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RE: WESTCHASE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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TRANSCRIPT OF: PROCEEDINGS

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TIME: 4:04 p.m. - 5:56 p.m.

PLACE: Maureen Gauzza Regional Library
Community Room A
11211 Countryway Boulevard
Tampa, Florida

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Notary Public
State of Florida at Large

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APPEARANCES:
WESTCHASE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS:

Matthew Lewis, Chairman
Greg Chesney, Vice Chairman
Jim Wimsatt
Brian Ross
Forrest Baumhover

ALSO PRESENT:

INFRAMARK:
Andy Mendenhall, District Manager

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:
Erin McCormick

DISTRICT ENGINEER:
Robert Dvorak

WESTCHASE STAFF:
Doug Mays
Sonny Whyte

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1 The transcript of Westchase Community
 2 Development District Board Meeting, on the 4th day
 3 of January, 2022, at the Maureen Gauzza Regional
 4 Library, Community Room A, 11211 Countryway
 5 Boulevard, Tampa, Florida, beginning at 4:04 p.m.,
 6 reported by Kimberly Ann Roberts, Notary Public in
 7 and for the State of Florida at Large.
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9 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All right. Let me call
 10 the meeting to order, and we'll note that all
 11 supervisors are here, including staff, minus
 12 Erin McCormick, our attorney, but she is on
 13 her way.

14 And this is the CDD meeting for Tuesday,
 15 January 4th, 2022. I hope that everybody had
 16 a nice holiday and new year so far. It sounds
 17 like it, some of the stories we're sharing.

18 It's good to see everybody at the
 19 meeting. And we'll start it off with our
 20 Pledge of Allegiance at this point.
 21 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)
 22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Thank you. All right.
 23 Moving on to the consent agenda, we have a
 24 motion to approve that, and the financial
 25 statements as well.

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1 MR. WIMSATT: I will move to approve.
 2 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Moved by Mr. -- Jim.
 3 Any second?
 4 MR. BAUMHOVER: Second.
 5 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Seconded by Forrest.
 6 Any discussion.
 7 (No response.)
 8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All right. All in
 9 favor?
 10 (All board members signify in the
 11 affirmative, and the motion passes.)
 12 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Passes five to zero.
 13 Thank you, guys.
 14 We have on the agenda here about -- the
 15 next one is the tree -- the discussion of the
 16 tree plan, and we can discuss that. I know
 17 that Kevin -- or excuse me -- Mark Hughes was
 18 not able to make it today. He wasn't aware of
 19 the email that Sonny sent out. We can still
 20 talk about that.
 21 But what I would kind of like to do is
 22 move up the discussion of the vultures, and
 23 since we have a visitor from the USDA, I would
 24 like to try and get that out of the way, so we
 25 don't take up all of your time.

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1 That way, you can be here for as little
 2 amount as possible and drive two hours back to
 3 Gainesville. Right?
 4 MS. THOMAS: I'm staying the night
 5 tonight. I have to jump over and visit some
 6 employees. So I'm going to make it worth my
 7 while I'm in Tampa. Thank you, though. I
 8 appreciate your consideration.
 9 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Absolutely. So I
 10 guess, if you would, maybe state your name and
 11 who you are with.
 12 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, absolutely. I'm with
 13 -- go ahead.
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: No. Go ahead.
 15 MS. THOMAS: My name is Cailey Thomas.
 16 I'm with USDA Wildlife Services. I primarily
 17 work out of the Gainesville office; however,
 18 I'm the acting south district supervisor,
 19 which we're based out of the Ruskin, and we
 20 have everything from Ocala all the way down to
 21 Florida Keys is covering our south district.
 22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Great. Thank you. And
 23 you've apparently took -- was it J.C., you
 24 took his place?
 25 MS. THOMAS: Yes. So J.C. was the

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1 previous acting supervisor, the one before
 2 that was Robert Alexander. He was taking
 3 extended medical leave and took medical
 4 retirement.
 5 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Very good.
 6 Well, thank you, and thank you for coming.
 7 And so --
 8 MR. BARRETT: Could you spell your first
 9 name for me, please?
 10 MS. THOMAS: Yes. C-a-i-l-e-y.
 11 MR. BARRETT: Thank you.
 12 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, no problem.
 13 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: And Sonny gave me a
 14 heads up that you guys would be here tonight.
 15 And Eric Holt from the WCA, are you here for
 16 that reason, or are you just here for --
 17 MR. HOLT: Yeah, I'm here knowing that
 18 these folks would be here.
 19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. And we did kind
 20 of talk about this at our last meeting.
 21 So, Eric, did you want to speak about it
 22 or maybe Rick did, or if you did, about what's
 23 going on over there with the vultures. We did
 24 kind of have some other questions. I think
 25 some of the other supervisors might be

1 curious.

2 I know that they had been around a

3 little bit more, and we were hearing that

4 maybe they weren't around as much, and then we

5 heard there is a season now. And so maybe if

6 you guys can maybe give us a rundown, that

7 would be great.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, I defer, just if

9 you wanted to give us a quick recap of your

10 site visit with Brett the other week and what

11 your conclusions are, what you observed, that

12 sort of thing. That might be helpful.

13 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah, that would be

14 great.

15 MS. THOMAS: Okay. Yeah. We were

16 consulted, called in to kind of go over the

17 issues that we were seeing. We were seeing a

18 lot of birds on roofs, of course, and we were

19 seeing these in a lot of conservation areas.

20 One of the big conservation areas that

21 they tend to utilize is a small island, that

22 obviously it's a roost, something that they've

23 established that they have been there for a

24 long period of time.

25 Vultures do have a season. We do have

1 vultures that stay, of course, in Florida all

2 year round. But we do get an influx from

3 everyone else's vultures, of course, fly down

4 south for the winter. Like people, they

5 follow a path.

6 And so, unfortunately, due to the amount

7 of just urban development, they get really

8 pushed into these conservation areas, which,

9 of course, have impacted several communities

10 which I was able to look at.

11 Now, don't quote me on which community I

12 looked at, at which time, because it was kind

13 of a quicker tour. But, yeah, we were

14 definitely seeing damage, we were definitely

15 seeing a lot of feces, a lot of feathers on

16 roofs. We witnessed some lanais that had

17 holes in them and had tears because vultures

18 have pretty sharp claws; and when they bounce

19 kind of across the roofs, which you kind of

20 see them do because they're not very graceful,

21 they end up poking holes in lanais, in the

22 screens.

23 So that was kind of what is the gist of

24 what we were witnessing. Unfortunately, with

25 the waystations not being very far and, like

1 I said, just influx of urban development, we

2 are seeing a lot of this in Florida. It's

3 unfortunately not a unique situation. I think

4 I have contracts with about six other HOAs

5 currently that were also dealing with similar

6 issues, as well as a university and two

7 schools. So that's kind of what you were

8 looking for?

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes. Yeah. Thank you.

10 (Ms. McCormick enters the room.)

11 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. And let the

12 record reflect that Erin McCormick has

13 attended the meeting at this point. Hi, Erin.

14 MS. McCORMICK: Hi. Sorry I'm late.

15 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: That's okay. We

16 actually just dived into the turkey vulture

17 discussion.

18 MS. McCORMICK: Oh, okay. Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: We have a visitor from

20 the USDA, as well some other familiar folks.

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: May I -- I just want to

22 add one thing.

23 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yes, Rick.

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: When we were doing the

25 site visit, one of the things that you guys

1 pointed out is that these birds were going

2 after things like rubber and stuff like that.

3 And one of the problems that we're

4 having for the vultures on the roofs is that

5 there's a skylight, they've gone around, and

6 they're chomping away at the rubber and the

7 coating around there. It's causing some

8 leaks, and these needs repair and so forth, in

9 addition to the lanais being disturbed.

10 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. So, you know, we

11 do have an agreement or a contract with USDA.

12 And you probably know, we are a CDD board, and

13 obviously I think you guys are talking with

14 the HOA well. That's why Mr. Holt is here.

15 MS. THOMAS: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I'm not sure if there

17 is an agreement in place at this point or

18 anything for activities from your office. But

19 I think where we as a board had allowed J.C.

20 to go was to hang some effigies.

21 MS. THOMAS: Right.

22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: And I kind of wanted to

23 get your take on that. I mean, is it

24 something that's not working; and if that's

25 not working, where do we go from here, because

1 I know we have been told about like fireworks
 2 or pyrotechnics, possibly lethal kills.
 3 Maybe if you can kind of run through
 4 that on what you're thinking and --
 5 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. So when I first
 6 spoke with J.C. and he kind of gave me the
 7 update from what, you know, kind of the CDC
 8 had in mind is, is they weren't very
 9 interested in doing a lot of noise or doing
 10 anything very extreme.
 11 So the least extreme version that we
 12 have is just hanging effigies. They're very
 13 passive, they do work, but the bad thing is,
 14 is when you have a really established issue
 15 that's been going on for a long period of
 16 time, it's kind of a band-aid.
 17 They work better in conjunction. It's
 18 kind of like if you have multiple tools in a
 19 toolbox, you can get a lot better job done
 20 than if you're just stuck with using one; and
 21 that's kind of the unfortunate part with the
 22 effigies. Do we use them a lot of times
 23 successfully? Yes.
 24 But the problem is, is you have a large
 25 area to cover, and just hanging effigies from

1 one side to the other I don't think is going
 2 to be the best use of our time and your time
 3 to try to mitigate the actual issues that are
 4 occurring.
 5 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Yes.
 6 MR. BAUMHOVER: I'm Forrest Baumhover,
 7 I'm one of the board members. I wanted to at
 8 least recall my memory of what J.C. had
 9 presented to us in kind of -- at least my
 10 impression was that this was going to be a
 11 series of escalation -- escalating measures.
 12 MS. THOMAS: Yes.
 13 MR. BAUMHOVER: So the first instance
 14 was the effigies. At that point, I was under
 15 the impression that they were somewhere
 16 between 95 and 99 percent effective.
 17 MS. THOMAS: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah. No.
 18 MR. BAUMHOVER: Like the other measures
 19 -- I mean, if you walk through the area, and
 20 you can kind of see maybe our hesitation to,
 21 you know, go out and start shooting animals
 22 with, you know, kind of houses right in the
 23 area.
 24 MS. THOMAS: Uh-huh.
 25 MR. BAUMHOVER: And so that's the

1 visualization I actually had when J.C. started
 2 talking about using these lethal measures. So
 3 maybe I'm under -- maybe my impression is not
 4 the one that you want us to have.
 5 Can you walk us through what the
 6 pyrotechnics and the lethal measures might
 7 look like if we were to go in that direction,
 8 in addition to anything else you would
 9 recommend with the effigies? What would it
 10 look like from your perspective?
 11 MS. THOMAS: Oh, yeah, absolutely. So
 12 the biggest thing is, is lethal, we try to do
 13 the least as possible -- right? -- because
 14 that's the highest risk. So we're very
 15 strategic about what we use where and when.
 16 You know, timing is key.
 17 Lethal is going to help in this
 18 situation because you have a lot of birds that
 19 are just so used to people, they just are.
 20 They have lost a lot of their fear, and they
 21 get, you know, car horns and air brakes and,
 22 just noise, constant ambient noise, and,
 23 honestly, they just get used to it, just like
 24 a lot of other species do.
 25 Normally what we recommend is usually a

1 lot of noise or pyrotechnics, which is the
 2 fireworks that you were discussing. They're
 3 made for nuisance wildlife. That's exactly
 4 what they're made for, so they don't fall
 5 under the same laws that fireworks do.
 6 So with them, they're mainly noise.
 7 There's no -- I mean, yes, there's fire, but,
 8 generally speaking, they're very, very safe.
 9 I mean, we pop off thousands and thousands of
 10 them from one end of our state to the other,
 11 and hardly ever, ever have one had an incident
 12 with the amount that we use.
 13 The bad thing about noise disturbance is
 14 they not only harass the vultures, they also
 15 harass people. We use more noise, and
 16 non-lethal is I would say 95 percent of what
 17 we use. Everything but effigies, of course,
 18 effigies are non-lethal. We try to use as
 19 much non-lethal as we can.
 20 Unfortunately, when we get backed into a
 21 corner, which is the situation I feel like
 22 they're in, you have a really bad issue. And
 23 I don't want to say that let's count lethal
 24 out if I think it could be useful. But is it
 25 going to be something that we use very

1 strategically? Absolutely.
 2 I mean, one bullet in one wrong place
 3 puts my agency on the hot seat, and we can get
 4 sued over that. We could lose our entire
 5 state program for something like that.
 6 We train ridiculously to use our
 7 firearms. We use our firearms more than any
 8 other agency in the United States, and that
 9 includes the military. And so I understand
 10 this is home. I have a home, too. I have a
 11 family. I wouldn't want anything that's high
 12 powered or this or that close to anybody's
 13 home. Oh, of course not. But this is what we
 14 do every day.
 15 MR. BAUMHOVER: Okay.
 16 MS. THOMAS: Like I said, we do have
 17 contracts with six other HOAs currently in
 18 south Florida. Like I said, I have a
 19 university and as well as a school -- two
 20 schools, actually -- that are currently all
 21 having vulture issues. So it is something that
 22 we're familiar with.
 23 My thing is, is I would like to do
 24 something really aggressive to start out with
 25 for about two weeks. For two weeks, I want to

1 rain everything that I have on the vultures,
 2 like because we've got to flip the script.
 3 Right now, they're running the show.
 4 They're partying like rock stars, having gone
 5 to this house and going to this house, and
 6 nobody can do anything; and unless we are
 7 really aggressive at pushing that back, like I
 8 said, for a good two-week period -- and like I
 9 said, it's going to be mainly first thing in
 10 the morning and mainly in the evening, because
 11 during the day they may go around here and
 12 there, but where we're getting most of the
 13 problems is going to be first thing in the
 14 morning and in the evening.
 15 So that last hour before dark, we
 16 definitely want to break up that roost. That
 17 island is like vulture kingdom. It's
 18 secluded, it has big trees, it has a water
 19 source. It's like every possible which way to
 20 be wrong for us, but it's great for vultures,
 21 and we have to kind of, like I said, overthrow
 22 that and push them elsewhere.
 23 Now, where we go, we won't have any
 24 control over where they go. They're going to
 25 go somewhere, but we've got to get them to

1 where they're disbursing at a lot lower
 2 numbers, and to me, that's what it's going to
 3 take to get a change, and a change that we can
 4 kind of sustain for a longer period of time.
 5 MR. BAUMHOVER: Can I ask a second
 6 question --
 7 MS. THOMAS: Yeah.
 8 MR. BAUMHOVER: -- maybe a follow-up.
 9 So imagine that we kind of declare victory for
 10 now. Is there anything that we could do as a
 11 community, whether it's, you know, continued
 12 activity or something else, engagement of the
 13 county on the transfer station?
 14 What else could we do to maybe mitigate
 15 the risk that this comes up in the future?
 16 MS. THOMAS: I would continue
 17 harassment, because, essentially, how I
 18 explain vultures to people is like training
 19 two-year-olds. It's like toddlers that have
 20 nothing better to do than to mess with things,
 21 like because that's what they are.
 22 They're like I'm going to pick at this,
 23 I'm going to pick at that, I'm going to pick
 24 at this because they just have time.
 25 So when we're dealing with vultures,

1 vultures flock in numbers. Right? They start
 2 with two, and two is four, and four, eight, 16,
 3 and then I have 25, and then I have a hundred,
 4 because they flock. They flock and flock and
 5 flock.
 6 And if we can break that cycle from
 7 happening where we only have a few birds with
 8 some harassment, like I said, we would easily
 9 go where, like I said, pyrotechnics at the
 10 first of the year when they start grouping
 11 into that roost, if we can break it up early,
 12 we won't have the continued problem.
 13 Now you've got vulture paradise. I'm
 14 not saying that this is a problem that won't
 15 be reoccurring, in the sense of you're always
 16 going to have them trying to creep back in.
 17 And like I said, we can give you tools
 18 as a community to be able to use to mitigate
 19 the vultures. You can have us mitigate the
 20 vultures, whatever is easiest for you guys.
 21 We're just here to help.
 22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So I got a question
 23 about that. Did you say you had to use the
 24 pyrotechnics in the morning and in the
 25 evening, or is it just in the evening, or once

1 a day?

2 MS. THOMAS: I may shoot a hundred

3 pyros, or I could shoot two. The vultures are

4 going to determine how many I'm going to

5 rattle off, and I'm going to keep hitting them

6 with it until they do what I want them to.

7 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So if you do it in the

8 morning, what is the time frame that you would

9 be looking at?

10 MS. THOMAS: First thing in the morning,

11 break of day --

12 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Is that like at 6:00,

13 7:00?

14 MS. THOMAS: -- break of daylight.

15 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So right now about

16 7:00?

17 MS. THOMAS: Uh-huh. Yeah. Because,

18 essentially, if we can break up the roost in

19 the evening, that's going to be the most

20 important because that's where they sleep at

21 night. They're all going to gang up on this

22 roost, and they're going to be there.

23 If we don't let them sleep there,

24 they're going to have to sleep somewhere else.

25 So there's going to be less vultures first

1 thing in the morning because they slept

2 somewhere else last night.

3 However, like we saw, they're still

4 coming into the community in the sun. You'll

5 see them laying out their feathers, sitting on

6 roofs and warming up and drying their feathers

7 off. So we don't want them to go, oh, okay,

8 well, we just can't sleep here, but we can

9 still settle our feathers and leave all our

10 debris and everything else on the roofs.

11 Will it be a lot less in the morning?

12 Absolutely. The biggest time we're going to

13 use pyrotechnics is breaking up that roost.

14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Go ahead, Eric.

15 MR. HOLT: Just as it's relevant in

16 response to Forrest's question, as an HOA,

17 we're anticipating the possibility, maybe even

18 the likelihood, that they get pushed off onto

19 the CDD's property, and then they start

20 roosting on the WCA property?

21 We've already even budgeted, a potential

22 contract budgeted with the USDA if we have to

23 basically replicate the work in the contract

24 that we're expecting to do with the CDD in

25 this case.

1 So I don't know. I think long-term, as

2 an HOA board member, I'm looking at this in

3 the possibility that we may have a continued

4 maintenance budget in our operating budget

5 moving, again, just like any other maintenance

6 to deal with, you know, keeping the vultures

7 at bay, so to speak, or in control.

8 So, you know, I think a lot of us are

9 concerned, just as you are, of course, that if

10 we push them off of that island, where do they

11 go?

12 But I don't think there'd be a lot of

13 support from the residents' standpoint to say,

14 well, we'll just deal with it so that nobody

15 else has to deal with it.

16 I think our job is to protect our homes

17 and our community, and as long as they're off

18 of our property, it's kind of not our problem,

19 even though it may be somebody else's.

20 But in terms of the CDD, yes. The WCA

21 is sitting in the wings, waiting to see what

22 happens here. And if it ends up being our

23 problem, so to speak, from a contractual

24 standpoint, we're already having discussions

25 and budgeting for that possibility, until it's

1 gone, at least for the short term.

2 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yes. Jim.

3 MR. WIMSATT: I just wanted to make sure

4 that -- it sounds like they're saying it's

5 probably going to be a yearly thing. They're

6 going to be coming in every year, they're

7 going to have to get driven off, maybe driven

8 from place to place, but it's going to be a

9 regular occurrence. It's probably going to --

10 MS. THOMAS: It could be. I mean, we've

11 had HOAs that we've worked for a few years,

12 and then it's very, very minimal, and then they

13 keep like a maintenance agreement, where it

14 might be something like just a few thousand

15 dollars, and they use us a couple times a

16 year, and I might never hear from them. They

17 may never call us.

18 But they keep that little agreement just

19 in place, just in case something happens.

20 And, like I said, some of them, I've worked

21 for three to five years, and then they're

22 like, hey, we don't want to do this anymore.

23 I'm like, okay. Cool. Great.

24 And then, you know, like I said, I was

25 like -- you know, I've had them call me back

1 and they're like, hey, yeah, you know, we --
2 you worked this for two years, we said we were
3 good, but, you know, that was three years ago,
4 and now they're starting to creep back in, and
5 then we got ahead of it.

6 I don't want to say that this is going
7 to be an annual thing. I don't want to say
8 it's going to be three years or five years or
9 give you a time line. It's just because I've
10 seen so many different HOAs have so many
11 different scenarios.

12 And then sometimes, you know, we've
13 started with the vultures and ended up with
14 pigeons, and then now we're at raccoons. So,
15 you know we've been used for a lot of
16 different things.

17 It just depends on the HOA and the
18 situation. I have a feeling, just based on
19 the amount of area that these vultures tend to
20 cover and the least amount of habitat that
21 they have, and, of course, with development
22 it's concentrating them even more, plus, this
23 is something that they have really made a
24 habit of doing, they really like this roost,
25 they really like the cypress head, they really

1 say, hey, the USDA will be out here working.
2 They're going to be working at set times and
3 set hours, and we are going to have a lot of
4 noise harassment during this time. It is for
5 A, B and C. And then they send that out.

6 Some of them say less is better. If
7 they complain, tell them to call, you know,
8 whatever person, and, you know, they direct it
9 through their own committee. I've had them do
10 it that way.

11 It's really up to you guys. We can give
12 them as little or as much information, like I
13 said, as we want to. Normally, it's with
14 lethal that we definitely give them a lot of
15 information on just because we don't want to
16 scare anybody if they do see a firearm with a
17 person.

18 Normally, like I said, we have a notice,
19 we have government tags, we have USDA on our
20 truck, maybe USDA on our bodies. Like we're
21 clearly marked as that's who we are.

22 But, normally, especially with lethal,
23 it's very scheduled when and where we're going
24 to be with that. And, of course, you know,
25 the sheriff's office is usually who we -- at

1 like this over here; and when you have them
2 where they're so ingrained that this is what
3 they do every year -- and vultures are
4 actually pretty long-living bird. I mean, we
5 have them easily into the 20 years in
6 captivity -- you have to break that
7 continually over time.

8 So I just want to prepare you that it
9 could be a longer-term maintenance. But, like
10 I said, I hate to back myself in the corner
11 with a time line.

12 MR. WIMSATT: I guess my other question
13 is, so if we're doing like pyrotechnics, you
14 know, early in the morning, late in the
15 everyone, do you all -- I mean, that area has
16 houses surrounding it.

17 Do you all provide notice to those
18 houses, or is it up to us or somebody else?
19 I'm just asking, do you all provide notice, or
20 you're kind of going to be out there popping
21 off the pyrotechnics and that's how people
22 find out about it?

23 MS. THOMAS: I've had different HOAs do
24 different things. Some of them send it out
25 like in a newsletter. And they just kind of

1 the county level is usually who we also notify
2 with that. We work a lot of times with them.

3 Like I said, they call us, we call them,
4 so we'll have, you know, relationships just so
5 everybody is in the know of what's happening.

6 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: The two-week
7 enforcement that you're talking about that
8 you're wanting to maybe recommend, is that
9 including lethal, or is that just pyrotechnic?

10 MS. THOMAS: Well, I would like to
11 include lethal in that, if I could, but I
12 would -- like I said, in that two-week period,
13 I want to be able to throw everything and the
14 kitchen sink at them, because I want to make
15 an impact as hard as I possibly can to disrupt
16 this cycle. It's got to be thrown out of
17 whack. If not, they're going to continue to
18 do the same exact same thing, and it's going
19 to take a hard push, and it's going to take
20 man-hours really,

21 Now, after that, I think you can go down
22 to a few days a week, and then less, and then
23 less, and then, like I said, if it's dead, you
24 know, you're not going to see us.

25 If it starts picking back up, then I'm

1 going to tell you, and then we'll start
 2 picking it back up again.
 3 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Just curious, how many
 4 lethal measures, I mean, for this particular
 5 situation -- and I know I'm putting you on the
 6 spot, but --
 7 MS. THOMAS: Uh-huh.
 8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: -- what would you
 9 consider? Do you shoot one, do you shoot ten,
 10 do you shoot 20?
 11 MS. THOMAS: It's as needed. If I shoot
 12 one and his friend don't leave, he's going to
 13 die, too.
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Oh, so you may shoot
 15 all of them.
 16 MS. THOMAS: No. It's going -- they're
 17 not going to like it when they start seeing
 18 their buddies die. I mean, it's going to --
 19 it's going to be aggressive when we start
 20 taking -- we take very particular shots.
 21 If I have a clean shot and I can take it
 22 at the angle that I'm sitting at, like I said,
 23 and I can take one and his buddy doesn't move,
 24 I may take two.
 25 Well, that's two effigies now that I can

1 use to then reinforce what that action was and
 2 that disturbance was.
 3 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 4 MS. THOMAS: I have permits with the
 5 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to be able to
 6 take black vultures, which is primarily what
 7 you have issues with. So you guys wouldn't --
 8 as an HOA wouldn't have to pull your own
 9 permits. If I'm doing the work, I can use
 10 mine.
 11 Now, if you would like to pull your own
 12 permit, you're more than welcome to through
 13 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Any other
 15 questions? Yes.
 16 MR. ROSS: I'm kind of like Forrest. I
 17 had a different impression as to the
 18 effectiveness of the effigies. I thought it
 19 was much higher.
 20 And so I don't blame anybody, other than
 21 there was just a communication disconnect, and
 22 I want to make sure we don't have that happen
 23 again.
 24 MS. THOMAS: Okay.
 25 MR. ROSS: So when I hear you talking

1 about the different options, I'm curious as to
 2 whether or not you have the ability to reduce
 3 to writing exactly what is your recommendation
 4 for our community, this is how you should do
 5 this, or what you should do when, all those
 6 kind of things, and then we won't have the
 7 disconnect. It will clearly be set forth in
 8 writing as to your recommendations. Is that
 9 something you can do?
 10 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. We can give you just
 11 a brief overview of what we think. My thing
 12 is, is I could write up and in theory this is
 13 my plan of what I think it should do.
 14 When you get into start enacting a plan,
 15 you can start to go, oh, oh, wow, they push
 16 really great with pyrotechnics. We can use
 17 whistlers, and we don't have to use any
 18 lethal. It's working great.
 19 Well, I'm not going to tell you I'm
 20 going to take 20 birds and then not need to,
 21 but I don't need to and they're doing great at
 22 a lower level, then why wouldn't I use that?
 23 My thing is, is I just want to make sure
 24 that just because I write out a plan, A, B,
 25 and C, doesn't -- wildlife don't read it, so a

1 lot of times they don't necessarily go with
 2 what my thoughts are.
 3 MR. BAUMHOVER: I think we would be
 4 understanding if you put into writing maybe
 5 the most aggressive plan.
 6 MS. THOMAS: Okay.
 7 MR. BAUMHOVER: And then we would
 8 understand if you used your judgment to scale
 9 it back as you see fit.
 10 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, I think that's fair.
 11 MR. WIMSATT: Yeah. If there's a
 12 ceiling, and then maybe things can go lower
 13 from there.
 14 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, absolutely.
 15 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah, I think the other
 16 thing, too -- and I need to ask Erin -- but at
 17 this point, as a board, we have only approved
 18 the use of the effigies.
 19 MS. THOMAS: Yes.
 20 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So at this point, I
 21 think -- and you guys tell me -- at least we'd
 22 want to see this plan before we make a
 23 decision, or is that something that we want to
 24 -- which I -- that's my opinion. I'm going to
 25 go ahead and say it -- or is that something

1 that somebody wants to make a motion that we
 2 do something tonight?
 3 I mean, I don't know if that helps. But
 4 we would need to amend that. Right, Erin,
 5 or --
 6 MS. McCORMICK: Yes, we would, and that
 7 was something that is your agency's agreement
 8 that I had worked with getting some
 9 modifications made to it, so I'm happy to go
 10 back to that agreement, and we can, you know,
 11 revise it, and I think it contemplated that
 12 there might be additional measures that would
 13 be taken in the future.
 14 But if there is any changes that your
 15 agency has had to the form of the agreement
 16 that I want to use, then we should do that.
 17 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. Typically, we would
 18 write a new agreement. We would form a new
 19 work plan, which is basically what they're
 20 asking for, is a part of that agreement when I
 21 write it up. Yeah.
 22 MS. McCORMICK: Okay. Yeah. And so I
 23 have the old agreement. So if you want to
 24 send me the new agreement, and I can just
 25 compare it to what we did previously in case

1 there's anything -- any changes that were made
 2 to it.
 3 MS. THOMAS: The biggest thing with the
 4 agreement is, what we do is, we do a working
 5 financial plan, as well as a work plan, which
 6 is essentially what you all guys are asking
 7 for kind of the steps of the overview of what
 8 we think is kind of our plan of action to deal
 9 with the issues at Westchase.
 10 And normally, like I said, that is a
 11 government form. It's very black and white.
 12 It's not something that I can modify without
 13 it going to our old lawyers.
 14 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah. It did get to the
 15 lawyers --
 16 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. Yeah. No --
 17 MS. McCORMICK: -- when we initially had
 18 done it.
 19 MS. THOMAS: Like I said, I can provide
 20 that, that's no problem. The biggest question
 21 that I have going forward is going to be when
 22 I write that typically, we go ahead and write
 23 a financial plan with that. Is that something
 24 you would like for me to include?
 25 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. I'll -- yes.

1 MS. THOMAS: Okay.
 2 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Thank you. Eric, did
 3 you have something?
 4 MR. HOLT: If I could make a comment.
 5 I'm not sure how much detail you received from
 6 our board meeting about this, but I thought I
 7 would ask one question and then make a
 8 comment.
 9 My question was or my assumption, if you
 10 use lethal, you collect the birds, I assume,
 11 to remove them?
 12 MS. THOMAS: Yes.
 13 MR. HOLT: The comment, in case you
 14 weren't already aware, is that after our
 15 discussion at the HOA meeting, from a
 16 practical standpoint, it doesn't sound like
 17 any action is going to be recommended until
 18 next fall -- is that your recollection as
 19 well? -- because of the timing and the
 20 migration, to try to pull something off in the
 21 spring might not be as effective as waiting
 22 until they return in the fall.
 23 MS. THOMAS: That's totally up to you
 24 guys. When you want the agreement enacted,
 25 usually we can do agreements annually in a do

1 not exceed amount.
 2 So, for instance, let's just say you
 3 wrote the agreement for \$20,000, just a flat
 4 number, 20,000, and let's just say you all
 5 sign it enacting as of February 1st. Well,
 6 then it would go through February 1st of the
 7 following year.
 8 And the other thing is, is we do a bill
 9 amount. So if we use 5,000 of the 20 and we
 10 bill you for it, that would be all that we
 11 spent. It was just we did \$5,000 worth of
 12 work. Here you go.
 13 So just because we write an agreement
 14 for 20,000 does not mean that we will spend
 15 \$20,000 on the agreement. Go ahead.
 16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I think just to follow
 17 up on Eric's question. When is the most
 18 efficient time to begin? We need something to
 19 happen now.
 20 MS. THOMAS: Okay.
 21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And I don't know whether
 22 that's an entire plan or a band-aid or
 23 whatever is, or -- but what is the most
 24 efficient time to begin hitting these birds
 25 hard? And if we don't do it now, what do we

1 do in the interim?

2 MS. THOMAS: Well, here's the thing. In

3 the wintertime essentially is when it's going

4 to be the most damage, because that's when the

5 highest number of birds are here. Right?

6 So if we miss winter and we don't get

7 any work done, typically it is going to reduce

8 significantly in the summer, because they go

9 home, Michigan or wherever they go.

10 I mean, we literally have these birds

11 that go anywhere from Michigan to the Florida

12 Keys. We have backpack radio collars just to

13 see how far they go. It's pretty crazy.

14 But would I like to get this at least

15 done by the fall? Absolutely. I mean, if we

16 miss our window now of when you're doing

17 damage, do I still want to have everything in

18 place so we can start as soon you're getting

19 damage? Well, absolutely.

20 I would rather not be behind the eight

21 ball and then we wait until September and

22 you're like, hey, Cailey, I've got birds, and

23 then now we're trying to get the agreement and

24 everything done.

25 MR. GOLDSTEIN: So how soon would you

1 need an agreement in order to begin doing

2 something to help mitigate the situation now?

3 MS. THOMAS: Well, if I can get an

4 agreement, yes, then I would look into getting

5 a technician scheduled, and it would be a

6 couple weeks of just moving some guys'

7 schedules around to start work.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And that would be the

9 most effective thing to do right now, is to

10 begin hitting them?

11 MS. THOMAS: Yes, because now is the hot

12 time of when they're doing the most damage.

13 Yeah, this is when it's going to be the most

14 effective.

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Any other questions

17 or --

18 MR. BAUMHOVER: Erin, what do you think

19 we would need from the board's perspective to

20 kind of allow you to get as far as possible

21 between now and next scheduled meeting?

22 Would you need a motion to authorize you

23 to kind of escalate the contract in some sort

24 of not to exceed amount?

25 MS. McCORMICK: Well, I think the issue

1 is, does the board want to approve this now

2 without the financial plan and the work plan,

3 or do we want to in between now and the next

4 meeting, I can, you know, review the form of

5 the agreement, you can provide me with the

6 financial plan and the work plan, and we can

7 have it ready to be executed if the board

8 approves it at the February meeting?

9 And I think we can, you know, have all

10 of the paperwork done so that the board can

11 make a final decision in February, or it may

12 need additional information at that point,

13 but --

14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Greg, did you have a --

15 MR. CHESNEY: Well, I just had a

16 question. When the first person from the USDA

17 came, he provided a plan that had a range of

18 options, and I think we took a lighter option.

19 MS. McCORMICK: Right.

20 MR. CHESNEY: I mean, is your plan going

21 to be noticeably different than that? Because

22 we could approve the other amount. Right?

23 That's what I'm just trying to

24 understand, how this plan -- will it be any

25 different than the prior USDA proposal?

1 MS. THOMAS: Not a whole lot, no. It

2 just don't have all the options listed all the

3 way from something as effigies, pyrotechnics,

4 like I said, other noise harassment, lethal.

5 Like it will just have all that itemized

6 out and kind of, like I said, I'll provide

7 more details through the plan, but the bones

8 are going to initially be the same.

9 MR. BAUMHOVER: That's kind of what I

10 was asking. You know, procedurally, do we

11 need to do anything with -- because it sounds

12 like the proposal is going to be very similar.

13 We just provide guidance to say, all right,

14 we're going to stop at this first level of

15 escalatory, you know, and not do something

16 else.

17 Do we need to completely overhaul it, or

18 just kind of agree that it we would be willing

19 to accept escalated, you know, exercise of

20 those options that were already presented to

21 us?

22 MS. OLIVERI: Sort of my feeling,

23 because my roof is extremely affected, if we

24 wait to redo everything and you approve it in

25 February, we're not getting anything done

1 until almost March, which is spring.
 2 So if you could approve it now in the
 3 content that it's not very much different,
 4 that would be better to get rid of those
 5 vultures. There's hundreds of vultures in
 6 that island.
 7 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Do we have any money
 8 remaining in the other budget now that you
 9 can --
 10 MS. THOMAS: No. It was a very small
 11 contract, and it was used for effigies.
 12 Really we didn't hardly charge you any time.
 13 We just charged you for making the effigies.
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 15 MR. ROSS: I don't want to go backwards
 16 on the conversation, but I'll just underscore
 17 where I am. I continue to be confused as to
 18 the difference between options and
 19 recommendations.
 20 I would like to be clear on what you
 21 guys are recommending is the appropriate
 22 attack or strategy. I would like to know
 23 that --
 24 MS. THOMAS: Okay.
 25 MR. ROSS: -- versus Greg's got a

1 recollection where we had an array, I'll call
 2 it a menu. That wasn't his word.
 3 I don't know if we screwed up or the
 4 USDA screwed up or what was the disconnect.
 5 I just don't want the same thing to happen
 6 again.
 7 I want it to be clear on what you all
 8 are recommending that we do to attack this
 9 problem, and then if we make the decision not
 10 to implement your recommendation, then that's
 11 on us.
 12 MS. THOMAS: Okay.
 13 MR. ROSS: Do you follow what I'm
 14 saying?
 15 MS. THOMAS: Oh, yeah, absolutely. I
 16 want to write the work plan where I say I want
 17 to start, and I want to do this, and I want to
 18 hand it to you, this is what I want to do, and
 19 then you all can come back and say no. And
 20 that's okay.
 21 MR. ROSS: Right.
 22 MS. THOMAS: Then we can say, we can
 23 either, like I said, go a different direction
 24 or provide you guidance, or, like I said, if
 25 you all don't want to use us, no big deal.

1 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Rick, did you have
 2 something else?
 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yeah. We need to get
 4 something going soon. We have people who have
 5 had damage, they had paid to have damage to
 6 repaired to their roofs, their skylights,
 7 their lanais, and it's damaged all over again.
 8 So you're forcing these people to
 9 continue to have damage, repair the damage,
 10 while we jerk around for paperwork and decide
 11 this and decide that. I think Cailey
 12 explained it very clearly.
 13 When the working group met with USDA,
 14 which was the end of this past year, it was
 15 pretty, I think, concrete as to what needs to
 16 be done.
 17 If we're going to take our time to
 18 decide on language and money and everything
 19 else that goes on to this type of thing, I
 20 think the fairest thing that you guys can do
 21 is to reimburse the residents of Westchase who
 22 have to continuously repair the damages, their
 23 roofs, their lanais.
 24 Additionally, in my neighborhood, which
 25 we're inundated with -- it's not just

1 Stonebridge. It's Woodbridge. Sonny, even
 2 you had vultures on your roof.
 3 MS. WHYTE: Uh-huh.
 4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: We have them congregating
 5 in the streets. Not too long ago, there was --
 6 she had to be -- actually she's a middle
 7 school kid. And she was walking, I guess,
 8 back from the school, there was a whole bunch
 9 of vultures there, and she was like frozen. I
 10 helped her get around. So there's some human
 11 element that's involved with all of this.
 12 Additionally, because of all the bird
 13 droppings, I'm concerned about some of our
 14 people who are on chemotherapy, people who
 15 have immuno-compromised systems. We're all
 16 living in a COVID pandemic. We're all living
 17 in a situation in which there's a lot of
 18 microorganisms that will -- unfortunately can
 19 cause very serious illnesses to people that
 20 have compromised and co-morbidities.
 21 My next door neighbor to me just had a
 22 stem cell transplant, and there's a lot of
 23 those birds coming around on her roof, my
 24 roof, dropping stuff all over the place.
 25 She's almost a prisoner of her home. She

1 can't go out.
 2 So I would ask this body, please, we
 3 need some relief. Help us, please.
 4 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So, you know, I think
 5 when Mr. Ross -- Rick, I mean, I'm the same
 6 way. I think the board's felt the same way.
 7 I remember J.C. I thought he said 90 to 95
 8 percent effective on these effigies.
 9 And I'm not trying to prolong this. I'm
 10 not trying to make you suffer any more or
 11 anybody in the neighborhood, I'm truly not. I
 12 think we just want to know exactly what we're
 13 going to get and what the plan could entail.
 14 And I'm with, at least, Mr. Ross and
 15 Mr. Baumhover here about I'd like to see this
 16 plan, I'd like to know how much money it's
 17 going to become or potentially cost.
 18 You know, if someone, you know, is able
 19 to make a motion if we want to try to move
 20 forward, we can, but that -- I just wanted to
 21 give you our side of where we're going. We're
 22 just trying to be very, you know, articulate
 23 about this and know what we're going to get in
 24 the future.
 25 I mean, I still have concerns. I hear

1 what you're saying about your -- the lethal
 2 measures. I'm getting closer to that. I'm
 3 not afraid of guns. I'm just -- it's just
 4 something that, for me, personally, there's a
 5 lot there, that, you know, to do something
 6 like that. It just seems like a really strong
 7 measure.
 8 But I think that's kind of what we want
 9 to do is to see the plan, so --
 10 MR. WIMSATT: I'm in the same boat, I'm
 11 not going to approve a plan that I haven't
 12 seen. I mean, if there has been a plan
 13 presented today, we'd be in a different boat.
 14 I mean, I understand there's been a
 15 general recommendation, but there's nothing
 16 specific. I don't know what I'm even voting
 17 on. Like I said, I'm in the same boat you
 18 are, I think.
 19 MR. BAUMHOVER: So I'm kind of torn,
 20 because on the flip side, I think we could
 21 probably put together some sort of a board
 22 motion that allows our district manager and
 23 our attorney to maybe negotiate within certain
 24 -- I mean, I don't want to wait for a month to
 25 see a plan that basically says, you know,

1 here's my recommendation, and it's a written
 2 version of what we just sat here and listened
 3 to, you know, with slightly more detail, but
 4 not really anything that's going to sway the
 5 judgment.
 6 I'd almost rather see if we can come up
 7 with some sort of board motion that allows our
 8 staff to kind of operate with an understanding
 9 of intent and maybe some parameters.
 10 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Well, how about I'll
 11 make the motion that we approve -- or I'll
 12 make a motion that we approve -- or I'll make
 13 a motion to allow the pyrotechnics for the
 14 two-week period, for the hour of 7:00 a.m. or
 15 later, and then within an hour before dark,
 16 not to exceed \$5,000.
 17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Is that a start until
 18 you can make --
 19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Well, hold on, please.
 20 MR. CHESNEY: I'm going to second it.
 21 But can I ask you a question?
 22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Sure.
 23 MR. CHESNEY: So where I was going with
 24 my earlier comment is, I mean, we had a
 25 proposal in August or whenever the gentleman

1 came. I mean, I was thinking we could make a
 2 motion to kind of approve whatever the bones
 3 of that are, subject to Erin and -- I forgot
 4 your name. I'm sorry --
 5 MS. THOMAS: Cailey. That's okay.
 6 MR. CHESNEY: -- working out their, you
 7 know, whatever differences it might mean, but
 8 I'll, you know, gladly support it if you think
 9 that's all it will take.
 10 MR. BAUMHOVER: Greg, I was kind of
 11 along those lines since we're in the
 12 discussion, but that the kind of where I was
 13 trying to going to get to was we already have
 14 the framework, and then namely within that
 15 framework and then some sort of estimate of a
 16 dollar amount.
 17 MR. CHESNEY: Yeah. It had a dollar
 18 amount.
 19 MR. BAUMHOVER: We can probably revisit
 20 it at the next meeting as to whether or not we
 21 need to make any adjustments.
 22 MR. CHESNEY: Yeah. That's a good way
 23 to say it.
 24 MS. McCORMICK: So I've got the plan
 25 that was approved -- I was just able to pull

1 it up -- and it's very specific. It says
2 hanging of two effigies for \$1,884.

3 So if there -- there may have been a
4 plan that was larger than that, but it
5 included all of the other elements and had a
6 cost associated with it, but I don't have
7 access to that, and that's not what we had
8 approved in the original agreement.

9 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All right. Fair.

10 MR. BAUMHOVER: Fair enough.

11 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, originally, there was
12 a different rough draft. That was the final
13 draft. There was more than one agreement
14 written in that. I reviewed it before I came
15 just so I would have a -- it would be fresh on
16 my brain.

17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Brian.

18 MR. ROSS: As to the motion that was
19 made, would \$5,000 be sufficient to get two
20 weeks of pyrotechnics?

21 MS. THOMAS: Yes. It would be
22 sufficient for the two weeks of pyrotechnics
23 and the man-hours for that, but it's not going
24 to continue maintenance with 5,000.

25 MR. ROSS: And I get that, and I think

1 couple months, or are you wanting to where
2 we're already establishing, you know, going
3 into the fall of next year?

4 MR. ROSS: I don't want to speak for the
5 movant, but I had the impression we're hoping
6 by our next meeting we'll have your
7 recommended course, and we would be able to
8 pass that at that point, assuming it all makes
9 sense to us, and so it would be an
10 understanding that this is just a temporary,
11 let's -- a stop-gap, if you will.

12 MR. CHESNEY: So we don't miss the
13 window.

14 MR. ROSS: Right.

15 MS. THOMAS: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. Just to get to
17 the next meeting. And, Brian, he's dead-on
18 what I was thinking with a motion.

19 If we can get to the next meeting with
20 some action, and then you feel it's
21 satisfactory, if we can then approve -- see
22 what we're going to get, see if there's any
23 further areas we want go and allow you to go,
24 then we'll approve it, and you'll be good to
25 go in February.

1 that was the takeaway from the discussion,
2 that we're hoping during the interim, we, as
3 an organization, will have a clearer
4 understanding as to what is your full
5 recommendation, the full course
6 recommendation, and then we can hopefully
7 embrace that, and we understand this would be
8 just to get us going, so to speak.

9 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. It would just be to
10 get you going. I just didn't want to make any
11 promises that there needed to be continued
12 monitoring.

13 By the time I got the pyrotechnics and
14 the man-hours, it's going to eat through
15 \$5,000 pretty fast if I keep a guy full time
16 on it, and it's going to take a guy full time
17 on it.

18 MR. ROSS: Since we're looking for your
19 recommendation, do you think we should adjust
20 that number in the motion? Should it be
21 \$6,000 or 7500 or something like that?

22 MS. THOMAS: Well, I would say it would
23 be the time frame of how long are you looking
24 to continuing monitoring. Are you just
25 looking to get temporarily just through a

1 MS. THOMAS: Okay. That's excellent.

2 MR. ROSS: You know, I'm -- when you
3 say, "Okay," I just -- I'm interrupting your
4 side conversation. I just want to make sure
5 you're feeling comfortable that this will get
6 you through another month. This will get
7 you --

8 MS. THOMAS: This will get me started,
9 yes.

10 MR. ROSS: -- implemented and all that
11 kind of stuff.

12 MS. THOMAS: Yes.

13 MR. ROSS: Okay. That's just what I
14 wanted to make sure. I do have a follow-up
15 question.

16 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Go ahead.

17 MR. ROSS: I have a lingering thought
18 that there may be some residents who will be
19 disturbed by pyrotechnics at 7:00 in the
20 morning.

21 Has there been any thought process about
22 how to notify residents, what's the best way
23 to do that for --

24 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I was thinking about it
25 earlier when we were kind of it talking about

1 it, and I was thinking maybe we'd get with
 2 Sonny and Doug, and they can just -- I don't
 3 know how many houses are in there. Maybe 30,
 4 maybe -- you know, along the area around the
 5 island, we can even go door to door.
 6 MR. CHESNEY: More than 30, but, yeah.
 7 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Go ahead, Sonny.
 8 MS. WHYTE: We've done that in the past,
 9 when we did other -- when we hung the
 10 effigies, we wrote up a little -- and we
 11 hand-delivered it door to door to every
 12 mailbox along the back end.
 13 Now, this is going to affect more than
 14 around the lake. Keep in mind, you're going
 15 to have residents on this side. We're going
 16 to hear this. You're going to have the
 17 residents in Stonebridge, you're going to have
 18 -- like on Greg's side as well.
 19 Sound is going to carry. So I would
 20 suggest that we probably get Chris to --
 21 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Sure.
 22 MS. WHYTE: -- I mean, you don't want to
 23 bring it to the whole community, because
 24 everybody in Harbor Links will be, you know,
 25 well, why aren't we hearing about it? But it

1 might affect more than just Stonebridge and
 2 Sturbridge, those areas.
 3 So I just want to make sure that you
 4 guys are aware that we might need to go a
 5 little bit into the Bridges and let them all
 6 know, because sound does carry, and we'll hear
 7 it on our side of the board.
 8 MR. ROSS: If the motion passes, can we
 9 have a follow-up directive to staff -- I don't
 10 know if we need a motion -- that authorizes
 11 them to implement the appropriate notification
 12 measures, whether that's a sign at the
 13 entryway to that subdivision.
 14 I'm thinking door knockers or, you know,
 15 something you hang on their mailbox --
 16 MS. WHYTE: Yeah, that's kind of what we
 17 do.
 18 MR. ROSS: -- bright orange kind of
 19 thing.
 20 MR. WHYTE: Yes.
 21 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Real quick, did you say
 22 that you guys would handle that, or is that --
 23 I think she may have asked the question. I
 24 don't know if I heard an answer or not.
 25 But is that something you typically

1 don't deal with, or is that just on us?
 2 MS. THOMAS: That's usually on you guys.
 3 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 4 MS. THOMAS: Like I said, I've had
 5 people ask me, like, hey, we're going to put X
 6 out. Does it look good to you guys? Do you
 7 want to edit anything or add anything?
 8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 9 MS. THOMAS: So usually we're part of
 10 the process, but, no, that's usually left up
 11 to you on how you want to go about doing that.
 12 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Thank you. Eric, you
 13 had your hand up next.
 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I have a question to
 15 Cailey. Before this motion gets voted on, do
 16 you think that there would be substantial
 17 relief without the lethal for an initial
 18 two-week period?
 19 MS. THOMAS: I think it will help. Do I
 20 I think it will last? No. I think it will
 21 help put a dent in it, and it will reduce it.
 22 But how long? I'm not sure.
 23 The thing that I really like about
 24 lethal is you have birds that are really
 25 aggressive, and the birds that are really

1 aggressive are the ones that I usually want to
 2 remove.
 3 So the one that I shoot a pyrotechnic
 4 off of and all his buddies fly, and he sits
 5 there -- and I shoot another pyrotechnic and
 6 he sits there, he's just going to attract
 7 other birds. That's the bird that I really,
 8 really do not want to be here, because he's
 9 brazen.
 10 He's just like, Hmm, that didn't really
 11 do nothing. You shoot another one, you know,
 12 just like a ray of sunshine, like no big deal.
 13 And it's a very few that are that bold, but
 14 those are the hardest ones to get rid of,
 15 if you take lethal out of the equation. I
 16 mean --
 17 MR. HOLT: Would you anticipate that
 18 it's going to take more pyrotechnic work and
 19 potentially a longer period of time and
 20 potentially more money by not having the
 21 ability to use lethal?
 22 MS. THOMAS: It will take more
 23 pyrotechnics because I will have to shoot more
 24 and -- because I'm going to have to really be
 25 aggressive on trying to push those last couple

1 that are just really going to hang on.
 2 Will it reduce a good majority?
 3 Absolutely. Will you get a reduction managed?
 4 Yes. But, like I said, I've done these enough
 5 and I've seen them enough that those are
 6 really the ones I'd like to get rid of.
 7 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: And, Rick, hold on.
 8 Did you have something you wanted to --
 9 MR. BAUMHOVER: I was going to ask a
 10 point of clarification.
 11 Is there anything about your motion
 12 that -- I almost feel like we're being told
 13 that lethal is kind of a focal point to this
 14 removal strategy.
 15 Is there anything that could be said,
 16 even if it's not put in writing today, that
 17 would kind of give you enough relief to maybe
 18 reconsider using lethal as part of the interim
 19 contract until we see the final --
 20 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: You know, I mean --
 21 again, I have guns. I'm not -- I guess I'm
 22 just concerned that maybe -- maybe it's with
 23 -- I guess, the uncomfortableness is with
 24 notification to the residents, that they're
 25 going to -- there's going to be gunfire in the

1 area.
 2 I mean, I guess people get confused with
 3 pyrotechnics sometimes, but, you know, I just
 4 want people to be aware that that's going off.
 5 And I don't know -- you kind of mentioned you
 6 work with the sheriff's deputies.
 7 Are they typically on site with you guys
 8 when that's happening, or is that -- they
 9 don't necessarily need to be.
 10 MS. THOMAS: No. Usually we get more
 11 phone calls when we use pyrotechnics because
 12 they think it's gunfire than the actual
 13 gunfire, because all our stuff is -- so really
 14 what sounds like a gun really is the
 15 pyrotechnics more than the actual firearm, I
 16 mean, like to be a hundred percent honest with
 17 you.
 18 So usually when we start pyrotechnics,
 19 you know, most of the time we call the
 20 sheriff's office and say, "Hey, between the
 21 hours of such and such and such and such,
 22 we're going to be at X amount of area, and
 23 we're going to be conducting pyrotechnics.
 24 Here's my cell phone number. I'm the
 25 technician on site, and, you know, call me if

1 you need me."
 2 And I've had them -- I've had them call
 3 in, and say, "Hey, you know, we've got such
 4 and such reports of noise coming from
 5 whatever. Is that you?"
 6 "Yes, ma'am, that's me."
 7 "Okay. We're going to send a deputy to
 8 drive by."
 9 "Absolutely. I'll be right here, you
 10 know." And they'll come by and talk to me for
 11 five minutes and make a lap.
 12 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Thank you.
 13 Greg, you had your hand up.
 14 MR. CHESNEY: So, I mean, is there a
 15 cost factor associated with lethal? That's
 16 just a guideline. Right? I mean --
 17 MS. THOMAS: No, it's really not going
 18 to cost -- you're not going to see that much
 19 of a cost difference.
 20 MR. CHESNEY: Just so you know -- I
 21 seconded your motion -- I have no problem
 22 using, you know, whatever -- leaving the
 23 discretion up to the USDA and how they handle
 24 it.
 25 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. Eric made a

1 great follow-up question, and I'm glad you
 2 asked that question, too.
 3 I mean, if we're going to do this, let's
 4 do it right. I mean, I think that's with
 5 everything we do. And I appreciate that.
 6 Did you have something you wanted to
 7 ask?
 8 MS. OLIVERI: I was just going to say, I
 9 live right there, on the water, and the island
 10 is right behind my house.
 11 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 12 MS. OLIVERI: If they're using lethal,
 13 they're not pointing it at any of the homes.
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Oh, I understand that.
 15 MS. OLIVERI: That island sits out in
 16 the middle of nowhere, and so anything lethal
 17 I don't think would bother anybody.
 18 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. Unless they
 19 miss.
 20 MS. OLIVERI: From what Cailey had said,
 21 if you don't do it right, you're just putting
 22 a band-aid on it, which is actually what we
 23 did last year.
 24 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Sure. But you've got
 25 to understand me. I also want to make sure --

1 and I'm going to speak for the rest of the
2 board -- we're doing our due diligence and
3 we're asking a lot of questions --

4 MS. OLIVERI: No. I understand that.

5 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: -- and getting a good
6 understanding of where we're going with this.

7 MS. OLIVERI: Sure. I totally
8 understand. But speaking to someone who lives
9 right there, everyone who borderlines that I
10 don't think would be bothered at all.

11 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.

12 MS. OLIVERI: And people who live not on
13 the water and maybe they do have some vultures
14 on their roof, they're not going to see
15 somebody with a gun shooting them anyway.

16 But I don't think -- if you're concerned
17 about the well-being of the people who live
18 around the water, it's not going to -- they're
19 not pointing it anywhere else.

20 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.

21 MS. OLIVERI: The island is so far out
22 in the middle of nowhere.

23 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Right. Jim, did you
24 have a question?

25 MR. WIMSATT: Yeah, I just have a

1 MS. THOMAS: I've had -- like I said,
2 I've had people do it different ways. One of
3 the places that was a pretty hairy one was a
4 school. It was an elementary school, and they
5 had one of the worst vulture issues that we've
6 seen.

7 And, of course, we couldn't walk onto
8 property at a school with a firearm during
9 school hours, and so we did have to go through
10 a lot more hoops with a firearm because it was
11 a school, as well as the university that
12 we're currently working with, because that's a
13 firearm, again, on a school.

14 We had to do it outside of hours and
15 give notice and different things like that.
16 That school did give notice and did give
17 notice to around them, and it was like a set
18 day and a set time on a weekend when it was --
19 you know, no one was there.

20 But other HOAs giving other homeowners,
21 I can say I've seen both. I've seen them not
22 give any notice because they feel like, you
23 know, well, this is our problem we're dealing
24 with it.

25 And I've had some of them where I run

1 question in general regarding the notice.

2 I mean, there are other non-Westchase
3 homes on that lake. Do we, as a board, have
4 the obligation to provide notice to those
5 people that this is going to happen?

6 I mean, this is just a question. It's
7 bothering me. I don't know what the answer
8 is. I don't think that we have an obligation
9 legally or whatever, but like good neighbors,
10 do we have an obligation to provide those
11 homeowners that, hey, there's going to be
12 pyrotechnics, especially gunfire --

13 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I think as good
14 neighbors, yeah, but in terms it's our
15 land and we're trying to --

16 MR. WIMSATT: No. No. I understand
17 that. I'm saying do we want to consider
18 providing notice to non-Westchase homes? Can
19 we provide that? As a board, I don't know.

20 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. Maybe that's a
21 question for you. Have you guys had that
22 situation?

23 MS. THOMAS: Yeah.

24 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: And do you know what is
25 typically done or --

1 the vultures off of this one, and then this
2 one calls me, and then they were like, "Hey,
3 we want what you did for them over there," you
4 know, so I've had it go both ways.

5 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.

6 MR. BAUMHOVER: I have a question. And
7 maybe I heard this earlier and just forgot.
8 What type of firearms do you use?

9 MS. THOMAS: It depends on the
10 situation, but most of the time, it's going to
11 be a shotgun or it's going to be a low caliber
12 rifle. It won't be anything over a .22,
13 sometimes, like I said, a pellet .17,
14 something like that, but those are the -- bird
15 work is going to be very, very low end, low
16 power stuff.

17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: And so it is a shotgun.
18 I didn't think you'd use something like that.

19 MS. THOMAS: We can. We can use a
20 shotgun. But, yeah, I mean, in this scenario,
21 I would pick and choose when I would probably
22 use a shotgun, and my shotgun would probably
23 be when I'm out there on the island and I
24 really want to do some heavy damage.

25 That would be, like I said, but it's

1 bird shot, something that can't go very far
 2 and fall out really fast. So that would be, I
 3 guess, more of my shotgun area.
 4 If I'm between houses and things are
 5 tight and close and iffy, uh-uh, I want to use
 6 a rifle.
 7 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So one more follow-up
 8 for me. So did you say earlier that the
 9 lethal would be -- what was a good number?
 10 Would that up to \$10,000 for this -- to get
 11 this going or --
 12 MR. CHESNEY: She said it's a similar
 13 amount.
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Similar amount. Okay.
 15 So I had made a motion for a limit of \$5,000.
 16 Would that be enough to include the lethal?
 17 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. I mean, absolutely,
 18 you could include the lethal in that. The man-
 19 hours are the most expensive. That's by far
 20 the --
 21 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Just for the two weeks,
 22 and then after that, we'd have it, as a board,
 23 to look at the rest of the plan and we can
 24 move forward with that?
 25 MS. THOMAS: Yes, because, I mean,

1 essentially you're not paying for any, quote,
 2 unquote, equipment. The firearms, the trucks,
 3 everything that's equipment is already
 4 supplied. We have budgets for that.
 5 The only thing that you're really ever
 6 billed for is going to be like ammo, it's
 7 going to be the pyros, it's going to be
 8 launchers, the things that are just usable --
 9 right? -- that are going to be used for the
 10 project now.
 11 The man-hours -- like I said, the man-
 12 hours and the time is going to be by far what
 13 is the most money spent on, because, you know,
 14 like we carry full liability, we can provide
 15 you with a liability letter, anything like
 16 that that you need, but that, by far, is
 17 what's going to eat up the money.
 18 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 19 MR. BAUMHOVER: So I think the question
 20 we're trying to get at is, the \$5,000 is
 21 enough if we had a motion to get you to work
 22 and keep you gainfully employed until our next
 23 scheduled meeting, which is 1 February. Is
 24 that the next date?
 25 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, February 1st.

1 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah. February 1st,
 2 yeah.
 3 MR. BAUMHOVER: Right. Would that be
 4 enough to keep the USDA gainfully employed
 5 with kind of like you verbally expressed to
 6 us --
 7 MS. THOMAS: Yes. The --
 8 MR. BAUMHOVER: -- full out --
 9 MS. THOMAS: -- yeah.
 10 MR. BAUMHOVER: -- do whatever you need
 11 to do every day that you can do it until we
 12 get a chance to review your written proposal
 13 and, you know, put into a -- yes, ma'am.
 14 MS. McCORMICK: So I did find an earlier
 15 proposal than the one that we ended up
 16 entering into that was from May, and that did
 17 include, I think, the pyrotechnics and the
 18 lethal, and it was for 2,700, so it wasn't for
 19 that much more than the 1800.
 20 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 21 MR. BAUMHOVER: Okay.
 22 MS. McCORMICK: One other thing, because
 23 you had mentioned like if you had to use
 24 lethal in between homes, but this -- that the
 25 board would be authorizing would just be for

1 the island. Right? It wouldn't be for any of
 2 the rest of the property in the community that
 3 the CDD has under control.
 4 MS. THOMAS: Well, that would be --
 5 yeah, I mean, that would be --
 6 MS. McCORMICK: I mean, the only thing
 7 that we could authorize would be for the
 8 property that we own. We don't have any
 9 control over --
 10 MS. THOMAS: Yes, of course.
 11 MS. McCORMICK: -- other property.
 12 MS. THOMAS: I'm talking about the
 13 pieces of land with trees is what I've been
 14 focusing on.
 15 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Basically the island.
 16 MS. THOMAS: Basically the island, yes.
 17 Now, if it's different --
 18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right. Once they leave
 19 the island, they come into Westchase, then it
 20 becomes the Westchase property.
 21 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. Yeah. Exactly.
 22 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And we talked about
 23 doing something separate for that.
 24 MS. THOMAS: Yes, we did discuss that.
 25 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Thank you guys for the

1 discussion. I'm going to change my amendment.
 2 I'm going to amend my motion to include
 3 at her discretion, USDA's discretion, the
 4 measure that it would take to go for the
 5 two-week period those hours I mentioned
 6 earlier, and then up to the \$5,000. Okay? It
 7 gets us to the next meeting.
 8 MR. CHESNEY: Okay. And I'll accept
 9 that change.
 10 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. All right.
 11 MR. ROSS: I'm not clear on the change.
 12 Are you saying you're including lethal now?
 13 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yes.
 14 MR. ROSS: Okay. I intend to oppose the
 15 motion for that reason. I can't imagine that
 16 we would go forward with lethal means if we
 17 were talking about a private vendor.
 18 We would be asking questions about what
 19 kind of procedures do they have in place?
 20 What kind of insurance do they have in place?
 21 What kind of notification do we need to have
 22 to residents, et cetera, et cetera. So I
 23 think it's reckless to go forward with that,
 24 and I will oppose it.
 25 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Is there -- in

1 terms of the notification to the residents, or
 2 is that -- would that change anything in terms
 3 of if we came up with an idea and a plan to
 4 get the notification out? Is that --
 5 MR. ROSS: Well, that was the point of
 6 your original motion, that because we're
 7 trying to go run so fast and move so quick,
 8 let's go ahead and do this with the
 9 pyrotechnics, get that going for a couple
 10 weeks, and then once we come back next month,
 11 we could look at the broader written
 12 recommendation, contract, et cetera, et
 13 cetera, so --
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Agreed.
 15 MR. ROSS: -- I think that there was an
 16 understanding that we would be essentially
 17 moving forward with the pyro without providing
 18 what we might call normal notice.
 19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Right.
 20 MR. ROSS: So I don't think that really
 21 addresses or resolves anything.
 22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Any other
 23 discussion?
 24 (No response.)
 25 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So the motion is on the

1 table, we'll take it to a vote. Those in
 2 favor, raise your hand.
 3 (Board members signify in the
 4 affirmative.)
 5 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Motion passes four --
 6 MR. ROSS: Opposed.
 7 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: -- and one opposed,
 8 Mr. Ross.
 9 (Motion passes.)
 10 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Yes,
 11 Mr. Barrett.
 12 MR. BARRETT: On that, two things,
 13 you've got two schools within earshot of all
 14 of this activity. I'd really recommend that
 15 you notify them, especially if gunfire is
 16 involved, Westchase Elementary, Davidsen
 17 Middle School.
 18 The other issue is, I am going to be
 19 deluged with residents' complaints about this
 20 noise. So who do I direct it -- who do I
 21 complain to? Is it the USDA, the CDD, the
 22 WCA, the Stonebridge, Woodbridge VM?
 23 MR. WIMSATT: Right there.
 24 MR. BARRETT: Rick. All right.
 25 MS. WHYTE: I was going to say I'm on

1 vacation for the next six weeks.
 2 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I mean, Chris, I would
 3 say at this point, it's taken up with the CDD.
 4 I don't know why anybody else would be alerted
 5 about it or the WCA would be called. I mean,
 6 they may be called, but --
 7 MR. HOLT: I would advise against that,
 8 Rick.
 9 MR. ROSS: It should be directed to
 10 Matt.
 11 (Multiple speakers speaking at once.)
 12 THE REPORTER: One at a time.
 13 MS. THOMAS: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear
 14 you.
 15 MR. BAUMHOVER: In your experience with
 16 other HOAs and other entities when they have
 17 residents or stakeholders with some sort of a
 18 complaint, because we're asking -- we don't
 19 know what kind of complaint it might be. It
 20 might be a noise complaint, it might be a very
 21 specific issue --
 22 MS. THOMAS: Right.
 23 MR. BAUMHOVER: -- or some sort of, you
 24 know, altercation. I don't know. How do
 25 people handle it? Like at what point does it

1 need to be brought to the USDA's attention for
2 resolution?

3 MS. THOMAS: Usually we have a point of
4 contact. So usually like I would talk to that
5 person directly, and that person would be
6 like, "Hey, Cailey, you know, we've got A, B,
7 and C complaints," but there's -- like I said,
8 usually there was a designated person that I
9 would communicate with, and then they would
10 get complaints to, and then it might be as
11 simple as "It's the noise and it's loud, and I
12 don't like it."

13 Well, you know, I can't help that the
14 noise and it's loud and you don't like it.
15 Either get the birds here and get the birds
16 gone.

17 Sometimes it could be like, "Hey, can
18 you use a different type of pyrotechnic when
19 you're over in this area?"

20 "Okay. Okay. Yeah, we can accommodate
21 that. Maybe when we're over here, we could go
22 a whistler instead of a banger. It's a little
23 less aggressive."

24 So, I mean, we're open to communication.
25 I mean, we're not trying to upset anyone by

1 whatever.

2 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah, not a problem.

3 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: It will be Andy
4 Mendenhall. Thank you. Yes, Sonny.

5 MS. WHYTE: I will reach out to
6 Westchase Elementary School and to Davidsen
7 and speak to the principals --

8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.

9 MS. WHYTE: -- and let them know when we
10 have a set time, and I'll coordinate that with
11 Cailey and make them aware of what was going
12 on.

13 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. I mean, we're not
14 going to use the firearms anywhere near the
15 school.

16 MS. WHYTE: No. No. No. No. But just
17 for the noise portion of it, mind you,
18 Westchase and Davidsen will be in, if you're
19 starting at 7:00 in the morning.

20 MS. THOMAS: And, by far, I feel like
21 the most -- the most is going to be in the
22 evening everything over that roost. I mean,
23 that's going to be what we really --

24 MS. WHYTE: And also like where kids are
25 going into school, you know, they're starting

1 any means, but we definitely want to be able
2 to do our job.

3 So, like I said, the easiest thing for
4 us is to have a person that, like I said, a
5 point of contact for that kind of
6 communication.

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That should be you,
8 Matt, really.

9 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. And that's okay.

10 MR. BARRETT: You as opposed to Andy?

11 MR. BAUMHOVER: Yeah, that's fine.

12 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Pardon? I didn't
13 understand what you were saying.

14 MR. BAUMHOVER: I think Chris was asking
15 you to clarify whether it was you as a point
16 of contact versus Andy.

17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. I mean, at this
18 point, if we can keep Andy -- is it okay if we
19 keep it you, and then me and you can talk.

20 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes, of course.

21 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: And then if we need to
22 direct --

23 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes, of course.

24 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I don't mind helping to
25 answer questions or make phone calls or

1 school earlier and stuff, so parents put their
2 kids to bed 7:00, 7:30 --

3 MS. THOMAS: Yeah.

4 MS. WHYTE: We got to take that into
5 consideration. That was one of the
6 concerns --

7 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: It's within an hour of
8 darkness. So dark, right now, is about 6:00.

9 MS. WHYTE: We'll coordinate that with
10 Cailey. We're putting up a time frame. I can
11 put it in the letter. Okay. I'll let them
12 know.

13 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Let's me and you talk
14 about that notification, too, please.

15 MS. WHYTE: You got it.

16 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Thank you. Yes.

17 MS. OLIVERI: Just as far as
18 notification, I know that Stonebridge will be
19 notified right now, because not only am I the
20 secretary on the board, but I'm also the VM
21 for Stonebridge, so I will send a mass email
22 out and put it on the box by our gate for all
23 of my neighbors.

24 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.

25 MS. OLIVERI: So you don't really have

1 to worry about Stonebridge.
 2 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. All right. I'm
 3 sure he'll get it out as well. Okay.
 4 Anything else regarding this?
 5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes. One question.
 6 Cailey, when you develop that whole plan that
 7 you're going to be sending to the CDD, could
 8 you please send me a copy of that for the
 9 working group, and I'll disburse it to the
 10 working group as well.
 11 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. Yeah, I can do that.
 12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.
 13 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Go ahead, Eric.
 14 MR. HOLT: That might be up to the CDD
 15 to offer that up to us, but for Rick's
 16 concern, I think, if you were going to offer
 17 up what you guys review and decide you're
 18 probably going to move forward with or
 19 whatever, you know, we'll try to be able to
 20 answer questions from residents as well --
 21 they maybe have to reach out to us even though
 22 the official pass-along might end up being the
 23 CDD.
 24 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Correct. Correct.
 25 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. Did you want the

1 whole contract, or were you just talking about
 2 the work plan?
 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The work plan.
 4 MS. THOMAS: Just the work plan.
 5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Just the work plan.
 6 MS. THOMAS: Oh, okay.
 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Sure.
 8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I mean, I think you
 9 understand. We're, as a CDD, separate from
 10 the WCA and the HOA, so --
 11 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. I was just going to
 12 provide them just the work plan. I wasn't
 13 going to provide a whole copy of the
 14 contract --
 15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No. We'd be looking at
 16 that as a blueprint for what we might want to
 17 do later on.
 18 MS. THOMAS: Okay.
 19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Thank you, Cailey,
 20 for --
 21 MS. McCORMICK: We're going to get a
 22 contract now that will cover this \$5,000
 23 initial work.
 24 MS. THOMAS: Right.
 25 MS. McCORMICK: That has to be executed.

1 And then we'll have another contract for any
 2 supplemental --
 3 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I'm glad you brought
 4 that up. I kind of had that in my head, but,
 5 yes, thank you for clarifying that.
 6 MS. THOMAS: Yes. I'm going to write a
 7 financial and a working plan for just the
 8 5,000 for a new agreement that's just going to
 9 basically cover initial two-week period of
 10 hitting the birds really aggressively.
 11 I am going to write up some follow-up
 12 visits so we can monitor and see how things
 13 are going after the initial two weeks, and,
 14 I'm going to -- like I said, I'll budget that
 15 with the 5,000.
 16 Now, if later we want to amend that, we
 17 can come in and amend the contract, which
 18 would include, of course, a new financial plan
 19 and a new work plan in addition to that
 20 contract.
 21 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Correct. Okay. Sounds
 22 good.
 23 MR. BARRETT: Do you have a rough time
 24 frame for when this would take place?
 25 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: It depends on how

1 quickly she can get a contract to Erin and to
 2 us.
 3 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. I mean, I can
 4 probably get her one by the first of the week.
 5 I'm on travel most of this week visiting other
 6 properties, so I'll probably be here through
 7 Friday.
 8 So as soon as I can get kind of back to
 9 probably Friday, Monday's time frame, I could
 10 probably have you one by Monday.
 11 MR. WIMSATT: Then how long after the
 12 contract do you think you -- how long until
 13 after the contract is signed would the work
 14 start, not holding you to it?
 15 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. Let me -- I'll have
 16 to pull up my guys' work schedule. I would
 17 say within a week or two weeks to try to --
 18 yeah, to try to -- like I said, because I've
 19 got guys everywhere working, and then the guy
 20 that I have in mind doing it, I think I've got
 21 him in a two-week contract right now that I
 22 think he's working on, but I don't think I
 23 have a follow-up to that, that I -- that I --
 24 you know, that's locked in.
 25 But as soon as I get back to my

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1 computer, I can see where all my guys are, and
2 I can get a more finite answer.
3 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. All right.
4 Well, we have spent way more time on that than
5 I ever expected to.
6 So, again, thank you for your time.
7 Thank you for coming. Thank you guys.
8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you guys very
9 much. Appreciate it.
10 MR. ROSS: Thanks for coming.
11 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All right. Thank you.
12 Rounding back to the tree plan, is there any
13 discussion that you guys wanted to have about
14 the tree plan tonight or just wanted we wait
15 until we have Mark to see what he's going to
16 come up with?
17 MS. WHYTE: Conflict --
18 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Sonny?
19 MS. WHYTE: Just to let you know, he had
20 a conflict. Unfortunately, something came up.
21 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Right. I just wanted
22 to make sure in case anybody wanted to talk
23 about it.
24 MR. BARRETT: Does it involve
25 pyrotechnics?

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1 MS. THOMAS: You guys have a good night.
2 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I haven't seen the plan
3 yet, Chris, so --
4 Okay. Erin, we'll move on to engineer'S
5 -- sorry. Maybe I need a break.
6 Robert, the engineer's report, please.
7 MR. DVORAK: All right.
8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Good morning.
9 MR. DVORAK: Good morning. How you
10 doing?
11 Yes, a few updates to talk about. On
12 the north cell tower parcel, we executed the
13 survey contract to do the special purpose
14 survey.
15 The field work has been done, and
16 they're doing the mapping right now. We
17 should have the survey finalized by the end of
18 the week, and at that point we would turn it
19 into the water management district for final
20 approval. So everything moved along nicely
21 there.
22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Thank you.
23 MR. DVORAK: And at the last meeting, we
24 had discussed Florida Gas Transmission doing a
25 hydro test on their system, which is right

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1 down, you know, right over here.
2 And I was asked to contact them to find
3 out if there'S anything that might affect our
4 residents, and so I did. I talked to a guy
5 named Bill Gaffney. He was the -- he was the
6 guy that actually issued that letter that Andy
7 had.
8 But basically what this test consists of
9 is they -- they take their line and they
10 evacuate the gas out of it, and then they fill
11 it up with water, and they jack the pressure
12 up, and then what it does is it tests for any
13 weak -- you know, weak parts of the system.
14 So the only thing, you know, when
15 they're evacuating the system, you might hear
16 a loud hissing noise, and he was on -- when he
17 was on the call, he was looking at the aerial
18 in the area, and he said that there may be a
19 few residents along Derbyshire Drive, you
20 know, right along there that might hear what's
21 going on, but probably not.
22 And then he said if something were to
23 fail during the hydro test, you don't really
24 hear much, but, you know, the ground gets
25 displaced, and they make a repair, and then

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1 they restore everything.
2 So it didn't sound like there was
3 anything, because there's not residents, you
4 know, in the immediate vicinity there, it
5 didn't sound like anything that would affect
6 us or create any kind of alarm to any of our
7 residents.
8 And then he just said, he goes, "We do
9 these things on a three-to-five-year schedule
10 on all of our systems. It's a very routine
11 thing, and it's probably been done back there
12 before numerous times, you know, in the past."
13 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
14 MR. DVORAK: So anyway it didn't sound
15 like there was anything that we needed to be
16 concerned about.
17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
18 MR. DVORAK: And I talked to Doug
19 earlier about the Spring Rose Creek. We have
20 this creek erosion, and the water management
21 district -- there's two parts to this project.
22 There's one that's up on the bank in this
23 lady's yard, and then there's work inside the
24 creek.
25 And the work inside the creek is going

1 to require a major modification of the
2 existing permits we have. And so I was
3 talking to Doug, and I was thinking we can
4 take our plan and create two projects, one, to
5 address the area on her property and get her
6 scour and erosion areas repaired in the
7 upland, and then deal with this permit on an
8 ongoing basis to get the work in the creek
9 addressed, and just sort of like separate the
10 two.

11 And I don't know that we need a motion
12 to do that or change course or whatever, but I
13 wanted to bring it to everyone's attention
14 that that's -- in fact, I think the exemption
15 that I requested was actually denied. I think
16 the correspondence probably went to Andy.

17 MR. MENDENHALL: It did. It did.

18 MR. DVORAK: Yeah. And so in our
19 follow-up discussion, they just said, no.
20 This work in the creek is creating this to be
21 a major modification. So we're figuring if we
22 separate the work, upland versus wetland, that
23 we'll be able to get the areas addressed and
24 her yard immediately, which is what Doug wants
25 to do in order to get her yard stabilized.

1 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So, Robert, on that, so
2 if we can move forward with what we had
3 already approved -- right? -- and then do we
4 need to -- you'll come back with some more --

5 MR. DVORAK: Well, no. I think we move
6 forward with the work that is on her property
7 and not down into the creek. The part they
8 have a problem with is the work down into the
9 creek.

10 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Oh, okay. Okay.

11 MR. DVORAK: So we would pursue a permit
12 to get that work done, but it could take a
13 little bit longer.

14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I gotcha.

15 MR. DVORAK: But let's get her yard
16 fixed first.

17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Thank you for
18 the clarification.

19 MR. DVORAK: And then the last thing
20 was, Erin brought up a couple meetings -- two
21 or three meetings ago, and Andy had some
22 discussion as well, the stormwater needs
23 analysis that's required by the Office of
24 Economic Development is due on June 30th.

25 And I just wanted to let you guys know

1 that we are starting a few of these analyses
2 on our smaller CDDs, like ones that are small
3 -- I mean, a fraction of the size of you guys.

4 But the idea is we've been authorized to
5 start on these, and the reason we wanted to
6 start on some smaller ones is to figure out
7 sort of like what the unit cost is of, you
8 know, gathering all of the information that's
9 needed for the inventory, and then there's a
10 cost estimate, and there's this report that
11 you have to fill out and send back.

12 And I think by the next meeting, I have
13 a better handle -- I mean, I have no -- you
14 know, I have some idea of what the magnitudes
15 of these things are going to be. I think
16 they're going to be in the \$5,000 range, up to
17 maybe, you know, for the larger districts,
18 twenty or twenty five thousand dollars. I
19 think that's the range.

20 But the point is, is that we're
21 embarking on a few of these, we've been
22 authorized to proceed, and it will give us a
23 better handle on what, you know, the larger
24 districts are going take to get this work
25 done, and I'll be able to report on that at

1 the February meeting.

2 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah. I've seen a
3 couple of proposals now for that work, and I
4 know it is, you know, somewhat significant
5 work that has to be done by the engineering
6 firm, but I think, you know, to get a cost
7 proposal, especially for this district that's
8 an older district that has older
9 infrastructure, would be helpful for them.

10 MR. DVORAK: Yeah. Well, and I -- we
11 were thinking about doing one for all of our
12 districts. It was just to put together, you
13 know, scope and, you know, a man-hour cost
14 estimate attached to it, so, you know, to be
15 able to look at.

16 And it is sort of a standalone project,
17 and it's got a deadline, you know. It's got
18 June 30th is when all these things are due.

19 So anyway, so that's all I had, unless
20 anyone else has any other questions.

21 MS. McCORMICK: Well, I was going to
22 talk about the documents that I emailed to the
23 board members yesterday for the zoning
24 application for the northern parcels, so maybe
25 we can talk about that now while Robert is

1 here.
 2 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. Let me just stop
 3 you.
 4 MR. MCCORMACK: Okay.
 5 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Did anybody else have
 6 anything for Robert?
 7 (No response.)
 8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: No. I know you all
 9 would raise your hand to speak up. Thank you.
 10 Go ahead.
 11 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah. So Vertex is very
 12 anxious to get the special use zoning
 13 application submitted to the county. In fact,
 14 they wanted to get it submitted before -- like
 15 before the holiday, which really wasn't
 16 possible to, you know, have the board have a
 17 chance to take a look at this, so now I think
 18 they're shooting for a submittal date that's
 19 at the end of January.
 20 The zoning drawings that I had
 21 circulated yesterday I had provided to Robert
 22 a while ago, and he reviewed them, and he had
 23 some comments to them, which I forwarded to
 24 Vertex, and Vertex has said that they're
 25 incorporating them into the zoning, but as of

1 today, I haven't gotten the revised zoning
 2 drawings back, but I don't think it's going to
 3 be a problem for them to incorporate them.
 4 It was things like, you know, the silt
 5 fencing that's going to be needed and --
 6 MR. DVORAK: Yeah, a few other things.
 7 I -- I wasn't so much as concerned about the
 8 zoning submittal as actually having the
 9 changes done before they did the construction,
 10 because there are things that we, as a
 11 district, would want in place to make sure
 12 that the area is treated properly and restored
 13 properly and looks as good as it can be, you
 14 know, after they're done and keeps some
 15 mixture that -- you know, it keeps workers out
 16 of wetlands, putting equipment in wetlands and
 17 things like that.
 18 It seems obvious, but these things are
 19 like if you don't put them in the plan, you
 20 never -- you know, you never know kind of
 21 thing. So they were agreeable to everything.
 22 Right?
 23 MS. McCORMICK: Yes, they were.
 24 MR. DVORAK: Yeah.
 25 MS. McCORMICK: They were. What they

1 are asking for the board to actually execute
 2 so then they can file their special use zoning
 3 application is this -- it's titled the "Agent
 4 of Record" letter, and this is something
 5 that's always required when a zoning
 6 application is filed with the county, that it
 7 basically is the property owner saying that we
 8 are authorizing Vertex to act as our agent of
 9 record for the special use application, so
 10 they can't file the application unless we
 11 agree to this.
 12 And then the other document that I had
 13 transmitted as a variance application, they
 14 are going to -- they're foreseeing that
 15 they're going to be requesting a variance to
 16 the landscaping requirements that the county
 17 has for cell towers, because in this location,
 18 there's a lot of existing trees, that they
 19 want to use the existing landscaping and trees
 20 that are there as opposed to putting in new
 21 stuff.
 22 I don't know what the date is that they
 23 are planning on submitting the variance
 24 application, but they're asking for the board
 25 to go ahead and approve all of this tonight.

1 MR. DVORAK: Yeah. I went out there and
 2 looked at where they had staked off their
 3 little parcel right before the meeting here
 4 just to get a visual on it, because I looked
 5 at that as well, and it's a heavily wooded
 6 area.
 7 I mean, to put trees up or take trees
 8 out and put some other trees in for buffer --
 9 you know, there's nothing there. You know
 10 what I mean?
 11 So I think what they're requesting is
 12 really reasonable, and I don't think it's
 13 anything the district, you know, would be -- I
 14 think that you probably would want to keep it
 15 as natural as possible, to be honest, as
 16 opposed ripping vegetation out -- native
 17 vegetation out, and then planting something
 18 else, but that's up to you guys.
 19 But I did take a look at it, right where
 20 the area is, and they've hacked around out
 21 there, you know, with, you know, doing the
 22 survey and getting the lines and stakes and
 23 things going like that.
 24 They've kind of hacked around, so you
 25 can kind of see the square of where the

1 footprint of this thing is going to be.
 2 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: There is no irrigation
 3 out there. Right?
 4 MR. DVORAK: No. There's nothing out
 5 there.
 6 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Brian.
 7 MR. ROSS: I picked up on that variance
 8 issue, and it looked like, to me, all they're
 9 doing is saying this is a cheaper option
 10 essentially. Why come in and bring in new
 11 trees --
 12 MR. DVORAK: Right.
 13 MR. ROSS: -- when we've got a lot of
 14 other trees around here.
 15 MR. DVORAK: Right.
 16 MR. ROSS: But it got me thinking,
 17 though, what happens if whatever they leave in
 18 place dies, it's damaged by a hurricane,
 19 whatever else, and our community later says,
 20 well, you need to plant replacement trees.
 21 You need to make sure that we have the
 22 appropriate screening?
 23 Would we be protected in that instance,
 24 or are they now relieved forever from having
 25 to make sure that adequate screening would be

1 in place?
 2 MS. McCORMICK: So the screening
 3 requirements, when the county approves an
 4 application, are something that are required
 5 to be done at the time of construction.
 6 So there's not really a continuing
 7 requirement if something is destroyed later
 8 for, you know, a developer or anybody that's
 9 doing a project to go in and replace that
 10 based on the zoning conditions that are
 11 imposed by the county.
 12 MR. ROSS: So the answer is, no, they
 13 would have no obligation to replace a damaged
 14 or dead plant material, and they could just
 15 leave it barren?
 16 MS. McCORMICK: Well, yeah. I mean,
 17 remember, this is the cell tower site we're
 18 talking about on the north, so -- and we are
 19 the property owner, and we're going to
 20 continue to be the property owner. We're
 21 leasing it to them.
 22 I'll have to go back and look and see in
 23 the lease agreement what the requirements are
 24 for a landscaping plan because I don't think
 25 we really had those kind of stringent

1 landscaping plan requirements for the north
 2 site that had to be approved by the CDD,
 3 similar to what we're proposing within
 4 Glenclyff Park, just because of the fact that
 5 there isn't really a lot of property along
 6 there that's impacted.
 7 MR. ROSS: And that makes sense in the
 8 context of what Robert was saying, that just
 9 an abundance of other trees and other plant
 10 material there, I'm just, again, just thinking
 11 down the road, a hurricane, something like
 12 that, if you could just think about it from
 13 the perspective of in that bad case scenario,
 14 as remote it may be, what are the remedies?
 15 Do we have the right to require them to
 16 put up some sort of screen, or do we have the
 17 right, even if it's at our cost, to go install
 18 screening?
 19 MS. McCORMICK: Okay.
 20 MR. ROSS: I don't want to be in the
 21 position where we're violating our own lease
 22 by going onto our property to shield it, but
 23 that might be the most practical, cost-
 24 effective result.
 25 MS. McCORMICK: I mean, if the

1 landscaping -- or the trees that are there
 2 that are around the proposed cell tower
 3 setting, I guess, Robert, my question is, is
 4 there anything that we would want to do
 5 that -- to protect the district in that case?
 6 MR. DVORAK: I was going to say that
 7 when you go to the TECO facility, which is,
 8 you know, the first large -- you know, one of
 9 them is TECO, and one of them is -- yeah, the
 10 big one is TECO.
 11 MS. McCORMICK: Right.
 12 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah.
 13 MR. DVORAK: Anyway, there is so much
 14 vegetation grown up right up against the
 15 fence, you can barely squeeze yourself -- I
 16 tried walking around it, and it's just
 17 overgrown.
 18 You know, I think -- I don't -- you
 19 know, I hear what you're saying, and it's
 20 possible that, you know, trees could get
 21 removed or damaged or whatever. And, you
 22 know, I think that their landscape buffer,
 23 their edge, is probably within a few feet of
 24 the edge of the fence.
 25 So even if, let's say, something

1 happened to there and we wanted to screen it,
2 because we did something else with the other
3 part of the property, you know, let's say, we
4 wanted to buffer it, we could go just outside
5 of their property and put it on CDD property,
6 and you'd still be within a few feet of the
7 fence -- the chain-link fence.

8 So you could do it. You don't need to
9 go them. You don't have to do anything. You
10 just stay on CDD property.

11 MR. ROSS: You've answered question.

12 MR. DVORAK: Yeah.

13 MR. ROSS: We would be able to do
14 replacement screening. We just would have to
15 be a few feet away.

16 MR. DVORAK: Yeah, you just go out a
17 little bit further and plant something else.

18 MR. ROSS: Okay. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Good question, Brian.
20 Go ahead, Erin. Sorry.

21 MS. McCORMICK: So if anybody has any
22 other questions, we can answer them;
23 otherwise, what Vertex is hoping that the
24 board will do tonight is to authorize their
25 chair to execute this agent of record letter

1 consideration for the Glenclyff Park cell
2 tower to the board. So I don't know what the
3 date is --

4 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Excellent.

5 MS. McCORMICK: -- but that is a major
6 progress after, you know, all of this time
7 working on it.

8 And I think that the letters that were
9 submitted by the residents probably had a
10 significant impact on that. So really
11 appreciate all the efforts on that part too.

12 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Really great news.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The only reason I'm
14 really here is if there's anything else that
15 we can do to make sure at this point that
16 everything is communicated to -- I forget the
17 gentleman's name now.

18 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Commissioner Cohen.

19 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah. So I think what
20 we need to do is find out when this is going
21 to be going to the board of county
22 commissioners for consideration, and then
23 communicate that to all of the, you know,
24 interested parties that want to see the cell
25 tower happen, because, to the extent that we

1 so that they can go ahead and submit the
2 application to start the permitting process.

3 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All right.

4 MR. ROSS: So moved.

5 MR. BAUMHOVER: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Motion by Mr. Ross and
7 seconded by Mr. Baumhover. Any other
8 discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All right. All in
11 favor.

12 (All board members signify in the
13 affirmative.)

14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Motion passes five to
15 zero.

16 (Motion passed.)

17 MS. McCORMICK: So then did you get my
18 email that I sent right before the board
19 meeting about the Glenclyff tower park site?
20 I just got some information right before this
21 meeting --

22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: No, I didn't.

23 MS. McCORMICK: -- from Tom Fass
24 that is great news. He said that the staff is
25 drafting an agenda item to take the

1 can get those people to come out to the board
2 of county commissioners meeting to speak and
3 to express why it's important for the cell
4 tower to move forward, that's going to be
5 really critical because there may be people
6 there that are going to be speaking in
7 opposition to the cell tower, too, so we don't
8 want them to be the only people that are there
9 at that time.

10 MR. WIMSATT: Your story would be great
11 for that one, too.

12 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: He was actually at the
13 meeting with me.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'll just say that
15 it's hard to get people to -- you know,
16 getting people to email and phone in their
17 support was easier than getting people -- I
18 don't where this meeting takes place. I'll
19 attend it.

20 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah, it's going to be
21 at the county center, and I think they're
22 still doing hybrid meetings, too, so it may be
23 something where people would be able to
24 participate online --

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

1 MS. McCORMICK: -- and express their
 2 support for it, but that's going to be the
 3 next thing that I do tomorrow is to get more
 4 information about what the schedule is so that
 5 we can let everybody know as soon as possible.
 6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Any idea on estimate
 7 of when this will be or --
 8 MS. McCORMICK: Well, I'm thinking it
 9 may be February, because didn't Commissioner
 10 Cohen mention that at the meeting?
 11 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah, he -- I was think
 12 he was confusing the north site with Glenciff
 13 because he mentioned the zoning meeting.
 14 MS. McCORMICK: Okay.
 15 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: And so that's why I
 16 think he got them maybe confused. But, I
 17 mean, if it's early January, I would imagine
 18 -- Hillsborough meets once a month, so I would
 19 think as early as February, like Erin said.
 20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: If you just give me
 21 enough heads up, it will help me get a message
 22 out for support.
 23 MS. McCORMICK: Chris, when is your
 24 publishing deadline for the next WOW?
 25 MR. BARRETT: I would need to know

1 anything significant by the 10th or the 12th.
 2 The earlier the better.
 3 MS. McCORMICK: Okay. It's possible
 4 they could be taking this to the board in
 5 January. I mean, I hope we would have a
 6 little more heads up than that, but I'll make
 7 sure that I find out and give you that
 8 information also.
 9 MR. BARRETT: Thank you. Matt, if you
 10 want to go down and speak, do you have to be
 11 authorized by the board to do so now, or is
 12 that -- did that previous motion take care of
 13 that?
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: No. I think the
 15 previous motion was actually just for the
 16 meeting, so, yeah, I mean --
 17 MR. BARRETT: I have to throw you under
 18 the bus.
 19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. Yeah. No. I'm
 20 glad you made the point.
 21 MR. ROSS: Also move.
 22 MR. BAUMHOVER: Second.
 23 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. The motion on
 24 the table is to allow me to speak for the
 25 board at the board of county commissioners

1 meeting for the cell tower. Yes, Greg.
 2 MR. CHESNEY: Also, doesn't it need to
 3 also authorize you to be our agent of record
 4 in this transaction?
 5 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah, to also be there
 6 in support of the motion.
 7 MR. ROSS: I accept the amendment.
 8 MR. BAUMHOVER: I second it.
 9 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Any further discussion?
 10 (No response.)
 11 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All in favor.
 12 (All board members signify in the
 13 affirmative.)
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Five to zero. Thank
 15 you guys.
 16 (Motion passes.)
 17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Well, that's
 18 great news. Yeah. Thanks to everybody in the
 19 room for the help.
 20 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah. So progress on
 21 two cell towers, and that's all I have for
 22 tonight unless you guys have questions for me.
 23 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: No, I don't think so,
 24 not unless anybody else does. Thank you.
 25 I guess I'm still shocked at the news,

1 so that's great.
 2 MR. WIMSATT: The January meeting, it's
 3 a week from Wednesday.
 4 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: It's pretty quick.
 5 Okay. Manager's report. Andy.
 6 MR. MENDENHALL: Okay. Just had one
 7 item. I heard back from Fred Crawford who
 8 runs the Florida Association of Special
 9 Districts in which you guys are a member of.
 10 And so when they send off your email
 11 each year, they basically send a pre-filled-
 12 out form, and it has all your details and
 13 basically it's just like an invoice
 14 essentially.
 15 And they sent us the wrong form this
 16 year. So they had the district listed as a ad
 17 valorem, and you guys are, of course, non-ad
 18 valorem.
 19 So he apologized, and he did want to let
 20 us know that there is the fee for ad valorem
 21 is less, so there's actually a difference of
 22 \$1,918.04 for your district of your size being
 23 non-ad valorem.
 24 So I just wanted to bring it to your
 25 attention. We've already paid obviously what

1 we were billed, but there's just an additional
 2 amount. So --
 3 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 4 MR. MENDENHALL: -- if that's okay with
 5 the board, I'll go ahead and get that taken
 6 care of, but I wanted to bring it to your
 7 attention first.
 8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I don't have an issue.
 9 I don't think we need to provide or anything.
 10 Right?
 11 MR. MENDENHALL: You already approved
 12 the renewal. It's just a slight difference in
 13 the cost is basically it.
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 15 MR. MENDENHALL: And that was all I had
 16 for today.
 17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Thank you, Andy.
 18 Field manager, Doug.
 19 MR. MAYS: Just a few things to update
 20 the board on, and you do have -- I'm not sure
 21 how they have it, but it was a proposal put in
 22 the packet for A & B Aquatics to do a clean-
 23 out on one of the large ponds off of
 24 Linebaugh.
 25 MR. CHESNEY: Which one is that?

1 MR. MAYS: It's the one next to the
 2 medical center behind those three or four
 3 houses that are at the corner.
 4 MS. WHYTE: There's a picture of it on
 5 Dropbox.
 6 MR. CHESNEY: Is that one being
 7 maintained currently by them?
 8 MR. MAYS: It's being maintained, but
 9 unfortunately there's some club rush in it
 10 that's not doing what it's supposed to do, so
 11 it looks really unsightly, so we have had
 12 actually two phone calls from two of the three
 13 residents that actually live on it,
 14 complaining about it, so we need to get it
 15 removed out of the pond, so that's what that
 16 proposal is for, and also to clean up 39,
 17 which is -- a lot of times when they spray
 18 some of the things they're supposed to spray,
 19 it doesn't -- I mean, it kills it, but it
 20 doesn't drop, which sometimes it takes a long
 21 time for it to decompose and drop. It's just
 22 an unsightly mess.
 23 So that's kind of what has happened with
 24 this club rush and along with the torpedo
 25 grass that's growing in the middle of 39,

1 which is the first one on the left as you turn
 2 north on Gretna Green in the Fords.
 3 MR. CHESNEY: Oh, yeah, that one is bad.
 4 Yeah.
 5 MR. MAYS: We had them spray it, and
 6 unfortunately from spraying it, it looks
 7 terrible, so --
 8 MR. CHESNEY: Does that include that
 9 one, too?
 10 MR. MAYS: Yeah. I'm going to get -- he
 11 said he's going to remove that, too. So he's
 12 going to remove both of those.
 13 MR. CHESNEY: For that price?
 14 MR. MAYS: For that price.
 15 MR. CHESNEY: I'll make a motion to
 16 approve.
 17 MR. ROSS: I'll second.
 18 MR. BARRETT: What is the price?
 19 MR. MAYS: \$17,695.
 20 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Any other questions?
 21 (No response.)
 22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All in favor.
 23 (All board members signify in the
 24 affirmative.)
 25 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Motion passes five to

1 zero.
 2 (Motion passes.)
 3 MR. MAYS: And some other information
 4 that we gathered, I went ahead and got a
 5 proposal -- I know we have been talking about
 6 sidewalks in this committee for a long time,
 7 so I went ahead and had a company give us a
 8 proposal for some sidewalks in the Chelmsford
 9 community. It's one of the worst ones around.
 10 And I'm not sure Sonny included that --
 11 MS. WHYTE: No.
 12 MR. MAYS: -- because we just wanted to
 13 briefly talk about it, because I know the
 14 board is trying to figure out what they want
 15 to do about the sidewalks anyway.
 16 Just to give you kind of an idea,
 17 Chelmsford, it came to over \$56,000 just for
 18 that community. It's over 2,000 yards of
 19 concrete, and he even gave us over \$2,000 --
 20 or over 2,000 yards of concrete, he gave us a
 21 20 percent discount, which takes it down to
 22 \$47,000.
 23 So if that's one of the worst ones in
 24 here, and some of it the county's already
 25 done, you got quite a few dollars that you're

1 going to want to spend on sidewalks, if both
 2 sides want to do it, and pay for it now and
 3 have the county try to reimburse. So I just
 4 wanted to bring that to you all's attention.
 5 And then before you start getting phone
 6 calls from residents about Glenclyff Park, the
 7 one section the slide got broke, it looks like
 8 it was broke by a skate boarder, we've removed
 9 it ourself and closed it off, took the rope
 10 off, so the kids can't climb up there.
 11 The part, we've had it ordered, the
 12 company ordered it for us, so we're waiting on
 13 the part to get here. It just seems like with
 14 the trucking industry, the way it's been, the
 15 part supposedly has gotten lost, and now it's
 16 been located, and we're still waiting on it to
 17 show up. As soon as it gets here, we'll have
 18 that repaired.
 19 So I know last time the slide was broke
 20 in Baybridge, you guys got phone calls. So
 21 you have the answer to that one, we have the
 22 part on order. Hopefully it will be here
 23 soon.
 24 MR. CHESNEY: Did you find the skate
 25 boarder?

1 MR. MAYS: No, we did not. And let's
 2 see. I know there was some talk about street
 3 trees going around here a little bit, not much
 4 lately, but I know we were holding off on
 5 planting back till the arborist got -- until
 6 Mark Hughes' company got ahold of it and came
 7 up with his recommendations on it.
 8 But we've still got a few cypress trees,
 9 which do not provide canopies, but they are
 10 providing a lot of damage to people's yards,
 11 sidewalks, that you guys -- I'm not sure if
 12 you do know -- but a cypress tree has a
 13 cypress knee, and it should have never been a
 14 front yard street tree.
 15 It should never have been a street tree
 16 in the first place. So through the years,
 17 people in the permitting them, and I know
 18 we're on hold for removing them, my question
 19 to this board is, what was your thought or
 20 answer on going ahead and still being able to
 21 remove those, because I know we're on hold
 22 with removal?
 23 As Erin has told us before, street trees
 24 are ours. So is the board going to allow us
 25 to do it -- I mean, in the gated communities

1 only? Those street trees are ours, so would I
 2 be authorized to have a resident go ahead and
 3 get the permit to have one of those trees
 4 removed?
 5 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: A cypress tree or just
 6 any street tree?
 7 MR. CHESNEY: Where is the tree, what
 8 neighborhood?
 9 MR. MAYS: Greencrest. Greencrest. The
 10 Greens has got tons of them. They've got -- I
 11 think there's almost 50 of them in the whole
 12 community. They should have never been a
 13 street tree.
 14 MR. BARRETT: Can I ask a question?
 15 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Go ahead.
 16 MR. BARRETT: Like I understand that the
 17 county has residents pull the permit to get to
 18 the county property. Well, why does the CDD
 19 have residents pull the permits for CDD
 20 property?
 21 MR. MAYS: Most of the time it's because
 22 the CDD in the past and stuff like -- I mean,
 23 they told me that the homeowner should pay for
 24 something. I mean, the CDD doesn't want me
 25 coming -- actually we don't want to remove

1 them. It's the resident that wants it
 2 removed.
 3 So I've always told the residents, "You
 4 pull the permit, and we'll take the tree." So
 5 this is another case of that. But since the
 6 board put a hold, I didn't make it to the
 7 workshop two weeks ago, I wasn't sure what
 8 your thought was on continuing that type of
 9 process with the removal of cypress trees.
 10 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Then what's going to be
 11 put up there, Doug? I'm sorry. Maybe I
 12 missed it.
 13 MR. MAYS: Well, in that community, they
 14 have sabal palms all through there. So the
 15 resident has asked if he can have sabal palms
 16 in place of it.
 17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Go ahead, Brian.
 18 MR. ROSS: It's going to be a continuing
 19 pickle. The longer we keep putting it off,
 20 the longer we're going to continue to be
 21 frustrated by it and have to deal with it.
 22 I feel like we took a good first step by
 23 retaining a third-party expert to advise us,
 24 and I believe one of the first tasks that we
 25 outlined for our expert was to come to us with

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1 recommendations for replace -- for the kind of
 2 admissible trees in each neighborhood, break
 3 it down by neighborhood, neighborhood,
 4 neighborhood.
 5 What would be a crying shame is if we
 6 proceeded as being talked about in this
 7 situation, and then our expert came back and
 8 said sabal palm is a bad idea.
 9 Are we going to go back to the resident
 10 and say take the tree back out?
 11 MR. BAUMHOVER: I was going to say, what
 12 if the resident and Doug worked with our third-
 13 party expert to come up with an acceptable
 14 solution, then that becomes part of the
 15 conversations to bring to the board?
 16 MR. ROSS: Well, clearly that would
 17 work, whether it's outside of our board
 18 meeting or part of our board process.
 19 MR. BAUMHOVER: Well, we shouldn't be in
 20 the details of whether or not residents can
 21 pull a permit.
 22 MR. ROSS: That would be definitely
 23 true, but I think to the extent somebody is
 24 asking us for our blessing --
 25 MR. BAUMHOVER: Oh, yeah.

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1 MR. ROSS: -- I mean, we could say,
 2 sure, go ahead and change it, and then we'll
 3 just push back our start point.
 4 MR. BAUMHOVER: I didn't mean go ahead
 5 and push the problem away. I meant instead of
 6 having Doug come to us for our approval, just
 7 being able to have Doug work with our
 8 contractor to say here's a very specific
 9 resident problem, here's what the resident
 10 would like to do. Whatever they agree to,
 11 then they have our permission to execute that
 12 without having to come back to the board for
 13 permission to do this.
 14 MR. ROSS: Logically that's the way it
 15 should happen here on forward.
 16 MR. BAUMHOVER: Right.
 17 MR. ROSS: We, as a board, shouldn't be
 18 in the pre-approval process.
 19 MR. BAUMHOVER: Right. Right. Right.
 20 MR. ROSS: The danger is people will be
 21 in the field making decisions, and we may
 22 later say we're going a different direction,
 23 and that's just the bottom line.
 24 So it may be that the expert says,
 25 "Sure, it makes sense to me. Let's do sabal

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1 palms," but as we get into it further, we talk
 2 about this, we talk about that, and this and
 3 that and everything else --
 4 MR. BAUMHOVER: Right.
 5 MR. ROSS: -- we go in a different
 6 direction. So I don't feel strongly enough
 7 about it to make that decision.
 8 MR. BAUMHOVER: Maybe a temporary
 9 solution until we get to the full-blown
 10 recommendation is like, this is the kind of a
 11 -- there's probably going to be a couple of
 12 things that come to Doug's attention that -- I
 13 mean, this is probably part of the information
 14 that our expert needs to be seeing anyway to
 15 actually get in the trenches and say, "Oh,
 16 here are the issues."
 17 Like he should be kind of walking
 18 through that with Doug's kind of, you know,
 19 history and judgment and being able to say,
 20 this is the resident -- this is the solution
 21 that works for this resident.
 22 And maybe also being able to pace it so
 23 that we don't get too far ahead of ourselves
 24 before we actually see the overall
 25 recommendations.

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1 MR. ROSS: I think I'm personally 99
 2 percent in agreement with everything you just
 3 said. The one little tweak I would make is --
 4 well, one, what I said a moment ago, I would
 5 hate for us to get down the road making
 6 decisions, and then we end up making a
 7 different turn, if you will.
 8 But I also feel that at some point we've
 9 got to resolve this issue. We've kicked this
 10 issue around for years and years.
 11 MR. BAUMHOVER: Oh, absolutely.
 12 MR. ROSS: Well, it seems like it's been
 13 years and years. Maybe it's only been months
 14 and months. I apologize if I'm exaggerating
 15 the point.
 16 But I feel like it's not going to break
 17 the bank, so to speak, if we say to the
 18 resident, "We'll get back to you in 60 days."
 19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So that's what I was
 20 about to say. Do we need to replace the tree
 21 right now? Do we want to pull it out?
 22 Is that what you're really asking, Doug,
 23 can we just pull it out and then wait or --
 24 MR. MAYS: No. I was going to say what
 25 he just said. We can go ahead and pull the

1 trees out, but there's no hurry in even
 2 pulling them out, so he doesn't have a bare
 3 front.
 4 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 5 MR. MAYS: You know, it's not going to
 6 get any worse. Cypress knees are popping up
 7 all the -- both sides of the sidewalk already.
 8 I told him, "Hey, listen, the sabal palm
 9 might not be a tree that they want to use in
 10 this community."
 11 He would be more than happy with just at
 12 least getting the cypress out of there, so,
 13 you know, his kids can walk in their front
 14 yard, and hold off on the planting of the
 15 other tree until the arborist has put in his
 16 recommendations for that community.
 17 But, as I said, that community already
 18 has sabal palms. It's one of the -- just like
 19 five different trees through that whole
 20 community. It's not one of your communities
 21 that's strictly oaks.
 22 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. And you had a
 23 great point. I mean, when you said that
 24 earlier, and I said what kind. If it's like
 25 Harbor Links where everything is a

1 Washingtonian palm that's 60 feet tall, I
 2 mean, it seems pretty obvious that's probably
 3 what the recommendation is going to be from
 4 Mark.
 5 But if you're saying there's five
 6 different kinds, maybe Brian, he's got a good
 7 point, I think maybe we wait here.
 8 MR. WIMSATT: Yeah, I ran through the
 9 Greens this weekend. I was running -- I ran
 10 through the neighborhood. Some street trees
 11 that are all -- if you say there's five, it
 12 seems like there's 20. There's a lot of
 13 different trees. You know, there was no
 14 continuity as far as the community --
 15 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay.
 16 MR. MAYS: Yeah. The whole thing has
 17 been about the canopy anyway. I mean, a lot
 18 of it has been that. That community is not
 19 one of your communities that's really got a
 20 canopy anyway --
 21 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So what --
 22 MR. MAYS: -- because of so many
 23 different trees.
 24 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So, now -- let me
 25 circle back. Where are we at? Are we okay

1 with taking out the tree and just not
 2 replacing it, or do you want to wait and --
 3 MR. MAYS: Well, I told him I would
 4 bring it up to the board in this meeting,
 5 that's why, the owner of the house.
 6 But if I had to go back to him and say,
 7 "Hey, listen, the arborist is still putting
 8 his plan together, let me get back to you in
 9 another month," I'm sure he'd be fine with
 10 that.
 11 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Then let's do that, if
 12 everybody is okay with it.
 13 MR. MAYS: Like I said, when I tell a
 14 resident something, I'm going to do it, so I
 15 wanted to make sure I brought it up to you
 16 guys.
 17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Thank you, Doug.
 18 MR. MAYS: I think that's pretty much
 19 all of it, sir.
 20 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All right.
 21 MR. MAYS: I think maybe Sonny's got
 22 something.
 23 MS. WHYTE: No.
 24 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: All right. Audience
 25 comments. I guess we don't have any, other

1 than Chris Barrett.
 2 MR. BARRETT: Thank you for letting us
 3 have the food truck rally in December. It was
 4 actually a lot of fun. A lot of people
 5 enjoyed that.
 6 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Good.
 7 MR. BARRETT: We'll probably come back
 8 and ask for --
 9 MS. WHYTE: Already did.
 10 MR. BARRETT: -- she already did. All
 11 right. So thank you very much for doing that.
 12 Hopefully it will be something that we can
 13 grow and have like music and gather people
 14 safely once Omicron has done its thing.
 15 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I think tomorrow, I
 16 think it's over.
 17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. And I guess
 18 we'll move on to supervisor --
 19 MR. BARRETT: Oh. Oh. I emailed you
 20 guys about the 30th anniversary. So I just --
 21 initially I forgot about it until Sonny just
 22 mentioned it.
 23 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. Apparently this
 24 is the 30th year for Westchase. It was this
 25 year -- right? -- or was it last year?

1 MR. BARRETT: Well, there are things
 2 that span last year and this year. It depends
 3 on like what you consider the first.
 4 The first home was November, last
 5 November. The WCA was founded in the spring
 6 of last year. But like the first model homes
 7 opened up in the spring of '22 -- I'm sorry --
 8 '92. And the welcome center, which is kind of
 9 like -- that opened in also the spring of '92.
 10 MR. CHESNEY: Yeah, I go by the historic
 11 Ross building.
 12 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I got to be honest, I
 13 just hope Chris never gets my Social Security
 14 number. The fact that he had all of that
 15 information is pretty impressive.
 16 MR. BARRETT: We actually hired an
 17 archeological historian during the 20th
 18 anniversary to go through the records and also
 19 old WOWs and pull that time line together.
 20 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: That's impressive. I
 21 mean, are we looking -- has anybody ever
 22 thought about --
 23 MR. CHESNEY: Let me help you on this.
 24 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yes, sir.
 25 MR. CHESNEY: So what we have done in

1 MR. BARRETT: Maybe some pyrotechnics --
 2 MR. CHESNEY: That's true. We could do
 3 that.
 4 MS. WHYTE: And we would certainly
 5 draw attention to it by making and ordering
 6 30th anniversary banners, if that is what the
 7 board chooses to do. I mean, we can put them
 8 up in the common areas such as Baybridge Park,
 9 Glenclyff Park, like we did the last -- in
 10 West Park Village.
 11 Beyond that, I mean, yeah, it was a lot
 12 -- we did do, for those of you who weren't
 13 here, which I presume most of you were, it was
 14 a lot. I mean, it wasn't just Debbie. It was
 15 a lot of coordinating and a lot of ordering --
 16 and, you know, we did it all in Glenclyff
 17 Park.
 18 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah, I think -- I
 19 remember I was pretty new, but I just remember
 20 -- I think I was actually out of town the week
 21 of that event, but I thought the banners were
 22 great.
 23 MS. WHYTE: So that, we can draw
 24 attention without having a hoopla. We can
 25 draw attention to the community and order

1 the past is, the WCA drives it. We provide
 2 anything they ask us for, police, I mean --
 3 Last time I suggested -- I asked them if
 4 they wanted a bus to go from Publix to
 5 Glenclyff, but, I mean --
 6 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: For what?
 7 MR. CHESNEY: -- we're restricted to
 8 mostly -- what's the word you always tell me
 9 -- structural --
 10 MS. McCORMICK: Infrastructure --
 11 right --
 12 MR. CHESNEY: Infrastructure. Thank
 13 you. I couldn't remember the word.
 14 MS. McCORMICK: -- facilities, not so
 15 much the event itself.
 16 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: So I guess from five
 17 years ago, I just remember banners being put
 18 up.
 19 MS. WHYTE: There you go.
 20 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I guess I didn't
 21 understand the bus comment, but --
 22 MR. CHESNEY: Well, no. I was just
 23 saying it's like we don't really plan the
 24 activities. We just provide whatever --
 25 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Okay.

1 banners, if that is what you guys want.
 2 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Okay. Any other
 3 thoughts or --
 4 MR. CHESNEY: Well, if Greg's memory is
 5 right, and it probably is, it always is,
 6 before we start ordering banners, we ought to
 7 let the WCA --
 8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Oh, yeah. I didn't
 9 mean -- I didn't mean --
 10 MR. ROSS: Yeah. I misunderstood then.
 11 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah, I didn't mean to
 12 go that far.
 13 MR. ROSS: I'm sure if they make a
 14 request --
 15 MR. CHESNEY: I would just let them
 16 figure it out first.
 17 MS. WHYTE: Because that would be on our
 18 property, not theirs?
 19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. Right. Okay.
 20 Good idea. Thank you, Chris, for bringing
 21 that to our attention.
 22 MR. BARRETT: Yeah. I was just
 23 embarrassed that I discovered it just by
 24 happenstance today looking something else up,
 25 and I'm like, "Oh."

1 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: It seems like we've all
 2 been in a blip, if you're a fan of Marvel the
 3 last two years, so -- okay. Anything else,
 4 Chris?
 5 MR. BARRETT: Thank you.
 6 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Supervisor requests.
 7 Greg, anything?
 8 MR. CHESNEY: No. I just want to say,
 9 though, also I saw the snow pictures in the
 10 WOW, and they look like they had a good time,
 11 so thank you. Again, that was great. And I
 12 love when we do stuff like that, and the food
 13 truck rally.
 14 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Yeah. Sure. All
 15 right. Brian.
 16 MR. ROSS: Nothing. Thank you.
 17 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Jim.
 18 MR. WIMSATT: Nothing.
 19 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Forrest.
 20 MR. BAUMHOVER: Nothing.
 21 MS. McCORMICK: Can I -- I thought of
 22 one thing. Because you mentioned the January
 23 12th board date for the next BOCC meeting, so
 24 if they are planning on taking the Glenciff
 25 Park cell tower issue to the board in January,

1 MS. WHYTE: (Inaudible) notify him as
 2 soon as Erin gives me the date. He asked me
 3 -- he said he'll rally the troops as best as
 4 he can. As soon as I get a date, I will --
 5 (Multiple speakers speaking at once.)
 6 MS. McCORMICK: We'll just put the
 7 date the county's looking at --
 8 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: That would be great.
 9 I'm glad you brought that up, because I had
 10 the same feeling: Let's not lose the momentum
 11 here. Strike while the iron is hot.
 12 MS. McCORMICK: Okay.
 13 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: I'm just afraid they
 14 wouldn't put it on the February -- so all
 15 right. Motion to adjourn appropriate?
 16 MR. BAUMHOVER: (Raises his hand.)
 17 MR. ROSS: Second.
 18 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Seconded. Perfect.
 19 All in favor.
 20 (All board members signify in the
 21 affirmative, and the meeting adjourned at
 22 5:56 p.m.)
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1 that early, would you guys want me to see if
 2 they could push it back until February so that
 3 we would have more chance to make the
 4 residents aware of it in case there are people
 5 that want to come out and support at the board
 6 meeting?
 7 I'm just thinking about timing-wise, if
 8 it were to go to the board in January, we
 9 wouldn't really have a lot of time to
 10 communicate this.
 11 CHAIRMAN LEWIS: Go ahead.
 12 MR. ROSS: My feeling is that we've got
 13 good news. I think somebody is thinking
 14 positively about the project. Let's not let
 15 that go.
 16 If it's Matt's intention on going there,
 17 and, Matt, do you get a sense from the meeting
 18 that somehow we've misread the room and
 19 there'S a tidal wave of opposition, couldn't
 20 he always say, "We have a lot of residents who
 21 support this. Can you postpone this," and
 22 then just him handle it at the meeting
 23 himself?
 24 MS. McCORMICK: Yeah, we could. I mean,
 25 we could. We could ask for a continuance.

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