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- >> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Hi, Harriotte.
- >> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Hello. I am
- >> PAULINE DOWNING: I am trying to get my phone where I want to.
- >> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: There we go. Hi, there. I made it.
- >> PAULINE DOWNING: Hello.
- >> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: At the kitchen table.
- >> The further you are aware -- like that -- no that was the button that was there.
- >> Who's on so far? We have our captioner, and I think Holly just connected, and Pauline and myself, Adrienne.
- >> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Pauline, hello. So glad you are here.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: And this is who?

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Sorry. I forgot my --

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: This is Holly. High Pauline. Hi Brian. Adrienne, Harriotte. How is everybody tonight?

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Trying to not look at the news.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: Don't even look at the news.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: If you don't look at the news, I encourage you at some point, look at the Moon. It was a lovely rise.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: That's a great suggestion.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Since it came up at 5:30. [Laughing].

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: I think there's a lunar eclipse at 4:00 to 5:00 a.m., anybody see that?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I heard about it.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: If I haven't made it to 6:00 a.m. spin class, but I decide to do stay in better longer.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: That's kind of outrageous, 6:00 a.m., hum?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Was that you have to actually leave the living area?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I physically have to leave the house, which is maybe part of the lack of motivation, [Laughing].

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: I have been contemplating getting a stationary bike or trying to get something off the Craigslist, and it would help me knee and not so cranky.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I think people bout various versions of that during the height of the pandemic, so it might be the right market for people to be getting rid of them.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: True. I will check it out.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: Paul we have a device like an elliptical for your legs.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Is that the scoop?

>> PAULINE DOWNING: Yeah.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: I tried it at a friend's house.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: I can't use it and I can't get comfortable enough to have the right distance and how much my legs are supposed it window or whatever. I know it is weird, but --

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: No. No. I get it though, I get it.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: We have a few members that are being excused for tonight that cannot attend. I'm waiting for Bonnie and Lian. I heard they could not attend.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: No. No. No. We're waiting for them. Others could not attend.

>> BONNIE DENIS: Bonnie is here.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Yay.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: Yay.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: They were cheering your arrival, Bonnie, that's where the cheers were coming from. >> HOLLY SIMIONE: I'm going to eat more candy done. I like candy corn, too. Either you love it or hate it. None.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: I used to like it as a kid. I think the only one I haven't had in years is Snickers.

>> BONNIE DENIS: I think candy corn is fine.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: That's the only thing I don't like is Snickers.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: I love the nuts right because I'm nuts.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: I mean, I'm nuts enough.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Bonnie, do you happen to know if Lian will be joining us?

>> BONNIE DENIS: Lian should be joining us within a couple of minutes.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: No worries, thank you.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Bonnie we were checking into seeing if anyone has seen the clips 5 a.m. this morning. So far, zero count. I think Adrienne saw the 5.30 moon rise, which was quite beautiful.

>> BONNIE DENIS: I didn't see it.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Samantha?

>> Samantha: Yep.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Welcome.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: It is just 630, I will wait three or four minutes to see if Lian can join us and then we'll do roll call. Henry, Colin, and Jake and Amy are all able to attend tonight. Henry is actually at a policy station today.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Yay! .

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: We have four members who are excused and did I say it was this morning? Not this afternoon, I sent an updated agenda. That was posted online. Actually, no. It was yesterday. Thank you for having my brain in place,

Adrienne.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I had to think about it for a second.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Both of the agenda is the same. I removed one item from the bottom, it was about bicycle road repairs. I think I have all of the key Commissioners listed at the top of the page now.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: That for doing that work. It gives us a leg up, as they say. All puns intended.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Pauline, would you like me to go through the agenda.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: I would appreciate it, yes.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: I would, too.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Wait until 6:35. How are things, Brian?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Doing well.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: That's good.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: For what it is worth, with Bonnie, Holly and I, of our five permanent, five full members, we do have quorum and proceed if we wants to.

>> BONNIE: Notice the for a minute.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: That's why I corrected myself.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Brian, thank you for reporting in the -- I think it was the resident 6 communities meeting last Thursday.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Thank you Harriotte, I wanted to find you before everybody left to introduce you in person. Aids aid it was good to have you there, Harriotte. Sometimes I lose track because I'm still struggling with website need willing, searching and finding. I would be very lost if I didn't have a silent partner for sure. Brian brain you didn't lose track in the meeting. You were on pint the entire time.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Thank you. I'm invested up to my ears, right?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: It is 6:35, let's call this meeting to order.

[Recording in Progress]

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: So we have -- wait. We have Bonnie Pauline, we have Lian, hi Lian. And have Harriotte. And Brian. Myself. And Adrienne.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: And Amanda is here, too.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: And Samantha. Thank you for joining tonight. If you would like to introduce yourself, you are more than welcome to.

>> Samantha: I am a student at Tufts studying political science and for class, was asked to observe, and like, gain research about Somerville City Council and asked to sit on a City Council meeting and this is one I was interested in and that from letting me be here.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Glad to have you here, and thank you for coming.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Yes.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I think we have done welcome, introductions, recall call. Adrienne you want to start us with updates?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Thanks, Holly, through the chair, I have a couple of things I can pass along, but first, I would like to ask for consent to permission. Holly and I were on the receiving ends of some communication from our mobility department, involving some changes -- and Brian Postlewaite as well was involved in this, last week about changes to accessible parking and both street and commercial and there are residents there as well as the commercial space. It was a quick turnaround, so Holly did e-mail that information out this morning, I believe feedback via e-mail. I would like it yield the majority of my ten minutes so the folks who have not had a chance to receive a full explanation to receive it, or puts it under new business because unfortunately, there is a timeline because this is going before the traffic on Thursday.

And Holly, if you can walk us through the information that Greg sent you to pass along?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: That's fine. The one reason we didn't want to add this to the agenda was you didn't want to take away your time because it is really valuable from its Commission, and I did send it out I think the day before yesterday, I'm in the sure.

I know Harriotte was working on a response. I provided a response. Bonnie, thank you. Did you have a chance to look at it? Bonnie I was planning on preparing a response as requested after this meeting, or in the morning.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Were you able, Pauline, to look at what was sent out?

>> PAULINE DOWNING: No. I don't have access.

>> BONNIE DENIS: This is Bonnie, may I comment on this? This is a repeated problem and as we know Pauline is blind and we can't view the materials and this is why mobility has been asked to provide us updates and they used to group us in and that changed during the time Adrienne came on board, and this is a good reminder if they were more proactive that this could provide us more access instead of some of us.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Bonnie, this is Brian. Greg was unavailable to come, and I was asked to explain the diagrams if that would be helpful to Pauline?

>> PAULINE DOWNING: Anything is helpful. Is this the year around

Union Square? Brian brain yes.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Just check one more thing. Begin h-

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I was following your lead, Holly and answering the immediate question. Learn, any specific questions that you want answered?

>> LIAN GUERTIN: I haven't written up a response yet, but probably going to do so tonight or tomorrow morning.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I am fine if you want to go over any of that, and waiting for input and if we could try and keep it ten minutes. And Pauline, if you need myself or Adrienne to go through it verbally what the visuals are, I definitely have time to do that.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: That would be appreciated.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. I did it earlier today with Harriotte.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: It was helpful and gave me grounds to be able to prepare my response. Thank you.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I don't know if you want me to do a quick summary to do the request from advice?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Sure. That would be great.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I'm going to share my screen, not because I know Harriotte can't see it, but it helps me follow it because I'm a visual person. If it is preferred I do in the share my screen, I can do that, too.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I think it would be helpful for Samantha who is observing.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Okay. This is the presentation that was shared by Greg. So Pauline, I am going to address this to you, but if anyone else has questions, that's fine. Practice the existing conditions in Union Square as bounded roughly by Church Street in the west, and stone avenue and Somerville so many street and from [Indiscernible] avenue to Somerville street. There are six existing-yearh. There are six existing accessible parking spaces in this triangular area. Three and Bow Street and three on Somerville Avenue.

There's one -- the parking space in question is on the Western leg of Bowe street at Bowe street place. Adjacent to -- somebody knows the name of the framing store that's there? I can't remember it. But it is a painting framing store on B orc w street and this was the resident accessible space and that resident no longer lives in the building. The impetus behind seeking the relocation of this accessible space, we had the opportunity to put in a protected bike lane along this section of Bow Street. We don't have the space to provide a full, accessible aisle between the protected space and the preference, and that's the preference of the Commission.

Instead, we looked from two other places that would be improved locations in this Union Square triangle and removing the location at Bow Street Place. And the first is at Church Street and Somerville Avenue immediately across from the Market Basket and the second is on the corner of Somerville Avenue and Kilby Street and what used to be Somerville oh. And the options that we have in front of us are leaving the existing parking space where it is, but it will be potentially compromised by the existing protective bike lane. However, that does mean there's more space about the protected -- around the accessible parking space for potential other accessible benefits, such as a rear load van. And they provide one of the alternative spaces that I just spoke about or preferred alternative for the city is to remove the space at the parking space to the other two I mentioned. I know that's a lot Pauline, but if you have questions or want me to repeat everything.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: With all of these bike lanes, where are they going to find all of the room for this stuff?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: You mean find the room for --

>> PAULINE DOWNING: I mean these bike Leans, that boggles my mind. You have enough trouble finding spaces for people it park, and you want to have a bike lane in the middle of all that? Where?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I Dean if 245 was a question in regards to the parking spaces?

>> PAULINE DOWNING: It is in a way, but if you are going to do it, you will have to move that property space, so where would you put 2?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I was describing the other two locations where we would put that accessible parking space, and so this particular conversation of relocating the accessible parking space would not reduce or add any total parking space, but it could, however take a normal, standard parking space and convert it into an accessible parking space and then only have one [Indiscernible] Parking space.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I will take a question from Bonnie and then Lian and --

>> BONNIE DENIS: This is Bonnie. I have comments in terms of the proposal and I wanted to comment on Pauline. There's an existing bike lane already and they are change changing the location away from the curb. Right now the parking is next to the curb and this there take it next to the bike lane next to the serve, it is the flipping of the box so space-wise, nothing to changing, just changing the location of each. Does that make sense?

>> PAULINE DOWNING: Well, yeah. Sort of. [Laughing]. There's just -- been bon to park you have to cross the bike lane and they are going to make it so you don't have to drive across the bike lane.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: That means when you ego residence your car, you would have to walk or roll across its bike lane it get to the curb.

>> BONNIE DENIS: Holly, can I give my comments on those spaces themselves?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Sure.

>> BONNIE DENIS: Brian, can you good back to the part that has the spaces, please?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Absolutely. This is the space requested for removal. This is the space at the corner of Church Street across from the Market Basket. I will stop sheer. Been bon thank you, bow street, I have been raising for years about the previous spaces, and the previous slides you had existing spaces, it's a little ingenuous to call it six paces spore bow street because half of them are on Somerville Avenue and one of them is where you have to turn off into the street where you continue to off of Somerville street and [Indiscernible]. And will completely change how you exit of the area. Right now, the access to everyone business there, is it is on the right side of the street. I don't know if it's east and west, but I rang we got was east and left, but used right and left, which was confusing. Right now they are on its other side of the street and cross-examination walks are pretty far way and you have to go at least a block or to in one direction to be able to cross and go back on the other side.

And there's an existing space number 2 that's right near-it is between block 11 and the neighborhood. And that is a head in parking space, which works great in terms of having rear access for people would need it, but it doesn't have a striped lane next to it, so it is not good for people who need that side exit. For passengers. It will be completely impossible and for drivers, it depends on how many bikes are in the bike rack directly next to it, and as I said, there's no crosswalk. So if you are trying to go to Union Square donuts, you are literal hi blocks r- blocks out of the way. So it's already not very good. Many so I would not want to remove that other spot because it is near a crosswalk, it is a decent spot. I think that one should be added to the either side of Bowe street, where the businesses are. There are businesses there currently. There could be a metered space turned into an accessible space, , and that gives options for people who need passenger exit versus driver access.

And the proposed there r- will not do that. I do day care there, and people still park in it.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: You are referring to this one?

>> BONNIE DENIS: Yes. And not a great location, and putting more spaces, I don't think it accomplishes serving bow street. That accomplishment giving more spaces outside of many Union Square. Talking about accessible parking and you having to traverse multiple blocks and 77ly on sidewalks that are not very well maintained. I don't think that's very useful.

Brian brain so I am hearing -- been bon I can sum up. I would maintain this space, and suggests finding a spot to add one on the opposite side of Bow street, on the left-hand side, and it should be further back with the businesses.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: So you are seeing this space primarily in its existing incarnation is primarily benefitting the businesses closer to Bowe street and not necessarily to the businesses on Somerville avenue and the space should be closer to the bow street Somerville street location?

>> BONNIE DENIS: I think about both, and it is not amazingly, but at least close to cross walks and you don't have to go really far away to across the street other than its space that exists on the original side of bow street. It is kinds of the best of both work flows.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: The better of the two. And I don't want to -- Bonnie, you were going to provide this?

>> BONNIE DENIS: I will map this U as well.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I just want to be sensitive of Holly's time, and I think what I am trying -- if we don't want to relocate this space, that's fine. Is -- and we're interested in adding at least one more space due to this, either keeping this space and adding another space, or removing this space and adding two more spaces. I think that's well within what we can do in the short term

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: That's great to hear, Brian.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I'm hearing that you prefer to leave this space, and assuming at 7 because you said 6 was not very effective.

>> BONNIE DENIS: This is Bonnie. Yes, keep this space. I don't know what you mean pi 7, I'm not looking at the image.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: This was space number 7.

>> BONNIE DENIS: I don't think that's the best location. I am the only one that feels this way, but I don't think it adds anything significant.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Okay. So I am hearing at present, from you, at least, don't make any changes, look for another space owe to add on the other side of bow street. We can come back and look at it and see what could be done about it.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Can we just add Lian if you would like to --

>> LIAN GUERTIN: This is Lian, and I will be quick for just infections and put them in and mostly aligned with Bonnie in terms of the existing spots don't really serve Bowe street very well. I mapped it out last nights and to get to the Post Office, and feels like a place someone should be able to get to. The closest was, like all of the spots were like 450,500 feet away. Even the one directly inside of it because of where the crosswalks are, you have to go a block away and cross three streets to get there.

Some of the ones on the other side of Somerville avenue don't require going across the street, but it requires going down the block and if you don't know where the Post Office is, you will have to find that. There are not good options where someone looking at the spots ahead of time would necessarily find.

I definitely, adding on the left side of that section of bow street where the Post Office is, would be really helpful. So my questions along that being, the thoughts you have identified as potentials are -- we have gone through everything and those are the only ones that work or these are the only ones we found as options or others potentially work, and what is happening directly relies on the first half of the section before it split off into Summer Street and is there a change in parking there?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: The quick action the only changes to the bike lane is between summer treat here, across the street going to carton west.

And the section hereby the Post Office and donut shop and so forth, we're not proposing any changes over there, but happy to look for an alternative on that side for an accessible parking space. Our initial thought was that with the spot being removed at Bow Street Place, serve these businesses over here, but if you are saying the other way, that actually, this [Pointing], should Scherff these businesses here, than the other side of bow street, we can look for that. One of the things I'm trying to avoid blind corners and motorists coming around an inside turn and someone coming out with a mobility device into the turning lane. I am trying to minimize the conflicts, and there's probably another way to do it, but just not at bow street place.

>> LIAN GUERTIN: I think the one you have saying right now for the proposed businesses because BTU are traveling along bow street looking for a spot, it is most likely the first one you can find because it seems like it can work. There's the one across, no crosswalks and the one near Wesley park, but if you don't know it is there, and I didn't know it was there until I saw that diagram and it is tucked in a side street you are not looking at and the bow street place, seems to be the one that will work. So if there were one closer to the businesses on the left side of the street and the other side of the street, I think the one placed on bow street wouldn't be as important, but other businesses there that I'm not remembering.

Right now, it is definitely helping, but I think one father up the bow street farther up on the left would do that even better.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Hugely hopeful advice and definitely something I didn't think of, and Greg was helping to figure out good alternatives. Thank you. It is super helpful and we will get to that as quickly as we can. Even one more question, is there any way it do signage that there's an accessible spot on the side street, so it will be more easily findable from Main Street?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I honestly don't know if this is an easy tool. Like, we can create the tool, but it takes longer to create a tool than pull out an existing tool. I don't know whether that tool exists.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: There's an application --

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Lian is asking for a specific sign and I don't know if one is available or have to create a new one.

>> LIAN GUERTIN: And was that spot for businesses to businesses or created for the residential.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWATE: Wesley Park was a residential request.

>> LIAN GUERTIN: Then I would be less likely to add.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Bonnie?

>> BONNIE DENIS: This particular spot might not be useful. As I said before, it turns you on to a neighborhood street and turns you around to where you wanted to go, but if someone were to park in that space, suddenly, you are turning back in an area that has a lot of one way streets and hard to get back to bow.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Harriotte, would you like to anything?

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: It will take less than 30 seconds. One of the things that has not been mentioned the long 150 feet and you are talking about a variety of disabilities, what about something that's respiratory like COPD and someone like this walking towards the stores is asking a lot, and also, just the whole crosswalk stuff. Some other day. I will call you, Brian, talk about what I'm scared of the bike lane and all of that.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWATE: We should talk about than I would like to hear your perspective better.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Thanks. We're going to move on now. Adrienne, would you mind sharing any updates you have with the Commission as far as the Mayor's Office and where we stand in the pointing numbers.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I don't have an update on that, Holly. Sorry.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: When will you have an update.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I will have an update as the same time you will have an update. I don't have anything further.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. What do you recommend I do for getting information. I had any responses from the city oar Mayor, and if you don't have any updates, I don't know thousand escalate this.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I can just pass along that you are relayed r-waiting for a response

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Harriotte, you had a response?

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: At the meeting, it seems like the Mayor deferred to you and Hannah, and I'm not sure who Hannah is and what her position is?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Hannah is the legislative liaison, and often the one in this particular situation Holly has been communicating with, so that response will probably coming from Hannah, but there's nothing new there. I can reach out to Hannah and ask for a status update tomorrow.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: One last tiny question. The application was

open, I believe in March or April and closed in June, and then reopened in July and August, and there's no closing date, which is why we are hanging? Is that it?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: That's what I am aware of, Harriotte.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: There are no documents available online other than the one I sent you saying they had to apply by, I think it was early September. Aidan I will check on it, again, Holly. I don't have anything further.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: If there was one thing I would leave with you to make a top priority in your role -- in your ADA role, it would be to please, find out where that stands and get some hard timelines because it is really imperative that we as a Commission are able to not only function fully, but the moment the city is -- it has very high regard for supporting persons with disabilities, but by not enabling us to have a full Commission, not communicating with us, it shows complete lack of respect for persons with disabilities within the community.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I understand, Holly and will pass that along. With that Sid, the only two things I wanted to pass along, if you all haven't already, and I am happy to help folks if they can't access its current ways available, we would appreciate anybody's feedback for public safety for all survey, which has been out for a time now, there's an online version and paper version, and I am happy to walk through that. Give me one second, Bonnie and I will answer your question.

I did send it along to everybody. But you all remember from last month, the NB TA came and gave a presentation on the union square station. Happening Wednesday at 6 okay. And that's half virtual and I believe I have to register to get that information. Bonnie?

>> BONNIE DENIS: Thank you. I just -- did you want our feedback on the public safety survey now?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I'm just passing along under RSJ and the people and my colleagues who created this, they are looking for more folks to take it.

>> BONNIE DENIS: Oh. That's different than providing feedback on it. Thanks.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Bonnie -- I mean --

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Go ahead Harriotte.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Is it obvious because I have registered from the hearing already. Whether questions are going to be taken from those who come to the meeting.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: You mean from the Davis [Indiscernible]. And I'm not sure on that e-mail, but I can reach out to Kim who I believe is the main contact on that, and clarify with her if there are public comments.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. Number 4. Chairs broad.

Another reason I updated the standing agenda for our meetings going forward was to make sure we had the listing of all of the Commissioners at the beginning of the agenda. And we have Associate Commissioners and we have Commissioners. By title, the only difference is voting, but everyone is a Commissioner, and there's extreme value in each and every one of you, and I would like us to recognize the efforts of people who are Associate Commissioners and continue to participate, and myself, and I'm sure other Commissioners truly value that and I would like to make sure moving forward, we don't need to do anything in between Associate Commissioner or Commissioner, when he get to the point where we're voting, that's where it is important to understand who will be voting on something. One of my goals is to make sure all Commissioners can participate in all things, and to that and, throughout tonight, there will be moments why I talk about specific subcommittees I would love to have in place, and for all Commissioners, I would like to know if someone has a particular subcommittee they feel strongly about being a part of.

All of our Commissioners, again, its restrictions about voting -- let me finish this thought, Brian and I will get back to you. Any Commissioner can hold an office as well of the they can be a secretary and they can do many different roles. Again, they with not be able to vote on anything, but I feel Commissioners are Commissioners. Brian, please, go ahead.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Holly, this is Brian and I agree with you one hundred percent one thing to notes, by public meeting law, I don't think the associate Commissioner can act as a secretary, chair, or vice chair. Practice second, an es Associate Commissioner is not considered for awe quorum.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Correct.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I wanted to make sure we were clear on that, but other than that, I think everything else, I one hundred percent agree with you.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I have to look about the holding being the secretary. I can certainly understand not being the Chair or vice chair. Bonnie, do you have something to add?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: If that's not true, I'm happy.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: It's not a challenge and we should find out for sure.

>> BONNIE DENIS: I think there's some discrepancy as to what the rules are because I'm in the sure about the position itself, but certainly about taking meeting minutes as city clerks do them for City Council ill and it is not just straight across the board that the kit allows this, but the board has been against us utilizing something like that. But in terms of the law, I dough don't believe you can have somebody do that. Whether or not we can implement it, I'm not sure.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I appreciate everyone's feedback, comment, and clarity.

Moving on, I have what's going on with the website?

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Ah.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I can't find anything. Not even in general search come up. It's like a big, Black Hole. I don't know if that was a switch that was hit and something got disconnected. I deaths Adrienne, Brian, being municipal employees, have you heard anything or had other issues? It is been just awful of the

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: For about how long have you been observing this, Holly?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: At least a week, and it's like, I, you know, I can barely find our page, and can't find meetings or documents and thinks I could easily find from a drop-down menu or putting in a switch windows. Are either of you aware of something that's going on or being updated and I can go through specific things and work through it individually.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I don't know if it was the same the website was updated, I don't know. In August, there was a big update allowing for change of different usage -- I Dean all of the changes, but I'm not aware of anything recently.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Maybe you -- if you have seen issues as well?

>> BONNIE DENIS: In terms of since that major website update, I think accessibility wise, it is extremely difficult to find things for meetings. It used to be for City Council ill meetings, you can click on it and it brings you another browser and now you have to click on the screen and down road a PDF and the text size is also a hole lots smaller and accessibility-wise, it is a lot less functional. And I have seen comments with people on twit err with no known disabilities who are also struggling with it.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Adrienne, would you mind trying to do some follow-up on that with regard to whatever changes were made in August? I doubt they were intended to remove whether accessibility existed, however, I would good with what Bonnie is saying that it is harder and also, our website has not been built to fit the guidelines for what an accessible and what must be in a website to be considered accessible.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Yes. I can do that.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Compliant. If you could do some research on that and figure out how -- what our process is?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Yes.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I would appreciate that. One second, Harriotte. You had your hand raised?

>> LIAN GUERTIN: I just went to test this myself and I wanted it mention, so I was able to fiend the major with the agendas and it is definitely not easy to find, but I just wanted to mention that I am able to open the documents in the browse are. So whoever is testing this, someone aware that there might be a browsing sort of operating systems going on, and if it is working from them, it might not actually be

working for everyone.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Lian, do you clear cookies and clear out website data? Have you been to anything you went to before? It might have -- it will find it easier because you had that before, so if you try and go to something --

>> LIAN GUERTIN: When I tried to search for it in the agenda meetings and more, it did give me a drop down for Commission forepersons with disabilities when I typed in person with disabilities and if I am clicking on the agenda or whatever, it opens its PDF directly in the browser, rather than sending me to a different page. So it sounds like different people are getting different behavior so I wanted to flag that when it is tested so whenever they test it say oh, . It is working.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I think Harriotte had a question and then Bonnie and Pauline.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: It is probably fruitless at this point, but Lian, if you can find out the person or persons who is tasked with working with the website, webmaster position or whatever, I would absolutely love a five to ten minute conversation with that person, regarding accessibility and that meg h- may not be possible, but I feel it would be helpful to have, you know, whoever else wants to join me. But I mean, seriously, I can't get anywhere with the search box for the most part. That's all. Thank you.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Suggestion, Harriotte. Bonnie, one brief second. I forgot to mention when talking about bow street and mobility, I have reached out and I have spoken with a few folks with mobility this last two weeks or so, looking at different h- things, and they were really great to work with you. Represent receptive and I asked if we can have a permanent spot on their agenda for mobility and give updates on what is coming, what's in the pipeline so we can have regular communication with them. Bonnie, is that heart for me, sore did you mistakenly hit a button?

>> BONNIE DENIS: It is for you. A bright idea.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Well, most of my ideas are stolen from you, so --

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: [Laughing]

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Thank you. The only thing I haven't done is tie the knot on that, and we can, and having that commitment together would be important. And the other thing I apologize again, it was brain fog. There used to be -- the bike committee, V tack and our Commission would get together with mobility when new things, in the beginning phrases. I'm probably using all of the wrong words, Brian, but if we can have a seat at the table again, that would also be very helpful.

>> BONNIE DENIS: Holly if I may. Again, this is Brian, those were joint meetings between those three commitments committees and our Commission to have a joint discussion about specific large projects and aside from the annual streets side project there hasn't been a large-scale project since its design phase, since a year a half ago since the Highland Avenue, but it was a very effective meeting, and so I think there's -- it would be plenty intent of doing it begun. Bonnie, am I missing one?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I'm sorry, Bonnie, I appreciate your heart and patience.

>> BONNIE DENIS: This is Bonnie, is it okay to Respondent respond, Holly?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Go ahead my friend.

>> BONNIE DENIS: I believe they have reached out for discussions at least with V tack and the advisory commit or [Indiscernible] ends and I Western Washington.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I think we had a Western Washington meeting over the summer if I remember correctly.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Let's say going forward, we're going to be proactive and look for those opportunities.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I think that's fair.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Would you agree, Bonnie.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: And if we wants to make them, especially for larger projects for a joint meeting, that would also be accessible.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I know I would like that. Bonnie, you probably will have something else to say.

>> BONNIE: In terms of the PDF and websites, with the general website and the bringing up the PDF, that said. Yeah, they will open in the browser, but it is specifically the registrar, particularly all of the City Council and subsequent meetings, those don't open in the browser. In terms of talking about it, there are issues with the website and accessibility and its website, but there are also issues in terms of ledges star and how that interpretation has been done. I don't know if that was a contract thing and they wanted to switch or something was clicked wrong, but that's -- yeah.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: It is all good feedback I'm sure they appreciate from us. Adrienne, thank you for your patience.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Bonnie had the same thought I did. I was going to offer that the city council part of the website however it was updated, and I don't know the inns and out of that. The print is very small, much smaller and tiny, Bonnie is correct. They do not open in the browser anymore. It downloads, so I was just adding to that because that's a rat separate, I guess dashboard, I don't know the terminology, but I can check up on it.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I Adrienne, do you remember updates on the brailer. I know there was one put up in the budgets. I know we've been getting new documents as soon as they can, so if you can have them translated into braille. Did you have a moment to share?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: There's still the final line about that,

purchasing and where it will be housed and as soon as I have an update. I will share that. Thanks.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Let's move on. December. I know last month we talked about if we were going to have a December meeting or not. I personally would like us to have a December meeting. I don't think I need to put it to a vote, but I'm open to any feedback if anyone prefers not to have a December meeting on the 13th? Lian, is December an okay time for you to -- does December 13 work for you still?

>> LIAN GUERTIN: I haven't actually looked at the calendar, but I haven't actually put anything on the calendar, but I assume it does.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. We'll go with that. Bonnie, December?

>> BONNIE DENIS: I think I have an appointment super early that morning, so I might be a zombie, but otherwise, it is fine.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. I know we were sure if we were going to have a December or not. I did hear from Jamie, specifically, that he has no problem with it.

>> BONNIE DENIS: Jamie's pronouns are they/them.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Sorry. From them, that they were still available to have the December meeting. So if anyone else seizes a reason, we can keep the schedule as is and we can have the Ferris meeting on the 13th of December. We have big things. I'm going to move on to -- we're still in continued business.

I will move to item number 4. So we're going to keep the December meeting, and I discussed having our meetings be two hours instead of an hour and a half going forward. And we were chatting about what times or days would be available for people to participate. I did get quite a few answers back today. From the group about days and times that with work. I don't know if I heard back from Lian or Bonnie

>> LIAN GUERTIN: This is Lian r- Lian, I haven't looked at my e-mail, so I will look that later.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: No problem. I was looking through people's files today. Lian, do you think you could let us know -- the question, let's put this up. There we go. The questions that I asked are there a particular day that's most convenient for you to attend monthly meetings? Let's say, I'm not suggesting there, but let's say we didn't have meetings on Tuesdays of each month. We had meetings on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Is there another day of the week --

>> LIAN GUERTIN: Have you asking me to answer right now?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: If you can, but if you can't. That's fine. We're trying to plot out.

>> LIAN GUERTIN: Off the top of my head, Mondays are not good, and Thursdays may or may not be, but other than that, I'm fairly flexible day-wise and time-wise.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: So Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday are better than other days?

>> LIAN GUERTIN: Yes. If Thursday is what works best for everyone, I think I can probably make it work.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I think we can plot something that hits everybody's spots. Mr. Brian Postlewaite, I am sure you have lots of other conflicts with meetings and such.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: This is Brian --

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: That are available also.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: This is Brian. I'm answering you now by e-mail. The big picture, Mondays and Fridays are no go nights for me. And then the other is just my restriction is usually if there's another council committee meeting that none of us can control, I often have to attend that instead. But you shouldn't schedule around that. That's just something to be aware of.

And then the other one, I will encourage you not to go against another standing committee meeting like PTAC, traffic Commission, SBAC and for me, licensing commissions, but I think they are Mondays, so that's not an issue. Yeah. That's my main comment.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Thank you. Bonnie, do you have thinking you could share now if this is a good, bad or?

>> BONNIE DENIS: This is Bonnie. My term ends next month, so I don't think that should be scheduled around me.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. My heart just broke. Pete's not here.

>> BONNIE DENIS: I will note we do have an Associate Commissioner that has a conflict on Wednesdays.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. Greg -- Pauline?

>> PAULINE DOWNING: I will not be here in December, and I have already told Adrienne that I will be away.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: If he with were to consider changing the day of our monthly meetings to a Tuesday of the different day of the week, is there a day that doesn't work well for you?

>> PAULINE DOWNING: Right off the top of my head, the only day that wouldn't be very good would be Monday.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. Adrienne, you have been very patient.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Just a point of logistics Holly, and I'm sure it is an easy shift, but it probably needs to be a vote at some pint. It is noted on bylaws that the body meets on the second Tuesday of every month '. So if you ultimately

decide a different awe day is better, there would be a subsequent bylaw change so you can vote on. And just a point of logistics and I answered your e-mail and have my answer.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Yes. I did talk about times, but if anyone would prefer just answer in the e-mail, that would be great, too. So we will definitely have our December meeting and I am not going to make any changes. I'm just trying to see what works best.

Then there was a question of switching it from perfect six to eight or eight to nine. If you want to answer the e-mail, it's already 7:30 and we're running out of time.

We have the communication plan, we have -- Lian, you have a question or comment? Sorry.

>> LIAN GUERTIN: Yeah. This is a question about the times. Is 6:30 to 8:30 also a possibility we should be considering?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: If you think that's best, sure. Good right ahead and mutt that in your response. I am trying to have a two hour Windows window, and remember Kate is saying later is better. But I think that's a fine suggestion also.

I'm trying to make sure we can meet more and that we can continue what we're doing and have a full two hours each month.

Okay. So -- pardon me for a minute. I'm trying to decide which way to go next why don't we talk about the AP funds, the funds we have. Adrienne, do you happen to have an amount that's in the account right now? I feel like I haven't seen a report?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: He they have not sent October. I followed up with parking today. I was on the e-mail for that staff person to be -- I think there's a new staff person handling it. So I think that person got a notice to provide it. It just hasn't been provided. I will check in on that. I will see if I can dig up -- I probably can if you give me two seconds -- September.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Sure. I'm thinking we're somewhere over 90.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: My computer is doing the beard, circle blue thing, so give that a second.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: That's okay. I mentioned earlier the terms of committees and this would definitely be a topic that we can get moving in it and actual actually have a subcommittee meet and come back to the group and share their recommendations or thoughts, so we can deliberate and decide our next steps. So I have a rolling list of things that I have heard us say or were in our minutes or my notes of things that we would like it fund. But I was looking at seeing if anyone has an interest in being a member of the accessible parking fines fund subcommittee. I see a Harriotte hand. Okay. Well, I will gladly walk on that with you, Harriotte, and then we can see if we have another member who would like it join us. Does anyone have

anything they would like to add to the conversation tonight? Anything new they have thought of that would be useful for these funds?

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: I just wondered if you can say briefly the list we already have? It is okay if you don't.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: We have Julia Giboney looking for some funding or after school programming.

>> Like city summer came and they can have programs for children with disabilities, specifically whether that be -- clearly we need to define what exactly would be helpful. There's also scholarships that were mentioned. There was also having an event. There was also bicycles and one thing that I saw today while walking over to vote this morning, there was a public guard at the Winter Hills School, and I noticed it was completely inaccessible, very low to the ground, very narrow pathways and just a very limited teeny spot for you to get into the gate. I thought, wouldn't that be nice if it was an account ago garden? That was something that came to mind to me today.

So Harriotte, I will reach out to you and we can figure out what works best, and sort of get started on that. So by December, we'll have something to share. Adrienne, you have something good?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Ah hah. \$114,701 at the end of September. Obviously, there's probably more there. Because we haven't seen our report.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Brian, have you anything to add of things that you have seen that you think would be valuable for the Commission to consider?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I do not have anything under particular to add, but I want to share the draft March minutes that have, I think one of our best collections of all of the various topics in place and ideas. Nothing in real detail, but it is a bunch of -- a really high level view of types of things we could do while we were brainstorming that month. I will drop it in the chat, and if there's a better with a link for you -- it is just a link. If there's a better way for ow Harriotte to catch it.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: E-mail is good. Would everybody currently present like to see it and they might get inspired to work with us?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I think that's a good point. Harriotte, let's try that. Harriotte, I just texted that link and it should be on your phone.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: I will discover if I can open it.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: If you can't open it, then we'll try other methods to do this.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Can you display it or Brian?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Yeah. I can.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: You still have the circle of death?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: In. I can do it.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Are you doing it or do you want me to do it?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I will do it.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Adrienne, where is the cat?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: She heard you.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Usually she comes across.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: She's an Ex-Officio member. We all need to feel love and entertainment. [Laughing].

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: So can we all see this? I can read this if that's helpful. So at the time, the first category we had was stuff/items. Accessible playground equipment, accessible sports equipment, magnifying equipment for the library. Library books related to disabilities or characters with disability, bunch stop benches.

The next category, programming, art exhibits, performance/poetry, after school programs for students with disability. Publicity, publications, yard signs, press releases, public service announcements, Social Media, grant making, arts/cultural fund, sign language interpretation for other organizations and internal operations, and I think we talked about these things at a later time with fall on the city to provide the funds without having to use this revolving fund.

Training, office equipment, meeting food once we thought it was safe to go back in person or hybrid. Mathematical study guides. Study to be placed throughout the city and consultant work to improve the lives the people with disability around the city and to enforce accessible parking and better parking rules.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Would you.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Thank you for sharing that, which reminds me. I went to an event that master general posted over the assembly with a mass office and disability. Not only did they have someone from Spaulding, talking about adaptive sports and recreation programs we discussed that at some point. They had this really cool, super usable from people to see it but I'm holding up this glossy QR codes, and each of them are bringing you up to particular apps for your phone, and one was called supervision plus, a low vision advanced app and you can put this on your phone which I can use.

Another one called all aboard, head mounted low visioning, and there was an app called supervision and search. Where you not only can have trance legislation, but translation and magnification together.

And then supervision and Google's and that one is more about navigating.

There's also -- I'm aware of April app that helps you find handicap parking spots, not just in the city, but in the state. And I think these types of things, it would be great if we had on our city webpage.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Hum, yeah.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Do you have something to add Brian?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWATE: I was just giving you a time check, it is a quarter till and that's all of the

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I appreciate that. Anyone else have a hand raised? All right.

So that was a great event. One other thing they did too, there, they talked about all of the grants they give and offer for the commissions on disabilities throughout the state, and they had a speaker under Arlington who talked about how they were using their funds and some of the creative things they were doing. Though we have a Commission -- a sub commit, Harriotte and myself for accessible parking funds. The next item I would love to go through briefly is the action item list. The last thing under continued business.

No. It is not the last thing, the next thing. What I was talking about there was having an ongoing list of actions, things we have either asked for, things that we're waiting for updates on or things that have been assigned, so we can track where they are.

Things like an update from the sub commit about the parking fines and where those funds are, and then probably has a distributing down access, and this is in pros for this group to do, funding this or that program.

Also, tonight when I asked Adrienne to help follow-up on a particular topic, I believe it was the issues with the website, that would something that would go into this document, sort of keep us more organized, buzz we tend to bring up lots of great things and they get into the minutes, but there isn't always time to sort of look back and see where something is of the like the parking list and sort of gone through it.

I was looking for anyone who would be willing to help with that? Sort of creating that list from the beginning, and you can call it a subcommittee, but more a couple of days going through together, particular notes and pulling together where that list is, so we can get it started. Bonnie?

>> BONNIE DENIS: I can do ta with you.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Thank you. That would be lovely.

>> BONNIE DENIS: Probably beginning of December because Thanksgiving is here.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Please, with Thanksgiving. I hope I don't run out of candy corn by then.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: You will have to ration between thousand and then.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I bought me a two pound bag. I should have bout

two of them. Anyone else want to join Bonnie and I?

>> BONNIE DENIS: I just wanted to point out you can get [Indiscernible] to that tastes look candy corn?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I will not lower myself to that. But thank you for the suggestion.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: You can put me many, too. I'm very curious about ongoing actions, and I'm probably more listening than calling them out of the notes.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: That's fine. We'll take all of the help we can get. Okay. We're at the last ten minutes. The last thing on continued business was the communication plan. And that in the past was something that Henry had expressed to us and interested in working on and who couldn't be here tonight. I'm not sure if I am allowed to ask him? Maybe the best thing is to send out a BCC e-mail to see who would have interest being part of a sub commit to drive down what the communication plan would be. I guess that's sort of -- in the form of a question, Adrienne, Bonnie, or Brian, would that be the most appropriate way it approach that? Unless there's someone who would like it volunteer tonight, but I think I might need to ask a broader group of us?

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I recommend that this is something Henry was really positive, and that might be best to do this when he is able to attend and come up with something on that.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. Yes, Bonnie?

>> BONNIE DENIS: Yeah. I mean, you also could reach out to Henry directly you and Henry could involves a conversation that doesn't include other people and it doesn't violate the quorum and work on it gently and you have a head start putting that together so if there's something for Commissioners to review and vote on next month.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Okay. Well, we did get through continued business and we did not get on to the new business, but that's fine. I'm satisfied we have gotten a lot of things discussed today. We do have about 7 minutes left. Samantha, if there's something you with like to ask us about or any feedback you would like it give us, please feel free.

>> Samantha: No. I don't think I have anything specific, but just thank you so much for letting me listen in, and I know it is really inspiring to see everybody like, doing a lot of the real local politics work, so thank you, guise for doing that.
(Samantha)

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Thank you for coming tonight and letting me put you on the spot tonight. I think it is great that you were here. Anything anyone else wants to bring up? There's no way we're going to end six minutes early.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: This is Pauline, Holly. Did somebody say

something about having a brailleist in-house?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Adrienne, did you want it respond?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Thanks, Holly. This is Adrienne, what was said earlier as part the fiscal year 2023, there was something added to the budget for a braille printer for the city and that's currently in process and when I have anything to report on that, I will do so.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: The question I wanted to ask, or offer my services, I could proofread.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Oh. That's good to know.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: I was a professional proofreader at one time.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I feel like you told me that in a prior conversation, but I appreciate you reminding me.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: In the minutes, too.

>> PAULINE DOWNING: I would be more than happy to did this. Police vehicle plea.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Thank you, Pauline. That's helpful.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Harriotte and Bonnie, I believe you bodily injury raised your hands.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: Go ahead, Bonnie.

>> BONNIE: Thanks, Harriotte. Yeah, a continuing team is the Tufts Dormitory. There's a letter sent to myself and Holly as the previous chair and current chair, that might be worth sending out to the Commissioners so other people have the info as well. And I believe the hearing is stim scheduled for November 22nd, but I'm not positive and I haven't looked at the MAAB website.

The date changed a couple of times, but that's a thing to be aware of. They will have a public hearing and people know they can give commentary.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Thank you, and that's important that you brought that up, Bonnie. That's they were asking to provide a letter supporting it. And I that's something we were not in support of, so I essential wasn't going to be writing a letter, but I will make sure that gets shared so we can, if we have any other feedback -- Adrienne, anything else you want to add on that topic?

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: No. I was trying to get to it the MAAB website to see if I can pull up information on this hearing. It doesn't come up right away. That doesn't mean it is not there.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: It is in the Kahoots with the summer master. On its shame wheel with a gerbil powering everything.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Almost there.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Anything on this call that nose what's with the rats lately? It has gotten so much worst. Bonnie, don't laugh. When you are driving your kids home for carpool after five and they want you did stoop and take a picture of the straight out giant rat in the midst street, there is an issue. Bonilla I am sorry. Shouldn't laugh. I are a friend who does pottery and recently made a plug based on rats. The one inside and on the side and has a tail. I was laughing. You can make a fortune selling these to residents. People would buy them.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I would use them to bash the rats and not have the use of the mug.

>> BONNIE DENIS: I got the MABA website U. It is the 14th, which is next week. The agenda is not up. They will probably post it on Friday. The meetings are on Mondays, so it will be posted this Thursday. They never post it ahead. They do the bare minimum 48 hour requirement so --

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Adrienne, I see you posted a link.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: Yeah. It is the exact same thing. I found it probably three seconds at Bonnie spoke. And her browser if it was racing it won.

>> BONNIE DENIS: I think I have gone to this website sometimes. These were there.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: The rat food was there. Back to my concern, 9:359. Who's going it solve the rat problem

>> LIAN GUERTIN: I thought the rats are eating the website cookies?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: Maybe we need to give them candy corn instead. They all will go into diabetic shock like I probably will after this call. And stretched out and pretty in the middle of the road.

I was walking home and my house kept having me good between the sidewalk and the middle of the street because he knew of the areas with such big rat infestations and it is easier to walk in the street because you can run faster to avoid them. Sorry, Brian, something to add? Brian bring no longer on mute. I am assuming you don't want you me to add the rat conversation to the minutes?

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: It is fine. It is a concern. I mean, it was stated. You may not have to add the candy corn comments, but I definitely have concerns from the rats.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: I just want you to know the cat came back when he heard rats. Not an outside cat.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: There should be a so many system cat squad and wear orange vests and be tough on like 20 pound cats that go out every night. See what it does.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: No. We can make rat link lanes so they would not disrupt the flow of traffic. Come on, Brian, you can have a sense of humor on that one.

>> BONNIE DENIS: Do we need it text Liz this and is this a disability issue and how some of us can't judge out of the way of rats.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I leak that one.

>> BONNIE DENIS: And some people can't hear the rats. I'm totally capturing why. Lian, do you want to add sensory with the rats?

>> LIAN GUERTIN: There's definitely something there. I don't have the exact words yet.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: I think that's huge. I think we'll have to add that to the action items list, Harriotte and Bonnie. Green

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I would be happy and I'm sure Adrienne would be too, to add a rats ar. Named Colin zig lar.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: He's wonderful. Lovely person.

>> HARRIOTTE RANVIG: He told us that.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: He has been in all of the award meetings, well, most of them.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: Most of them. That's not his real title, but that's what everyone calls him.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: There are other relatable things he does as well. But rats, it is a big part of it. [Laughing].

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: That's part of his position?

>> BONNIE DENIS: That's his position and why he was hired.

>> ADRIANNE POMEROY: To help control the rats and find solutions.

>> BONNIE DENIS: As great as this is, I will point out we're down to a minute or two.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: I will move to adjourn.

>> BONNIE DENIS: I will second.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: All those in favor, say aye.

>> Aye.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: My opposed? Motion passes and we're done. I still have candy corn, we still have rats. Thank you all from being here tonight.

>> BRIAN POSTLEWAITE: This is Brian. Hopefully, we don't have the rats and candy corn in the same space.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: No. Because they can't hear them in the bag.

>> LIAN GUERTIN: I don't know, they could have dressed up for

Halloween. You wouldn't know.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: What would a rat dress up as?

>> LIAN GUERTIN: Candy corn.

>> HOLLY SIMIONE: That might really break my habit.

[End 8 p.m. EST]