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1 D'ABELLA: I'd like to call the Open Space and
2 Trails Commission meeting to order, and start off with roll
3 call. Commissioner Vogler.

4 VOGLER: Yep.

5 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Carnes.

6 CARNES: Here.

7 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Kavathas.

8 KAVATHAS: (Inaudible).

9 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Bristow.

10 BRISTOW: Here.

11 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Johnson.

12 JOHNSON: (Inaudible).

13 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Standage.

14 STANDAGE: Here.

15 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Brown.

16 BROWN: Here

17 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Butler.

18 BUTLER: Present.

19 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Ruehl.

20 RUEHL: Here.

21 D'ABELLA: And Commissioner D'Abella is present.

22 Okay, next item on the agenda is a discussion approval, or
23 disapproval of our meeting minutes. Any discussion on our
24 minutes for July 14, 2015?

25 BROWN: I just wanted to make a general comment that

1 I (inaudible) and that I need to either enunciate more clearly
2 or speak louder. It's my kind, gentle voice, I think that a
3 lot of what is said doesn't get transcribed, but I got a kick
4 out of it because there would be this overly long list of just
5 disjointed words, and then somebody like Himanshu says you got
6 it exactly right. And I'm thinking what - how could that have
7 been right, if it didn't make any coherent sense. But I need
8 to, I need to speak louder, probably.

9 D'ABELLA: I did notice, Commissioner Brown, that
10 there were a few times where it said inaudible in the minutes,
11 or wasn't really sure who - by the way, this is D'Abella -
12 you're supposed to say who you are before you talk. This is
13 so strange to me to have to do that every time, but yeah there
14 was times where we didn't know who made the comment because
15 the person didn't say their name first or whatever, so it, it
16 is kind of a difficult thing to get used to any other
17 discussion.

18 RUEHL: Madam Chair, if I may. Cyndi Ruehl. I'm
19 wondering Mr. Taylor, is this County policy, this
20 recording/transcribing method that we're using?

21 TAYLOR: No.

22 RUEHL: I just find it extremely cumbersome. For
23 me, it was grueling for me to read the minutes and most of
24 them didn't make any sense. And for me minutes are a record
25 of what was said, what was agreed upon, what the motions were,

1 and if it's, if it's largely or even partly nonsensical in the
2 transcribing, I'm not sure that it serves a purpose.

3 TAYLOR: Commissioner Ruehl and Chair, I would -
4 having looked at my own comments on that, I first of all I
5 would disagree, because I found that the transcription
6 services caught my exact sentences, exactly like I said them,
7 including all of the so's and ands and ums, so I found, I
8 found it quite refreshing to see exactly what was said. There
9 are sometimes when they cannot pick up the exact wording, but
10 I will tell you from looking at the minutes, I thought it did
11 a pretty good job of getting the crux of the issue on, on the
12 minutes, and if you recall, one of the reasons we decided to
13 try this was because it is extremely efficient on the staff
14 side. So, in order for staff to do minutes, we have to take
15 the recording and listen to the recording multiple times in
16 order to get the actual minutes produced. So it's a - this is
17 actually a staff time savings and efficiency issue. I would,
18 I would say give it another time or two, and I think they
19 started this on the Planning and Zoning Commission after
20 Gordon had left - or Commissioner Brown had left prior, but it
21 is an accurate description and if you would ever like to
22 compare the transcription to the actual tape, I'm more than
23 happy to let you listen to that.

24 BROWN: I don't think that it was referring to the
25 tape, I think it's actually what the tape picks up. But

1 there, but there is, there is no way possible that you could
2 have taken what was recorded for what I said and then got a
3 response from department heads saying you hit it right on,
4 because what I said made no sense at all the way it was
5 transcribed. It was just a streaming of words. So, so let's
6 - I have no doubt that that's what was picked up, and my
7 thought, where I see the fault and I know Sandy's told me
8 that, that I shouldn't leave home, ever, without a microphone,
9 that is to speak up, you know. So I think that's, that's what
10 it would problem -

11 TAYLOR: Well I would ask the Commission to give it
12 a time or two to see how it works. It is new, it is
13 different. I agree. But I, like I said, I looked at my
14 comments first and my sentence structure and everything, and I
15 thought it did a very good job of capturing what I had said -
16 actually said, in the manner that I said it.

17 BUTLER: Madam Chair, this is Commissioner Butler.
18 At the top, I'm assuming that's the time that the meeting
19 started, on line 5 it says 9 p.m. I'd like to change that to
20 6 p.m. And there's a line on the first page, line 32, they
21 misspelled Peralta, I don't know if we care about things like
22 that. I think it would be nice in the record to have it
23 spelled correctly. So I'd like to have that changed. And
24 there is one place in here, I believe it's on page 17, line 25
25 where they said Ken instead of Kent.

1 TAYLOR: Well, we'll pick those up and make those
2 changes. And we do review those, and we don't ship them to
3 you the first edition, so, so there are corrections and we
4 tried to get all the spelling errors and might have missed a
5 couple, so.

6 D'ABELLA: Okay. Do I hear a motion -

7 TAYLOR: I just need to for my, so I don't have to
8 listen to the tape, so we have the start time and the spelling
9 on Peralta. And then on page 25, line 17.

10 BUTLER: Other way around, page 17, line 25.

11 TAYLOR: The other way around, thank you.

12 D'ABELLA: Acknow - this is Chair D'Abella -
13 acknowledging the amendments, do we have a motion to approve
14 the minutes for July 14, 2015?

15 BUTLER: This is Commissioner Butler, I'll make a
16 motion to approve the minutes for the April 14th meeting.

17 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Is there a second?

18 VOGLER: Commissioner Vogler seconds.

19 D'ABELLA: Thank you Commissioner Vogler. All in
20 favor say aye.

21 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

22 D'ABELLA: Opposed? Okay. Motion passes. Our next
23 item on the agenda is Call to the Public. I just want to
24 remind you if you are here to discuss the Peralta Regional
25 Park or any other topic that might be on the agenda tonight,

1 we are here to listen and can't necessarily comment on what
2 you might bring up, but staff can take your information and
3 make sure that your comment or questions does get action. Do
4 we have anybody who would like to come up and speak at Call to
5 the Public today? Seeing none, we'll go onto item number V,
6 Director's Report.

7 TAYLOR: Thank you, Madam Chair. A couple of
8 updates since the Director's Report was produced. The CAP
9 Recreational Trail, and I sent a note out to the working group
10 this morning, we, we, we are still working through a variety
11 of issues with agencies and stakeholders, primarily the Bureau
12 of Reclamation and a few flood control districts and
13 irrigation districts on the actual alignment of the trail.
14 More specifically on the north section close to the Apache
15 Junction area, and then the area adjacent to the Town of
16 Florence where there's several flood control district
17 structures. So we're still working through those issues. We
18 had some, we did have some issues with the Bureau of
19 Reclamation and getting them to understand what a master plan
20 was, and what the intent of the master plan was, and what, if
21 any, meet the requirements where would be required in a master
22 plan and we think we've worked those issues finally, so the
23 planning process is moving forward again, and in fact as I
24 told the working group this morning, McGann & Associates, our
25 consultant, provided me with a working draft of the actual

1 master plan yesterday and I am working through that, obviously
2 minus the sections in Apache Junction and Florence. So we are
3 making progress, we just got sidetracked with some agency
4 stuff prior to moving forward. A couple of things that were
5 attached, or at least one thing that was attached to the
6 Director's Report was based on a previous request. I did
7 attach an extensive (inaudible) report for existing
8 neighborhood-style parks and the system, and I believe if I -
9 if most of my notes were correct, that that was from a
10 previous request from, from the Commission, and that basically
11 lays out just the operating expenses, both on a revenue and an
12 expense situation. So that should give you a pretty good
13 understanding of what the operational costs are for each of
14 those parks. And that's, that's all I have, Commissioner,
15 unless somebody has a specific item that they'd like me to
16 address off of the Director's Report.

17 D'ABELLA: Anybody have any specific -

18 BUTLER: Yes, Madam Chair, I do. Director Taylor,
19 this is Commissioner Butler. I was wondering on the
20 percentages that you're talking about on the performance
21 management.

22 TAYLOR: So -

23 BUTLER: On almost anything. But my question is,
24 are they percentage based on say the 13 figures or the 14
25 figures, of if you have, as you did this year, a huge jump in

1 volunteer hours, does your next year target go on top of that?
2 Does it use that as a base, or does it use the original amount
3 as the base and your 20 percent or whatever you're looking
4 for, is it 20 percent of the -

5 TAYLOR: In depends. So the, the, the report you
6 see for the third quarter performance report which is up on
7 the screen there - and I'll just use the first item, the
8 increase in facility use fees, that is a percent over last
9 year's number. Now, if you looked at my strategic business
10 plan, on the last page of the Strategic Business Plan for this
11 coming fiscal year, you will see what our annual target is for
12 the measures for this fiscal year. And it would be, and
13 again, so I'm going to use the same one, an increase in
14 facility use fees collected, so we're going to base that off
15 of a ten - we're aiming for a ten percent increase over this
16 fiscal year's or this past fiscal year's numbers.

17 BUTLER: So when you have the jump in volunteer
18 hours, though, are you, are you -

19 TAYLOR: You will, you will, yes you will notice
20 that my target for two thousand - fiscal year 2015 was a 25
21 percent increase, and you notice that my ten - for a fiscal
22 year 2016, my target is ten percent.

23 BUTLER: And that's ten percent over 15 hours?

24 TAYLOR: That's, exactly.

25 TAYLOR: Exactly.

1 BUTLER: Okay.

2 TAYLOR: Exactly. So that was taken into account
3 because I knew I was not going to have another year like this
4 past fiscal year as far as, as far as an increase in volunteer
5 numbers.

6 BUTLER: Thank you.

7 TAYLOR: You're welcome. Although if you've got
8 some volunteers you want to send my way, I'll take them.

9 BUTLER: (Inaudible) exceed your target.

10 D'ABELLA: Any other questions for director Taylor
11 on the director's report? Seeing none, we go to agenda item
12 VI, Old Business which we have none. Item VII, New Business.
13 We have a work session to discuss the Peralta Regional Park
14 Conceptual Plan. Director Taylor?

15 TAYLOR: Well I'm not going to go through another
16 spiel already. I think Michael will just have to catch up on
17 the discussion, since all of you were here earlier. We
18 collected your comments up to that point, but if you have
19 additional comments on the proposed concept plan, now is the
20 time to have that discussion. Well wait, before we do that,
21 let me - so Kate touched on the - what the process is going to
22 look like as we move forward, so we're going to take comments
23 from the two public open houses and this work session and this
24 meeting, we'll take those back. We're going to evaluate those
25 comments and see which ones make sense and which ones we can

1 implement into the existing concept plan. In addition to the
2 concept plan, so there's a narrative that will go along as
3 part of the master plan, and that's the next two months' time
4 is what Kate and I will be working on, is the narrative
5 portion of that master plan, and I'll incorporate a lot of the
6 comments we've received from the working group and through the
7 public open houses. Our goal is to have a draft master plan
8 in place for you folks to review at our October meeting, so
9 that's our goal, to, to have that done. At that point in
10 time, we would, we would bring that draft master plan to you
11 for comments. We'd also do a work session with the Board of
12 Supervisors sometimes after the meeting with you folks, take
13 those comments from the draft master plan, incorporate those
14 from whoever else we get comments from because we'll - that'll
15 be a public transparent process - we will take those comments
16 from the draft master plan and incorporate it into and make
17 that a final master plan, again with a target date of your
18 January meeting so that you would have that in front of you as
19 a recommendation to the Board in January, and then we would
20 visit with the Board of Supervisors and look for their
21 approval sometime after that. So that's our, that's our
22 prospective timeline as we sit right now. And now I will
23 entertain any other questions, comments, suggestions.

24 RUEHL: Madam Chair, if I may.

25 D'ABELLA: Yes.

1 RUEHL: This is Cyndi Ruehl. And I'm wondering if
2 there is - within the whole planning process and
3 implementation process, is there any kind of review periods,
4 incremental review periods to take a look at what's been
5 implemented, and just take a look at if it's working, if it's
6 effective, is it too much, is it eroding, is it impacting.

7 TAYLOR: I think that can be built - Commissioner
8 Ruehl - I think that can be built into the master plan itself,
9 into the narrative if you want to see some kind of review. I
10 know that as we've discussed this with the working group, this
11 plan would not be implemented all at one time, so you would
12 have a phasing, typically have a phasing plan where we would
13 have particular portions of the master plan phased in, you
14 have a phased in development schedule, so that's often used as
15 your review time. Does this fit, does this work. And that,
16 that is, at least it's our intent at this point, to have that
17 identified within the master plan itself.

18 RUEHL: Okay, my other concern is about charging.
19 If it's like the gentleman commented in the open house just a
20 few minutes ago, so I will be charged to hike in there when I
21 could drive the road a couple more miles and hike on stellar
22 trails down there for no cost?

23 TAYLOR: Well I think that that's part of the
24 decision-making process, Commissioner Ruehl. We - if you
25 recall during the process of the Open Space and Trails Master

1 Plan, planning process, the model we looked at was Maricopa
2 County, and Maricopa County charges a fee for their parks, for
3 the - for all of their parks. As we looked at, you know, as
4 we look at our parks, that's kind of our - was kind of our
5 thinking going forward is that as much as possible, we would
6 have - it would be a fee-based park system. Now that doesn't
7 always - you know, obviously that doesn't always work because
8 we're going to have a discussion later on on Tortolita and
9 I'll hopefully explain why in Tortolita that doesn't make a
10 lot of sense, but for this particular site, again, with the
11 uses that are there, that would be of some kind of fee-based.

12 RUEHL: I can understand that, especially given the,
13 the parking area and interpretive trail and the ramada
14 picnicking area, which the ruin is of course does not provide
15 that, that's around that area, or the Lost Gold Mine Trail. I
16 think that would just be another thing to evaluate as time
17 goes on too.

18 TAYLOR: And, and as you know, Commissioners, and
19 this is, this is our first time doing this.

20 RUEHL: Right.

21 TAYLOR: So we have no precedent. We can, we can -
22 we have the flexibility to design these as we think - as we
23 see fit. But, on the flip side of that, you know, the
24 direction, you know, from the Board that I have and from my,
25 from my boss is that we are - if we're going to have regional

1 parks, there should be some kind of revenue capture piece of
2 that. I don't think we're going to capture all of it, I mean
3 we're not - probably not gonna - typically you're not going to
4 capture your entire operating expenses from these fees, but
5 you're going to capture enough to help sustain the resources.

6 BROWN: I wanted to reinforce probably 95 percent of
7 what Kent had to say there. With capturing the fees, is by
8 and large, I think extremely important. I've had people that
9 came and complained about that, well I could just park down a
10 little ways and hike in and stuff, and what I did was I
11 captured photos of a Mercedes Benz with bike racks on top and
12 two \$2500 bicycles. Where somebody with a trailer load of
13 four horses that is parking down the road because they don't
14 want to pay \$6.00 to get into the park. Or if somebody says
15 that's a lot of money for dirt, and maybe there's a place
16 you'd rather be. What does a round of beer cost at the bard,
17 you know, I mean that's, it's all - it's per car load. Bring
18 some kids with you. It's pretty darn cheap you bring a car
19 load of kids with you, but I (inaudible) other side of that
20 too with Maricopa County when they start charging schools for
21 them to come out and do nature hikes. This is where I get a
22 lot of volunteers for that park, is out of those schools, and
23 where we build the affinity for that park is working with
24 those school, so if it's a matter of capturing fees from a
25 Mercedes Benz with bike racks on the top, I'm all for it. If

1 it's a matter of capturing the dollars from the schools - and
2 there is an expense there, there's a whole - a school bus
3 shows up and 50 kids spill out, somebody's gotta keep them
4 corralled, you know, so that's - there are things to that.
5 But like you said, it's, it's a chance for us to do what
6 Maricopa County has done well and the things they haven't done
7 so well even better. That's my opinion.

8 D'ABELLA: Thank you Commissioner Brown. Is there
9 any other discussion or comments on any aspect of the regional
10 park proposal?

11 BRISTOW: Madam Chair. First I want to call your
12 attention (inaudible) correct your roll call and show that
13 Michael showed up immediately after that, we had the
14 discussion of meeting minutes.

15 D'ABELLA: Thank you Chairman Bristow. Chairman
16 Kavathas did come in - did anybody notice the time,
17 approximately 6:10 or six, something like that. Thank you.

18 BRISTOW: Then, the second item I wanted to call
19 your attention again was what I had asked Kent during the
20 original presentation that we had before our meeting, and that
21 was - and that was to put an expression in the plan, at least
22 consider that, maybe we want to discuss it now - the
23 reasonable amount of land immediately north there that would
24 connect the two joint parks together, the wilderness area, the
25 forest service wilderness area to the proposed Peralta Park,

1 so that at least that would be a shadow on the map that
2 developers would recognize and that land managing
3 organizations and agencies would recognize as a use or a
4 proposed use for this property, and I think you had also
5 mentioned that if there's not a line on the map where there's
6 a trail, etc., it's extremely hard to make changes. So if we
7 identify that at this point, although we don't have to
8 identify the cost, amount of money, etc., at least we would
9 identify that as a desirable additional property that should
10 be made a part of it, acquired in the future.

11 TAYLOR: Chairman D'Abella and Commissioner Bristow,
12 that actually, that discussion item has been brought up
13 numerous times in our working group meetings, so we will add
14 that comment, in addition to the working group comments.

15 D'ABELLA: Director Taylor, could it be as something
16 as simple - well nothing's simple, but as simple as a trail
17 that connects as opposed, as opposed to like a whole section
18 of land that is in the proposal?

19 TAYLOR: It could, it could. I mean it can be
20 anything you want it to be. The, the discussion within the
21 working group has been to show several sections north of the
22 existing park facility as possible future park expansion,
23 primarily to link the park with the Lost Gold Mine Trail and
24 the trailhead and the - and up to the wilderness boundary, to
25 kind of square that off. So that, that, that's been the

1 discussion within the working group, which would allow for the
2 trail connection.

3 D'ABELLA: Okay. Any other comments?

4 BUTLER: Madam Chair, this is Commissioner Butler.
5 This may be, may be somewhat in line with Commissioner Ruehl's
6 concerns about camping and things out there, my first reaction
7 was that is about twice as many campsites and picnic sites as
8 seems reasonable to me. It's really open -

9 TAYLOR: Commissioner Butler?

10 BUTLER: Yes.

11 TAYLOR: You tell me how many you want on there.
12 It's your prerogative. If you would like that number less,
13 then I would suggest you make that recommendation.

14 BUTLER: Well, I guess I would suggest that we do -
15 that it be phased in so we can, we can see, because like you
16 said, we haven't done this before, we don't know, so I guess
17 I'm - I'm - would opt for some sort of phasing in and not
18 trying to build all sorts of things at once, until we find out
19 how much they're used.

20 BROWN: I'm not big on the - oh, this is Gordon
21 Brown. And in line with that, and the fact that we haven't
22 done this before, but you're patterning after Maricopa County
23 and they have, my thinking on that is to do it onsite, make
24 those kind of decisions walking the site with stakeholders
25 that know the property, because we had in the early stages of

1 the planning with the Maricopa County, they had people
2 planning from a distance and with a Topo map, and they were
3 locating campsites and picnic grounds on a trail forest, and
4 because they didn't know it was there. They didn't look at
5 the overlays and they weren't familiar with it. I don't think
6 it's really fair to ask Commissioner Butler how many sites do
7 you want. I think that's a decision that really needs to be
8 made looking at it. Where you can, where you can, you can
9 make an evaluation of the land and -

10 TAYLOR: So and, and - so it would be acceptable to
11 the Commission and Commissioner Butler and Commission Brown to
12 have a discussion in the narrative that describes the process
13 used to determine the correct number of campsites. Is that
14 what I'm hearing?

15 BROWN: I don't think that's what I said. What I
16 said was that I think it needs to take place on site, with
17 stakeholders looking at something, not necessarily a process,
18 other than that being the process that it be done with boots
19 on the ground looking at the site. That's what I had
20 (inaudible). I don't about Commissioner Butler.

21 TAYLOR: But then I would ask at what point in the
22 master plan process do you want that to occur?

23 BROWN: Prior to saying how many picnic sites are
24 appropriate.

25 TAYLOR: Okay.

1 BROWN: Is that, is that unreas - does that sound
2 unreasonable to somebody?

3 TAYLOR: Well, I think you're looking at site-level
4 planning which usually occurs after the master plan process,
5 but if you'd like to go through that exercise prior -

6 BROWN: No, when you're talking about the upper
7 level, like the 30,000 foot level, it might say picnic area,
8 camping area, but if you say five picnic sites or, or 27, or
9 there's a real number there, that that to me is already
10 getting site-specific.

11 TAYLOR: So, so the number ten, let's just say - it
12 says ten, plus or minus, that's too specific - what I'm
13 hearing is that's too specific.

14 BROWN: I'm doing all the talking here, and it was
15 Commissioner Butler's -

16 TAYLOR: I'm just trying to get guidance sir.

17 BROWN: What I was trying to interpret what I heard
18 from Commissioner Butler. Commissioner Butler was saying it
19 seems that that may have been a capricious arbitrary number.
20 Is there some reason to believe otherwise? And that's what I
21 heard. I don't know whether that's what was said, I would - I
22 was just thinking that that is a site-specific thing when you
23 start applying numbers and I didn't think it was really fair
24 to lay it back on Commissioner Butler and say well how many
25 should there be?

1 TAYLOR: I understand that, Commissioner Brown, so
2 what I'm asking you is so what I - and what I'm hearing, is
3 the way it's designated right now is too site-specific. So
4 what you would like is to remove those numbers in totality
5 from the master plan, from that, from that concept map.

6 BROWN: That, that was my thinking (inaudible) from
7 other people.

8 TAYLOR: And then we could put in the narrative that
9 that would be determined through a site plan development
10 process based on the physical constraints and structures that
11 are onsite.

12 BROWN: To me that would be perfect.

13 TAYLOR: Does that - I'm seeing shaking heads, so
14 can I get like a consensus yes, that's kind of - Commissioner
15 Butler, and specifically I'm going to point to you, because
16 you brought the discussion topic up, is that -

17 BUTLER: I guess I would prefer, I would prefer
18 that.

19 TAYLOR Okay.

20 BUTLER: Yes.

21 TAYLOR: We can do that.

22 RUEHL: This is Commissioner Ruehl, and I would
23 prefer that too, because I have concerns in that area as well.

24 BUTLER: This is Commissioner Butler again. The - I
25 guess the other part was possibly considering the phasing of

1 this instead of - and I think you said you already were.

2 TAYLOR: We are.

3 BUTLER: We are. So and that's fine.

4 TAYLOR: I thought (inaudible).

5 BUTLER: Yes. So I'm sure that will be in the plan
6 too, but when you look at this and you see oh they're going to
7 be so many sites, it doesn't look - you can't tell that, so.

8 TAYLOR: Fair enough.

9 D'ABELLA: Okay. Any other questions, comments or
10 concerns or direction you'd like to see in the draft master
11 plan? Seeing none, are we moving forward to the next agenda
12 item? Okay. So discussion/recommendations on the proposed
13 lease of the Randolph Park parcel to the Future Forward
14 Foundation to develop a community vegetable garden. I did
15 have just a point of clarification, Director Taylor, on the
16 contract, and I'm sure there was part of the process that we
17 weren't privy to in the contract itself in determining certain
18 levels of the contract, one being the water that the County
19 provides for the first three years, \$2400 a year, and the
20 other one was the site improvements up to \$10,000. Could you
21 maybe elaborate a little bit on how that was discussed with
22 the potential (inaudible).

23 TAYLOR: Can I do my presentation first?

24 D'ABELLA: Sure.

25 TAYLOR: So as you recall, Commissioners, back in

1 January we had Lina Austin, the executive director of - I call
2 it the Three F Foundation, but it's a bunch of F's from
3 Florence - come in and we had, had preliminary discussions at
4 that time about using, or the potential of using Randolph Park
5 as a, a vegetable - a place for a vegetable garden in a lease
6 agreement with the Three F Foundation. So just for context,
7 in case you're not aware where Randolph is, right there. So,
8 a few miles south of Coolidge on the high - right off the
9 highway, County within, within unquote Greater Pinal County.
10 The history of this parcel, just to give you some background,
11 the - and this is near as I can tell from the stuff I can find
12 within the files and with recorded documents, the parcel was
13 sold to the Proler International Corporation by Mr. Moore, who
14 was a prominent area resident in Randolph in 1993. Proler
15 then installed a basketball court and playground equipment,
16 and picnic tables, those kind of things and then sold the
17 parcel back to the County for a nominal fee. So at that point
18 is when it became a park for the neighborhood. I will tell
19 you from a park management perspective it is probably the
20 worst located park parcel I have ever seen. So it sits at the
21 back of the community up against the railroad tracks, adjacent
22 to the railroad tracks, with really no access or visibility to
23 the site. When I came onboard to the County in 2006, and
24 after that point from 2006 to when I took over the files,
25 there was very little managed activity on that site. Prior to

1 that and the period between 1994 and 2006 I can't, I can't
2 tell you exactly what happened, but knowing what this site
3 looked like in 2006 when I first arrived on board, I would say
4 there was not much management. It was heavily damaged and
5 vandalized, even in 2006. In 2012, due to the safety concerns
6 revolving around the playground equipment and some of the
7 other equipment that was still remaining on site, we pulled
8 the remaining playground equipment off the site, so currently
9 the only thing that is there is part - is a basketball court,
10 it's a blacktop-type material used for the court itself. The
11 basketball backboards, quite surprisingly, are still intact,
12 somewhat intact. It looks like initially there were some
13 lights for the basketball court and probably a timer, those
14 things were pulled out prior to 2006 when I arrived, probably
15 due to vandalism concerns at the time. So just a quick look,
16 this is the park. The top picture of the basketball court,
17 that's kind of like what it looks like today. The one on the
18 bottom left is the old playground equipment. I will tell you
19 the site looks exactly like that, without the playground
20 equipment and with higher weeds right at the moment. That's -
21 the top left picture is looking east towards the electric
22 substation that's on the other side of the railroad tracks.
23 So our proposal and what we've been working on is to lease the
24 parcel to the Future Forward Foundation. As we explained in
25 January, they want to - they're going to use the parcel to

1 develop a vegetable garden and grow tall pot trees. The
2 County, in our negotiations, we agreed to provide a small
3 initial investment for utilities and site improvements, and up
4 to this point, the Florence - Future Florence Foundation has
5 been in the community and doing community outreach in the
6 community, trying to build - building support for the
7 activity, and has met with a very positive outreach. To your
8 specific question, Chairman D'Abella, I look, I looked at
9 this, we have two existing park parcels that were
10 significantly under utilized, and I look at this as a small
11 investment to provide the opportunity for this partnership to
12 grow - pun intended - to make use of a property that obviously
13 has been underutilized that would benefit that community in
14 the Town of Randolph. And if you're familiar with what's in
15 Randolph, there is not much in Randolph. Stinger Welding, or
16 Stinger Materials, I think is what they're called now, is
17 really the only thing of any consequence there. A lot of old
18 time families, and for those of you who don't know the
19 history, that was - Randolph was once an up and coming place
20 in Pinal County and a agricultural hub for that portion of the
21 County, and until, until mechanized farming equipment came on
22 board, Randolph had a downtown with stores and, community
23 gatherings and those kind of things, and then has slowly
24 deteriorated since that point. You can get a sense of the
25 community if you drive through there. There still remain, and

1 for a community that size, there are five churches, I think,
2 three churches and a couple, I think, others that aren't
3 official churches that are still onsite, so we - I looked at
4 this from a standpoint of nothing more than an investment and
5 likened it to some of the deferred maintenance that we've done
6 on some of the other parcel, park parcels that we had as bad
7 investments.

8 D'ABELLA: Thank you, Director Taylor, for that
9 history lesson. I'm not opposed to the investment, I was just
10 recognizing that there's an investment and was curious if it
11 was coming from our Open Space and Trails budget, if it was
12 coming from any other budgets?

13 TAYLOR: Yes, that is - that is my budget. That is
14 my budget. So the next - and again, to the next slides, just
15 the benefits I think we're going to get out of this.
16 Obviously it's a good opportunity for a public/private
17 partnership. It significantly improves the parcel and
18 provides a community benefit and an asset that is presently
19 not there. It provides an opportunity for community
20 involvement through the gardening project itself. And if you,
21 if you recall in my Director's Report, if you look at our
22 strategic plan, part of my long-term strategic goal for the
23 department is to try to find local and/or third party
24 management for those neighborhood park parcels that are
25 sitting out there doing nothing. So this - and I know Lina

1 doesn't want to hear this, but this gets us out of managing
2 that park and places it in her lap instead of our lap at some
3 point. But again, it is, I think, one way that we can be
4 involved in hopefully a successful project moving forward.

5 D'ABELLA: Thank you.

6 TAYLOR: So, just to give you an idea on the next
7 steps, so what I'm looking for from the Commission is
8 discussion, obviously, comments, questions and hopefully a
9 positive recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on this
10 lease. We have it scheduled for a Board of Supervisors agenda
11 next Wednesday. Part of that process has included we, we are
12 - if you read the lease, we are leasing this to a nonprofit at
13 less than market value, so there is a - by State statute -
14 there is a whole host of things we have, hoops we have to jump
15 through, so as of last Thursday, we had advertised this on a
16 legal notification for four weeks consecutively. When we take
17 it to the Board, it has to be a regular Board agenda item, and
18 all five Board members have to approve it unanimously.

19 D'ABELLA: Any other questions on this?

20 CARNES: I have one question.

21 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Carnes.

22 CARNES: This is Commissioner Carnes, the question
23 that I had was on Section 9 of the lease, is there any
24 particular reason there isn't a timeframe on how long they can
25 use that not to exceed 10,000? Is it for the entire life of

1 the lease, or just the first year?

2 TAYLOR: I anticipate they're going to use that in
3 the first year, but we - and that's why we didn't put a
4 timeframe on that. I, I, I would anticipate that the site
5 improvements that they're looking at, are, are going to be
6 installed within the first, within the first year, you know,
7 or so. But I wasn't seriously concerned, it's \$10,000 total,
8 so to me it wasn't a concern to me whether it was the first
9 year or the second year.

10 CARNES: So from a budgeting and planning for your
11 department, I would think that it would easier to know that
12 this money was allocated for this purpose, for this amount of
13 time and then you can move forward with it or they didn't use
14 all the funds. From a planning - I would be uncomfortable
15 with \$10,000 floating around the budget.

16 TAYLOR: I didn't see per - Commissioner Carnes,
17 from my perspective, \$10,000 and getting it used, they have to
18 again, there's some specific purchasing requirements they're
19 going to have to work with us on the purchasing requirements,
20 I didn't see a big issue in that amount of money, and working
21 with them being an issue for my budget. So that's, that's why
22 there wasn't a timeframe. If it was a larger amount, I
23 probably would have had that same concern, but it's, it's not
24 that big of a deal as far as the budget goes.

25 RUEHL: Madam Chairman, this is Cyndi Ruehl,

1 Commissioner Ruehl, and is it reasonable to ask for maybe an
2 annual update, what's happening on the site to the Commission?

3 TAYLOR: I'm sure we've got some reporting
4 requirements in the lease, but I can certainly, you know, I
5 can certainly work with Lina on making sure we have some
6 reports on our - in a annual basis or biannual basis for you.
7 So there is a reporting requirement in there.

8 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Any other comments?
9 Questions?

10 BRISTOW: Madam Chairwoman, I would move that we
11 recommend acceptance of the proposed lease.

12 D'ABELLA: Okay. All in favor?

13 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

14 D'ABELLA: Opposed?

15 TAYLOR: So - and thank you very much. I'm going to
16 - so I heard Commissioner Bristow make the motion, and who
17 seconded that? Commissioner Brown? Thank you.

18 D'ABELLA: Okay. Moving forward. Discussion
19 Recommendations on Proposed Parks Development Impact Fees.
20 Director Taylor.

21 TAYLOR: Hang on, I have to get - come on mouse. I
22 lost my mouse. At our April meeting, I believe it was
23 Commissioner Butler that recommended that this be on our
24 agenda for the July meeting. So as you, as you know Pinal
25 County is moving through the process of updating our

1 development impact fees. I am just going to talk about parks
2 and trails and open space impact fees, I'm not going to talk
3 about public safety, and I'm not going to talk about public
4 works. So - and this information, I believe, I also gave to
5 you I think last April, or somewhere around that timeframe.
6 Basically development impact fees are fees that jurisdictions
7 charge to offset the government's costs associated with
8 providing public services and facilities to new development.
9 Only with regards to new development. The development impact
10 fees we're looking at apply only to the unincorporated areas
11 of Pinal County. It's a one-time payment for growth-related
12 infrastructure and they're typically collected at the time of
13 building, when building permits are issued. They can be used
14 for operations, maintenance or replacement. And it's not - I
15 overheard them called this, it's not a tax, it's more like a
16 contractual arrangement, and there's some thresholds that the
17 County has to meet and there has to be a need, there has to be
18 a benefit to the public and it has to be proportionate. So,
19 just a little history and then the - as you - if I haven't
20 explained these before, the County first approved development
21 impact fees in 2006, and then we updated that fee structure in
22 2010. So these are the, currently the fees that are in place
23 today. There's a parks element component, it includes
24 regional parks, regional trails, currently includes the
25 fairgrounds, and then it includes support vehicles and

1 equipment, and most of that equipment at the time that this
2 was done, most of that equipment was at the fairgrounds.
3 They're currently collected within seven impact fee areas
4 within the County, the County's divided into the seven
5 distinct impact fee areas, at least it is today. And the
6 current fee - and this, again, this is the current fee only
7 for the parks element, is \$276 per dwelling unit. The
8 development impact fees as it's proposed, the new proposal,
9 some of the methodology, and I think you heard Mr. Patel from
10 the Community Development Department explain this at our last
11 meeting, our consultant has recommended, and staff is
12 proposing in our new proposals, that we go to a different
13 methodology for collecting those fees, so it's a, basically a
14 cost per person, and that cost per person is determined by the
15 square footage within the house using demographics and
16 population numbers from U.S. census. So the proposal that's
17 on the table today is for regional - to divide that parks
18 element into three specific areas, regional park land, and the
19 proposed fee is \$155, regional park improvements, and that
20 proposed fee is \$40, and regional trails \$24, for a total of
21 \$219, and again that's per person. And the other methodology
22 change being proposed is that from the parks component anyhow,
23 that these be collected on a County-wide basis. So there are,
24 there are public meetings on the impact fees. Wednesday,
25 tomorrow, in this room from 5 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, August

1 25th from 3 to 5 p.m. So not knowing what the Commission's
2 course of action wanted to be, I listed this as a discussion
3 and possible action item. I am not suggesting that if you
4 don't feel that you want to make any recommendation to the
5 Board at this time, that's not a requirement, but it's
6 agendized that way in case you did, so -

7 BRISTOW: Madam Chairman, just a question. How does
8 this compare to the previous one? You didn't give me a figure
9 for the -

10 TAYLOR: Yeah. If you'll look at this slide right
11 here, Commissioner Bristow, currently we're collecting \$276
12 per dwelling unit. The new one is \$219 per person, so it
13 would depend on the square footage of the actual dwelling unit
14 as to how much that would be. Or I can tell you that based on
15 the numbers, I mean because we're a little more further
16 progressed on our capital improvement plan and our projected
17 improvements that we're working on, our fee did go up. Or is
18 proposed to go up, if you compare apples to apples.

19 BROWN: And as I recall, one of the aspects that I
20 find particularly interesting and I wanted to make sure it
21 wasn't glossed over there, that collected on a county-wide
22 basis. To me that - the difference between the dollar amounts
23 is only a part of it. The way it's disbursed is significantly
24 different, and, and I think it's an improvement, myself. But
25 I wanted everybody to be clear on that. In the minutes maybe

1 it wasn't that clear, but Himanshu got it, that what I was
2 driving at, is that in the highly populated areas they might
3 generate the majority of the, of the impact fees on the one
4 shot deal. (Inaudible) aspect. But if you had pristine
5 desert amenities in your location like that, in that
6 proximity, there's only a certain number of people that can be
7 accommodated, and then we got to start denigrating the
8 experience to where having those fees disbursed County-wide, I
9 think is a big plus because the people that might go
10 (inaudible), in particular the one I know best is the San Tan
11 Regional Park, they might (inaudible) that, but then they say
12 I don't want to ride my horse here all the time, I wish there
13 was another one, you know, and I can go and ride it some place
14 else, or go on a hike some place else, so I, I think that
15 that's not something to go unflagged that this is, this is
16 making a County-wide cultural statement in my opinion.

17 D'ABELLA: Thank you, Commissioner Brown. I think
18 that I feel the same way. I'm sure there's other feelings
19 here, but I just have a question for you, Director Taylor.
20 Have you had any feedback yet, from the public?

21 TAYLOR: We have had - excuse me, Chairman D'Abella
22 - yes, I had a request from the Central Arizona Homebuilders
23 Association asking me for backup data on how we came to the
24 figure we were using in our regional trail CIP for the cost
25 per mile. Their initial reaction to that cost number in there

1 was that we were significantly higher than other jurisdictions
2 that they had looked into. But that's the only comment that I
3 have had to date.

4 BROWN: Wow. The, the ones that are already
5 entitled, you don't - or maybe I'm making an assumption, can
6 you go back and say well I know we're already entitled, but
7 now the impact fees are changed and they're going up to a
8 certain amount, can you do that retroactively? Okay. And is
9 that what they're talking about? Or are they talking about
10 new ones to where I think Greg has said it pretty good, even
11 (inaudible) houses, you know, those ones that are already
12 entitled. If somebody says we're entitled to build as many
13 houses (inaudible) as possible, I would agree with Greg, we
14 don't need more houses, we need more jobs, we need more
15 amenities, we need to take better care of the people we have.
16 But I've had good response to from the business community, the
17 chambers of commerce and such, is what's good for people is
18 good for business, you know, and if, and if they look
19 (inaudible), why do we need the houses?

20 TAYLOR: So Commissioner Brown, I'll see if I can
21 answer all the questions in that - in your statement. So
22 first of all, impact, the impact fees, yes, would - it's - let
23 me - hang on a second. So, so impact fees are assessed at the
24 time of building permits. So irregardless of when the land
25 was entitled or the PAD was approved, or the zoning was

1 approved, what major project was approved, it is when the
2 applicant comes in and pulls the building permit that those
3 fees are assessed. So, given that, I mean that - but that was
4 not, that was not the homebuilder's association, that was not
5 their argument on that particular item. Their argument - so
6 you'll notice that on regional trails our assessment is \$24
7 per person, and that is based on an estimated cost per mile of
8 constructing trail, and all the amenities, acquisition of
9 amenities, etc., that go along with the trail development, the
10 trail, and trail head development. And then it is factored
11 into and applied only with regards to new development. So, so
12 we take that number and we, and we segregate new development
13 from existing development. The \$24 is the new development
14 portion of that figure. What they were ar - what they have
15 argued, at least preliminarily is, is that our cost per mile
16 number in the CIP, in our capital improvement plan, is too
17 high. Which the cost per mile ultimately draws that number,
18 that \$24 number.

19 BROWN: Okay, but - see, I understand that. But the
20 - when you say existing development, what I'm talking about is
21 entitled development versus non-existing. Entitled, it never
22 got broke because the economy went south, but it's entitled.
23 But - I can see why Wal-Mart would want to do price matching.
24 I can see that there are laws that restrict what you can
25 charge, and I understand they're in place. But it sounds to

1 me their argument is it isn't - this is not a legal
2 assessment, they want to do price matching. We can, we can
3 build a house cheaper some place else, and my thought is I
4 (inaudible) you really good, you know, maybe you ought to look
5 into that, and tell your friends. You know?

6 TAYLOR: And I can't answer that. And I'm sure with
7 the public meetings tomorrow night and in August, we may hear
8 other comments and suggestions from other members of the
9 public and staff may have some other homework and information
10 that we'll have to provide based on what those comments and
11 questions are. But to date, that's the only one that we've
12 had so far.

13 RUEHL: Madam Chair, I have a question for Director
14 Taylor. Are, the impact fees, would you remind me, is this
15 just for residential and not commercial or industrial?

16 TAYLOR: On the - Commissioner Ruehl, on the park
17 side, it is only residential development. We are, we are not
18 statutorily allowed to collect on commercial or on industrial
19 development.

20 D'ABELLA: Thank you for that clarification.
21 Anybody else? So, are you looking for a favorable motion for
22 - a recommendation for - from the Commission?

23 TAYLOR: Chairman D'Abella, I think that's up to the
24 Commission on what you would like to do. I think that's
25 within the purview of your bylaws in making a recommendation

1 to the Board.

2 D'ABELLA: Okay, so that's -

3 TAYLOR: So, so that's, I think that's part of a
4 discuss - exactly, I'm going to throw it right back at you.

5 D'ABELLA: Do we have a motion to favorably
6 recommend the impact fees as presented to the Board of
7 Supervisors?

8 BRISTOW: Madam Chairwoman, Doug Bristow, I make
9 that motion.

10 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Do we have a second?

11 BROWN: Enthusiastically.

12 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Brown seconds. All in
13 favor?

14 RUEHL: Discussion.

15 D'ABELLA: Oh, discussion. Any discussion?

16 RUEHL: This is Commissioner Ruehl. I personally am
17 not comfortable in making a recommendation because I don't
18 know enough about the analysis on these numbers to know how I
19 feel about the numbers.

20 D'ABELLA: Any other discussion on that comment?

21 BUTLER: This is Commissioner Butler, Director
22 Taylor, I'm assuming these numbers came from calculations that
23 your department did, based on our proposed acquisitions?

24 TAYLOR: Yes. For the, for the most part, yes. It
25 follows the six items that are on our two to five year

1 strategic goal, strategic plan items based on our discussions
2 with the Board. It also includes a couple other items in the
3 six to ten year timeframes that are out of the Master Plan, so
4 those - the capital improvement areas are items either in that
5 two to five year plan, or out of the master plan. The, the
6 dollar numbers for regional park land and park improvements,
7 yes with the information that we have today, those capital
8 improvement numbers came from that. The original trail
9 number, I will tell you and that's part of the issue with the
10 regional trail number, we - in 2006 we did a, from what I can
11 tell, staff did a compilation of specific trail improvements
12 based on the trails plan at that time and calculated a number
13 per square - per - a cost per construction per mile for that.
14 In 2010 we took that number and based on the Engineering News
15 Report, had to just change that number based on inflation.
16 Engineering News Report is the common way you adjust
17 construction figures from one year to the next and, and in
18 keeping with that same methodology, that's exactly the same
19 thing we did in 2015. So we just took that cost per mile and
20 took it back to that engineering report and, and figured that
21 cost per mile that way. We did not go back and do any new
22 cost calculations on the trail development costs.

23 BUTLER: And what would you - can you give us some
24 idea based on population estimates or something, what you
25 would be expecting to have for revenue and what you'd be able,

1 we'd be able to expect to purchase with it? I assume that's
2 what we're heading towards.

3 TAYLOR: So, as part of the packet that was
4 delivered to you, I will - I'll pull it up. All the technical
5 data you ever wanted is on this link. This is the capital
6 improvement plan and development fee update. This is what the
7 fees were based on, and it includes all the legal and
8 technical requirements for implementing impact fees. And I'm
9 going to scroll down just -

10 ??: (Inaudible).

11 TAYLOR: Okay, hang on. Let me get there and I'll
12 figure out the PowerPoint.

13 BUTLER: It's the page right after the public
14 meeting page that has that link on it.

15 TAYLOR: Yes, it says this is the link to the
16 capital improvement plan. Yep. So this is the part - why is
17 that still showing up on - sorry guys. This is - for some
18 reason -

19 BROWN: I don't know if it was a specific number
20 that was being looked for, but in, in general that means
21 something that I take away when I'm trying to memorize all the
22 numbers, is that there are specific requirements and formulas
23 that are legal requirements, and the objections that I heard
24 from the homebuilders was not that it was not done on a legal
25 basis, but that it seemed higher than what they could get some

1 place else. So it's capital improvements, and there is a,
2 there is a legal requirement for how they're formulated, is
3 that enough or were you going to look (inaudible).

4 TAYLOR: They are, they are - Commissioner Brown,
5 they are - at least at this point - they are challenging the
6 figures that we use to come up with that cost per mile.

7 BROWN: Not, not on a legal basis, (inaudible) other
8 people charge less.

9 TAYLOR: It's not compare - it's not comparable to
10 what they've seen in other jurisdictions.

11 BROWN: Yeah. But they're saying the formula was -

12 TAYLOR: Because they haven't, because they haven't
13 seen the background data on those numbers yet, and until we
14 provide that for them, I can't - you know, it's a, it's a
15 guess as to why they do that. I don't know why you guys can't
16 see this.

17 BUTLER: Did he offer a cost per mile -

18 TAYLOR: They have not at this time.

19 BRISTOW: Madam Chairwoman? We're looking at
20 something here, we're talking about a number of different
21 items as far as costs that no one on this Commission has any
22 information on, you know, so I'm asking that we pass this
23 motion just to express our interest in a County that has five
24 years ago had no park plan at all, and at least this will be a
25 small, but sizeable increase in, in the funding for that.

1 And, you know, we're about 100 years behind in the
2 development, so I think it's time that we at least express
3 support for developing a budget for park and for trails.

4 BROWN: I agree with that wholeheartedly. This is
5 Commissioner Brown. And that was my assumption. There was
6 not an inkling of a thought that the Board of Supervisors
7 would say oh, there's a recommendation from the Commission,
8 we're gonna, we're gonna go with those numbers without parsing
9 it out and questioning it and analyzing it, I don't see that
10 having any opportunity to go forward. I think all that would
11 be heard from a recommendation from this body is we would like
12 to see the impact fees updated. And to me, (inaudible) the
13 numbers, how it's allocated. That to me is a significant
14 improvement.

15 RUEHL: Madam Chair, and this is Commissioner Ruehl,
16 I think it's a big assumption what the Board of Supervisors is
17 going to think and what they're not going to think about a
18 recommendation from our Commission. I would feel more
19 comfortable recommending it conceptually and having the motion
20 expressed as a conceptual approval or recommendation, rather
21 than specific to the numbers.

22 BUTLER: This is Commissioner Butler, and Director
23 Taylor's absolutely right, those detailed numbers are in this
24 link.

25 RUEHL: I know, but I would like to have some time

1 to look at them, personally, so they are there. But I -

2 BUTLER: You had a week.

3 D'ABELLA: Okay, so we have a motion on the table,
4 and we have a second. Do we want to squash that or amend it
5 to include the conceptualization of the, what Commissioner
6 Ruehl had recommended as a conceptual con - yes, Director
7 Taylor.

8 TAYLOR: If I can be so bold to Chairman D'Abella,
9 would it make sense to table this out into the October meeting
10 to give everybody plenty of time to read the report, to go to
11 the public meetings, and then come back in October and make
12 that recommendation? Assuming, and I'll have to look at the
13 timeline with the Community Development Department, assuming
14 that fits into the timeline?

15 D'ABELLA: So my concern was, is they're going to
16 approve it by what date?

17 TAYLOR: It's late this year, and again, I don't
18 have that time -

19 D'ABELLA: It would give us enough time, then.

20 TAYLOR: I believe so.

21 D'ABELLA: So we still have a motion on the table.

22 TAYLOR: And if, if I could, just really quick,
23 clarify. If it didn't, then the Chair and the department
24 director could have a discussion on whether that necessitated
25 a quick meeting for just that item. And I'm just, again, I'm

1 just throwing that out.

2 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Commissioner Bristow, we have
3 a motion from you.

4 BRISTOW: Yes, I would - Madam Chairwoman, Bristow.
5 I would ask that we express - I forget the terminology you
6 used, Cyndi, but general support for a - what was it?

7 RUEHL: Conceptual.

8 BRISTOW: A conceptual plan for impact fees for park
9 purposes for the County.

10 D'ABELLA: As your motion, as an amendment to your
11 motion?

12 BRISTOW: Well I said I would accept that if she
13 wants to make a motion. There's a motion on the floor and
14 there's a second, so if you're gonna - you either vote on it
15 or you make an amendment, so.

16 RUEHL: How would you like to proceed Madam Chair?
17 Would you like me - would you like to take a vote on that, or
18 would you - would the Commission prefer that I amend that and
19 then vote on that?

20 BROWN: I would, I would prefer to have it amended
21 and we vote on something that we're actually considering.

22 D'ABELLA: Okay, so do you feel comfortable amending
23 your motion?

24 BRISTOW: You could amend it to anything.

25 RUEHL: I'll amend it.

1 BRISTOW: I think you should ask her to make an
2 amendment if she wishes to change it, then we'll vote on the
3 amendment, and then we'll vote on the original motion.

4 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Commissioner Ruehl.

5 RUEHL: Commissioner Ruehl. I amend the motion to
6 read that the Open Space and Trails Commission approves the
7 conceptual idea of the impact fees that support Open Space and
8 Trails in our County.

9 BROWN: Can I make a discussion item with that?

10 TAYLOR: After you get a second on her and -

11 BROWN: Oh, okay.

12 D'ABELLA: Do we have a second on the amendment?

13 TAYLOR: And our attorney isn't here and I'm not a
14 big (inaudible) guy, but I think Mr. Bristow also have to
15 accept that amendment.

16 BRISTOW: Well or second it, somebody else can
17 second then, an amendment to a motion.

18 ??: Yeah, but I think what he's saying is you need
19 to approve the amendment to your original motion.

20 TAYLOR: Either/or.

21 D'ABELLA: Do we have a second?

22 CARNES: I'll second. Commissioner Carnes, I'll
23 second it.

24 D'ABELLA: Okay. All in favor, say aye.

25 BROWN: One or two (inaudible) discussion on it.

1 D'ABELLA: Okay.

2 BROWN: Because that makes, it makes the difference.
3 With that, with the amendment, could you restate it again,
4 because I had an idea that - for a change in a word or two.
5 Could you restate your amendment?

6 RUEHL: This is Commissioner Ruehl, as best I can, I
7 will. I amend the motion on the table to read that the Open
8 Space and Trails Commission recommends the concept of County
9 impact fees for Open Space and Trails.

10 BROWN: Yeah, see, I guess what it is is we have
11 impact fees for Open Space and Trails already, what - so if we
12 could say the contemplated changes to the impact fees subject
13 to scrutiny of the system used to arrive at the figures.
14 Would that, would that be most accurate?

15 RUEHL: Okay, so Open Space - let me see if I got
16 this right. The Open Space and Trails Commission is in
17 favorable recommendation of the new structure for the impact
18 fees, upon scrutinizing the numbers that were used to
19 determine the impact fee amount. Does that capture
20 everything? Okay. So everybody's okay with that? So do we -

21 BROWN: We won't get a Pulitzer Prize for that.

22 D'ABELLA: So that's an amendment to the original
23 motion? Do we have a second?

24 BROWN: I'll second that.

25 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Brown seconds that. All in

1 favor?

2 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

3 D'ABELLA: Opposed? Motion passes.

4 BRISTOW: The amendment passes (inaudible).

5 D'ABELLA: The amendment - okay, the amendment
6 passes.

7 BRISTOW: Now the original motion.

8 D'ABELLA: Okay, so the original motion was seconded
9 by Commissioner Brown as well, all in favor?

10 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

11 D'ABELLA: Opposed?

12 ??: Aye.

13 D'ABELLA: Okay. So motion passes. And the
14 amendment passes. Thank you for that education in the rules.

15 BROWN: So the effect as I understand it, is that we
16 passed the motion with the amendment.

17 D'ABELLA: Yes.

18 BROWN: Okay. The amended motion.

19 D'ABELLA: Okay. So Item D. Discussion
20 recommendations of proposed phasing plan for Tortolita
21 Mountain Park trail implementations.

22 TAYLOR: Before I move onto that item, Commissioner
23 D'Abella, I just want to be sure that I can - staff can follow
24 up with the Chair to make sure that we get that motion
25 correctly recorded.

1 D'ABELLA: Yes.

2 TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 D'ABELLA: Director Taylor, discussion
4 recommendations of proposed phasing plan for Tortolita
5 Mountain Park trail implementations.

6 TAYLOR: It doesn't like to do that for some reason.
7 I'm getting there. Thank you, Chair D'Abella. So the next
8 item we have for you is Tortolita Mountain Park, and as you'll
9 recall this is one of the six items on our two to five year
10 task list and probably the last one - well, one of the last
11 ones we've started to do any work, the staff has started to do
12 any work with. So I wanted to go over some history with you
13 folks as far as how we got the Tortolita Mountain Park, what
14 it is, and kind of staff's perspective on how to proceed on
15 that. So this is - a dual County picture of Tortolita
16 Mountain Park, the dividing line (inaudible) is the dividing
17 line between Pima County and Pinal County. This is in the
18 Tortolita Mountain Park Trails Master Plan, and I believe all
19 of you have a copy of the Trails Master Plan that we gave you
20 on a CD in one of our previous meetings. So the history of
21 Pima County's original master plan was adopted in 1997, was
22 updated in 2009. Pinal County included the Tortolita Mountain
23 Park in our Open Space and Trails Master Plan in 2007. It's
24 also included in our Pinal County Comprehensive Plan as of
25 2009. Again, it's on that two to five year Open Space and

1 Trails Department priorities that we sent out and agreed to,
2 directed by the Board of Supervisors. Both the Town of Marana
3 and Oro Valley also incorporated the Tortolita Mountain Park
4 into their master plan - or land use plan processes. So as,
5 as it looks on our Master Plan, yeah, let me find my, find my
6 - that's it right there. On the very south end of the County.
7 So to give you some updates currently, Pima County currently
8 on their - currently owns approximately 3,900 acres, and
9 actually owns 795 acres in Pinal County within that planning
10 boundary that you saw for the park. There are some BLM lands
11 identified within - in that planning boundary, I'll be able to
12 show you those on the map as we get to that - to go to that
13 map. Those BLM parcels are not available for R&PP
14 acquisition. Okay, just a distinction between Peralta and
15 some of the other regional parks that we are working with.
16 These were identified early in the BLM planning process for
17 recreation purposes only and have been removed from any future
18 discussions as far as acquisitions, trades and those kind of
19 things under BLM guidelines. So as we, as we look at the BLM
20 parcels, we could still do trail corridors through a right-of-
21 way process with BLM, but we couldn't acquire the property.
22 Pinal County has had two IGAs with - I should step back - in
23 2006, I believe, we did an IGA of Pima County which included
24 planning, shared planning services and other park trail
25 planning processes with Pima County. It's one of the reasons

1 that we have a trail plan that Pima County did that goes onto
2 our side of the border, because we have that partnership with
3 Pima, and then early - or late last year, calendar year, we
4 updated that agreement to include the Town of Marana, because
5 the Town of Marana is also developing trails in Tortolita
6 Mountain Park. And just a tidbit for information purposes,
7 while we understand that this park straddles the Pima/Pinal
8 border, and includes both Pinal and Pima, Oro Valley and
9 Marana, staff from those jurisdictions, at least three of the
10 three, Pima, Marana and Pinal, have had some early discussions
11 about how best to manage that area as a single resource, not
12 as a multijurisdictional piece, but as a single resource, and
13 what the best instrument would be to do that. Again, looking
14 at it from the perspective of the resource itself and rather
15 than having three or four entities managing their own portions
16 of that, coming under some similar entity that would manage
17 that resource for its resource value. We're at the very, very
18 preliminary stages of those discussions and (inaudible), but I
19 just wanted to make you aware of it and that those discussions
20 are going on. So from a staff perspective, I think it makes
21 all the sense in the world for long-term planning so that your
22 - the resources (inaudible) for its benefits and not based on
23 the particular (inaudible) of that particular jurisdiction at
24 some particular time and date and place.

25 BROWN: I'm kind of interested in the perspective of

1 one particular staff member. With the timing on it. The
2 original, if my memory holds, was '97, which predated your
3 being here. But 2006 was when the IGA was initiated, 2009 is
4 when the plan was updated, did Kent Taylor work with Pima
5 County and have anything to do or any input into that update?

6 TAYLOR: Yeah, my name's actually on the Master
7 Plan, so yes.

8 BROWN: So that's, that's - I, I like the idea of it
9 being involved.

10 TAYLOR: Yeah, we coordinated quite extensively with
11 them as they, as they developed it and we provided them
12 obviously with the planning boundary, because that came out of
13 our master plan process. And then as they went through the
14 trail development process, we had multiple meetings with Pima
15 County and their consultant on what made sense on the Pinal
16 County side. So yes, we were involved in that process. So
17 some more current status, and this gets back to that
18 discussion we were having earlier on fee or no fee. So this
19 is kind of unique to Pinal County as - I can tell you I was -
20 as you might know, I was part of the process in developing the
21 Open Space and Trails Master Plan and the project manager for
22 that process, and we had discussions during that time on how
23 we wanted to model our, our future parks department and our
24 regional parks and the discussion was we like the, we like the
25 Maricopa County model better than the Pima County model from

1 the department perspective. Pima County is not only involved
2 in mountain parks, but they're also involved in neighborhood
3 parks and recreation centers and those kind of things, so we
4 looked at it from regional park perspective and Maricopa
5 County was the best model. One of the things that never
6 really came up in that discussion was Tortolita and how to
7 best manage that process. But as we looked at it, currently,
8 from a staff perspective, Pima County's Mountain Park
9 operation or model is different than Maricopa County's. Their
10 mountain parks are primarily open space, they use multi-use,
11 non-motorized trail, and trailheads with limited
12 infrastructure. And that's the only development they do
13 within their mountain parks. The rest of it is kept as open
14 space or protected open space if they can purchase that. So
15 as we've been looking at Tortolita and talking to Pima County
16 and Marana to see where they're at, those discussions have
17 come up from a staff perspective on - this thing's going to be
18 a little different. This is not, as we see it, a park where
19 we're going to be able to charge fees for trails on the Pinal
20 County side, when they could enter on the Pima County side and
21 get in for free. It didn't make a whole lot of sense. So
22 we're looking at this one a little bit differently. The
23 trails plan identifies existing and/or planned trail
24 corridors, and I wanted, you know, emphasize in this as we
25 look at the trails map coming up, that again this is a trails

1 planning document, it looks from the 30,000 foot level,
2 probably, and they're, depending on constraints and land
3 ownership and construction issues, some or - you know, some of
4 these trails may not ever come into existence or may be
5 delayed because of that, just because of where they're at.
6 But this gives you an idea within that plan how many miles of
7 trails were planned within each of those districts. And you
8 can see about 54 miles of trail identified on the Pinal County
9 side. So being that this was on our two to five year priority
10 plan, staff attacked this the same way we did when we were
11 looking at the two to five year priorities, is like okay,
12 we're not going to bite off all of this at one time. We're
13 not going to develop all 53 miles at one time. So what would
14 be the best way to attack this and move forward? So what
15 we've - what we're proposing and what we're going to show you
16 today is kind of a phasing plan on that development, and it
17 would, it would provide staff with some direction on okay,
18 yes, we're going to focus in his area first, and then when we
19 get done with those, we'll focus on the second area and then
20 the third area going forward.

21 BROWN: Cut me off if this is something that's going
22 to be covered in that, but the structure of the entity that
23 manages it, it would not be a Pinal/Pima partnership, it would
24 be an entity unto itself for that one instance. What, what is
25 the structure of management because of the difference in the

1 way parks are financed, I'm wondering how that can be worked
2 out without having a special entity particular to that one
3 park.

4 TAYLOR: I think that's part of the earlier
5 discussions, is we're - and research that we're going to have
6 to determine, and I think what we're looking at, the entities
7 that are having those discussions, we're going to look for
8 some current models that are being used elsewhere, and you
9 can, you can call it whatever you want, but we, we think it's
10 (inaudible) entity managing that with input from all the
11 effected jurisdictions would make the most sense, but we have
12 to find the right model that's - what we want to do is find a
13 successful model that's in existence right now that we can
14 copy or plagiarize off of that - in that manner, so.

15 BROWN: Even if you modify it.

16 TAYLOR: Exactly. I would think we would modi - and
17 it could be a conservancy or something like that, but that -
18 those kind of things are used throughout the United States and
19 other jurisdictions in different states, we just have to find
20 the right model for us. Until that -

21 BROWN: Something in between me inventing the wheel
22 and line item B on the menu.

23 TAYLOR: Exactly.

24 BROWN: Yeah.

25 TAYLOR: Until that time, obviously, we're, we're

1 going to, each of us, each of the jurisdiction's going to
2 manage whatever they have within their jurisdiction is how
3 that would, how that would typically occur. Although within
4 our IGA, we have the ability to share resources and those kind
5 of things, so that agreement allows us that ability to maybe
6 share trail building resources or trail construction resources
7 or those kind of things, when, when budgets allow. So we
8 would be able to work with Marana and/or Pima County on
9 developing trails on this side also. And I'm gonna - so I'm
10 going to skip that map because I - when I - maybe I'll bring
11 that map up since this thing doesn't seem to want to work for
12 me sometimes - but I just wanted to - we'll go over the map
13 and just the next, kind of the next steps on where I'm looking
14 at, at going, is, you know, determine that phasing plan
15 doesn't make sense, what staff is looking at, you know, a
16 recommendation from the Commission would be great. A - we
17 would probably want to sit down with the Board and say okay,
18 this is kind of where we're going with this, is, is this
19 agreeable to the Board. Then we would step into, based on
20 that phasing plan, just step into that - what we call ground
21 truthing. So from the concept to the reality on does this
22 trail, in this spot, is it doable, does it make sense, can we
23 go forward with it in its, in its context. Is there a
24 different place, you know, should it be over here, over here,
25 or is there some constraint that prevents us from doing that

1 particular trail section at all. And again, you would
2 prioritize those based on location, accessibility, ownership,
3 land ownership, those kind of constraints. So once we have
4 that in place, then we would begin that process of trail and
5 trailhead acquisition. Again, looking at that - what we've
6 used on the Arizona National Scenic Trail is acquiring a 15
7 foot trail corridor. It could be on a state land right-of-
8 way, it could be BLM right-of-way. There is some - there are
9 some private parcels in here where we've got trail corridors
10 going across, and this could be a partnership between the Open
11 Space and Trails Department and Public Works. If it's a road
12 corridor, we could get some easement on side of that, you
13 know, part of the right-of-way, again that's part of our
14 acquisition and determination process as we go through the
15 individual trail items. And then after we do all of that fun
16 stuff, then we get to do the really fun stuff, which is
17 construct the trails. And again, we would be looking at a
18 smorgasbord of opportunities to build that - volunteers,
19 AmeriCorps, Youth Conservation Corps, partnerships with Pima
20 County, Town of Marana, whichever way I could do it as
21 efficiently and effectively as possible. Why doesn't that
22 show up up there? So I have done something that has not
23 worked well with this machine.

24 D'ABELLA: Well Director Taylor, in going to this
25 map that we all have in front of us -

1 TAYLOR: You have an 11 by 17 map in front of you.
2 I was hoping to pull up this one, you know, which is kind of
3 disappointing because earlier today I had it pulled up, so it
4 may just be loading.

5 D'ABELLA: While you're looking for that, a lot of
6 the Phase 1 trails are connecting to Pima side or Marana -

7 TAYLOR: There's a reason for that.

8 D'ABELLA: Yes. So one of the questions I have are
9 the - all the wonderful names with those, I'm sure, came from
10 Marana or Pima -

11 TAYLOR: The names for the trails came out of the
12 trails Master Plan, actually, Chairman D'Abella. So we'll use
13 this photo, it's not great, but I'll work. And so what we
14 have - I'm going to shoot Ann right in the head, right there -
15 sorry Ann. So, basically, so the County line is here and what
16 we did on the map is try to make available - so you could guys
17 can see it probably better than I can because you guys got an
18 11 by 17 in front of you - so we wanted to expand the map just
19 a little bit so you'd see some of the trail connections on the
20 Pima and with Marana and Pima County on their side of the
21 county line, so these - just to give you some context, the
22 blue is state trust land, yellow spots are BLM, there's some
23 blue hashed lines, or parcels identified right in here, I
24 believe, and right over here, those are the parcels that Pima
25 County owns - again, they own 795 acres within Pinal County.

1 And just recently they bought - I forget the number - 800-900
2 acres of State Trust Land with some leftover (inaudible) money
3 and some bond money they had, they bought some additional
4 State Trust Land down in this area, I believe. So again,
5 taking a - backing up and saying okay, if we're gonna, if
6 we're gonna target this, where do - where does it make sense
7 to target? We looked at two things: We looked where Pinal
8 County's population is, so for context over on this side would
9 be I-10, about here. So this is all within - these are all
10 developments within Pinal County and private land. There's
11 some development in here, and there's some development in
12 here, and a couple of isolated parcels in this area developed,
13 not much in here. And if you've ever seen the terrain in that
14 area, you would understand why. Pretty mountainous, that's
15 where the Owl Head Mountains are and those kind of things, so
16 not, not, not the best place to try to build a house. So when
17 we looked at this, we said okay, if we are to do a phasing
18 plan, it'd be nice to have it close to - in closer proximity
19 to existing Pinal County residents, and that would give us
20 something to match up, okay, with something that's being done
21 presently on the other side of the border, so Marana is
22 currently building these trails in here, and I believe this
23 trail right here, they've almost got to the County line, is my
24 understanding, and included at least one trailhead
25 opportunity, which is right there. I think. Yes. So what we

1 have is that dotted, that yellow dotted line kind of coming
2 down and going up and circling that as Phase 1, so it includes
3 everything within that context right there. Phase 2 we kind
4 of did the same thing from an access perspective, Highway 79
5 is over here, Pima County is building trails really close to
6 the County line over here, they've got plans to do that
7 trailhead within their short-term plans right there on the
8 County line, so what we did was say okay, that makes sense for
9 us to shoot for this area as Phase 2, and then leave this
10 center section right here as Phase 3. And so from that, I
11 will open it up for questions.

12 D'ABELLA: I'd like to start by saying wow, there
13 are a lot of trails in here, a lot of planning, and none of
14 the BLM land is up for disposal. Of course we know State
15 Trust Land, acquiring an easement from State Trust through
16 those trails, are there any foot paths yet on any of these
17 trail systems on the Pinal County side?

18 TAYLOR: I've heard rumor that some of the trails
19 from the Pima County side now go onto the Pinal County side.
20 I've heard rumor. But they're not legal.

21 BROWN: The smirk on your face said that you believe
22 that that might be the case.

23 TAYLOR: So that's - and that's one of the - again,
24 that's - as we looked at the phasing, that's one of the
25 reasons we've identified Phase 1 and Phase 2, where they're

1 at, because as the trails get completed in Pima County,
2 whether it's Marana or Pima County doing that trail
3 development, there is - there's no fence at the County line.
4 And, and I think I shared with you prior, last - in a prior
5 meeting, last fall, sometime early last fall, I met with State
6 Land and discussed all of the items that are on our two to
7 five year priority planning, so we've shared this map with
8 them, not with the phasing, but shared this map with them,
9 we've shared the Peralta Park, the Palo Verde Park and the CAP
10 trail planning processes that we're currently going through.
11 We wanted them to know early on in our process that we were -
12 these were on our short list and we would, you know, we didn't
13 know exactly when on some of them, but we would be in,
14 sometime in the near future, having discussions with them on
15 how to best go about implementing these plans in those areas.
16 So we did make them aware of it. I will tell you of the four
17 items we visited with them on, they had the most concerns on
18 this particular plan.

19 BROWN: I know for me, especially - well definitely
20 being in an area I'm not familiar with, and like you say I'm
21 not in this area, and you can kind of tell that from how
22 squiggly the lines are, but I can't really relate to it, you
23 know, because it's, because it's flat and I don't know the
24 area. If - would it be possible to have one of these maps on
25 a Topo, you know, that, you know, where the colors for the

1 trails are imposed over - superimposed over a Topo map, I
2 could, I could relate to better.

3 TAYLOR: We can provide that for you.

4 BUTLER: Madam Chair, this is Commissioner Butler.
5 Director Taylor, I see in Phase 1, I see two trailheads, but
6 you pointed to the northern one and I was just wondering why.

7 TAYLOR: Yeah, that's because I forgot about this
8 other one. I think we had discussions on this internally on
9 whether to include this one with Phase 2, but I think the more
10 we looked at it, we just said why not include it with Phase 1
11 as that part of that development. So that would actually give
12 access from this point in a trailhead, and then in this
13 neighborhood also. And again, the, you know, the trails plan,
14 they've done some level of onsite ground truthing on this so
15 that they're, there is a potential for a trailhead there. You
16 know, reality may mean that it may be in a, I don't know, half
17 mile other direction, depending on the trail corridor.

18 BUTLER: Thank you.

19 BRISTOW: Madam Chairwoman, question. Bristow. The
20 question was, you have this outline of the checked project
21 boundary we have all these public lands in here, are we
22 identifying these as future acquisition or -

23 TAYLOR: At this time, the only thing we are
24 proposing is trail development in this area. I think long-
25 term, yes I think we would, you know, I think similar to what

1 Pima County's doing, (inaudible) acquire the State Land Trust
2 in there. I don't anticipate we're going to do much in the
3 way of acquiring the private parcels, so it would be just
4 State Trust Land that we would be looking at, I think from,
5 from a very, from a very long-term standpoint. So from,
6 again, and keeping consistent with the model that Pima County
7 has used in their trail - in their park development, we would
8 start with the trail development first and then move on from
9 there. And that would be another reason, another item of
10 support for having a single agency directing the management of
11 the resource as opposed to the, to the four different
12 jurisdictions.

13 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Any other comments,
14 questions? Suggestions.

15 STANDAGE: Madam Chair?

16 D'ABELLA: Yes.

17 STANDAGE: Wayne Standage. Kent, what was - I
18 pushed it. Kent, what are some of the problems that State
19 Land had with this area down there?

20 TAYLOR: Yeah, the number of lines on the map going
21 through State Land. So in doing - and I didn't realize this
22 until we worked with them on the Arizona National Scenic Trail
23 Project, as - and that was one single line, so when they see a
24 line go through a section, depending on where the line is
25 located on the section, that can have a significant influence

1 in the value of the section at a future date. And there
2 again, they're looking at the value of the property at some
3 future date. If you have a recreational trail corridor that,
4 you know, goes and cuts off at, you know, a 200 acre corner,
5 then they have some concerns about the future value of that.
6 So I think from a State Land perspective, it was just the
7 number of trail lines going through the State Trust Land at
8 that time. It's not an insurmountable issue by any stretch of
9 the imagination. It's - we're going to have to work through
10 that, as we would any other State Land trail location. This
11 one's just going to be a little more intense with the State
12 Land folks. And, and I think we've had, in our last meeting,
13 we had that same discussion on, you know, why the Lost Gold
14 Mine Trail goes on the, the exact section line north, and then
15 the exact section line west, that's because State Land picked
16 out that line as opposed to a trails planner, so - and I, you
17 know, until it was explained to me, I really didn't understand
18 what their concern was. I have a better understanding of it
19 now, I don't necessarily agree with their argument 100 percent
20 - most of the time, I should say, I don't agree with that,
21 that argument, because typically when we're adding trail
22 corridors, we're adding value to their property. So I think
23 it's a wash, but again, that's, that's their perspective from
24 a, from a, just from a pure future value perspective.

25 D'ABELLA: Okay. So are there any other discussion

1 points? So a possible recommendation from the Commission
2 might be on the phasing plan and having a phase process
3 recommendation as we see before us?

4 TAYLOR: Yes, per the, per the submitted map or
5 proposed map, yes.

6 D'ABELLA: Okay. Are we ready to make a
7 recommendation?

8 BROWN: I'll, I'll at least comment on my
9 reservation, is that I don't feel qualified to make the
10 recommendation on this. I'm looking at a flat piece of paper,
11 I've never walked that property. I'm - I'd have to look at
12 this and then compare it with a Topo and - but I can recognize
13 a lot of thought and a lot of work has gone into this, and I
14 really like the idea of working with a - an entity that's
15 created out of representation from these different
16 governmental bodies. So there's a lot of things I really
17 like. I just, I just don't feel qualified to make the, make
18 the motion, you know? Is there, is there anybody here that is
19 familiar with this area?

20 BRISTOW: I'm a little bit familiar with it. What
21 kind of a comment, or what kind of support do you want, or
22 direction or recommendation?

23 TAYLOR: Yeah, just a recommend - if you're in
24 agreement that this phasing plan seems like a good starting
25 point, then just a recommendation that the department move - a

1 recommendation to the Board that the Department moves forward
2 with the, with the proposed phasing plan. Again, we would go
3 to the Board to get their buy-in also, so.

4 BRISTOW: Okay, Madam Chairman, I would so move.

5 BROWN: Well said.

6 D'ABELLA: Do we have a second?

7 STANDAGE: I'll second.

8 D'ABELLA: Okay, so Commissioner Standage seconds.

9 Anymore discussion before we go to a vote? Okay, all in
10 favor?

11 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

12 D'ABELLA: Opposed? Motion passes.

13 TAYLOR: Thank you very much.

14 D'ABELLA: Okay, Item (e), Presentation/Discussion
15 on Public Education Campaign being undertaken by the Pinal
16 Partnership Open Space and Trails Committee. Director Taylor?

17 TAYLOR: Chairman D'Abella. So, I - and I can't
18 recall how this attached to the agenda, but we - and it might
19 have come from you or I don't remember - but we thought it
20 might be a good time while the Pinal Partnership Open Space
21 and Trails Committee is working on a public education
22 campaign, to have one of the co-chairs of that committee come
23 and give you an update on that process, and I will guess that
24 she's probably going to ask for some help from the Board, or
25 the Commission. It would be my guess. And so from one - from

1 the Commission as one of the co-chairs, Jana Baldwin.

2 BALDWIN: Thank you. Good evening. Can you hear me
3 all right? Okay. Well first I'd like to thank Director
4 Taylor for inviting me tonight to come and apprise the
5 Commission of what the Pinal Partnership Open Space and Trails
6 Committee has been busy with lately. Recently - well first,
7 let me introduce myself. Most of you, or some of you know me,
8 but for those of you that don't, my name is Jana Baldwin and I
9 am one of the new co-chairs of the Pinal Partnership Open
10 Space and Trails Committee, along with Becky and Charlie Goff,
11 here. And recently the committee has embarked on an
12 educational campaign, basically to raise awareness of the
13 importance, the beauty, the value and the regional diversity
14 that we have here before us with open spaces in Pinal County.
15 And just to give you some context, back in May of 2014, the
16 Trust for Public Land conducted a public poll to determine if
17 a ballot measure to preserve public land in our County, would
18 be successful or not. And the poll actually resulted in about
19 52 percent of the polled public responding positively to the
20 idea of the ballot measure, and the measure would effectively
21 cost taxpayers in Pinal County about \$13 per household, per
22 year to preserve our open space. Based on the analysis from
23 the Trust for Public Land, our goal now as a committee is to
24 increase that number to at least 62 percent of the polled
25 public being in favor of putting a ballot initiative forth, in

1 order to be in that comfort zone. So, so basically we have
2 initiated this educational campaign that I'm referring to, to
3 increase awareness of all of these things; the beauty, the
4 value, the importance of why we have this open space here in
5 Pinal County - push that needle closer to the 62 percent zone.
6 One important polling outcome that Madam Chairwoman D'Abella
7 had brought forth when I had talked to her about this earlier
8 that's really important, is that that 2014 polling outcome,
9 that the voters who were actually polled voted more favorably
10 after they learned that the Open Space and Trails Department
11 existed, and that we had a master plan in place. Is that a
12 correct assumption, that was one of the outcomes of the poll.
13 So that was good. So that means we can move that needle over,
14 hopefully, to where we close - closer to where we need to be.
15 So in addition to educating the public about bringing
16 awareness to our open spaces, the committee also wants to
17 raise the residents' knowledge of the Open Space and Trails
18 Master Plan and the Commission, and the Department. Sorry to
19 leave you out, Kent. So with the assistance of the Trust for
20 Public Land, or TPL, our committee has started to develop some
21 of these educational materials to increase awareness.
22 Currently we're working on a 20 minute PowerPoint
23 presentation. We'd also like to develop an informative flyer,
24 and we want to develop an elevator speech, as well, as part of
25 these materials. The PowerPoint will be presented to

1 constituent groups who are most likely to increase the overall
2 public response to a new poll, which is scheduled to be
3 conducted in spring of 2016 and will also be facilitated by
4 TPL, Trust for Public Land. TPL has been helping our
5 committee to develop these materials, and to get us started on
6 that they help to get committee to identify five major
7 constituent groups that are most likely to effect a positive
8 outcome, and those five major groups are low income voters in
9 Pinal County, Latino and/or other disadvantaged voters in the
10 County, democrats, park users, and republican women. And then
11 our committee also developed a sixth constituent group that
12 consists of basically groups that didn't fit nicely into the
13 other five categories, but we still felt it was important to
14 take our message to them and at least talk to them about the
15 initiative, or the value of the open space. So to date, we've
16 got approximately 75 subgroups, organizations, that we've
17 identified as a committee that we can take our message to. Of
18 these 75, members of the Committee have basically volunteered
19 to reach out to all but nine of these different groups, and
20 we'll take care of those nine, we'll find a way to get to
21 them. So that's our target goal to get - and not to just keep
22 it at 75, but if we have the resources to grow that group and
23 reach out to those other folks that we feel important to get
24 the message to, we will. So right now the Committee is in the
25 process of contacting each one of these subgroups - there's a

1 liaison person within the committee for each one of these
2 subgroups - reaching out to these folks to see if we can just
3 come and talk to them about our Open Space and Trails, the
4 values, the PowerPoint that we're developing with the Trust
5 for Public Land and resource media, which I'll talk about here
6 in a little bit. The duration of that active portion of the
7 campaign is scheduled for September of this year, following
8 through March of 2016, and that's just prior to the next
9 scheduled public polling period. So that's the justification
10 for that timeline. But between now and September 1st, our
11 committee is busy gathering photos, demographic data, past
12 PowerPoints that various members of the committee have given
13 over the years, and we're trying to come up with a few power
14 packed statements that will help us to illustrate the
15 highlights of the region's open spaces. So meanwhile, during
16 all of this, at the same time, the Trust for Public Land has
17 connected us to an organization out of, I believe it's near
18 Denver, Colorado, Resource Media is the organization, and they
19 are helping us to develop some of these materials. Apparently
20 they have had some success accomplishing similar goals in
21 other parts of the country. So, Mr. John Lamson of Resource
22 Media is going to work with us to sift through all of the
23 mounds of resources that our Committee is amassing right now,
24 and ultimately help us craft our story in the form of a
25 PowerPoint that will hopefully resonate with the diverse Pinal

1 County public, and we're hoping to resonate everywhere from
2 ranchers to farmers, to developers, to horse men and women,
3 hikers and naturalists, hunters, shooters, off-highway vehicle
4 enthusiasts, disadvantaged groups that we might be able to
5 swing that needle over towards the 62 percent that might have
6 just not be aware of the value of open space. And also to
7 political factions that might be sitting on the fence that we
8 might be able to sway, to swing that needle in a positive
9 direction. So in order to officially kick off the educational
10 campaign, on September the 1st a presenter's training seminar
11 will be conducted by Mr. Lamson of Resource Media during our
12 regularly monthly meeting of Pinal Partnership Open Space and
13 Trails, and John will present a finished PowerPoint product,
14 and also going to provide tips and tricks for presenters to
15 give successful presentations. So in an effort to further
16 promote the awareness of Pinal County's beautiful open spaces,
17 two members of our Committee, Dorinda Coleman and Madam
18 Chairman Gina D'Abella, have developed a Facebook page and a
19 series of photo contests to drum up awareness and exposure to
20 Pinal's open spaces. And the first contest was, I believe, a
21 huge success. We had over 160, I believe it was 164, 165
22 really amazingly beautiful photographs entered from 55
23 different photographers, and the judging was basically based
24 on the relative number of likes on the Facebook page for those
25 photographs, as well as evaluations by the committee members.

1 I believe we did that in the June, June meeting? Yes, because
2 the contest, the first contest was May. The results were
3 great. We had four top winners, first through fourth place,
4 and then six honorable mentions. It was really tough making
5 those decisions, there were a lot of amazingly beautiful
6 photographs. And I thought it was just fantastic that area
7 organizations like Boyce Thompson Arboretum, San Tan Mountain
8 Park donated some passes, I believe, to try and get the
9 enthusiasm built up and provide some awards for the entrants
10 for the contestants. The winning photographs are going to be
11 showcased at the September Pinal Partnership breakfast, and
12 there were also a couple of nice photos and a small article in
13 the Casa Grande Dispatch after the results of the first
14 contest were published. So we're getting the word out there,
15 so that's good. We have a new photo contest coming up for
16 July, for this month, and the showcase will be two different
17 themes. One being people enjoying Pinal County, and the other
18 being the landscapes of Pinal County. And we're seeking
19 prizes, currently, for this new contest, as well as
20 considering how to alter the point system for judging moving
21 forward, so it may be a little bit more quantitative. We're
22 also talking about additional contests to keep the interest
23 and exposure to our objective alive. We want to keep it
24 going, keep that momentum going, and I encourage you to check
25 out the Facebook page. They've put a lot of work into it,

1 Dorinda and Gina have. And if you Google Pinal Open Space and
2 Trail Committee Facebook, it should be your top hit. I don't
3 have the link for you, I don't have a presentation to show you
4 the link, but just Google that and you'll get there. Check it
5 out. Hope you like it, literally like it. So just to recap
6 the timeline of the educational campaign, now through
7 September 1st we're planning to continue with materials
8 development, working with Mr. Lamson of Resource Media on
9 that. September 1st we will be providing that training session
10 for the presenter's workshop, again during our regularly-
11 scheduled meeting. And then the rest of September all the way
12 through March of next year, presentations will be delivered to
13 all these subgroups that we've identified within our five
14 major constituent groups. And the timeline for that is
15 because in April Trust for Public Land will be conducting a
16 new poll of the Pinal County residents to determine basically
17 a go or no-go of the ballot measure based on increased
18 awareness or not, and I do believe that the awareness will be
19 increased. There's an inordinate amount of time and resources
20 and very talented people working on getting that message out.
21 So I have faith we'll be successful. But if you can add to
22 our interested list of presenters, we are really looking to
23 expand this list. I mean our minimum 75 groups growing almost
24 daily, that's a lot of presentations. So let's expand the
25 list. If you have anyone in mind, feel free to contact me,

1 I'll be around afterwards. If you're interested, we'd love to
2 have you. They're encouraged to attend our September 1st
3 meeting so that they can get trained and if, and if they can't
4 make the September 1st meeting, we're likely going to be having
5 some subsequent trainings so that we can get people trained,
6 get volunteers trained, get out there and get the messaging
7 started September 2nd, hopefully. And that concludes my
8 update. Does anybody have any questions for me or discussion.

9 D'ABELLA: And Jana, and that September 1st meeting
10 time is 9?

11 BALDWIN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., actually. We extended
12 it a little bit just to accommodate the heavy workload that
13 it's going to take to do, and it's going to be at the fire
14 station on 1st Street.

15 D'ABELLA: The Florence fire station.

16 BALDWIN: In Florence. Yes. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. So
17 we'd love to have you. Thank you.

18 D'ABELLA: Any questions, comments, suggestions?

19 RUEHL: Madam Chair, I have a comment. Jana Baldwin
20 and Charlie Goff and Becky Goff, I want thank you. I can't
21 the Pinal Partnership Open Space and Trails Committee enough
22 for all of the hard work that they have done over the last
23 many years to advance the possibility of an implementation of
24 our Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Done a tremendous
25 amount of work and I really appreciate the three of you

1 stepping up as co-chairs to lead us down this really important
2 part, that it's taken a long time to get to this point where
3 we're ready to go to the voters and find out how, how much
4 open space really is worth to them. How much they value that.
5 So thank you for, for taking this on this - the first steps
6 towards the education. Hopefully it'll move that needle,
7 hopefully the Board of Supervisors will put it on the ballot,
8 and then the next step, I guess, is to do a whole ballot
9 initiative campaign in 2016.

10 BALDWIN: This is just the beginning, and thank you
11 for those kind words, Cyndi, but as such a newcomer to the
12 committee, I'm standing on the shoulders of all of the people,
13 many of them in this room, that have been working on this for
14 many more years than I. I came into this Committee, I believe
15 in January of this year, and I'm just overwhelmed at the
16 passion that the people have about this, this measure, this
17 idea. It's great to be a part of, so thank you, and I wish
18 the Committee continued success.

19 BUTLER: Madam Chair, this is Commissioner Butler.
20 I'd just like to mention a couple of clarifications. One, I
21 believe that we all have the copies of that poll that the
22 Trust for Public Lands did and it's my understanding that the
23 \$13 is not so much what we need, but what the residents were
24 willing to spend, so it's quite a, quite a bit different. The
25 other thing is as far as I know, there is no actual poll

1 scheduled for April, that was a possibility if the - I know
2 last time the Supervisors paid something for the poll and I
3 assume if it was going to happen again, they would have to
4 decide to pay for it, and they would only decide to pay for it
5 if they thought they might put it on the ballot, so I think
6 that's a big if, not a they will be doing it in April.

7 BALDWIN: Thank you for that clarification. Even
8 more reason to move that needle.

9 BUTLER: Right, if they're hearing from
10 constituents, they certainly would be more likely to put it,
11 to get it on the ballot, but we have a lot of work to do.

12 BALDWIN: A lot of work to do. Well thank you.

13 D'ABELLA: Thank you.

14 TAYLOR: Thank you Jana.

15 D'ABELLA: So the Pinal Partnership Open Space and
16 Trails Committee, 75 groups to be presented and we have
17 approximately - the Committee has approximately how many
18 presenters so far?

19 BALDWIN: (Inaudible).

20 D'ABELLA: So that's a lot of presentations to give
21 in the next - from September to March or, you know, six or
22 seven months for the main objective of just educating people
23 in Pinal County, that we have an Open Space and Trails Master
24 Plan and we have a Department now. So, any other comments,
25 questions, recommendations, or a communication plan? Okay.

1 Next item on the agenda is discussion of possible future
2 agenda items. On the list so far is a suggested agenda item
3 for the CAP Recreational Trail Draft Master Plan, the Peralta
4 Regional Park Draft Master Plan, and discussion and action on
5 advisory commission strategic plan. I would like to inform
6 the Commission that on that last item on the strategic plan,
7 we were offered a strategic planner through the Arizona Land
8 and Water Trust. I know we already started our process
9 several months ago for the strategic plan, I'm only bringing
10 it up because it was brought to my attention that we could
11 possibly have a funded person that could start the process.
12 With that being said, it would mean probably starting from
13 scratch and starting over. So to continue our strategic plan
14 with the facilitator Steve that's been helping us thus far, we
15 can pick up where we left off. So one of the questions would
16 be do we want to try to accomplish that somehow in one of our
17 quarterly meetings, or do we want to have a special meeting
18 where we try to accomplish our strategic plan in one meeting,
19 or possibly, you know, one or two meetings? So that is up for
20 discussion. No thoughts? Any thoughts?

21 BROWN: I got a feeling there's a lot of thoughts,
22 somebody just needs to break the ice, is - one of the
23 thoughts, and I'll just throw it out there, is that it felt
24 like me, that we started - to me - that we started at too
25 specific a ground level. That - and it could even be done

1 ahead of time with maybe an email defining the 30,000 foot
2 level. What, what philosophically or - would be the
3 objectives up here before we get into specific items, you
4 know, what, what - maybe on a more general basis, to where
5 then we can have - when - because each person came to this
6 Commission with a certain background, a certain expectation,
7 and I think there needs to be a kinship of philosophy built
8 before we can get to the specifics. So I think, I think we
9 maybe we started too close to the ground and we need to start
10 from the 30,000 foot level. You know, not stay there very
11 long, but just until we, we find out what we have in common,
12 you know?

13 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Butler.

14 BUTLER: Thank you Madam Chair. I guess I feel like
15 it's - it would be advantageous to do this as a, as a separate
16 meeting. I know it's a lot to ask people to go to another
17 meeting, but it seems to me we're pretty busy with these
18 meetings already, we're working through a lot of things, and
19 then to try to strategic plan after doing this is, I don't
20 think for me, particularly productive. I think if I could
21 focus on that for a meeting and - I think that would be more
22 helpful.

23 D'ABELLA: Dovetailing on that comment, if we were
24 to have a special meeting, normally we meet at night for this
25 quarterly meeting, would it be in everyone's preference to

1 have a meeting, if we did a special meeting for a strategic
2 planning process in the evening or daytime? Any preference?

3 ??: I can do either.

4 D'ABELLA: Okay.

5 BROWN: To me it depends on the day. You know, I
6 have some things (inaudible) so it depends on the specific -

7 D'ABELLA: I only bring it up because it seems like
8 we do end up pretty late in our projects and I'm fresher in
9 the morning, or during the day, per se, not necessarily
10 morning. So whether or not it's something where we feel like
11 we're looking at the clock like in the evening and trying to
12 get done, and then drive home, you know, fairly late in
13 different parts of the County, just thought I'd offer if there
14 is no preference that maybe we do have a special meeting
15 during the day to finally accomplish our strategic planning
16 process, and it may or may not happen in one meeting, but at
17 least we could make more headway if we have a special meeting.

18 BRISTOW: (Inaudible) we already are kind of
19 committed to Tuesdays, so perhaps just a different, a
20 different Tuesday might work, and I want to endorse what
21 Gordon said about we're getting - strategic planning usually
22 is how do we get there, step by step by step, and while I
23 don't think that we're really to the point that we're talking
24 about strategic planning, I think we're back at general
25 planning. What is our objective, where are we now, and then

1 start talking about the strategic planning.

2 RUEHL: Madam Chair, if I may, this is Commissioner
3 Ruehl. I think that, I think having the strategic plan that
4 comes out of this very first Commission is really important,
5 and that's why I brought it when I, I chaired this Commission,
6 that's why I brought it forward. And because it sets the
7 foundation, and it sets the tone for going forward 50 years
8 from now, 75 years from now, of a Commission that follows us,
9 I am very much less than pleased with the so-called planning
10 process and sessions that we've had so far, and my opinion and
11 my vote would be to start over and to start with a new
12 facilitator.

13 D'ABELLA: How does the rest of the Commission feel
14 about that?

15 BROWN: Well I don't, I don't feel - this is
16 Commissioner Brown - I don't think we - kind of piggybacking
17 some of Cyndi's feelings, is I don't think we've gotten so far
18 down the road that we're giving up that much by starting over,
19 and it might be easier to start over than to modify where
20 we've already been, you know, so I think that has a lot of
21 merit.

22 D'ABELLA: Okay.

23 TAYLOR: Chairman D'Abella, I'm just looking for
24 direction as staff.

25 D'ABELLA: Okay, let's start from there. How many

1 feel that we should start over with our strategic planning
2 process? Or is anybody opposed to doing that?

3 BROWN: Are you looking for a show of hands?

4 D'ABELLA: Yeah. You think we should start - okay,
5 so the majority of us feel we should start over. It's been so
6 many months. If it was more fresh, that might change my
7 personal opinion on that, but -

8 TAYLOR: And staff will do whatever you direct us to
9 do. I will just remind you that if you are calling for a
10 special meeting, that that's going to require staff time, so
11 we're going to start that process over, and that's just -
12 that's staff time that I will have to dedicate to that
13 process, as opposed to the other tasks that I'm currently
14 working on.

15 D'ABELLA: So I don't know if the Arizona Land and
16 Water Trust offer is still on the table. It's been now, I
17 don't know, a couple-two-three months since they told me they
18 had funding for a facilitator for strategic planning. So I, I
19 can research that and see if that offer is still on the table.
20 That being said, if it is still on the table, how do you feel
21 about a different facilitator as opposed to continuing with
22 our volunteer facilitator and against - we'd have to work
23 within his schedule as well if we're going to do something
24 during the day, correct?

25 TAYLOR: Correct.

1 D'ABELLA: So, just I want to open that up, that
2 comment for discussion.

3 KAVATHAS: I'm unavailable during the day, so if you
4 do it during the day that's fine, I'm just - I work from six
5 to six, six days a week, so (inaudible) here at six. I mean
6 and that's fine. I'm sure I will (inaudible) whatever
7 information beforehand (inaudible). But as far as being here
8 during the day, unfortunately (inaudible).

9 D'ABELLA: Okay. Is there anybody else that's not
10 available during the day?

11 BROWN: Well, it depends on which day.

12 D'ABELLA: Okay, yeah.

13 KAVATHAS: Most days I can't do it.

14 D'ABELLA: Okay. So if, if we wanted everybody's
15 participation, we would do an evening, starting at six.

16 KAVATHAS: I can even go as far as five (inaudible).

17 D'ABELLA: Okay. An evening meeting at five as
18 opposed - to get everybody's participation for a special
19 meeting, as opposed to daytime. Everybody in agreement with
20 that?

21 BROWN: This is Commissioner Brown. One maybe
22 qualifier, if could propose maybe three different days and
23 then see which one best accommodates the majority of people.

24 TAYLOR: Commissioner D'Abella, staff can provide a
25 Doodle poll, in case you've ever done of those, but it would

1 identify potential days and times and everybody checks off
2 what's (inaudible).

3 BROWN: Yeah, because like Mike said, if you do
4 this, it leaves me out, you know, and I, I think finding a day
5 that would accommodate the most people is worthwhile. And
6 Kent knows all that newfangled sophisticated staff.

7 D'ABELLA: We'll do a Doodle poll, send it out to
8 everybody. In the meantime I will, I will check and see - is
9 anybody opposed to having a different facilitator or do you
10 prefer the same facilitator? Does anybody have an opinion on
11 that?

12 ??: (Inaudible).

13 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Okay. So I will at least
14 research - I'll contact Jessica with the Arizona Land and
15 Water Trust and see if that offer is even still available and
16 throw that facilitator's available time in the Doodling
17 message that will be going out. The Doodle poll. Okay?

18 RUEHL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Ruehl here,
19 Director Taylor, I'm a little confused by your comment that,
20 that if we start over I think you said, that it would take
21 staff time, maybe more staff time and therefore it would take
22 you away from other projects?

23 RUEHL: No, Commissioner Ruehl, if you do the, do
24 the process in special meetings, we'd have to do this as a
25 public meeting. We can't - you can't meet without doing this

1 as a public meeting process, so I can tell you that there is a
2 significant amount of work into putting these meetings on and
3 that process that goes into that. All I'm doing is, is
4 stating that that is - that is time away from my other tasks.
5 So I - and that's all, that's all the comment is.

6 RUEHL: Okay. So, meaning that, if we have a
7 separate meeting, if we do strategic planning separately from
8 our regularly-scheduled Commission, quarterly Commission
9 meetings.

10 TAYLOR: Correct. And, and, you know, again, if you
11 step back, if we're starting over, that's potentially several
12 additional special meetings.

13 RUEHL: I think that all depends on how it's
14 facilitated.

15 TAYLOR: Possibly. How long you guys want to stay
16 in the room, so it's up to - yeah.

17 RUEHL: Or it could be, you know, how you look at
18 it. I would - I think it would take us longer to recover what
19 we have already done, and to try to repair it than to start
20 over. I think it's a more efficient use of time to start
21 over.

22 TAYLOR: And I'm not, I'm not arguing that. So I'm
23 just stating the facts from a staff perspective, just giving
24 you staff's perspective that we're going to have to put this
25 meeting on and we'll have to - we have to do the entire

1 process for a public meeting, even though it's just a planning
2 session, you guys are meeting as a, as a Board, or as a
3 Commission, so we have to do that process, so I just - that's
4 my job as staff is to present you with that, it's up to you
5 guys what you guys want to do.

6 RUEHL: I appreciate that. It's just it's been so
7 many months since we've started this process that I personally
8 feel that - and I don't know how long it would take, I don't
9 know if we could - if it all could be done in one meeting and
10 then followed up, maybe, in our quarterly meetings to finish
11 it, I don't know. So I've been in strategic planning meetings
12 where it got done in two hours, but you know, we have a lot of
13 people on this Commission with varying backgrounds and
14 experiences and so it -

15 BROWN: The only time I've seen that happen is when
16 you have basically a homogenous group where they already, they
17 already have a laser focus on, on where they want to head,
18 and, and it's homogenous, they share that. I don't think a
19 lot of the Commissioners know each other well enough to, to
20 know what they do and don't have in common for the aspirations
21 of this, of this body. Do we originate ideas? Do we react to
22 ideas? Are we proactive, reactive? Do we wait for somebody
23 to suggest something to us, or do we come up and come up with
24 a public - reach out to the public for public ideas? What are
25 we trying to do? Are we a reactive or proactive? Or do we

1 take our lead from what the Supervisors have in mind to do, or
2 do we find out what, what the people would like? That's the
3 level, I think, we need to start at. I think we can move
4 quickly, but I, I think we've started to try to - out too
5 close to the ground to where it felt to probably some of us
6 like wait a minute, I'm being steered down to a pre, a
7 predetermined thing and told that it was my idea, you know,
8 that's the way it felt to me, you know.

9 RUEHL: I think also that the amount of time that we
10 spend in a special meeting, depends on how a facilitator helps
11 to prepare us, prepare ourselves prior to, and how well we
12 prepare ourselves. So I would expect to hope to see prompting
13 questions, thought provoking to get us thinking, to get us
14 warmed up, to get our ideas kind of organized before we even
15 come into the room, because to come into the room cold I don't
16 think is an efficient use of time.

17 D'ABELLA: Even having homework prior to, so that we
18 can get through the process more efficiently. Okay, so I will
19 follow-up and we'll Doodle.

20 TAYLOR: I think Chairman D'Abella, I think the
21 first course of action is for you to follow-up on the
22 facilitator.

23 D'ABELLA: Yes.

24 TAYLOR: And then you and I can have discussions on
25 where we go next.

1 D'ABELLA: Okay. Thank you. Any other future
2 agenda items or discussions on the ones that were presented?

3 TAYLOR: I have, I have a question. I'm not clear
4 on our next meeting if there needs to be an agenda item on
5 impact fees.

6 BUTLER: Yes. Commissioner Butler.

7 CARNES: Yes, Commissioner Carnes. Very much more
8 information on the impact fee.

9 ???: The Information is in the link that was sent
10 out.

11 TAYLOR: I apologize to the -

12 ???: I have other questions.

13 TAYLOR: I apologize to the Commission for not
14 parsing out the information and providing that, but I'm, just
15 so I'm clear on what you need for the next meeting, is there
16 additional information that's not in the capital improvement
17 report that you want from me? And if you can't answer that
18 today, then prior to the next meeting if you can answer that
19 for me, I will provide that to you, but I, you know, I did
20 provide in the packet a link to the entire capital improvement
21 plan, which includes all the detailed numbers of the capital
22 improvement program for the, for the parks portion. So I just
23 need to be clear that, that if there's other information that
24 you would like to see, if you want that, let me know please.
25 And even if, after you get the agenda, if you would need

1 additional information, pick up the phone or email me and say
2 hey, I need some additional information. I'll be happy to
3 provide it. But I certainly can't provide it if I don't know
4 what you're, what you're needing in addition to what I've
5 provided, so.

6 D'ABELLA: Okay, so if any Commissioner here would
7 like to request further information to be presented on our
8 next quarterly meeting, if you could please email or call
9 Director.

10 TAYLOR: I will have the impact fee information on
11 there again, pretty much as is, unless somebody tells me
12 differently.

13 BUTLER: This is Commissioner Butler, I just wanted
14 to clarify that what I wanted on there was the ability to
15 possibly vote on it again, so.

16 TAYLOR: Thank you.

17 BUTLER: Not more information.

18 TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 D'ABELLA: Any other suggested items for our next
20 agenda or the ones presented in front of you? Seeing none, I
21 would like to hear a motion for adjournment.

22 ??: I move we adjourn.

23 D'ABELLA: Second?

24 ??: I'll second it.

25 D'ABELLA: All in favor?

26 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

27 D'ABELLA: Okay. Thank you.

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