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COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD MEETING

Proceedings held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021,
commencing at 2:00 p.m., at City Hall, Lynwood Roberts
Room, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, Florida,
before Diane M. Tropia, FPR, a Notary Public in and for
the State of Florida at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
CAROL WORSHAM, Acting Chair.
JIM CITRANO, Secretary.
WILLIAM ADAMS, Board Member.
OLIVER BARAKAT, Board Member, via Zoom.
TODD FROATS, Board Member.
CRAIG GIBBS, Board Member.
DAVID WARD, Board Member.
RON MOODY, Board Member.

ALSO PRESENT:
LORI BOYER, Chief Executive Officer
GUY PAROLA, DIA, Operations Manager
STEVE KELLEY, DIA, Director of Development
XZAVIER CHISHOLM Administrative Assis
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member.
MS. BOYER: Lori Boyer, CEO.
MR. KELLEY: Steve Kelley, DIA staff.
MR. PAROLA: Guy Parola, DIA.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Great.
Will you bring us up to date with public
comments? Do we have public comment cards?
MR. CHISOLM: Yes, Madam Chair.
We have speaker request cards. First, we have Cliff Miller.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
MR. CHISHOLM: You have three minutes to speak.

State your name and address for the record.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi, friends.
Cliff Miller, 311 West Ashley Street.
From yesterday's meeting, I like the comments that Froats made about smart garages. He mentioned Disney World. I think that would be something great for all the parking garages.

I was recently at a bar, a restaurant, Burrito Gallery, and there were some people from out of town and they were just talking about how they were scared to go to the parking

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garages because they didn't fee comfortable parking in them.

As far as yesterday's meeting -- also MOSH, I like that idea and everything. What does MOSH want? It wants to be an amazing museum. What does the City want? The City wants it to be an amazing museum. I just don't really know why we can't do it there at that -at that particular location.

I had seen an article in J Magazine before talking about a beautiful renovation. It was -- that was really neat. I like the idea of drawing people more to the core, right here, instead of, like, drawing them kind of more down there.

Part of the experience about going to a museum isn't just going to the museum. It's kind of the kaleidoscope of activities that you get involved with with just being downtown in a bustling environment. So you get on the river taxi, you know, you maybe stop at a cafe. You do the museum.

So if you moved it, I just -- I just think that we could probably accomplish all those amazing things. I would love for MOSH -- I

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like that organization. I --
And also, Barakat mentioned that -- the property values only increasing over there, so there's no real rush to kind of occupy that territory. Just wait for a lot of these things that you've already got going, to kind of let the dust settle. Downtown is going to be a much more improved -- probably in the next year or so.

We've got the completion of the Ambassador. You've got the completion of that beautiful building on Church Street. It looks like you're starting to work on the old Independent Life building. I mean, the -- the wow factor is going to start coming. You know, people like winters. And there's -- it's just another drop in the buzz. You know, you -- you start adding all these things in and people are going to start instantly changing their jerseys and talking about how great downtown is.

We have -- next, there's an
organization -- as a retired teacher and a struggling options trader, I'm always watching Bloomberg. There's this -- I put the website on there, but it's David Downey, International

Downtown Association, talking about federal funding for projects to renovate in -downtown. It's on my card.

Yesterday, I was just talking about how downtown -- and this area should be considered a showcase zone that warrants -- justifies more spending on some of our beautiful buildings. Buildings are basically forever. And I remember Mr. Moody said one time that -talking about how difficult the Ambassador was
to work on, but if you divide that by the number of years that building is going to be in existence, it's probably a very good return on investment. All these buildings --
(Timer notification.)
MR. MILLER: I just -- we need to fix that first. I just wanted to mention that -- 218 West Adams Street, Stanton School, Jones Brothers, I'd like to hear, like, that, as well as the MOSH stuff.

Thanks a lot.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
MR. CHISOLM: Next, we have Nancy Powell.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi. Nancy Powell,
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Scenic Jacksonville, executive director, 1848 Challen Avenue, Jacksonville.

And I just want to make three kind of quick points, hopefully.

First of all, I know you're taking up the courthouse property today. We appreciate -you know, Scenic Jacksonville, we care about what things look like. And to have the quality of the design and the architecture built into the RFP, we think that's a -- a real positive.

We also appreciate that you are giving points for possible additional setback and the emphasis on riverfront activation, as well as the Bay Street activation. I think that's a challenging site because of those two things, but it is such an important part of our riverfront.

I was there at the Jazz Festival. You know, we walked from Riverfront Plaza to -there, to the Jazz Festival. And then, of course, it links -- it will link into the Shipyards and the stadium, and so that piece, as far as connectivity, is going to be just so important.

As far as MOSH goes, we are excited that
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they are considering the land on the Northbank there, next to Hogan's Creek. It's a perfect complement to the Shipyards Park West that is being planned, that Hogan's Creek and the Emerald Trail will be right there. So we think it's going to be a really busy place. We need to be planning for busy.

And I know you're going to hear about the duPont study a little bit more, I guess, on Monday at your workshop, but we've been very impressed with their work, and I just want to point out one principle that we've been really excited about, and that is, you know --

Of course, everybody talks about connectivity, but one of the things that they brought to the table when they looked -- when you look at their Shipyards plan, is the -it's not just connecting via the Riverwalk. It's multiple paths.

We're going to have bikers and scooters and people on strollers and walkers. And they can't all fit on the Riverwalk when it's going to be -- if you've ever been to Tampa, you know that it gets busy. They can't ride their scooters on the Riverwalk. So having multiple

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paths and an emphasis, again, on Bay Street as a pedestrian walkway, in addition to the Riverwalk, in addition to that infinite pier that connects the marina to the park and MOSH -- anyway, lots of opportunity, lots ahead.

Thank you so much.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
MR. CHISOLM: Thank you.
Next, we have Bruce Fafard.
AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good afternoon.
Appreciate the opportunity to enter some public comments.

My name is Bruce Fafard. I'm CEO of the Museum of Science and History. I reside at 1661 Riverside Avenue, here in Jacksonville.

And I want to thank the committee for considering this resolution, but also want to tell you a little bit about what we do and why this is important, including the impact on our community.

Currently, we serve anywhere between 180,226 visitors on an annual basis. They come to the museum to learn about science, technology, engineering, art and math, also

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known as STEAM.
We collaborate with local schools. We welcome field trips. We do on-site school outreach trips with our portable planetarium and various science lessons. We engage the community in discussions regarding a wide range of topics, from astrophysics to the science of mixology.

MOSH is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year and is known in the greater Jacksonville community as a stable cultural institution where you can bring your family or attend one of our evening events designed to appeal to an adult audience.

Throughout the year we welcome thousands of students for field trips. While at MOSH, students engage with our educators. They attend planetarium shows, participate in a science experiment in the science theatre or have a live animal encounter in our naturalist center.

I recently received a package of thank you letters from one of our VPK field trip classes.
I'd like to read it to you because I think it has a tremendous impact. This is a

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five-year-old in one of our VPK classes here in the county.
"Dear MOSH, I had a wonderful time at your museum. My favorite part was when I went to the science theatre. It was super fun. I thank you for inviting my class to MOSH.

Sincerely, Bri."
This is the impact that we have and that we want to continue to engage in going forward. We've run out of capacity at our current facility. Building a new museum with roughly twice the capacity will allow us to grow our annual visitors from where we are today to somewhere between 4- and 500,000. I encourage you to support this resolution and ask for your affirmative vote.

Thank you.
MR. CHISOLM: Thank you.
Next, we have Carnell Oliver.
(Audience member approaches the podium.)
AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. My name is Carnell Oliver. Address is on file.

For the (inaudible), I'm going to say I support the MOSH project, and I also understand and I agree with the countless effort that

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Steve Atkins is trying to do to consolidate all of these different ideas of projects that are coming before this board.

But one of the things I want to make perfectly clear, I know DIA. I know Oliver Barakat. I know Craig Gibbs. These are the only two people I know that are still on this board to this very day. And Lori Boyer knows who I am. She knows that I'm understanding this institution.

But I know one of the things that we're going to be faced with is resiliency. That bipartisan infrastructure bill has just got signed and in six months there's going to be dollars allocated for resiliency, for sewage and water, but the thing about it is that I don't want that money to go to the Urban Core.

Fifty-five years ago there was promises made to the African-American community. That is priority number one. I want to fix all the promises that's already been in place for a number of years.

But if Mr. Atkins can show you that he has a financial commitment, (inaudible) with support for MOSH and whatever projects that

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1 come in place that I want to see -- but the one
2 thing I will not -- I will not support is
dollars going first to the Urban Core versus
those folks that have been living in this
concentrated community. You can call them
special interest, minority community, but it's
been in place. I call them the Black
community.
I know (inaudible) because the thing about
it is, is that I understand the system and I
won't see my people suffer at the hand of the
wealthy. Make sure that when those dollars
come down from Washington that he make sure
that he has his finances in -- in place. I
know that he can get a loan from the Department
of Energy.

Ms. Boyer, make sure that he has his finances in order because I know he's come back three times to the DIA asking for forgiveness on a loan or something. I want a certain level of accountability from his side and I want to make sure that he does what he's supposed to do so that I can see the MOSH have success with the connectivity of different projects in this community.
Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300 the committee or would you like Ms. Boyer to

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lead off?
BOARD MEMBER BARAKAT: Hi. I'm happy to provide a quick update.

We did meet yesterday at the disposition committee and did vote on this resolution.

This project has been before the committee and the board many times in the last several months, and this is probably the first time we quickly reviewed this resolution or this topic. There wasn't much debate.

The only changes were the dates, and I think in the resolution -- I don't see it on the screen, but further down in the resolution there are specific dates for the release of the solicitation, in which (inaudible), and --

And then you'll see that bids are due just before Christmas. The goal, obviously, is to get the bids in before the holidays officially begin. And then you see the award date is in January, around the 20th.

So that is really the only changes.
The other exhibits, 2 and 3, were fully vetted and discussed in prior meetings and the board has already seen those -- the criteria items, as well as the other aspects of the

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process and what the criteria for the
development -- the overall program.
So other than that, we -- there were no other changes, so there was a vote and it was unanimous and the recommendation to the board is to approve.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Ms. Boyer, any follow-up?
MS. BOYER: The only thing I would add is, the actual notice publication date is Friday, the 19th. And that is correct in the resolution that you have in front of you, and that was adopted by REPD yesterday.

And we have confirmed with Procurement -the other intermediate dates that we had mentioned yesterday we had to confirm, and so those remain as stated.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
So we can start with board comments or questions.

Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I have no comments or questions. I'm in favor of this.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: I was in the committee yesterday and voted to -- voted in

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## favor.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: No comments or
questions. I also -- I Zoomed in yesterday, so
I heard all of the discussion.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Nothing from me.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: Nothing from me, except I'm glad to see that this is back on the table.

BOARD MEMBER WARD: Nothing from me, Madam Chair.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
I think, as Oliver stated, we've had
months of -- seems like, conversation about
this piece. It's the second time around for
it, so I think we're all excited to put it back
out on the street. I think the hard work that
the committee did on the scoring, along with
staff, and the -- the criteria for the
disposition is well thought out, so we're
looking forward to putting it out on the
street. So I'll go ahead and call for a vote.
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Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Ward.
BOARD MEMBER WARD: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. And I'm also in favor. The motion passes seven to zero.

Moving on, we're coming up to Resolution 2021-11-01, the MOSH disposition. That also came to our committee yesterday, Oliver.

Mr. Barakat.
BOARD MEMBER BARAKAT: Yeah. If Ms. Boyer doesn't mind, I would like her to tee it up and then I can add in the end, where needed.

MS. BOYER: Thank you.
Through the Chair to the committee, Resolution 2021-11-01 is the recommendation to issue a Notice of Disposition for 2-and-a-half
acres -- a 2-and-a-half-acre portion of the 6.86-acre Lot $X$ parcel.

This is in Shipyards East. It's immediately adjacent to Hogan's Creek. You have a site plan that shows you where the 6.86 acres is.

The proposal that we are discussing and negotiating with MOSH -- we have a framework
term sheet included, but you are not being asked to officially approve the term sheet today. You are asked to be -- asking to approve the disposition terms, which are Exhibit C, that are attached.

The REPD Committee went over them at some length yesterday, and so this would also be -it is a proposed ground lease for 40 years with one 10-year extension. And it is for a civic, cultural, entertainment or attraction venue.
It is one of the essential terms of it.
If you would turn your attention to
Exhibit C, you will see -- those are the
salient terms that will be included in the
advertisement.
What we agreed to yesterday -- there were
a couple of amendments from the committee
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that -- on Number 7, that a minimum of 100,000 visitors a year would be the anticipated draw, and they would have to show back, in Number 6, a successful track record of a similar use so that we're not getting requests from people who really don't have viable uses or attractions.

We also had a change in Item 4 where we added "cultural," as well as the prior language for civic attraction, museum, entertainment venue or attraction, et cetera.

What I would like to highlight is -- you see there's red language that is not part of the committee report. So the red language in Item 5 is a clarification and a request, after further conversation with MOSH, and that request is to change the minimum private -meaning non-City source -- capital investment to 40 million; reducing it from 60 million to 40 million.

The point of having this provision in here is, number one, to establish a minimum for those who would bid so that we are getting meaningful, substantive projects, but also for us to be able to evaluate, from an ROI standpoint, any particular bids we receive, we
have to know what their investment is, other than City funds, but it might include State funds, federal funds, something else, other contributions, not -- it could be loans, but the point would be non-City funds so that we know how to calculate ROI and compare offers, if we receive more than one.

So we have that one additional request for an amendment today at the board, but otherwise basically the resolution is authorizing a 30-day Notice of Disposition on the terms in Exhibit C.

And then we will bring back to the board in January, after that period has closed, the actual framework that is in Exhibit B. We did have some discussion and comments about that yesterday. Some board members wanted to see some revisions and I'm happy to have those conversations with you individually or if the board wants to have them today, if in reviewing Exhibit B you see things that concerned you, but this is just to get it in front of you so you can think about it before January.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Barakat, do you have anything to add?

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discuss in January.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
So just to be clear, if we have comments on Exhibit B, do we need to give those to you before this goes out or not necessarily before this goes -- this notice goes out?

MS. BOYER: To the Chair, the comments on Exhibit B should be provided either before this notice goes out, which is next Monday -- the 23rd is when this will actually publish -- or after it closes in December. So you'd still have time at the end of December, early January, before we come back to the January board meeting, if you have other specific thoughts you wanted to share.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: So we did have a great discussion. As Oliver said, we voted unanimously to proceed with the disposition and with Exhibit C. We had some conversations about some of the terms on the -- specifically best parking and things like that, but the committee felt comfortable moving forward, so we don't need a second. So we'll go around for board comments, starting with Mr. Ward.

BOARD MEMBER WARD: Nothing further.
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We talked about this recently, and I'm in favor of this project. I think it's going to be -- whoever the eventual bidder and/or tenant is going to be is going to contribute positively in an area that we're seeing a lot of growth. I think this is the substantive type of thing that we'd like to see in this area.

We had some good, substantive discussions yesterday about what some potential suggestions would look like when this does actually come to a definitive term sheet, so I think there was some good, positive feedback there, and I'm in support of this.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: I, too, am in support of this. It's a great facility. It has been.
My office is there on the south side. And I look forward to having this established by whoever wins the bid.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: I'm with (inaudible) and I'm in favor.

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THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I'm very supportive of the project in general.

I will say, my expectation was that we would have the benefit of at least seeing a conceptual site plan. And I understand this is a really complicated site, especially when you've got a site -- a building of that size, and then everything else that's going on with the hardscape and the Riverwalk, et cetera. So I get it's complicated, and I get that it takes -- it's going to take some time to do that.

I did understand from the committee meeting yesterday that the design team from MOSH is going to at least have a discussion with the duPont Fund relative to the study that they did, and so I will trust that that team will take into consideration recommendations that have been made relative to everything that everybody's talking about today; resiliency, connectivity. We've got Met Park on the other side of this that we don't want to block off.

So I trust that MOSH will -- will work with the operative folks to -- to get us close

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to where they think we need to be as possible.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: I was part of the committee yesterday to discuss this exhibit, and I'm completely fine with Exhibit C. Very, very much support of the MOSH project and in favor of putting this up for disposition.

With regards to the term sheet, we did discuss a couple of items yesterday that I think are worth bringing up to the rest of the board and to MOSH as they prepare their proposal to the RFP.

We talked about -- Ms. Worsham actually, she brought up parking. So the term sheet requires some parking spaces for 16 buses. We had that discussion. Probably not the best lot to have a surface parking lot. Maybe access for 16 buses to pull up and leave, et cetera.

I did like the protections in the clause that Ms. Boyer included in there, the financing. So this -- this lease doesn't come until they actually have a certain level of commitment on their financing because it is a -- it's a big project and it's going to

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require a lot of corporate investment here in town. So I -- we want to see it move forward, but I like that protection.

And then, lastly, this is a 40-year lease that we're talking about, and what we want to avoid is a River City situation. So some sort of minimum standards that we can kind of hold them to -- and maybe -- whether it's 30 years or 25 years, it's going to -- it's probably going to tie into their financing arrangement, so I could see some complications there, but hopefully some language to address that.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I'm very much in favor of this. This is going to be a really exciting development for that area.

My guess is -- and this is probably a discussion for another day, but that the -some of the parking overflow from Intuition probably is parking on this land.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Now, we may be creating a problem that we're going to have to solve later. Let's just don't forget about our

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other people in that neighborhood.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Absolutely.
I think that we all understand we are --
now on this particular part of the disposition, some of our concerns and comments on the term sheet for Exhibit B can be resolved in January, after the disposition period, so we'll be revisiting some of those protections and things that we want to make sure that we've got coordination between the duPont plan and the MOSH piece.

So we don't need a motion, since it came out of committee, so we'll proceed to a vote.

MS. BOYER: Madam Chair, I would need an amendment if you want to make the changes that were shown in red on Exhibit C. I would need someone to offer an amendment to the committee report.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Will someone offer an amendment to Exhibit C as amended?

Is that all we --
MS. BOYER: Yes.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Can we just say "as amended"?

I need a motion.
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MR. SAWYER: You'll vote on the amendment first and then on the resolution.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. So we'll vote
the amendment as presented with the markups
THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. So we'll vote in red.

Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Ward.
BOARD MEMBER WARD: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm also in favor. So the amendment passes.

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BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: I move it.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Second
THE CHAIRWOMAN: So we're now -- are we voting on the amendment or voting on the
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Now we'll move to the resolution. So we're voting now on Resolution 2021-11-01, the MOSH disposition as amended.

Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Ward.
BOARD MEMBER WARD: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: And I'm also in favor.
Passes seven to zero.
Thank you.
So moving on, we're moving to Resolution 2021-11-03, 600 Park Street, Home2 Suites.

Mr. Kelley.
MR. KELLEY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
Resolution 2021-11-03 is a little bit unusual. When you look at the resolution, you will see that there will be some options for

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this board to consider.
The Strategic Implementation Committee did not take this resolution up due to scheduling conflicts on the applicant's team.

The resolution presents a request for a REV Grant on a hotel property proposed for development in the Brooklyn district at 600 Park Street; again, within the Brooklyn district of the Northbank CRA.

The proposed property is a 100 -room Home2 Suites with a 2,000-square-foot space available for a restaurant. Also provides other amenities; business center, fitness center, vending, guest laundry, sundry shop, et cetera, and the -- which places this hotel product in the select service category of hospitality properties.

The applicant has requested a REV Grant of just over $\$ 3$ million. And for the reasons that will be discussed in detail here, staff is recommending no REV Grant incentive for this property.

The developer/applicant is an entity made up of Andy Allen and George Leone of the Corner Lot development team; and Mr. Kelley Slay, an

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experienced hotel owner/operator.
We respect this team and feel they are well-qualified for this business activity and we do not discourage them from undertaking the development. We have other developments either underway or in underwriting with this team and we look forward to working with them on other needs and activity that align with the goals of the DIA going forward.

DIA staff views the request for REV Grant funding on the Home2 Suites project as not warranted and not being recommended for two principal reasons: Number one, the project is not in alignment with the performance measures and goals of the BID and CRA plan; and number two, financial need is not demonstrated in underwriting.

First, because the request does not meet the structure of an approved DIA program, consideration of the request requires following the tiers approach, which then requires further approval by City Council. And approval of the request would still be funded through the Tax Increment District, although City Council has the final approval authority. Technically,

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that depends on how -- what may or may not be ultimately approved here.

At first tier, staff has determined that it is detrimental to the performance measures found in the BID strategy calling for improved hotel occupancy from the original level of 61 percent, with a target of 66.7 percent to be achieved by the end of 2021.

This performance measure is best achieved by bolstering entertainment and visitor draws while diversifying the hospitality mix within downtown and not further diluting the market with more limited service and select service hotel offerings.

That position is reinforced by the following: Michael Corrigan, CEO, Visit Jacksonville, states, "Incentivizing select service hotels shifts demand from a property to another newer version of it." It states furthermore that more of the same hotels promotes a focus, service economy, resulting in less revenue for a room, which means less overall profit and economic impact on the community.

Red Rock Global and Urbanomics states,
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"All research and conversations point to a downtown market with adequate room coverage for the level of hospitality demand and lower than needed ADRs," which is the average daily rate. "These two points make the case for a new hotel product very difficult."

And in the recently completed feasibility study, Willdan states, "The consultant team recommends that DIA evaluate the need for hotel product incentives on an individual project basis to best ensure competitive impacts from potential cannibalization are mitigated and that the overall health of the hotel market is sustained."

And finally, we have, from the feasibility study prepared by Newmark Knight Frank as provided by the applicant that states, "Occupancy levels are expected to continue to be negatively impacted through 2021. Additionally, due to the economic impact of the virus outbreak, most experts believe that it may take several years for area occupancy levels in many markets to sustain levels seen in 2019."

On the screen before you is a graph of
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information provided by the CoStar reports that are the industry standard for measuring hotel occupancy and activity. What you can see is that, through this period of time that goes all the way back to January of 2018, both occupancy, the average daily rate, ADR, and RevPAR, revenue per available room, has actually been on a decline.

So to add additional hotel stock in these areas that is similar to existing hotel stock would run counter to the goals as established in the performance measures of the BID and CRA plan.

The second tier requires analysis of financial information provided to determine need for the incentive, which analysis by staff determines that such financial gap has not been demonstrated. The market study provided provides a calculation of IRR, exclusive of the REV Grant, as 16.84 percent, which may be considered an adequate return for an investment of this type without a REV Grant.

Inclusive of the REV Grant in- -- improves that IRR to 18.6 percent using the methodology provided in the study.

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DIA staff prepared an independent IRR calculation based on a different understanding of the potential tax amount which yields an IRR of 18.8 percent without the REV Grant and boosts further 20.2 percent with the REV Grant in place.

It must be stressed that our analysis assumes that this is information as provided within the market study. It must be stressed that our analysis assumes that the project obtains REV Grants in the form of a tax rebate. Without these REV Grants, the project is not feasible, end quote.

This is predicated on the discounted cash flow analysis provided in that study, stating that the present value of the property is $\$ 16$ million without the REV Grant, which is below the acquisition and development budget of \$17 million.

By calculations in that market study, the value of the property increases to $\$ 17.3$ million when the REV is included and, therefore, reaches the conclusion that the economic need for the REV Grant is established.

However, that cash flow analysis uses a
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discount rate of 11 percent, where within the same study the average discount rate for select service hotels is shown to be 10.10 percent. It also use a terminal cap rate of 9 percent as compared to the 8.68 percent average as found within the study.

When these market-driven factors are substituted in a discounted cash flow analysis, the present value of $\$ 17$ million increases to $\$ 19$ million without the REV Grant, and increases to $\$ 20.5$ million with the REV Grant, providing further indication that the investment is sound without the need for City incentive.

So in both the analysis of the consultant as well as the analysis of DIA staff, the probable returns on equity provided by the applicant's pro forma as well as the present value calculations do not demonstrate a funding gap nor a need for a grant of financial incentives to achieve a market return or better.

Since the proposed REV Grant does not, in staff's opinion, comply with the adopted BID and CRA plan, a REV using CRA tax increment

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revenue should not be awarded.
If the board wishes to support the project financially, acting in your capacity as the downtown development agency, a completion grant disbursed over a period of years could be considered. To facilitate consideration, there's additional information provided regarding the value of the REV as requested.

The REV calculation, per DIA staff, would be looking at the property tax generated accruing to the Northbank Downtown CRA, as requested, was $\$ 3.2$ million, before consideration. However, a 75 percent, 20-year REV Grant through underwriting would total $2,385,219$. This is a 75-year -- I'm sorry, 75 percent, 20-year REV, although the development costs have been adjusted using normal protocols and methodology.

The ROI for the project would approximate at 1.34 times with the REV Grant as the City investment.

One final comment on that REV Grant calculation that I just provided to you. So if it's the will of this board to move forward with an incentive, that dollar amount or some

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other dollar amount may be recommended by this board to help facilitate this development activity. But, as I mentioned, that award would then be more appropriately structured as a completion grant, something funded through the General Fund or through the Downtown Economic Development Fund of the DIA. But by its nature, this is not warranted, or we cannot approve it as a REV Grant under the existing CRA structure of the DIA.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
This did not go through committee, so we don't have a committee recommendation; am I correct?

MS. BOYER: (Nods head.)
THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm assuming that the board has lots of questions. And I see Mr. Diebenow getting up.

Ms. Boyer.
MS. BOYER: Through the Chair, since this did not have the opportunity to go through the committee, I'm going to ask the Chair and the board to consider allowing -- and it is a recommendation to not approve what the applicant requested. I'm going to ask you to

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consider indulging the applicant and allowing
them to not be limited to a three-minute presentation, but to actually make their case, if you are willing to (inaudible).

In any event, I think it would be appropriate to hear from the applicant before the board engages in discussion one way or the other.

And feel free, if, when you get to discussion, you want to go down any particular path. We've discussed with Mr. Sawyer the potential sources of funds, if -- if that is confusing to you as we presented it, as where incentives could be derived and where they could not be.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
So at the pleasure of the board, we're going to ask Mr. Diebenow to come up and give us a presentation.

Mr. Diebenow, do you --
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: Madam Chair, before he starts, can I --

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Go ahead.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I made the General Counsel's Office aware of a conflict, and so my

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intent is to abstain from a vote. I'm not sure if I'm allowed to participate in the discussion or not, but my intent is to abstain if there's a vote.

MR. SAWYER: You can participate, but you declared a conflict; therefore, you're not eligible to vote.

MR. DIEBENOW: Is it all right if I move this up here?

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes, sir. You have the floor.

MR. DIEBENOW: Great.
My name is Steve Diebenow, 1 Independent Drive, Suite 1200. I'm here on behalf of the applicant.

As Mr. Kelley mentioned earlier, with us today are Andy Allen and George Leone with Corner Lot and then also with us is Kelley Slay with Kelco. Kelley lives in the San Marco area. And then finally with us is David Gray. David Gray is with Newmark, and he's the one that did the market feasibility study.

Just a quick reminder of kind of where we've come from and then where we're going. In early 2020, we started talking with staff about

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this particular location and about this particular use, and we really couldn't reach an agreement on what incentive program this project might fit into.

And you heard Mr. Kelley's observations about the appropriateness of which incentive program might work for this project. And then, as you all know, we really got into the depths of COVID in the summer of 2020 and -- and, you know, the market changed drastically.

And we continued the conversation and the dialogue with Mr. Kelley and with Ms. Boyer and, eventually, we reached at least an agreement on a path that would allow us to come before the board, and so I think Mr. Kelley did a great job outlining what that was. And that was going through the tier approach in our incentive programs at the City. And we agree that the Tier 1 is -- it asks whether or not we meet the intent of the BID and whether or not you fulfill the goals and objectives of the Business Improvement District.

And although we disagree about which criteria we meet, we agree that we meet sufficient criteria in order to advance the BID

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and its goals and objectives.
The second tier, then, is about the financial analysis. And so that's really where we have a disagreement. And then a corollary to the financial analysis is whether or not market occupancy downtown is sufficient to support another hotel.

And I want to read you a couple of things. I handed this out just a moment ago, but if you go to Tab Number 8, the very first page, there's a couple of paragraphs there. And Mr. Kelley read you part of one of these quotes, but I think these two quotes are pretty important.

The part that Mr. Kelley read says that, "The consultants held conversations with several hotel developers and hotel chains themselves. All research and conversations point to a downtown market with an adequate room coverage for the level of hospitality demand and lower the need of AVRs. These two points make the case for a new hotel project very difficult. Capital will not be attracted to these figures."

Now, that -- that's kind of the first part
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that was read. The next part says, "Despite these negative facts, the market does not have several notable products and one notable flag.
Marriott is not in the market. There is no
boutique product and little in the way of a quality extended stay."

Now, since this report was written in August of '19, obviously, Marriott has entered the market, Marriott Residence Inn. And the extended stay inventory has expanded a little bit with the Marriott, with this one over in -in Brooklyn.

But it recognizes in August of '19 that -they're not saying -- the consultants aren't saying there's no way that you could ever have another hotel downtown. What they're saying is you have to be selective about kind of what you're going to do and when you're going to do it and how you're going to do it.

It goes on in the same report to say, "One important note is that the flag's interest does not equal an investor's willingness to finance a development. It is often much easier to find a flag willing to come into a market and confident in their brand's ability to succeed.

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However, their true commitment will be subject to deal terms and a demonstration that the project has been funded. For that reason, it is recommended that true feasibility be assessed to (inaudible) commitment by investors to fund a development. Development of a hotel in any location will almost certainly require heavy public support and subsidy."

Now, what Corner Lot is doing is they're actually doing exactly what this report says. They're coming forward and they're saying that they have a financial -- the financial ability, and they're demonstrating that this project is ready to go and they have produced a true feasibility study that was produced by Newmark and by David Gray to show you that it doesn't require heavy support or a heavy subsidy, but it requires a subsidy that is significant in order for the project to move forward, so we're doing exactly what the consultant said in August of '19 we should be doing.

Similarly, if you flip to Page 9 -- or Tab Number 9, I gave you an excerpt here, where it says that -- in little C at the very bottom there, it says, "The DIA should strategically

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prioritize the employment of hotel incentives to achieve one or more of the following goals and targets to enhance the quality of hotel offerings or to attract net new or underserved market segments."

Again, that's exactly what Mr. Gray is going to talk about and explain why we are meeting the exact intent of the feasibility study, the way that it was updated in September of 2021.

So I'm going to stop. I think that frames the starting point for the conversation, and there's really two issues: One is, are the financial incentives required in order to develop the hotel; and the second question, and corollary to that is, is the market capable of absorbing this type of hotel in this location.

And, with that, I'll let Mr. Gray come up and introduce himself, talk about his background, and then address the first question regarding the incentives and maybe some of the differences between the analysis that the staff had and -- and that you have.

MR. GRAY: Good afternoon.
As Steve mentioned, I'm David Gray with
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Newmark. I'm executive vice president in our hospitality, gaming and leisure group. I've been evaluating and analyzing real estate for over 35 years and essentially only been doing it for hotels since then. I have a degree in hospitality management from Florida International University.

And, as I mentioned, I -- there's a lot of appraisers and analysts out there that work on all different kinds of properties. I don't -our team doesn't -- we -- as I mentioned, we only work on hotels and that's really all we've ever worked on.

We've done an extensive amount of work, you know, over the past 30 years in the Jacksonville MSA, so --

Apologies, I thought I would have a place to -- a table, but --

Anyway, so there's, basically, two -- two main issues. One was feasibility. I'm not going to bore you with differences between -well, I'm not going to bore you with all the different IRR calculations in terms of determining feasibility because it -- I came up with the analysis and it even numbs my mind,

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SO --
But we issued our report in March or April and then the -- our client came back with -several months later, asking for us to clarify some items. We issued an addendum letter to that report. It just appears like maybe some of the items within that letter -- I don't know if it didn't get to Mr. Kelley, but it doesn't -- it's not -- it's obvious in reading the staff report that the points we raised in -- and items we clarified in that letter didn't make it into the staff report, so I'll just clarify those items.

But first I just wanted to stress, in terms of feasibility, as I mentioned, yes, obviously IRR and what internal rate of return a developer can achieve, it is important; however, it -- it's much more basic than that we have found. It's really, when the project is complete, does the value of the project exceed the cost. And while that's very simplistic, that's really, from all the developers -- hotel developers we've spoken to, that's really all that matters.

And while there may be some developers out
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there that are willing to not have the value exceed cost upon opening, thinking that, "All right, well, five, ten years down the road it's going to be a long-term hold for me and I'll get my money out" -- "my profit out later on," that's fine. The problem that those developers have is they won't get the project financed.

So while they may be fine with the project costing more than it's worth the day it opens, no lender will be. And so that's why it's just extremely difficult to ever get projects like that done because you're just not going to get it financed, and that's really why -- and that was in the letter that -- that we followed up with after our report.

We stressed, that, yes, we did present IRR calculations; however, it really is a matter of cost versus value. I mean, that -- it's -it's just that basic.

In reading the staff report, as Mr. Kelley noted earlier, he went through and made some revisions to our analysis that -- one of which was the taxes, which we corrected, and we revised the taxes to be appropriate for the analysis.

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## there is nothing else.

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But the other two items, Mr. Kelley and -or whoever prepared the staff report, appeared to use averages from surveys of real estate companies as opposed to what, at least we believe, was appropriate for the specific properties.

So in terms of changing the discount rate and the term on capitalization rate, unfortunately, it's just not as easy as looking at averages on a survey. You have to take into account what's going on with that specific project, and then -- again, because all we do is analyze hotels, on a daily basis we're talking to investors, lenders, developers, all of hotels, to try to make sure that we're as current as possible.

Another disparity between the staff report and our analysis has to do with additional income, aside from room revenue for the hotel, that this property will not charge for parking. And a Home2 Suites, which is an extended stay product, has very, very limited amenities that -- that they actually charge for. And so aside from guest laundry and selling snacks,

So while the staff report referenced other revenue from a survey for all urban hotels, we used what we felt was appropriate for the subject property, for that Home2 Suites.

The other major issue that -- is the impact on the downtown hotel market. And in the staff report, and even as Mr. Kelley recited, information not necessarily in Jacksonville, but on the markets overall, clearly COVID has had a major impact, but the idea that just adding hotel rooms to any market immediately impacts occupancy and impacts the performance of the other hotels in that market, it -- it just isn't true.

I mean, clearly, it has some impact, but when new hotels open, there's what's called "induced demand," and that's demand that's not currently staying -- or being accommodated within that competitive set, that -- you know, a certain group of properties, and demand then accrues to that area simply because that hotel opened. And I'll give you -- before I bore you with statistics, I'll give you a perfect example.

There's no Marriott product in downtown.
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1 So when the Residence Inn opens, it will be the

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first new-build Marriott product in downtown
Jacksonville. Marriott is the largest hotel company in the world with upwards of 15 different brands. For them not to be a property -- not to have a -- a new-build product in downtown Jacksonville, it -- it's almost amazing, just because -- I mean, believe me, Marriott is in the business of managing hotels and selling franchises, and that they don't have one in downtown is a big issue, but all those Marriott loyal travelers aren't staying in downtown; they're staying in Southside or some other area of Jacksonville where they're going to get their Marriott Bonvoy points because --

I could just tell you, being in the business I'm in, the most vital factor in generating demand for your hotel, all other items being equal, is brand. And as the largest hotel company in the world for Marriott or for Hilton or IHG, which owns the Holiday Inn brands, people -- the rewards that travelers get by being brand loyal is too significant for them to pass that up.

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at all, we believe that there's not just
sufficient room for the Home2 Suites, but that it's necessary.

When we analyzed the downtown market in the original report we submitted, there's -- we included every hotel in downtown, including the Hyatt. When we read the staff report, we revised our analysis -- well, we didn't revise the analysis, but we prepared a -- ordered a separate report from STR that excluded the Hyatt just so we could show, okay, without the Hyatt, this is how the -- the market has performed.

And if you'll look at what's being passed out now, it's really just a -- it's just a copy of that report summarized from 2005 through 2020 and up through September of this year, compared to the same period for last year.

And, again, it includes every hotel downtown, excluding the Hyatt. And as you can see by what you just received, obviously, 2020, every market was hit significantly; however, downtown Jacksonville, excluding the Hyatt, room revenues up 50 percent over 2020. Now, it should be up significantly because 2020 was

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such -- such a poor year. But when you look at room revenue all the way over to the right, it's RevPAR, which is room revenue per available room, but room revenue dropped 42 percent in 2020. For the first nine months in 2021 it's up 50 percent.

We believe that, similar to a lot of other markets in Florida and in the Southeast that we've analyzed, this isn't just an aberration where it rebounded in 2021 and now it's going to slow down. We believe that the momentum is just going to continue.

Keep in mind there's still -- in 2021, you still don't have the level of corporate travel that we had prior to COVID. You definitely don't have the level of group meeting demand in any market that we had prior to COVID. And so in 2022 and 2023, as the commercial market -commercial lodging market and group lodging market come back, not only occupancy demand, but room rates should also significantly improve.

## I'm sorry --

THE CHAIRWOMAN: I was going to say, maybe you could conclude your remarks and we could

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get back to the board.
MR. GRAY: Absolutely. I'm sorry.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm sure that they're going to have some specific questions, if you want to, you know, maybe wrap up your presentation and we could come back and get to individual comments and questions.

MR. GRAY: Absolutely. No problem at all. That was really it.

So I just wanted to stress that -- that we do think it's feasible and it's -- be happy to answer any questions or elaborate on anything.

MR. DIEBENOW: So, Madam Chair, if I could just point out two things that -- that David maybe didn't reference.

Just so you know, the update that he referenced to his report, it can be found at Tab 6 in the binder. That's the November 2nd update. So that was prepared after reviewing the staff report from the first time around, and so that -- that staff report is at Tab Number 4.

So Tab Number 5, then, is the update where we took into account a couple of things that Mr. Kelley found in the financial model, in the

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update of those.
And then the other thing I wanted to point out is that at Tab Number 5, regarding the cost to construct -- and David just touched on this, but it was mentioned in the staff report.

But the cost to construct a Home2 Suites in the suburbs maybe approximates the cost of building downtown. At Tab 5 we do an analysis from a -- our architect and then a general contractor that addresses that as well.

So those are some -- just some attachments that he didn't reference that I want to make sure that you -- were brought to your attention.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Thank you.
So I'm sure we're going to have probably some questions on that, but I'm going to open it up to the board and I'm going to start with Mr. Moody, please.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Thank you.
Mr. Gray, I don't know you personally, but I just realized when I was looking through your report that you also have the MAI designation.

MR. GRAY: Correct.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: So that's a member of
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the Appraisal Institute. I, likewise, have that. That's the very top designation that you can get (inaudible), so --

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Sorry. Mr. Moody, can you speak into your microphone or bring it closer to you?

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Should I start over?
THE CHAIRWOMAN: I think you can continue from where you are, but lean in.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: But anyway, you -you've been doing this business a long time, so you're not just blowing smoke, and -- so I have a couple of questions, or I have a couple of comments, actually, to say and then I'll have some questions.

You know, in the appraisal world, where we deal with highest and best use, it's always been my opinion that we have to be very careful with us kind of messing with the highest and best use in the marketplace and just letting it happen because the market is very sophisticated and -- and they know which product, they know what's demanded.

And if it's -- if it doesn't represent a highest and best use, the project will fail.

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because I think downtown is a different market, even when I look at -- when I look at LaVilla, I look at the CBD market, I look at Cathedral, I look at the sports center, all of those are kind of different markets.

Now, Brooklyn, where this is, there's some fabulous corporate clients there that could absolutely use a facility like this, so I -- it doesn't surprise me that you would have a use like this to be suggested to meet the needs of some of those corporate clients.

But I really believe that as we're dealing with our subject location, it's a market unto itself. And I think we need to be careful when we're trying to compare it to downtown.

I guess the last thing I want to ask is, the facility three-and-a-half blocks away, is that a Marriott Residence Inn? And someone remind me, what sort of benefits did we give them? Does anyone remember? Was that a full REV Grant?

MS. BOYER: I believe the Marriott Residence Inn received a REV Grant, and that was prior to both the issues with the current occupancy rate and the updated market

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feasibility and the information from Visit Jacksonville.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Okay. Well, I just -- I feel like we need to be careful and be consistent with what we're at least considering here and what we have also recently done, so that's my comments.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: I do -- I mean, I do appreciate Mr. Kelley's analysis on all the projects that we do, and some of them are -some of them are straightforward and some of them are more difficult, such as Lot J and some of the others.

Likewise with Mr. Moody, this particular facility, this extended stay, the only other one I was aware of was the -- on the Southbank. And I just learned today that that's considered a higher end property. So the Residence Inn is also considered an extended stay?

MR. GRAY: Correct.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: And that's also competing with that product.

MR. GRAY: Yeah, the Residence Inn and
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the (inaudible).
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: No, that's fine.
MR. GRAY: Apologies. Yes, the Residence Inn and the -- by Marriott, and Homewood Suites, which is a Hilton product, are far and away the two highest quality extended stay brands in the market, but the -- in the marketplace, not --

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: So I pass by this location every day coming to the office, and it's not -- it's not really a happening spot right now. There's a Jimmy John's next door and I think there's a medical facility on the other side. And as you get down further into Park Street, where we are looking at some development in the Brooklyn area --

So the only question I have is for Ms. Boyer. I thought I heard Mr. Kelley say this is not applicable to the BID plan; is that --

MS. BOYER: That's staff's position.
We've discussed this with Mr. Sawyer. I think you will hear that from the council auditors and you will hear that from others. If we attempt to process something as a REV

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Grant -- not saying you can't process something --

So if you go back and look at Lot J, for example, there was extensive discussion about a hotel not being eligible for a REV Grant. And the discussion there was to do it as a completion grant, spread out over a number of years, which avoided the need to waive the CRA plan or somehow address the challenges in the CRA plan that exists.

And that's why we're pointing out the occupancy level threshold. I know that some of the data that you're seeing shows higher occupy levels, which also include when the Marines were leasing the entire Hyatt, and then when the Marines left the Hyatt, the occupancy levels downtown fell.

And, of course, to Mr. Moody's point, we're not looking at subsectors, we're looking at downtown as the entire CRA, so --

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: So how was the Residence Inn provided a REV Grant?

MS. BOYER: I'm not capable of answering that. That predated this. I'm simply telling you what has happened in the last four years or

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five years.
And the consistency with the market feasibility study, both -- the one that is the predicate for our current CRA plan and the new one that we have received that will be wrapped into the new CRA plan update are both -- and the information that Visit Jacksonville is providing, are both indicating that for select service and limited service hotels, that it's not advisable to incentivize them until we reach a certain occupy threshold.

And so that's exactly what you were doing with MOSH and exactly what you were doing with other things, is to increase the level of activity and activation downtown, which then makes that market easy. Once we can get to 70 percent occupancy, then, you know, we're beyond that threshold.

But that was the recommendation. So our staff review of the plan was that, where we are today, based -- and it -- perhaps in the year in which the Marriott Residence Inn was incentivized, they had reached the target for that year. It's possible that at that point they were at the occupancy target. We are just

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not now.
That was the basis. And it's not that if you wish to incentivize it, we can't incentivize it. It was just a different structure.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: I just want to -- I just want to make it clear, is it -- are we able to do a REV Grant? Your opinion is that we're not able to?

MS. BOYER: That's correct.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: Mr. Sawyer, can you comment on this?

MR. SAWYER: Yeah. In broad strokes, there are triggers to -- in order to consider a REV Grant for a hotel. And what staff is basically telling you is that those triggers have not been met, so the REV Grant isn't appropriate, so --

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: So you're telling us -- it's not even an option is what you're telling us?

MR. SAWYER: Correct.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: All right. So --
MR. DIEBENOW: Madam Chair, if I could, the conversation that we're having right now is

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the one that we had last summer, and so the reason that we're here today is that we said, look, we -- we believe we meet the criteria for a REV Grant; staff doesn't. Is there an alternative path? The answer was yes. And that was a conversation about a potential completion grant, whether it's staged over time or one time when the building is built.

And so our incentive policy is flexible enough with the tier program, that you can do incentives, you -- you and Kirk Wendland's group have the authority to recommend incentives based on the tier analysis. And so what we've said is, look, whether you call it a REV Grant or a completion grant, we still think that we -- it's warranted. And whether it's one or the other, it's okay either way. And so that's why we asked for the audience, to be able to have the conversation, so --

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: Mr. Diebenow, do you believe that you qualify for the REV Grant? I mean, you know the DIA rules and regulations as well as anybody.

MR. DIEBENOW: Yeah. I mean, look, I -- I believe we do, but I don't want to argue about

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the --
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: So there's a disagreement there.

MR. DIEBENOW: -- minutiae.
There's just a disagreement. We -- for example, you know, you're -- and, again, you have to plan and -- we're also limited in snapshots in time that we're looking at things. And so, you know, for example, the updated feasibility study says that occupancy levels exceeding 67 percent should enhance interest in full-service hotel development.

Well, the reason that the Hyatt is not included in the analysis that we just passed out is we don't believe that we compete with Hyatt. We don't believe that our product will so detrimentally affect the Hyatt -- I mean, yes, we're going to take some room nights, but we're also going to bring room nights that otherwise wouldn't have gone to Hyatt.

And so we believe that we meet the 67 percent and that we're approaching that, and we've presented a snapshot of that based on the slice of our competitors.

I think staff makes a reasonable point,
Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300 plan. From what I am hearing, you're going to

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have some bright-line issues if you try to take a REV Grant forward.

MR. DIEBENOW: And so --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: So if we're going to move forward, it sounds like another incentive would be -- I wanted to get that straight because I heard Mr. Diebenow say he thought it was, and Mr. Kelley now, so --

The second thing was, a lot of this is -a lot of the information is based on historical information. This board knows that Jacksonville is on the rise. This is -- you know, I'll give you a good example.

I invested in a restaurant, a barbecue restaurant right before COVID hit. I put my money in. In my mind, it was a great time.
And the -- you know, the owner of the restaurant decided not to build it. And I wish he would have because it takes a while to build it, and had he built it, we would have a great facility there and it would have been at a great price because costs have gone up.

And so as an entrepreneur, that's how I
look at things. I look at the future; I don't
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look back. I mean, I look back because I've learned some things over the years. You know, 2009 -- I guess it was 2009, I pulled back. This last recession, I moved forward. I hired people and we grew.

So I look at -- I look at where the city is heading, and I don't think we have too many hotels five years from now, six years from now. I don't think we do. I think this is a different property, so I think we have to look at it differently.

So I'm in favor of some sort of support of it, incentive, apparently not a REV Grant because we're -- it doesn't sound like that's going to be allowed. So I'm in favor of some sort of incentive if we can come forward with this.

Mr. Kelley, you do a great job with all this stuff. And we do have somebody that has done hotels for -- I don't know, a hundred years, you said a lot of years. So there are some nuances -- there are definitely some nuances to what he's saying compared to what your analysis proposed. Would you agree with that?

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MR. KELLEY: Through the Chair to Mr. Froats, I've been underwriting deals for 30 years myself.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: Hotels specifically.
MR. KELLEY: I have underwritten hotels along that way, not exclusively, a lot of different property types.

But be that as it may, I'm sure we could go back and forth all day long on discount rates and cap rates and methodology. There were several things that were said that I would rebut, but this isn't a forum for me to have a one-on-one debate or argument about these approaches. I presented my case. I'm confident in it and I fully respect your and everybody else's opinions.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: All right. Thank you.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano, before you make a comment, Mr. Moody has indicated that he wants to make a comment.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I forgot to say something that I did -- because I was thinking about a comment with this particular facility, you know, being competitive with some of the

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downtown hotels.
I contacted Mr. Fred Posen. Fred has owned the Ramada Inn there at 295, (inaudible), forever. You've probably been to his Comedy Zone. He's just now retiring, and -- and so I had a chance to call him and chat with him. But I said, Fred, tell me about this. Help me understand something. And he said, Ron, look, with this example, these are two different markets. It's not going to harm your downtown market. He says, it's two different worlds, it's two different products. Okay. They're not competing against each other. And he basically said, look, the way the hotel/motel business works, he said, really, the more the merrier. He said, we kind of feed off of each other. As the market goes up, we all kind of go up together. When one goes down, we kind of go down together.

So anyway, just thought I would add that.
Now, one other thing, that particular
location -- I don't know if you know this.
It's a vacant site now, right? Is that right?
THE CHAIRWOMAN: (Nods head.)
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I think that was
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originally the site for a McDonald's
restaurant, and I was thinking -- and it's kind of depressing. So if McDonald's can't make it there, who can make it?

So I don't care what we do. We just need to make some improvements. I don't care how we fund it. I think we should do some sort of funding and let's just figure out a way to give them some incentives and encourage them to move forward with it.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: Again, I'm not going to cast a vote, but I did -- I did spend some time reviewing the staff report and the applicant's work that they provided, and I'm just going to give some thoughts, not in any particular order.

But, you know, I'm looking at the year to date, September 21 occupancy, which is 69.6. My guess is, if you get a T3 or a T6, it's probably in the 70 s because the first quarter of this year was still impacted.

But maybe a little bit to your point, I think the recovery is happening today. I think

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the flag itself is a significant value to our CRA. I think there's validity to having a Hilton extended stay flag here versus in the suburbs. That is going to bring people into the CRA that would otherwise be out in the burbs. And having business travelers and vacation travelers in the CRA is a net benefit.

So then I go to, okay, well, they don't qualify. We get into IRRs and what's -- what's an adequate IRR, what's a good IRR. I honestly -- I don't know. I could tell you intuitively a mid-teen IRR on a hotel is, at best, adequate, if not below adequate, but I'm not an expert in that area.

And so my point is, I think that there is merit to kind of an incentive package here. And if it's not a REV Grant, I would say if staff and the applicant can work to find some common ground to -- to find a way, because -because where I land on this is, there is a net benefit for having the Hilton flag in the CRA.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Thank you.
Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: You know -- so I actually very much enjoyed the discussion

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between Mr. Kelley and Mr. Gray as somebody who used to hire experts to make cases all the time. It's fun to watch smart people argue.

It's a truth in that business that there's lies, damn lies, and statistics. I can make these numbers look however I want by moving one little (inaudible), and that's part of good advocacy, as Mr. Diebenow knows.

You know, I guess, I'm -- I'm curious, because I'm looking at the handout excluding the Hyatt. And just eyeballing it, I know that everyone is optimistic that the demand will be increasing, but for the past 15 years it seems to me the demand is relatively static in downtown. And that would largely comport with my lived experience in downtown. So I'm curious if I'm reading that wrong or if that is, in fact, the case.

MR. DIEBENOW: So let me see if I can tee this up and then Kelley or David can answer.

So the analogy is, you know, by adding a new hotel you're just taking a slice of the pie and you're leaving less pie for everybody else. That's kind of one way to look at it. The other way to look at is, you add another hotel,

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Marco, and this will be my first hotel project in Jacksonville, hopefully.

MR. DIEBENOW: And his report is at Tab 3, if you want to look at Tab 3, that's where his letter is.

MR. SLAY: I'll try to make mine short and sweet. It's a one- or two-page letter to the board. I don't know if you had a chance to -to read it. And it specifically pulled some statistics that were in the feasibility study done by David.

I'm also an MAI, by the way. Retired, but that was where I started my career.

In 2009, the Homewood Suites and the Hilton Garden Inn and a few other (inaudible), they were -- they were added to the market. If you look at the occupancy and the room night demand, two years later the market occupancy was actually higher for the entire market, after adding a couple hundred rooms, excluding the Hyatt, again.

I want to stress that the Hyatt might as well be somewhere else. It's its own market. The downtown market statistics are going to be a function of -- if you include the Hyatt, it's

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going to be simply a function of how well does the Hyatt attract large conventions. When they -- when they have a lot of conventions, their downtown occupancy is going to be strong. If they don't do a very good job selling conventions, your downtown occupancy is not -it's going to be weak.

That's not -- that doesn't really affect any of the other hotels in the Southbank and the downtown area. In fact, the ones in the Southbank right now, the Homewood Suites and the Hilton Garden Inn, are already back to 80 percent occupancy or just about, 77, 79 percent.

So I didn't see that table that you were talking about, but I know that the market has rebounded. And I just wanted to reiterate what you said about the pie getting bigger. That's what we mean. Induced demand, it's a real thing. People stay with us that right now are not staying downtown. They're driving to Town Center or they're going to the Southbank or they're going somewhere else because the product that they want isn't here.

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: So --
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MR. SLAY: So we're filling a void in the market.

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: So my understanding -- you say that there are people who are Home2 Suites loyal, not Hilton loyal, but they're Home2 Suites loyal, and they will stay there versus the Residence Inn. It's just around the corner, or whatever the one at (inaudible) on the Southbank --

MR. SLAY: Both. Hilton and Home2 Suites -- mostly Hilton. It's mostly the brand. But you guys will probably -- you know, Marriott customers or your Hilton customers, your IHG customers -- and you'll ride right by one to stay at the other because you get the points. You fly Delta or American or whoever because you get the points, right? I mean, we all do that. That's why these programs are in place.

So I just want to stress that we do not compete with the Hyatt. The guests that are going to stay at my hotel don't want to stay at the Hyatt because they don't want the downtown congestion, they don't want the meeting space, they don't want the restaurants. They want to

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1 get in and they want to get out and they want
2 to get on the interstate and go about their Member Adams, the resolution asks you to either

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say no to any incentive for this project, or if you want to say yes, direct the staff to work with the developer to come up with terms that are requested of you since our analysis indicates the REV is not -- any incentive is not necessitated by financial need, for you to give us some indication of what you want us to give them.

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Fair enough. I mean, you want clear -- clear direction.

MS. BOYER: Yes, sir.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: That's fair enough.
I guess, then, it feeds back to the question about -- that I think Ron was trying to make about highest and best use and being careful about messing around with it.

We're making a market if they can't build one on their own. So we're -- by the notion of incentives, we're putting our fingers on the scales and making something happen. So we're already interfering with that natural process.

So if the concept that you were talking about, Ron, is the one that you really believe in, then we shouldn't be in the incentives business at all because we're building a

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market, right? That's what we had done.
And, you know, I'm not in the business of wanting us to pick winners and losers. I understand -- we keep talking about hurting the Hyatt, you know, versus (inaudible), but I could care less if it hurts the Hyatt if it's better for downtown.

So, you know, I hear -- and I'm not unsympathetic to the notion that design guidelines here may make it more difficult to construct versus being out in the burbs. I guess that's a question for DDRB and the function of the market itself. And maybe it feeds back to the question -- I don't know -of higher and best use.

I mean, Steve, can you help me out with some of these concepts? Because -particularly around -- I think the thing I would be most interested to hear from you is, you know, if we're talking about highest and best use, incentives are putting the thumb on the scale. And help me understand why that's a good thing --

MR. DIEBENOW: Well --
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: -- in this particular
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case.
MR. DIEBENOW: Right. So -- well, I -- I
think that what you're doing is you're -- by providing incentives to any project, you're making a value judgment within the --

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Yeah, but we don't --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. DIEBENOW: Within your -- right, within the -- you know, the framework of your rules, that you want something or you don't.

So I think what -- I think what Mr. Moody was trying to say was just talking about uses in general, building versus hotel, when you -in your words, you put your hand on the scale and say, we want to incentivize this. The question is, what do you get for it, and we say all those great things about hotels. It brings people downtown, it activates --

If you look at the statistics, in 2009 there's, like, 240,000 hotel rooms -- hotel nights. And then back to 2019 it's, like, 367,000. So it's -- you know, you're -- you're basically saying, we want more hotel rooms -or we want more demand -- or more people to come here.

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The difference here for us is it does cost more money to develop downtown. We show that at Tab 5.

There's also a question about property values that we haven't talked about, but I've got a handout on that as well.

You know, we're paying $\$ 2$ million for this site and a comparable site that is out in the suburbs for two hotel locations is less expensive, and it's the Home2 Suites that's on Baymeadows.

But on top of that, the land price, being more downtown, you also have all the things that we've added as a result of the DDRB conversation. And a lot of those are quantified in -- at Tab 5 by the architect, described by the architect and then costed by the general contractor.

So what we view it as is -- whether you call it a REV Grant or a -- or it's a completion grant, or it -- the completion grant maybe is in the same scale as the REV Grant. Maybe it's paid the same way a REV Grant would be. The REV Grant is just the proxy and the dollar amounts are paid in a different way from

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little different -- and I mean, correct me if I'm wrong. I think what they're saying is that we don't need it.

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: And I -- right. Whether we need it or whether we want it, we're not in -- we -- they're telling us that we should not be investing taxpayer dollars in this particular project.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: I think Ms. Boyer --
MS. BOYER: May we speak for ourselves?
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Yes. You certainly may. I'm sorry.

MS. BOYER: I'm going to characterize it differently than either of you. I think we are happy to have it come to the market and we think they can do it without our assistance.

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Fair enough. That's probably a better way to look at it.

MS. BOYER: I think it's permissible. I think it'll --

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Probably --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MS. BOYER: -- be lovely. I think it will be a great addition to the market. We don't think our assistance or our intervention is

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required.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: And to be a hundred percent fair, you know, I think that's what everybody thinks. I mean, if you guys buy it and develop it, knock it out, that's great. I think we're rapidly coming to a point at this board that we're going to have to take up in the not-too-distant future (inaudible), do we incentivize everything? Should we start pulling back incentives? I mean, we're -- you know, the rock is at the top of the hill. Is it going to go over? When's that going to happen? I don't know the answer, but that's a discussion for another day.

I appreciate all the comments.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: Have we incentivized any other project like this in Brooklyn?

MS. BOYER: The Marriott Residence Inn.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: That's the only other one?

MS. BOYER: Yes. That's the only other hotel other than the Four Seasons.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: Which we also
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incentivized.
MS. BOYER: Which we just incentivized, but we spent a lot of time in our staff report and in our appearance before City Council making the distinction of it being a very unique market product, that we didn't have any other five star hotel, and that it was not going to compete and it was -- there was a big debate about that.

MR. DIEBENOW: Well -- and I'm sorry, just for completeness, we also did, you know, the Laura Street Trio, which has a hotel component. I get -- a little different, but just for completeness, it's a hotel and it's a historic building. It's a higher end, different brand, different market, but --

MS. BOYER: And in that perspective, you'd include the Ambassador as well because those are historic buildings that we incentivized, not the hotel use.

MR. DIEBENOW: It -- right. It's a little different, yes.

BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: My concern was Brooklyn, not downtown, Brooklyn.

So if I were an executive and had to stay
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two or three weeks from FIS or from Florida Blue, I would have to stay at the Marriott Residence Inn or no where else?

MR. DIEBENOW: Well -- or you could stay out in the -- right, or you could stay in a different market, which would --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MS. BOYER: Or you stay at the Omni or the Hyatt, which is what they have to --

BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: Which would mean a commute versus something around the corner --

MR. DIEBENOW: Right.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: -- for two or three weeks.

MR. DIEBENOW: That's -- part of our argument is now you get -- it's kind of like Coke and Pepsi. You have Coke and Pepsi across the street from each other. You have the two biggest brands, Hilton and Marriott, across the street from each other, instead of just having the Marriott, but yes.

BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: That's the choice.
And Mr. Froats, I think, hit on future growth. I think I've invested in barbecue places, like you have, as well in the past.

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But looking at the future, you know, in 2005, I remember for the Super Bowl, we had people staying in cruise ships. And while we accomplished it, I think it's time to look at Mr. Adams' philosophical question, are we going to incentivize hotels, are we going to incentivize other buildings? And I think the answer to that is yes.

We should look at the future growth of this city. And, who knows, Super Bowl 2040 may be in Jacksonville. Do we want people staying in cruise ships when that happens? I think we want them to stay somewhere on land.

So I think if not a REV Grant, there should be some kind of incentive that goes to this project. And if a REV Grant is the only means to finance it or to assist and incentivize it, then I'm going to vote for that because I think the future growth of this city will depend on additional hotel rooms.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: I just want to say, Ms. Boyer, you made a great point. There was -- we came up with a reason to support the Four Seasons, and I completely agree with it. I don't want to be the person to say we

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supported a five-star hotel but not a lower-end extended stay hotel. I think that's the opposite -- almost the opposite end of the spectrum, so I'm happy to (inaudible).

BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: And if I were to be that executive three weeks at FIS or three weeks at Florida Blue, I may go to the Ritz Carlton and fight the commute, fight the traffic, but it would be nice to have something maybe around the corner besides the Marriott to stay. I may be (inaudible).

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Anything else, Mr. Ward?
BOARD MEMBER WARD: Well, I've got a lot of notes and a lot of doodles, so -- and we've been talking about it for a while, so I'll try and be brief.

So in my nonDIA life, my professional life, one of our portfolio companies got a CO for a similarly flagged hotel, not here in Jacksonville. I don't have enough 8Bs, like Mr. Citrano, so it's not this -- not this project, but we closed our CO in March of 2020. Great time to open up a hotel, by the way.

So this is something that over the last
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18 months or so, in terms of this type of property, in a much smaller market than this, by the way, I got a decent amount of hands-on experience with. Against my will, but nonetheless. And so I do see the need for these types of properties in a variety of markets.

I think -- and Mr. Kelley did a great job, both in his explanation here today and the staff report. And there was a couple of points about the 2020 and 2021 and maybe a little bit of 2022 expected and sort of projected occupancy rates.

And while I think that's certainly helpful to look at, you know, I -- I struggle with that being determinative. You know, that's a relatively short-term view, right? We generally tend to think about things that come before DIA in the -- certainly in midterm, if not a long-term perspective in terms of our planning and our goals for downtown.

So I say all that to say that -- in terms of what Mr. Adams said about the need or want for incentives, I mean, I think -- at least for myself personally and probably some other folks

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here, our whole goal, right, as far as it relates strictly to incentives and DIA is that we continue to build up the city and its downtown, Urban Core, and surrounding areas to such an extent that hopefully 10, 15, 20 years from now there is not as much of a need, right? That maybe there is a need -- there is a want to incentivize projects, but it's not as much of a need.

I do think there's -- from both the statistics here today and my own anecdotal experience, I think there is enough room for another property here.

As it relates, procedurally, how we -- how we move forward, I -- I am in favor of some sort of incentive here. I know that what is technically on the table here today is a REV Grant, and for legal reasons, that we -- we're not -- from my understanding, not able to consider it here in full today.

I do think that this project does fill a need in the market. I do think there is a need for some sort of incentive. I remember completion grants were briefly mentioned in the staff report. I don't pretend to think that

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that's the guaranteed path forward, but I am in favor of voting in such a way today to ask staff to continue to work with the applicant to find some form of assistance, support or incentives that fits within the bounds of what we can do because I think it's what we should do.

So I'll wrap it up there, Ms. Worsham, but I am -- I am in favor of some form of support for this project going forward.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Well, thank you. And I know Mr. Ward probably will weigh in, but if you all would pick up and look at the resolution of 2021-11-03 as to how it's been presented to us by staff, there is -- I think we should read through it and understand that -- what has been presented to us by the staff.

I can do that, or, Ms. Boyer, do you want to just highlight -- basically, you had given us an option here to provide an incentive for the property with -- we can state that, you know, under the staff's direction and legal, that it does not qualify for a REV Grant, but down in Section 3, we could authorize you to

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negotiate some different type of incentive; is that what I'm -- how I'm reading that?

MS. BOYER: Through the Chair -- to the Chair, yes, you are reading it correctly.

So our request of you is -- you have several options. There can be an outright denial, in which case you just select denial. Denial, denial, and does not direct, and it's over. Okay?

But I'm hearing the board's sentiment that there are any number of you who wish to offer some incentive. In that case, my suggestion would be that you select approval in the top line in the header, but then perhaps -- it's up to you.

I would suggest you strike Section 2, which is approving the incentive requested by the developer; leave in Section 3 that is directing us to negotiate a term sheet with the developer; and then please provide us some direction, where you believe that the equivalent of a 75 percent, 20-year REV Grant, which Mr. Kelley calculated as 2,385,219, is the value you wish to provide; or do you think that, based on the disagreements or

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1 Mr. Kelley's analysis, perhaps something that 2 is a lesser amount, the equivalent of a developer's fees, we take out other things, and

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we don't pay the REV Grant on those amounts, or we don't calculate that.

So his formula, changing it to the
2-million-3, is the same formula we use for every other applicant. So I think that we're asking you, then, to weigh in on how you'd like to approach it.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: Is that 2.3 the present value?

MS. BOYER: No.
MR. KELLEY: It's always attachment of cash.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: So if we're doing a completion grant, that would be a little different, a little bit -- a lower number than that, isn't it?

MS. BOYER: Correct. If you were doing -correct. And let me just explain "completion grant" as a term.

So when we use the term "completion grant," that means the -- no obligation exists until the building is completed. It does not mean that it's paid in full at completion. So a completion grant could be paid over an 18-year period in installments of $X$, which

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essentially gets you to the same place as a REV
Grant, but it's not using tax increment revenue; it's using General Fund revenue.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: The present value difference being $\$ 1$ million right now that I heard from the applicant; is that right? The 16 or the 17 million?

MR. KELLEY: Through the Chair to Mr. Froats, no. The difference between my calculation and the applicant's request is simply -- and this is common among all applicants -- that there's FF and E as an example or maybe developer fees or reserves or -- generally, in my calculation of what I anticipate adding to the property tax rolls as -- for lack of a better way to say it, as sticks and bricks and other soft costs that can be capitalized in the construction process as well, but consistent with all the deals you have seen from my underwriting, I eliminated those line item costs that we typically don't view as adding to the real property that would be picked up by the property appraiser.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: And that's when you came up with the 2. --

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MS. BOYER: 2,385,000 as compared to the 3-million-2. That's the difference --

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: The present value --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MS. BOYER: -- (inaudible) present value.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: -- (inaudible) would be approximately what?

MR. KELLEY: There's not a present value component to that. If you give me just one minute, I could figure it out.

MR. DIEBENOW: While Mr. Kelley -- if I could, Madam Chair, while Mr. Kelley is doing that, I -- we don't disagree with the analysis that Mr. Kelley applied to our deal. We did start at a higher number. And then when he put it through the regular process and got to the 2.3 million, we're -- we are okay with that. We don't disagree on that methodology, if that helps in your consideration.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: No, I was just wondering what the present value was. If we were doing -- in my mind, a completion grant was, it's done, here is your -- here's your money. That's how we structure most of our completion grants.

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you. We're very comfortable doing that. It's just we want your direction as to whether you want us to go to the -- to the full ask or to some intermediate.

MR. KELLEY: Through the Chair to Mr. Froats, depending on the discount rate, at 5 percent, it's -- 1,200,600 is the net present value.

BOARD MEMBER FROATS: Thank you.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
If there's no more comments or questions from the board --

BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: Mr. Barakat has been waiting.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Sorry?
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: Oliver Barakat --
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Oh, Mr. Barakat. I forgot you were there. Sorry, Oliver.

MR. CHISHOLM: I believe Mr. Barakat has left the meeting.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Thank you.
So with all of that conversation being
had, I will look to the board or a board member to make a motion on Resolution 2021-11-03.

Anyone want to make a motion?
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BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.) THE CHAIRWOMAN: Do we want to talk about -- is anyone willing to set a motion forth with the directive of either denying or approving to send our staff forward with any direction is my question.

BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: Madam Chair, I'd like to circle the word "approval" in the first paragraph.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: So are you making a formal motion with -- or are you just amending the resolution as -- what's the proper procedure for me to proceed on that? To take a vote on the approvals or denials and then the resolution?

MS. BOYER: I would suggest that whoever is offering the motion, identify throughout here what their suggested amendments are, and then offer the resolution to be amended to include the word "approval." In the second line, to either delete paragraph 2, or if they want to actually recommend a REV Grant, you can recommend a REV Grant.

And in paragraph 3, direct us, as opposed to does not direct us, to negotiate a term

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sheet. And then I would encourage you to insert in there, add a value equivalent to a 75 percent REV Grant or equivalent to a million dollar present value, or whatever number you are telling us you think is warranted.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs, were you attempting to make that motion?

BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: I was going to do paragraph by paragraph, but I'll certainly do the whole thing.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. So I think you would need to formally make a motion to approve this resolution as you are going to amend it and read it to us is what I'm understanding.

BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: I'd like, in the first paragraph, to circle the word "approval." I'd like to, as you said, strike 2 --
Section 2. And I'd like, in Section 3, the word "directs," equivalent to a REV Grant of 75 percent, in Section 3.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Is that acceptable instead of a dollar amount? Is that --

MS. BOYER: That is a motion we could work
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with.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. So we've got a motion on the table, on the floor, by
Mr. Gibbs to approve an incentive and direct our staff to move forward to negotiate with the developer for the value of the REV Grant as stated.

Do we have a second?
BOARD MEMBER WARD: Second.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Questions?
Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Let me understand the resolution that's just been offered. Are we saying that we approve the original ask?

THE CHAIRWOMAN: No. No. What the resolution states, as motioned by Mr. Gibbs, is that we are approving the incentive for the Homewood Suites with -- we are denying the -we're not approving the original incentive because it doesn't -- we're denying the REV Grant, but we're directing the CEO of the DIA to negotiate with the developer to terms that a REV Grant -- equal to the REV Grant that was asked, but we're not approving the REV Grant.

Did I state that correctly?
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MS. BOYER: That is correct. That's the way I understand the motion.

BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: That's it.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: So we have a motion on the floor.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I'll second it.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: Mr. Ward, I think, has already seconded it, but thank you, Mr. Moody.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: So we have a motion and a second.

Do we have any other -- further discussion? Anyone?

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: I have a question.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: And I guess it's to Ms. Boyer. The -- if not from a REV Grant, did I understand that we would be taking funds from the General Fund?

MS. BOYER: That is correct. That's how the Economic Development Fund is funded.

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Okay. As opposed to simply reducing the amount of property tax recovered, we're actually taking money out of our pocket and putting it (inaudible), correct?

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MS. BOYER: Taking money out of the City's pocket.

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Yes. Well --
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: Our pockets.
MS. BOYER: Our pockets, correct.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: I just want to make sure I understood what we were about to do.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Does anyone else have any other comments or questions?

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Question for Ms. Boyer. Politically, City Council will have to sign off on this, correct?

MS. BOYER: In either event, however you structured it, City Council would have to sign off on this. So this is not changing the structure of City Council having to sign off on this. I'm only going to encourage board members to attend the meeting, though.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Based on your experience, which is obviously extensive, if you had to predict an outcome of City Council, is this something that would be workable?

MS. BOYER: I would say that Mr. Diebenow and his clients are very persuasive.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Thank you.
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THE CHAIRWOMAN: So we have a motion and a second on the floor.

Does any board member have a comment or question?

BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRWOMAN: If not, we're going to proceed to the vote on Resolution 2021-11-03, starting with Mr. Moody.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I'm going to abstain.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: That's right.
Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: I'm opposed.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Ward.
BOARD MEMBER WARD: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: And I'm in favor also.
So the motion passes seven to one -- six
[sic] to one, sorry about that.
And it is now 4 o'clock. And, as
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promised, we're going to take a ten-minute break before we come back to our agenda, so please be prompt and be back in your seat at 4:10.
(Brief recess.)
THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. We're going to reconvene, so everyone take your seats.

I do have a correction on the vote. I miscounted.

We're going to reconvene our Community Redevelopment Agency meeting.

I do need a minute to correct the vote count. I inadvertently counted the abstention vote, so the vote was five to one in favor, with Mr. Citrano abstaining.

So we're going to continue on. We're now on Item E .

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Actually, this is a highly technical point, but I think in the bylaws an abstention is counted as a (inaudible), verbally, per Mr. Sawyer.
(Reporter clarification.)
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Sorry.
This is lawyer nerd stuff. Under the
bylaws of DIA, an abstention of a vote, I
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believe, is counted as an affirmative vote.
But if you're qualified -- you're not eligible --

THE CHAIRWOMAN: He's not eligible.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: -- then you're not voting (inaudible) --

BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: So he was --
THE CHAIRWOMAN: He was ineligible to vote, so he -- well, he abstained because he was ineligible, so the correct vote on that was five to one. How about that?

So now we're moving on to Resolution 2021-11-04, the DVI lease of the Duval garage disposition. And who is going to take us through that?

MS. BOYER: Madam Chair, I will.
And I'm trying to get to the right part of my agenda. My apologies. I have a lot of paper there.

Okay. Downtown Vision lease. Thank you.
This, too, was taken up at REPD yesterday.
But in Mr. Barakat's absence, if there's
another committee member who wants to give the committee report or if you would like me to

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just proceed ...
THE CHAIRWOMAN: You can proceed. I was there. I think Mr. Froats was there. You can proceed.

Thank you.
MS. BOYER: Thank you.
There is currently approximately 20,600 square feet of unfinished space on the ground floor of the Duval Street parking garage; mostly retail space, some of this is a loading dock.

The City has a CIP project to finish out that space and make it leasable and has been in conversations with Downtown Vision about Downtown Vision leasing and occupying that space to further activate the streetfront, which would also free up and vacate their space in the Ed Ball Building, which, as you know, is part of our FAB-REP area, and we are looking for potential FAB-REP tenants for some of that space as well.

In any event, the lease itself is a ten-year lease with two five-year renewal options. And the rent is an in-kind rent, equal to -- and I need to find the correct

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number -- $\$ 289,506$. So that is a fair market value rent.

The property was appraised by CBRE. Fourteen dollars is an appraised market value rent for this space. However, in lieu of paying cash for that, DVI would provide equivalent service value to downtown, and that equivalent service value could be averaged over a number of years.

So if in a year like this, where they raise 7- to \$900,000 for the Jax River Jams and put on the Jax River Jams concerts in excess, above and beyond the assessments that they are collecting from the City and from property owners, then that would be allowed to be credited against the rent because we want them to put on events and we want them to raise additional funds and we want them to provide the additional services that Mr. Gordon does to assist us with showing property owners, taking them on tours, et cetera.

So basic terms of the lease: It requires a disposition notice because it is property within the boundaries of the Community Redevelopment Agency. And we are now going to

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1 offer this space for lease, and it's longer
2 than just a short-term license-type
arrangement.
So the request is that we be authorized to publish a Notice of Disposition, that -- and authorize to enter into a lease with Downtown Vision for this space.

If at the end of the Notice of Disposition period we receive no other offers or better offers for the occupancy and rent of the space, the terms also contemplate that we would enter into a cost disbursement agreement with Downtown Vision whereby they would be able to act as project manager for the City to execute the City's CIP project. So they would be moving forward and getting reimbursed after costs were paid, all in accordance with the plans that have already been approved by the City for this space.

They are not assuming responsibility for cost overruns. They are simply acting on our behalf to really expedite delivery of the project.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Ms. Boyer. This did come before our committee
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yesterday. And in Oliver's absence, we voted unanimously to approve, so it does not require a motion, so I'll just open it up for board members questions, starting with Mr. Ward.

BOARD MEMBER WARD: I don't have any questions, just some commentary.

This did come before us in REPD yesterday. We talked about it, heard from both Ms. Boyer and Mr. Gordon. You know, just as some additional color, everybody here is probably familiar with that space. It has been vacant for a very, very long time. I think it still has dirt floors, as I've been told. And certainly DVI is a great organization that I'm a big fan of. They do a lot of really good, tough work in downtown. And this will be a good place for them and their personnel to continue doing what they're doing, expand it, and also be able to host some community meetings and other things.

And, you know, I -- I subscribe to something is better than nothing, certainly in that space. And DVI, I think, will be a good steward of the space and a great tenant for us, so I'm in full support of this.

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THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: I'll follow the will of the subcommittee and vote in favor. They do great work.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Nothing from me.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: No questions.
I am very much looking forward to the Sip and Stroll tomorrow night.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: No more comments.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I'm for it. Sounds good.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Then we'll proceed to a vote.

Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I'm in favor.
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THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Ward.
BOARD MEMBER WARD: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm also in favor.
It carries seven to zero.
All right. Moving on to our emergency addition to our agenda, Item F, Resolution 2021-11-07, Vista Brooklyn. And I'll ask the staff to present.

MS. BOYER: Thank you, Madam Chair.
So resolution 2021-11-07, Mr. Diebenow is here, representing Vista Brooklyn.

As you know, the property is currently approximately 50 percent occupied. It has a temporary CO and it has an outside completion date in the current schedule of November 29th. They are working diligently to try to get their final CO by November 29th; however, there is a glitch on some issues surrounding the handicapped parking striping and they are working that out and trying to resolve that in time; however, certainly do not want to be in

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| 1 | default. | 1 | Mr. Moody. |
| 2 | There is a contract for the sale of the | 2 | BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I'm in favor. |
| 3 | property that is supposed to close in December | 3 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Froats. |
| 4 | and they are currently in the due diligence | 4 | BOARD MEMBER FROATS: In favor. |
| 5 | process. | 5 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano. |
| 6 | The request is -- we spent some time with | 6 | BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I'm in favor. |
| 7 | Mr. Sawyer today about whether the board had | 7 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams. |
| 8 | the authority to grant an additional extension | 8 | BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: In favor. |
| 9 | and the conclusion was that you do have the | 9 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs. |
| 10 | authority to grant an additional extension. So | 10 | BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: In favor. |
| 11 | this is a request for you to grant a 60-day | 11 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Ward. |
| 12 | extension. | 12 | BOARD MEMBER WARD: In favor. |
| 13 | So this would be through -- essentially, | 13 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm in favor. |
| 14 | 60 days. It would be January 28th, or | 14 | The motion passes seven to zero. |
| 15 | something, not really the 30th, but the point | 15 | So that concludes our Community |
| 16 | being 60 days from the current date of | 16 | Redevelopment Agency meeting. |
| 17 | November 29th to allow them to get their final | 17 | (The foregoing proceedings were adjourned |
| 18 | CO and be in conformity with the completion | 18 | at 3:59 p.m.) |
| 19 | dates in the agreement. | 19 | - - - |
| 20 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Excellent. Looks pretty | 20 |  |
| 21 | straightforward. | 21 |  |
| 22 | I might look for a motion first and then | 22 |  |
| 23 | discussion. | 23 |  |
| 24 | BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: So moved. | 24 |  |
| 25 | BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: Second. | 25 |  |
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| 1 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. | 1 | CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER |
| 2 | So, Mr. Moody, any questions? | 2 |  |
| 3 | BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I have no questions. | 2 |  |
| 4 | Sounds reasonable. | 3 | STATE OF FLORIDA) |
| 5 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Froats. |  |  |
| 6 | BOARD MEMBER FROATS: I have no questions. | 4 | COUNTY OF DUVAL ) |
| 7 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano. | 5 |  |
| 8 | BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I didn't know this | 6 |  |
| 9 | was coming. I would have called Mr. Sawyer. I | 7 | I, Diane M. Tropia, Florida Professional |
| 10 | don't believe I have a conflict, but I have | 8 | Reporter, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing proceedings and |
| 11 | done business with an affiliate of this entity | 10 | that the transcript is a true and complete record of my |
| 12 | in the past, but I don't have anything | 11 | stenographic notes. |
| 13 | (inaudible). | 12 |  |
| 14 | MR. SAWYER: Okay. In that event, if | 13 |  |
| 15 | they're not a current client, then you don't | 14 |  |
| 16 | have a voting conflict. | 15 | DATED this 1st day of December 2021. |
| 17 | BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: Okay. | 16 |  |
| 18 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams. | 17 |  |
| 19 | BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Nothing for me. | 19 | Diane M. Tropia |
| 20 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs. |  | Florida Professional Reporter |
| 21 | BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: No further comments. | 20 |  |
| 22 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Ward. | 21 |  |
| 23 | BOARD MEMBER WARD: Nothing from me. | 22 |  |
| 24 | THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Let's proceed | 23 |  |
| 25 | to a vote. | 25 |  |
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CITY Of JACKSONVILLE
DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

Proceedings held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021,
commencing at 3:59 p.m., at City Hall, Lynwood Roberts Room, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, Florida, before Diane M. Tropia, FPR, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

CAROL WORSHAM, Vice Chair.
JIM CITRANO, Secretary.
WILLIAM ADAMS, Board Member.
OLIVER BARAKAT, Board Member, via Zoom.
TODD FROATS, Board Member.
CRAIG GIBBS, Board Member.
DAVID WARD, Board Member.
RON MOODY, Board Member.
ALSO PRESENT:
LORI BOYER, Chief Executive Officer.
GUY PAROLA, DIA, Operations Manager.
STEVE KELLEY, DIA, Director of Development.
JOHN SAWYER, Office of General Counsel.
XZAVIER CHISHOLM, Administrative Assistant.

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PROCEEDINGS
November 17, 2021
3:59 p.m.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: We're now moving into the Downtown Investment Authority meeting. We didn't approve these minutes before, so I need a motion on the minutes.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: So moved.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: Second.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Motion passes.
Item B, Resolution 2021-11-02, the Central
National Bank building DPRP.
Is that --
MR. KELLEY: I'll be glad to take that one, Madam Chair.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Proceed.
MR. KELLEY: Thank you so much.
MS. BOYER: And, if I may interject, that
also went to Strategic Implementation, so it does have a committee report.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. We have a -BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: We didn't have a meeting.

MS. BOYER: We did. We had a meeting,
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just on this item.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: I just wasn't there.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Maybe we should let the staff --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. KELLEY: Suffice to say, it was approved in committee.

So what we have here is the historic component of an overall development plan this board approved the new construction components for in our October board meeting. So CNB is what we're referring to -- the Central National Bank historic building redevelopment effort. It sometimes goes by the name of the Ambassador Annex or 404 North Julia. It's been named a number of things over the years, so we have taken to call it the CNB development effort. This is the DPRP, the historic component of that overall effort.

So the development costs here, as presented, were 14.9 million; as underwritten, were just under 14.3 million. Staff is recommending DPRP loans in the total amount of $5,814,697$, which I will detail more in just a moment.

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The developer on this project is Axis 404 Julia, which is a single-purpose entity managed by Augustine Development Group, who, as you know, is also the developer on the Ambassador Hotel and the Independent Life redevelopment effort as well, all of which are centrally located amongst about a block-and-a-half area.

So the two components of this, as I've mentioned, involve this redevelopment of the historic CNB bank, which will provide 36 multifamily units and a projected 5,769 square feet of gross commercial retail space. Of that space, we understand that 3,240 gross leasable space is proposed to be occupied by a membership fitness center. So that will be basically the only component on this building that's open to the public. The rest of that space is their own office and lobby area.

As I noted, this is on the same block that includes the Ambassador Hotel. So it's effectively on the southeast corner of that block. The whole western side of that block will be the new construction phases, which, as you approved for incentives last month, includes just over 100 units of multifamily and

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1 just over 400 units of a structured parking 2 facility. side at $\$ 431$ a -- square feet, but as I will go

And from a historic perspective, this property was landmarked in 2020. The Historic Preservation section has provided their review and conditional approval via their memo. A COA has not been approved on this project yet, which will be a condition, along with approval by the National Park Service of their Part 2 application to ensure that there's adherence to the standards as established by the Secretary of Interior standards for rehabilitation. So that will be -- any approval will be conditional upon adherence to meeting those requirements.

The general contractor here is FaverGray. The architect is Dasher Hurst, which are consistent with the new construction components, as we were informed last month.

And after reviewing the pro forma operations and various capital considerations, we do note that the cost per square foot of the acquisition and rehabilitation of this 34,610-square-foot building are on the high

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over in just a moment, there are lower bounds on what the expenditures must be, both in construction costs as well as total capital expenditures.

So the acquisition cost of the property was shown to be $\$ 2$ million, which was supported by a settlement statement with the seller of the property. The tax assessed value is approximately 1.4 million. Total equity to be injected is 2,000,250.

And so after running all the numbers and the DPRP, as you have seen before, and following the same methodology, the recommendation is for an HPRR forgivable loan, that's the historic preservation, restoration and rehabilitation forgivable loan in the amount of $2,261,349$. That's effectively for interior and exterior improvements.

The code compliance forgivable loan, the CCR, is recommended at $2,303,348$. And then given that the equity position is below 20 percent of total development costs, a DPRP deferred principal loan is required to be at a minimum 20 percent of the total cap. So that is shown here to be recommended at 1,000,250.

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That provides the total of 5,814,697.
The DPRP program, as you may recall, is the only program that allows for the ROI to be less than one, with a minimum threshold of 0.5 times. This project is calculated to provide an ROI of 0.7 .

And I would like to call your attention to some of the terms in the term sheet itself because I think -- one component of the terms, as proposed, is unique, but you will see this going forward.

So as we typically do, we have a minimum total equity capital amount here of 2,000,250. As mentioned, we also typically have minimum total development costs for the project here shown to be $14,267,875$, which may be reduced by a maximum of 15 percent overall to remain eligible for funding as approved.

What we've done a little bit differently in this term sheet and what I expect you to see more going forward -- and I would appreciate any comment you might specifically have on this approach -- is focusing more on the minimum total construction cost, since that's really what the DPRP is -- is really centered on, the

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amounts that are being spent on the reconstruction and redevelopment of the property.

So we have the minimum total construction costs and then we also break that down further within each of the individual elements that are analyzed and -- in the recommendation as presented to you. So those are highlighted under the minimums under -- in the table found under $C$ on the fourth page of the resolution in the term sheet.

So they're -- each one of those serves as a limit below which -- the developer may drop 15 percent below any single line item, but any reductions require a pro rata reduction. I'm sorry, it's 20 percent per line item, but 10 percent overall. And that just recognizes that they're -- we don't want to totally disable their funding availability should they have an ability to lower costs in one area, and so that can be approved at the DIA staff level. But 10 percent overall is the expectation, which would require a pro rata reduction in the related DPRP loans.

Within the performance schedule, you would
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1 see that substantial completion is to be achieved within 24 months following commencement of construction. And we have additional commitments of a minimum of 34 dwelling units; 5,500 square feet of gross commercial retail space, including the 3,200 square feet of gross leasable space for tenants.

We have standard clawback provisions as are typical in the DPRP program.

And I'm happy to address your questions.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Mr. Kelley.
This came out of committee, so we do not need a recommendation for approval, so we do not need a motion. So we can go straight to board comments.

Mr. Ward.
BOARD MEMBER WARD: I don't think I have any at this time.

Thank you, Ms. Worsham.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: I was at the SIC committee meeting, so I don't have additional comments.

Thanks.
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THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: None from me.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I did participate
in the meeting, and the -- it seemed like the only question of significance was -- to your earlier point, the cost for 36 residential units is -- is pretty high, and so we're comfortable. Staff is comfortable that there's no merging of costs relative to the other project. We know what the land basis is because of the (inaudible), and so we got comfortable there.

And I believe you had -- or maybe it was Ms. Boyer had said that the -- there is a scenario where eligibility could be jeopardized if they miss the budget. Was it 10 percent?
So it's in their best interest to deliver an accurate cost structure.

MR. KELLEY: That's correct.
Through the Chair to Member Citrano, it's going to be interesting. We have not gotten to the end game of any of these DPRP loans. It's going to be a very arduous process because of the way they're underwritten to the individual

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line item of the construction budget.
So those individual line items then roll up into a sub-bucket, if you will, for interior restoration, interior rehab, exterior, et cetera, and -- and that's what created the sublimits as you find here, but the very short answer is, yes, you are correct.

BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: And just more out of curiosity, I mean, is there a scenario where staff would ever ask for or require a plan or cost review from a third party?

MR. KELLEY: Through the Chair to Mr. Citrano, we have talked about that in the past. And this is one of those areas where we know that there's a construction lender involved. We know that they're bringing debt to the table where there's a much different level of due diligence and underwriting taking place. And so given that we have limited budgets and are funding under a different approach, we have not taken the step of ordering our own planning cost reviews.

BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: Yeah. I mean, this is a -- I think it's -- it's a lot of money, but it's a manageable number of projects. So

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maybe that's something if -- if a big, significant project were to be -- that might be something to consider, but --

Anyway, the only other comment I wanted to make -- which kind of tied into a comment that Bill made earlier about the need for incentives, and in particular the need for incentives in certain neighborhoods in the CRA, which I completely agree with.

That should be something that we do a really deep dive into, especially given where we are with updating the BID and CRA plan. In this case, however, this is a neighborhood and an area in the CRA where we really need to continue to, in my opinion, aggressively incentivize projects.

I'm just hearing this (inaudible), and I hope they're really, really successful, and that's going to prompt more -- more investors, more investment in this specific area, so I'm in favor.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: Yes. Regarding
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1 incentives, I mean, this is a classic case where there are certain things -- highest and best use would be -- it's different if it's a developer versus us being the development arm of pretty much the City for downtown. And so we have to incentivize things that the market does not want to do.

We found, before this program existed, developers did not want to develop historic buildings. It's too costly, so, therefore, incentives are required. That's why we did this program. So fortunate -- from what I can tell, this program is working because we have had a number of deals come through since we've done this program. Prior to that, we were having very little historic buildings renovated.

I think there were a lot of -- there was a lot of discussion in our group, as well as City Council, the public -- this is something that received the most (inaudible) and incentive (inaudible) for this.

So I think it's working great and I think it's a great project. And we've got another building that we're saving and not demolishing.

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THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: As we get this project to the finish line, together with the other projects that are in that same block, this is going to be amazing. So whatever we can do to encourage it, we've just got to do it, and I'm in favor.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
Again, this is one of my favorite incentive programs that we have and I'm thrilled that we've had as many applicants as we do.

So with no further comments, since we didn't need a motion, I'll go to a vote.

Mr. Moody.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Froats.
BOARD MEMBER FROATS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I'm in favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Adams.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: In favor.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Gibbs.
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: In favor.
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restaurant that's being allocated here on top of the up-to-four credit acres of stormwater at the sale price of $\$ 34,948$, whatever that price is determined.

What I will say, simply because it was brought up earlier about the DDRB and the premise of downtown, I'd like to point out that if this was not in downtown, you would be paying mobility fee credits on 10,000 -- you would be paying mobility fees on 10,000 square feet of retail or restaurant, on top of the 91 units of townhomes, which, depending on how the Planning Department tells you whether townhomes and single-family homes (inaudible) multifamily, you're looking at 240,000 to $\$ 300,000$ just in that, on top of the 10 to 25 percent of land you're going to donate to account for your stormwater.

So with good development, you also get a savings here. So I just wanted to point that out.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: See, it is very excited. MR. PAROLA: It is very exciting.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: So this did not go to any
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committee, so I'm looking for a resolution -- I mean, a motion to Resolution 2021-11-06.

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: So moved.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: I'll second it.
THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Any comments, Mr. Moody?

BOARD MEMBER MOODY: I have a question for Mr. Parola.

Did you say 10,000 square feet of retail space?

MR. PAROLA: I did, yes, sir.
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Okay. So it's my opinion -- and I study this a lot -- that when you look at the downtown and (inaudible) --
(Reporter clarification.)
BOARD MEMBER MOODY: Sorry. I'll start over.

Mr. Parola, the 10,000 square feet, so the only way that I'm going to vote on this -because we have a shortage in downtown, Southbank, Northbank, of Irish pubs. So if you could guarantee we can get an Irish pub in there, then I'll vote for it.

MR. PAROLA: I'll do what I can or at least trail my way there.

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the most innovative and effective redevelopment programs in Florida. Winners demonstrate innovation and positive impact on their communities and inspire other Florida communities.

And I am proud to announce that the Southside CRA in the city of Jacksonville was awarded the Capital Projects Infrastructure Award for a large community at the FRA conference this year, and I'm going to give our acting Chair the award here.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Now this is exciting.
BOARD MEMBER ADAMS: See, infrastructure is exciting.

MS. BOYER: We were recognized statewide for the best redevelopment project for Riverplace Boulevard on the Southside.

Okay. The second announcement is just to remind everyone that we have -- the Churchwell disposition is still pending. It closes on December 14th, so there's still a cone of silence on that.

And we are now publishing dispositions on the courthouse, the MOSH site, and the Downtown Vision lease. So all of those will be subject

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1 to a cone of silence for 30 days, so you should
2 not engage in any discussions with anyone on

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Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300 those after -- so MOSH will be not published until Monday -- or Tuesday. MOSH will publish Tuesday. So our workshop on Monday, where we discuss parks and park sites, we will be able to talk about that.

The courthouse site will publish Friday, so you can still talk about it tomorrow, but after that, please, if any developer wants to talk to you about it, do not engage in that.

And the DVI lease, I think, publishes next Monday, is our plan.

Next Monday, the 22nd, we are going to receive a presentation from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund on activating the riverfront, their final work product. Some of you may have attended the several-hour-long Zoom meeting or meeting they had at the -- I've asked that we limit this to a half an hour. And we will get the highlights of it and bullet points that you can then consider in December, but I want you to have the benefit of all the recommendations of the study and understand what those recommendations are.

And at the same time, we will update you on the status of current and proposed riverfront park projects because we have a lot of them. So we'll give you an update on what's going on on all of those at the same time.

In December, we will need to appoint a Scoring Committee for the courthouse disposition because it is a formal disposition. I will ask each of you to think about it. And if you are interested in serving on this or willing -- maybe not even asking, but willing -- otherwise, I'm going to have to find two board members -- one or two at least, who are willing to serve on the Scoring Committee for the courthouse disposition, so please let me know.

And --
BOARD MEMBER GIBBS: How many board members are absent today?

MS. BOYER: Yes. Isn't that always the rule? If you're not here, you get appointed, volunteered, volun-told.

Okay. In December, we are going to have a workshop on the BID and CRA goals and strategic objectives, as well as the new proposed

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incentive programs. That date has not yet been set. I will be sending out to you -- I was hoping to do it by Thanksgiving, but it's going to be the end of November -- the proposed goals and strategic objectives.

An interesting development in today's meeting is, we do not have an incentive program for hotels as part of the new five-year plan because the market feasibility study didn't indicate we should. If I'm hearing from this board that you want us to develop an incentive program for hotels, we're going to have to figure out, what are the appropriate criteria for it, which hotels we're going to incentivize, what resources you want to use, et cetera. So that may be a conversation we have at that meeting, and I would ask you to come prepared with your thoughts on that.

If we're going that direction, I'm also going to ask the Tourist Development Council, Visit Jacksonville, others who are made up of hoteliers -- I served on that for several years. I'm quite familiar with the story that they tell about occupancies and issues and things, and I want them to be able to inform

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you so that you get the full picture as you're considering that.

So that's coming up in December. And you'll be hearing from Xzavier and Guy about trying to figure out when we're going to schedule that.

We also have a Finance Committee meeting that we have to have in December. Well, we don't have to, but I would really like us to.

And, in addition, there are several allocations of parks programming money and professional service dollars that I would like to bring to the Finance Committee, so that's why it's fairly important. And you kind of hear about that in the parks update as well.

And then the final thing is, I did want to comment briefly on the Riverfront Jax proposal. So I want to acknowledge that -- as everyone knows, it was received by our office on October 19th. Copies were made available to each of the board members. It was submitted as a P3 under Florida Statutes, which requires evaluation of which elements are qualifying projects and who is the responsible public entity on those projects.

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It also included an offer to provide urban planning and engineering design services within a portion of downtown and an unsolicited proposal for redevelopment of CRA properties. So all three of those components were part of this. Copies were provided to each board member, and I have spoken to each of you to ascertain your direction and guidance as to how you want to proceed.

To that point, we have had an initial meeting with the development team, which was focused primarily on their public infrastructure proposals and financing.

I received consistent advice from the board that you wanted us to proceed with a sense of urgency on pending dispositions and projects, such as the courthouse disposition that you voted on today and such as completion of the documentation with the State to effectuate the Kids Kampus replacement park, and that you don't want us to put -- to pause 90 to 120 days to evaluate or negotiate, that you want us to keep moving forward.

So that's the direction I am taking from the board, not that we are not going to
evaluate and consider the proposal, but that we are moving forward with the other things we have on the table.

That being said, staff -- and I've heard from many of you that there's great respect for the bold vision and effort that's gone into the proposal, which in many respects is consistent with our plan, and a desire to fairly and professionally evaluate it and respond, was something I heard from any number of you.

We did offer the developer a board workshop several weeks ago; however, the development team could not make that date work on short notice. Our goal in offering that date was to offer a window before any further actions had been taken by the board, so prior to today's meeting, and -- but not delay our progress.

Our board chair is unavailable today, as you know, but upon his return next week, I will be discussing next steps with him and whether we are scheduling further meetings or what will be next on the agenda in that regard.

I did hand out at committees, SIC and REPD, our kind of ongoing schedule here that is

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showing you where we are in the disposition process. This has the courthouse going out now. The courthouse bid will close in December. It's our intention on the schedule to award it in January.

We also are hopeful that I can borrow enough of your time to come up with terms for disposition of the Riverfront Plaza, the former Landing site, private development pad, and that we can have it on the street in either January or February.

So that means that in January we would have to come up with the terms of that. So I need everybody to be thinking about what you want to see on that site, consistent with our plan. We will, obviously, as staff, work on that, but the point is that we spent three months on coming up with those terms for the courthouse site. I'm not giving you that much time on the next one if we want to stay on schedule.

And I'm responding to what I'm hearing from you as a sense of urgency, but I'm also responding to the market. We have a lot of interest and I really don't want to delay it

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unless there is some reason we absolutely have to.

The goal of getting that on the street in January or February is we would have a 30-day disposition and maybe a prenotice period in that disposition, but that we would have an award no later than April so that the team that would win that award, that site, could then work with the designers who are working on the park and the interface of the two spaces would be seamless because we could have architects and designers for both groups working together as they were finalizing things.

If you look going forward from that, we have a schedule in our office about what comes after. And we have the Snyder Memorial building and the Union Street Sax Seafood property coming later in the spring, but really in terms of workflow process, we are quite challenged right now to keep up with the numbers that we are trying to stay on top of because once they make it through this process --

One Riverside was in five committees and just passed out of committees this week at City

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Council. We go to full council on -- next Tuesday, but there's a lot of time involved between the time it comes out of the board process and the drafting of documents, negotiating of those, and the council process. So trying to do things on the front end and on the back end at the same time is keeping us very busy.

But that's the schedule we're working on.
You have copies of that.
And then I wanted to show you -- you each got a handout, a copy of this. If you did not see this previously -- I've had it at some committees. This is one of the documents that came out of the duPont study, but if Xzavier can throw it up on the screen real quickly and then Zoom in anywhere -- it has been a great tool that any number of developers have really enjoyed in our office and working with us on.

So what this shows is -- it took the -the underlying layer that they had worked on regarding where park space was, where public spaces were, where existing developments and proposed developments are, and then looked at where future development potentials could be.

So this is taking not only those sites that we know may be redeveloped, such as -- for example, the Landing parking lot is yellow. But you're also seeing surrounding surface lots or areas that might be a two-story garage where, with the momentum we have, we're envisioning that in the next five to ten years you will see development interest in redeveloping those surface lots or redeveloping those underutilized --

These are not publicly owned assets; these are privately owned. So, for example, if you went into Riverside, you see the Hicks property between the YMCA and the Haskell building, and then you see two development pads on Riverside Avenue in front of the Haskell building that were always part of the original parcel layout of that site.

So we have the opportunity at this point to direct prospective investors and developers to, here are some properties you may want to look at, whether it's the school board site on the Southbank, et cetera.

This is a piece of what is going into that master plan that's part of the BID and CRA.

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1 This is riverfront. We have a LaVilla strategy that's part of it. We have a Cathedral District plan that's part of it. We have all of these -- we have a new parks study that's part of it. So they're all feeding into it.

So ultimately we will have a district by district zoom-in and we will have a citywide, but this gives us -- this is a really effective tool to work with folks on regarding what might be available in the future. So I just wanted to share that and let you know we have it and it's available.

Other than that, I'm going to let you go, and thank you for your patience today.

Mr. Citrano.
BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: I don't want to open up a can of worms and I know it's getting late, but you made a comment about having a workshop with riverfront Jacksonville --

MS. BOYER: We do not know that that is going to happen. I want to talk to -- we're having a workshop on the BID and CRA update for sure. There had been previous -- a previous offer, two weeks ago, to have a workshop, and the developer declined because we couldn't get

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it -- they couldn't get their development team here on the schedule that we offered.

However, at this point, I would have a conversation with the board chair before I offered anything else. And I think that -- we are definitely in a cone of silence as it relates to the courthouse site, and there's some question as to whether -- if you did anything right now, whether that (inaudible) on the courthouse site, so --

BOARD MEMBER CITRANO: Well, that, honestly, would be my concern, is that, if there's a workshop at the same time that we have an RFP on the street for specific sites, and the workshop is contemplating somebody else developing that site, that is a big concern of mine. And so I think there should be some parameters about -- if there is a workshop, that it would exclude any site that is being marketed right now. I think that is a great risk to the efforts that we're working on now, so --

MS. BOYER: Well, certainly anyone -- that developer, any other developer, can make a proposal or a bid on the courthouse disposition

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