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The St. Elizabeths East Advisory Board
met at the R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center, 2730
Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington,
D.C., at 6:30 p.m., Latrena Owens, presiding.

PRESENT

JAMES PARKS, IV, Project Manager

TELAEKAH BROOKS, Board Member

BRENDA JONES, Board Member

CHRIS EARLY, Board Member

SHEILA BUNN, Board Member

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2 6:44 p.m.

3 MR. PARKS: I'm going to call this
4 meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

5 MS. JONES: Fantastic.

6 MR. PARKS: Oh, thank you all for
7 coming. I'm going to quickly close the door a
8 little bit.

9 (Off mic comments)

10 MR. PARKS: So, to answer your
11 question quickly, I will make sure that we are
12 constantly talking to Events DC and making sure
13 that we give great opportunities to our board
14 first.

15 MS. JONES: Yeah, for discounts and
16 everything.

17 MR. PARKS: I'll make sure. The first
18 thing on the agenda, as I pull it up, --

19 MS. BROOKS: Oh, is that the
20 residential?

21 MS. JONES: Fantastic.

22 MR. PARKS: So, the first thing on the

1 agenda is welcome and introduction. So, welcome
2 everybody. Thank you for being here. Happy
3 2020. It's going to be a great year.

4 MS. BROOKS: Oh is that the agenda?

5 MR. PARKS: I have it here. But there
6 are only a few things on it.

7 MS. BROOKS: Yes.

8 MR. PARKS: I will go over things as
9 we're going through it. The first thing is the
10 St. Elizabeth's East Campus update.

11 Then we're going to do a little review
12 of what you, the Board, noted as your priority
13 and topics. We're going to talk about the summer
14 schedule.

15 And I think I might jump around just
16 a little bit, because Mr. Early asked to leave.
17 So, but as a general update, things are going
18 well.

19 MS. JONES: Do I get any paper or
20 anything?

21 MR. PARKS: I thought I gave you one?

22 MS. JONES: No. Oh, this is -- yes.

1 MR. PARKS: Yes. See.

2 MS. JONES: I stuck it in there.

3 MR. PARKS: So, we're moving on. St.
4 Elizabeth's is growing. And we're doing a lot of
5 good things.

6 We did a surplus meeting to make sure
7 that all of the par -- now that the
8 infrastructure is becoming complete, and we're
9 working on the infrastructure, that's moving
10 towards the new hospital and the new shelter.

11 We are making sure that all the
12 parcels, as soon as we talk to businesses,
13 developers, people who want to do great things on
14 the campus, that the parcels are available to be
15 developed in terms of putting out an RFP and
16 doing a disposition hearing for them.

17 So, for the Entertainment and Sports
18 Arena, there was a ribbon cutting in September
19 2018. The Mystics are doing great. They're
20 champions.

21 We've got the Capital City GoGo
22 developing young men who are, you know, seeking

1 to further their athletic experience in the
2 professional experience.

3 Everything seems to be going really
4 well. And something on a personal note is that
5 there is an International Video Game Tournament
6 coming up in the spring.

7 The E-Sports, the District's team is
8 going to be going up against a whole bunch of
9 other teams. And at Overwatch, which is a video
10 game tournament, so that's exciting.

11 MS. JONES: What's the name of the
12 team?

13 MR. PARKS: I'm forgetting the name of
14 the team.

15 MS. JONES: Okay.

16 MR. PARKS: But, they're good. Which
17 is the most important part.

18 MS. JONES: Oh, they are?

19 MR. PARKS: It's new, so we have --
20 you know, they haven't become a household name
21 yet, but hopefully they will.

22 And this is, you know, their kind of

1 home base in terms of where the tournament is
2 going to be.

3 MS. JONES: Okay.

4 MS. BROOKS: Before we leave that, I
5 know that the parade and everything for the
6 Mystics was postponed. Is it going to start from
7 in that, the Entertainment and Sports Arena?

8 MR. PARKS: That's a good question.
9 And I will get back to you on that.

10 MS. JONES: Did you say the parade for
11 what now?

12 MS. BROOKS: For the Mystics. They
13 won a championship.

14 MS. JONES: My goodness.

15 MS. BROOKS: And Sheila didn't want to
16 do it before they left, because there wasn't
17 enough time.

18 MS. JONES: Okay.

19 MS. BROOKS: So, she said, we're going
20 to do it in the spring.

21 MS. JONES: Yes. I didn't know that.

22 MS. BROOKS: And so I'm saying, is it

1 going to start at the stadium? End at the
2 stadium?

3 I mean, I know most of the parades are
4 down Pennsylvania Avenue. But wouldn't it be
5 nice if instead of parading down Pennsylvania
6 Avenue there was maybe like a party and something
7 right here?

8 MR. PARKS: I like that idea. And I
9 will bring it up to everybody who owns them.

10 MS. JONES: Can I add something to
11 that though?

12 MR. PARKS: Yes.

13 MS. JONES: I kind of think it should
14 be city wide.

15 MR. PARKS: Yes. Of course.

16 MS. JONES: When people think things
17 are here, they think it's Ward Eight or into the
18 river stuff.

19 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

20 MS. JONES: And --

21 MS. BROOKS: This is city wide.

22 MS. JONES: Yeah. But, I'm going to

1 tell you what people think. If it's going to be
2 over here, then it's just east of the river.

3 If it was like what they did for the
4 Nationals, they ought to go all out just like for
5 them. They were the first champions.

6 That should be suf -- if it's not
7 downtown on, what is that, Pennsylvania Avenue?

8 MS. BROOKS: Um-hum.

9 MS. JONES: H Street Northwest, China
10 Town, somewhere in town.

11 MS. BROOKS: Um-hum.

12 MS. JONES: That's my suggestion.

13 MR. PARKS: And maybe we could merge
14 those two ideas. It should be downtown and have
15 a party here.

16 MS. BROOKS: Yeah. I mean, I hear
17 what you're saying. But, I feel like we have to
18 really push people to know, this is -- this is
19 their stadium.

20 This is a part of the city. Like they
21 should come and celebrate with --

22 MS. JONES: So, you're thinking Martin

1 Luther King?

2 MS. BROOKS: I'm just saying it feels
3 like celebrating it downtown --

4 MS. JONES: No, I understand. I was
5 just saying, where do you think it should be?

6 MS. BROOKS: Yeah. I think -- why
7 not, why not have a parade down MLK? Right?

8 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

9 MS. JONES: Okay.

10 MS. BROOKS: But I hear what you're
11 saying, white folks are going to be scared about
12 that. And they're going to --

13 MS. JONES: Not necessarily against
14 white folks. No, it is not --

15 MS. BROOKS: I know, it's a class
16 thing too. I know.

17 MS. JONES: Yeah, yeah.

18 MS. BROOKS: And people are going to
19 feel better on Pennsylvania Avenue. And I'm not
20 denying that they would.

21 But -- and I do want there to be
22 equity with what the Cavs got and what the

1 Nationals got.

2 MS. JONES: Yeah.

3 MS. BROOKS: But I also think it's a
4 unique opportunity to celebrate a damn near,
5 brand-new arena.

6 MS. JONES: Yep.

7 MS. BROOKS: But I know --

8 MR. EARLY: But maybe you could tie
9 into the Anacostia Festival. The festival that
10 is in April.

11 MS. JONES: On the 11th Street Bridge?

12 MR. EARLY: Right. That whole
13 festival is like -- it starts the second week of
14 April.

15 MS. BROOKS: We could do a whole week
16 with that.

17 MS. JONES: Now that could be -- yeah.

18 MR. EARLY: Now that takes you down
19 MLK from the intersection in the park all the way
20 down to St. -- to here where we are now.

21 MS. JONES: Um-hum.

22 MR. EARLY: And that was a tie in.

1 MS. JONES: Have a big party in
2 Anacostia Park.

3 MR. EARLY: Yeah. Yeah, you know.
4 And people are going to be over there anyway.

5 MS. JONES: I like that.

6 MR. PARKS: I like the idea.

7 MR. EARLY: So, if it could be
8 targeted for that date. Okay. I've made my
9 contribution.

10 (Laughter)

11 MR. PARKS: So, the Residences, --

12 (Off mic comment)

13 MR. PARKS: The Residences just opened
14 their first building. So now we have people
15 living in Congress Heights.

16 MR. EARLY: Oh, really? I didn't
17 realize that.

18 MR. PARKS: At the Residence at St.
19 Elizabeth. As the year goes on, they're going to
20 open up more and more buildings.

21 MR. EARLY: Um-hum.

22 MR. PARKS: They are working every

1 day, dusk to dawn.

2 MR. EARLY: that's great.

3 MR. PARKS: And I think the next two
4 buildings are coming in the next couple of
5 months.

6 And then like I said, throughout the
7 year, they're just going to keep opening the
8 buildings. And keep going through those
9 applications and getting people housed.

10 And at the end of it, probably at the
11 end of this year, towards the beginning of next
12 year, it's going to be 252 units, 202 affordable
13 units.

14 MR. EARLY: Um-hum.

15 MR. PARKS: And lots of those are
16 three bedrooms.

17 MR. EARLY: That's good.

18 MR. PARKS: So, family sized units
19 right by the Metro.

20 MR. EARLY: Right.

21 MR. PARKS: Affordable. And then they
22 have some community space. Latrene and I are

1 going to work on getting more tours started up
2 for people who are interested.

3 So we can see. Because you know, some
4 people will just see it from the outside, and
5 obviously from Alabama, those buildings aren't
6 done yet, so you don't know how great it is.

7 MS. JONES: Um-hum.

8 MR. PARKS: But, they're getting done.
9 And they look really great inside.

10 MS. JONES: Matchboxes going inside.

11 MR. PARKS: And so the next part is
12 Gateway Pavilion. So, this ties into what I need
13 some info from you guys.

14 And goes to number four and three on
15 the agenda. Which is what you guys' priorities
16 are, and the summer series.

17 MR. EARLY: Okay.

18 MR. PARKS: So, something that we
19 heard from you all, and something that we've been
20 hearing from the community, is we want Whole
21 Foods back.

22 MS. JONES: Yes.

1 MR. PARKS: So, we've started a
2 conversation with Whole Foods. And let them know
3 what we're thinking.

4 Something similar to last time. I
5 think something that pulled them away before, was
6 they had a really big spread of things that they
7 were offering.

8 And at first it was just, the message
9 was, let's get out into the community. And let's
10 show them what we can do.

11 Let's, you know, show them that
12 healthy eating and shopping at Whole Foods can be
13 affordable and healthy for you. That sort of
14 thing.

15 And then they had a little bit of
16 change of leadership, and they came in and said,
17 you know, hey, we're not making as much money on
18 this as, you know, we usually do on something
19 else.

20 And so they kind of shied away from
21 it. So, now we're -- we have people on the
22 campus. We have a lot more energy and people on

1 the campus.

2 So, we're talking to them about the
3 possibility of bringing that back at a little bit
4 of a smaller scale. But still offering things
5 like fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, and seafood.

6 And then having that awesome
7 experience of getting Whole Foods and a fresh
8 open air market at -- in Congress Heights, by the
9 Metro. That sort of thing.

10 MS. JONES: I'm surprised, but they
11 were running out of stuff.

12 MS. BROOKS: Yeah. They sold out
13 often.

14 MS. JONES: I am surprised you said
15 that they weren't making the money. Maybe they
16 were out of affordable products.

17 MR. PARKS: Some days were better than
18 others, you know. So, that's what -- that's what
19 they said.

20 MS. JONES: Okay.

21 MR. PARKS: So, one of the things
22 we're going to start doing is, the summer series.

1 So, last summer, in 2019, which doesn't seem that
2 long ago, but we did some 50 C events, we did
3 some jazz events.

4 We're trying to kick that up a notch.
5 Just a notch, and have, you know, a bigger lead
6 into it.

7 Because Latrene had just come in
8 towards the end of March, beginning of April.
9 And so she got that started within like a month
10 and a half.

11 MR. EARLY: Um-hum.

12 MR. PARKS: So, now we have a lot more
13 lead in time, and we're going to -- we've been
14 talking to different entities about sponsoring.

15 So, one of the things Latrene said,
16 was she wants you all to think about two things
17 that you want to sponsor as advisory, as the
18 advisory board.

19 And come with ideas about what you --
20 what kind of activities and events you might want
21 to have for summer events.

22 Right now, one of the things that

1 they're working on is -- that we're working on,
2 is kind of like the Fit Fresh Market.

3 Which will incorporate the Fitness
4 Club, which is basically an outdoor workout. I
5 got my workout in.

6 I think I saw you there one time. You
7 got your workout in. And incorporating that with
8 a smaller market.

9 So, you'll have the workout and then
10 the market. We're trying to pull it all
11 together. We're going to have some sponsors
12 there.

13 So, this would be like a brought to
14 you by the St. Elizabeth's East Redevelopment
15 Initiative and sponsor.

16 MS. JONES: Is there a particular time
17 you want us to drop advice?

18 MR. PARKS: Yes. That is an excellent
19 question. I have the notes right here.

20 So, Latrene said she would like to
21 know what you all are planning to do. And the
22 dates that you would like to do it, by March 15.

1 MS. JONES: Okay.

2 MR. PARKS: And then the calendar will
3 be made public the first of April. And we'll
4 give people notice that it's coming, so people
5 won't think it's an April Fool's joke.

6 MS. BROOKS: All right. So, we give
7 her ideas by March 15. And then we --

8 MS. JONES: Oh, by the 15th?

9 MS. BROOKS: Um-hum.

10 MS. JONES: I'm sorry.

11 MS. BROOKS: By March 15 we give her
12 ideas. And maybe we have a couple of target
13 dates in mind --

14 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

15 MS. BROOKS: That she could hold, but
16 we don't have to have everything booked by March
17 15.

18 MR. PARKS: Correct.

19 MS. BROOKS: Okay.

20 MR. EARLY: Are these generally
21 weekends? Weekend dates? Or just dates in
22 general?

1 MR. PARKS: Correct. Saturdays during
2 the summer.

3 MR. EARLY: Saturdays --

4 MS. BROOKS: Okay. Saturdays.

5 MR. EARLY: Summer Saturdays.

6 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

7 MR. EARLY: All right.

8 MR. PARKS: So, I wanted to get that
9 message out to you.

10 MR. EARLY: Oh, okay.

11 MS. BROOKS: All right.

12 MR. PARKS: Especially Chris. And
13 I'll continue with my update.

14 MR. EARLY: All right.

15 MR. PARKS: Parcel 17, which was part
16 of the Phase One. Whitman-Walker was announced
17 as one of the main tenants for that building.

18 We asked for a commercial Class A
19 office space. And they're submitting designs.
20 This is the building that they submitted and are
21 working through.

22 So, it's not a final. But they're

1 working through the historic preservation. And
2 then working to get, you know, their building
3 permit.

4 So, that ground breaking should be
5 coming up fairly soon.

6 MS. JONES: I'm sorry, where is this
7 at?

8 MR. PARKS: Right. So, that's right
9 on Alabama, right next to Congress Heights Metro.

10 MS. JONES: Okay. Oh, right on that.

11 MR. EARLY: Oh, right there. Okay.

12 MR. PARKS: That's -- I mean, before
13 it was kind of a parking lot, staging area for
14 the residences --

15 MS. JONES: Yeah, yeah.

16 MR. PARKS: And the Entertainment and
17 Sports Arena. Luckily there's no buildings on
18 it. There's no historic buildings on it.

19 So, we're just working on moving like
20 an electric line.

21 MS. BROOKS: Isn't this the one that
22 we originally, I feel like Red Brick and Cardona,

1 and maybe even the folks from Monument,
2 Monumental Sports, had like a community square
3 and everything?

4 Isn't that -- isn't this that parcel?

5 MR. PARKS: This is right next to it.

6 MS. BROOKS: Okay. So there's still
7 that in play?

8 MR. PARKS: So this is bigger then you
9 can even imagine. So yeah, that's right across
10 the street from it.

11 There's buildings right across from it
12 that we have to bring down to bring that Parcel
13 15.

14 MS. BROOKS: Fifteen that's it.
15 Fifteen, okay.

16 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

17 MS. BROOKS: That's cool. And this
18 Whitman-Walker thing, I saw the announcement for
19 it.

20 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

21 MS. BROOKS: Is in addition to the
22 hospital maybe moving from Unity or whatever

1 we're calling greater southeast?

2 MR. PARKS: Correct.

3 MS. BROOKS: Okay.

4 MR. PARKS: Correct.

5 MS. JONES: Now it looks quite large.

6 So, is this residential too here?

7 MR. PARKS: There's no residential in
8 the Parcel 17. That's going to be all office and
9 retail and --

10 MS. JONES: The Wal -- oh yeah, the
11 walkman --

12 MR. PARKS: Whitman-Walker.

13 MS. JONES: Whitman-Walker, this is,
14 I'm sorry, you said retail?

15 MS. BROOKS: They're going to have
16 most of the building. There's only going to be
17 retail in some of this.

18 MR. PARKS: Whitman-Walker is a health
19 clinic kind of --

20 (Simultaneous speaking)

21 MR. PARKS: Yeah. And so there's --
22 you can see there's like, it says DC Cap Arena,

1 it's just a placeholder obviously.

2 But, there are going to be retail
3 probably on the bottom, and then office on the
4 top.

5 MS. BROOKS: Yeah. Because they've
6 outgrown their spot on MLK. So, they're trying
7 to bring all those people here too.

8 MR. PARKS: So, I think maybe think
9 about -- just from my experience, on F Street
10 where -- close to by the Marriott, they have
11 those kind of food court area.

12 And then there's offices on top behind
13 the hotel. So, think on the downtown area.

14 MR. EARLY: If you think about it --

15 MR. PARKS: But on a smaller scale.

16 MR. EARLY: This is a rendering. So,
17 it may not exactly be this. But, it does come
18 off like there's two buildings. Right?

19 Is that the conspiring on it?

20 MS. JONES: So, and that's these next
21 two buildings.

22 MS. BROOKS: Oh, yeah.

1 MR. PARKS: In the long term, their
2 plan is to have two buildings.

3 MR. EARLY: Oh, really? Okay.

4 MR. PARKS: So, they have the current
5 zoning to do one. And they're going to proceed
6 on that because they've got the tenant for it.

7 MR. EARLY: Um-hum.

8 MR. PARKS: And then later on they're
9 going to try to do the other.

10 MS. JONES: This is Slash Hospital.

11 MS. BROOKS: But both buildings won't
12 be Whitman-Walker?

13 MR. PARKS: Just one.

14 MS. BROOKS: Just one building is
15 Whitman-Walker. Yeah.

16 MR. EARLY: Okay.

17 MS. BROOKS: But two buildings from
18 Red Brick.

19 MR. EARLY: Got it.

20 MR. PARKS: So yeah. We've got some
21 zoning stuff on that first stool, and some site
22 work to do on it before vertical construction.

1 But, as you can see, they're starting
2 the design and getting it approved. And that's
3 not cheap.

4 So, the work is going to continue.

5 MS. BROOKS: It helps that there's
6 nothing on the space right now.

7 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Exactly. So, I
8 also wanted to give an update on the interim St.
9 E's new men's shelter.

10 So they are going to be constructing
11 a new men's shelter. I'm on the advisory team
12 for that.

13 So, I get the first look at what's
14 going up. They went before the Commission of
15 Fine Arts and HPRB and NPCE, to get all their
16 historic stuff taken care of.

17 There is a lot of back and forth. I
18 think they're going back one more time with their
19 final, and then moving forward.

20 And in the meantime, they're going to
21 work towards getting their site work done.
22 Because it's kind of further back on the campus.

1 If you look back to the first, the
2 second slide.

3 MS. BROOKS: It's closer to the
4 stables. They're at --

5 MR. PARKS: Yes. It's right behind
6 the stables.

7 MS. BROOKS: From that end by Hasima
8 (phonetic).

9 MR. PARKS: So, I'll give you -- it's
10 right, it's going to be right here, in this
11 little box.

12 MS. BROOKS: Yep. Yeah.

13 MR. PARKS: It's going to be right
14 here.

15 MR. EARLY: Okay, so it right here.

16 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Right. So,
17 that's right behind the horse stable. It's going
18 to be further, a little further north, close to
19 UCC.

20 MS. BROOKS: I'm sorry. I was calling
21 that Hasima, but it's not Hasima.

22 (Simultaneous speaking)

1 MR. PARKS: Hasima?

2 MS. BROOKS: I thought -- yeah.

3 MR. PARKS: The building is called
4 DCC.

5 MS. BROOKS: the DCCima building is
6 right there, yeah.

7 MR. PARKS: Right. The agency is
8 called HCima (phonetic). They also have EMS and
9 all that.

10 MS. JONES: I do have a question --

11 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Go ahead.

12 MS. JONES: About the overnight
13 shelter transitional. Is it seniors?

14 MR. PARKS: Right. Um-hum, yes.

15 MS. JONES: So it's seniors in there?

16 MR. PARKS: Yes. So there's -- yes to
17 everything. It's three different -- it's going
18 to be three different buildings.

19 It kind of looks like one. And it's
20 supposed to look cohesive. But this is one, two,
21 and three.

22 MS. JONES: OH, for a homeless center.

1 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

2 MS. JONES: Oh, okay.

3 MS. BROOKS: All this is homeless
4 men's shelter.

5 MR. PARKS: Yes. This is a homeless
6 shelter.

7 MS. JONES: All men's homeless
8 shelters. Okay.

9 MR. PARKS: And -- but they have
10 different kind of barrier levels. So, there's a
11 low barrier shelter, that means pretty much
12 anyone from the street can walk in, and come in
13 and get a bed.

14 And then there's going to be some kind
15 of more transitional housing. People who, you
16 know, are working. And are a little bit further
17 along in their development. And just don't have
18 a home yet.

19 And then there's going to be some
20 space for senior homeless people. And so, it's
21 going to be really nice.

22 I can bring back in the next meeting,

1 I can bring back some additional members of this.

2 MS. JONES: And maybe bring the
3 seniors, please.

4 MR. PARKS: Yeah.

5 MS. JONES: Yeah, I belong to Congress
6 Heights Wellness Center.

7 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

8 MS. JONES: And aware. And the
9 council members informed us that there was some
10 new housing coming up for seniors.

11 MR. PARKS: Right.

12 MS. JONES: And I'm hoping this is not
13 it.

14 MR. PARKS: No. This is not the same.

15 MS. JONES: Okay. This is not what
16 they're talking about.

17 MR. PARKS: Yeah.

18 MS. JONES: Okay.

19 MR. PARKS: Yeah, everything here is
20 temporary and transitional. But, besides the low
21 barrier shelter area, which is the bigger
22 building on the left, it's supposed to be a lot

1 more supportive.

2 There's going to be additional
3 programming that goes along with it.

4 MS. JONES: Wrap around services.

5 MR. PARKS: Right.

6 MS. JONES: Okay.

7 MR. PARKS: And what was the last
8 thing I was going to say? That it's a little
9 more long term than the low barrier one.

10 You're basically guaranteed your bed
11 back.

12 MS. JONES: Right. And that's good,
13 they're going to have shelter.

14 MR. PARKS: Besides the low barrier,
15 yes.

16 MS. JONES: But tell me, what about --
17 what about women?

18 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Well, there are
19 a few other women and family shelters. And those
20 are the ones, there are a couple being built or
21 have been built recently that are replacing DC
22 Joe.

1 MS. JONES: Yeah, I'm not talking
2 about families. Just single, single -- single
3 female seniors?

4 MR. PARKS: Yeah. Those people can go
5 into the women -- it's women and families. So, -
6 -

7 MS. JONES: Oh, they put women with
8 the -- single women with the families.

9 MR. PARKS: Right. So, that covers
10 that. So, in terms of St. E's, this men's
11 shelter is going to be built.

12 And it's going to be much bigger than
13 the one that's currently there before they
14 demolished the current one that's there.

15 MS. JONES: Oh, have they already
16 demolished this one?

17 MR. PARKS: No, they haven't.

18 MS. JONES: All right.

19 MR. PARKS: So, they're going to do
20 the site work and work on this through the next -
21 -

22 MS. JONES: So what's the dates on it?

1 Is it time lined?

2 MR. PARKS: Right. So, I think
3 they're trying to break ground in the next month
4 or two.

5 MS. JONES: Okay.

6 MR. PARKS: So, I'm just going to say
7 by mid April they should have broken ground, I
8 think.

9 And then they're going to keep
10 working. I don't remember the exact end date.
11 And obviously before you start, it's difficult to
12 say exactly when they're going to end.

13 But, sometime before it's the end of
14 the year next year, I'm thinking.

15 MS. JONES: Okay.

16 MR. PARKS: But yeah, it's going to be
17 really nice. And I was happily surprised. The
18 Department of Behavioral Health and the
19 Department of Health are pretty involved in this
20 process.

21 Making sure that all the lessons
22 learned in the past five to ten years are being

1 fully accounted for. And so, --

2 MS. JONES: Yeah. That's good.

3 MS. BROOKS: Three hundred and fifty-
4 six beds.

5 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. And that includes
6 the overnight shelter, transitional, and seniors.
7 So, lots to look forward to with that.

8 Hello. Welcome.

9 MS. BUNN: Hi. How's it going?

10 MR. PARKS: So, we're just going
11 through the campus update. One of the things
12 that I had said before is Latrene said she would
13 like ideas from the Advisory Board on summer
14 activities that the Advisory Board could sponsor
15 for summer weekends.

16 And I said the update is we're now
17 talking to many entities about summer series,
18 summer Saturdays, besides just the 50 C, having
19 fun things for people to come to the campus and
20 learn more about what's going on, and get fit.
21 That sort of thing.

22 (Off mic comment)

1 MR. PARKS: You can have this one.

2 MS. BUNN: Why thank you. How sweet.

3 MS. JONES: James, I'd like to have --
4 I'd like to see an agenda update.

5 MR. PARKS: Okay.

6 MS. JONES: Because it's a record for
7 me.

8 MR. PARKS: Yes.

9 MR. EARLY: This doesn't work for you
10 now?

11 MR. JONES: Not that. Thank you. I
12 appreciate it. We've got --

13 (Laughter and simultaneous speaking)

14 MR. PARKS: So yeah. Ms. Bunn, I was
15 just talking about the new shelter.

16 MS. BUNN: Um-hum.

17 MR. PARKS: We've got a great new
18 shelter coming. I'm on the advisory team for it.
19 So, I get the information first hand.

20 So, if you have any questions, talk to
21 me. Because I won't feel really, I'll get back
22 to you.

1 MS. BUNN: What's the slated opening
2 date?

3 MR. PARKS: The slated opening date?
4 I'm not exactly sure. I can get back to you on
5 that.

6 MS. BUNN: Okay.

7 MR. PARKS: But, they are supposed to
8 start the construction this spring, in the next -
9 -

10 MS. BUNN: This spring. Okay.

11 MR. PARKS: I would say month and a
12 half. Yeah. They have some site work to do.
13 But, after they do, you know, move the ground
14 around a little bit, they're going to start
15 building up.

16 So, it's going to be three buildings.
17 There's going to be a low barrier shelter for
18 people just walking in off the street.

19 MS. BUNN: Um-hum.

20 MR. PARKS: There's going to be kind
21 of a workforce building, for people who are
22 working but just don't, you know, have an income

1 but just have a home yet.

2 And then a place for seniors. It will
3 be, you know, a little more low key, but still
4 with the same services. And it will be a little
5 bit more long term care and wrap around services.

6 So, DBH and DMHHS are very heavily
7 involved in making sure that they've learned from
8 their experience over the last five to ten years
9 as we've been working, you know, the DC
10 government has been working really hard on making
11 sure that the most vulnerable residents have the
12 services and assets that they need.

13 MS. JONES: The services are the key
14 thing. I'm telling you.

15 MR. PARKS: And access that they need.

16 MS. BUNN: Exactly.

17 MR. PARKS: So, this new shelter is
18 going to be a lot better than what's currently
19 there.

20 And obviously they're going to build
21 the new one and move everybody in before they
22 tear this current one down to make way for the

1 hospital facility.

2 MS. JONES: Tell me, where did those
3 people go that was under the bridge over there?

4 MR. PARKS: The K Street bridge?

5 MS. JONES: Yeah.

6 MR. PARKS: That's an excellent
7 question. I don't have an answer for that.

8 MS. JONES: Do you know where they
9 went?

10 MS. BUNN: Wherever they could find,
11 they stay.

12 MS. JONES: Wow.

13 MR. PARKS: Yeah. But, I'm here to
14 try to make sure that we're building -- you know,
15 the Mayor is trying to build affordable housing
16 by 2026.

17 So, that's what we're here to do.
18 Make sure we're making a place where the barriers
19 are low.

20 MR. EARLY: Um-hum.

21 MR. PARKS: And we are giving people
22 who are already here opportunities that anybody

1 would want. Right.

2 MS. JONES: So, she's given up on the
3 tiny house at this time.

4 MR. PARKS: I just -- I don't know if
5 that's your policy on tiny house.

6 (Laughter)

7 MR. PARKS: But, so yeah, that's
8 what's going on with the shelter. Things are
9 moving on pretty well.

10 That isn't it. But, there is a
11 rendering in there with the close to finished
12 design, before they come out to the community for
13 the last input, to make sure that everybody
14 doesn't think it's a total eyesore.

15 MS. JONES: They didn't say that.

16 MR. PARKS: But, it looks really -- I
17 think it looks really nice. It looks dynamic. I
18 think it looks like it connects to the rest of
19 the campus.

20 It doesn't look like a shelter. You
21 know, what you usually traditionally think like a
22 shelter.

1 (Simultaneous speaking)

2 MR. PARKS: I think it looks, you
3 know, like a new DC government building.

4 MS. JONES: Yeah.

5 MR. PARKS: Right? And so that's what
6 you kind of what to give the feel of. You don't
7 want people to walk in feeling like oh, this is
8 where I belong.

9 You want to feel like, hey, I'm going
10 home, for now. As I transition.

11 MR. EARLY: Yeah. Um-hum.

12 MR. PARKS: But yeah. That's just my
13 little share with that because I'm on the
14 advisory team.

15 But, those are the things. We're
16 making some headway there. We signed the LDA.
17 We're going to have hotel, office, retail, town
18 square, residential there.

19 The first thing --

20 MS. JONES: You're not going to name
21 the hotel James Bunn building, hotel?

22 MR. PARKS: Hey, put it on the table.

1 All they can say is maybe.

2 MS. JONES: I was around when he had
3 -- when he kept it that.

4 MS. BUNN: Yeah. Nobody else was
5 talking about a hotel but him.

6 MS. JONES: He sure was.

7 MR. PARKS: Yeah. In terms of naming,
8 I mean, if it's not the whole hotel itself, all
9 of them, right. The speciality, penthouse room,
10 something.

11 (Simultaneous speaking)

12 MR. PARKS: I like it. I'm down for
13 that.

14 MS. JONES: Yeah.

15 MR. EARLY: Name the town square.

16 MR. PARKS: Right.

17 MR. EARLY: The Bunn town -- the James
18 Bunn town square. Or something like that.

19 MR. PARKS: Put it out there.

20 MS. JONES: Did I miss -- or where is
21 --

22 MR. EARLY: Where it says town square.

1 MR. JONES: Oh, town square, yeah.

2 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Right. So,
3 there's going to be open space. The first thing
4 I should tell you is coming up in the spring,
5 we're going to have -- what is it, kind of a
6 modular space and interim retail on Parcel 15.

7 Right now they can't get started
8 immediately with the construction because there's
9 two buildings there. And we have to raise them
10 in order to create this great development plan
11 that we have.

12 MS. JONES: So they're not historic
13 buildings obviously.

14 MR. PARKS: They are technically
15 historic buildings. But, they're the exact same
16 design as all of the residences that are being
17 saved.

18 MS. JONES: Um-hum.

19 MR. PARKS: So, in the master plan it
20 contemplates that those will go down. Because
21 the way the views are set up, once Parcel 17 gets
22 built up, you won't really be able to see Parcel

1 15. And it's kind of towards the back.

2 MS. JONES: Okay.

3 MR. PARKS: Once those buildings are
4 up. So, the views aren't exactly the same from
5 Alabama.

6 MS. JONES: Um-hum.

7 MR. PARKS: And they're the exact same
8 architectural design, so.

9 MS. JONES: Right.

10 MR. PARKS: We're going to put those
11 down. They're already using some of the roof
12 tiles on there for the residences, to make those
13 beautiful.

14 MS. JONES: Oh, okay.

15 MR. PARKS: And -- so, we're going to
16 save, you know, some of the aspects of it to use
17 on other buildings where we can.

18 MS. JONES: Sure. So this was awarded
19 last year?

20 MR. PARKS: Yes.

21 MS. BROOKS: So, just to be clear,
22 these are the two buildings that are Parcel 17?

1 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Those white
2 buildings, yeah.

3 MS. BROOKS: And so this is the -- one
4 of them is Whitman-Walker.

5 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

6 MS. BROOKS: And that's what's
7 blocking the view of the rest of the parcel.

8 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

9 MS. BROOKS: And this is the
10 Entertainment and Sports Arena, right?

11 MR. PARKS: Correct.

12 MS. BROOKS: And these are the
13 residences?

14 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

15 MS. BROOKS: Okay. Got it.

16 MR. PARKS: Exactly. And obviously
17 these are preliminary. But just so you get a
18 sense of the scale and the orient, potential
19 orientation of how it's going.

20 MS. BROOKS: Sure.

21 MR. PARKS: Obviously right now you
22 look at it, and it's like, oh, there's a parking

1 lot there. Oh, there's two buildings there.

2 But, when you look at it like this,
3 you realize it's huge.

4 MS. BROOKS: Yeah.

5 MR. PARKS: There's a lot of potential
6 there. Especially when you think about all the
7 jobs that can go in there for the office and the
8 hotel and their retail and restaurants.

9 Because they were saying they had
10 partnered with restaurants. So, hopefully we
11 will get at least two or three in there.

12 I'm hoping it will bring like a
13 Silver, downtown Silver Spring kind of vibe.
14 Where people will be really excited to just pop
15 out of the Metro and see it.

16 And then look at their homes through
17 that pathway to the residences. And then go see
18 a basketball game and see the Mystics win.

19 And it will be a whole DC/Congress
20 Heights experience. That's my hope.

21 MS. JONES: That would be great.

22 MS. BUNN: Questions, James.

1 MR. PARKS: Yes?

2 MS BUNN: For the resident center,
3 sorry to go back.

4 MR. PARKS: No, that's okay.

5 MS. BUNN: Are those totally leased
6 up? Do you know?

7 MR. PARKS: The first building is.
8 But, they haven't leased out the ones that
9 haven't been completely renovated yet.

10 MS. BROOKS: But once that's built
11 across from them --

12 MS. BUNN: So they have a waiting
13 list.

14 MR. PARKS: So they have a waiting
15 list. And then they probably have the next two
16 buildings that are about to be done in the first
17 -- they're probably figuring out exactly that
18 make up.

19 MS. BUNN: Right.

20 MR. PARKS: Obviously it's not done
21 until it's all built and you can see you place
22 and move in.

1 But, they're probably accepting
2 applications and making sure, you know, they have
3 all their credit deposits in order, so that when
4 that comes up, they're ready to move in.

5 And they can say hey, only two weeks
6 after we open this, we had three-quarters of the
7 people moved in already.

8 MS. BUNN: Okay. And you are saying
9 that possibly in the spring there's going to be
10 modular spaces?

11 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. That's the
12 interim retail.

13 MS. BUNN: Okay.

14 MR. PARKS: So, we're going to have --
15 right now the parking lot is there. While we're
16 working on getting the raise permit for the two
17 buildings that are there, we're going to have --
18 we don't want it to just sit.

19 We want something to be going on.
20 Especially with an adjacent sports arena there.
21 Especially with people living there now.

22 We want them to be able to do

1 something. Say how great it is. Get more people
2 here.

3 So, they're working on getting
4 partners and tenants for modular space. They've
5 -- I mean, I went to California, and they had
6 like a -- obviously it's not going to be the same
7 exactly.

8 But, they had like a Samsung temporary
9 popup retail station. And they had performers.
10 And they had, you know, street parties.

11 MS. BUNN: Um-hum.

12 MR. PARKS: And they had people inside
13 doing things, promotions, some other things, so.

14 MS. BROOKS: Yeah. That would be
15 cool. I mean, right now it would be great to
16 have something to do before the game. Right?

17 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Um-hum.

18 MS. BROOKS: A place to eat.

19 MR. PARKS: Yeah. And that's been --
20 that was one of the main things that Shrarosh
21 (phonetic), our real estate director was like, we
22 need food there as a constant and consistent

1 thing.

2 So, and once the modular space is
3 there, I'm sure we'll get feedback from the
4 community about hey, why don't we have this? And
5 then we're like, okay guys, get on it.

6 That's what we'd like.

7 MR. EARLY: Um-hum.

8 MR. PARKS: So yeah, those are the
9 things to look forward to. Let me see.

10 MS. JONES: You know, James, did you
11 get a copy of the -- you remember I had did a
12 survey of people living in my community, of what
13 they would like to see here?

14 MR. PARKS: If you can resend it to
15 me, I will take a look at it.

16 MS. JONES: I sent it to -- what's her
17 name again?

18 MR. PARKS: Latrene.

19 MS. JONES: Latrene.

20 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Okay.

21 MS. JONES: Recently I sent it to her

22 --

1 MR. PARKS: Okay. Yeah, send it to me
2 too.

3 MS. JONES: And I thought it would be
4 on there, it would be on the agenda.

5 MR. PARKS: So, the townhomes. So, we
6 passed a text amendment with the Zoning Board
7 with the developer. And so that was just about
8 like curb cuts and stuff.

9 They wanted to be able to have their
10 alleyways behind it so it doesn't have to be like
11 trash in front. That sort of thing.

12 So, the townhomes are coming soon.
13 The Mayor is very excited about it and pushing
14 for us to get a ground breaking done.

15 So, we are working on getting a ground
16 breaking done some time this summer.

17 MS. JONES: Watch out. I was at a
18 meeting, a Congress Heights meeting yesterday.
19 And a group was there to talk about alleys.

20 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

21 MS. JONES: Have you heard of them?
22 They want to put graffiti. They really kind of

1 want to block, I don't know how they do that.

2 It's to help with people that left
3 their trash cans back there. I don't have an
4 alley.

5 MR. PARKS: Sometimes.

6 MS. JONES: And, I mean, it just seems
7 like they want to take over alleys in the city.
8 They're doing it up in Shaw.

9 MS. BUNN: They're kind of commercial
10 statement.

11 MS. JONES: No. It's residential.

12 MR. PARKS: Interesting.

13 MS. JONES: They said that's public
14 land.

15 MS. BUNN: But they said they do what?

16 MS. JONES: They put graffiti.

17 MS. BUNN: But that's what I'm saying.

18 This --

19 MS. JONES: I guess just some
20 activities.

21 MS. BUNN: But they'd be doing that on
22 the back -- if in the residential.

1 MS. JONES: That's what I thought
2 then. I just want to say, be careful.

3 MR. PARKS: Okay.

4 MS. BROOKS: I mean, is it just some
5 murals? I mean, I'm not opposed to a really
6 pretty mural in my alley.

7 But I don't want like --

8 MS. BUNN: But if they're --

9 (Simultaneous speaking)

10 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

11 MS. BROOKS: I said the same thing.

12 MS. BUNN: That's interesting.

13 MR. PARKS: See, at town halls there
14 should be -- they're working with DHCD to make
15 sure they're complying with all of the
16 requirements for affordability.

17 So, I think there's going to be
18 somewhere between 13 and 15 each above 80 percent
19 and 60 percent varying median income. And then
20 the rest will be, I mean, it's like out of either
21 88 or 90 townhomes.

22 MS. BROOKS: Yeah. It should be up to

1 90. And then it's hard to read because it's
2 white. Is this 15 percent?

3 I'm assuming that it's 15 and 15,
4 right?

5 MR. EARLY: Yeah.

6 MR. PARKS: Yes. So, those are coming
7 up. Home ownership opportunities, as I said, the
8 mayor is very excited about it.

9 So, we're pushing the developer to
10 make sure that they are getting their designs
11 done. And working with DHDD to get their, you
12 know, requirements. And DCRA to get their
13 permits.

14 Get it going.

15 MS. BROOKS: Okay. So that's maybe
16 30, about 30 units that would be for affordable
17 housing?

18 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Um-hum.

19 MS. BROOKS: Okay.

20 MR. PARKS: Right across from the
21 residences. Which is 80 percent affordable.

22 MR. BROOKS: Right. And there will be

1 amenities.

2 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

3 MS. BROOKS: Groovy.

4 MR. PARKS: Yeah. So, are there any
5 ideas off the top of you guys' heads about what
6 you might want to sponsor, ideas for this summer?

7 MS. JONES: Summer, what if like about
8 a splash park? Is there such a thing as a pop up
9 splash park?

10 You can have different fun games for
11 the whole family? I know the children have those
12 little things, but if there's something also for
13 adults?

14 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Um-hum.

15 MS. BUNN: What about a -- wait, along
16 those lines like a -- I don't know, I forgot the
17 word, like a game night or something?

18 MR. PARKS: Okay.

19 MS. BUNN: You know, legos are big
20 with kids. Like have legos.

21 MR. PARKS: Yes, they are. And the
22 bigger --

1 MS. BUNN: You know, there are game
2 trucks that have all types of games that people
3 can play.

4 MR. PARKS: That's true.

5 MS. BUNN: So, making it like a family
6 fun game night or something like that?

7 MS. JONES: And a maze. What about
8 those mazes?

9 MS. BUNN: Um-hum.

10 MS. JONES: I think like that would be
11 fun.

12 MS. BUNN: Yeah. Are you -- what
13 about the movie thing. Is that happening again?

14 MR. PARKS: I can talk to events to
15 see. But, I think so.

16 MS. BUNN: Okay. Because that was
17 pretty cool having the family meet for movie
18 night.

19 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

20 MS. BUNN: And what about some type
21 of, I don't know, like the mini art all night?
22 Like it's a creative night. You know, poetry --

1 poetry readings, you know poetry slams.

2 MS. JONES: Vendors with --

3 (Simultaneous speaking)

4 MS. BUNN: You know, having some
5 vendors selling their wares or whatever.

6 MS. JONES: Um-hum.

7 MS. BUNN: Something like that.

8 MR. PARKS: I like that.

9 MS. BROOKS: They used to do -- do you
10 remember Art-O-Matic?

11 MS. BUNN: Um-hum.

12 MS. BROOKS: They used to do that.
13 And that would be kind of -- it was -- it was
14 really cool, even though that it was often inside
15 of that old Manhattan Laundry.

16 But, which was kind of a funky
17 building. But, that would be something cool to
18 do outside. Maybe people are painting.

19 MS. BUNN: Um-hum.

20 MS. BROOKS: And sculpting or
21 whatever. I think that would be cool.

22 MS. BUNN: Um-hum.

1 MS. BROOKS: Yeah. You could buy some
2 art and you could participate in some art.

3 (Simultaneous speaking)

4 MS. BUNN: An oversized finger
5 painting.

6 MS. BROOKS: Yeah. I like that idea.
7 An oversized finger painting.

8 MS. BUNN: Um-hum.

9 MS. BROOKS: The kids are finger
10 painting --

11 MS. BUNN: And then the adults can sit
12 there and paint.

13 (Simultaneous speaking)

14 MR. EARLY: Same thing as --

15 (Simultaneous speaking)

16 MS. BROOKS: Pass out little aprons or
17 old things that everybody can put over their own
18 and keep clean.

19 MS. BUNN: And you said that Fit DC is
20 going to help us?

21 MR. PARKS: Yep. Fit DC, help us
22 doing those workouts. It was tough.

1 MS. BUNN: And that was just for one
2 day?

3 MR. PARKS: It was -- we did three of
4 them.

5 (Simultaneous speaking)

6 MR. PARKS: Yeah. I mean, they
7 brought the energy. And they brought some music.
8 That music was keeping -- that was the only thing
9 that was keeping me going.

10 (Simultaneous speaking)

11 MS. JONES: Yeah. Those are all good
12 ideas.

13 MS. BUNN: I think there's a start.

14 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Um-hum.

15 MS. BUNN: All right.

16 MR. EARLY: Good to see you now.

17 MR. PARKS: If you could let the court
18 reporter know your name and permission before you
19 go. So that he can write it down.

20 MR. EARLY: Yes.

21 MS. JONES: What about something we
22 can put our fingerprint on?

1 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

2 MS. JONES: Something that's kind of
3 permanent around here.

4 MS. BROOKS: Well, I'm wondering, I
5 mean, if we did some -- either one of these.

6 Like the game night I like. I like the family
7 splash thing. I like the creative arts' thing.

8 If it was something that we sponsored
9 every year, or something that could then
10 translate, like once they have the town square,
11 it would be cool to have it moved to the town
12 square or the Gateway Arch Pavilion, and just be
13 a, something that people know is going to happen.

14 MR. PARKS: Yeah.

15 MS. JONES: The only thing is, I think
16 my term is up. What are they? Two years?

17 MR. PARKS: You know, if you want to
18 stay with the team, talk to them about doing --

19 MS. BROOKS: I've been on it eight
20 years now. So, I think you've got to keep going.
21 And I didn't even realize it existed.

22 MS. JONES: Yeah. I don't know. I

1 was just wondering. I didn't know if that was
2 the Mayor's call. To have confidence of. She
3 wants this. You might as well break it down,
4 they keep hounding me.

5 MR. PARKS: You know, the Mayor's
6 office for talent and appointments are the main
7 people working at it. So, --

8 MS. JONES: Okay. I just thought --

9 MR. PARKS: And they usually ask me.
10 Like hey, who is coming to the meetings? Have
11 they been like participating? So.

12 MS. JONES: Okay. Well, something
13 like that would be kind of a, I don't know.
14 Maybe some of the art projects, sculpture
15 projects.

16 MR. PARKS: So we're feeling the
17 artistic creative.

18 MS. JONES: It could be part of the
19 town center.

20 MS. BROOKS: Right. And then you
21 know, they know that something from whatever the
22 arts' event will then get installed on the

1 campus.

2 MR. PARKS: Yeah. I like that.

3 MS. BROOKS: Wouldn't that be nice?

4 That we are creating art that permanently stays
5 on the campus? I like that.

6 MR. EARLY: All right you all.

7 MS. BROOKS: Take care.

8 MS. JONES: See you Chris.

9 MR. EARLY: Okay. See you all later.

10 MS. JONES: All right. Chris with the
11 grey beard.

12 MR. EARLY: Old age.

13 MS. JONES: It looks good on you.

14 MR. EARLY: Thank you.

15 (Simultaneous speaking)

16 MS. BROOKS: Those are sliders. I've
17 run into them. That's why.

18 MS. JONES: What are they doing over
19 there?

20 MR. PARKS: That's a Pepco meeting.

21 MS. BROOKS: They're talking about the
22 new multi-year plan for transparency and

1 accountability.

2 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

3 MS. BROOKS: I was noseey, so I went
4 over and asked them.

5 MR. PARKS: Well, they had to be
6 transparent then.

7 MS. BROOKS: Yeah.

8 MR. PARKS: Okay. So yeah. Is there
9 any new business that we would like to discuss
10 for St. Elizabeth's?

11 Any questions that I can either answer
12 here or come back to you with the answers to it?

13 MS. JONES: Well, I'd like for you all
14 to read the list.

15 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

16 MS. JONES: I know, people are asking
17 me, saying why were you asking me what we thought
18 we needed up at St. Elizabeth's three years ago?

19 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

20 MS. JONES: I want to be able to say,
21 hey, look they're still looking at it. So,
22 something.

1 MR. PARKS: Um-hum.

2 MS. BUNN: Oh, I didn't get a chance
3 to read the article, but I read something about
4 there's a sponsor for the ESA?

5 MR. PARKS: I don't know.

6 MS. BROOKS: Yes.

7 MS. BUNN: Who's the sponsor?

8 MS. BROOKS: It is RCN.

9 MS. BUNN: Oh.

10 MS. BROOKS: So, they are going to be
11 the internet sponsor for the arena. You know, so
12 all the internet is going to be RCN.

13 And then they'll have some type of
14 naming. And then somehow it also covers, I guess
15 because it's Monumental Sports, it means that
16 they also are going to be the internet provider
17 for like the outside, around the other stadium
18 and et cetera.

19 And they're around this stadium and --
20 (Simultaneous speaking)

21 MS. BROOKS: They are not like the
22 named sponsor for the arena though. They didn't

1 come in at that level.

2 MS. JONES: Oh, all right. So they're
3 not like Verizon.

4 MS. BUNN: Okay. They won't be the
5 RCN --

6 MS. BROOKS: No.

7 MS. JONES: Okay. Good. I wasn't
8 sure.

9 MS. BROOK: But they'll be like, you
10 know, somewhere on the buil -- you know,
11 somewhere inside you'll see it.

12 MS. BUNN: Well, that would be great
13 if they did -- I mean, are they doing -- no,
14 they're just doing the internet access for the
15 stadium.

16 But it would be cool if they could
17 make sure everybody in this community had high
18 speed internet.

19 MS. BROOKS: Yeah.

20 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. The good thing
21 is, with the new infrastructure, all of those,
22 you know, data lines and stuff are brand new, and

1 fire safe.

2 MS. JONES: Well, wasn't it --

3 MS. BUNN: What about --

4 (Simultaneous speaking)

5 MS. BUNN: Are they building a cell
6 tower somewhere with that? Because you can build
7 all the files you want, but if you don't have the
8 corresponding towers.

9 MR. PARKS: I don't know about from
10 the phone perspective. But, we are working with
11 Verizon.

12 MS. BUNN: For the internet I thought
13 that we talked about everybody ought to be able
14 to get on the internet in the city.

15 It's somewhere up northwest, isn't it?
16 That they have the ability, people have the
17 ability to get on internet?

18 I don't know. I don't know the linko,
19 or the lingo, or whatever you call it. I'm not
20 that cool with this.

21 MS. BROOKS: It depends on your
22 community. Because you have, I have, I mean, I

1 live in Ward Five. And not every provider comes
2 to my neighborhood.

3 So, it's like, well, you can get --
4 you can get Direct TV and internet to Direct TV,
5 but you can't get RCN or et cetera.

6 So, some of them are down different
7 lines.

8 MS. JONES: They're not building them
9 under the street? You haven't heard this? You
10 know, people ought to be able to get on the
11 internet.

12 If you're walking down the street and
13 tune in. Have you heard about that?

14 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Yes.

15 MS. JONES: So, that's -- is that off
16 the table?

17 MR. PARKS: I wouldn't say off the
18 table. They're supposed to be, you know, a new
19 great interest.

20 MS. JONES: Oh, good.

21 MR. PARKS: But, I don't think it's
22 necessarily part of the infrastructure to have

1 that yet. But --

2 MS. JONES: Oh.

3 MR. PARKS: But, as technology
4 improves, I think those are things that we'll be
5 looking for.

6 And looking for developers when we put
7 out RFPs to respond to. Like how are you going
8 to make accessible digital lines, telephone
9 lines, that kind of thing.

10 MS. JONES: Do they have that in
11 Silver Spring? Up in that big circle they have?

12 MR. PARKS: I'm not sure.

13 MS. JONES: Oh, you don't know?

14 MR. PARKS: I'm not sure. I'll look
15 into it though.

16 MS. BUNN: I have another idea for the
17 summer.

18 MR. PARKS: Okay.

19 MS. BUNN: Why not do a family supper
20 night? Or something like that.

21 MR. PARKS: Okay.

22 MS. BUNN: Or something they came to.

1 Does everybody meet dinner en blanc.

2 MR. PARKS: Yes.

3 MS. JONES: Dinner on the block?

4 MR. PARKS: No.

5 MS. BUNN: No, dinner en blanc.

6 MR. PARKS: It's like a white party.

7 MS. BUNN: It's in -- like in -- so
8 there's a secret location. And those that are
9 invited to participate, you bring -- I mean, you
10 bring your own --

11 MS. JONES: Potluck?

12 MS. BUNN: Table attire or that kind
13 of thing. But, it is such a beautiful
14 experience. Like --

15 MS. JONES: Oh, I saw that on TV one
16 time. With long tables and with the white table
17 clothes.

18 MS. BUNN: Yes. And you know, you
19 don't have to do white. We could do all black.
20 We could do, you know, whatever. Or, you know,
21 something along that line.

22 Or just, or even a fun day family

1 supper night, so we're having a community dinner
2 outside under the stars.

3 MS. JONES: That would be nice. Yeah.

4 MS. BUNN: For a beautiful summer
5 night. You know, with people. You know, and we
6 purposely sit people that don't live, you know,
7 don't know each other. Just to kind of get to
8 know each other.

9 MS. JONES: And some of the things
10 that people were seeing, so this is who we are
11 along --

12 MS. BUNN: Yeah, yeah. Yeah, just
13 that.

14 MR. PARKS: Okay. Thank you all for
15 coming.

16 MS. JONES: Good job James.

17 MR. PARKS: Just please send me those
18 notes.

19 MS. JONES: I'll just send you like
20 those. We've got some good stuff.

21 MR. PARKS: Um-hum. Um-hum. Latrene
22 couldn't join us tonight. She had a small

1 emergency. She couldn't join us.

2 But, she sends here regards.

3 MS. JONES: Okay.

4 MR. PARKS: And we'll be back May 12.

5 MS. JONES: May 12. All right.

6 MR. PARKS: But don't wait until then.

7 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
8 went off the record at 7:32 p.m.)

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