the 30, it's in the packet of information. Yeah, it's in the packet, but I'm not sure I would have blasted that out to all the interviewees, or potential interviewees, anyway.
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Oh, that's not my report on experience, and I'm finding people are really interested in being interviewed. I'm going to meet with.
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Christie over at St. Stephen's, which has, on that big property, the seed bank.
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The seat exchange garden, right? The playground cafe, a playground and picnic area for all of everybody, an outdoor event venue.
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Um, the food bank, right, the labyrinth, I was traveling the property out west, right, the labyrinth, you know, I mean.
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it's going to be really fun, and she's quite excited to chat about it. Before we hear from other questions, the rest of the committee members, especially those that have done the hard work, anything else?
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Brenda, you haven't said anything, do you want to say anything?
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Fred Engbarth: Um, I think that, um...
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Fred Engbarth: Just a couple things right now is that I put in the chat, um, some information about.
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Fred Engbarth: Um, there's a publication called the Community of California Debt Financing Guide.
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Fred Engbarth: Which, um, is published by the state of California, and it's a pretty down-to-earth presentation of all the.
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Fred Engbarth: uh, debt financing, um, options available to public agencies, and, um, that might be worth, um, worth a look.
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Fred Engbarth: Uh, the other thing is that starting.
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Fred Engbarth: April the 27th, I'm gonna be, um, opening up in an additional.
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Fred Engbarth: Um, chapter in the Dropbox that's gonna deal with.
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Fred Engbarth: Um, examples of Commons projects, uh, ranging from multifunctional.
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Fred Engbarth: To adaptive, uh, you know, uh, use or reuse projects to.
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Fred Engbarth: temporary projects, um, and samples of those, um, and I've listed.
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Fred Engbarth: Each of the topic areas in the chat.
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Fred Engbarth: And, uh...
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Fred Engbarth: You know, we've done a lot of work in the early phases of the, um.
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Fred Engbarth: planning with the library committee, uh, and have a lot of resources that I've gathered up over that time that I'm going to try to.
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Fred Engbarth: Um, condense and put into that, um, that series.
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Fred Engbarth: Um, so that... that's about... that's about it.
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Okay, thank you for going around to the other stop committee members. Sarah, anything more before we turn it...
Sarah, that information is going to address, I think, a question that Sandy Maurer asked.
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at the council meeting, are there examples of this? Okay. I got that in, Laura's...
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excellent report on the council meeting that she asked that. Yes, I recognize that right away, but Fred...
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Yeah, okay, I'm excited. Okay, go ahead. One other thing, I think...
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just from... it's the personal, not the contact, I think, that makes the interview happen.
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It wasn't... it isn't that... I don't think anybody has to stress over that first email, because I think you do have to.
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follow-up. I think that that, from my experience, with 4 or 5 people I've tried to get ahold of, you really need that.
And then you are a few people that.
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I... I have worked.
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So there's quite a few on that list. My concern is there's quite a few on that list that I don't know. I mean, I've never known anyone. I personally contacted them.
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They would basically say, huh? And it would be the same thing, so...
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I have contacted the ones that I know, and we'll...
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move on from there, but I'm hoping that wherever... I can't remember if it was just us that created the 30, or if we... No, we all did. Y'all provided your input, so we might look back around if we don't...
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recognize the names either, but we have 31 minutes, so I want to leave it open for questions for the people who are not on the Community Needs Assessment, and then I want to get your direction about whether we include Sarah's three questions.
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the established questions that you all approved, because then I want to turn to Mary and just say.
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How much staff time is gonna... is it gonna take for you to take the previous pre-approved lectures, along with maybe the 3 additional, to put into a community survey, and how quickly can that happen?

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So I don't want to give you guys. Oh, Craig.

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Fred Engbarth: Yeah, uh, just quick, um, I think the next thing for us to be thinking about, especially before the June.

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Fred Engbarth: Um, looking at the June report or July report, whenever we're going to do it, is doing some public forums.

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Fred Engbarth: Uh, maybe at the Sebastopol Arts, or somewhere to have a public forum on.

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Fred Engbarth: the Commons project and what we found, and.

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Fred Engbarth: Looking for ideas from people, uh, at that, at that setting and time so that we can consolidate that.

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Fred Engbarth: Information into our report.

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Okay, so I'd like to hear from the people who are not on the community needs assessment for questions or whatever you have to ask based upon what we reported.

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Um, I just want to start by saying I think you've done a really nice job of building your... building your questions, and I like the additions of the new questions. I think... I think...

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I don't think the whole community needs to approve the questions that you're asking, because you're delivering to the whole community.

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the needs assessment as you're assessing them. Is that correct? We don't need to approve the wording in the... in your question specifically, because that's your committee's work.

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So, therefore, if as you're going, you discover you're not getting what you need, and you're tweaking things to get it.

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our only care is that you get the information back to us so we can support it. So I think... I'm checking with Mary, I'm checking with the full committee, but...

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To my understanding, you're doing really great work, and as you're starting to do already, only one and a half interviews in, two interviews in, you've already discovered that you're missing something, and you should be.

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Empowered to pivot and get what you need from it.

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Is that correct? Did the committee as a whole approve... I wasn't here. You can just give direction to the committee that they can go ahead and move forward with admitting their questions as needed.

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Okay, can I have your... can I move to empower us? You don't even need to do a motion. Okay, cool, do we concede? Do we all concede? Do we all agree?

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So, I just, genuinely, I think what you're doing is really good, and you should be empowered to keep making that... and I do still encourage you to contemplate.

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the positives of Zoom for its potential to get more people to jump into a 15 or 20 minute meeting. Um, I know that in-person is so warm and delightful, and I do understand that.

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But I would rather take a 20-minute Zoom call than not have someone, because they won't...

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Okay, let me make time in person, that's all. Okay. And I'll be right.

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Sarah, and then to other committees... Just quickly, there's a technological barrier to that, because I don't do Zoom, I don't do AI. I don't know how to do it, we're doing it right now.

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Well, yes, but see, Elissa set that up. If you ask me to set that up, I don't know how, and I don't want... it's a terrible attitude, I know. Right, so there is that thing to cross, too. There is that...

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Yeah, as a scene encouragement.

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We've got something out of the way, but, um, like, uh...

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Dale Doherty didn't understand what he got, and I'm kind of wondering if that first email came with, like, a little bit of a...

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But what for, like, a background? Like, here's what we're doing, uh, do you feel like contributing this kind of information? I mean, did that little blurb make it in there? And that's just a suggestion. I'm gonna keep y'all agile. We just now agreed.

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Stay agile, please do what you need to do just to interact in the ways that you need to interact, please.

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And we can take... certainly take that feedback into our next meeting, but apparently we really want to march forward with what we have. So I think now that we've been given authorization to just sort of respond back and say what was unclear in the first email, and we're happy to clear it up, and.

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hopefully get your 20 minutes on Zoom. And I'm in agreement completely, so this is just...

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Thinking out loud, but one of the, um...

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things that... one of the questions, one of the three additional questions, which is, where would you like to see this? I can't remember what exactly it was.

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Oh, the location... Yeah, location question. Just made me start to think about the fact that this... these interviews with these 30 people who have significant roles in our community.

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Are not only information and fact-finding, but they're also an initial.

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you know, exposure of our thinking about this, you know, including, like, maybe a paragraph that describes what the vision is.

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Um, and so, part of the process of having these questions out in the world.

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Is going to be creating an understanding of what we're hoping to create... to build.

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in this process, and as part of that, I'm wondering about asking about location when we know that location is limited. Like, the options for location are limited, and if we start to ask.

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where would you like to see this? You know, are we opening a can of worms in that some of the options, because people don't have this full picture, are going to be so far afield from what's possible that we're setting ourselves up to be.

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you know, failing in the eyes of whomever we might be talking to, so I wonder if...

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Questions that both, you know, constrain within sort of realistic expectations, but also provide.

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You know, a picture of what we're trying to envision.

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So, an easy task. What a... would a question, like...

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Look, I mean, the big thing that came up, and we did talk about that, of having it...

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all the way out at the, say, the Riley buildings, as opposed to here in the center of town. Would a question like.

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Um, where do you think that this type of building or commons would be.

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Never mind. I'm just going to do a time check, so we have 25 minutes, so I really want to have the full discussion here, because our subcommittee is not going to have a chance to process this.

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So, Sarah, based upon your interview, and Mary Lou's yours as well, is your request to just add your three questions to the list of prior questions?

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And if so, Mary, how quickly could that list of questions then be put into SurveyMonkey and sent out to the 30 people?

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that should be... we can do that quick. As long as I have a list of questions, we can do that quickly. Okay. The question is, is that the consensus to do the survey? Is it the three questions, Sarah, based upon your experience? Are you happy? Would you be happy? You know.

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We just asked Mary to add your three questions to the standing list of questions, and then resend it back out to the 30 people and see what happens. I don't know, I'm asking because we're not going to have more time. She set up our own individual subcommittee to talk about this, so I just want to take a few minutes...

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Pick your brain about what you think should happen.

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My answer is yes, that would be helpful. Okay. And the question I would ask about location is.

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Can you suggest a location that you believe would be successful for the Commons? I wouldn't... I wouldn't want to say...

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Uh, have you thought about CVS or O'Reilly for the parking lot, or this and that? I don't want to leave them, I would just like to know.

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So, for instance, I didn't ask Katie this morning.

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But I did learn from her that the two problems are space.

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And parking. And... and those are kind of in this... in the same first category.

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So, asking a leading question like O'Reilly, she might pick that because there's a parking lot, and not pick the Piazza Hotel site, because there's not a parking structure there, you know?

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Uh, I just want people to give us their ideas, rather than, like, vote.

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in Italian. Okay, so what I'm hearing is you... one of the questions you'd like is, can you suggest a location that you think would be successful? Yeah, or something?

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just the use of the word location, I mean, just as a term of art to sort of define, I mean, are you saying, like, an area of town, a specific site, um, a city, like, like, within, you know, like, if we frame it.

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You know, location, are we inadvertently asking them to have a building in mind, versus is there a part of town or an area or a location that would.

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I'm just asking you to define it so that we don't get different sets of information. I want to say it in the most neutral, non-suggestive way. I just picked location because it didn't.

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I thought it didn't name a specific site. Part of town was a very appealing way to say that. Part of town.

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I think that's a part of town. Okay. Part of town, so that's one of the things. And if somebody wants to say, oh, I'd love to be at the old CVS, because there's a parking lot, they can answer that. So we have thinking? Because by saying it's part of town, you're providing a little bit more neutrality than the location. Sounds like they have to have a preconceived list of available places. Okay.

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So, Mary, you have that question. What part of town would you think would be most successful? Can you suggest a part of town that you think would be successful?

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Okay. ...would be successful for the comms. Okay, and then Sarah, your other one, so did Elissa type those in? Something that we missed asking, is there something more you would like to add? Yeah, those are good.

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Yeah, that's what you said. We'll have a good idea of that. Fantastic additions, personally. I think those are really great additions to help us get to the thing we really want to get to. Okay, great. So now we have consensus on that, but Kent?

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Good, um...

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Not a subcommittee member, but I just... it might be helpful the way I'm thinking about your work.

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And... I've done...

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15-odd interviews with a very specific structure of looking for partners, which is a very...

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Mode of, like, how big would you sit, you know, what's the money structure, and it's another mechanical approach.

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But I've got to talk to people about that, and I have to practice it first.

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Grew out of a library committee, and now we can put a bunch of things together. Would you want to be a part of that?

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But what I'm really hoping to get out of your data, I don't know if it needs to be.

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I'm looking... you know, we do the place and funding and partners very mechanical questions.

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I'm looking for the heart and soul that we're missing. I'm looking for the things that I don't know that I don't know, right? If it turns out that we're missing a certain.

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Uh, underrepresented population in our key figure thing we're doing, and they really need to be at the table.

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I'm just not thinking of it. I need that to be elucidated, so... That would be the last question unless I typed. Is there something that you would like to add?

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Of this 30 people, you can probably click through them, there are gonna be people to be very sensitive to, in most civic projects, who gets left out.

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So that they can then join this process towards the end. Got it. So does that question capture what you want, the open-ended question? I'm just characterizing the kind of data. I'm looking for heart and soul in things that I really have no idea.

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And I'm just not thinking of this. What are we missing? Instead of trying to... instead of trying to supply us with this, well, I need this many square feet, and with this big an organization.

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You know what? I've got 90% of that. And then we have 19 minutes, so... Can I ask him a follow-up question? Sure. Who are you interviewing? Are they off our 30 list?

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A lot of them are. So, some people are going to get double interviews, you know? But see, here's the thing, which I was just saying, here's what Kudi's up to.

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Are you somebody interested in joining that kind of thing? It's very personal.

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Dale, Kenyon, those are two interviewed back in December.

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Right, so it's just like, hey, is this something of just a sanity check? It was not going to do things, but I was just making a point of.

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stuff that I'm not even asking, like, well, you know, I remember this happened, and.

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this organization would be great, and as a partner, that next level is what I'm hoping to get through.

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Okay, so with all of that, then...

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We have the questions... staff has the questions that are going to be put into a survey form, like we did for the goal setting.

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To just be sent out to the public, and... or to those list of third people.

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And then, are you gonna send us the link to the committee members so that we can recirculate the survey and just say.

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Can you meet with us, um, maybe via Zoom, to...

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shorten the time, and if not, can you just provide your responses in the survey form? Can I copy the email that you guys previously sent? Sure.

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tweak it, improve it, before we send it out, okay, good. To Mary, okay, can do, okay, and then RM?

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Um, just... can you add to that email a little bit about the spirit of what we're doing? We were finding some of those talking points that we were going to put on the website, and it was going to go out in public documents. Maybe just that as a...

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As an introduction to what we're doing and why.

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The messaging that's on the website, it's already there. Okay. Okay, good. So I think we're clear, and because I want to reserve, and I want to reserve some time to talk about our products for the extension of time, just based upon this discussion today. So... Okay, RM's not finished.

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I mean, Tuesday. I mean, look, I'm dead, it's gonna take a second, take a breath.

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I mean, to the email that you're sending out to the 30 people. Not on the... I mean, the same message that is on the Ms.

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The messaging that's on this committee, correct? That's what you're looking for to be incorporated? I was thinking...

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Yeah, it's the text we wrote with Fred, right?
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Yeah. Just... just as a... I'm gonna assume that you mean a prompt to the email to get them to respond.
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of who we are and what this is about. Yeah, which could be a little softer than what is on the website.
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version thereof that's warmer.
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Mary, did you understand what the request was? So, you want me to take this and make it warmer?
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Yes, I'm okay, I will do my best. Not too hot! And just being in response to saying you tweaked the email, I'm just saying some sort of introduction about what this body's doing and why. Oh, yes, no, that was why I was asking for the email. I was going to do that, and then go into what the request is going to be.
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No, but I wanted to see the email so I could tweet about it. Okay, sure, then Mary. Okay. So I hope we don't get a lot of responses that are TLDNR. Too long, did not read.
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Guys, it has to be in the country, and that was the recent follow-up.
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A follow-up from one of us on the team, on the committee, to actually engage with them.
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hey, you know, we really do want to talk to you. Um, I have a comment about surveying people mechanically, where it's obviously going to be tabulated. That seems like an approach to.
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The general community, anybody who wants to respond, which was the way you approach the goal setting.
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Hey, anybody out there who wants to answer us, give us your feedback.
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Our list is really targeted at potential partners, potential funders.
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people with problems who need help, I mean, big non-profits, power players in this town, influencers.
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So, I mean, see if we can do it, but I think what we have to remember is we need to do some kind of effort that's going to reach all the people who are not those partners and funders are doing now in this public meeting, because we're not going to have time to coordinate schedules to have a subcommittee to talk about this more, unless you all want to drop.
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And then just have emergency... You know, I am adding to our future subcommittee the topic of.
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Uh, putting together a survey for community members who are recipients of the service. Got it. Like, the people who sign up at the community center, or the senior center.
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Okay. Maryland.
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Yeah, and this is just a technical question. Um, do... does this...
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Group, as a whole had to approve of the members, or of the.
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30, because I have, for instance, one of the people I had picked Michael is no longer around, Michael Reynolds.
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And I was thinking that Dave DeGill, who runs the time back, he's a good person to talk to about a non-profit.
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Does that have to come to this committee and say, I want to add this, or...
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This one isn't available? Just do it. Just do it. Okay, good. Okay, let's do it, because again, y'all are signing off on the amount of time.

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The staff are dealing with our... implementing whatever your goal is, so if you just approved us to just do minor swap in, swap-outs, then...

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That's perfect. Anything else, Mary... And I was just gonna say, if you have handwritten notes and all that, we can start doing the preparation of consolidating that. That would also help the streamline the process. Okay, you know, what I will do is...

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Type the handwritten, because you'll never read, but I...

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Um, so I just want to get this clear. If the intent is to send out a survey monkey to these people as well as having an interview with them.

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Because I think they're going to get really annoyed all that time, but I don't know that that's a good idea, but... Or you just offer... would you like to talk in person?

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But we've already started... it seems to me we're changing positions in the middle of what we were doing, you know?

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Well, in terms of getting an email out that says we would like to interview you with a couple people, and then turning around and say, oh, by the way, here's a survey monkey.

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But we don't say it that way, we say here that we gave them the questions already, Kenyon had the questions. Datie had them right in front of her with their answers there.

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Um, we say, here, here are our.

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Questions?

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Here's a survey, you can do this on our survey. If you'd like to have an interview by Zoom, let us know, or in person. We just give them choices.

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All right. Okay, got it. That's what I was going to suggest. Yeah, Mary. Oh, yes, good, so thank you, Mary's choices are good for offering that. So then I do want to talk about what Mary's going to need to take before a general review to con...

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officially get the full council. To be clear.

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That their consideration of continuing us, or not continuing us.

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would go up until September or beyond September? What do you need from us here? I'm thinking September. You know, we want to keep fast track... I don't want to say fast track, but we want to keep the momentum going, so I think it would be good to have it through September.

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Are y'all a consensus to stay through September before I take this? Because if it's not, I'm going to try to keep it on consent calendar if we don't discuss it. Yes.

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But if not, we want to remake...

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Are you asking about having a final meeting in September, or before the beginning of September? To extend the committee to September, so it'd be the end of...

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September. Report due by September? Okay, so end of September. We get a meeting in September. Yes, that's what I would... I think that gives us the full cycle. The whole year. But back to the other thing in terms of reporting information, earlier you asked.

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how we want to receive the information. What is the structure of, like, rolling up... I don't want to wait until you have all 30 complete, because I could be waiting on one person.

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Can... Mary, if staff is helping to calculate and coordinate the information they're gathering, can that come out in sort of a rolling, um, informational, or does it have to be during sessions?

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during sessions. So, we won't have any feedback if you did, for example, if you did 30 this week, we won't get any of that until the next session.

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Okay, got it, just making sure that I know... so, so I guess it's...

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Can we make sure you have every session, and if it happens to be 6 or 28, we'll just get those and have something to start working properly?

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Okay. It's okay with me, okay? I mean, I'm not in charge of our committee. Oh, you had asked that question earlier about... you were the... because you asked earlier how we wanted to deliver everything.

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Yes.

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So I just want to make it clear that when this information comes out, it's public information. The surveys. The surveys, that if you're providing this information from the said committee out in this open session at that meeting, that is public information. Okay, so we need to tell that to our interview. We need to write up front. Yeah.

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Right up front. How do you think? That's problematic. You can... just for a sec, we can... you can redact the names, but the information that's within the questions and the answers.

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I mean, it's like when we did the survey, right? They had names in there, we had to redact the names out of the public information when it came to the public.

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So, I just want to make sure that's clear.

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So, for example, we could... you could come back. We interviewed 7 people, and 6 people identified this key need, and 3 people said this, and that's all I'm asking for. I don't want... Oh, yes. We can get that. You can get that information, yeah. So, oh my gosh, 7 different people, if you're 11, all said they wanted to be in the center of town, right where the library is.

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That's what I'm asking, thank you. Just to clarify RM's point, because I agree with that, like, you know, when you report to us and we have it public, you know, just kind of a polling instead of information is good if we don't need that.

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So, what... let me ask Mary. So, for us, it's just this... what we did with Kenya, and I wrote notes, but under the question, so what I...

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can do is just sort of type them up and send them to whom? You can send it to me, if they get into that.

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Excel sheet. Okay.

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Okay, so Mary, to Mary's point, then we're all good, having a consent calendar item.

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appear on a Council agenda whenever that review approves. And that may be.

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Next month? It might be beyond the month, I don't know where it went. I could probably do a quick staff report by the May 5th, assuming the agenda Review Committee, let's...

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So are you all clear? Because once it hits, like, a staff report, it is part of the public, and you're part of the committee that are now pro-offering that consent calendar item.

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to ask for the full Council's blessing to continue this work through September. Are we all clear?

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Yes? Okay, good, because I don't want any last-minute concerns or freakouts. Okay, so any... any... anyone else?

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Mary, do you have what you need, or... I do, but Fred has a... a comment on the chat.

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I would suggest a survey similar to the planning survey recently created by the Sebastopol, which I'm assuming the goal is to be submitted for a date after we complete the 101 surveys.

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Well, the community form, and then receive approval from the Council.

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We really haven't even talked about it here before, so... So, um, I'm actually gonna propose, like, maybe, maybe Fred or somebody could put on the agenda item for the next meeting a discussion about, like, a future workshop or something that he's talking about, like, post, post-interview.

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I sound good.

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through the chair to the staff. Or you're talking about for our next monthly meeting? Yeah. Okay, so hopefully staff got that by way of...

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request for an agenda item. Is that clear? Okay. Alright, alright. Perfect. What else do we need, staff? What else do we need? What else do you have by way of questions, concerns, and then turn to the bottom?

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No, I don't have anything for the rest of this meeting other than, um, extending the committee, and then maybe the next meeting. We'll see on...

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what information we're going to be providing at the following meeting? Yes, in reference to now, our September formal report out, because Mary did have a whole long list of questions that she thought would be good to discuss at this meeting if we were trying to jam things through some.

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But you have a third report in July, though. Yeah, that needs to deal with those questions. That's what I would recommend. At the next meeting, being prepared to address, like, you know, are you gonna... is this committee gonna recommend one or two sites, you know, after your stakeholder.

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Information and financial, like.

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So, I think those need to be discussed, and then we need to discuss at that point, at the July meeting, like.

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what studies would be required based on those sites, so... Would this... would this council dispute? Will this body be fine with just taking Mary's questions that she's got piped up that she would like to know for future reports, and have that be part of the agenda for our next meeting? Because if she asks the questions, I have the questions.

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And she ultimately is going to hopefully be gracious enough to do our staff report, again, for our July report out. So would you all just be fine? When is the next meeting?

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Is May 12th.

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So, would you be fine with just having Mary's questions be part of our agenda to make sure that we get them all incorporated and addressed? Yes? Okay, so Mary...

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your questions be part of the main meeting. That would be really great. Okay, and maybe as part of that, you're already going to do this, but a timeline that we can begin to work with, so that we know when our final product.

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deliverable is due, and then we can work backwards to make sure we have everything, yeah. Thank you. My understanding is the deadline is now September. We should just go with that deadline of September, because unless we hear back from Council that they've extended it.

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But you're only asking counsel. I'm only asking for a year. A year, which is September.

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I would say, though, for the July meeting, for you to do that report in September, the Council is going to have to support or not support whatever the proposals are.

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Because if you're only going to have 3 more months to bring a report back saying, okay, so let's just say O'Reilly, let's just say, for an example.

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You know, what are the constraints? What permits have to be done? What funding mechanism, you know, what is the process to move forward? Does the council as a whole support that?

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We don't know that yet. So, and then how much staff time is that involved to see if a rally works, or to see that, so...

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Those, I think, are questions you need to... we need to bring forward in May to be able to be prepared for having a report done for July, because it may take you June as well for us to get some of that information. Yeah, and I'm glad that you just blast whatever Mary's questions are be our agenda for May, because she's the one that has all the institutional knowledge about how and when things need to.

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Fall into place in order to get, um...

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Thanks on time. So, in the last 4 minutes, anything else anyone would like to bring up for the will of the Council, will of the group, or should we just adjourn?

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Being done, I guess we're 4 minutes early, so...

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Hopefully it'll work.