

RE: WESTCHASE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

TRANSCRIPT OF: BOARD MEETING

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APPEARANCES:
WESTCHASE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS:

Greg Chesney, Chairman
Matthew Lewis
Jim Mills (Telephonically)
Brian Ross
Barbara Hessler Griffith

ALSO PRESENT:

SEVERN TRENT SERVICES:

Andy Mendenhall

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Erin McCormick

DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Tonja Stewart (Telephonically)

WESTCHASE STAFF:

Doug Mays
Sonny Whyte

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1 The transcript of Westchase Community
 2 Development District Board Meeting, on the 7th day
 3 of February, 2017, at the Westchase Community
 4 Association Office, 10049 Parley Drive, Tampa,
 5 Florida, beginning at 4:00 p.m., reported by
 6 Kimberly Ann Roberts, Notary Public in and for the
 7 State of Florida at Large.
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9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. I would
 10 like to call the February -- it's time.
 11 Right? Yeah. Sorry -- February 7th, 2017
 12 Westchase Community Development District
 13 meeting to order. Let the record reflect --
 14 is Jim on the phone? --
 15 MR. MENDENHALL: Uh-huh.
 16 MR. MILLS: I am.
 17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: -- all the board of
 18 supervisors are present. Will you join me in
 19 the Pledge of Allegiance.
 20 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)
 21 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. Okay.
 22 I'm going to move this around a little bit.
 23 Can we go to the consent agenda? Can I have a
 24 motion for that --
 25 MR. LEWIS: Motion.

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1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: -- to approved?
 2 MR. ROSS: Second.
 3 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Second. All in favor
 4 signify by saying aye.
 5 (All board members signify in the
 6 affirmative.)
 7 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Awesome.
 8 (Motion passes.)
 9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Is there something
 10 that I don't understand on Two, on
 11 Organizational Matters? We had multiple
 12 candidates. Correct?
 13 MR. MENDENHALL: We had two candidates.
 14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. I just want to
 15 make sure.
 16 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes.
 17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Do you want to do the
 18 audit, Andy?
 19 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes, we can. If you
 20 had a chance to look at the audit that was
 21 included in your package electronically, what
 22 we usually look at is the report to
 23 management, which is towards the back, and
 24 also handed out some hard copies as well.
 25 Basically your audit is good. It came

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1 in clean. There were no issues. If you go
 2 through kind of the bullet-point checklist in
 3 that report to management, it basically lets
 4 you know you know that you broke no laws, as
 5 well there were no issues with the county
 6 rules, and your district itself is not in
 7 condition of a financial crisis or anything
 8 like that.
 9 So it's ultimately exactly what you want
 10 out of your audit. Greg had a question about
 11 one of the items, the position -- the cash
 12 position. So I'm getting an answer from Alan
 13 for that. And once I do that, of course, I'll
 14 ship that out to the board just to get some
 15 clarification.
 16 Obviously, that doesn't really affect
 17 the summary of your audit report, but we'll
 18 certainly get those details for you.
 19 MR. BARRETT: And I know that Alan made
 20 -- oh, I'm sorry. You looked at me and --
 21 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Sure. Chris.
 22 MR. BARRETT: Just kind of piggy-backing
 23 on Greg's question, since the school board
 24 debacle of a couple years ago, I got in the
 25 habit of just following up and asking about

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1 deficit spending -- any deficit spending in
 2 the past year from the district, and I suppose
 3 it ties into the cash position. If there was
 4 a surplus, what was it?
 5 MR. MENDENHALL: Well, I will get
 6 clarification on that because I don't want to
 7 give you the wrong figure, you know. The cash
 8 position that we were just talking about on
 9 Page Three, you know, lists \$13,000,000 as the
 10 cash position, but --
 11 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No. That's the book
 12 value.
 13 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah, the book value,
 14 right. It doesn't say cash position. So that
 15 would actually -- or it could actually include
 16 various assets and that sort of thing. But
 17 we'll get some clarification on that for you.
 18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: It actually shows an
 19 increase of 965,000, but I think part of that
 20 was we retired some debt, so --
 21 MR. MENDENHALL: Right. Which is, we --
 22 I think we came across that in the past a few
 23 years ago when the other bonds closed out,
 24 so --
 25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So that's a very

1 large change in cash position, obviously
 2 \$910,000 increase. It was an increase, not a
 3 decrease.
 4 MR. MENDENHALL: Correct.
 5 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: But I think a lot of
 6 that had to do to the debt retirement. So I
 7 just wanted to clarify that. And I think the
 8 change in fund balance is what you're looking
 9 for was probably negative, but not by much
 10 because of deficit spending because of the
 11 parks.
 12 MR. MENDENHALL: Right. The change in
 13 fund balance is listed as a decrease of
 14 \$310,705, so that would be probably
 15 expenditures on the parks.
 16 And not specifically related to the
 17 audit, but related to getting an answer, does
 18 anybody know the wi-fi password here?
 19 MR. BARRETT: It used to be just
 20 Westchase with a capital W, but they may have
 21 changed it.
 22 MR. MENDENHALL: Okay. It looks like
 23 that worked. Thanks.
 24 So obviously I would recommend approval.
 25 We'll get you the clarification on that one

1 particular question, once again, not really
 2 tangible to specifically the fact that you
 3 have a good audit.
 4 MS. McCORMICK: And you don't have to
 5 approve it. You just have to accept the
 6 audit.
 7 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: What's the
 8 difference? You know, a motion to accept
 9 still is --
 10 MS. McCORMICK: Yes.
 11 MR. ROSS: I just have a question.
 12 MR. MENDENHALL: Sure.
 13 MR. ROSS: And it has nothing to do with
 14 accepting or not accepting -- on Page 20, it
 15 references under the long-term liabilities,
 16 2007 bonds, and I wanted to make sure that,
 17 One, I'm correct in reading that these are
 18 going to be paid off in full by 2020.
 19 MR. MENDENHALL: 2007-3, and May 1st
 20 2020.
 21 MR. ROSS: And then my follow-up
 22 question is -- in the third paragraph, it
 23 references that we have to get a surety bond,
 24 and it has a market value of \$735,400.
 25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I think we got that

1 when we did the refinancing in '07.
 2 MR. ROSS: Do we know -- is there an
 3 annual cost to that?
 4 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No.
 5 MR. ROSS: There's not an annual cost?
 6 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: It was just the one
 7 time.
 8 MR. ROSS: And so if we were to -- once
 9 we pay off those bonds, will we be receiving
 10 back a release of those funds, the 735,000?
 11 Is that like a --
 12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No. It's just a --
 13 it's like an insurance contract.
 14 MR. MENDENHALL: To cover that amount.
 15 MR. ROSS: But it has no cash value
 16 plus.
 17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Correct.
 18 MR. ROSS: So when it says "market
 19 value," what is that referencing?
 20 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Well, it could be the
 21 escrow. There are escrow accounts related to
 22 certain fund -- certain debt issues, so that
 23 could be that. Yeah, that would go into what
 24 I was talking about.
 25 I knew we would get a debt payback last

1 year. That's why I think we had a net
 2 increase because the escrow came back to us.
 3 That was what I was asking him. So that could
 4 be the same thing might happen in 2020.
 5 MR. ROSS: Which then gets me back to my
 6 ultimate question. If, in fact, that's a cash
 7 value to the district of 735,000, would there
 8 be some benefit to the district to paying off
 9 some of these bonds earlier as opposed to
 10 later?
 11 I recognize there may be some cost of
 12 paying them off earlier. But would that be
 13 more than offset by the cash we'll get back of
 14 735,000?
 15 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Generally you can't
 16 pay them off.
 17 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah.
 18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: They're fixed. I
 19 mean, you can't pay them -- you can -- well, I
 20 don't know. I guess we did paid them off.
 21 MR. ROSS: Yeah, we did that before.
 22 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah. But could you
 23 use the funds from one bond that certain folks
 24 are subject to to pay off another bond that
 25 other folks are subject to? I don't think you

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1 could do that.
2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: That's true. Yeah.
3 Where would we get the money to pay it off?
4 MR. ROSS: Potentially from the
5 \$735,000. I haven't done the math or anything
6 like that. I'm just trying to understand --
7 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes. Sure.
8 MR. ROSS: -- if that's worthy of a
9 conversation if we're going to net out --
10 MR. MENDENHALL: Well, I was going to
11 say, the first thing is to find out if there
12 is a cash value to that, so I'll find out
13 that, and then if there is a cash value, then
14 we can see what the options are, what you can
15 or cannot do with that.
16 MR. ROSS: That would be great.
17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. I am going to
18 make a note that we do that.
19 MR. ROSS: Then I will move to accept
20 the audit.
21 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I need a second.
22 MR. LEWIS: Second.
23 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Second. All in favor
24 signify by saying aye.
25 (All board members signify in the

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1 affirmative. Motion passes.)
2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: That's a good point.
3 Yeah, that's a good question. I'm going to be
4 frank. I mean, it's been a long time since we
5 kind of messed with these, so I don't really
6 remember some of the stuff.
7 MR. ROSS: No problem. No problem.
8 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Is Tonja on
9 the phone?
10 MR. MENDENHALL: Tonja is on the phone,
11 yes.
12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Tonja.
13 MS. STEWART: Yes.
14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Do you have anything
15 for us?
16 MS. STEWART: I do. I sent the report
17 through Doug for the board. I guess I would
18 be happy to answer any questions. I think
19 the gist of the report is that we made
20 significant progression on the aquatic
21 plantings.
22 I met up with Doug, and I think we are
23 probably at a point now where a meeting with
24 Doug, the landscape company, and the aquatics
25 company and me to kind of go over strategy on

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1 managing the part of the slope right at the
2 grass line, trying to get a clear definition
3 of what each party should be doing to try to
4 get some stabilization up in that area.
5 Also, we understand that there is a
6 product on the market that will help kill the
7 torpedo grass that will not kill the plants,
8 so we're hoping to work out a plan that will
9 get us good stabilization through there.
10 We have a budget, you know, upcoming, so
11 I hope that that we'll be able to budget to do
12 planting in all the ponds next year or if you
13 have extra money this year, whatever you
14 think.
15 So I'm assuming Doug is there. Doug can
16 kind of chime in, too, and speak up as to
17 where we are.
18 MR. MAYS: Where we are at on the
19 erosion is Erin has the agreements for the one
20 repair we had approved, and we had put
21 multiple planting in last month. We put a lot
22 of plants in on about four or five ponds. I
23 did get some pictures, and we have still 30
24 days to upload that into the Box and put that
25 together as the board requested, so --

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1 MS. STEWART: Yeah. And I would be
2 happy to answer any questions from my report.
3 MR. MAYS: Yeah. And we have changed --
4 like we have talked about before, we have
5 changed a lot of our procedures with our
6 aquatics people for spraying -- proper
7 spraying and our landscape company for proper
8 weed-eating of the ponds.
9 Occasionally me and Tonja have noticed
10 that they have make a mistake here and there,
11 but for the most part, we feel like it's --
12 the new program is working sufficiently to
13 slow a lot of the erosion around.
14 We took a lot of measurements which
15 showed us that some of the areas that we were
16 worried about, actually we have still got
17 quite a bit of CDD property around these
18 ponds. So she had mentioned that some of the
19 those slope repairs that we were talking about
20 in the past, she doesn't recommend them now.
21 They don't even need to really be done. We
22 have some of them in areas that we've got more
23 than 15 feet between -- of an easement, so --
24 some even larger.
25 The ones that are smaller are the ones

1 we talk about. We may have two or three more
2 that she's recommended. Then we have -- I met
3 with a couple people yesterday and the day
4 before to get proposals on these couple of
5 ponds, so --

6 MS. STEWART: Did Jason Wade get
7 ahold of you, Doug?

8 MR. MAYS: Yeah, Jason Wade came out
9 yesterday and we walked it. He sent me a
10 proposal for some planting. His planting is a
11 better price than A & B's, so --

12 MS. STEWART: Okay. Good.

13 MR. MAYS: -- we're waiting to see what
14 he can do, and we're waiting for his proposals
15 on a couple of erosion areas that me and Tonja
16 had discussed.

17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Are there any
18 questions for Tonja? Yes, Brian.

19 MR. ROSS: Not related precisely to what
20 we were talking about. We previously talked
21 about what's generally been dubbed a resident
22 education program, and I would be interested
23 in accelerating that on the area of residents
24 cutting back plants along the ponds in the
25 area of fertilizer and water run-off of

1 something that we can use.

2 I also have a whole bunch of brochures
3 from SWFWMD I can provide to Sonny and Doug
4 for residents to be able to pick up or maybe
5 even scan it if it's on the website.

6 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I think -- and I
7 don't want to speak for you -- but I think
8 what we're talking about is a document that
9 has like a do's and don'ts for if you're on
10 the lake so that maybe we can distribute via
11 handouts or if we see, you know, people doing
12 things that are negative.

13 So we'd almost like to have something I
14 would think custom designed, because if you
15 hand people just a bunch of pamphlets, you
16 want it pretty simple and specific to
17 Westchase.

18 MS. STEWART: The articles, Greg, do
19 talk about that, it talks about a list of
20 discharges, things like that, to kind of
21 educate the residents to, you know, be aware,
22 and basically on a case-by-case basis, get
23 with Doug and Sonny, so if they have any
24 questions, we can help assist them in their
25 particular situation.

1 residential property.

2 I think if we can get some materials in
3 front of them, that would go hand in hand with
4 this whole idea of trying to stem the erosion
5 on our ponds. So I don't know the right way
6 to do that.

7 I don't know if we need to allocate
8 funds for a pamphlet or something. I don't
9 know if we need to, you know, tell staff to do
10 it or our engineer to do it. Whatever is the
11 best way to do it, I would be in favor of it.

12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Do we have a
13 -- I mean, we would have to design one, and
14 then I think the idea we had talked about was
15 having one that we could hand out when people
16 do naughty things.

17 MS. McCORMICK: Tonja, do you know if
18 the Water Management District might have any
19 information that would be available for us to
20 distribute?

21 MS. STEWART: Well, it's in my report
22 that I think Chris Barrett of the WOW or doing
23 an educational program through that would
24 probably -- I've got a series of articles that
25 he modified before, and I think that that's

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I was going to say,
2 would you feel comfortable in preparing, you
3 know, a single-page document, front and back
4 kind of thing, with do's and don'ts?

5 MS. STEWART: Yeah. Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Brian.

7 MR. ROSS: And I appreciate you willing
8 to do that. This is Brian. What I personally
9 think would be a good idea is that it not
10 just be a general statement of suggested
11 behavior, but more along the lines of the
12 folks who have properties along the water.

13 They have a responsibility to the
14 community, and to the extent they're allowing
15 certain behavior or activities to take place,
16 they're not only harming their own property.
17 They're harming -- or causing the erosion, but
18 they're also impacting all their neighbors in
19 the entire Westchase community.

20 So I would ask that the document be a
21 little bit more assertive, albeit kindly, but
22 assertive in telling the residents they have
23 an equal responsibility to the community.

24 MS. STEWART: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Brian, would you have

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1 any problem if she sent you a rough draft
 2 prior?
 3 MR. ROSS: No problem. No problem
 4 there.
 5 MS. STEWART: Yes, we can do that. I
 6 will work with Doug and send it or to you,
 7 Brian, to take a look at.
 8 MR. ROSS: Great. Thank you.
 9 MR. LEWIS: This is something you're
 10 talking about mailing out to folks only on
 11 the water or --
 12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: A handout, just a
 13 handout.
 14 MR. BARRETT: I'll be happy to run it in
 15 the WOW as well.
 16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. Anything
 17 else, Tonja?
 18 (No response.)
 19 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Tonja, anything else?
 20 MS. McCORMICK: Hello?
 21 MR. MENDENHALL: Tonja, are you --
 22 MS. STEWART: Yes, that's all I have. I
 23 was just turning my car off. So, yes, that's
 24 all I have.
 25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Andy.

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1 MR. MENDENHALL: I do not have anything
 2 additional today.
 3 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Erin.
 4 MS. McCORMICK: I have one item, and it
 5 just got up loaded to Dropbox this afternoon.
 6 It is a report that the county staff did to
 7 the board of county commissioners on February
 8 1st related to the transportation funding
 9 issues, and it specifically impacts the
 10 resurfacing of roadways.
 11 So we talked about this quite a bit in
 12 the past, and, you know, it goes all the way
 13 back to when we were approached by the WCA
 14 about potentially doing -- assisting the
 15 county with financing the resurfacing of
 16 community roads, and then we put that on hold
 17 because the county has been working on its own
 18 plan for financing transportation improvements
 19 following the failure to pass the
 20 transportation funding referendum.
 21 So, on February 1st, the county staff
 22 took some options to the county about how the
 23 funding could be done, three options, as far
 24 as a pay-as-you-go system, a kind of a
 25 modified pay-as-you-go system, or an expedited

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1 financing where they would do some short-term
 2 financing, and it also gave them the list of
 3 projects that it wanted to see done in the
 4 amount of about \$6,000,000.
 5 Included in the funding is we -- a
 6 pavement resurfacing project list. And if you
 7 look at Page A2 of that attachment for anybody
 8 that has it, it has neighborhoods in Westchase
 9 included on it and street names.
 10 So it's got Radcliffe listed, Glenfield,
 11 The Shires, Keswick Forest, Wycliff,
 12 Bennington, Woodbay, Baybridge. All of those
 13 roadways are slated for being included in the
 14 resurfacing project.
 15 And so what the county decided at the
 16 February 1st meeting was that it was in favor
 17 of doing the expedited timing of these
 18 projects. There's a couple more steps that
 19 have to happen. One is on February 27, they're
 20 going to hold a workshop, which will be
 21 another opportunity for the county's basically
 22 financing staff to come back to the county
 23 commissioners and talk to them about various
 24 options that they could look at for short-term
 25 financing of these transportation

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1 improvements.
 2 That will not be an opportunity for
 3 public comments. But then on March 1st,
 4 they're planning on holding a second public
 5 hearing meeting, which would be a time for
 6 public comment, because they -- if they move
 7 forward with this, they need to amend the
 8 Capital Improvement Plan, the CIP projects
 9 list that the county has to include these
 10 projects. So at that point, they're planning
 11 on taking public comment.
 12 I talked with Joe Odda today from the
 13 WCA, who I understand is not the governmental
 14 affairs chair. He was the person that was
 15 originally kind of working with myself and
 16 Mark Ragusa on this, and he was going to be
 17 meeting with Rick Goldstein today.
 18 They had a meeting, and I think there is
 19 a meeting tonight, so he was going to brief
 20 Rick about our discussion. The WCA actually
 21 had somebody that -- or had a couple of people
 22 that attended the February 1st workshop that
 23 spoke to the county in support of what staff
 24 was proposing and asked them to consider the
 25 expedited option.

1 It sounds like in general they're pretty
 2 pleased with the direction that the county is
 3 moving in at this point. He did say he
 4 thought there were a couple of roads within
 5 the community that may not have made it onto
 6 the list.
 7 He wasn't specific about what those ones
 8 were, but in general, most of the roads that
 9 they were concerned with, it sounds like they
 10 did make it onto the resurfacing list.
 11 And the other thing that we talked about
 12 is there is also another project that's on the
 13 list. It's not specifically road -- is it
 14 road resurfacing? Let's see. It's a project
 15 on Countryway Boulevard from Linebaugh Avenue
 16 to Racetrack Road, which is not, I don't
 17 think, anything that at least the WCA has
 18 been focusing on at this point, but that is
 19 also on the resurfacing project list.
 20 So basically that's just an update for
 21 the board, and if you all have any, you know,
 22 feedback back to me or direction, I'm happy to
 23 listen to it.
 24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Anyone?
 25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Anything else?
 2 MS. McCORMICK: So I assume at this
 3 point the board doesn't want to do anything as
 4 far as working on this, but just continue to
 5 track what the county ends up doing on the
 6 resurfacing. Okay. That's all I've got.
 7 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Awesome. Doug.
 8 MR. MAYS: We got a proposal for the
 9 maintenance of the water feature, the new
 10 water feature, from Triangle Pool Service.
 11 They're actually affiliated, I believe, with
 12 the company that built it, built the
 13 equipment. They understand it more.
 14 We reached out to the company that
 15 actually takes care of our two fountains now,
 16 Westchase Pool, and they declined to bid it,
 17 because they didn't have the experience to
 18 take care of that piece of equipment. It's
 19 very sophisticated.
 20 So these guys -- you probably have the
 21 proposal in front of you. I would recommend
 22 two times a week, since it's \$30 more than one
 23 time a week. My recommendation is two times a
 24 week to keep it in a lot better shape.
 25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Brian.

1 MR. ROSS: I was intrigued that it
 2 seemed that Playscapes is the one that's
 3 telling us that they don't want to be involved
 4 in that. It makes me concerned.
 5 Is there some issue about keeping our
 6 warranty in place or something of that nature?
 7 I see you shaking your head no, Sonny, that
 8 it's not that.
 9 MR. MAYS: Part of Playscapes is the
 10 ones that are affiliated with this.
 11 MS. WHYTE: They are affiliated with
 12 this, because they had a staff member, and he
 13 resigned. He was doing all of their
 14 chemicals. He resigned, and they recommended
 15 this company.
 16 MR. ROSS: And I get it, that they
 17 recommended it.
 18 MS. WHYTE: Rather than a third party
 19 dealing, you know, them through us through
 20 them, they recommended that we go directly to
 21 them.
 22 MR. MAYS: Especially since they didn't
 23 have anybody at this time that they had hired
 24 for that position.
 25 MR. ROSS: Do we have any written

1 assurances from -- I misspoke -- not Florida
 2 Playscapes, whoever --
 3 MS. WHYTE: Florida Playstructures.
 4 MR. ROSS: -- thank you. Thank you.
 5 Do we have assurances from them that what
 6 Triangle is proposing for their maintenance
 7 will be in compliance with whatever the
 8 standard requirements of the warranty?
 9 So meaning there would be nothing that
 10 -- we ought to have something assuring us from
 11 whoever has granted us the warranty that
 12 they've signed off on the maintenance program
 13 and that that will not in any way invalidate
 14 our warranty.
 15 MR. MAYS: Okay. We didn't ask that
 16 question.
 17 MR. ROSS: That would be important.
 18 MR. MAYS: Okay.
 19 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah, because I had
 20 prepared a contract -- an agreement for
 21 Florida Playstructures, so I didn't know if it
 22 was that they were uncomfortable with with any
 23 of the requirements of the agreements.
 24 MS. WHYTE: Uh-uh.
 25 MR. MAYS: No.

1 MS. McCORMICK: But I understand what
 2 you're saying, that we want to make sure that,
 3 you know, if there does become a warranty
 4 issue, that they don't come back and say,
 5 "Well, we're not, you know, responsible for
 6 this because it wasn't maintained properly."
 7 MR. ROSS: Exactly.
 8 MS. McCORMICK: So we probably need to
 9 think about how to work that.
 10 MR. MAYS: We'll make a phone call and
 11 question that and --
 12 MR. ROSS: You ought to get it in
 13 writing if they say that they're okay with it,
 14 like a little email or something.
 15 MR. MAYS: Right. Yeah. They're
 16 supporting this company and they'll honor the
 17 warranty.
 18 MR. ROSS: They reviewed it and they're
 19 okay with the maintenance program, et cetera.
 20 MR. MAYS: Okay.
 21 MR. LEWIS: Was there a maintenance
 22 program with that --
 23 MR. MAYS: Basically just temporary
 24 maintenance until we could get these guys on.
 25 It's been few months now already. These guys

1 have actually been coming over here not doing
 2 the maintenance on it, but keeping our
 3 chemicals full.
 4 MR. LEWIS: Okay.
 5 MR. MAYS: We've been actually going out
 6 there and cleaning the heads ourselves at this
 7 time.
 8 MR. LEWIS: I guess my other -- I guess
 9 what I meant is, was there a prescribed, from
 10 the manufacturer, the installer --
 11 MR. MAYS: Any particular type of
 12 maintenance program?
 13 MR. LEWIS: Yes.
 14 MR. MAYS: No, not really.
 15 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So these guys will
 16 manage -- like I notice the heads get clogged
 17 up.
 18 MR. MAYS: Very easily.
 19 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: And then, you know,
 20 they only shoot up this high.
 21 MR. MAYS: Uh-huh. That's why --
 22 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So these guys are
 23 going to do that?
 24 MR. MAYS: Yeah. That's why I wanted to
 25 them get them hire quickly, so -- and we'll

1 ask that question.
 2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Brian.
 3 MR. ROSS: I move that we proceed with
 4 the maintenance contract with Triangle Pool
 5 Service for the twice-a-week service at 355
 6 per month. Did I say that correctly?
 7 MR. MAYS: Yes, sir.
 8 MR. LEWIS: I'll second that.
 9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Any further
 10 discussion?
 11 (No response.)
 12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All in favor signify
 13 by saying aye.
 14 (All board members signify in the
 15 affirmative and motion passes.)
 16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. I guess
 17 we can just -- I mean, you can always get rid
 18 of them if it doesn't work out.
 19 MR. MAYS: Right.
 20 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes, Brian.
 21 MR. ROSS: I had a couple more questions
 22 on the report. We haven't gotten to it yet,
 23 about the ping-pong table. I see that it does
 24 not include the surfacing of the pool table
 25 area. What do you mean by "the surfacing of

1 the pool table area"?
 2 MR. MAYS: The ground.
 3 MR. ROSS: Oh, the ground, not the top
 4 of it.
 5 MR. MAYS: No. No. We're still trying
 6 to figure out which way we want to go,
 7 depending what the board wants on the ground,
 8 whether we want to put it on brick pavers that
 9 match the rest of the pavers, or do we want to
 10 put it on some type of crushed rock, you know?
 11 It depends on how sophisticated the
 12 board wanted to get. We can spend anywhere
 13 from, you know, \$2,000 to \$5,000 on pavers, so
 14 it just depends on what the board wanted to
 15 do.
 16 MR. ROSS: And I didn't mean to jump the
 17 gun to the ping-pong table --
 18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No, that's fine.
 19 MR. ROSS: -- but I did have in my notes
 20 if we could do the same thing, that we could
 21 have the installer, whoever it is, pre-approve
 22 our site, that they, again, send us an email
 23 saying that "We've okayed the site," because I
 24 see that they have all these carve-out
 25 exceptions to cover their fanny, and I get

1 that.

2 Well, we need to have them sign off in

3 advance they've signed off at the site and

4 they're okay with that particular location.

5 MR. MAYS: Right.

6 MS. McCORMICK: Yes, we can include that

7 in their contract if we move forward on that.

8 MR. MAYS: It shouldn't be a big

9 problem, because we're not laying a rubberized

10 surface or a bunch of -- nothing is going in

11 the ground. All we're doing is really -- it's

12 like laying pavers, if we do the pavers.

13 And even if we did it in-house with

14 crushed rock over there, we would scrape the

15 surface ourself with our tractor, remove the

16 sod, set the irrigation, and then just fill it

17 in with white rock, so it really wouldn't be a

18 whole lot to the ground over there, as

19 sophisticated as we were with that play

20 structure.

21 MR. ROSS: And I didn't mean to suggest

22 it is, but rather it jumped out at me when

23 they list three different exceptions that

24 they're not covering, then that tells me we

25 need to have them pre-approve it.

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Is there a reason why

2 we wouldn't do pavers, I mean, for \$3,000?

3 MR.MAYS: No. Just the cost. And I

4 would go the paver route after looking it

5 over. We talked about it. I think the pavers

6 would match everything else and that would be

7 the route to go.

8 MR. ROSS: Since I jumped the contract,

9 on the ping-pong table, I would ask that we

10 consider having cameras that are focused on

11 the ping-pong tables, assuming we end up moving

12 forward with that, and maybe even a nice

13 little sign that lets people know that there

14 are cameras on the tables. It'll maybe act as

15 some preliminary deterrence to anybody messing

16 with the tables and --

17 MR. MAYS: The system that we have over

18 there, it can handle up to eight cameras. So

19 we've got three in there. We're fixing to add

20 two more for the other side of the playground

21 over there.

22 So we still got -- we can add one to

23 that pole, as a matter of fact, and shoot it

24 straight over there, too. It shouldn't be a

25 difficult task.

1 MR. ROSS: To me, it's not a requirement

2 of moving forward with the ping-pong table, but

3 I just think we should be smart about cameras

4 and signage and that kind of thing.

5 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Matt.

6 MR. LEWIS: Where are the exact location

7 of these things? One is at Baybridge?

8 MR. MAYS: You're talking about the

9 ping-pong tables?

10 MR. LEWIS: Ping-pong tables.

11 MR. MAYS: The location is in West Park

12 Village where the new playground is in the

13 center park. It would be about 50 yards north

14 on the same grass surface, just on the

15 other --

16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So the same parcel,

17 but adjacent -- next to the road, kind of.

18 MR. LEWIS: It's just one or two?

19 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Two.

20 MR. MAYS: Two tables.

21 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Thanks.

22 MR. ROSS: And since I'm rolling here, I

23 saw that we have a proposal. And this is off

24 of your report. It's for the two ping-pong

25 tables at \$19,384.

1 After I pick my jaw up off the ground at

2 that figure, I know we had talked about it in

3 advance and we approved. Community, either

4 directly or indirectly, was okay with it, it

5 didn't embrace it, so I think we should move

6 forward with it.

7 And I'll make a motion that we proceed

8 with the Florida Playstructures' proposal for

9 the ping-pong tables, absent some objection or

10 comment from staff.

11 MR. MAYS: No. Other than, like I say,

12 we didn't put the flooring in there, so 5,000

13 for the floor.

14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So another 5,000 for

15 the flooring.

16 MR. MILLS: I'll second that.

17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Jim seconds it. Any

18 further discussion on that?

19 MS. McCORMICK: Is it just a purchase of

20 the tables, or is it also the installation

21 also?

22 MS. WHYTE: Installation and all.

23 MS. McCORMICK: Okay. So can we make

24 sure that the CDD purchases the tables

25 themselves directly and so we can make sure we

1 can use our sales tax exception on that?
 2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: They're going to be
 3 made, I think. Right?
 4 MS. WHYTE: They're going to be custom
 5 made.
 6 MR. MAYS: We should be able to do that.
 7 Right?
 8 MS. WHYTE: I have to contact --
 9 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah. I just -- we can
 10 work together, but I think to the extent we
 11 can, we want to make sure that we don't have
 12 to pay sales tax on it.
 13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Matthew.
 14 MR. LEWIS: She asked part of the
 15 question about if it included the
 16 installation. But have we seen these things
 17 used anywhere else?
 18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Downtown Tampa we
 19 have them.
 20 MR. LEWIS: Oh, they do.
 21 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes.
 22 MR. LEWIS: Okay. They're pretty
 23 sturdy. I can only imagine in my head what --
 24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: They're solid
 25 concrete.

1 MR. LEWIS: Oh, okay.
 2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: The ones in Tampa,
 3 just they leave them out. I mean, they're not
 4 -- cameras or anything like that. They're
 5 very durable.
 6 MR. MAYS: The weather, there's really
 7 nothing -- you really got to be trying. You'd
 8 almost have to throw a truck on top of them to
 9 break them. I mean, they're pretty solid.
 10 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I like the idea of
 11 the -- I had forgotten we have cameras on that
 12 side. I guess we aim one there in case
 13 someone takes a hammer to it.
 14 MR. ROSS: I don't want you to
 15 misunderstand. I'm not saying we have to have
 16 cameras. I'm just saying it needs to be in
 17 our conversation, thinking about it. Is it a
 18 good idea, bad idea, stuff like that.
 19 MR. MAYS: I think it is. Cameras have
 20 already come in handy over in Baybridge Park,
 21 so --
 22 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah. If some kid
 23 goes home and gets a sledgehammer and decides
 24 to take it to it, that way you can at least --
 25 MR. MAYS: Right.

1 MR. ROSS: Can we vote on --
 2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No. Any further
 3 discussion?
 4 (No response.)
 5 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All in favor of the
 6 motion signify by saying aye.
 7 (All board members signify in the
 8 affirmative. Motion passes.)
 9 MR. ROSS: And my last question on the
 10 report --
 11 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Sure.
 12 MR. ROSS: -- we talked about putting
 13 benches around the toddler park in West Park
 14 Village.
 15 MR. MAYS: Uh-huh.
 16 MR. ROSS: Is that a -- I see you
 17 covered your face. Did we forget about it?
 18 MS. WHYTE: No, we haven't. I'm working
 19 on it right now.
 20 MR. MAYS: We did pull one off another
 21 area and put one on the outside of the toddler
 22 area.
 23 MR. ROSS: And I think that's a great
 24 idea, but I don't want to compromise that nice
 25 play surface. I think that makes logical

1 sense to put one on the outside of the fenced
 2 scenario, but --
 3 MR. MAYS: Yes. Sonny had one moved
 4 over there while I was on vacation, and that
 5 looks like a pretty good location for it.
 6 MS. WHYTE: That one there, we were
 7 thinking about putting two at the other end,
 8 on the outside. It's such a small area. You
 9 don't want to put inside the playground.
 10 MR. MAYS: Well, like you had mentioned,
 11 there are kids in there playing ball, so we
 12 don't want to put a bench in there with a ball
 13 and have them get --
 14 MR. ROSS: I haven't paid attention, but
 15 I went by the other parks, and they might need
 16 a bench or two as well. Can you just keep an
 17 eye on that to --
 18 MR. MAYS: When we built that, we put
 19 three concrete slabs underneath the surface,
 20 so there are three spots where the benches are
 21 supposed to go against the brick wall.
 22 And, again, those are ordered, too, so
 23 we'll have three benches insides there. We
 24 already have the two picnic tables inside
 25 there. So we built an additional pad off the

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1 edge that's not under the surface, so those
2 two tables have been installed. So we already
3 have that.
4 MR. ROSS: Well, obviously, you can tell
5 by me asking about it. If you need a motion
6 from the board, I'll be the first to make it,
7 but if we can accelerate that. I feel bad
8 when I see those residents standing along the
9 wall at both parks.
10 I just feel like we need to get them
11 some seating, so any acceleration would be
12 great.
13 MR. MAYS: Okay.
14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Anything else, Doug?
15 MR. MAYS: Unless Sonny's got something.
16 MS. WHYTE: I have -- you have a request
17 I uploaded from Irish 31. Since you are
18 installing picnic tables -- or ping-pong
19 tables, this may not even work, because they
20 wanted to utilize and do a family day, free to
21 the community, sometime -- I didn't read it.
22 I'm sorry -- March 18; Saturday, March 18.
23 They want to utilize the West Park
24 Village. And I don't think she -- when she
25 sent me this email or when she sent the email,

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1 I was out, but I don't think she realizes that
2 we actually now have a playground in that area
3 and we're going to have a ping-pong table.
4 So I don't think this is going to be
5 able to work, unless you're willing to let
6 them do it north of that, north of the
7 bandstand.
8 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: South of the
9 bandstand.
10 MR. MAYS: South of the bandstand.
11 MS. WHYTE: South of the bandstand.
12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: That's where they
13 usually go. That's where we've had them in
14 the past.
15 MR. ROSS: The map contemplates being on
16 both sides of the bandstand.
17 MS. WHYTE: Yes. You're not going to
18 have enough space on the south -- north side.
19 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: That's fine.
20 MR. MILLS: Do we anticipate the
21 ping-pong tables being installed before then?
22 MS. WHYTE: From what I understand, they
23 don't take that long, but, you know, it could
24 be close. I'm not sure. We'd have to check
25 on the delivery date.

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1 MR. MILLS: Okay.
2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Brian.
3 MR. ROSS: As a concept, this is exactly
4 why The Greens is there, to have these kinds
5 of activities, carnivals, that kind of stuff.
6 On top of that, in their proposal, what
7 I was impressed by is they contemplated things
8 like insurance, crowd control, whether or not
9 there would be bathroom requirements, police
10 officer requirements.
11 Now, they drew their own conclusions
12 that I perhaps could quarrel with, but I
13 felt like they were being very thorough and
14 very responsible in their approach. So I
15 personally would support this and would feel
16 very comfortable granting our staff the
17 authority to work out whatever logistical
18 details that need to be worked out.
19 In fact, I even made some notes to
20 myself that if something like this was a
21 success, I would be saying to our legal
22 counsel, we ought to just come up with a sort
23 of standard use agreement of some sort that we
24 just whip out every time somebody wants to do
25 a community event like that.

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1 It could address all the things I just
2 mentioned: Insurance, the deposit,
3 indemnification, who is going to handle
4 safety, crowd, parking, traffic, bathroom, all
5 that kind of stuff. So I would be all in
6 favor of moving forward with this and granting
7 you guys the authority to work it out.
8 MS. WHYTE: We have a document --
9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah, we have one.
10 MS. WHYTE: We have a large facility
11 document that we use for an event like this.
12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Seconded.
13 MR. ROSS: So I'll make that motion to
14 proceed.
15 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I'll second it. Any
16 further discussion on this?
17 MR. MILLS: Oh, I would just agree with
18 Mr. Ross' evaluation of the proposal. It was
19 completely comprehensive, and we just ask Erin
20 if she has any concerns related to any of the
21 issues that are addressed in that proposal.
22 MS. McCORMICK: Not offhand, but I'll
23 take a closer look at it, assuming the board
24 approves today, and if I have anything, you
25 know, we can definitely address it.

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. All in favor
2 signify by saying aye.
3 (All board members signify in the
4 affirmative, and motion passes.)
5 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Anything else?
6 MR. ROSS: Who is going to address the
7 aquatics contract? Is that under legal or
8 field manager?
9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I already signed it.
10 I thought we had approved it last month.
11 MR. ROSS: Oh, did we?
12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I signed it like
13 literally two minutes ago, so --
14 MS. McCORMICK: I had seen some language
15 in it, yeah, based on the discussion that we
16 had had regarding, you know, having him assist
17 with the residential educational program on
18 the pond aquatic issues.
19 Other than that, I think it was pretty
20 similar to the contract that we've done in the
21 past with them.
22 MR. ROSS: Can I raise a specific point?
23 MS. McCORMICK: Yes.
24 MR. ROSS: On Page I-5, Paragraph 5.4,
25 it's in yellow highlights --

1 MS. McCORMICK: Yes.
2 MR. ROSS: -- so I don't know if that's
3 your language or their language -- I think the
4 implication was they could cancel upon 60 days
5 written notice if we were in default.
6 MS. McCORMICK: Right.
7 MR. ROSS: But if we cured it -- what I
8 call an opportunity to cure -- it doesn't
9 clearly state that, though, and so I just ask
10 you to kind of look at it.
11 It should be saying they can cancel if
12 they first give us 60 days written notice and
13 we're afforded an opportunity to cure whatever
14 is the alleged non-compliance, then they can
15 cancel, because normally we wouldn't want them
16 to cancel within the year --
17 MS. McCORMICK: Right.
18 MR. ROSS: -- because it's going to
19 screw up our budgeting.
20 MS. McCORMICK: Right. Okay. I will
21 look at this. This is new language that was
22 added. I typically always have in our
23 agreement that the district can cancel any
24 contract within 30 days, and that was not in
25 here, so I put that in there.

1 I will also make sure that we have the
2 opportunity to cure if they're alleging that
3 there is a breach by us.
4 MR. ROSS: Great. Thank you.
5 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Yes.
6 MS. WHYTE: The only thing I have left
7 is the 25th anniversary party went off without
8 any problems from what I've heard. It was
9 well attended. For the first event, we stayed
10 way under budget by about \$3,000.
11 We got a lot of donations. Judy Henry
12 of The Greens was a big asset to me and to
13 Debbie. She did a lot of the legwork for us.
14 And we got a lot of donations, and a lot of the
15 residents -- the feedback has been very, very
16 good, so thank you.
17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: The WOW is hiring.
18 She might be --
19 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: What did we do
20 with those donations?
21 MS. WHYTE: What did we do?
22 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Uh-huh.
23 MS. WHYTE: They were donated to the
24 residents. There was raffles.
25 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Oh, okay.

1 MS. WHYTE: They were raffled to the
2 residents. There are two left in my office.
3 I believe Debbie's are all picked up. I've
4 got a few that I've got to recall to come
5 back. But there was over, I would say,
6 probably 45 to 50 raffle tickets and raffles
7 that were given out, certificates --
8 MR. BARRETT: Do you guys want to use
9 the WOW to thank the people who --
10 MS. WHYTE: I was going to speak to you
11 after. So, yes, it was a good attended event.
12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay.
13 MR. ROSS: I think it goes without
14 saying that we have great staff that put a lot
15 of hard work into it, making sure it's a
16 success, so thank you for what you all do.
17 MS. WHYTE: Thank you.
18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: How was your
19 participation, Doug?
20 MR. MAYS: Gave up my Saturday
21 afternoon, my vacation day, to stay here.
22 MS. WHYTE: He came back from vacation.
23 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: You did come back?
24 Oh, okay. I'm sorry.
25 MR. MAYS: I stayed an extra day here.

1 I was here.
 2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I didn't realize
 3 that. Sorry.
 4 MR. MAYS: Who wasn't, though?
 5 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Wow, that's funny.
 6 Okay. Are we all done --
 7 MS. WHYTE: Just keep going around the
 8 table.
 9 MR. MAYS: Thank you, Mr. Mills, for
 10 showing up.
 11 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes.
 12 MS. WHYTE: Thank you, Jim --
 13 MR. MILLS: You're welcome.
 14 MS. WHYTE: -- and thank you, Mr. Argus,
 15 and thank you, Mr. Ragusa.
 16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Anything
 17 further, Doug?
 18 MR. MAYS: No. Davey is supposed to be
 19 here a few minutes after five to discuss the
 20 front entrance.
 21 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. So
 22 organizational matters, we are down a
 23 supervisor. So, Andy, why don't you lead it.
 24 MR. MENDENHALL: Sure. So you have one
 25 seat open on your board currently, and really

1 as far as how you appoint that seat, which is
 2 your responsibility as board members, you can
 3 kind of define the process.
 4 Typically, what winds up happening is
 5 you reach out to your community, ask folks if
 6 they're interested, they submit their resumes
 7 or biographies, and then, of course,
 8 contemplate that, hear from them, and make
 9 your decision.
 10 That's kind of the path we have fallen
 11 down the last couple of times we have done
 12 that, including now. So for this particular
 13 meeting, we have two residents that have
 14 expressed interest. We have Barbara Hessler
 15 Griffith, as well as Mr. Argus, Bob Argus in
 16 the back there.
 17 So my recommendation would be, if you'd
 18 like to hear from each of them, certainly you
 19 can give each of them an opportunity to
 20 address the board, introduce themselves to the
 21 board, and then as well, if you'd like to ask
 22 a few questions, you can certainly do that.
 23 Now, as a courtesy, what we have done in
 24 the past is, when that happens, we do ask as a
 25 courtesy if the other candidates can kind of

1 leave the room. It's a public meeting, so
 2 technically you don't have to, but it's
 3 something that we have done in the past.
 4 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Does that seem
 5 agreeable?
 6 MR. LEWIS: It does.
 7 MR. ROSS: I have a question.
 8 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Go ahead.
 9 MR. ROSS: Do you think it's noteworthy
 10 that we only had two people express interest
 11 in the open seat?
 12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: And we had 12 last
 13 time.
 14 MR. MENDENHALL: I think it's definitely
 15 interesting and noteworthy, and I'm not sure
 16 why. I mean, it's -- there's, you know, the
 17 method that you, as a board, reached out to
 18 the community was the same.
 19 MR. ROSS: Oh, it was identical.
 20 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes. We went with the
 21 World of Westchase, and the same process, you
 22 know, send information to me, I'll distribute
 23 it to the board, and then come back to the
 24 meeting, so --
 25 MR. ROSS: No change in time deadlines

1 or anything like that?
 2 MR. MENDENHALL: I have to check
 3 exactly. I believe they were roughly the same
 4 time period, but I'd have to check to be sure
 5 on that one.
 6 And I don't know that a longer time
 7 period would make that much of a difference,
 8 just because there hasn't been an abundance of
 9 people. Like last time, people, a lot of
 10 them, asked questions first before they said
 11 "Yeah, I'm interested," they would contact me,
 12 asked some questions, and then as time went
 13 on, it's "Okay, here's my resume, and I'm
 14 interested."
 15 So the lack of response, I don't know if
 16 we stretched it out if you -- you know, unless
 17 you repeatedly kind of advertised it, so to
 18 speak.
 19 MR. ROSS: Okay. Just curious.
 20 MR. MENDENHALL: It is interesting,
 21 but --
 22 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Especially since some
 23 of the people that ran like didn't even apply.
 24 MR. MENDENHALL: Exactly. Yeah. But I
 25 would say the anomaly was more likely getting

1 the 11 or 12 candidates, because that's
2 extremely unusual in my experience with -- you
3 know, this happens in all the districts at
4 some point. And if we get more than three
5 candidates, it's a lot of candidates. It's
6 considered a lot of candidates.

7 MR. ROSS: Were we doing something as a
8 district when the 11 or 12 applied that made
9 the community cranky with us?

10 MR. MENDENHALL: There wasn't any sort
11 of a groundswell, like, "Here's my chance to
12 get on the board." Nobody expects that or
13 anything.

14 I mean, certainly when folks came, they
15 spoke about why they wanted to be on the
16 board, but if I remember correctly, it wasn't
17 necessarily I don't recall anybody saying,
18 "Here's this pressing issue, and this is why I
19 want to be on the board."

20 It was more of a general high-level
21 stuff, you know, "You guys are involved in A, B
22 and C, and I want to help out with that,"
23 so --

24 MR. BARRETT: The unemployment rate was
25 higher, too.

1 difference to me either. Is that okay with
2 you if we both stay?

3 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Usually we'd prefer
4 you to separate, if that's all right.

5 MR. MENDENHALL: The main reason is not
6 so much as, you know, an awkwardness or
7 anything, but really, the board likes to ask
8 very similar questions to each candidates, so
9 whoever would go second potentially would have
10 a benefit.

11 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: I thought you
12 were asking us our comfort level.

13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah. No. No. We
14 just can't force you out, that's all.

15 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Got it.

16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: But we really would
17 prefer --

18 MR. MENDENHALL: And that is one thing I
19 would remind the board. Typically, what we
20 have done in the past is we try to ask, you
21 know, roughly the same questions just in order
22 to get kind of that fair approach towards both
23 candidates in this case.

24 (Ms. Hessler Griffith leaves the room.)

25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Mr. Argus, would you

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Could be.

2 MR. LEWIS: We had the capital
3 improvement plan started --

4 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So we are proceeding.
5 Right? I wasn't sure. Are you going --

6 MR. ROSS: No. No. I just --

7 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Doug, do you have a
8 quarter?

9 MR. MAYS: No, I sure don't.

10 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Anyone have a
11 quarter?

12 MR. MAYS: No change on me.

13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. I'm sorry.

14 I'm really bad with names. What is --

15 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Barbara.

16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Barbara. Okay. So
17 Barbara heads, Bob tails. I'll flip it.

18 MR. LEWIS: It's tails.

19 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So that would be Bob
20 first. So, as a courtesy, you don't have to,
21 but we usually request that you kind of wait
22 out there.

23 MR. ARGUS: It makes no difference to
24 me. You're welcome to stay.

25 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: It makes no

1 like to come forward and introduce yourself.

2 MR. ARGUS: Well, I think most of you
3 know me. And I'm curious to what questions
4 you're going to ask that you haven't asked
5 before.

6 MR. ROSS: I have a couple questions.

7 MR. ARGUS: Sure.

8 MR. ROSS: And please don't read into my
9 question. It's not meant in an inappropriate
10 way.

11 MR. ARGUS: Sure.

12 MR. ROSS: Why do you think you were not
13 re-elected?

14 MR. ARGUS: I have not done much research
15 into it. It is my understanding that the
16 person who won had a strong tie into the
17 Westchase Soccer Association, and the previous
18 time I lost, the same thing had happened. So
19 I think, to a large extent, it's the Westchase
20 Soccer Association connection.

21 MR. ROSS: Do you think -- and I'll just
22 keep going, if that's okay.

23 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Sure. Yes.

24 MR. ROSS: Do you think in any way it
25 was attributable to you of not being a

1 residential property owner?

2 MR. ARGUS: I have heard nothing other
3 than the questions raised by a couple of you
4 all. I've heard nothing against that.

5 MR. ROSS: Do you think that should make
6 a difference?

7 MR. ARGUS: In my mind, no, because
8 essentially the law says you need to be a
9 resident of a district. I fulfill that
10 requirement. It doesn't say you need to be a
11 property owner. Also I pay sales taxes
12 through my rent just like you pay sales taxes
13 through your mortgage.

14 MR. ROSS: What do you think was the
15 greatest accomplishment that you facilitated
16 or helped bring about when you've been on the
17 district before?

18 MR. ARGUS: Related to landscaping, the
19 parks, the park improvement, the previous
20 capital project improvement, including Mark's
21 favorite bridge, so -- yeah.

22 MR. ROSS: If you were to get appointed,
23 would there be something you would be
24 advocating that our board should be doing
25 differently given your experience as having

1 the efforts you have put in before and
2 facilitating the merger of the districts.

3 I'm certainly mindful of what happened
4 there, and I think that was a good thing that
5 people did to facilitate that, and so kudos to
6 you for that.

7 MR. ARGUS: Thank you.

8 MR. ROSS: Those are my only questions.

9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Matt.

10 MR. LEWIS: Do you hold anything against
11 the guy who won?

12 MR. ARGUS: Not yet.

13 MR. LEWIS: That was more of a joke
14 question.

15 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Jim.

16 MR. MILLS: Yes. Thank you. So for
17 several of the questions I had for you, Bob,
18 Mr. Ross already cleared for us.

19 I guess the remaining question I have
20 for you -- you've obviously had a history of
21 being on this board, off this board, on this
22 board, and now again off this board. What's
23 driving you to continue to come back and
24 express interest and a desire to be back on
25 the board again?

1 been on it for such a good time?

2 MR. ARGUS: Not so much differently,
3 just more consistently. We have recently been
4 a little more active with the landscaping
5 redoing the entryway, a lot of discussion on
6 the changing of the periodic flowers, of the
7 bull noses and the ever diminishing of the
8 square footage of that, that I think the board
9 is in the process of changing.

10 So, yeah, just continuing as -- I don't
11 see anything significant that we haven't
12 already at least begun to discuss.

13 MR. ROSS: So when you say you would
14 advocate that we do it more consistently -- I
15 don't want to put words in your mouth -- what
16 I'm hearing is, you feel like we're now in the
17 right direction and we should continue these
18 sorts of efforts we have done with the front
19 entrance?

20 MR. ARGUS: Anything we can do to
21 improve the appearance of Westchase I think
22 helps property owners and should consider --
23 or the board should consider doing.

24 MR. ROSS: Just to digress for a
25 comment, I think you deserve to be thanked for

1 MR. ARGUS: Basically, Westchase. I
2 like Westchase. I think it's worth working
3 towards improving it, and I'll probably always
4 do that in one form or another.

5 MR. MILLS: Okay. That was all I had.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. I had
8 already decided beforehand, as I kind of had a
9 lot of influence on the make of this board,
10 and I wasn't going to ask any questions this
11 time. So we're done then.

12 MR. MENDENHALL: All right. Do you want
13 to go get Barbara?

14 MS. WHYTE: Yes.

15 MR. ROSS: Are you going to switch out,
16 Bob?

17 MR. ARGUS: Do you want me to wait --

18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: If you would, please,
19 as a courtesy, I would appreciate it.
20 (Mr. Argus leaves the room and
21 Ms. Hessler Griffith enters the room.)

22 MS. WHYTE: Hi. Come on in.

23 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So you're welcome to
24 give like a brief statement. Obviously we
25 have all seen your information that you

1 presented.

2 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: All right. I

3 will attempt to be brief.

4 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay.

5 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: All right. So

6 I've lived in Westchase for about eight years

7 now, and I'm fairly active in the community

8 through volunteer efforts and just even

9 socially. I'm active in Tampa as well,

10 outside Westchase, you know, Hillsborough

11 County, and so that's all in the resume you

12 have probably seen.

13 And, you know, I professionally have

14 been in commercial banking most of my career.

15 I'm a certified PMP, just like you, Andrew.

16 So I've been in executive roles, consulting

17 roles, semi sales roles. So I'm mostly

18 professional.

19 I do work remote, so I think the timing

20 of the meetings is, you know, something that

21 came up as an issue for some candidate who

22 said, "Hey, I'm not sure I can make it at

23 4:00."

24 So I've attended a meeting a little

25 while ago, and when I was here, it was

1 interesting for me, because, you know, again,

2 I'm already active. I love Westchase, just

3 like you guys. Right? I mean, we are all

4 fans of this community.

5 And, for me, it was sort of an

6 opportunity when I heard there was a seat

7 available to throw my hat in the ring because,

8 you know, there are a couple of things I would

9 like to see happen in Westchase.

10 So, one, I think we have an opportunity

11 to preserve our brand. There's a lot

12 happening around us, and I think, you know,

13 we're reacting to, we're doing a great job, a

14 lot of the maintenance is happening. You

15 know, I think, "Hey, we really should do

16 that," and I turn around, and it's done.

17 So, you know, I feel like I'm on the

18 same wavelength as the board, for the most

19 part. And Doug and Sonny are fantastic, you

20 know, they keep things going. But I do think

21 that there is sort of an opportunity. Right?

22 We have -- you know, have Westchase, and

23 then we have the Westchase area. And I find

24 that a lot of folks around us are sort of

25 benefiting from our brand.

1 And, you know, so while we're doing a

2 great job of maintaining, you know, I want to

3 make sure there is -- and we are. We're not

4 doing it wrong. But there is an open seat.

5 Right? -- to just make sure that we are

6 staying relevant, that we are staying current

7 just from an appearance perspective.

8 You know, a few years ago, we didn't

9 have all the businesses around us, so, you

10 know, we used to be a neighborhood with a

11 village. And, now, we're sort of becoming

12 almost even a destination for restaurants,

13 Irish 31 came in, Catch 23. So we have people

14 who are coming into Westchase who don't live

15 here.

16 And so I think there is an opportunity

17 for us to sort of, you know, have a vision

18 around, you know, who are we? What do we want

19 to look like going forward? Because we are

20 going to be subject to ongoing traffic.

21 I know we have some work going on in the

22 entrance at Sheldon. We have four entrances.

23 And so what can we do -- so when people come

24 into Westchase, they know they're in

25 Westchase, not the Westchase area, not the

1 33626, but they're in Westchase.

2 And, again, you know, I think a lot has

3 happened around us to sort of model Westchase,

4 but I think that, you know, that's something

5 that I certainly would like to see happen,

6 because a lot of people sort of benefit real

7 estate-wise. I also -- I have been a licensed

8 real estate broker and a real estate investor,

9 and, you know, Westchase is appealing from

10 that perspective as well, so --

11 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Questions,

12 Brian.

13 MR. ROSS: I'll go first.

14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: You're on fire today.

15 MR. ROSS: The way your remarks were,

16 you were very kindly stating that you were in

17 agreement with what most of the board was

18 advocating as things we should be doing, but

19 you used the phrase "for the most part,"

20 which by definition means there's some stuff

21 you disagree with the board.

22 I'm curious as to what issues or

23 strategies do you disagree with.

24 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: So I would say so

25 there are some things I don't understand

1 simply because I haven't been a part of it up
 2 until now.
 3 I reviewed the financials, and from
 4 looking at the financials I can see some of
 5 the decisions that have been made. And, you
 6 know, the way we communicate with our
 7 residents -- all right -- so we have a
 8 website, which needs work. Right? But I
 9 think that decision has already been made.
 10 You guys have already concluded that on
 11 your own. Right? So we have a website.
 12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: We're just required
 13 to have a website, but, yeah, go on.
 14 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: So we have a
 15 website, we have a phone number, but that --
 16 that assumes that residents are going to pull
 17 information. But in today's day and age,
 18 people want information pushed to them.
 19 So I know social media is not something
 20 that a lot of people are fans of because it
 21 takes time and it takes effort. But you're
 22 talking about getting information out to
 23 property owners on ponds. That's a great way
 24 to do it. Partnering with the HOA, you know,
 25 is it something we put in bylaws? "Hey, if

1 you live on a pond, these are the rules.
 2 Right?"
 3 So I think that the way we communicate
 4 with our residents is one. The other is just
 5 as far as appearance, I'll kind of go back to
 6 the designation. We just got through the
 7 holiday season. Man, we had such an
 8 opportunity with the village. That should be
 9 a holiday destination. Right? You know, call
 10 it lights, call it, you know, Christmas music
 11 or whatever. But we put up a tree and call it
 12 a holiday. Right? You know, I would like to
 13 see more.
 14 And, you know, I think, again, I have
 15 looked at the financials. There are probably
 16 some things I don't understand. I know that
 17 we're paying the tax collector nearly two
 18 percent to collect our CDD fees for us. Is
 19 there an opportunity maybe there to -- maybe
 20 there is, maybe there isn't -- you know, wi-fi
 21 at the parks. You know, one of the things that
 22 our Westchase residents like is these alone
 23 together spots.
 24 You've got your Grind cup. They go to
 25 The Grind to be alone together with other

1 people. Right? And I think our parks are a
 2 good opportunity. Could we maybe put some
 3 wi-fi in there to enhance the experience, not
 4 just for the kids -- why are you laughing,
 5 Greg?
 6 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Oh, come to more
 7 meetings. You'd --
 8 MR. MAYS: It's something we talked
 9 about.
 10 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Oh, really.
 11 Mean.
 12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All great
 13 suggestions. Keep going. I'm writing them
 14 down.
 15 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Oh, my gosh. You
 16 know -- and, again, and so I will throw it
 17 out. But you know we have road signs --
 18 right? -- the green signs.
 19 Man, when you're in Westchase, I want a
 20 friggin black sign with gold letters. You're
 21 in Westchase; the road signs are different.
 22 That's how you know. It's things like that.
 23 I want people to know you're in the real
 24 Westchase, not the Westchase area.
 25 And so, you know, I know we talked about

1 parking the last time I was here. I can't
 2 figure that out. Matt, you're the engineer.
 3 Right?
 4 MR. LEWIS: Yeah.
 5 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: You figure out
 6 the parking problem.
 7 But the -- and, oh, and then Westchase
 8 Soccer. So I get the sense that there is -- I
 9 don't know -- it's bit of an interesting
 10 relationship with the WSA. But the truth is,
 11 they make Westchase great, and I would like to
 12 see more of that.
 13 So the whole for profit, not for profit,
 14 I don't care. These kids are happy. Their
 15 families are happy. Families are coming
 16 together. You got parents who have an
 17 opportunity to coach for their children. You
 18 know, I would want to support that as much as
 19 possible. So I hope that answers your
 20 questions.
 21 MR. ROSS: Only because I would never
 22 have the opportunity to discuss this with you
 23 outside the board meeting if you're on the
 24 board, as you know, we are bound by Sunshine
 25 Laws, so if you don't mind, I'll follow up a

1 little bit.
 2 In general, what I hear you advocating
 3 is we should be spending governmental dollars,
 4 because we're a governmental agency, on
 5 non-governmental projects, whether it be
 6 something to do with the soccer association
 7 or there would be something to do with the
 8 commercial association at West Park Village.
 9 I'm not saying your agenda isn't a good
 10 idea, but rather I'm struggling with the
 11 notion of fiscal responsibility. Explain to
 12 me a little bit your philosophy about why we
 13 should be spending governmental dollars on
 14 some of these projects, because I heard you in
 15 this little two-minute snippet address it, and
 16 that may be unfair, but just help me
 17 understand a little bit.
 18 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: And I'm not sure
 19 that it's all in dollars. Right? It's in the
 20 sense of just support. Right?
 21 So Irish 31, they're not asking us to
 22 pay for anything. They're asking for our
 23 support. So that's -- I think, probably more
 24 than anything, it's that.
 25 Governmental dollars, wi-fi in the

1 parks, sure, but to me, that's no different
 2 than the enhancements we have already made to
 3 the parks. It's just an additional
 4 investment.
 5 And as far as why, well, for the reason
 6 why we live here. Right? I mean, because,
 7 you know, the truth is, within Tampa Bay,
 8 Westchase is a gem, and everything around us
 9 is going to be new, and we're going to be old.
 10 Right?
 11 And I don't want -- I would want to see
 12 us continue to make the types of investments
 13 that we have been making, again, to stay
 14 relevant.
 15 MR. ROSS: Okay. And so I'll get off of
 16 that. Why did you not submit your name for
 17 the election?
 18 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: I came to the
 19 December meeting. You know, the truth is, you
 20 know, I've been active in Westchase, and, you
 21 know, I came to the December meeting to talk
 22 about the issue at the park, and that's when I
 23 learned that there was a seat open.
 24 And, you know, I reached out to Chris
 25 and, you know, said -- asked some questions,

1 and he was helpful. I said, "All right." I
 2 did some research. You know, I went to the
 3 website, read the WOW. And I said, "All
 4 right. You know what? I think I can be of
 5 value."
 6 If I didn't think I could be of value I
 7 wouldn't -- but one of the things I put in my
 8 summary of interest is, you know, frankly, I'm
 9 a woman as well. Right? I came to this
 10 meeting, and I didn't see a single woman. And
 11 I know even Bob, when he was asked by the WOW,
 12 you know, what perspective is missing on the
 13 board when he was running for the board, and
 14 he said a woman's perspective.
 15 You know, this community is littered
 16 with moms. Right? I think I -- just as a
 17 resident, I would like to see a woman on the
 18 board.
 19 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Do you have kids?
 20 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: I do. I do. My
 21 son attends Davidsen, and my daughter goes to
 22 Westchase, so --
 23 MR. ROSS: I think it should be noted
 24 that Chris Barrett was helpful in one
 25 instance.

1 MR. BARRETT: I just want to clarify, I
 2 just directed Barbara --
 3 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Yes.
 4 MR. BARRETT: -- "You should read up on
 5 the CDD, the WOW stuff, look at the CDD
 6 website." That's -- I mean, that was the
 7 extent of my helpfulness.
 8 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Oh, sorry, Chris.
 9 I didn't mean to throw you under the bus.
 10 Yes, that was --
 11 MR. ROSS: We're old buddies with Chris.
 12 MR. BARRETT: The information I gave
 13 Barbara is the same information I would give
 14 to any person who wants to run.
 15 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: I offered to take
 16 him to lunch. He said, "No. Go here."
 17 MR. ROSS: Do you have an opinion as to
 18 whether or not someone should be barred or
 19 precluded from being on our board of
 20 supervisors if they're not a residential
 21 property owner?
 22 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: No.
 23 MR. ROSS: You don't have an opinion --
 24 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: No. I think if
 25 somebody cares enough to invest their time in

1 a neighborhood, I don't care who they write
 2 their check to.
 3 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Brian.
 4 MR. ROSS: Other than the landscape
 5 issue, anything else that you would want to
 6 suggest that the board be advocating or
 7 pursuing differently?
 8 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Yes. I don't
 9 know what the right look would be, but the
 10 street lights. I do think that there is an
 11 opportunity to put a little bit of character
 12 to our street lights.
 13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Which ones?
 14 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Along our
 15 Boulevard, I call it, the Westchase Boulevard.
 16 Even though it's Linebaugh, I call it
 17 Westchase Boulevard. Right?
 18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: That's awesome. You
 19 should have took Sonny out to lunch, I think.
 20 MS. WHYTE: (Inaudible)
 21 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: That's great.
 22 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Oh, my goodness.
 23 You know, I know the topic has come up about
 24 dog parks, and Hillsborough County put in a
 25 dog park not too far away.

1 Again, that kind of goes back to being
 2 alone together. Right? A lot of our single
 3 residents -- we've got plenty of them -- you
 4 know, they have a puppy, and that's a great
 5 way to get out there and meet people. It's a
 6 social area. We like to be social.
 7 So, you know, I don't know what goes
 8 into the maintenance of a dog park, but if I
 9 think about it, probably not a whole lot,
 10 maybe some fence and benches.
 11 Benches seem to be a big thing. So I
 12 would say, you know, probably a dog park.
 13 And, you know, I was talking to Doug about the
 14 four entrances into the neighborhood. I want
 15 that wow, like I'm in Westchase, dang it.
 16 So we can -- you know, if nothing else,
 17 even just continuing being more of a
 18 destination for the rest of Tampa, do
 19 something for, you know, property values and
 20 just sort of the private community.
 21 MR. ROSS: Okay. Thanks. No other
 22 questions.
 23 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: You're welcome.
 24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I'm going to give you
 25 a chance in a second. Anyone else? Matt or

1 Jim.
 2 MR. LEWIS. Yeah. I mean, I read
 3 obviously your bio and listening to you talk
 4 now. Is there one attribute that you feel
 5 that you really bring to the table from your
 6 background or -- I mean, obviously you kind of
 7 have that IT background and banking, but --
 8 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: So, you know, one
 9 of the things that -- funny, I just took a new
 10 job with Bank of America, and they asked me
 11 that question in the interview. You know, in
 12 a lot of ways, I sort of consider myself a bit
 13 well rounded.
 14 I've been -- I've held, you know, roles
 15 in operations and sales, technical consulting,
 16 project management. So, you know, one of the
 17 things that I think I do well is I bring a
 18 certain intensity towards getting things done.
 19 With that said, we get things done. I
 20 know we do. And then also sort of also the
 21 vision, you know, sort of the, you know, think
 22 strategic technical, you know, so bring a bit
 23 of an idea of what, you know, I would
 24 certainly like to see, but, again, I think it
 25 seems to have been, you know, things that have

1 been -- surfaced in the past as well, but I
 2 think now with everything that's happening
 3 around us, I think there is a bit of an urgency
 4 to kind of, you know, dial it up a little bit.
 5 And, you know, again, I don't want to
 6 take anything away from what we have done,
 7 because I know we've got a fantastic board,
 8 you're all very qualified, and, you know, I
 9 feel like I'm, you know, equally qualified,
 10 but just maybe bring a slightly different
 11 perspective.
 12 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Thanks.
 13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Jim, do you have
 14 questions?
 15 MR. MILLS: Yes. Thank you. I have
 16 one. Thank you for submitting your interest.
 17 You know, this is how the community continues
 18 to evolve and progress, and I've said this for
 19 years, is through community involvement.
 20 In looking at the resume that you
 21 submitted, Barbara, it looks like you were at
 22 JP Morgan Chase for about ten years, but in the
 23 last four plus years, you've been in four
 24 different places. Can you speak to that?
 25 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Yes, I can. So

1 I've been in this industry a number of years,
 2 and my past three roles have been -- well, so
 3 my leaving JP Morgan Chase, that was a result
 4 of me moving back to Tampa from Chicago.
 5 So I left to go to Chicago for a year,
 6 but couldn't wait to get back. So I took a
 7 job with FIS, a company I had worked for in
 8 the past, and that was sort of the dream job.
 9 In a lot of ways, it was a dream job, but the
 10 commute was killing me, and there was a lot of
 11 travel involved, and I have two small kids,
 12 and I wanted to be able to coach in their
 13 little league and volunteer in their school.
 14 So I had -- I met someone at a
 15 conference who offered me a position at a new
 16 bank, a bank out of Spain. I grew up in
 17 Italy, and, you know, the whole international
 18 element was appealing to me.
 19 So I went to work for them, and I was
 20 with them for about three and a half years,
 21 and then just a few months ago I got a phone
 22 call from a gentleman that I've worked with
 23 twice in the past with Bank of America, and he
 24 sort of made me an offer I couldn't refuse.
 25 And so I made the move. And it's a work

1 remote, so, you know, being a single-parent
 2 household, I thought, you know, this will give
 3 me the opportunity to sort of keep the work-
 4 life balance, manage the kids, and still
 5 maintain a really solid professional career.
 6 MR. MILLS: Okay. Thank you for that.
 7 This may be somewhat of a repeat of Mr. Ross'
 8 question, but when you attended the meeting of
 9 ours, I believe you said it was back in
 10 December, what, if anything, at that meeting
 11 sparked your interest in applying for this
 12 position?
 13 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: There was one
 14 thing that happened during that meeting, I
 15 mean, aside from just the overall theme of
 16 what we do here that was of interest, but
 17 there was one thing that happened in the
 18 meeting that sort of caught my attention.
 19 There was information that had been
 20 presented previously with a quote of
 21 three-and-a-half to five-million dollars in
 22 potential spend, and we learned in that
 23 meeting that number was quoted sheerly to
 24 raise awareness or to set off an alarm, and I
 25 didn't like that.

1 I didn't think that was a good way to do
 2 business. And, you know, I think that, you
 3 know, I work with vendors all the time, I
 4 negotiate contracts, and I just didn't feel
 5 that that was, you know, quite on the up and
 6 up.
 7 So it did make me go and look at
 8 financials. And -- okay -- what are we doing
 9 -- what are you spending \$5,000,000 on ponds
 10 for? But, you know, obviously the board, you
 11 know, did the right thing, asked all the right
 12 questions, and we got to where we are,
 13 particularly the recommendation for a second
 14 opinion, because when you were talking those
 15 kinds of numbers -- right? -- I mean, you do
 16 want to get a second opinion.
 17 So that was -- that was -- that was an
 18 interesting topic for me.
 19 MR. MILLS: Thank you for that. And the
 20 last question, and probably not one I would
 21 ask otherwise, but you raised the issue with
 22 your submittal. Which of the two attributes
 23 do you feel will be more beneficial to this
 24 board if you were to be appointed, being a
 25 woman or your banking and financial background

1 and experience?
 2 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: My professional
 3 experience. So, you know, it's funny, because
 4 I listen to a lot of the questions, and it's
 5 just the way my mind works. Right? I
 6 question things. I need to understand why
 7 being -- why it works the way it does so that
 8 I can make the proper decision, but, you know,
 9 I think that that comes from my professional
 10 background more than anything.
 11 MR. LEWIS: And you're not an engineer?
 12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Jim, do you have
 13 anything further?
 14 MR. MILLS: That's all I had. Thank
 15 you, Greg.
 16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Awesome. Any
 17 further --
 18 MR. ROSS: I have a comment about the
 19 process, not the candidates.
 20 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah. Well, I'm
 21 going to get to that. Could you do me a
 22 favor? Could you just walk out there for a
 23 minute?
 24 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Yes.
 25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I would appreciate

1 that.

2 (Ms. Hessler Griffith leaves the room.)

3 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So normally what we

4 would do is, we would just have a motion to --

5 someone would make a motion, and then we'd see

6 how it goes.

7 If you want to do something more

8 informal before that, you're welcome to.

9 MR. ROSS: The only thing I would

10 comment, and I don't want to make too big of a

11 deal about it is, I always get sensitive when

12 we make choices like this in a community

13 government environment that the losing

14 candidate takes it that we're rejecting them.

15 And I think it's so important that that

16 message not be sent, that, you know, we have

17 two fine candidates. Either one of them could

18 be sitting here on the board, but for other

19 circumstances, and I would hate for either

20 one to take the process of being whatever it

21 is we're rejecting somebody.

22 I just don't like that. And I don't

23 have a panacea or cure for it.

24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I mean,

25 unfortunately, we only have one spot.

1 MR. LEWIS: If I could speak to that, I

2 mean, I went through that process with Jim

3 over the summer.

4 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Sure. Yes.

5 MR. LEWIS: And I'll be perfectly

6 honest, I didn't feel at all rejected, even

7 sitting through that sort of awkward -- and it

8 was awkward. I think it was more awkward for

9 you guys maybe than for us.

10 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Well, especially with

11 you two. I mean, you two were --

12 MR. LEWIS: Well, but, you know, again,

13 that's --

14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: -- awesome.

15 MR. LEWIS: -- my perspective. You

16 offered yours. I mean, I didn't feel that

17 way. And, I mean, given the two candidates

18 here, I don't think they feel that way.

19 That's just my opinion.

20 MR. ROSS: Okay.

21 MR. MILLS: Well, the reality is, only

22 one can get the nod -- right? -- and they know

23 that.

24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Should we do a --

25 like I said, normally I just take the motion.

1 Is that all right? Or do you want to --

2 MR. MENDENHALL: That's typically how

3 it's done.

4 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah, let's just do

5 it the normal way. Okay. All right. They're

6 welcome to come back in if they want to, or

7 we're going to proceed, if someone wants to

8 let them know. Sonny.

9 (Mr. Argus and Ms. Hessler Griffith

10 return to the room.)

11 MR. BARRETT: Can I say one thing on the

12 record?

13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes.

14 MR. BARRETT: And, Brian, you know this.

15 You don't need me to lecture you about this.

16 MR. ROSS: I do need you to lecture me.

17 MR. BARRETT: But when you said about

18 spending non-governmental or governmental

19 money on non-governmental things, and you said

20 WSA, we really do already do that.

21 And I know it's been a topic of

22 discussion here in terms of significantly

23 underwriting their operational costs because

24 we don't charge anything for fields, you know,

25 so it's just it's not as if we're not already

1 doing that. I just --

2 MR. ROSS: I 100 percent agree with

3 that, but I wanted to prod the question to see

4 if I could get some articulations on the

5 candidate's perspective. So, no, I 100

6 percent agree with you that we engage in

7 expenditures that some others would say that's

8 not appropriate for a governmental entity.

9 MR. BARRETT: And that's not -- that's

10 not what I'm -- that's not my position. I'm

11 not stating a position. I'm just stating the

12 obvious fact that, well, we do do that, so --

13 MR. ROSS: You preach.

14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So I am looking for a

15 motion. Here, let me talk to Brian -- to your

16 comment.

17 MR. ROSS: Okay.

18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I really have no idea

19 what we're going to do here, but I will say

20 that both of you are highly qualified, and I

21 appreciate your efforts and your willingness

22 to participate in our process.

23 It really is a wonderful thing that

24 you're both doing for our community. And,

25 Bob, if I haven't said so yet, and I will -- I

1 think Mark and I got a little out of sort
2 because Mark decided to move all of a sudden
3 -- I mean, I fully intend to -- regardless of
4 what happens here, I guess, is to appreciate
5 your service.

6 I mean, normally we provide something,
7 but I was just kind of seeing how this process
8 moves forward. But your service in the past
9 has been appreciated and always -- it's always
10 been appreciated. I mean, you've been around
11 since the very beginning.

12 MR. ARGUS: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I remember when you
14 were on the board. And you, I don't know you
15 as well, but just your involvement in coming
16 out here has been fantastic. So I really
17 appreciate it, so -- I'm never as good at that
18 as Mark was. He is always full of -- you
19 know.

20 So, anyways, I'm open to a motion here.
21 And as I said, I'm not going to make it.

22 MR. LEWIS: And is that -- just so I'm
23 clear, is that for one candidate or
24 another --

25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes, for one

1 MR. LEWIS: -- the community is very
2 strong because of that, so --

3 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So we're going to
4 have discussion after someone makes a motion.
5 So it's not your last chance, so --

6 MR. MILLS: So I'll make a motion to
7 appoint Bob Argus to the CDD board of
8 supervisors.

9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Is there a
10 second to that motion?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Hearing none,
13 that motion fails.

14 (Motion fails.)

15 Okay. Do I have another motion?

16 MR. LEWIS: I have a motion to appoint
17 Barbara Hessler to the board.

18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Thank you for
19 saying the last name.

20 MR. LEWIS: I did it right --

21 MR. BARRETT: It's Hessler Griffith.

22 MR. LEWIS: I apologize.

23 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. Do I have
24 a second for that?

25 MR. MILLS: I'll second that.

1 candidate. That's how it is. I mean --

2 MR. LEWIS: Okay I guess I was thrown,
3 because I know when we through this process,
4 it was numbers on paper.

5 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Well, that's because
6 we had more people.

7 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes.

8 MR. LEWIS: Maybe I wasn't sure what you
9 wanted to do either, so --

10 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah. So I need a
11 motion one way or the other --

12 MR. LEWIS: Yeah.

13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: -- or a motion to
14 table.

15 MR. LEWIS: And maybe if I can just
16 speak for a minute. And, Bob, I asked that
17 question jokingly a minute ago --

18 MR. ARGUS: Sure.

19 MR. LEWIS: -- just because there has
20 been no real -- I think, for the record,
21 everyone knows that, and I certainly haven't
22 had any, but I just wanted you to know, and I
23 do appreciate everything you've done prior to
24 that election, so --

25 MR. ARGUS: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. You're killing
2 me, man. All right. A motion -- so we're
3 going to have -- now we would have any
4 discussion.

5 I actually have one question, Mr. Argus,
6 that was brought up. Did you say in your WOW
7 article that you thought a missing perspective
8 was having a woman on there?

9 MR. ARGUS: Did I say that? No.

10 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: You didn't. Okay. I
11 don't remember.

12 MR. ARGUS: Not to my memory.

13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: I probably -- I'm not
14 even entirely sure I read it, but, you know --
15 okay. I was just curious.

16 MR. BARRETT: I can't comment. I don't
17 remember. It's long enough ago that I don't
18 remember.

19 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. All right. So
20 we have a second. Okay. Any further
21 discussion? Mr. Ross.

22 MR. ROSS: I just want to repeat what I
23 said before when we're in here and you guys
24 were out. I don't want either one of you to
25 take a motion as the rejection to the one

1 who's not the prevailing party. You're both
 2 great. You're fantastic. You should continue
 3 to be involved in everything you do.
 4 And so I said that in private, and I'll
 5 say it in front of you two. You don't take it
 6 as somehow we don't like you or something like
 7 that. It's furthest from the truth.
 8 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. So all in
 9 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.
 10 One, two, three, and I'll make it unanimous,
 11 four.
 12 (All board members signify in the
 13 affirmative.
 14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Motion passes four to
 15 zero.
 16 (Motion passes.)
 17 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Thank you.
 18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So, Barbara, I
 19 hopefully will remember your name by the end
 20 of the meeting. So could you come up here and
 21 join us?
 22 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Of course.
 23 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah, you get to move
 24 one seat over. That's the way it works.
 25 (Multiple speakers speaking at once.)

1 MR. ROSS: The new person has to be on
 2 the end, so it's really weird --
 3 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Oh, okay.
 4 MR. BARRETT: It's the broken chair,
 5 Barbara.
 6 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So, Bob, I would like
 7 you to come back to -- I'm sure you'll come
 8 back to the meetings anyway, knowing you, but
 9 I want you to come back to a specified meeting
 10 that Sonny lets you know of.
 11 MS. WHYTE: Why Sonny?
 12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: So we can spend a
 13 little time with you and honor you properly.
 14 Okay.
 15 MR. MENDENHALL: Would you like me to do
 16 the honors?
 17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes.
 18 MR. MENDENHALL: So I'm going to read
 19 off the oath of office, and if you can just
 20 affirm at the end, and then I'll give you a
 21 whole bunch of paperwork.
 22 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: All right.
 23 MR. MENDENHALL: Do you solemnly swear
 24 or affirm that you will support, protect, and
 25 defend the Constitution and Government of the

1 United States and of the State of Florida --
 2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: The cap's on.
 3 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: The cap is on --
 4 MR. MENDENHALL: -- that you're --
 5 what's that? --
 6 MR. BARRETT: They were just telling me
 7 to take the lens cap off.
 8 MR. MENDENHALL: -- that you are duly
 9 qualified to hold office under the
 10 Constitution of the State and that you will
 11 well and faithfully perform the duties of
 12 Supervisor, Westchase CDD, Seat Number Two?
 13 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: I affirm.
 14 MR. MENDENHALL: All right.
 15 Congratulations. So what I'm going to give you
 16 is the oath of office, which basically needs
 17 your signature here, and then fill out the
 18 bottom information.
 19 I'll take that with me, and we'll get it
 20 off to the state. And then, additionally, I'm
 21 going to give you the Form One, which is a
 22 statement of financial interest. All public
 23 officers are required to submit this to the
 24 state.
 25 When you're filling it out, if you have

1 any questions, just give me a call, and I'll
 2 email you off a whole bunch of other
 3 information.
 4 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Excellent.
 5 (Multiple speakers speaking at once.)
 6 MR. MENDENHALL: Congratulations.
 7 MS. McCORMICK: So you're going to send
 8 her information about like the government and
 9 the Sunshine laws.
 10 MR. MENDENHALL: Sunshine laws --
 11 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Oh, okay.
 12 MR. MENDENHALL: -- I'm going to send
 13 all that off.
 14 MS. McCORMICK: So, Barbara, as this is
 15 a CDD board, I mean, I don't know how familiar
 16 you are with like there's a code of ethics for
 17 public officials and employees and Sunshine
 18 laws --
 19 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Sunshine laws.
 20 MS. McCORMICK: -- that govern a
 21 governmental entity like this. So that's all
 22 information that Andy is going to be sending
 23 to you.
 24 MR. MENDENHALL: Sure.
 25 MS. McCORMICK: But in the meantime, if

1 you have any questions or something comes up
 2 and you're just not sure how to proceed, just
 3 let Andy know or myself know --
 4 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Great. Will do.
 5 MS. McCORMICK: -- and we'll try to help
 6 you out.
 7 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Thank you.
 8 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. The last
 9 item is election of officers. Mr. Ross.
 10 MR. ROSS: I don't have a motion to
 11 make. I did all my talking with all my
 12 questions earlier on.
 13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Very well. So I'll
 14 state, does anyone want to be the chairman?
 15 MR. LEWIS: Make a motion for you?
 16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No. No. No. No, I
 17 don't want -- not for me --
 18 MS. WHYTE: Did Jim hear?
 19 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Did Jim hear? Yes.
 20 I'm soliciting feedback on how we organize our
 21 officers.
 22 MR. MILLS: Can you repeat what you
 23 said, Greg? You are or are not --
 24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Does anyone want to
 25 be the chairman?

1 MR. MILLS: Yes or no --
 2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes. Does anyone
 3 want to be the chairman? Does anyone express
 4 an interest in it?
 5 MR. MILLS: I have an interest in it,
 6 but I will defer to the other members if
 7 someone has a strong interest as well.
 8 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay.
 9 MR. ROSS: I have no --
 10 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. All right. Is
 11 that fine?
 12 MR. LEWIS: I have an interest. I mean,
 13 I don't know if this is something that -- you
 14 know, I haven't been on the board that long,
 15 but I don't know if there's any rules for
 16 that, but --
 17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No, no rules.
 18 MR. MENDENHALL: No. You -- I mean,
 19 ultimately, anyone on the board can nominate
 20 somebody for chair; and then once we receive
 21 all nominations, we can take a vote for chair
 22 and then move on to the vice chair and --
 23 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes.
 24 MR. LEWIS: I'm kind of with Jim. I
 25 mean, if somebody else prefers --

1 MR. BARRETT: You all can just all stand
 2 down and let staff --
 3 MR. CHESNEY: So, I mean, do you want to
 4 make a motion?
 5 MR. ROSS: I'm not going to make a
 6 motion. I think we have very, very qualified
 7 individuals throughout this board. Anybody
 8 could serve as chair.
 9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes. It's just
 10 really -- okay. Well, someone needs to make a
 11 motion. Oh, well, that doesn't make any
 12 sense, does it?
 13 MR. MENDENHALL: Keep in mind, your
 14 district manager can also run the meetings, if
 15 you choose.
 16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: You what?
 17 MR. MENDENHALL: The district manager
 18 can also run the meetings. I run most of my
 19 meetings --
 20 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No, not anymore.
 21 MR. MENDENHALL: I was just throwing
 22 that out there.
 23 MS. McCORMICK: Back in the day, they
 24 did that.
 25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No, we're not doing

1 that.
 2 MR. MENDENHALL: I'm different than your
 3 previous district manager.
 4 MR. BARRETT: That would be the only
 5 thing that would cause me to protest
 6 vociferously.
 7 MR. ROSS: I actually would be okay with
 8 Andy running it, because what I like is, the
 9 non-chair people can ask their questions, make
 10 their motions, and when the chair begins to
 11 make too many motions and start asking
 12 questions -- we saw that kind of with Mark.
 13 He was very careful to be very constrained in
 14 his remarks. That gets a little bit fuzzy.
 15 When are you directing this is in a certain
 16 direction, and when are you just saying what's
 17 on your mind?
 18 So I personally don't have a problem with
 19 Andy running the meetings.
 20 MR. MENDENHALL: You know, you don't
 21 have a very contentious relationship with your
 22 residents. It does become helpful if you have
 23 those sorts of situations, of course, but also
 24 if you ever have a big issue come up, it's
 25 good to have a neutral person there to kind of

1 catch those spears, rather than have them
 2 directed, you know, at you personally since
 3 you live in Westchase.
 4 So it helps for those reasons. I say I
 5 am very different from my predecessor as far
 6 as --
 7 MR. BARRETT: Agreed. Agreed.
 8 MR. MENDENHALL: -- I don't -- you know,
 9 when I do manage the meetings, from a district
 10 manager's perspective, it's more of just about
 11 controlling them, keeping them on track. It's
 12 not so much as commanding them. So I'm not --
 13 I never direct my board members, so --
 14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Generally the chair
 15 does not make motions. It is a direction.
 16 That is a good observation. I like people
 17 that just kind of get the meeting going.
 18 MR. MENDENHALL: It's more motivating.
 19 The guy's got to drive home. So I'll just
 20 throw it out there.
 21 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Actually not -- I
 22 mean, we can try it. We can always change it
 23 up.
 24 MR. MENDENHALL: Sure.
 25 MR. LEWIS: I mean, if you're looking

1 for feedback, Greg, I mean, I kind of feel the
 2 say way Brian does. But, I mean, again, I
 3 think you're right. I think anybody on the
 4 board is qualified to do it, and I would be
 5 willing to do it, if that's what you're
 6 looking for, but I think we should maybe give
 7 Andy a chance.
 8 MR. ROSS: I'll back off. I wasn't
 9 going to make the motion, but since you
 10 raised that possibility, I'll move that Andy
 11 chair our meetings. We'll take it on month-
 12 by-month basis.
 13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Would he actually be
 14 the chair then?
 15 MS. McCORMICK: Uh-huh.
 16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah. Okay.
 17 MR. MENDENHALL: Would I be the chair
 18 from an officer's perspective, because I'm
 19 already the secretary? You'd probably want a
 20 chair for signing off on things. Right?
 21 MS. McCORMICK: Uh-huh.
 22 MR. MENDENHALL: So you'd still want to
 23 -- you'd still pick a chair.
 24 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah, you would still
 25 pick a chair. And you would just run the

1 meetings.
 2 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah, that's basically
 3 it.
 4 MR. ROSS: Do I need a motion then to
 5 say Andy will chair the meetings?
 6 MS. McCORMICK: No. But I think what we
 7 do need is we still need somebody to move for a
 8 chairman and somebody to move for a vice
 9 chairman.
 10 MR. ROSS: That's easy stuff, signing
 11 documents.
 12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. All right. I
 13 still -- once again, I still am technically
 14 the chairman, so I don't like to make motions,
 15 so I need some motions here.
 16 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Jim, you
 17 expressed interest. Right?
 18 MR. MILLS: Yes, I have.
 19 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Okay. So then
 20 I'll motion for Jim for chairman.
 21 MR. LEWIS: I'll second that.
 22 MS. McCORMICK: Do you want to also do a
 23 -- do you also want to include a vice
 24 chairman, or do you want to vote on this
 25 individually?

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Well, I'll be frank.
 2 You know, I like to be vice chair because I
 3 kind of have a lot of institutional knowledge
 4 of how it goes, but that's why I like to see
 5 different people, though, do it as chairman.
 6 MR. ROSS: Do we do it in separate
 7 motions, one for chair and vice chair?
 8 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No. We can do one.
 9 We can do one.
 10 MS. McCORMICK: Yes. No. You can go
 11 ahead and if somebody wants to include in the
 12 motion -- well, who made the -- Barbara made
 13 the motion for Jim Mills. Do you also want
 14 to --
 15 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: And one for Greg
 16 for vice chair.
 17 MR. MENDENHALL: You can roll it up into
 18 basically adopting this resolution with Jim
 19 designated as chair, Greg designated as vice
 20 chair, and the rest of the supervisors as
 21 assistant secretaries and the Severn Trent
 22 staff as listed, unless there's any other
 23 changes that you want to make.
 24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Sound good?
 25 MR. LEWIS: Sounds great.

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Awesome.
 2 MR. ROSS: Do we need to vote?
 3 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: We're going to amend
 4 that motion.
 5 MR. ROSS: Gotcha.
 6 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Gotcha. All right.
 7 And you seconded it. Correct?
 8 MR. LEWIS: Yes.
 9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All in favor of the
 10 motion signify by saying aye.
 11 (All board members signify in the
 12 affirmative.)
 13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Awesome. Passes.
 14 (Motion passes.)
 15 MR. ROSS: So that I'm clear, we don't
 16 need a motion for Andy to run the meetings?
 17 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Correct. Well, it
 18 was included in that motion.
 19 MR. ROSS: Oh, okay.
 20 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes.
 21 MR. BARRETT: Well, I would -- I did not
 22 know that it was included in that motion,
 23 because you said previously that there were
 24 two separate motions, and I actually wanted to
 25 speak to the -- to this.

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay.
 2 MR. BARRETT: I said that I would speak
 3 vociferously against this. And, Andy, I want
 4 you to know you're one of the coolest guys
 5 that has ever sat in that chair.
 6 MR. MENDENHALL: Thanks.
 7 MR. BARRETT: And this has nothing,
 8 absolutely nothing, to do with you.
 9 MR. MENDENHALL: No problem.
 10 MR. BARRETT: Everyone else who has been
 11 here a long time knows exactly what's
 12 motivating -- Jim, in particular, knows
 13 exactly what is motivating my comments.
 14 We had a previous district manager whose
 15 treatment of the residents was abysmal, and he
 16 played the role of receiving the spears, which
 17 was the example that was just used, and he did
 18 a terrible job with it.
 19 And in essence, he prolonged that
 20 structure. I saw prolonged, sitting in this
 21 chair, a dysfunctional in-house landscaping
 22 program and a dysfunctional, dishonest district
 23 management staff for probably 18 months longer
 24 than anyone else would have tolerated it.
 25 And there was sea change when a resident

1 began chairing the meetings. Were the
 2 meetings a little bit longer? Yes, but the
 3 trade-off for the inefficiency was we had
 4 residents who would appear, and they were
 5 never, ever disrespected again.
 6 And I just wanted to make that point,
 7 that the danger is -- you know, you guys are
 8 comfortable with Andy, and, frankly, I'm
 9 comfortable with Andy, but it didn't even
 10 occur to the board who was sitting at that
 11 time that one of them could chair the meeting.
 12 It never even occurred to them until that
 13 district manager was shown the door.
 14 So just understand that you are
 15 establishing a precedent that if you leave the
 16 board and there is someone here -- so your
 17 replacement might not be so readily -- might
 18 forget also that a resident always has the
 19 right to run this board, because this is a
 20 resident board.
 21 Anyway, I've said my piece, but, again,
 22 this has nothing to do with Andy.
 23 MR. MENDENHALL: No. That's fine.
 24 MR. BARRETT: This has everything to do
 25 with someone who is gone. Maybe that's not

1 the way to make policy. But it's something
 2 that I and a lot of long-term residents who
 3 have been through this, we feel strongly
 4 about. Anyway, I'm done. Thank you.
 5 MR. MENDENHALL: Good point. I'm fine
 6 either way, to be honest with you.
 7 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Maybe we should
 8 ask Jim.
 9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah. Jim, what do
 10 you think?
 11 MR. MILLS: So my follow-up comment to
 12 Chris is, and I was part of those arm
 13 wrestling matches when I -- because I was the
 14 president of the WCA at the time, so I have
 15 very vivid, clear memories, but I believe we
 16 said -- I think Mr. Ross said on a month-
 17 to-month basis that we would have the district
 18 manager chair the meetings moving forward.
 19 In my mind, that gives us a clear
 20 awareness of it's an administrative function
 21 in an effort to keep us more efficient. If at
 22 any time we don't like what is going on or
 23 there is a change in that position within
 24 Severn Trent, we've always got the flexibility
 25 to go back to resident chairing.

1 So I'm okay with it. Obviously, I
 2 apologize to my fellow board members. I'm
 3 sitting in a Chick-fil-A parking lot in
 4 Birmingham, Alabama, and I typically monitor
 5 my own travel schedule. I don't always
 6 control it 100 percent. So knowing that we
 7 have a capable district manager to carry that
 8 torch forward, I'm perfectly fine with that.
 9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. Mr. Ross.
 10 MR. ROSS: I don't want to beat the
 11 issue to death, but I think our friend and
 12 resident WOW publisher deserves a response,
 13 that I don't want him to think -- and he and I
 14 have a warm enough relationship -- that I'm not
 15 listening. I always listen to you.
 16 I personally believe that we have a
 17 better chance for good resident service by
 18 having Andy chair the meeting. When residents
 19 come and they express whatever they express,
 20 this is Andy's job, and he can have the
 21 responsibility to follow up with every
 22 resident, and he will have the responsibility
 23 to follow up with every resident, as opposed to
 24 when we have a volunteer serve as the chair,
 25 whether it's the WCA or this organization, you

1 can have the gap in responsiveness.
 2 You can have the, "Oh, I forgot about
 3 that." And I think there is a better chance
 4 of enhancing customer service by having the
 5 paid professional run the meeting and being
 6 here to communicate directly with the
 7 resident.
 8 Can that go astray? You're exactly
 9 right. And you observed that in the past.
 10 It'll just put the onus on us to stay on top
 11 of it and, as Jim just said, make sure we do
 12 it right. And if it's not what we want, for
 13 whatever reason, maybe Andy is doing a great
 14 job but we say, "No, we didn't achieve what
 15 we were hoping to achieve, and we'll change
 16 back."
 17 But I think it's worth a whirl and let's
 18 see if it doesn't work better for the
 19 residents.
 20 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: And I'll add to that.
 21 As the person who was the chairman for a long
 22 time, I concur. I mean, it's just something
 23 else you've got to deal with, you've got to
 24 follow up with. It's one thing coming in and
 25 signing a bunch of documents and keeping track

1 of finances. So, yeah, I agree. I think it's
 2 worth a try.
 3 And, Chris, your recollection, while
 4 correct, you know, there was a switch as it
 5 moved towards resident control. Just kind of
 6 took a while to -- you know, it was developer
 7 control for quite some time where we had some
 8 residents on the board. It wasn't -- you
 9 know, once the residents fully took it over,
 10 you know -- yeah.
 11 MR. MILLS: Greg, I have a question for
 12 either Andy or Erin.
 13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes.
 14 MR. MILLS: Procedurally, if Andy is
 15 chairing the meetings, does that free up the
 16 chair and the vice chair to make motions, or
 17 are those positions still --
 18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: No.
 19 MR. MILLS: -- to preferably not make
 20 motions?
 21 MS. McCORMICK: No. I think anybody
 22 would be able to make a motion.
 23 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah, you can always
 24 make a motion. It's just, as a courtesy, I
 25 guess, we kind of -- the chair always

1 refrained, although Mark frequently failed to
 2 refrain.
 3 MR. MILLS: So, again, functionally,
 4 with a five-member board, if two of those
 5 positions are somewhat limited in their
 6 ability to make motions, will second motion,
 7 this frees up the entire resident population
 8 of the board to actively engage in the
 9 community's business -- to Mr. Ross' point, if
 10 they're not -- deliver a better level of
 11 service and a more efficient and productive as
 12 well.
 13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah. Sure. Yeah.
 14 Okay. So we're good. I'll keep it, at least
 15 for this meeting. Okay.
 16 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah. Sure.
 17 MR. MILLS: Thank you.
 18 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes. So audience
 19 comments? Yes. Oh, I'm sorry. We have Davey
 20 in.
 21 MR. MAYS: Mr. Mills requested him to be
 22 here. So Mr. Mills probably has some
 23 questions for him.
 24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Mr. Mills.
 25 MR. MILLS: Yes. I had asked Doug to

1 print out a picture -- a copy of the picture
 2 of the rendering that the board voted to
 3 install at the entrances on Sheldon Road.
 4 And my question is, when is it going to
 5 look like that?
 6 MR. NIEVES: The question is, why does
 7 it look --
 8 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: When is it going to
 9 look like that?
 10 MR. MAYS: When is it going to look like
 11 that?
 12 MR. NIEVES: Can you hear me?
 13 MR. MILLS: Yes.
 14 MR. NIEVES: I'm guessing the question
 15 comes out because I've mentioned to Doug that
 16 a lot of the plant material we got was smaller
 17 than we're used to getting, and the reason, I
 18 explained to him, is not an excuse, but just
 19 explanation on how things work.
 20 And I want to go -- if you give me a
 21 couple minutes -- through everything I went
 22 through and what I'm doing to get -- actually
 23 to make it look like that, like you mentioned,
 24 quicker.
 25 Just so you understand, in central

1 Florida, there's only about -- actually, in
 2 this area, about four growers -- so most of
 3 the stuff, the nurseries you see, they're
 4 buying from Miami or other areas.
 5 And in this case, the plant material
 6 that we have the most in there, which is the
 7 oleanders, came from Miami. So what we always
 8 used, we're used to getting a three-gallon,
 9 you know, the width and the height. It wasn't
 10 anything like it, but that's basically the way
 11 it is, is the nursery move the plants.
 12 As soon as they get -- you know,
 13 somebody brings it over, they try to sell it
 14 as quick as possible, and nobody holds them to
 15 get a certain width. This time of the year,
 16 that's the best I could get. And that's just
 17 so -- just so you know how -- that I was
 18 trying my best, I actually added 60 more to
 19 the count that I actually quoted you. I took
 20 it on my penny.
 21 So if we were to go and count all the
 22 shrubs -- of the oleanders, there's 60 more.
 23 Why am I saying this? Just to let you know
 24 that I am -- that I was aware it wasn't
 25 looking the way I wanted it to look.

1 After we did all the installation, Doug
 2 approached me. He called me first, and I
 3 wasn't sure what areas we were talking about.
 4 We did the main entrance, we did all the
 5 areas. And then out of the main entrance, he
 6 pointed out the two areas that you were
 7 concerned more about, and which I understood
 8 completely.
 9 So, to be honest, at the beginning, I
 10 approached it like I do most of my jobs. Oh,
 11 I bid it so many plants. That's what I put
 12 in. That's that. And I'm just being honest.
 13 But later, I took the time -- and at
 14 that point, I actually said, "I'm going to add
 15 so many plants more." We added about \$300
 16 worth of plants. It looked better. Still not
 17 looking the way it needs to be.
 18 In getting prepared for this meeting, I
 19 actually went and saw a couple of the Kimco
 20 Properties, which are the ones that the
 21 landscaping is the way we want it to look, and
 22 it really hit me. It's really far beyond what
 23 we need to be, besides that it's going to
 24 grow, it's going to thicken out.
 25 Yes, it's going to look beautiful. I

1 will add -- it wasn't on the quote, but I will
 2 add 60 more plants -- actually it's going to
 3 be 20 -- just to give you information -- 20
 4 liriopes, which were not in the -- basically,
 5 by looking at the Kimco landscaping, I saw
 6 that they have plants that I didn't put in,
 7 which are liriopes, fox ferns, and alamandas.
 8 And I'm adding 20 of each. That should
 9 thicken up a lot, make it a big impact. And
 10 in terms of growth, I mean, you might not want
 11 to hear this, but I say in no more than three
 12 months everything should be really thick.
 13 I mean, obviously the four trees that I
 14 put in have not even one leaf on it. That's
 15 just nature. It's that time of the year that
 16 that's going to be a main show, and obviously
 17 you have not seen it there. It's just a
 18 standard hibiscus -- not standard --
 19 MR. MAYS: Crape myrtles.
 20 MR. NIEVES: -- crape myrtles.
 21 Actually, most of the stuff I got is the same
 22 gallons or bigger. So what I'm saying is, I
 23 am trying, but this is going to be done by
 24 tomorrow. The new plants that I'm adding,
 25 they will be there tomorrow.

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1 We're keeping an eye on it. We're
2 fertilizing it. So I guess what I'm trying to
3 go say is, I'm trying to show you that I am
4 concerned, that I have seen that it's not
5 looking the way we want it to look, not only
6 the way you want it, I want it to look
7 thicker.
8 So I did mention to Doug that after we
9 do this, then maybe we want to revisit it in a
10 month or so just to see if we really need to
11 add more, because at some point, maybe adding
12 too much is going to be damaging, it's not
13 going to be a good idea.
14 So I say, if it's okay with you guys,
15 you know, let's look at it in a month or so
16 with the plant material already growing, and
17 at that point, like I said, we can add more.
18 But all I'm saying, all I'm doing is
19 doing is going to be on my penny. After that
20 point, I think that -- you know, I'm hoping
21 that I have shown you that I've put more than
22 what's actually quoted, and if we need to add
23 more, then maybe we can talk about it.
24 MR. MILLS: So I appreciate that. I
25 have a question and then a couple of

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1 comments, then I'll allow the rest of the
2 board to chime in, if they so desire.
3 One of the questions that Doug wasn't
4 sure of when we talked about it, and I thought
5 we were clear at the meeting when we approved
6 this project, was that with the removal of the
7 fountains and the removal of the dry riverbed,
8 that those costs were not to be a savings on
9 this project, but an enhancement of the plant
10 materials.
11 I think Mr. Ross was very clear that we
12 were not looking to wait six months to a year
13 for this to grow in. I think the direction
14 was to get bigger plants and the budget
15 allowed up to the fully approved dollar
16 amount. And there was no discussion at that
17 time, when we were approving this project,
18 that this time of year plant materials aren't
19 available.
20 Everything was -- that the rendering was
21 what we were going to see on Thursday when
22 Costco opens. Additionally, the flower -- the
23 bed area in the rendering in a V shape comes
24 out towards the sidewalk, and it doesn't
25 appear to me that the footprint of the

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1 landscape planted area has been changed at
2 all.
3 MR. NIEVES: Okay. If I can comment.
4 Going back to what you said, we did add it. A
5 lot of the plant material I resend a quote,
6 just stating a lot of three gallons went to
7 seven gallons, all of the podocarpus, the
8 scheffleras, basically till we were -- reached
9 that point.
10 We didn't want to go over the cost that
11 was approved. So we did do that. The reason
12 I didn't mention about the oleanders is
13 because that's really where we dropped the
14 ball is because it was a surprise to me. Yet
15 I know the things do grow slower at this time,
16 but this is a first time for me that I had
17 gotten so small of a plant material.
18 Again, it comes from Miami. I visit the
19 tree farms that are close by. I visit my
20 nurseries that are close by. But these are
21 plants that we don't grow here. So they just
22 bring them in bulk.
23 Whatever I see in a week, that's gone by
24 that week. You know, they bring a thousand,
25 and that's gone. So whatever I saw, you know,

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1 to that point, the next batch is just changed
2 completely. So I -- I hope you understand
3 what I'm saying.
4 But besides that, yes, the rendering had
5 flowers on it. We can actually add flowers,
6 because that's part of the contract. Right
7 now, I wanted to put shrubs and just color,
8 not any flowers. So that can be added.
9 Then again, on the rendering, you know,
10 I do want to mention that -- and I should have
11 explained it -- but the computer, what allows
12 me to put plants, what comes in the app, it's
13 plants that are fully grown already.
14 And I should have explained -- I thought
15 it was a given that no nursery sells fully
16 grown plants. I mean, they do -- we can get
17 them bigger. But, for example, the topiaries,
18 the multi-layer topiaries, that's a picture of
19 an old topiary. Nobody sells those. They're
20 not sold. That's -- you grow like that when
21 they're in the grounds.
22 What I got was the biggest gallons I was
23 able to get, which is what I quoted. It was
24 really hard to get. And, yeah, I wish I could
25 get even bigger, but I just couldn't. And I

1 do understood. I should have explain that
 2 more.
 3 This is kind of new for me. I do
 4 renderings with photos, but usually I don't --
 5 I don't -- I don't get to this issue, and I
 6 should have explained it. So I apologize.
 7 MR. MILLS: Well, you say you're new to
 8 this, but when you presented this, you
 9 referenced Disney experience. That certainly
 10 gave the board a comfort level in what we were
 11 getting and what we were looking for.
 12 I'm certainly not a landscape or plant
 13 expert. But when I drive to Key Largo and I
 14 drive through Kendall and Florida City, you
 15 can buy plants and palm trees and other
 16 material at, you know, 20 feet high if you
 17 want.
 18 I understand there is a cost to that,
 19 but just for the record, I'm not happy, and
 20 as a first attempt for Davey to impress us
 21 with their enhanced landscaping capabilities,
 22 I'm waiting to be satisfied, and I'm not, so
 23 leave it at that.
 24 MR. NIEVES: Just to clarify -- just to
 25 clarify that when I said I'm new at this,

1 meaning using the pictures and -- I mean,
 2 I've done it for a while. It's been like two
 3 years I've been doing with pictures -- or
 4 three years.
 5 But I'm saying that I never ran into a
 6 customer not understanding that those photos
 7 are -- that some of the plant material, like I
 8 said, you cannot find it like that. Yes, you
 9 can find palms big. Yeah, I just installed a
 10 10 -- you know, a 15-footer palm, but those
 11 are palms and trees.
 12 Shrub material, like I said, seven
 13 gallon, that's about, you know, for what we
 14 needed, you can't get bigger than that. So,
 15 you know, I'm not happy to hear that you're
 16 not happy, that I can tell you.
 17 And with what I'm doing tomorrow,
 18 hopefully, when you come over -- I don't know
 19 how long you're going to be out and about --
 20 you're going to see a difference. That's all
 21 I can say, I mean.
 22 MR. MILLS: The shrubs on the island are
 23 bigger than what's in the bid. So I'm not
 24 sure what's going on.
 25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Jim, do you have

1 anything further? Because Matt would like to
 2 make a comment.
 3 MR. MILLS: No. I'm done. Thank you,
 4 Greg.
 5 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Matt.
 6 MR. LEWIS: Yes, I guess just to follow
 7 up with what Jim said, I was very
 8 underwhelmed. I think I called Andy not too
 9 long after you guys put it in there. But not
 10 so much even the size. I mean, obviously we
 11 were thinking, what Jim just said, it was
 12 going to be bigger.
 13 But the color, I mean, I'll be frank. I
 14 thought the picture showed a lot of color.
 15 You said yourself had been to Citrus Park
 16 Mall. There's a lot of color there. There is
 17 no color in that front entrance, is what I see.
 18 I do have one more question. If we go to
 19 Mays Park about the -- you know, on the quote,
 20 there was irrigation. And I would like to know
 21 -- I don't recall ever deleting that from that
 22 quote, but I didn't -- it didn't appear to me
 23 that there was any irrigation.
 24 MR. NIEVES: Yeah, we added --
 25 MR. MAYS: It's in there.

1 MR. LEWIS: We did?
 2 MR. MAYS: Yes.
 3 MR. LEWIS: It's within the rocks or --
 4 MR. MAYS: No. It's in the perimeter.
 5 MR. LEWIS: Okay. I must have missed --
 6 I didn't see it, so --
 7 MR. NIEVES: But -- and I understand.
 8 Color will be there, because I got plants
 9 in there that are going to be, you know,
 10 fuchsia color, I got others that they bloom
 11 pink, I got others that bloom white. It's
 12 just right now is not the time.
 13 When they're established, they will
 14 bloom, but we just put them in there. You
 15 know, some of them brought them, and they drop
 16 them because they do go through a shock.
 17 You're changing them from area to area.
 18 But you will see the color, I mean, and
 19 we're talking end of March.
 20 MR. LEWIS: And I'm sorry. I guess to
 21 just follow up on that, though, I mean, I was
 22 under the impression it was going to be
 23 somewhat colorful all year-round.
 24 Now, I have several crape myrtles in my
 25 yard that obviously they lose their leaves in

1 the winter, but some of these other ones that
 2 look -- I don't know.
 3 I guess I was under the impression that
 4 you guys were presenting something to us -- and
 5 I don't know how the rest of the board feels,
 6 but, you know, this is going to be something
 7 that, for the most part, all year-round is
 8 going to look like this.
 9 MR. NIEVES: Again, they're just brand
 10 new. When they get established, they will be
 11 -- there is going to be a lot more color all
 12 year-round.
 13 MR. LEWIS: Okay.
 14 MR. NIEVES: Like those big perennial
 15 leaves and everything, which are kind of a
 16 darker color, big long leaves, they get this
 17 huge flowers, big white flowers. Again,
 18 they're just brand new. So, right now,
 19 they're rooting. They're looking to establish
 20 themselves. You will get that color. There
 21 is no doubt. That's just --
 22 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Mr. -- are you done?
 23 MR. LEWIS: I'm done.
 24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Mr. Ross.
 25 MR. ROSS: Just a couple of preliminary

1 remarks. I don't know if you're aware, but
 2 we're bound by Sunshine laws. And so the
 3 first that I've heard that Mr. Mills is
 4 unhappy is today.
 5 He and I couldn't get together and
 6 compare notes. You know, how sometimes people
 7 get together, and they'll talk each other into
 8 something. That hasn't happened.
 9 The same thing with Mr. Lewis. The
 10 first time I heard he was unhappy was today.
 11 You're now going to hear it from a third
 12 supervisor.
 13 So at some point, you, as a
 14 representative of your company, have enough
 15 information to say, "Our client is unhappy."
 16 You know, there is a majority, if not
 17 unanimous, the feeling that we didn't get what
 18 we bargained for.
 19 The second thing that I would say sort
 20 of as a procedural point, is that from my
 21 rose-colored viewpoint, from my memory, I
 22 feel we were crystal clear in our
 23 communications. I think Jim Mills is right,
 24 that I specifically articulated that I wanted
 25 fuller plants.

1 I didn't want to hear, "Oh, it's going
 2 to be ready in six months from now." And Jim,
 3 Mr. Mills, specifically emphasized we wanted
 4 all of this by the Costco date. So I
 5 appreciate what you're saying. I don't
 6 believe in public whipping posts. I don't
 7 want to belabor the point. But I personally
 8 feel like I was misled.
 9 I'm not saying you did that or intended
 10 to do that, but I feel like our communications
 11 were clear. There is an understanding by
 12 Davey as to what our expectations were. And
 13 this is just a miserable failure in every
 14 respect.
 15 And the sad part of it is, we were
 16 contemplating doing this for our other
 17 entrances, and this is sort of our first toe
 18 into the water, so to speak. And I don't see
 19 it. I don't see it on a go-forward basis.
 20 I appreciate your pledge to try to make
 21 it better tomorrow and all that kind of stuff.
 22 I'm just not feeling it, and I don't see how
 23 there could have been any misunderstanding by
 24 Davey's part as to what we were expecting,
 25 what was being promised back to us. I just

1 wanted to say what was on my mind.
 2 MR. NIEVES: I hear you.
 3 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. Any
 4 further comments on this.
 5 So we have -- yes, Mr. Barrett.
 6 MR. BARRETT: I know I'm beating a
 7 largely dead horse at this point. I go by
 8 what my wife tells me, and she was absolutely
 9 incredulous when she saw it.
 10 And I drove by, and I'm really
 11 underwhelmed. And then she got right into it,
 12 "What did they do to the beautiful front of
 13 this community," because it just -- it doesn't
 14 look pretty anymore. I mean, it really
 15 doesn't. And I know you're saying it will,
 16 but it actually -- I think it's actually
 17 looking a little embarrassing right now.
 18 And it's a shame, because I -- certainly
 19 as someone who is not on this board, I sat
 20 here thinking that this thing was going to be
 21 like Jim had been pushing outside the mall.
 22 That was the impression I was left with. So
 23 if I was left with it, I can understand that
 24 you guys were left with it.
 25 And then just a couple of other things.

1 I don't know why -- and seeing it now, of
2 course, it occurred to me, but I don't know
3 why an experienced landscaper would put a
4 piece like an oleander which has no leaves for
5 a better part of the winter and have it as a
6 primary piece at an entrance.

7 I think that that's a bad move, and I
8 missed it, but I really think that if you want
9 a beautiful entrance, you don't have bushes or
10 foliage or trees that lose their leaves for
11 the better part until -- you know, from
12 October through June.

13 Anyway, I just feel the need, since I've
14 heard so many snarky remarks from people over
15 the last couple of weeks about it, to just
16 share that.

17 And the other thing that people are
18 really livid about -- and this is a question I
19 was going to ask Doug -- were the trees that
20 were in the median that were all pulled. I
21 heard so many people that were like "How can
22 they justify pulling those large, beautiful
23 trees."

24 And I said -- and at first, I thought
25 they were talking about -- because I thought

1 your expense. So I would say this. I
2 appreciate that you're going to put in the
3 effort to get, you know, some of this
4 corrected by tomorrow.

5 I would say this is an opportunity.
6 Right? It's an opportunity. You've heard the
7 feedback. Right? So if we've got plants at
8 the entrance that don't belong in the plants,
9 maybe now is the time to just go ahead and
10 replace them with what really should be there.

11 And, you know, I appreciate you making
12 that extra investment. At this point, to the
13 point made earlier with the regard to the
14 other entrances, I would say, step up your
15 game, get all hands on deck, do what you can.
16 That's our primary entrance. Make it right.
17 Satisfy this board, because there is more
18 opportunity for Davey, you know, perhaps.

19 So, you know, it's an opportunity for us
20 to just sort of correct it. But, you know,
21 it's -- it's a sense of pride -- right? --
22 you know.

23 MR. NIEVES: Of course. Yes. Of
24 course.

25 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Thank you.

1 they were the trees over by the monument
2 itself that were diseased and dying and had to
3 be pulled. I thought that -- but I was not
4 aware -- was that also the case with the ones
5 in the median? They were --

6 MR. MAYS: Yes, it was. Those are the
7 laurel oaks, and they've got that same
8 disease.

9 MR. BARRETT: All right.

10 MR. MAYS: We've got another one still
11 over by CVS. We're trying to figure out who
12 owns that one because it definitely needs to
13 go. So the problem is, now we have that big
14 hole if we do take that one out, so it's --

15 MR. BARRETT: That was the thing.

16 MR. MAYS: Yeah.

17 MR. BARRETT: I couldn't believe the
18 reaction that --

19 MR. MAYS: The county wouldn't have
20 given us the permit.

21 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: I just -- sorry,
22 Greg. I do want to say one thing.

23 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Sure.

24 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: So you mentioned
25 that you've invested an initial 60 plants at

1 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Yes.

2 MR. ROSS: I'm sorry. It just occurred
3 to me, one of the plants -- and I know nothing
4 about plants, and I apologize -- one of the
5 them that your company specifically touted was
6 a Japanese blueberry plant, I believe, and
7 talking about how it's going to be in full
8 bloom year-round.

9 Is that on site? Was that installed?
10 And how come it's not blooming, or did I just
11 drive by and miss it?

12 MR. NIEVES: Yeah. There's --

13 MR. MAYS: Five of them in the median.

14 MR. NIEVES: There's five in the median.

15 MR. ROSS: So there's five of them

16 and --

17 MR. NIEVES: There's five in the median.
18 There three on one side and two on the other,
19 so --

20 MR. ROSS: So they're blooming and
21 beautiful and I just missed them.

22 MR. NIEVES: They're not blooming, but,
23 like I said --

24 MR. MAYS: They're green.

25 MS. WHYTE: They're lovely and green.

1 MR. BARRETT: They're the Christmas tree
2 shaped ones?
3 MR. NIEVES: V-shaped ones.
4 MS. WHYTE: Uh-huh.
5 MR. NIEVES: Yes.
6 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: If I can be of help
7 on the laurel oak by the CVS, when we redid
8 the road there, we left a wall there. That's
9 the property line. So the wall there is
10 actually ours. So if it's on this side of the
11 wall, which I think it is, it's ours.
12 MR. MAYS: The wall that's inside the
13 parking lot.
14 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah. Yeah. Which,
15 by the way, is crumbling and probably is a
16 hazard, probably should remove parts of it.
17 So that can help you --
18 MS. WHYTE: Inside the wall is ours,
19 too, the brick wall?
20 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes. If you go in
21 their parking lot, you're going to see an old
22 wall.
23 MS. WHYTE: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.
24 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: That is the original
25 wall before they widened the road out over

1 there. That used to be the Westchase wall.
2 It's still there.
3 MS. WHYTE: All those gas lines and
4 everything --
5 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yeah, there's a whole
6 bunch of stuff back there. Anyways --
7 MR. MAYS: Well, that answers that
8 question then.
9 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All right. So any
10 further supervisor requests, comments.
11 (No response.)
12 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Audience comments.
13 Yes.
14 MR. BARRETT: I feel like Mr. Grouch
15 today, and I apologize.
16 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Well, I'm going to
17 talk to you after the meeting.
18 MR. BARRETT: I'll preface this by
19 saying, thank you to Andy and Erin. Everyone
20 does a great job here every month. And
21 especially Doug and Sonny, they really do a
22 great job.
23 I'll raise one issue that I think is
24 significant for the district as a whole in
25 terms of public requests for documents.

1 Three months ago, I made my first
2 request for financials regarding the Harbor
3 Links lights. I wanted to kind of look at the
4 whole issue about whether or not -- I kind of
5 wanted to tout a success story, frankly,
6 about, you know, taking the gas lights and
7 replacing them with the LEDs, you saved money,
8 and it's paid -- I really thought it was a
9 positive opportunity for a success story.
10 And I requested it now three months in a
11 row from district staff, and I have not gotten
12 it. And I think that that potentially -- I'm
13 certainly am not going to do anything from it.
14 I have no intention of, you know, wanting to
15 cost residents money, but if this is more than
16 just an issue for me, that would become a very
17 costly problem for the district from what I
18 heard about public documents requests.
19 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah.
20 MR. BARRETT: So I would just ask that
21 -- and, Andy, if you need me to --
22 MS. WHYTE: He's requested it, I
23 requested it.
24 MR. MENDENHALL: Okay.
25 MS. WHYTE: And I got part from Alan.

1 And my apologies, I did drop the ball. I had
2 a little bit on my plate.
3 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Mr. Ross.
4 MR. ROSS: Did you just make the request
5 to our local staff, or did you make it to Andy
6 as well?
7 MR. BARRETT: Well, I did. I didn't --
8 MS. WHYTE: Me.
9 MR. BARRETT: And she said last month --
10 last month was like my second time or almost
11 my third time of requesting it, and she said
12 she was going to pass it on to the district
13 staff, either Sergio or Alan, and so I assumed
14 that already happened.
15 MR. ROSS: Yeah, we all make mistakes.
16 I make them every single day. But I was
17 curious, had it gone to this level --
18 MR. BARRETT: I had not.
19 MR. ROSS: -- and if it had not, then I
20 think it makes sense. Will you make sure it's
21 done by next meeting, that he gets what he
22 needs?
23 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah. Sure. Yeah.
24 MR. ROSS: Simple as that.
25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: And I was aware. I

1 did talk to her, and I think you did not.
 2 Yeah. Whatever. Yes.
 3 MS. WHYTE: (Inaudible)
 4 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. Any further
 5 comments?
 6 (No response.)
 7 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. So I just want
 8 to make sure that you understand notes to the
 9 meeting, we want to see the -- want to review
 10 the debt payback documents and understand the
 11 change in fund balance --
 12 MR. MENDENHALL: Uh-huh.
 13 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: -- and understand the
 14 change in overall cash position, those three
 15 things. If you could send those out.
 16 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes. I have an email
 17 from Alan, but I want to ask him some
 18 questions on it, so I'll forward them on to
 19 you.
 20 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. And then
 21 you're going to make sure that Tonja prepares
 22 an erosion document, and if you could just
 23 keep that on the agenda until --
 24 MR. MENDENHALL: Sure can.
 25 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Okay. A motion to

1 MR. LEWIS: Second.
 2 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: All in favor signify
 3 by saying aye.
 4 (All board members signify in the
 5 affirmative. Motion passes.)
 6 (At 6:10 p.m., the meeting adjourns.)
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1 adjourn is in order.
 2 MR. ROSS: Do we need to recognize --
 3 somebody has been sitting here patiently.
 4 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Oh, I'm sorry. I
 5 just assumed you were observing.
 6 MS. HENSLEY: I'm a resident here, and
 7 we bought our house in 2010. We just moved in
 8 in 2015, and we're retired. My husband just
 9 retired two weeks ago from the military. And
 10 I don't know a lot about what all Sunshine
 11 laws or anything -- I come from Virginia,
 12 where we were last -- or at least for myself.
 13 So I just want to get to know you and
 14 hear what you all do. So if you see me often,
 15 you'll know I'm here.
 16 MR. ROSS: Well, one thing you've just
 17 learned, everything you're saying is being
 18 typed up by her. So you need to state your
 19 name so she can get your name on the record.
 20 MS. HENSLEY: My name is Karen Hensley.
 21 MS. HESSLER GRIFFITH: Welcome, Karen.
 22 MS. HENSLEY: Welcome.
 23 CHAIRMAN CHESNEY: Yes. Welcome.
 24 Absolutely.
 25 MR. ROSS: I move to adjourn.



James Mills, Chairman