

## HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

JUNE 16, 2025

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, June 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber and duly noticed in two places, including the City's website, in accordance with the requirements of RSA 91-A:2 II.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance.

The roll call was taken with 4 members of the Human Affairs Committee present:

Alderman Thomas Lopez, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present:     Alderman Thomas Lopez, Chair  
                                                         Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons  
                                                         Alderman Tim Sennott, Clerk  
                                                         Alderman Chris Thibodeau

Members of the Committee absent:     Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly, Vice Chair

Also in Attendance:                         Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director  
                                                         Bobbie Bagley, Public Health and Community Services  
                                                         Director  
                                                         Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Chief

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### PUBLIC HEARING

#### **R-25-155**

#### **AMENDING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

#### ON THE QUESTION

#### Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director. Just to make a brief comment and I'll do so on each of these resolutions that are before you for public hearing this evening if the committee will entertain it. Just to broadly state the purpose, R-25-155 which is before you currently for public hearing. This is an amendment to the current year CDBG Community Development Block Grant action plan. You may recall that back when we made some amendments prior this year we de-obligated funds from several projects that ultimately did not move forward. We put some monies into a Radon Testing and Mitigation Program which you may remember. At the same time and I remember Alderman Thibodeau had a question to this effect we also put several dollars into a sort of an unallocated bucket for public facilities projects and at that point in time we did not know exactly how those funds would be used. Subsequently, in working with our Parks and Recreation or our Parks Department in the Division of Public Works we identified a Community Improvement Project at Park Social. The construction of a splash pad and also some park improvements to be done.

And therefore R-25-155 before you in fact, takes those monies out of that unallocated public facilities category and places a portion of those monies into that direct project that being improvements to Park Social including that splash pad and the playground improvements. So what exactly will happen from a timing perspective, should you approve this amendment to the Annual Action Plan allocated monies to that project, you'll start to over the coming six months hear about design work being done and construction work being done. These CDBG monies will go towards paying for a portion of that project. You may remember at the aldermanic level that you also are in the process of accepting a donation from the Morin Family for the same project. This is sort of a public private partnership where we're

using Community Development Block Grant monies, the Morin's donation and you're going to see a comprehensive redevelopment of that Park in Downtown Nashua.

So CDBG is just one source of funds going into the project. Again, I'm happy to answer any questions that you have this evening with the one exception being that if you are asking about specific components of the park construction I may need to get back to you at the full board level as those are really under the purview of the Parks and Recreation Department. But I can certainly speak to the CDBG contribution that's being made as you enter into your committee meeting later on. Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

I do have a quick question.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Sure.

Chairman Lopez

I don't know if it was because I know I missed at least one meeting and I had to have a Chair. Did we talk about this then or is this your first rollout?

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Mr. Chair, we actually elected not to discuss this at the most recent meeting that you were not present at. Instead, we wanted to discuss the project when there was actually a public hearing going on and so we paused the legislation midstream to allow for the discussion to happen in full this evening.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, I was just asking because the public hearing is before the discussion so I don't know if that makes a difference.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Understood. Yep, yep. Good question.

Chairman Lopez

Any other questions? Alderman Timmons.

Alderman Timmons

Thank you, Chair. To you to Director there. In January 2025 we did amendment then. What was that about?

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Mr. Chair, if I may address Alderman Timmons question. The amendment that we did earlier this year, Alderman Timmons so I guess I should step back to say that the amendments for CDBG happen sequentially. So you may see during the course of the year three to four amendments as projects either are no longer eligible or for one reason or another a project may not move forward. We then sort of recapture those monies and then we come back to you with another amendment when we identify a project.

Back in January of this year the amendment that you saw was actually de-obligating funds from the

First Church Project and Stepping Stones Project because those projects were not moving forward. We moved some monies into a Radon Testing Project because we had a new environmental issue Radon that had to be mitigated because of HUD requirements. But then we took a substantial sum of money and actually put it in sort of an unallocated category and then we knew that if we were going to use those unallocated monies we would have to come back to you with a very specific project. Park Social is that project before you this evening.

Alderwoman Timmons

Okay.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Or it's a portion of the unallocated monies will go towards this project. There'll still be some left over.

Alderwoman Timmons

Okay, thank you.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Thank you.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

The public hearing on Resolution R-25-155 was declared closed at 7:06 p.m.

The public hearing on Resolution R-25-157 was opened at 7:06 p.m.

#### **R-25-157**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

Director Sullivan.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the committee. So this is the really the substantive legislation behind the projects that we'll use our CDBG monies for in the coming Fiscal Year under Fiscal 2026. This is the piece of legislation that you worked on. You've worked on this twice actually. You had presentations two meetings ago and then you had a dedicated work session to this legislation at your last meeting and thank you again for your time spent on that. You should have before you this evening, I believe Ms. Graham distributed an amended version of R-25-157 to you. All that amended. Yes, it's the golden rod you see before you. That should align perfectly with the recommendations that the

committee made back at its May meeting, I believe it was May 15<sup>th</sup>. Where you actually decided what the allocations would be to each of the projects under the public service and public facilities categories.

Just as a reminder, you were able to fund all the public facilities projects. And then under public service you made some adjustments to ultimately move forward with funding four projects, Family Promise, Nashua PAL, Lamprey Healthcare and the City of Nashua Winter Warming Station with an increased allocation. So again, all this legislation does is it acknowledges for Fiscal 26 what we're going to do with Community Development Block Grant money, but also goes that next level after your work session last meeting to identify the projects that will be funded. Should you choose to approve this or recommend this rather this evening, pending the Board's full adoption and approval of the legislation will begin to embark on actually deploying these monies into the community and executing the projects.

I'm happy to answer any questions you might have, but thank you again for your work. Any questions from members of the committee? Seeing none.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

The public hearing on Resolution R-25-157 was declared closed at 7:08 p.m.

The public hearing on Resolution R-25-178 was opened at 7:09 p.m.

#### **R-25-178**

### **ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2030 (PLAN YEAR 2025-2029) CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS**

#### ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

Director Sullivan.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Long time no see committee members. Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director here on behalf of the legislation which was added as a public hearing this evening, that being R-25-178. I'm going to be brief with my comments this evening, but I don't want the brevity of the remarks to undermine the massive implications of this consolidated plan that's before you.

By way of quick background, as many of you know, all of you know in fact, the City of Nashua is an entitlement community under HUD. We receive an annual programming of funding, both for Community Development Block Grant and for Home Investment Partnership monies that we use to deploy to support affordable housing work throughout the community. The way that the HUD Program works is there are really two major components to CDBG. One you're very familiar with, you do it on an annual basis. You undertake the action planning exercise whereby you decide what the priorities are for the community from a Community Development Block Grant goal and recommendation setting level. And you again, you do that annually. You decide where the monies ultimately are sent, and you decide the organizations and the dollars that go to them.

But that annual process is actually part of a larger five year what's referred to as consolidated planning effort. And essentially what the Consolidated Plan is intended to do is serve as the city's application to the US Department of HUD or Housing Urban Development and it sets forth the broad framework and really the buckets of priorities that the city has for deploying Community Development Block Grant and home monies. So I just put this up for reference on the screen here. I don't have a presentation. I'll spare you that this evening, although I do love a good PowerPoint. This is really just again, an overview of what I've just said. We have the five year Consolidated Plan, our most recent being 2020 to 2025. We do the action plan every five years. We select eligible activities, those are things that HUD allows us to basically use the money for and then we go ahead and oversee those activities and work through the action plan process.

In the City of Nashua the Consolidated Plan, that five-year planning document has been relatively stable from five year period to five year period and a big part of that is that frankly while the community's needs have changed, when we go out doing our outreach and engagement and collecting input from the community generally the same priorities rise to the top and are included in the plan and this five year period is no different. So as we bring you forward into the 2025-2030 consolidated planning period we again have continued to hear over our survey over the last year that affordable housing, environmental protection in the context of affordable housing, expanded economic opportunities and homelessness prevention are really the top priorities that we need to be putting our funds into. I think the action planning exercise that you went through at the last meeting identifying the warming station as one of the city's biggest priorities and all the other applications that were awarded are a great reflection of where we stand when it comes to our goals and community values.

Things that have changed however since our last Consolidated Plan done in 2020, the housing affordability crisis has grown worse. Vacancy rates are even lower than they were at the time when that plan was adopted. While we have emerged from COVID we have unprecedented economic challenges and so economic development continues to be a priority. So when we went out to the community over the last year or so as we were preparing to draft our Consolidated Plan which is 140 page document. It's available online, it's one of those kinds of things it's very dense to read. When we were developing that we went out to the community we continued to hear the pressure that the affordable housing and housing supply challenges have created across the City of Nashua and certainly working with Director Bagley and her team, LaTonya Muccioli, the Housing Services Officer, we've been even more exposed to those conversations about the housing challenges across the community.

But there again as we look forward to the coming five-year consolidated planning period and we lay out our strategies to HUD the strategies from 2020 still ring true. And therefore we've identified really just a couple of priority categories that we're going to move forward with, one being affordable housing. This will be an area that we hope to allocate funds. Homelessness is a category that we've put a bit more resources into within the Consolidated Plan. Economic development as I mentioned before, with I think Director Hannum's recent Financial Empowerment Center being an example of some of the need in the community. Public services, so money is going to support services that are being provided across the community by agencies that have expertise beyond the city. And then generally creating more livable communities and what we really mean by that is investment in infrastructure whether that be parks, sewer, water, lighting, different investments in public infrastructure in areas of the city that have traditionally been underserved or are challenged in one way or another. And so those are sort of the four broad buckets that we've included in 2025 to 2030 Consolidated Plan as we look forward.

Below that and this is the lowest level of granularity that I'm going to go this evening, but I'm happy to talk in more detail about what's in the Consolidated Plan. We've identified approximately 13 different activities and you'll see the activities on the screen before you. These activities are actually kind of the next level down of funding bucket that we define when we talk to HUD. And so we've identified 13 of these and I'm gonna go through them quickly so you all understand how we might use our monies moving forward. These should be no surprise to you.

- Number one is increasing the inventory of rental housing.
- Number two is providing housing and services to address homelessness directly.
- Investment in rental rehabilitation.
- Investment in homeowner rehabilitation.
- Public facility improvements.
- Providing essential public services.
- Lead paint and radon hazard remediation.
- Increasing home ownership access.
- Investment in parks, trails and green spaces.
- General infrastructure improvements.
- Rental assistance (so this could be tenant-based rental assistance or some other form of rental assistance).

Talking to our community partners and to stakeholders in the City of Nashua and working with our internal team and through feedback from you all those are the categories or the activity level things that we have prioritized within our Consolidated Plan. We believe they are well aligned with the work that's been done to-date by this committee and the Board of Aldermen. We believe they're well aligned with the future needs of the city for the next five years and it's our intent to bring them forward and generally try to align each year's action plan with this Consolidated Plan, these 13 categories identified here,

Mr. Chair, I'm not going to go into significantly more detail. I will just close by saying that if folks have questions about the contents of the Consolidated Plan, a huge part of it is data and information that support the recommendations for categories that we've come up with. We've looked at various levels of housing and census tract data that support a lot of these things. I did not want to get into that level of detail tonight, but I'm happy to cover it if you're interested. But I would urge folks to check that document out. It'll serve us for the next five years and we are still in the course of being in a public comment period and so if there are questions or comments we're happy to address those, and those can be sent directly to me or Urban Programs Manager, Mike Jungers as they arise.

With that Mr. Chair, happy to answer questions whether during the committee meeting or address any public comments.

#### Chairman Lopez

Okay, well just to put a frame on it this is another item that we will be discussing at the meeting immediately following this so we can go into more detail. But as you presented so holistically could you also explain to the public what the term Entitlement Community stands for? I feel like the term entitlement has sort of been kicked around unfairly so we should explain what that means.

#### Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

No certainly. Thank you, Mr. Chair. So entitlement in this context means that the City of Nashua meets certain thresholds as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. And those thresholds mean that we're in a category where we receive direct funding from HUD to further certain public policy, broad public policy objectives those being the policy objectives of HUD. So each year communities across the country and then other jurisdictions as well including the States and some county level jurisdictions and some other Tribals and other sort of odd things that exist across the Nation. They receive a direct investment from the US HUD, they then are allowed to use those monies as long as they're broadly within the priorities or the goals and objectives of HUD. Again, that's the process that you go through on an annual basis taking that money and sort of aligning it with what the community needs are. Entitlement simply means that we are basically a formula funding recipient, Alderman Lopez and members of the Committee. Annually we receive these dollars and we're allowed to spend them as we see fit as long as they're aligned with what generally HUD is looking for us to do.

Chairman Lopez

So this is typically something that's allocated before they start debating over what's going to be a big, beautiful bill and all that. Entitlement funds are baked into the National Budget?

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

They are indeed. That's correct, yes. And that's often why we are not able to finalize the Action Plan until the budget has been completely finalized and then the values or the dollars are passed down to us so that we know what how much money we actually have to spend.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

Any questions?

Alderwoman Timmons

Yes, thank you. He answered some of the questions but, so this is on contingent that we get the money from HUD because everything is up in the air right now.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Sure.

Alderwoman Timmons

So I don't know if that five-year plan is feasible right now because we don't know what we don't know.

Chairman Lopez

Does their plan for HUD to be there in 5 years.

Alderwoman Timmons

Right.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Yeah, I mean certainly you know, it's no secret that the future is unclear when it comes to HUD and the various programs. I think we're all aware that in the proposed Presidential Budget for the next coming year both HOME and CDBG have been eliminated in full. But that's not unusual believe it or not. During the initial term of the current president, President Trump these programs were also slated to be removed at that point in time and ultimately they weren't. They're currently funded within the continuing resolution that's in place. This is the first time I think I've said this in public session but amongst the community development sort of professional community the general feeling is that these monies are not going to be eliminated in the budget and I believe that's because the level at which these are deployed are at the very local, local level. And so regardless of perhaps this being a you know, HUD being a

partisan agency the dollars tend to be very locally implemented. And so I think there's a little bit of a different tone around the CDBG Program specifically. So while I can't say these funds will absolutely be here in 5 years. I guess I would say whether naive or optimistic or whatever, we're pretending that they will be because we do think that whether the current system goes away there'll be some kind of Block Grant that the City of Nashua will receive long term because frankly we've shown that the monies are important to what the community needs to do.

Otherwise you know, and I also haven't said this publicly but you know, I think in the event that HUD dollars are eliminated fully I think we will be having a conversation with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about how to provide support to some of these agencies because I think there's no question that the work they do is valuable. I think everyone in the horseshoe believes that. I think it's a matter of how the funding comes into the city and where it's coming from, but I think we'd probably have a bigger conversation about how to support agencies and public infrastructure projects across the community.

Chairman Lopez

So the priorities remain regardless of how we do them.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Correct.

Chairman Lopez

And failing to plan is just planning to fail. Alderman Timmons.

Alderwoman Timmons

One other follow up. That's kind of like Plan B?

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Yes, I would hopefully Plan D, F something like that, but no that's...

Chairman Lopez

Make the plan, execute the plan, (inaudible).

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Yeah, there's a there's so many different things that could happen and I feel irresponsible some days because we haven't really mapped out all those alternatives. But it's simply, it's so unknown to us that we're I don't want to make it sound like we're keeping our heads in the sand, but we are trying to sort of keep to the program and keep our you know, just trying to implement our dollars the right way. If something needs to change we will pivot very quickly and we'll be talking to you folks every step along the way, but we're staying the course for now I would say.

Alderwoman Timmons

Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

Alright.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Thank you.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

The public hearing on Resolution R-25-178 was declared closed at 7:22 p.m.

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Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-25-170**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman Tim Sennott  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS PURSUANT TO CONTRACT AMENDMENT  
#3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,375 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO VARIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITIES**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

Alright, the Motion is on the floor and we have a speaker who would like to present on this I imagine.

Bobbie Bagley, Public Health and Community Services Director

Yes, good evening. Bobbie Bagley, Director for the Division of Public Health and Community Services here to speak on R-25-170. This is an amendment, the third amendment from the State of New Hampshire with an increased amount in several of the grants that we received from them to do the

Regional Public Health Network Services. They have increased the school-based vaccination clinic here \$16,875 or I should say they've amended it to \$16,875 which is a decrease in the \$30,000 they had for us the previous year.

They've also decreased and taken away the \$10,000 that we usually have for hospital preparedness, but they've moved it into our Medical Reserve Corp. So you can see that \$18,500 is what's in that budget there. So taking it out of the hospital preparedness moved it into the MRC. That gives us a total of \$25,375 and these are for the continued services that we provide the school based clinics. Basically we provide support to the vaccination activities that we do in the fall and this funds will actually really be used to promote vaccination uptake over the course of anywhere between August and December and then the hospital preparedness is just going to get rid of that grant all together. And what we will be focused on is supporting the Medical Reserve Corps. In the past, the Hospital Preparedness dollars were always used for our volunteer services so it supported any of the activities that they were doing and they've just decided to just keep that under the MRC and that'll just be for Fiscal Year 26.

Any questions?

Chairman Lopez

Two, I think, I'll have Alderman Sennott go first.

Alderman Sennott

Oh thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think you answered my question just through the course of your explanation but I just want to clarify. So I know a couple of years ago there was a little bit of discourse in regard to the school vaccination program. I know my son used to get his flu vaccine in the fall right at the cafeteria and he always hated going to school that day, but tough luck kid.

But it's my understanding and I just would like if you could clarify, Director Bagley. That program has since been pivoted to I think sort of like a you had said remote, like a weekend operation. I think last time it was at Elm Street on a Saturday or a Sunday. Come on by if you want to get a flu vaccine and you can. Is that correct?

Bobbie Bagley, Public Health and Community Services Director

That was correct for last year however, the way that the State is planning to implement the school-based vaccination clinics is that they have to take place during school hours on site at a school. And so here we won't actually be doing what the State is going to be doing what throughout all the other regions. We're going to continue to offer our vaccination clinics at 18 Mulberry Street and at other sites where they invite us to come in to give the vaccines because of what happened a couple of years ago.

Alderman Sennott

Okay.

Bobbie Bagley, Public Health and Community Services Director

And so as a result of that we will not be using these funds to pay for staff or pay for supplies as much as what we'll be doing is promoting the information with regards to it's important to get vaccinated. We're going to do a whole public campaign, so it'll be a public awareness campaign and that's what those funds will be used for. But we're still going to offer vaccinations at 18 Mulberry Street for our youth throughout the course of the flu vaccination season.

Alderman Sennott

That was going to be my follow up is that irrespective of where it ultimately takes place there will still be an opportunity for those who may not have other means to receive vaccinations.

Bobbie Bagley, Public Health and Community Services Director

Yes.

Alderman Sennott

Great, thank you.

Bobbie Bagley, Public Health and Community Services Director

And in addition with the VAX Care that you all approved. That project will allow for us to vaccinate not just the youth or adolescents, but then also adults as well.

Alderman Sennott

Great. Thank you so much.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, both of my questions were asked. Anyone else have any questions?

Alderman Sennott

Sorry.

Chairman Lopez

No, I mean hey at least I don't have to talk too much. Alderman Thibodeau.

Alderman Thibodeau

Thank you. I probably know the answer already. Is this a Federal pass through grant or is this from the State of New Hampshire?

Bobbie Bagley, Public Health and Community Services Director

So the school-based vaccination clinics, I do believe that that is from the State of New Hampshire.

Alderman Thibodeau

This entire?

Bobbie Bagley, Public Health and Community Services Director

Oh, no. Well, let me see here MRC. MRC comes through CDC. So parts so our funding actually comes from Department Health and Human Services comes from different pots. So in this list of activities. Oh, you have this copy right with the list of the projects.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah.

Bobbie Bagley, Public Health and Community Services Director

So each of these different activities has funding that comes from different sources. Some of it comes from SAMHSA Federal pass through. Some of it comes from the CDC for emergency preparedness Federal pass through. Some of this from the Public Health Advisory Council that comes from the State. School-based vaccination clinics come from the State. So there's different pots of funding that we receive and it could be like four different segments of funding. So some of it's going to be Federal pass through, and some of it's not.

Alderman Thibodeau

Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

Hearing okay over there. Do you want to ask a question Miss Alderman Thibodeau? Timmons? Gloria?

Alderwoman Timmons

No, I'm good.

Chairman Lopez

I was positive you had something big. Okay.

Alderwoman Timmons

No, that's quite alright.

Chairman Lopez

Alright, then if there's no further questions we have a motion on the floor to accept, to recommend final passage.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-25-173**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman Tyler Gouveia  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$25,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY "2024 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM" INTO FIRE GRANT ACTIVITY "HAZMAT REFRESHER CLASS"**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

I see Chief Buxton.

Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Chief

Good evening. Chief Buxton, Nashua Fire Rescue. So this evening looking for favorable recommendation for R-25-173. So this is a \$25,000 grant opportunity for us from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant Program and we utilize these funds to pay for our HAZMAT refresher training for our HAZMAT team members.

Chairman Lopez

Is this old money because it says from the 2024 State Homeland Security Grant. Like are they just doing a clean out or something?

Alderwoman Timmons

Yeah.

Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Chief

Yes.

Chairman Lopez

Alright, any useful questions from the committee? I was just curious because I was like where did this come from? Is this a pass through as well or?

Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Chief

There's no match on it and it's from the State Department of Homeland Security.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. The State Department of Homeland Security, not like the Department of Homeland Security giving to the State?

Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Chief

I believe the State Department of Homeland Security.

Chairman Lopez

I feel like I'm asking all your questions, Alderman Thibodeau.

Alderman Thibodeau

That's alright. You just beat me to the punch that's all.

Chairman Lopez

Alright well then if there's no further questions.

Alderwoman Timmons

I do have one question just for clarification Chief. The 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program is not updated or it is still the same program as it in contingent of all the years like 2024, 25, 26. How/why is it still 2024?

Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Chief

Sometimes they have unexpended funds that are leftovers.

Alderwoman Timmons

And that's what that is.

Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Chief

They try to utilize that before they close out. If you notice, these funds need to be expended by August, 31 2027.

Alderwoman Timmons

Oh, okay.

Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Chief

They don't have any recent strings attached or anything.

Alderwoman Timmons

Yeah, through August.

Chairman Lopez

Any recent? Okay, so this is already created, already in place. There's nothing recent added to it?

Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Chief

Correct.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-25-178**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

Alderman Tim Sennott  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

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ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

Okay, I realize this is minutia Director Sullivan, but if you wouldn't mind just indulging me. You listed the different priorities. Could you tell me if they're prioritized in order of the way that you listed them or if they would all be just sort of treated as these are the priorities taken in total. I believe my intentions are well known so I would be remiss if I didn't notice that homelessness was second to "affordable housing".

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

So Alderman Lopez I just wanted to clarify. Okay, I'm sorry I thought we were not on this piece of legislation yet, but that's my. So the answer is no, Alderman Lopez. The identified they're not listed in order by rank.

Chairman Lopez

So it's a pool not hierarchy.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Correct. Yes, absolutely, yep. So the fact that homelessness number two is no indication of where it ranked. I will say though that in the survey, affordable housing generally was above homelessness, but I think there are a variety of reasons why that might be the case. So you know, just for more for information than anything, but that in no way is an indication of where funds will be allocated or anything of that nature. I just want to be really clear about that because I do understand your sensitivity.

Chairman Lopez

Did you conduct a survey over the warming station? That's probably why it wasn't number one.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

For the record. I'm not laughing at the nature of the question, but no we did not conduct a survey at the warming station, but I understand the point.

Chairman Lopez

Right, if data is collected in an area that some people have more trouble getting to than others, you're not going to see the full representation.

Alderwoman Timmons

More for Tom than anything, Director Cummings. Here's the problem with this whole thing. If you don't have affordable housing you going to have homelessness. So affordable housing, lack of it create homelessness. So I can see affordable housing first and then homelessness second. It makes sense.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

I think affordable housing is a much broader umbrella and I think that's why folks gravitate to that when they're faced with what do you think the biggest community priorities are. They're naturally going to gravitate to affordable housing, but I agree that they either place homelessness sort of below it or they recognize that affordable housing supply is a core piece of the reason that the homelessness challengers are the way that they are in the city. So they're so interrelated and that's why I'm glad they're not really prioritized in the plan because they're so similar.

Chairman Lopez

I would consider it a very fair answer because affordable housing can cover all kinds of things like Rapid Rehousing or Shelter Plus Care or domestic violence or substance abuse recovery based housing and those are things you might need to get out of emergency shelter situations. And we definitely have seen bottlenecks where there's no vouchers so nobody can move out of the shelters. So then nobody who's unsheltered can even get into the shelter. So you're 100% correct that we need to make sure there's housing capacity. But affordable housing doesn't necessarily mean all of that. Any other comments or observations? Alderman Thibodeau.

Alderman Thibodeau

You had mentioned searching out the giant document.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Yes.

Alderman Thibodeau

What is the name of the file if people wanted to go to the Nashua website.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

I'm glad Alderman Thibodeau asked this question actually. Thank you. So if folks are looking for the document there are a couple things they can do, quite honestly. So I'm going to kind of give all the options. If you search for the City of Nashua Consolidated Plan or Draft Consolidated Plan you should be taken to the right place. In the event that one or more of those search terms are modified you can go to the Urban Programs main page on the City of Nashua website. So that's City of Nashua Urban Programs. You can Google that or however you want to find it, you can find it directly through the city website. Once you're there on the main Urban Programs page you're going to see Draft Fiscal 26 through 30 Consolidated Plan. There's a document right below that, but thank you for asking that question because we are technically still in the public comment period so if folks are watching this meeting this evening, that's a great place to find it. Again, any comments can be addressed directly to [urbanprograms@nashuanh.gov](mailto:urbanprograms@nashuanh.gov), to myself or to Mike Jungers for those that have our contact information. Thank you for asking that.

Alderman Thibodeau

Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

Great questions. Any more? Seeing none.

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE R-25-155  
MOTION CARRIED**

**R-25-155**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Gloria Timmons  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman Tim Sennott  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**AMENDING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL  
ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG")**

Alderman Sennott

Do we need to recommend the amendments or if we already made them?

Chairman Lopez

That's a very good question. Director Sullivan, we have a golden rod copy. I don't know that we made amendments at that meeting. Yeah, so this is just a type (inaudible) isn't it?

Alderman Sennott

We had to table it.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

So I'm gonna talk out loud for just a second here so I and please committee members correct me if I'm wrong. You made a motion at your most recent meeting to amend the public services awards. What I don't know that you did clearly and why I would I guess as a belt and suspenders just request that you make another amendment this evening perhaps. Because I don't know that we clearly recommended the other allocations that were not really subject to discussion that evening. I don't know if that makes sense. Let me go back to the motion actually just so really clear.

Alderman Sennott

I think we did.

Chairman Lopez

I don't think it would hurt, though. If we start with the motion to recommend final passage and then we move to amend it as presented here in the golden rod copy then all of our bases are kind of covered.

Alderman Sennott

Alright, I'll start with the motion to recommend final passage.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, so moved and that's what we're talking about. Next up.

Alderman Sennott

Give me a second to look up the previous meeting and I'll find out what we did.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

So I'm actually looking at Alderman Sennott, one moment here. Mr. Chair, what does your motion say before you in the what you have from Ms. Graham?

Chairman Lopez

It just says to recommend insert. So I would say probably we should amend it and then recommend passage of that. And then it is something that needs to be further amended or changed we'll have to take it up at the full.

Alderman Sennott

I think we could recommend final passage as amended because we have the draft amendments here that I believe we made.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Mr. Chair, I agree with that. I think that's correct.

Alderwoman Timmons

Yeah.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, well we just had a public hearing on it too. So then we said easier too.

Alderman Sennott

I think that's what was on the table.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

I believe that's correct. Yeah, I think you're right.

Alderman Sennott

So I'm going to amend my motion to recommend final passage as amended.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, everyone understand the motion?

Alderwoman Timmons

Yes.

Alderman Thibodeau

No.

Chairman Lopez

Any questions?

Alderman Thibodeau

Approving the amended version or accepting the amended version?

Chairman Lopez

So we have actually already made the amendment in the previous meeting. Now we'd just be taking that all and sending it forth.

Alderman Sennott

Recommending final passage of this copy.

Alderman Thibodeau

Now I'm good.

Chairman Lopez

That is a key part of this role. Don't just smile and nod, ask the question.

Alderman Sennott

That's right.

Chairman Lopez

Alright, then all those in favor say aye. Alright, so motion is recommended as amended.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

And just a point of clarification for Director Sullivan who is unfortunately stepping away. This is like the main changes that we're adding the park as the focus?

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

That is correct, yes. We are allocating \$100,000 from unallocated public facilities into the Park Social Improvement Project, yes.

Chairman Lopez

And that money will also be, is it matched by the private donation?

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

It's not. It's actually, in fact exceeded by the private donation. I forget the exact amount, but the private donation is for more than \$100,000.

Alderman Sennott

It's \$150,000.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

So an implication is we also have a legislation to change the name from Park Social to Morin Park. I will give some local history because I was the one who moved to change it to Park Social. So my problem was everyone was confused because it was called Labine Park and we already had a bigger, more well-known Labine Park so people were finding it confusing and we wanted to change it to something. We couldn't immediately think of a good name so we named it Park Social after the building was there and then later I heard from constituents that we named a park after a bar. So I don't know that anyone's really going to miss Park Social as it is. There's no sign calling it that it literally exists in that form only on the Department of Public Works website and it's only a couple of years old, whereas Morin Park would actually have a story behind it a person that we're honoring and recognizing and it would get a splash pad built that that community really needs because Ward Four is one of the only ones that doesn't have a pool anywhere near it. So that's my two cents.

Alderwoman Timmons

We never get to use splash pad. Cool.

Chairman Lopez

Alright, so my little tidbit aside.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE R-25-157**

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **R-25-157, Amended**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman Tim Sennott  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

Which is in fact, the golden rod right?

Alderman Sennott

Maybe it is. I think we might have gotten our resolutions crossed.

Chairman Lopez

Yep, the last one was just the amendments that we made that were presented earlier with regards to the treating for radon and all of that. Alright, so we didn't fully understand the last amendment. Let's just circle back and go do just to make sure we're clear. Now we all know which one that the previous one was just 2025 after this, because we just made the motion. After we do 157 we're going to circle back just to give it a second slice. Does that sound fair?

Alderman Sennott

Yeah, 155 doesn't need to be as "amended" now.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, so but let's do 157 because we literally have it on the table now, off the table now. 157, as amended everything we just said about the wrong legislation. Here's the golden rod copy; it's what we discussed in the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Just very...thank you everyone for your work on all these plans, particularly the action plan. It's always a little bit of a lift every year. We had an entirely new team to the program this year so that was a little bit of a challenge on our end. Hopefully you didn't feel that too much, but thank you for all of your support and collaboration and hopefully the process will be a little easier next year assuming that we receive money from HUD. So fingers crossed. Thank you so much.

Chairman Lopez

Right. For myself I will just say I was pretty impressed with the organization and presentation of it. There was a lot of pressure for us to get it done quickly, because there's a lot of other meetings that were happening at the time, but it was because that organization we were able to do it in a reasonably dignified manner and per Alderman Kelly we were able to also allocate a little bit more funding to the warming station which was an important focus. I All right, so I don't think we have any more. We have general discussion.

Alderman Sennott

I think you just started.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONAlderman Lopez

She's not presently here any longer, but I would like to invite Director Bagley for next month to present on not only the warming station, but cooling stations. Any plans that might be a foot for increasing shelter capacity, that kind of stuff. Because I think we need to have a better idea of what we're doing. As Alderman Sennott pointed out it's nice that we actually sort of have a plan before it's already cold. But why not start in July, get the initial presentation started and then go from there?

Alderman Sennott

Yeah, Director Sullivan already left before I could boost his ego anymore. But I just wanted to piggyback off the comments. I mean, we had a completely new Urban Programs Manager this year. I'm awake.

Alderman Lopez

He's the UP Manager.

Alderman Sennott

No, I mean he really dove in head first and I mean, I have heard a couple of presentations from former Manager Long and I didn't get the sense of any growing pains. I really thought he dove in head first and rolled up his sleeves and really gave us everything that we needed to make the proper decisions with that. So just want to extend kudos to them. I think they did a fantastic job this year.

Alderman Lopez

I think some of that might be a hiring coup because Manager Youngers or Jungers, sorry, Where I was at the block party going over do I call you Youngers or Jungers and he said Jungers. We were talking about Reverend Dr. . Do I call you younger or youngers?

We were talking about Reverend Dr. Bertha A. Perkins Park and how we were starting to move towards another park but we need to get this one done. And he was already involved in that project. He's committed to moving that immediately forward with everything that he can muster. He has a plan and he has a plan for community engagement. The plaque identifying it is also part of the plan so he is definitely on board. But I think Director Sullivan found somebody who already knew the situation from a different position and so it was very easy to onboard, connect and engage.

And I mean, I think I'm excited about both parks because I think it's important that we have that splash pad we've been looking for, for so long especially over the summer where there isn't a way to you know, for people to cool off. But we also made a promise to the community, a very specific one that we would do your choice/your voice and kind of sticks in the craw that their voice was heard, but we haven't been able to build their choice yet, so we really need to do right by both of those and I think Urban Programs is going to be able to pull it off.

Alderman Thibodeau

Is this General Aldermanic?

Alderman Lopez

Yep.

Alderman Thibodeau

For anybody who might still be listening and that Alderman Thibodeau doesn't care. I've said many times that my "no" voting is not against the things that the money is allocated for necessarily or the programs that the money is allocated for, it is the source of the funding. And even the Chief of Police almost got a "no" vote until they clarified that. So my "yes" and "no" are not critical of the thing, but the source of the funding. And to be even more clear, some of these things are so important that they don't think that they need to be or should be dependent upon the federal government. For instance, is exactly for what we're going through now.

Some of these things I think are so important that they should be part of the budget, should be community funded or State funded and not pass throughs through the Federal Government because of the main thing that most of the people are concerned about is somebody getting in there who doesn't necessarily agree with these things and wants to pull this funding. Or with Director Bagley's comment about the vaccination. The fact that they're not able to use those funds the way we saw fit and we weren't able to have those in the location where we wanted to then we had to move some of that back to schools in order to use some of those. So those stipulations that get levied on people when you take grant money, that is why. There's some aspects that the federal government shouldn't be involved in at all, but the other part is the stipulations, the lack of control at the city level that we lose by accepting these grant dollars. So that is why.

Alderman Lopez

That makes sense and to be honest I agree with you in particularly the area of the School Department. I think New Hampshire as a State has just proven time and time again that they don't have the same values we do when it comes to educating children. And the Federal Government just weaves all over the place. So I one of the reasons why I was advocating for fully funding what the Board of Education asked for particularly this year because I don't think that's going to get better. And I think if we don't reconfigure our local budget to acknowledge those as priorities then I don't think any other help is going to come.

But the flip side of that is the average taxpayer or maybe I would even venture to say the most vocal taxpayers who come in, they do have their priorities. They want an immediately accessible assessing system that can give them instant access to any piece of property it might occur to them to look at and that costs money. We pay for that out of our local funds and maybe that would have been a thing where maybe we just wait until the Federal Government pays us to do that. If people really said okay, well let's take a hard look at our community and what are our priorities? We need police, fire and education. We're going to fund these at minimum at a level that we can be happy with. And then if the State happens to give us more great for them. If we did that then there would also be some things that we couldn't do that are paid out of our general fund.

Alderwoman-at-Large Timmons

Thank you. I agree with my colleague 100% on the right, but the only problem with that is that the city doesn't have the money. They just don't and if we try to put money into those programs you have certain people screaming and yelling about their taxes going up. And so we have to get the money from somewhere. And I pay federal taxes, so my federal taxes, I want to see it trickle down from somewhere. I don't want to see it up there where you know, somebody's going to buy a damn jet or any of that other stuff.

Chairman Lopez

Or just get a free jet and then spend twice as much (inaudible).

Alderwoman Timmons

Get a free jet, no buy a jet. But even though it's a free jet it's not really a free jet because we have to maintain it. So it's not going to be free.

Chairman Lopez

We have to rebuild it from the ground up and maybe it will get off the ground.

Alderwoman Timmons

Yeah, so my taxpayer's money, my dollars I want to see it trickle down to us. I want to see some of that back. That's why I vote for all grant money. I want to see it. I want to see it. That's my whole thing. And the city doesn't have that money and we lose a lot of services because we don't have that money. That's why grant money is important to me. Please give me the money that I gave you over the years.

Chairman Lopez

It's also why we need 15 aldermen so all of us can contribute our perspective to get to it.

Alderwoman Timmons

Right, I respect it. Yeah. He's comical.

Chairman Lopez

And Alderman Thibodeau, I think everybody can give you without any disagreement you are consistent. I don't think you missed a single chance to be like no, not that one. But I've definitely noticed when you vote for something and in favor of something.

Alderwoman Timmons

Yeah. He good people.

Alderman Lopez

I would just offer that I was hoping you just bring that up earlier last year because I was like it makes sense what you're doing and why you're doing it. And it's not something you have to be.

Alderwoman Timmons

And the fact that he is consistent, that's the biggest you know, it's really.

PUBLIC COMMENT- NoneREMARKS BY THE ALDERMENAlderman Lopez

I would like to thank all of the people who helped organize the tree streets block party. Involve to Impact as the organization that has been hosting it, Nashua PAL for partnering, the police. There was a bunch of National Security events that were happening and we were very grateful to have the police there.

They did a great job bringing out the Mounted Patrol. I got to make friends with Big Mac. He's the horse with the big blonde perm. And I think Ellie was there for a little while, the emotional support dog. The members of the SWAT were there with the Bearcat showing off all of their stuff. And then we had

our partners who over the years, the last nine years have really made the block party a success. We've added flow free or die in recent years, and they always do a really great job of letting local artists perform and there's some very talented people this year. New Hampshire Underground has been joining. New Hampshire Underground actually helped the city purchase and establish all of the electronics equipment, the sound equipment that's going with the block party trailer. And I would say to anybody who's interested in running a neighborhood party that block party is, it was described as a treasure trove. We just open it up. The stage drops down and it's got a door in the back so you can climb up and you know, walk upstairs, have a little backstage area and then there's the stage. And it's full of tables, chairs, games, all the things you need to make a block party that you might not have thought of until you were there the day off.

And after nine years I have a running joke that it's usually 10 minutes into the block party where I'm like oh, yeah right we need to do that. So that that block party trailer is heading towards remembering all of those things, writing it down and making sure that every single one has a success. So thank you Economic Development for pushing that forward. Director Hannum. Thank you all of the other partners. New Fellowship did a great job of support, and the NAACP did a great job of supporting the kickoff to Juneteenth. There's a whole bunch of Juneteenth celebrations happening around the city throughout the week. It was a really good event. It was a really good turnout. Residents were very, very patient as they always are. I would say 99.9% of them got the memos which I personally handed out three times in the rain. And then there's always the one or two that didn't who still were like okay, well, it's a block party I'll adjust my plans and we appreciate that. We appreciate neighbors being neighbors, and everybody being able to celebrate a good cause.

Alderwoman Timmons

I have a question. What happened to all those Girl Scout cookies?

Alderman Lopez

What girl scout cookies? The ones the New fellowship was giving out?

Alderwoman Timmons

Oh, it was hundreds of boxes.

Alderman Lopez

I wasn't in charge of the Girl Scout cookies and you can tell the Public Health Department that.

Alderwoman Timmons

Yeah, I mean they you know, they were still there at the end. That's why I said what happened to all those cookies.

Alderman Lopez

I think they were New fellowships. I think they just brought them out. It wasn't in my planning. Someone just showed up. In the future we'll make sure there's a screening, there's an inventory of all Girl Scout cookies brought. We know what happened to them, but there was nothing there. We did the full cleanup and breakdown at the end, and the street was all ready to go.

So tomorrow PAL will be having its own summer of blast off so that'll be exciting. And then on the Fourth of July there's gonna be a Fourth of July for veterans over at Liquid Therapy organized by Nashua Veterans Promise. A lot of veterans in celebrating the Fourth of July aren't particularly fond of fireworks or late nights or huge crowds so this is a lower key kind of a casual afternoon on the patio kind of a thing. We'll have music from New Hampshire Underground. It should be a good time, so feel free to stop by and veterans get a free meal. So all right, that's all my announcements.

Alderman Sennott

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You mentioned New Hampshire Underground a couple times and I know they're still a bit of a relatively new and evolving organization, but if anybody is not aware of what they do they are music oriented. They actually operate a venue over in Ward Seven down the end of Haines Street, and they are putting on underground performances from various area and touring artists. They actually brought an artist in that I kind of forgot existed from my youth. This is something I've been clamoring for years as somebody who grew up going over to Drifters on Factory Street when that was still in existence and everything and unfortunately they moved in as my internal clock doesn't agree with staying up that late.

But nevertheless, they are filling what I have long said is a missing need in the community and they are headed up by very passionate individuals who are looking to create the best space imaginable. So if

that is your scene and you are not beholden to an early bedtime, definitely go check them out.

Alderman Lopez

Yep, and the organizers are very much. They're a model that's very similar to anybody who knows the Picker Building where it's sort of like an artist colony, but they are carrying on the legacy of Steve Bourque who used to do like late night get together jam sessions for artists. It was very, very helpful to the scene that people just sort of appreciated downtown. Of all the live musicians and emerging artists and bands that were popping up that wasn't all happening entirely organically. There were leaders that were organizing and providing opportunities, teaching how to network you know, helping them book gigs and all that. And so New Hampshire Underground has been doing a lot to kind of move into that and make sure that need is still there. So definitely appreciate it. Alderwoman Timmons are you just leaning back or are you waving? No, she's like bring it home, bring it home.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN TIMMONS TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Alderman Tim Sennott  
Committee Clerk