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>> WE'RE TO DISCUSS AN ORDER ON THE PRESERVATION ACT TO HOLD INTERVIEWS FOR THE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER FOUR OF THE ORDINANCES OF 2017 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO NOMINATE FOUR PERSONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE FULL CITY COUNCIL.

AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE I SPONSOR THE DOCKET 1433 IN ORDER FOR THE COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW THE FINALIST FROM A LIST OF OVER 100 APPLICANTS, 104 TO BE EXACT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WORKING GROUP CREATED AND SPONSORED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT WU HELD MONDAY NOVEMBER 20th AND THE SESSIONS APPLICANTS DESCRIBED THEIR INTEREST, STRENGTH AND PAST WORK AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

FURTHER, APPLICANTS GAVE EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS AND DISCUSSED PRIORITIES OF FUNDING AND PRIORITIZATION OF THE USE OF THE FUNDS AND THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECTS.

AT THE END OF THE LAST INTERVIEW, THE COMMITTEE ENTERED INTO A SECTION 28A8 TO DETERMINE THE LIST OF THE FOUR CANDIDATES THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOSTON COUNCIL.

DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THE COUNCIL MUST DISCUSS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND CONSIDER THE FACTORS LOOKING AT DEMOGRAPHICS, GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AND BUSINESS EXPERTISE.

AFTER A DISCUSSION THE CHAIR MADE A MOTION FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS BE SELECTED TO THE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE FULL CITY COUNCIL.

THAT'S YING WANG, 493  
ROSLINDALE, MASS FOR A TERM OF  
THREE YEARS AND HAS BEEN IN THE  
PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT  
AND WHILE SHE APPLIED AN  
APPLICANT GIVEN HER ROLE AS A  
COUNSEL THE COUNCIL WANTED TO  
HIGHLIGHT THE WORK SHE'D DONE AT  
SPARK BOSTON AND ADVISING ON  
CITY POLICIES AFFECTING THE  
MILLENNIAL POPULATION AND THE  
NEXT APPLICANT FOR A TERM OF  
THREE YEARS AND MADELINE HAS A  
STORY OF GOING HOMELESS TO  
HOMEOWNER AND INVOLVED IN  
INITIATIVES FOR HOUSING AND THEN  
THE NEXT OF 213 WEBSTER STREET  
FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.  
HAS EXPERIENCE BEING DEVELOPED  
IN THE COMMUNITY AND HIS WORK  
AND WORKED WITH COMMUNITY  
LEADERS AND LOCAL E  
OFFICIALS.

AND THE LAST BUT NOT LEAST MATT  
KEIFER OF JAMAICA PLAINS.  
HIS IN DEPTH LEGAL AND REAL  
ESTATE EXPERIENCE PROVIDES A  
UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE TO THE CPC  
ESPECIALLY DURING ITS INAUGURAL  
YEAR AND HIS TRAINING AND  
EXPERIENCE AND GUIDANCE WILL BE  
IMMEASURABLE ASSISTING IN THE  
ONLY THE CHAIR BUT THE ENTIRE  
MEMBERSHIP.

SO WITH THAT, WE ARE JOINED BY  
MY COLLEAGUES TO MY LEFT, ANDREA  
CAMPBELL AND WE HAVE QUESTIONS  
FOR THE FINALISTS AND FOR THEM  
TO ASK US QUESTIONS BEFORE WE  
MOVE FOR CONFIRMATION AT  
TOMORROW'S BOSTON COUNCIL'S  
HEARING.

CO-CHAIR DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO  
ADD, COUNCIL CAMPBELL.

>> I JUST WANTED TO THANK CHAIR  
FLAHERTY AS WELL AS THE WORKING  
GROUP.

WE HAD OVER 100 FOLKS APPLY TO  
BE PART OF THE CPC WHICH IS  
PHENOMENAL.

FROM THE BEGINNING WE WANTED THE  
SPOT TO BE TRANSPARENT, FOR IT  
TO BE OPEN AND TO HOPEFULLY GET  
FOLKS TO APPLY WHO MAYBE DIDN'T

SEE THEMSELVES CONNECTED TO  
GOVERNMENT OR CONNECTED TO FOLKS  
IN GOVERNMENT.

I'M EXCITED FOR THE FOUR  
CANDIDATES BEFORE US.

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND  
THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO  
ARE WALKING US ALL THROUGH THE  
PROCESS AND THANK YOU FOR  
PRESIDENT WU AND THANKS TO THE  
GROUP FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND  
THE TEAM MEMBERS FOR REVIEWING  
THE APPLICATIONS WE'VE RECEIVED.  
WE LEARNED A LOT THROUGH THE  
PROCESS.

THE MAY REQUIRE US AT SOME POINT  
IN THE FUTURE TO EITHER EDIT THE  
ORDINANCE OR ADD THINGS TO IT WE  
DIDN'T THINK ABOUT WHEN WE  
ORIGINALLY DRAFTED IT.

WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO  
PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRISTINE POTTS  
AS WELL AS THE CPC COMMITTEE.  
THANK YOU AND THANK YOU, CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU, I WANT TO THANK  
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY AND I DIDN'T  
GET TO SEE EVERY INTERVIEW HE  
DID BUT THE WORK THE OTHER CITY  
COUNCILLORS DID AND THE CITY OF  
BOSTON IS IN GOOD HAND AFTER  
THIS PROCESS.

I'M VERY CONVINCED OF THAT SO  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, ANY QUESTION OF MY  
COLLEAGUES, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI  
GEORGE OR COUNCILOR WU?

>> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND  
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR  
PRESENTATION AND SELECTION AND  
APPRECIATE THE FOUR OF YOU AND  
ALL WE WERE ABLE TO INTERVIEW  
ONE-ON-ONE.

IT'S A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE TO  
GET TO KNOW THE CITY'S GREATEST  
RESIDENTS AND YOUR INVESTMENT IN  
THIS WORK IS INCREDIBLE.

IT GIVES ME A POSITIVE OUTLOOK  
IN KNOWING THERE'S SO MUCH  
INTEREST MAKING THE CITY MORE  
WONDERFUL IN THE COMING YEARS.  
IT'S THE INVESTMENT OF YOU AND  
YOUR OTHER PEERS INTERVIEWED  
THROUGH THE PROCESS.

I APPRECIATE PARTICIPATING IN THAT AND HOOKING FORWARD TO GET LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU MORE IN THE COMING MONTHS AND YEARS.

>> PRESIDENT MICHELLE WU.

>> THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

I MADE IT THROUGH ALL THE INTERVIEWS EXCEPT THE FIRST ONE. I'M SORRY.

IS IT OKAY IF I ASK A FEW QUESTIONS.

I THINK IT'S WORTH IT FOR US IN THE PUBLIC FORUM TO HEAR AGAIN THOUGH YOU ALL SAID THIS ALREADY TO THOSE OF US IN THE ROOM, I'LL JUST ASK A FEW QUESTIONS AND HAVE SOME COMMENTS.

IF WE CAN START BRIEFLY NOW ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'VE HAD TIME TO REFLECT AND AT THIS STAGE IN THE PROCESS WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE CPC?

>> GOOD MORNING.

MY NAME IS YIN WONG.

I WANT TO BE PART BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT GIVES VOICE TO THE RESIDENTS.

I GREW UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF JAMAICA PLAIN AND RECEIVED MY EDUCATION THROUGH THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

I LIKED IT SO MUCH I STAYED THROUGH COLLEGE AND LAW SCHOOL AND I ALSO SERVEDS IN MILITARY AS A JOB OFFICER.

I REMAIN CIVICALLY ENGAGED. FOR ME THE INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE CPC IS JUST GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT'S GIVEN ME SO MUCH AND JUST CONTINUING TO SHOW THAT COMMITMENT TO SEEING THE CITY FLOURISH.

>> I LOVE THE CITY.

I'VE LIVED IN EAST BOSTON ABOUT SEVEN YEARS BUT THE BOSTON AREA ABOUT 20 YEARS.

IT'S A HISTORIC CITY AND WE WANT TO KEEP THE HISTORY AND RESILIENCY OF THE COMMUNITY.

ONTARIO TO REMAIN THOSE, IN ORDER TO RETAIN THAT WE NEED TO RETAIN THE COMMUNITY ITSELF. THERE'S A LOT OF THREATS THE

CITY FACES DUE TO OUR ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE AND OTHER REASONS AS WELL.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE WHAT WE HAVE AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO INVOLVE THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND I'M VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING INVOLVED MORE CITYWIDE AND HELPING IMPLEMENTS THE AREAS OF THE CPC.

>> INTRODUCE YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

>> I LIVE AT 213 WEBSTER STREET IN EAST BOSTON.

I USED TO BE AN I.T. PROFESSIONAL.

I WENT FROM BEING A PROGRAMMER TO A MANAGER OF A CONSULTING ORGANIZATION THAT WAS INTERNATIONAL AND GOT TO WORK WITH CULTURES AND CROSSED LINGUISTIC AND ECONOMIC BOUNDARIES AND LEARNED A LOT FROM THAT.

BUT I MADE A SWITCH TO WORKING ON COMMUNICATION ONCE I TOOK A FEW COURSES IN SCIENCE AND SINCE THEN I'VE BEEN WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY WITH THE IDEA OF ACTING LOCALLY AND THINKING GLOBALLY.

I RUN A RADIO SHOW.

I HAVE AN URBAN FORM IN EAST BOSTON AND VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THE HISTORIC ACTIVITIES THERE. YOU'RE ALL WELCOME THIS FRIDAY AT 11:00 A.M. ON THE GREEN WAY IN EAST BOSTON ON FRIDAY.

>> VERY GOOD, THANK YOU.

IF YOU CAN ASK THE QUESTION ALSO AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE VIEWING PUBLIC.

>> GOOD MORNING EVERYONE.

I'M MADELINE TREMOR.

I LIVE IN DORCHESTER.

I'M EXTREMELY HUMBLED AND HONORED TO BE HERE.

I WANT TO BE ON THE CPC BECAUSE I FEEL I'VE BEEN IN THE SHOES OF MANY BOSTON RESIDENTS WHETHER THEY WERE HOMELESS OR STRUGGLING TO PAY MARKET RATE RENT OR IF

YOU'RE A MILLENNIAL AND WANT TO BUY A HOUSE AND STAY IN THE CITY AND THOUGHT YOU MAY HAVE TO MOVE OUT TO RANDOLPH OR SOME OTHER PLACE, I'VE DEFINITELY BEEN IN ALL THOSE SHOES.

I'VE ALSO HAD THE BLESSING AND OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE GROUND DOING DIRECT SERVICE WITH ELDERLY AND COULD POSSIBLY LOSE THEIR HOMES OR A YOUNG FAMILY THAT NEEDS TO FIND AN AFFORDABLE PLACE TO LIVE.

I'M DEFINITELY EXPERIENCED IN A LOT AND I WANT TO BE A VOICE FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE TO MAKE SURE THEIR CONCERNS ARE ALSO VOICED. I LOVE BOSTON.

IT'S AN INCREDIBLE AND RESOURCED CITY AND FEEL EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER.

I WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE CITY AND SO THAT'S WHY I WANT TO BE ON THIS COMMITTEE.

>> THANK YOU, MARILYN.

COUNCILOR WU, I'M MATT KEIFER AN ATTORNEY AND I LIVE IN JAMAICA PLAIN AS COUNCILOR FLAHERTY MENTIONED, I'VE LIVED IN THE SAME HOUSE 32 YEARS SO I'M OLD. AND I GUESS MY MOTIVATIONS ARE SIMILAR TO -- I SHOULD SAY I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN EACH OF THE SUBJECT AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT IN BOTH MY PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES IN AFFORDABLE HOUSE AND OPEN SPACE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE WHICH LOOKS AT THE CITY'S HEALTH AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CITY GOVERNMENT MORE BROADLY.

SO I THINK THE PRESERVE ACT IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL TO MAKE IT A GREAT CITY FOR EVERYONE.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING PART OF IT.

AS OTHERS HAVE SAID I'VE ALWAYS FELT AN OBLIGATION TO GIVE BACK TO A CITY THAT'S GIVEN A LOT TO ME AND I THINK THIS IS AN

IMPORTANT WAY TO DO IT.  
I HAD A LOT OF MOTIVATION TO DO  
THIS EVEN BEFORE I GOT HERE  
TODAY AND JUST HAD THE PLEASURE  
OF MEETING MY PEERS AND IT MAKES  
ME MORE HONORED TO BE PART OF  
THIS WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO CARE  
ABOUT THE CITY TOO.

>> ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME?

>> DID MORNING.

CONGRATULATIONS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> DO YOU HAVE FOLLOW-UP

QUESTIONS?

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DIFFICULT POSITION YOU ARE IN WE  
HAVE AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY  
AS A CITY TO BE RECEIVING  
APPLICATIONS AND THINK OF HOUSE  
TO USE THE EXTRA FUNDING SOURCE  
BUT GIVEN THE POTENTIAL PROJECTS  
COMING BEFORE YOU AND THE TYPES  
OF COMMUNITIES YOU'LL BE ASKED  
TO REPRESENT ACROSS THE ENTIRE  
CITY, WHAT IS YOUR COMMITMENT TO  
COMMUNITIES AND WHAT IS YOUR  
ADVICE TO PEOPLE OR  
ORGANIZATIONS HOPING TO HAVE  
SOMETHING FUNDED BEFORE YOU  
ISSUE IT.

>> TO ADDRESS YOUR QUESTION, I  
THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE  
SURE WE REACH EVERY BOSTON  
NEIGHBORHOOD THE TRANSPARENT AND  
EQUITABLE WAY AND ALL  
CONSIDERATIONS ARE GIVEN EQUAL  
WEIGHT.

>> YOU ASKED ABOUT WHAT ADVICE  
WE HAVE FOR A POTENTIAL  
APPLICANT?

>> OR WHAT ADVICE YOU HAVE.

>> THE ADVICE IS TO THE  
COMMUNITY.

MY SESSION FOR POTENTIAL  
APPLICANTS WOULD BE TO DO FOLLOW  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BEFORE THEY  
COME UP ANYWAY IDEA.

BECAUSE THE IDEA SHOULD COME OUT  
OF THE COMMUNITY.

AND THEY COULD HAVE MEETINGS,  
CALL PEOPLE, HAVE THE MEETINGS  
PUBLIC AND HAVE CONNECTIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING AN  
IDEA HOPEFULLY PEOPLE HAVE

CONNECTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT WHAT THEIR NEEDS AND CONCERNS ARE AND BASED ON THAT, COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT ADDRESSES THE COMMUNITY NEED.

I THINK THAT WOULD BE ONE PIECE OF ADVICE I'D HAVE AND OUTSIDE OF THAT OF COURSE PEOPLE CAN THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX AND THINK OF CREATIVE INNOVATIVE THINGS TO DO WHICH IS ALSO WELCOME BUT SHOULD BE VETTED BY THE COMMUNITY FIRST.

AND THE OTHER THING I WOULD SAY IS ANYBODY WHO IS SUPPORTING ANYTHING SHOULD CONNECT WITH OTHER POTENTIAL APPLICANTS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD WHO MAY BE THINKING SOMETHING SIMILAR TO CONNECT AS A COALITION INSTEAD OF A COMPETITION.

>> MADELINE AGAIN, I WAS GOING TO SECOND WHAT HE SAID. I THINK IT SHOULD BE A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT OR TRANSPARENT PROCESS WE GIVE EVERY COMMUNITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED AND WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE LEADING ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES WHETHER THEY'RE COMMUNITIES OR INCORPORATIONS OR ANY ORGANIZATION THAT IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE WORKING TOGETHER ALONG WITH THE RESIDENTS TO MAKE SURE ANY PROPOSALS AND ANY IDEAS COME FORWARD ARE COMING FROM THE COMMUNITY.

>> MATT KEIFER, IT'S NICE TO GO LAST BECAUSE GOOD THINGS HAVE BEEN SAID ALREADY. I THINK PART OF WHAT WE SIGNED ONTO IS TO BE OPEN MINDED AND NOT HAVE PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS ABOUT WHAT NEIGHBORHOODS OR WHAT SPECIFIC PROJECTS ARE BEST GIVING EVERYONE A SHOT AND I THINK EVERYONE SAID SOME VERSION OF THAT. I AGREE WITH THAT.



ALSO TO SAY MY ADVICE TO APPLICANTS WOULD BE TO BE ASPIRATIONAL AND ACHIEVABLE AND TO COMBINE HIGH ASPIRATIONS BUT FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET IT DONE. WE'RE SPENDING PUBLIC MONEY AND YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE IT HAS THE EFFECT PEOPLE WANT IT TO HAVE. THINK IT THROUGH AND SHOW US YOU'VE GOT A WAY TO DO IT.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL FOUR OF YOU AND AGAIN TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

I TRUST THAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN THROUGH A VIGOROUS TRAINING AND WE'RE ALWAYS PREPARED TO HELP WITH THAT AS WELL.

MY RECOMMENDATION IS THE CITY HAS ALREADY DONE THREE HUGE PROCESSES AND HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH OR GO THROUGH THE BOSTON 2030 PLAN AND THE BOSTON CREATES PLAN. THAT WAY AT LEAST IN TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND IN ART YOU HAVE A SENSE OF THE MULTI-YEAR LONG COMMUNITY PROCESSES THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ALREADY LED AS A GOOD STARTING POINT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANY QUESTIONS YOU GUYS MAY HAVE OF US AT THIS TIME? IT WAS EXCITING TO PARTICIPATE AND THE TALENT TOOL FROM 104 TO 37 TO THE FINALISTS TO THE FOLKS WE'RE RECOMMENDING FOR THE COMMITTEE AND THE ENERGY AND PASSION AND LOVE EACH OF YOU AND THE COMPETITORS SHOWED FOR OUR CITY WAS REALLY EXCITING TO WITNESS AND PARTICIPATE IN. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO PUTTING YOUR NAMES FORWARD BEFORE THE BOSTON COUNCIL TOMORROW FOR A VOTE IN FRONT OF THE FULL BODY. THEN HOPEFULLY GET YOU READY TO GO WITH THE FIVE THAT COME FROM THE MAYOR AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CHRISTINE AND START DOING GREAT THINGS OF THE CITY.

AS THE CHAIR I'LL BE MAKING A  
RECOMMENDATION LOOKING FOR MY  
COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THAT  
EFFORT AND WITH RESPECT TO  
TODAY'S HEARING, DOCKET 1433,  
THIS COMMITTEE HEARING IS  
ADJOURNED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND I  
LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU  
AND ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU.