

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, June 2, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 South 6th Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

Council Present: Paul Diaz
Anita Romero
Vanessa Mendoza
Idelfonso Green
Mary Soltero
Miguel Rojas

Staff Present: Luis Gonzales, City Manager
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
Joel Gastelum, Planning
Chief Lackey, Police Dept.
Batt. Chief Rey Alvarez, Fire Dept.

Guests: Chuck Burbank, Pasadera Behavioral Health
Maria Valenzuela, Pasadera Behavioral Health
Denise Ensdorff, CEO, Arizona Children's Association
Stacy Tarpinio, Pasadera Behavioral Health
Mary Purdue, Pasadera Behavioral Health

Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Rojas led the Invocation.

ITEM #04 – ROLL CALL – All members of the Council were present, except for Councilman Patino, who was excused.

ITEM #05 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MEETING MAY 19, 2014 – Not available

ITEM #06 – PUBLIC – DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE SALE OF THE ARIZONA CHILDREN'S HOME – 2700 SOUTH 8TH AVENUE TO SOUTHERN ARIZONA MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC (SAMHC)

Mr. Burbank: Thank you Mayor, Mr. Gonzales, all the City Council and everybody that showed up here today, thank you very much for being interested in what we're, in what we would like to do and how we would like to be member of this community. We are, appreciate this opportunity to tell you more about what we do and also how we do it, and what we're planning for our perspective site here in South Tucson. We are hopeful that we will be a positive contributor to this great community. First off, Pasadera Behavioral Health is a newly-formed company which is the result of a merger between Compass Health Care and SAMHC, which is Southern Arizona Mental Health Corporation. Southern Arizona Mental Health Corporation has been in the community, in the Pima County area, serving people for over 50 years. Compass Health Care has been serving people for over 40 years or so. We came together because we thought it was a great opportunity so that we would be able to serve the whole person, whether they have a mental illness, a substance abuse disorder, or both. We have a full array of

services that we provide as Pasadera, only a couple of which are going to be provided in the South Tucson location. We provide, we will be, basically, our main reason for wanting to, for looking for additional property for ourselves was to find a place where we could put all of our administrative staff in one location. And the Arizona Children's Association property, which is the property in question tonight, fit those needs great but they also fill additional needs for us, too, because Arizona Children's has been serving, has been providing alcohol rehabilitation services in those buildings for a good portion of the many years in the past. And those properties, as well as the outpatient clinic that's located there, fit our needs very well as a similar type behavioral health agency. Where Arizona Children's wasn't serving those particular clients any more, they had outlived the purpose for that whole property that's in question tonight. We provide many services as Pasadera. We provide a whole array of services. Please refer to the packets that we have out for everybody. I think there has been some misconception about what some of the properties are going to, or what, what we're going to use this property for. We, there's been some speculation that SAMHC's walk-in crisis center would move there. No, SAMHC's walk-in crisis center remains in mid-town at Dodge and Grant area. We also provide medical detox services, but we will not provide them in South Tucson. They'll be provided at the location on Ajo Way near the Kino Hospital complex. We provide many services, those services as well as services in Green Valley, Three Points, Bisbee, Amado, and all over the Tucson area. The only programs that would be moving to the South Tucson location are the drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, as well as an outpatient clinic down the road, or in the future, not down the road. Like I said, our initial goal was to find a building that would house our administrative staff. We will have over 100 employees working at this location in South Tucson, who will be working here on a daily basis. That's about 100 FTE's and about 150 people in total will be working here in the South Tucson area. We also, the property has been very well kept up over the years. It's been present there for over 100 years. We do plan on making improvements to the property. We have a construction budget of \$450,000 in place right now to provide building improvements to some of the facilities there right now. Although the property has been well-maintained, we want to make some improvements to the property. We also plan to provide safety to the community. And I understand that, I understand the concerns that people have voiced about safety when a program similar to the Arizona Children's program, but a different program comes in. We plan to offer, there will be 24-hour staff at the facility. There will always be staff located at the facility. Security will be there. We're planning on hiring security from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. every night. We will be a non-smoking campus. We will have a fence around the residential portion of the property to distinguish it from the rest of the property, which we hope to continue allowing the citizens of the community to use the track, use the walkway through the property, as we continue, as we use the property ourselves. Residents will be escorted at all times on site. People that come to our property that are being served are not actively using. They will come from a medical detox facility or they will come from other communities around Arizona, around the State, around the southwest to be given services here. Most of those people are from Native-American populations that are in the southwestern area. But they will be picked up and dropped off. They will not be coming to the neighborhood themselves. They need to be willingly coming here on their own. They will be transported here and when they're done with their treatment, they will be transported

back. And it will done at the south side of the campus, away from the school and residential part. We will also have a 24-hour hotline available for residents of South Tucson when they have suspicions of something going on, the community, anybody can call when they have a concern about something going on on our property. We hope that we can continue to utilize the property, not just for our employees, but the people we serve as well as, we hope to continue providing the property for public use for the community. Community gardens, the track, the gym, the school, there's multiple uses of the property that can be used both for us and the community as a whole. We are agencies with a track record of first and foremost concern about safety for individuals. For our staff, for the people we serve, and the communities we serve. Our agencies have not only a duty to serve the people that are struggling with their mental illness or with substance abuse problems. We have a responsibility to keep the community safe as well. And we have done that over 50 years very well and very successfully. And most importantly, we have our full commitment and cooperation to be good community members and to enhance this community. I would venture to say everybody here, the fact that tonight has been affected by a loved one who has suffered from a mental illness or addiction and we exist to ease the suffering of all those people affected. And we do also exist to keep communities safer. Arizona Children's Association has been providing similar services for a lot of the 100 years that they have been in existence in this community, before the City was conceived and built. We intend to continue that proud tradition.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Did you bring anybody else to ...

Mr. Burbank: Do you guys want to add anything? Yeah, I have a few other employees that ...

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Would you come forward?

Mr. Burbank: Does anybody want to make a statement? Maria? Maria Valenzuela is the Operations Manager for our agency.

Ms. Valenzuela: Good afternoon. My name is Maria Valenzuela. I'm Operations Manager and I started working on the Compass side of the company for almost 10 years now. I grew up in Tucson. I'm a native Tucsonan. I used to cruise 6th Avenue when I was in high school. I know the city very well. I have a lot of pride in my city whether it's, you know, back then it was South Tucson and Tucson. I grew up on the south side of Tucson but I remember cruising down 6th Avenue. I remember Hardy's hamburgers. I remember everything that, you know, means a lot to me and to my culture because I'm a native. A native, you know, Tucsonan. You don't find many of us anymore. I'm here. I was brought up, I went to Sunnyside High School. Hablo muy bien espanol. Nunca se me a olvidado. Mi mama nunca deajo que se me olvidara el espanol, que (inaudible) ingles y espanol. Yo tengo mucho orgullo (inaudible) Tucson conocer la ciudad. Y he trabajado por esa compania por dies anos. Y yo se que esa compania, la mas importante, cosa mas importante para ellos es la seguridad de los clientes y de nosotros los empleados. Nunca (inaudible) nada de que nos han lastimodo, los clientes nunca se han, nadien hay estado lastimados en el trabajo por

ellos. Nosotros estamos ayudando y como dijo Chuck, todos, todos (inaudible) miembros de su familia tienen problemas con drogas, alcohol. Nosotros nomas estamos allí para ayudarles. Y la primera cosa que tenemos es la seguridad de ustedes y de los clientes y de los trabajadores de la compañía. Si tienen preguntas en español, se sienten más, si es más fácil (inaudible) español después de esto, hablen conmigo. Yo les contesto lo que quieran. Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Ms. Ensdorff: I'm Denise Ensdorff, and I'm the current CEO of Arizona Children Association. It has been a really difficult and long road to make the decision to sell our campus. We, as Chuck referred to, we no longer provide the services that that campus was really built for, so we are spending a lot of money to keep that campus up and not using it for what it's truly meant for. I compare it to like having a house that's big enough for a family of ten children and all those ten children are off and on their own, and it's time to downsize and find the appropriate space for what we need going forward. Our board made that difficult decision to sell the property, but they also made it very clear that we needed to find someone who would be very good stewards to the property. That property has a lot of history and is very meaningful, and we're emotionally connected to that property. And we believe we truly have found a company that will be good stewards to the property. We have had people look at that property, that looked at that sidewalk that goes across our property that many community members use day in and day out, that looked at that and said, "We would fence that off. We don't want anyone coming on the campus." We don't, that's not the kind of agency that we want there. We want an agency that's going to embrace the community and involve the community. And I believe that Pasadera is that agency. Thanks.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you. Anybody else? We're going to do questions for the, so we can clarify some points to us.

Councilwoman Mendoza: I have just a couple questions. He said that there was three main reasons why you guys were going to, or three main services that you guys were going to provide here in South Tucson. I got administration and then I got drug and alcohol rehab. Are those the three? You guys separate the drug and alcohol rehab or is there another one that I missed, ...

Mr. Burbank: No, ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... that you didn't mention?

Mr. Burbank: ... they're together. They're, it's a 90-day rehab facility as well as a shorter term residential program. And then there is a space for an outpatient clinic. We don't know exactly what we're going to be putting there at this point in time. We have talked about it potentially serving the community in some way, the citizens of this community, but we have come up with no conclusions at this time. A lot of that depends upon funding, from lots of other, lots of other issues.

Councilwoman Mendoza: So right now, you just really have two, which is administration and the drug and (inaudible) rehab. Do you know, I mean will these drug and alcohol rehab clients, will they be categorized as like GMH, SMI, will they be all of those or?

Mr. Burbank: They will be classified. They may be, they could be potentially classified as, but usually in those treatment facilities it's, it's pretty much a GMH population. But it's anybody who has, who wants to get treatment and is sober and has, you know, has a means to pay for it, whether it be AHCCCS or other types of insurance.

Councilwoman Mendoza: So it could be anybody regardless of whether they're enrolled in a behavioral health agency here in Tucson?

Mr. Burbank: Yes.

Councilwoman Mendoza: And when you guys talk about the over, you know, 100 employees that you will be having work here, these are obviously employees that will be relocated, they're not hires that could potentially come from South Tucson?

Mr. Burbank: Well, in the future we could definitely be hiring people from the South Tucson area. We hope to do that. But we do, there will be 125 or so employees here, that's working here.

Councilwoman Mendoza: That will be ...

Mr. Burbank: And ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... relocated from some ...

Mr. Burbank: ... (inaudible) ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... of your other ...

Mr. Burbank: ... we're selling four other properties in order to be able to move into this one.

Mayor Diaz: I have one. As programs grow and degrow, how do you plan to communicate with the community about those programs that might affect the community?

Mr. Burbank: We've always, I think both agencies have been very transparent organizations and I mean we could tell, you know, city leadership. We aim to be involved in, we aim to be involved in community groups. There was already a group of not-for-profit providers that we had a meeting with a couple of weeks ago. I mean I think there are channels that we can get the word out as programs change and needs change.

Mayor Diaz: Could you put a definition to residency, or a resident, or something to that effect that I guess was mentioned, 90-day program, is that a resident here or in a different location or how does, can you expand on that?

Mr. Burbank: It's a very systemic program where there's treatment-type protocols that take place throughout the day. And we hope to, I mean it's a very organized stay for people. And then the idea, though, is to keep them in a residential-type facility where they are immune from the potential of using or drinking again. It's kind of, it's to kind of get them out of their current environment that fosters their substance use.

Ms. Tarpinio: So I can add to that, Mayor Diaz.

Mayor Diaz: Go ahead. Speak loudly.

Councilman Rojas: Could you identify yourself, please?

Ms. Tarpinio: Stacy Tarpinio from Pasadera.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. And a little bit louder.

Ms. Tarpinio: I'm sorry. So when someone comes to us for the residential portion of the treatment, they're coming from us from an outside organization, voluntarily, and they, they're not actively using any type of drugs so they have to be already sober. And they have to be voluntary for the treatment. So they come in and our stay, the maximum stay someone can stay is 90 days. So they can, some people stay 30 days. Some people stay 60 days. It all depends, it's an individualized treatment program and everyone gets an individualized treatment plan. And within the context of their time there, we serve the meals out of the kitchen. They sleep on-site as well as having all the therapeutic programming throughout the day. And so it's really an opportunity for folks who are coming in with an addiction problem to come in and, and be able to get a lot of proven individual focused attention to a drastic, what's impairing them and why they're continuing to use so that they can go back out into the community and be productive members. So for some people, an outpatient service is not enough. There's too many, too much external stimulation. And that's why these type of programs were developed and have found some success for people who need to really be removed from their current environment and be able to be put into a supportive environment for care.

Mayor Diaz: So if they do volunteer to, voluntarily come into the program, can they also drop out at any time or do they have to be escorted out or how does that work?

Ms. Tarpinio: Yes, a person who, because it's voluntary, a person can choose to, if they want to discharge themselves, they can and generally, we like to do a consultation and make sure, you know, we're on the same page, and then we do the transition with the person off-site to their, either back to their home or to wherever they're wanting to go. So we have actually a whole, we have a transportation, we have 3 employee, full-time drivers in our organization actually. So we have a fleet of vehicles. We provide

transportation for our clients, to and from appointments, and in and off of property. So all residents that come to this property, there will be no walk-in service. There will be no on-site intake. Every person has an off-site intake, has an off-site acceptance, and then they're brought onto the property and, you know, (inaudible) into the treatment program and when they're discharged, if it's at their stated date or even if it's early, they're brought off the property back to their home or wherever they're choosing to go to.

Mayor Diaz: Are they locked up at night or, I don't know.

Ms. Tarpinio: The program is not a locked facility, meaning that there aren't doors that keep you in. What we have decided, what we, so a person can, can get up and leave their room, for example. But the, the area of the dorms, they're on the west side of the campus, is fenced. And we're going to continue that fence so that that property, because the property is so well used by the community, there can, we won't have any concern about people coming into that area, which is the treatment area, from the community, or the residents coming out unescorted into the outside of the treatment area. So we have every intention to secure that place so that it's safe for the community members that still use the open areas of the campus.

Mayor Diaz: When you say you have 24-hour security service, does that include cameras or anything like that?

Ms. Tarpinio: That's a good question. We haven't, our intent at this point, was to put, because we have 24-hour staff and we have so many administrative, about any one time, you know, 75 to 100 on-site who are working there during the daytime, that the evening hours when we'll probably have 6 to 10 overnight staff, to have security running a 12-hour overnight shift. That would be going, you know, along the edge of the campus, making sure that there's no issues outside of the campus or inside the campus, and then addressing those as needed.

Mayor Diaz: Have you had concerns about that at your other locations? Any type of activity that would affect that, those programs at other communities?

Mr. Burbank: A lot of those, there's a, the program that's moving over, that we hope is moving over here is housed on Dodge Boulevard. And it's been there for 20 years, twenty plus years now. And there have been no incidents within that, within, that the community has cited from that building at all. And that's pretty much the clients that are going to be coming over to this facility here.

Councilwoman Mendoza: You said that when these clients would enter the drug and alcohol rehab that they would be not using at the time. Do they go from your detox facility on Ajo to this program or ...

Ms. Tarpinio: Some ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... I mean and how long do you guys give them before they're not using? I mean is it just like they stopped using yesterday and now they're here?

Mr. Burbank: No.

Ms. Tarpinio: No. No, they, for the ones that we have a percentage of our population that comes from the detox on Ajo, and we have a percentage that comes from out, from in the community. But from the Ajo site, they have to be medically detoxed and that's a minimum of 5 days. So sometimes it's (inaudible).

Councilwoman Mendoza: So they've gone through the basic like withdrawal, a medical withdrawal stage ...

Mr. Burbank: Yes.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... at that time and now they're stable and are ready for release from the detox facility.

Ms. Tarpinio: Yes.

Councilwoman Mendoza: And you said that this was going to be a non-smoking campus. I mean you can't really keep people from smoking. Would they be allowed to go out? I mean where would they gather? At the Food City parking lot and have a cigarette or?

Ms. Tarpinio: Do you mean staff or clients?

Councilwoman Mendoza: I mean anybody, I would assume, because if you would probably have staff that smoke as well. I mean ...

Ms. Tarpinio: Staff ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... I don't, you know, we can't impede on their personal life, or choices, but ...

Ms. Tarpinio: Right. So for, if, the, the physical campus will be non-smoking so for clients, it is a non-smoking campus. Clients cannot smoke while they're in treatment with us. We manage that medically through for some that need patches, and we work with them in that process. It's the same as our detox. All of our facilities, well all of our, our walk-in clinic and our detox are non-smoking, so it's, so in terms of staff, yes, there will be some staff that smoke. And they will have to, we'll have a spot set aside on the south side of the campus and that's where they would have to go to have a cigarette. Obviously, if the community members who are walking through and using the campus and smoke, that's fine. It's a public easement. But in terms of staff and clients, we will honor the concept of a non-smoking campus.

Councilwoman Mendoza: With these type of clinics that you guys have run before, what is, do you guys have about an average of how many police calls that you make and have police officers, officers respond to as well as maybe the fire department, and you know, EMT, ambulance stuff? Do you know roughly about what your call volume is at one of these clinics?

Ms. Purdue: I can probably answer that question. My name is Mary Purdue, Chief Operating Officer. I can tell you at the SAMHC walk-in clinic there are multiple police calls a day because law enforcement brings clients to us just like they do to the CRC down on the Kino campus. So that happens quite frequently. We have a number of first responders come. If there are medical issues, someone needs to be transported to a hospital, and this, so much lesser number going to the detox facility where there most law enforcement agencies in Pima County are, have an agreement where they can drop individuals in need of detox off. Calls to our other facilities are much rarer, you know, and those calls occur, say, for example, at the, if someone is brought to detox and wants to leave at that point, say they're dropped off by law enforcement and then they say, you know, "I came with them because otherwise I was going to jail, but I don't want to stay," and if they're disruptive, we may need to ask law enforcement to come and escort them. It is very rare that there are police coming to either the, either of the two residential facilities that we currently, where we currently house folks in these 90-day treatment programs. So our involvement with law enforcement is very much related to our crisis locations, which will remain there.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Which no law enforcement will never be dropping anybody off at this ...

Ms. Purdue: No.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... campus at all because they should have received the detox prior to them going here.

Ms. Purdue: Say that the only way that something would happen where law enforcement might come is if there were some sort of activity that happened on campus that requires, you know, law enforcement response.

Mayor Diaz: In regards to your transparency, are your policies written and well posted, available also?

Mr. Burbank: Our policies are open and I think we can arrange it if you would like to see a copy of our policies. They're not printed on our website or anything.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Thank you.

Councilwoman Mendoza: I have one more, I'm sorry. These things like pop into my head as I go along. The transportation, when they're done with the rehabilitation there, is there going to be at any point that you would just hand off a bus pass to somebody?

Ms. Tarpinio: No.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Okay.

Ms. Tarpinio: Not possible.

Councilwoman Mendoza: So you guys work closely with their case managers if they are enrolled with a behavioral health agency and then they will provide transportation somewhere. There will never be a case where you guys just hand off a bus pass and ...

Ms. Tarpinio: No.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Okay.

Ms. Tarpinio: We would transport them if they were not being picked up from a family member or a community member or a case manager (inaudible) the person would be transporting them and that is a big part of what we do is get people safely from point A to point B.

Ms. Valenzuela: I supervise the drivers and they do up to forty runs a day.

Ms. Tarpinio: That's at all the ...

Ms. Valenzuela: And that's ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... facilities.

Ms. Valenzuela: ... in all the facilities so they're constantly taking clients and from residential, they take them, you know, if they doctor's appointment, they have, they take them to the doctors, they wait for them, they bring them back. If they have an appointment, some of them have appointments at court, 'cause you know they have a ticket they have to go (inaudible) whatever, we take them everywhere they need to go. We never just hand off a bus pass because of safety reasons. We want to make sure they're safe. You know, you hand a bus pass to them, they're gonna, you know they're going to go out, you know there's a lot of triggers around so we make sure that the, that they're door-to-door everywhere they go.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. I have another question. In regards to the other social agencies around here, I guess quite a few of the people have contact with one another, even though they're not socially together or just by mutual contact that they do pass one another in the street and they see one another. Is this facility that you plan here then if a person from another social agency walks by and sees a, is there a place for them to congregate and get together and stuff like this, or is that a no-no?

Ms. Tarpinio: No, our residents are, will be inside their own treatment program. So there would not be a hanging out type of thing with, that would be, someone would be

on the property that shouldn't be on the property in the, in the clinical part of the property. And so that's part of the reason why want to secure that space, you know, with a fence. 'Cause it's a beautiful, there's a lot of recreation that can occur in there, as well as all the clinical components. It's a very large property. For those of you who are not familiar with it, it's seven acres so to kind of cut that piece for the public, open access part and then the clinical side is not hard to do. So no, that would not occur.

Councilman Green: I have a question. When you state the public easement, which easement are you talking about?

Ms. Tarpinio: South 8th Avenue that runs through the property between 37th and 38th.

Councilman Green: Okay. So you've already made a decision that that's going to go?

Ms. Tarpinio: No, that's a public easement.

Councilman Green: No, I know, but if we decide to put a road through it and remove it and turn it back to the City, which we can do.

Ms. Tarpinio: We're just speaking to if it remains as is.

Mr. Burbank: Yes.

Councilman Green: Well, and I'm speaking as if we did, which we have the right to.

Ms. Tarpinio: Right.

Councilman Green: Okay? The other thing that I'm looking at is that you said you had 12-hour security. If these people were that great, you wouldn't need that 24, or that 12-hour security. Okay? And here's a question to you, sir. Would you want this at, next to your house or your kid's elementary school?

Mr. Burbank: I do not have kids in elementary school.

Councilman Green: If, I'm saying if you had kids in elementary school ...

Mr. Burbank: If I had kids in elementary school, ...

Councilman Green: In your neighborhood.

Mr. Burbank: ... I, I, ...

Councilman Green: In your backyard.

Mr. Burbank: ... I would be asking some of these same questions, too. But, but I would, I would certainly have (inaudible) knowing that I, knowing, being in the field and

knowing about it, yeah, I would, I would welcome it. The stigma about mental health and substance abuse treatment is, is big.

Councilman Green: I don't, I don't think we're arguing that, sir. I, I understand that we do have a compassion for that. But the problem here is that we have so many. Every social program, every pilot program that has come out is here in South Tucson. Okay? The only thing that we don't have, and I'd be surprised if we don't get, is the Pima County Needles Exchange Program.

Councilman Rojas: We had it already.

Councilman Green: Hm?

Councilman Rojas: We had it.

Councilman Green: Had it.

Councilman Rojas: Yeah.

Councilman Green: Had it, it's gone. Yeah.

Councilman Rojas: We were the only ones that had it.

Ms. Tarpinio: Let me, I just want to make, add a point to you. We actually, your point, your points, I think, are many of the (inaudible) many of the residents concerns. And we take them very seriously. We actually have so few security problems in our residential programming that our idea of security and the hotline is something that we want to do as a part of our, you know, developing our relationship with the community. It's actually less about our thinking that we actually need to have this because we do have 24-hour staff. We have (inaudible) guideline where people come in, about what is a trans-, you know, offense that can have you discharged from this program. And we take a lot of pride in the outcomes and really supporting folks into their own healing. So for us, security could hopefully be a benefit to everybody. It could be a benefit to, to us, you know, in order, terms of developing our relationship to the community and to the community because we understand that there's a concern about if we would have to draw from law enforcement. So we're, our idea is to try and get in front of challenges and, and to be perfectly honest with you, we want to be good neighbors. We want to be a part of this community. We know that it will take time for us to be accepted because our actions will speak louder than our words. Absolutely. And that's why we're here as well, because we really are, it's important for us and when we move in (inaudible) unity with the hope that we can be true collaborators, and we can hear things that are difficult and we can, and do things that will help foster security so that when we, you look back and we look back about our time here, one year from now, three years from now, five years, that the neighborhood feels safer, that somehow us coming in helped enhance this neighborhood and that I can feel safer. Or else I don't think we would have done our job well, to be perfectly honest with you, as good stewards.

Councilman Green: Well, you know, one of the things that I see is that when was the first time that you guys spoke to anybody here about your intentions? How long ago?

Mr. Burbank: We spoke to ...

Ms. Tarpinio: Several months. A couple months ago.

Mr. Burbank: Couple mo-, well, we talked with Luis and Paul a couple months ago right after the purchase of (inaudible).

Ms. Tarpinio: The purchase, the offer was, it's only been a few months since the offer went in. It's been very fast.

Councilman Green: And that's what I'm saying is that this is really the first time that we really get together as a Council and have any kind of briefing on this. Okay? And what really upsets me is that we've had members of this Council that have met with you, deals have gone through, or the perception that you guys have the green light, when I don't understand that.

Mr. Burbank: (Inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: Where's the transparency in that?

Mr. Burbank: I can just see that, say that we talked with Paul and Luis and they welcomed us to the community. There were no deals.

(Simultaneous conversation in the audience)

Councilman Green: My name is Idelfonso Green. Councilman.

Councilwoman Mendoza: I think that, I think I here what you're saying, Green, and you know, I couldn't help but, you know, agree with you on some of what you're saying. But I don't think that it was, the clients here responsibility to ...

Councilman Green: No, no, ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... inform ...

Councilman Green: ... no, it's not.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... the rest of the Council.

Councilman Green: No, and ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: But the, can I just pull back for a second before I forget my question? Do, do you have 24-hour transportation as well?

Ms. Tarpinio: Yes.

Councilwoman Mendoza: And during the day, are these clients, are they allowed to leave the campus and come back? Do they have to stay put for 24 hours?

Ms. Tarpinio: If they have an outside appointment, with a doctor's appointment, for example, then we transport them to their appointment and bring them back. So yes, people can leave and come back. But not on a, not unescorted from, you know, the van ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: So they're not allowed to say, you know, be able, because it's a voluntary, I have kind of a concern with them saying, "Well, I'm gonna go to Circle K for a minute and then I'm gonna come back," or "I'm gonna ...

Ms. Tarpinio: No, no.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... go to Food City and then I'm gonna come back," you know.

Ms. Tarpinio: No, no, no. That's absolutely not, when you're in a treatment program, you're in a treatment program. When we use the word voluntary, we're referencing more that no one is coming here against their will. It's not like a, the judge said, "You have to go or else." This is, I'm choosing on my own accord to get treatment because I have a drug problem. I smoke too much pot. I drink too much. I'm, you know, mean to my children. And I need to get help. And it's not working for me to do it in an outpatient setting because there's too much happening and I keep re-using, I keep relapsing. So I'm choosing, on my own accord, to go here. Can I come? And then we do our intake process and we say, "Yes, you're, you can come," if they meet the criteria for us, and they can come.

Ms. Purdue: But they do have to abide by rules. There are rules that they agree to. And if they violate the rules, there are sanctions. And certain rules, might mean an immediate dismissal from the program, at which time we would transport them to their home or a location. But not every violation would result in immediate dismissal. But those, those consequences for violations of rules are spelled out. And part of those rules are that they abide by the programming, they stay on campus. So someone has to really, or someone left during the night, walked out the door, we would, our staff would find that individual. We will have staff at the facilities in such a way that they are, have line of sight, view, down the hallways to the door, to any, any exit. So someone should not be able to leave without being noticed. We'll also have sound alarms on the doors so we know if someone has left the facility. The staff will find that individual, find out what's going on, and offer them options, return to the property or if the individual is saying, "I'm leaving," then we would go through the steps with whatever the discharge process is. And again, transport that individual off the property.

Councilwoman Mendoza: At any point, are, police officers wouldn't have to be responding to those calls of people leaving like ...

Ms. Purdue: Not in ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... (inaudible) and ...

Ms. Purdue: No. No.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... you guys wanting them to escort them back or, I mean 'cause you can't ...

Ms. Purdue: It would only ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... really ...

Ms. Purdue: ... be ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... hold people there if it's ...

Ms. Purdue: The only situation where that could possibly occur is if there is an individual who is a danger to themselves or others that we could not physically control. But the same as with the, with any individual in any kind of a public setting, a hospital or a, a courtroom, or anything like, like that.

Ms. Tarpinio: I want to say something else, too. I want to go back to your point before I get off of this because I, I want to, you know, it may be that we did not, maybe we weren't as thoughtful as we could have been. When we made a decision to purchase the property, and we made an offer, we were, we were not, knew we were not going to request a zoning change and we were not going to do any change of use on the property. We also knew that there were other interested people in the property, and we felt that we had to go forward and make our offer. And that is the reason why prior to our offer, 'cause no zoning change, no change of use, residential facility, residential facility, same zoning, and we did not, we did not think, and that could have been an error on our part to engage the community prior to making that initial offer as a real estate transaction. We did not go there, but that would be a, that would be, although not a requirement, what I'm hearing is that it would have been appreciated. And so we didn't do that. And I, I hear the frustration around that, and in retrospect, if we could redo that, it might have been something we could have done in a quick way would have been a nice thing to reach out, hey, we're looking to do this. Once we go through the due diligence period, because when you're in due diligence, anything can happen. And it wasn't, there was still, there was a lot of uncertainty for most of the time there. When we got to a place of about 90% certainty that this deal wasn't going to fall through, we then reached out to community members, including Mayor Diaz, Mr. Gonzales, several members of the school, the non-profits to say, hey, this is where we're at. We want to introduce ourselves. We're planning on moving in and being new neighbors. And every single person welcomed us politely. There was no anything besides that in this. From every person that we talked to. So I just want to get every one of you very clear about what the facts are. We went because we felt it was the proper thing to do to introduce

ourselves to the neighborhood that we were going to be, we're hopeful to move into, and begin the collaboration process. And again, it sounds like this, many people in here are wishing we would have done that prior to the offer and we did not do that. We waited. So I just want to make that point of clarification.

Mr. Kaplan: My name is Bob Kaplan. I work for Pasadera, they're a client of mine. I would urge you, regarding your concerns about the facility and how it fits into a residential environment. The facility they've been operating for 20-plus years at 2950 North Dodge and Blacklidge, it is in a residential area. I've driven by it on Dodge Street for 15 years and never knew what it was. If you there during the day, it's quiet, it's peaceful. There's a gate. It's very innocuous. You can drive by it every day and not know what it is and not what's going on there. I don't know if there's police records and how many, you know, incidents there have or haven't been, but it's a very quiet residential setting. And if you didn't know what it was there, you'd just drive right by and never know any difference.

Mayor Diaz: Is there any more questions? Okay. Let's see. In the audience, we'll take them first by the cards and then we'll go ahead and after all the cards have been done, if anybody else wishes to speak, so at this time, I'll call Raul Green.

Mr. Green: Hello, my name is Raul Green, 307 West 36th. Primero (inaudible) la senora Valenzuela porque ella tambien (inaudible) como yo. Y nos sentimos muy orgullosos de eso. Senora Valenzuela, yo creci in Sur Tucson. Cuando recien llegamos, nos cambiamos a la casa, la direccion de nosotros era 315 al oeste de la calle treinta y seis. Nos cambiamos de ahi y nos movimos a la casa enseguida que es 307. Ahi vivimos todavia. Nosotros deciamos que era porque no nos gustaba el barrio. (Inaudible). Pero recuerdo yo tambien tengo muy Buenos recuerdos de que crecimos aqui en Sur Tucson. Yo me recuerdo de (inaudible) cuando ibamos a un drive-in que estaba cerca de la veinte y nueve. Se llamaba Sandy's en ese tiempo. Era bonito, verdad? Conteto usted, contentos el, no le puede explicar lo que se siente estar en un, vivir en esta area es un orgullo para nosotros vivir (inaudible). Pero resulta que yo me fui a California y dure como cerca de treinta anos alla. Volvi, hace como unos ocho meses. Camine por la seis. Cada unos cuadras me pedian dinero, senora. Tanta gente con problemas de drogas. Esta lleno de problemas que se, personas que se nota que son droga adictos, prostitutas.

Mayor Diaz: Mr. Green, could you pause for a minute and let her translate them for the audience that is not speaking Spanish? Would you translate?

Ms. Valenzuela: He's just saying that he grew up in South Tucson. He remembers the memories, you know, going to Sandy's drive-in, which is now where El Super is. Right? Where Southgate shopping center is ...

Mr. Green: No, I ...

Councilman Green: No.

Mr. Green: ... don't think so. I think it was ...

Ms. Valenzuela: Oh, no. Sandy's was ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Valenzuela: ... this way, that's right. That's right. And (inaudible) so he's saying that he went, he left to California (inaudible) come back. It's changed so much. You can walk down 6th Avenue and people are begging for money. There's, you know, (inaudible) prostitutes. So it's, it's a, it's a whole different atmosphere than it was, you know, forty years ago. Forty years ago, like you said, there's no feeling to express how you felt going down the streets 'cause every, and, and it was peaceful, it was quiet. You had fun. You weren't afraid of anything, you know. But it's, it's changed a lot. But I think, you know, he's, when he left for a long time and came back, that's how (inaudible) difference.

Mr. Green: Y a cambiado bastante. A cambiado bastante. Y resulta que esto, estoy seguro es por el problema de tantas partes que hay aqui pa la personas con problemas como los que quieren, ustedes quieren traer aqui. El problema con eso es que ya tenemos tantos. No podemos negar que estos servicios a estas personas son muy necesarios. Como dicen, no hay persona, no hay familia que este problema no lo haya tocado. Verdad? Y, o familia o amigos o personalmente podemos decir no problema, no. Se tiene que tratar. Yo se que personas hubiera muerte. Yo conozco personas que hubieron muerto y me oyen? Se oyen? Personas que hubieron muerto si no hubiera sido por esos tratamientos. Yo estoy (inaudible) a favor de estos lugares. El problema que tenemos, senora, es que como le digo si horita no podemos caminar en la seis dos cuadras sin que le pidan dinero, sin que veo una persona tirada en el piso. Con todos los servicios que tenemos, traer otro, seria la desgracia de este pueblo. Seria la desgracia de este pueblo. No podemos tenerlo. Son muchos. Y no podemos tenerlo. Son demas. No se que mas le puedo decirle. Pero ahora (inaudible) aqui nomas para (inaudible).

Mr. Meza: Primero, thank you for the opportunity to let you, you SAMHC, and Compass, know you're not welcome here. Okay? We know what Compass and SAMHC are here. The community found out about you, about you plan to sneak one of your facilities into our neighborhood. We don't want you in our community. We have already turned in 350 signatures from persons opposing your move into our community. Talk about transparency, you're saying that you didn't have time to talk to our community, yet you said that a couple of months ago you spoke to the Mayor. You must have had plans. This thing, you don't plan it one, from one day to the next. For at least two months, you had an opportunity to talk to the community. And you didn't do it. You didn't do. And we don't have any faith and confidence in you guys. We don't know whether you guys are telling the truth. You're hiding this. When you hide something, the lack of transparency, and I talked about this before some place around here, the lack of transparency makes us believe that you guys are up to something. And you guys are still in the planning process. You're still in the planning process so you're gonna have people live there. Our community is going to be affected. Regardless, I'm

gonna go with this, you have shown disrespect to our community by trying to back door this facility that would have such a huge negative impact on our way of life. You have shown disregard for all children by picking a location across the street from Mission View, one of our elementary schools, and Project Yes, an afterschool center for kids. Are you now here to tell us how good this is going to be for the community? Are you here to ask us to trust you? Get out of our community. The City of South Tucson has been invaded by social agencies that provide services to persons with mental health issues, drug, and drug addiction problems. In one square mile, the size of Reid Park, the size of Reid Park, in one square mile we have the Salvation Army, Primavera Foundation, Casa Maria, Victory Outreach, Gospel Rescue Mission, La Frontera, and we are three blocks from the VA Hospital where they also provide mental health services. These agencies have, for a long time, impacted the quality of life of residents in our small community. We feel our community is saturated, saturated with these agencies right now. We don't want to experience the full effect of this dark side of non-profit agencies. Our kids see enough drug addicts, panhandlers, or prostitutes on 6th Avenue, should not be. Don't bring any more. A group of South Tucson residents have come together. We call ourselves Comunidad Primero, Community First, and we are trying to stop this tragedy which if it happens, will change the face and content of our community forever. We are a proud community and we love South Tucson. We want to remain small, a small and friendly community. For that is what makes living here worthwhile. We don't want to live in fear for our safety and we want to keep our peace of mind. Comunidad Primero has started a petition in opposition to this project and we have collected close to 350 signatures to stop this from taking place. We have provided these signatures to the City Council and our Mayor. Which, and according to the, his motis operandi, have been very secretive about this. Our Mayor hadn't told us. We found out on our own. Thank you. On 6th Avenue, we're overwhelmed by prostitutes, drug addicts and panhandlers. We're doing way more than our share at this time to help persons with mental and drug addiction problems. Which we all realize is needed but this has gotten to the point where the mental health of the community is being affected by this invasion of drug and mental health service providers. We cannot accept one more of these centers in South Tucson. If you, SAMHC and Compass, come into the community, we are contemplating legal action against you. And we will make sure that your donors are aware that you invaded our community in spite of so many residents being against you and of the harm you will cause us. As for the Mayor who has known about this for quite a while and kept it secret, if this comes in, we will start a recall and we will get him out of office, along with whoever sides with him on this issue. We want the Mayor and Council of South Tucson who will focus on making things better for our community, not someone who will bring harm to us. And we don't want any more health providers here. Now let me comment on the, some of the statements you guys made. You guys are going to have safety. You haven't had that many problems in-house. A couple of days we went to go, we went to the, your area on Dodge and Grant. We have some pictures we can show them if you need to see them. We went over there. Your community looks really peaceful. They, they, they're nice. It's, I mean lovely, it's lovely. It's a nice community. It's a nice facility. It's big. Big bars all over the place. It seems nice and peaceful. Talk to your neighbors though. And they said there's drug needles all over the place. You really can't let your kids out. They told us if you have kids, get out of this area. This is not a good area. This, a security guard from

there told me, he said, "In the day you need to be very careful. At night, you have to lock yourself in." Even though there's, the facilities are safe because you have security, I'm sure the community is not safe, not from what they're telling us. I might have a little, okay, there's, this guy was talking about drugs, shootings, and prostitution. He was telling us about (inaudible) which are right across from your facility. And they said that they took it away. The State had to take it away because it was so problematic. Do we want this in South Tucson? Let me (inaudible), do we want this in South Tucson?

Audience: No.

Mayor Diaz: Again, ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Valenzuela: Excuse me. Did you go to the facility on Grant and Dodge or Black-, 'cause the one at Grant and Dodge is ...

Mr. Meza: Do you want us to look for the best facility?

Ms. Valenzuela: No, no, no. I'm saying the residential facility that we're talking about, that we're moving, is on ...

Mr. Meza: You know, ...

Ms. Valenzuela: ... Grant and ...

Mr. Meza: ... I don't know if ...

Ms. Valenzuela: ... (inaudible).

Mr. Meza: ... you heard my first part of this. We don't trust you guys. We don't trust you guys. Okay? I told you. We, we, you kept this from us. He kept this from us. He kept this from us. We don't trust you guys. So anything you tell us from now on. You guys are, probably (inaudible) psychology and shit. Maybe later on, sooner or later, you might convince me, but not now. Not in the next couple years. We don't want you guys here. Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Romero: Mr. Green, I have a question for you. You say you reside at 307 West 36th Street, but the last time spoke, you said you resided at 37078 North Pantomime Drive.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mr. Green: I never heard of that street, of that address.

Councilwoman Mendoza: I think it's your brother's.

Mr. Green: It might be my cousin.

Councilman Green: No, it's Martin.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Martin.

Mr. Green: That might be my cousin. If you doubt that I live in South Tucson, let me know and I'll ...

Vice-Mayor Romero: Martin Green?

Councilwoman Mendoza: I don't doubt it. Do you know who owns that facility on Grant and Dodge that you're ...

Unknown male: SAMHC.

Councilwoman Mendoza: SAMHC owns that?

Unknown male: Yes.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Is that ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible) ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... true? Is that ...

Unknown male: ... (inaudible) ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... true that ...

Unknown male: ... (inaudible) ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... you own that?

Unknown male: ... (inaudible).

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Tarpinio: So this facility that you're referencing is our walk-in clinic. This is the part of the building that three-quarters of the building is the administrative offices for the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona or CPSA. And about 25% of it, the very north end, is the walk-in clinic for the center, for, for ...

Mr. Green: I think ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible).

Mr. Green: ... you're taking our time, though. You know, you guys already spoke.

Ms. Tarpinio: But we're not ...

Mayor Diaz: Hang on just a minute, ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: But I asked ...

Mayor Diaz: ... Mr. Green.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... that question.

Mr. Green: Okay, I'm sorry.

Ms. Tarpinio: So we were renters in that spot from CPSA, Community Partnership, who has their admin offices there, and us. And that is in the Dodge Flower Neighborhood, which we're active members of. And there is an apartment complex. It's actually in the parking lot of that facility that is we don't have anything to do with that apartment complex. But it is an apartment complex that has a lot of, a lot of challenges.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Okay. Thank you.

Unknown male: Okay. One more thing, since you, one more thing that I was told, it says it brings bad elements. Drug me-, drug members, drug sales, gang members, and prostitutes to that area. That's what, that's what they told us. We have enough. Thank you.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: Ben Meza.

Mr. Meza: Thank you, Mayor, also members of the Council. I also am a member of the Comunidad Primero, just like the people before me. And I also (inaudible) with people begging for money, just like I went to get water at Circle K, just before I came here. There's two guys in there. You know, they're wiping your windows whether you want it or not. You know, it's like I don't need it, and they do it anyways. My, the thing is that I have, I don't know if I can address, ask a question, but I wanted to get some clarity. This is a voluntary program. And people, they can reject treatment. Can they also reject transportation? Because then, if somebody wants to walk around, you know, you cannot, I don't know if you can force them to drive them out of the city. I don't, I don't (inaudible). Because to me, that's a problem. This are (inaudible) clients that may have some idea in mind, withdrawals or something, and if they can, on their own voluntary volition say, "I don't want the treatment," then they can actually say, "I don't want, I don't want you to take me anywhere. I just want to go on my own." So I see that as a problem, you know, roaming around the community. I think that's going to be an issue, even if there's two or three. It only takes one to get violent, get a gun, whatever. And just in front of our school, in our neighborhood. I don't think that's a good idea. Now

they say that want to be good neighbors, but I think the first thing they should have done is, as a neighbor, consider the community, not only not for profits, or some other organization. They should have considered the people that live there for input. I am sure the first thing they should have, would come out is the issue of the elementary school right across the street. Number one issue. Number two, I mean they're not even bringing jobs to the community. You're relocating a lot of those employees. But that's, that's secondary. I think the biggest issue is the kids at school. (Inaudible) that on their own volition they want to leave the program and they can. They cannot say, "No, you're not leaving. I'm gonna put you in a van and take you out of the city." (Inaudible) force to do that. So I think, you know, with those issues, I think, you know, you should have considered with the community beforehand instead of saying now, okay, this is what we're doing. And, you know, whatever concerns we have could be late, I don't know. But I think the community should have, you should have pursued that. You know, ask, as a number one action item. I think talk to the community because then you, you should see this was coming. Because this is not a Starbucks that's opening up. This is not a Target. This is a, it's an institution that is good, it's doing well, but we already have a ton of them here in the city. So, you know, again, now you're like, okay, this is what we're doing instead of what do you, community, think about what we want to do? And I know you were pressed for the sale, other offers, but I think community should have been number one priority here. Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: Leticia.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Can I ask a question real quick?

Mayor Diaz: Sure. Hang on.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Can the clients reject transportation?

Ms. Purdue: Yes, they could reject transportation. I don't believe that I have any knowledge of that ever happening. People usually want a ride. We provide transportation from our detox facility at Ajo and I don't know of anybody ever turning down a ride. But it's possible. It is possible.

Councilman Green: I do have a question. Earlier you said that you had line of sight on all the hallways and everything else. An individual can come out and says, "I'm leaving." Can you physically restrain them?

Ms. Purdue: No.

Councilman Green: Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: Well, do you provide transportation once he's out, or how do you do that?

Ms. Purdue: Yes, we offer that transportation. What's agreed to, they understand that they are transported there. They understand they agree that they'll, if they, when they leave, that they'll be transported off the property, but it's correct that we can't force

anyone. So it's theoretically possible, if someone is interested in leaving, we will facilitate their leaving. And we will bring them to the location of their choice.

Councilman Green: Or they can leave on their own accord?

Ms. Purdue: Right. Well, they could leave on their own accord if they refuse that. As I say, I don't know of that happening.

Mayor Diaz: Would you call ...

Ms. Tarpinio: Most of our clients, ...

Mayor Diaz: ... law enforcement?

Ms. Tarpinio: ... to be perfectly honest with you, want to stay longer. I mean we have very little problem with people leaving, against their will. I mean, you know, somehow in an aggressive manner or in a way that would indicate that they're dissatisfied. Sure, anything could occur but it's not likely. It's not a normal course of business, let's put it like that.

Mayor Diaz: Would your policies cover calling law enforcement at that time?

Ms. Purdue: We would probably only call law enforcement if the individual would be leaving in a way that is, appears dangerous or aggressive, or threatening. If we were calling, say, I mean it would be a waste, I think, of law enforcement time to say, "We have a voluntary patient who is leaving and refusing transportation." But we would certainly escort that individual to the edge of our property and, you know, you're correct that we can't force someone. We are not a facility that, we're not licensed to restrain people. That's not happening. The whole notion is it's a voluntary program. So you're correct in saying that someone could decline. It's theoretically possible.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown male: I have a comment on this. I'm very sure that you're facility is extremely safe. I'm sure you have enough security there. Our concern, as a community, I've talked to the community around your safe facility. And they said it's very unsafe. They said, "During the day, be careful. During the night, lock yourself in." And that's where we're concerned. Whatever happens in there, does not affect us. You've got enough people. You guys got people to take care of this. The cops are going to have to be, one of the guys said over there, "The cops have to be here all day and all night."

Ms. Purdue: That's the crisis ...

Unknown male: Because, ...

Ms. Purdue: ... center, ...

Unknown male: ... because ...

Ms. Purdue: ... sir.

Unknown male: ... of the thing that ...

Ms. Purdue: That's correct. That's a crisis ...

Unknown male: Right.

Ms. Purdue: ... center. That's not the residential facility. But you're right. And when, I think that the councilwoman asked about our police response, I think I said there are police at the SAMHC facility on Dodge, the crisis center, all the time, coming and going. It's constant. I agree with you. That's absolutely correct. But that's not the residential facility. So it's a different group of people.

Unknown male: These people are not there because they're used to making the right decisions all the time. I've talked to someone and he tried to tell me the same thing a couple of weeks ago, or a week ago. I've talked to one person from SAMHC and he said, "Well, they're not going to leave because if they leave, then they can, the consequences can be much worse for them." We're talking about people who use drugs or just drink alcohol to the point where they, you know, they need help. So they don't necessarily always make the right decisions. So I don't think that I would believe ...

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Unknown male: ... that you guys can control these people, that it's safe for everybody.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Hang on just a minute. Hang on. Excuse me for one more time. Chief Lackey, in regards to the panhandlers around Circle K and other locations on 6th Avenue, is there an ongoing program for that now?

Chief Lackey: Mayor, City Council, I don't know what you mean by program. We, if they're loitering, if they're trespassing, if they call us, we go there and then we deal with it.

Mayor Diaz: You have to be called?

Chief Lackey: To know if a guy is trespassing, yes, sir.

Mayor Diaz: Well, to, to, say they're panhandling, do you have to be ...

Chief Lackey: Well, if they're ...

Mayor Diaz: ... called?

Chief Lackey: ... panhandling, we see them panhandling, if somebody calls us or the Circle K calls us, we'll respond and we will deal with it. If somebody's outside of the Circle K door, they're just talking, drinking a soda, we're not going to make a move unless Circle K tells us to.

Mayor Diaz: How about the bus stands and stuff like that?

Chief Lackey: The only time we aggressively go to all the bus stops and make the people move if they stay there when the bus leaves.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Councilman Green: I have a question for the Chief. I'm sorry. Where are we per capita on the misdemeanor crimes in the nation, compared to the nation?

Chief Lackey: We're in the top five in the United States per capita on crime.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Councilman Green: Okay. And where are we on murders per capita?

Chief Lackey: Close to the same. I mean we're way up there.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Chief Lackey: Our biggest crimes, and many police departments will tell you this, your biggest crimes are misdemeanors. Eight-nine percent of your crimes are going to be misdemeanors and South Tucson is no different. The difference in South Tucson per capita is we have more than anybody else.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Unknown male: Can I ask the Chief a question?

Councilwoman Mendoza: No, not right now.

Mayor Diaz: Not right now. Hang on just a minute. Hang on. Leticia. Hang on just a minute. Leticia, go ahead.

Leticia: Good afternoon, Mayor and Council, City Manager, and representative SAMHC. My first question is at what phase of the purchase is SAMHC at currently, today, as we speak?

Councilwoman Mendoza: I mean it was dir-, you directed ...

Leticia: It was a ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... them to ...

Leticia: ... question and ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... not ...

Leticia: ... answer. We were told ...

Mayor Diaz: Yeah, can ...

Leticia: ... last week that this ...

Mayor Diaz: ... you direct your ...

Leticia: ... was a community, ...

Mayor Diaz: ... questions to us and then ...

Leticia: ... and then you to them?

Mayor Diaz: Yeah.

Leticia: Okay. That was my question. Can you ask them?

Mayor Diaz: I guess the question is at what point in the process are you for purchasing the land or?

Leticia: At what point, ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: Are you at the ...

Leticia: ... what phase ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... with the sale?

Leticia: ... of the purchase?

Mayor Diaz: What phase of the purchase?

Ms. Tarpinio: We are in the, still waiting on some final reports to come back, and some contracts. We're still in some contract negotiations. So at this point, we do not have a closing date set. Although we would be hopeful to close in the near future.

Leticia: Last Monday, Mayor and Council, who was very brutally honest, told me several times that this would be a question and answer to SAMHC. I don't want to go through you and you go through them 'cause it gets lost in translation.

Mayor Diaz: Well, our intent ...

Leticia: City Manager, ...

Mayor Diaz: ... was to take input from the ...

Leticia: So I have to ...

Mayor Diaz: ... audience first.

Leticia: ... ask you questions and then go to the ...

Mayor Diaz: No, and then at the end, we would do this.

Leticia: Oh, this is not the end?

Mayor Diaz: This is not the end.

Leticia: This is not Q & A. This is just ...

Mayor Diaz: No.

Leticia: ... comment. Okay.

Mayor Diaz: Right.

Leticia: Thank you for clarifying that. I will ask, they answered the question anyhow. I can't really talk without asking questions because they talked a lot and I want, I need questions about everything they talked about, some clarification. So I'll address a couple questions to you and then if you would to them because really that, that was my, everything they talked about I wanted to address.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. So ...

Leticia: So shall I wait until ...

Mayor Diaz: ... (inaudible).

Leticia: ... Q & A?

Mayor Diaz: Shall we assume that you're going to be in a same position that the organization is, Comunidad Unida, or?

Councilwoman Mendoza: Comunidad Primero.

Mayor Diaz: Primero.

Leticia: I don't think, I don't think that matters. My thing is that I was told there was going to be questions and ...

Mayor Diaz: Right.

Leticia: ... answers from ...

Mayor Diaz: And we are.

Leticia: ... SAMHC.

Mayor Diaz: Yeah, we are.

Leticia: We are?

Mayor Diaz: Yeah.

Leticia: So later on tonight?

Mayor Diaz: Yes.

Leticia: Okay. So ...

Mayor Diaz: I guess state your position now and then ...

Leticia: Right. And then ...

Mayor Diaz: ... (inaudible) ...

Leticia: ... questions and answers directly to them?

Mayor Diaz: Yeah.

Leticia: Okay, very well. The first gentleman that spoke talked about administrative being here at the facility. They talked about the 90-day rehabilitation from drug and alcohol. I did look at their questionnaire for clients coming into the facility. It does ask what drugs are you on; heroin, meth, crack, pot, alcohol, and I know the gentleman just sort of referred, touched on alcohol and pot. No mention of the other drugs which your intake, your intake application you have to say which drug you are addicted to. Okay. So, and we do not want any more people here in South Tucson that are addicted to heroin, crack, meth, any of those substances. We have the Salvation Army Rehabilitation for males. We have the Victory Church Rehabilitation Shelter for males. We have several rehabilitation centers here for males. When, I'll address it to them because it's to them, not to you. Okay?

Mayor Diaz: Well, we, hang on just a minute, then. This intake form, is that done at, you're planning on doing it in this facility or should it be done before this facility?

Mr. Burbank: That's done at the crisis, that particular form looks like it's done at the crisis center on Dodge and Grant area, which is none of the programming that's going to be here.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Councilwoman Mendoza: It is their, it is their form ...

Councilman Green: It is their form.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... is what they're saying but ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible).

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... it's not for the programs that they plan to run at this facility.

Leticia: Okay. So 90-day rehabilitation, what is it going to, what kind of intake will they have? What is their problem? Why are they here for intake for things? What? That's my question which I'll ask tonight because I, I guess I can't ask a question. But the 90-day rehab, why will they be there, if you care to answer now or later. What is the purpose of the 90-day rehab? What kind of problems do they have?

Ms. Tarpinio: We'll be happy to answer that, but within the ...

Leticia: Okay.

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible).

Leticia: Within, okay, very well, I will reiterate what Raul said. You are not welcome in South Tucson. We are bombarded by rehabilitation centers here in South Tucson. I was out collected signatures. One of the places that I did visit was the South Tucson public housing. I had the occasion to talk to a young mother of an 8-year old daughter who is terrified to step without, within, well, the compound of the housing unit. They have a fenced area, 8-year old girl is terrified to walk outside the compound because the Casa Maria homeless agency is walking distance from there. Who is to say that every 8-year old female, little girl, at Mission View is not going to have the same feeling; traumatic, psychological affect, this little girl is forever going to be affected by the fact that she could not walk alone because of these homeless men. I know none of you live here in South Tucson. It is horrible. Six o'clock this morning I was up getting my employee, prostitution down 6th. At 6 o'clock in the morning. Right? There was a van there at Window Depot, a police van there looking at all these, about 30 people. They release them from the Primavera. They sleep there; 6 o'clock, 7 o'clock, they need to get out of there. The same thing with Gospel Rescue Mission. They eat, they sleep there, they take a shower there, they eat there, they come out at 7 o'clock. Salvation Army, the same thing. They're not prisoners there. They can't stay there so they roam around all day here. By 5 o'clock, in order to get a bed, they have to go back to the

Gospel, to the Primavera. Meanwhile, they're just hanging around here, panhandling, and we don't need any more of that. The joke was we had 26 bars in South Tucson at one time. The joke now is we're going to have 26 rehabs now here in South Tucson. And I know you guys are going to be here Monday through Friday, 8 to 5, you said you have 6 or 8 staff members that will be here in the evening. You guys don't have to deal with this. You guys, if you guys eat here, go to McDonald's. You're going to be bombarded. I know you're going to go once. Once will be your first and last time you'll go there. Where else can you go in an hour lunch? What other fast food? That's the only fast food but I guarantee you, all 150 employees can't go to a nice restaurant here and be in and out, order and food in an hour, so most people are probably going to bring their lunch. And once they go to outside, South, out of their facility, they're not going to want to come out again to the streets. We have to deal with that. My parents live in South Tucson. I have members who live in South Tucson. I am here on their behalf. This is addressed to Mayor and Council and City Manager.

Mayor Diaz: Yeah. Please.

Leticia: You talked about the easement, right-of-way on 8th Avenue. That was given to the City, I mean to the Arizona Children's Home because it was for children. We love children. We wanted to help them to, their safety came first. We didn't want them to cross the street. That's why we closed it down. We gave them the right-of-way. Once they're out of here, that reverts back to the City, which is us. I have spoke to the residents. They don't, they want you to open 8th Avenue. Right now, because of the facility, 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue is closed. They have to go all the way to 10th Avenue if they want to walk, or all the way to 7th Avenue. They gave that to the Arizona Children's Home. It's no longer going to serve children. Now it's going to serve adult rehabilitated people. They want that open so we, as the residents, as the City of South Tucson, want you to take that away from them, reject that easement, give it back to the residents. If you, Mayor, you represent the community, that's what the community wants. They want that back. They don't want you to give it to them, to SAMHC. And I am telling you, you have been in communications, the City Manager, and Mayor, shame on you for not being in contact with other council members. This does not operate by just the Mayor and the City. That's why we have council members. Don't know why they weren't contacted. No. Behind closed door meetings, same thing, you had a meeting for the non-profit about 2 weeks ago, but you didn't have time to meet with the community? But you had time to meet with the other non-profit? Who comes first? Obviously, not the residents because you didn't have a meeting with them. You had a meeting to let the other non-profit agencies say, "We're coming into town." But you didn't tell the residents you were coming into town.

Mayor Diaz: Could you summarize now, Leticia, ...

Leticia: Yes.

Mayor Diaz: ... por favor.

Leticia: Yes, and most of them are questions, but since it's not question and answer, I address Mayor and Council, City Manager and them, and I'll look forward to Q & A.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Leticia: Thank you.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Roberto Pitro.

Mr. Pitro: This is my first time (inaudible) something like this so it's, I, Mr. Green, good questions and those really, but I know it's a noble profession here, working with (inaudible) substance abuse. I know it's, it takes a special talent and skill to work with those individuals. But it's rather challenging if you can't restrain somebody. Let's say, for instance (inaudible) scenario. Let's say, for instance, you do have someone that, you know, they are volunteer, they are (inaudible) they do have some substance abuse, chemical dependencies, and they do have, because say for instance, they're agitated. They're explosive. They leave and all of a sudden, they want, they're refusing the ride. The school is right there. It's not that far. I mean by the time you contact the police officer, what's the distance between your facility and the school? I mean I can see a facility outside the school. I mean God knows we need a lot of, there's a lot of people that have some kind of addictions. You do have a (inaudible), sir. But can you guarantee an incident that may not occur that might affect the kids? Can you guarantee that they may not get hurt? I mean that is the biggest concern. I mean we live in this residence and we are bombarded. And there is some excellent questions. There are some concerns. And if there wasn't concerns, I mean you wouldn't have this much of a number of people voicing out their differences. It would be interesting to know what, even on the residential settings what are the frequency, intensity, the police have to be involved. Was there incidents where somebody did get hurt? Who's going to be liable for that? And (inaudible) parent if somebody really did get hurt. I mean there's heavy traffic in the morning. I think my, I have to be at my job at 5 o'clock and I get home at 5 o'clock, so I miss a lot of traffic, but there's times when I do see the traffic, heavy traffic at that school area. And you do have an incident, what happens with that incident? Are you going to lockdown the school because there was an incident? I mean, again, our concern, my concern, I mean the facility is needed. But there's a school right across the street. It is voluntary. And you said if there is an incident, you can't physically restrain an individual and by the time you do call detective, officer, how long is it going to take for them to get to that scene, unless they're nearby? And again, the one on Dodge, I have no idea what Dodge, is it nearby a school? I don't know. But the time that you do go by, there may not have been an incident but are you there 24-7? You don't, I mean can you really tell me how many incidents that actually occur at that facility? And if they did occur, how intense was it? How frequent was it? That's my concern. Again, it's the school. I mean I, the facility was built primarily for the children. But now you're looking at adults with multiple issues. Poor decision-making. Correct? So if (inaudible) they didn't have some poor decision-making, they won't have (inaudible), right, so again, it brings back down, looks like you got a lot of skilled people. But can you guarantee

there's not going to be an incident where it's going to affect a child or a parent? Can you really guarantee something like that? And that's my concern. Thank you for (inaudible).

Mayor Diaz: Kim.

Kim: Mine's a question and answer.

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Kim: I have several questions I need to ask.

Mayor Diaz: Merlin, or Mary Ann Angulo.

Ms. Angulo: Good evening, Mayor, City Council, SAMHC. The reason I'm talking today is I'm as nervous as can be as you probably already know. And you probably won't understand half of the stuff I say because I'm really nervous. But the children's home, I've known it since I was very small. I used to go to Mission View. And I used to see the children there, and I used to have a friend there. And I remember she used to wave from up there (inaudible). We had a really good relationship. The thing is that you know that your program is excellent for people who need the help. I understand that very clearly. And I know that you want the very best for people who are mentally ill and for those who have drug problems. But, like you say, you can't guarantee that they'll stay there. Because when they wanna leave, they're gonna leave. And I have an issue. And I love this person so much because he has been in our community for over 6 years. And he got sidetracked again. He's bi-polar. He lives behind my house. My husband and I, we give him breakfast, lunch, and dinner so that he will not use the stove and burn himself or burn our house. We don't know how to keep him and say, "Well, you can't live here," because we can't put him out in the streets. He deserves better than that. He went and served our country. He deserves not to be homeless. And my husband and I, we try very hard to help somebody that we don't even know how to help because we're not educated like you are. And sometimes, we go by, okay, do we do this, do we do that. Do you understand where we're coming from, that we don't know how to take care of these people. And yes, they're, when they want to come out, they're gonna come out. He even had to call himself in because he was at that point where he says, "I need to call." I said, "Well, call." But see, we don't know, and all of these people that are here, they don't know how to deal with people like that. Because we're not educated in that area. We're just residents. And we've been challenged with this man that when he first came, he did productively well for 6 years. He paid the rent on time. He was invited to our family gatherings. He did everything and then he went downhill. And what happened when we seen him down, go down, we didn't know what to do. He was coming with burned food, a big pot, burnt, about this much burned, with water in it. And he put little flowers on it and he said, "Here's your soup." "Okay. Leave it there. We'll pick it up right now." He doesn't know what he was doing. He's gone 3 times to the hospital. Right now, my husband and I we're trying to help a person that we don't even know how to help. So yes, when you've (inaudible) and if they have the choice to go, what do you do? Do you just say, "Well, you know what? We don't want

you here anymore.” But this is a man that served our country. He is sick and he needs help. But when you can’t keep him there and he’s allowed to say, “I can go home now,” it’s on us now. It’s on me and my husband. And like I said, we’re not educated. We’re not social workers. We’re not counselors. We’re nothing, but you know what? We’re trying very hard. He’s getting a little bit better. But we don’t know what we’re doing. But what I’m trying to say is that when they’re allowed to come out, that, you know, they do come out because they do have a free will to come out. So what do we do? So my concern is, yes, are they gonna keep ‘em there and if they don’t keep ‘em there, they’re gonna be in our streets. And we don’t know what to do with them. And all of these people that are here are not educated and they’re not social workers. They’re not counselors. So we are afraid of our community. We’re afraid of somebody like you because we don’t know what to expect. Because if they’re allowed to go whenever they want to go, then what, how, what if something happened to our little community? And you know what? It’s just South Tucson. It’s a small little town. And I’m sure that there’s a lot of land everywhere else, or even a facility somewhere else that you guys can put your program in. And yes, they do need help. Mentally ill people need help. And I have very much compassion for one because you know what? I have one living in back of my yard. And the things that we see is horrible; food and everything thrown in the floor. We’ve had to go in and clean his house 3 times. We’ve had to clean the outside of the yard because he doesn’t know what he was doing at that time. Food everywhere, raw food everywhere. He says, “Oh, it’s good.” No, it’s not good. So tell me, how are we, you’re gonna benefit our community? If this is just one instance, this is, this is at my home. We feed him. We make sure he doesn’t have no knives, he doesn’t have no guns, no nothing. And any time he wants a snack, he comes and he knocks on our door and we give him what he needs. Because we’ve told him, “Don’t cook because we don’t want you to burn yourself. We don’t want our house to burn down.” But then we’re not, we’re giving him another month and a half. If he doesn’t stabilize himself, I don’t know what we’re going to do. Is my husband going to say, “Okay, you can’t live here anymore,” where is he going to wind up being? In the streets. A productive person that served our country. How can we do that to them? So tell me, how are we gonna help these people? They do need help. And we need help, too, because we need help to understand what’s going on. If they’re going to be free, they’re gonna roam our streets. And we do all have children. We all have, I have 21 grandkids and 5 great-grandkids. And I want the very best for them. And you know what? They all know that person. They all communicate with that person. When he, now that he hasn’t been too well, well we tell ‘em, you know, “Okay. He’s sick so let’s stay over here until he gets better.” But what I’m trying to say is that we’re living on this. And he is a good productive person when he is well.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Can you ...

Ms. Angulo: When he’s taking his medicines and everything.

Mayor Diaz: Can you go ahead and summarize so we can?

Ms. Angulo: Okay. What I’m summarizing is this. We need to know how our community is gonna be safe. And like I said, this man is, he doesn’t do anything wrong.

But yet, he takes a lot of work for us. And so what I'm saying is that I hope you understand where we're coming from and what we want for our community. It's just a small space. And if you guys can find a bigger space to work with these people, it would be fine only because maybe you need a bigger space because it's too close to children. I only live like a block and a half. I can see the Children's Home.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Angulo: Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: Rosela.

Ms. Rosthenhausler: Good evening. My name is Rosela Rosthenhausler. And we, the people of South Tucson, do not welcome you into our community. Think community first. Safety for the children who attend Mission View Elementary School, Project Yes, who is across the street from the school, teachers, residents also should be able to feel safe and secure. Southern Arizona Mental Corporation will not be a secured environment. It is not a jail or a prison so there will be clients who will wander off. And guess where they will end up at? In our neighborhoods. We don't need another Bordon Court in our community. There, you can find heroin addicts, cocaine addicts, meth addicts. By the way, you name it and they have it. It's on 4th Avenue. We don't need another facility like that in South Tucson. La seguridad de la comunidad esta en riesgo. Piensen comunidad primero.

Mayor Diaz: Before we get started with the Q & A, I have some questions for Police Chief Lackey. How long have you been Chief?

Chief Lackey: Fourteen months.

Mayor Diaz: Fourteen months? And we became number 5 within those, in that period of time?

Chief Lackey: Oh, no, sir. We, probably 6, 7 years ago, we were number 1.

Mayor Diaz: So arresting misdemeanors, is that good or bad?

Chief Lackey: It's good, it's a crime. That's what we do. Police officers, basically what they are is they protect the citizens of, for example, here in South Tucson. And we preserve the peace. That's what we do. Somebody commits a crime, felony or misdemeanor, our job is to solve that problem. Sometimes we have to arrest people.

Mayor Diaz: So that's good or bad? I mean the numbers, you indicated, we're number 5 in misdemeanors also?

Chief Lackey: That's good.

Mayor Diaz: Well, but I guess, I got the impression that that was bad, that we have a lot of crime here.

Chief Lackey: Well, it is bad if we have ...

(Simultaneous conversation from audience)

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Chief Lackey: Mayor, it is very bad that we have a lot of crime here, but it is what it is. It, you're thinking that maybe it's all (inaudible) arrest. It's actual crimes that occur and then go into the system, and then it says how many crimes a city has per capita. And that's where we're at here. It is bad that we have a lot of crime. However, you have, in my guesstimation, in my opinion, my contention, because I've been doing this for 34 years, you got the best police department in the State of Arizona.

Mayor Diaz: I guess I still don't understand your comment in regards to it being good or bad. When we have a lot of arrests, it means that the people that are coming into the city are causing problems. Is that correct?

Chief Lackey: Correct.

Mayor Diaz: And we arrest them, right?

Chief Lackey: Our arrests are people who come into the city, people who reside in the city.

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Chief Lackey: My comment is not a comment. It was a question that was asked to me by Councilman Green where we rate within the nation. It wasn't a comment. It was an answer.

Mayor Diaz: Okay, thank you. Okay. Let's start the questions and answer. I guess, I lost your, Kim.

Kim: Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: I got it. Kim.

Kim: Do I have to go up there?

Mayor Diaz: If you can talk loud enough.

Kim: No, I can talk loud. I have a question. My husband brought that if the, if somebody, these unvoluntarily wanna leave and you guys can't restrain him, you can't do anything to him or her, and that person goes to the school and hurts a child, or hurts

a lady that's walking down the sidewalk, which these ladies do walk up and down the sidewalks every day, every day, who's going to be responsible to take care of that person? Is it going to be you or is it going to be South Tucson?

Ms. Tarpinio: Responsible to take care of (inaudible)?

Kim: The first one that leaves your, your facility because he didn't wanna take your van, he didn't wanna follow your rules, he didn't wanna do any of that, but he knocks over a lady walking down the sidewalk, or God forbid, a little kid walking down the sidewalk and hurts them, who is gonna take that responsibility? Are you talking that responsibility? Or is the City of South Tucson taking that responsibility?

Ms. Tarpinio: Well, I think that, I'm not sure what you're asking me. If someone were ...

Kim: It's very simple. The man leaves. He doesn't wanna be with you any more. He leaves. You guys can't restrain him. He's pissed. He's upset. He's a heroin addict, an alcoholic. He's all that rolled up in one. And he runs down the street or he hurts somebody. Who's gonna be responsible? You or the City of South Tucson? (Inaudible) as citizens. Are you gonna pay for that or are we gonna pay for that?

Ms. Tarpinio: I'm not sure how it works but I can tell you that if someone is leaving in an aggressive or a hostile manner, we would call the police at that point.

Kim: Okay. But, okay. Say the Chief can't get there, with the 2.3 seconds it's gonna take him to cross the street to go to the school, what's gonna happen?

Ms. Tarpinio: I can't answer that ...

Kim: Thank ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... question ...

Kim: ... you. You ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible) ...

Kim: ... can't answer that and that's why we're here because you can't answer our safety. We live in this little, this little area of South Tucson but you know what? It's our home. This is our home. But you can't answer for our safety. That's what we're here for. We need to know that we're safe in our little town, our little home. You're bringing in people in this, but you can't guarantee any of our safety.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Thank you.

Kim: There's (inaudible) ...

(Applause)

Kim: No. The Chief can't get there in 2.3 seconds when that kid's across the street and that man leaves. Like Mr. Green said, you can't, you can't restrain him. But you know what? We can restrain that person. (Inaudible) get in trouble with that after we restrain that person. Is the Chief gonna arrest us for restraining them? Or are they gonna blame you guys for it? That's what I wanna know. And you can't answer that because you can't answer our safety, you can't, you can't answer that 'cause you can't guarantee anything.

Mayor Diaz: Alright. Roberto.

Mr. Pitro: In the mid nineteen, I think it was 1990, there was an individual that came from the Arizona State Hospital, went to the residential placement, was (inaudible) supervised setting. They were moved into, she was moved into a less restrictive environment where, supervision. This individual refused to see the psychiatrist, refused to take medication, and she ended up going, and I do believe she was in the news, she killed an individual at Triple T. Then she took that individual's car went down I-10, killed another individual. It was in the news. It was in 19, the mid 1990's, I do believe, this occurred. But again, we're talking about at the school, if there was an incident, who's gonna be responsible for that individual that got hurt?

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Leticia.

Leticia: Q & A. You said the, the, it's not, it isn't escrow but you don't have a closing date as of today because it's contingent on contracts that is per, I forget your, the third lady. Yes. What contract, this is question and answer, I hope you can answer because I know you weren't able to answer the first question. I'm, I'm here because we thought it was Q, question, and answer. What contracts are we talking about that's delaying this escrow?

Ms. Tarpinio: Well, we're, we're still waiting on some, some environmental reports. Just basic stuff that has to occur when you buy a commercial property.

Leticia: Basic stuff. You mentioned contracts. Well, contracts ...

Ms. Tarpinio: (Inaudible) ...

Leticia: ... with?

Ms. Tarpinio: (Inaudible). They're just the contract between buyer and seller. We haven't looked at ...

Leticia: Okay.

Ms. Tarpinio: ... the, when we got the inspection report, we haven't had dialogue about ...

Leticia: You mean ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible) ...

Leticia: ... like a 10-day inspection?

Ms. Tarpinio: Yes. I mean this, in a commercial property, it drags out.

Leticia: Yes, I'm very familiar with ...

Ms. Tarpinio: Yes, so ...

Leticia: ... (inaudible).

Ms. Tarpinio: ... just, we, we're, we're in a, we're, we don't have a solid date that ...

Leticia: Right.

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible) ...

Leticia: Because of these inspections of the facility.

Ms. Tarpinio: The environmental. The environmental, ...

Leticia: The environmental.

Ms. Tarpinio: ... the facility, yeah, I mean it's a large, this is a, you know, this is 56,000 square feet of space. It's ...

Leticia: Okay. Well, ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible) ...

Leticia: ... thank you very ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... it's a large ...

Leticia: ... much.

Ms. Tarpinio: ... property.

Leticia: My second question. What price are you paying for this facility? It's question and answer.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Leticia: No question ...

Ms. Tarpinio: Isn't that ...

Leticia: ... and answer ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... confidential?

Leticia: ... again.

Mayor Diaz: Yeah.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Leticia: No, actually it's open record. (Inaudible) ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Leticia: Right. So you can't, it's a question and answer, but you're not willing to answer that again.

Mayor Diaz: No, (inaudible) ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Leticia: Yes.

Unknown male: I am the real estate broker.

Leticia: You are the real estate broker?

Unknown male: I'm representing the Arizona Children's Association. Okay? As this transaction has not closed, ...

Leticia: Yes.

Unknown male: ... then we're back on the market ...

Leticia: You're right, so I, okay, ...

Unknown male: ... so if ...

Leticia: I understand. I understand. What ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible) ...

Leticia: ... (inaudible) ...

Unknown male: ... property they haven't (inaudible) if they (inaudible) ...

Leticia: Yes. What is the listing price and who do you have it listed with?

Unknown male: We, it's listed with CVR (inaudible).

Leticia: CVR. Because I looked it up under ...

Unknown male: CVRE.

Leticia: I looked it up on MLS, couldn't find it. So what's the listing price?

Unknown male: We're not, we don't belong (inaudible).

Leticia: You do not?

Unknown male: No. No, we, we (inaudible) ...

Leticia: You do not belong to TAR, Tucson Association for Realtors?

Unknown male: No.

Leticia: Multiple ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible) ...

Leticia: ... listings?

Unknown male: (Inaudible) is what we use and commercial properties, we (inaudible) technically we don't (inaudible). And you have to pay (inaudible).

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown male: It's very typical (inaudible) larger real estate (inaudible) through a different ...

Leticia: Okay. Okay.

Unknown male: ... website ...

Leticia: Yes, ...

Unknown male: ... (inaudible) ...

Leticia: ... understand.

Unknown male: ... (inaudible).

Leticia: Yes. Also, you mentioned that there were other buyers. I'm just curious to see what other buyers were interested in that facility. You can't disclose that either.

Unknown male: No, I can't.

Leticia: Because they mentioned there were other buyers. We're just wondering who other buyers? Was it U of A, which would have been a positive. (Inaudible) you can't tell us who else was interested in buying ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible).

Leticia: Okay. So this, so far, has been questions but questions (inaudible) but no answer. Okay. Hopefully, ...

Mayor Diaz: Leticia, don't ...

Leticia: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Diaz: ...forget that even though it's a question and answer, ...

Leticia: You can ...

Mayor Diaz: ... that ...

Leticia: ... refuse to answer. Of course, of course.

Mayor Diaz: Right, ...

Leticia: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Diaz: ... so ...

Leticia: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Leticia: Okay. Gentlemen, ...

Mayor Diaz: Go with your next question, please.

Leticia: Okay. Yes. The gentleman that just smiled. What is your name, sir?

Mr. Burbank: Chuck.

Leticia: I'm glad you answered that. Chuck? Okay. You mentioned it was, you know, you went everywhere whether it's a 90-day rehab, whether it's an outpatient (inaudible)

and it's administrative. Now I'm at a total loss. You said a 90-day rehab. Rehab for what?

Mr. Burbank: For, for, for alcohol and other drugs.

Leticia: And other, and other drugs. What other drugs are included in other? Question.

Mr. Burbank: It includes cocaine, it includes methamphetamines, it includes opiates.

Leticia: Right, like heroin, which you ...

Mr. Burbank: (Inaudible) ...

Leticia: ... mentioned that in the intake, it didn't apply, that particular paper doesn't apply but the same drugs are involved with your people in, with, who are in the 90-rehab so we'll be having people on heroin, meth, crack, that are in the 90-day rehab. Thank you for answering, finally, ...

Mr. Burbank: But they'll ...

Leticia: ... a question.

Mr. Burbank: ... be, they'll be off those drugs once they present ...

Leticia: When they're what?

Mr. Burbank: Once they present here, they will be off those drugs.

Leticia: Once they are ...

Unknown female: Five days detox. Five days detox ...

Leticia: Well, what's, ...

Unknown female: ... for meth and heroin?

Leticia: ... what's the purpose of them ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible).

Unknown female: No, I don't think so.

Leticia: What's the purpose of them going to your rehab if they're already off drugs?

(Simultaneous conversation)

Leticia: Question. Answer?

Unknown female: To stay off the drugs.

Unknown male: But if they go ...

Leticia: I'm sorry. You're the Transportation Director. I think this person, to continue what was ...

Mr. Burbank: To stay off drugs.

Leticia: To stay off the, the heroin, crack ...

Mr. Burbank: Yes. To overcome the addiction problem that they have.

Leticia: Okay, okay. They just don't, that day they, oh, and another question, why do they have to be transported? Don't these people have cars that they can go to? What kind of people are we looking at that need to be transported? If you have your, if you volunteer there, you call and say, "I don't have a car," or "Can I drive myself over there?" It seems like they're all provided transportation. Where do these clients come from that have no transportation?

Mr. Burbank: Well, if they had transportation, there probably wouldn't be enough place for them to keep their car. But we try to take a person from, from one part of their treatment to another part to another part.

Leticia: Okay. So where would these be coming from? What's more likely the 90-day rehab, where would they be coming from? What facility?

Mr. Burbank: They could be coming from our detox facility. They could be coming from other providers ...

Leticia: Right.

Mr. Burbank: ... within the community.

Leticia: Oh, other providers, right, right. Okay. And then you also mentioned there will be an outpatient clinic there. That was, I wrote ...

Mr. Burbank: Yes.

Leticia: ... as you were ...

Mr. Burbank: Yes, there's ...

Leticia: ... (inaudible).

Mr. Burbank: ... currently an outpatient clinic there from Arizona's Children and, and there, we plan on having one there as well.

Leticia: Okay. What outpatient clinic, what does that entail?

Mr. Burbank: It includes counseling, therapies ...

Leticia: No, no. What, what does that entail outpatient? You walk in there, you take, you do an intake, or emergency? You go there when you need an emergency? What exactly is outpatient clinic? What do you do there? Do you also transport them to their outpatient clinic appointment or how, can you give a little educating on the outpatient clinic? I'm not (inaudible) ...

Mr. Burbank: It's counseling ...

Leticia: ... (inaudible).

Mr. Burbank: ... and psychiatric services for people ...

Leticia: Not, no drugs, ...

Mr. Burbank: ... (inaudible).

Leticia: ... no drugs so if I ...

Mr. Burbank: It could be drug and alcohol ...

Leticia: Oh, it can be ...

Mr. Burbank: ... (inaudible).

Leticia: ... drugs. Right. So if a client needs drugs, you will have an outpatient clinic. But the one on Dodge is different because it's not an outpatient ...

Mr. Burbank: It's, ...

Leticia: ... clinic?

Mr. Burbank: ... it's a, it's a outpatient crisis psychiatric (inaudible).

Leticia: (Inaudible) ...

Mr. Burbank: That's at ...

Leticia: ... (inaudible).

Mr. Burbank: ... (inaudible) this would not be a, this would be an outpatient clinic for those people seeking ongoing treatment for their addiction issues.

Leticia: And the ...

Ms. Tarpinio: So this is, ...

Leticia: ... hours ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... hold on, hold on a second. This is different. This is a totally different setup. This, it's like a, you, if you want to make an appointment to go see your doctor, you call, you make an appointment, and you go. You see your primary care doctor. That's what this is.

Leticia: Right.

Ms. Tarpinio: You wanna call, you wanna see a counselor, you want somebody to talk to, you call, you make an appointment, you come and have your appointment.

Leticia: Right.

Ms. Tarpinio: It's not a walk-in clinic. It's not open, you know, ...

Leticia: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... late until, it's just a regular like call and make an appointment to see a counselor.

Leticia: Right. So it'll be a walk-in clinic.

Ms. Tarpinio: No, no, no.

Mr. Burbank: No.

Leticia: Oh, how do they get there? They don't walk. They just ...

Ms. Tarpinio: They drive ...

Leticia: Drive there.

Ms. Tarpinio: ... or they park in the parking lot and they come in and they see a ...

Leticia: So what if ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible).

Leticia: ... you don't have a car? They have to take the bus to get there.

Ms. Tarpinio: They might. They might call a ...

Leticia: Right.

Ms. Tarpinio: ... cab ...

Leticia: Or they ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... or ...

Leticia: ... might just walk there. I mean who says they can't walk? Just because it's not a walk-in clinic, doesn't mean they, they, usually ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible) ...

Leticia: ... people that are on drugs, okay, with all due respect, they probably don't have a lot of money to buy a car, to go on a car. They probably go by public transportation or they walk there. Just because it's not gonna be a walk-in clinic, it doesn't mean that we're, they're not going to be included in the people that we already see walking the area. (Inaudible) with my questions.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you. Roberto.

Mr. Pitro: You said that the other facility is a residential. (Inaudible) how often do you have incidents there?

Ms. Tarpinio: We don't.

Ms. Purdue: I can't ...

Mr. Pitro: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Purdue: ... remember the last time we had law enforcement respond to either of our residential facilities, but I made a note to pull those addresses and I'll get the information to the, to the Mayor and the Council members.

Mr. Pitro: And how intense was it and, if you had an incident. And you said there wasn't an incident. It's been a long time ...

Ms. Purdue: I don't ...

Mr. Pitro: ... (inaudible) ...

Ms. Purdue: ... recall. It's been since, I don't recall the last time there were, there was law enforcement called to the residential treatment facility. As I said, earlier, at the

SAMHC Crisis Center, it happens all the time. But that's not the residential treatment. I don't, ...

Unknown male: How many ...

Ms. Purdue: ... I don't know.

Unknown male: ... security guards do you have at those places where you don't have to call the police? Are there any security guards there?

Ms. Tarpinio: None.

Unknown male: None?

Ms. Tarpinio: We don't (inaudible) ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible) treatment facility. We don't carry any security at residential treatment.

Unknown male: So how are you gonna keep track of these people? How, if you have a problem with them, how are you going to stop them from leaving? Or beating themselves up or whatever they have to do? I know you're worried about the stigma placed on these people (inaudible) don't want them. But I think that, and I know that these issues where someone goes out and kills 30 people, 30 kids, or 10 kids, or one kid. That's not happened at all, but if it happens once a year, in front of a school, ...

Mayor Diaz: Well, ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Tarpinio: Can I address your, here, your comment? And I heard it come up in different areas and I understand the concern because there is a lot of concern with sometimes, we do hear about scary things that happen in the world, especially with, and we tend to associate that with the mentally ill population. We do. And you're right. We do care a lot about stigma. It's a part of our vision statement as we want to see a healthy, compassionate stigma-free community. We care about them a lot. And at the same time, what we're bringing to South Tucson it's totally separate population and I know that that's because of the breadth of our services, we do provide a full continuum of care. We take people, we work with people who are seriously mentally ill. We work with people who are additive in their drug addiction. We also work with people in the outpatient setting, for just counseling, status change in life. We work in housing. We

provide housing for people who are struggling in one area. These are all separate programs. We've got our residential care, and we provide prevention programs. We have a youth center. We provided prevention program. So we have a whole continuum of services. The service we're bringing here is not the service of serving mentally ill residential. It's serving people with drug addiction. So when you ...

Unknown female: (Inaudible).

Ms. Tarpinio: ... ask that question about security, we don't have security at our, right now we run three residential facilities. One is in Bisbee, and two of them are locally. We have no security. We don't have incidents with law enforcement. They're, people come and they work their program and then they leave. And we almost never have someone who leaves in an aggressive or violent manner, ever, that I've ever heard of because they don't want to. It's a totally different population. So I understand it's confusing because we have so ...

Unknown female: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... many different services.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Diaz: Hang on, hang on, hang on. Yeah. Hang on. Mr. Beltran. No, Mr. Beltran, no, wait a minute. Mr. Beltran.

Mr. Beltran: Yeah, I'd just like to ask the real estate broker his name, his full name, his full legal name, his address, and also if he, if he, after everything is over, if we would give us an, the license number because I'm sure there's going to be a lot of liability to South Tucson, to them, and he's in the middle. He didn't announce to the community. He's supposed to protect his conscience, but also a community. And there are ethical issues in the real estate department. The State has a lot of laws against real estate brokers. He's got certain responsibilities. So if you would give that information to the Mayor because he's the one that's going to be receiving all kinds of liability issues in the future and he's gonna need it for his lawyer (inaudible) ...

Unknown male: I'll be happy to pass out all my cards ...

Mr. Beltran: Oh, great, ...

Unknown male: ... (inaudible).

Mr. Beltran: ... great.

Unknown male: Because there are no liability issues.

Mr. Beltran: Oh, sure there's no liability (inaudible). I, I was a real estate broker for many years. I know better. You can't, you can't fool me. I was a real estate broker, okay, many years.

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Mr. Beltran: So we're all in the same boat. Okay? And everybody is liable. Our consciences, his, our conscience is here. We all have children. We all have grandchildren. We're all liable to God. We're all liable to the law. And I'm gonna read this here because you're also liable to, to the children over there. They haven't said anything but I got something they, I found there. And it says here, "How do they do this? How could they, do not care? The (inaudible) that they have caused us, can't even start to share. They can't help themselves. They can't defend themselves. We're their voice. We're the voice of the old people. They're in bed because they can't afford a nursing home like the rich guys like you. Maybe (inaudible) but his commission, he can afford a bed. But not, not us in South Tucson. We have to take care of the old people at home. There's a lot of old people. They're not here because they can't walk. We're taking care of them. And there's a lot of people that are handicapped. They can't come. They don't have no, we're their voice. Our conscience is at stake. Please, listen.

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Mr. Beltran: We all have a God. We all have to answer to him. (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Mr. Beltran: ... (inaudible) pockets.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you. The lady in the ...

Mr. Beltran: (Inaudible) one more ...

Mayor Diaz: ... stripes.

Mr. Beltran: ... comment.

Mayor Diaz: No, hang on.

Mr. Beltran: One more comment.

Mayor Diaz: Wait a minute. We, we've ...

Mr. Beltran: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Diaz: ... heard enough ...

Mr. Beltran: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Diaz: ... about you. We need a different viewpoint. The lady behind you raised, had her hand raised for a long time.

Unknown female: I was wondering why would, be bringing people from around Arizona instead of helping the people already in this community that are suffering with a lot of these same issues? Why would you bring other people from everywhere else?

Unknown female: To save money.

Mr. Burbank: Just based on the certain amount of need and so we (inaudible) the needs of the people.

Unknown female: You will feel the needs of people from other (inaudible) in their areas. Serve our people in our area.

Mr. Burbank: I mean everybody is welcome. It doesn't matter where you're.

Unknown female: I just don't understand why you need to bring people from around Arizona.

Mr. Burbank: Because ...

Unknown female: When there's already those issues here. Why bring (inaudible)?

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Tarpinio: Well, I can answer that a little bit. We, we, we absolutely serve our local community, and that's the majority of our clients. The people who come from outside are generally from different (inaudible) because one of our programs we have a special, we have part of our treatment model is, has a Native component to it that has gotten some recognition and, for its success for really assisting people. And so we do have some contracts that we work with that people come from other parts of the State because they want to, they've heard about us and they'd like to send some of their clients. And those are people that might come by plane. They'd be picked up from the airport and they would be brought. And then when they're done, they go back home. They don't stay. (Inaudible) ...

Unknown female: That's great. I mean the services you offer are great, but what everybody is fighting is the school. I mean the school, there's many kids. I mean I grew up in that area right across the street from the school. We could go and play. I mean who's gonna want to let their kids go out there and play?

Ms. Tarpinio: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Unknown female: If a lot of the programs are for Native-Americans, why won't you take those programs to the reservations?

Unknown female: Exactly.

(Applause)

Unknown female: What is the address of the rehab centers that you talked about? You're not, you keep referring to that you're not talking about incidences in the walk-in. Well, what's the address to the other?

Mr. Burbank: The ...

Ms. Tarpinio: It's 2950 North Dodge. And in the packets that I handed out, they have all of our ...

Unknown female: 2950 ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible).

Unknown female: ... North Dodge. So in the last 10 days, 12 incidences, including a homicide there, assault, breaking and entering, have been reported in that area in the last 10 days.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Tarpinio: In that area, but not the ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible).

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown female: ... facility because they're, they walk out of your facility.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mr. Burbank: (Inaudible) the facility.

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Unknown female: Their facility is safe. The surrounding neighborhood is not. And that is what we're saying. Your facility may be safe there, but our children are not. Our elderly ...

Unknown female: Our elderly ...

Unknown female: ... are not. That is what we're, that is what we're fighting. We're not fighting the fact that it's a good program. We're fighting that you are coming into a community with many children that go to the school and play after hours. Many elderly that have to walk down the street to go to the store. And yes, your facility may be safe, but our community is not.

Unknown female: So what element is your facility bringing into the, to our area?

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mr. Burbank: One comment is ...

Mayor Diaz: Yeah.

Mr. Burbank: ... the crime existed before the treatment center got there.

Unknown female: But the treatment center, and it's ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mr. Burbank: (Inaudible) ...

Unknown female: ... way more element ...

Mr. Burbank: No, no.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Wait a minute.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Diaz: Wait a minute. Back, back to the ...

Leticia: The question and answer.

Mayor Diaz: ... question and answer. I think she had her hand up for quite a while.

Ms. Angulo: I just want to ask one question. I know that you say mentally ill. Can you tell me what some of the names of what you classify as mentally ill? What are they?

Mr. Burbank: Major depression, schizophrenia, bi-polar depression as the gentleman you know is, anxiety disorders.

Ms. Tarpinio: And generally, you know, people who really struggle with functioning well, you know, you could struggle with a depressive disorder and really, but you know, you manage it. You have coping mechanisms. Some people, they don't and they really struggle. And then life is really difficult and painful for them.

Ms. Angulo: I know it is. That's ...

Ms. Tarpinio: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Angulo: ... why I understand what, what you're ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible).

Ms. Angulo: ... saying. But what I'm trying to say is that these people don't always have good judgment.

Ms. Tarpinio: No, they don't.

Ms. Angulo: And, you ...

Ms. Tarpinio: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Angulo: ... know, it took me, for our community, it's not safe to have, 'cause we don't know what, like I said, we, we don't know what to do.

Ms. Tarpinio: Just so you know, you're, you're absolutely right and we're, we're really serving more the, the substance abuse population (inaudible).

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown female: So if it's the ...

Ms. Tarpinio: (Inaudible) ...

Unknown female: ... substance ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown female: ... (inaudible) which is drugs, you know, ...

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible) ...

Unknown female: ... a lot of those ...

Unknown female: (Inaudible) ...

Unknown female: ... people put themselves in that situation because they make poor judgments. Because we all have a choice. Once we turn 18, we know what is right or what is wrong. Because if we do something wrong, what's gonna happen? We're gonna get punished.

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Unknown female: If you do something right, the whole community works together, we're more than how many and it makes our community stronger and it makes our nation stronger. Right?

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Okay. Hang on. Okay.

Unknown male: Have you ever encountered this kind of welcome before, opening another facility?

Mr. Burbank: Yes.

Unknown male: Based on the outcry, are you willing to reconsider the, going forward with the purchase? Based on the outcry (inaudible)?

Leticia: Question and answer.

Mr. Burbank: Certainly we're hearing you and we, we hear where you're coming from and it plays a factor, but I can't say that it would (inaudible) one way or the other.

Ms. Purdue: One of the things that I could say in response to that is when we moved, when we moved the Crisis Center from the location over by the University and 6th and Campbell, and we moved to the Dodge and Flower location, there was a lot of negative feeling in the community. I think one of the things that we feel hopeful about, I would even say that after listening to everybody's concern today, that we feel confident about is that in three years that you will believe us. I can't ask you to believe us today. I understand your doubt. But I know that we have made good neighbors with the, with the Dodge and Flower community. And actually, law enforcement would say even though that's still a high crime area, they would say that SAMHC's presence has reduced crime in that apartment complex.

Unknown male: So that your answer is no, you will not reconsider. You will still move forward whether, you know, this is a sample of the community. I mean there's gonna be more outcry. So I'm just kind of asking you whether you're ready to say okay, let's go to plan B, because this is going to affect the community and in a very negative way. And I'm (inaudible) willing to live without it ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown male: ... (inaudible) years, you know.

Ms. Purdue: I don't think that we agreed that it will affect the community in a negative way.

Unknown male: The community does.

Ms. Purdue: I know ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown male: So ...

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Hang on.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown female: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Diaz: Wait.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Ma'am, hold on a second, please. She's had her hand up for a ...

Mayor Diaz: Yeah, ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... while.

Mayor Diaz: ... Leticia.

Leticia: One, two, three, the third lady, the first row with black. I'm sorry. What was your name? Yes.

Ms. Tarpinio: Stacy.

Leticia: Stacy. Thank you. About a month ago, I know, some of these residents might now know so I'll briefly educate them, there was a meeting to inform the community, to get a feel for the community's feelings, sentiment for having City of South Tucson converted to a community court, which means that rather than going to jail, our offenders would now be going to a rehab center. And how convenient to have now SAMHC here where a community court can just ship them over there to the new SAMHC. I don't know if you know, two questions, yes or no. Do you know that the judge was trying to implement this community court quit? Yes or no?

Mr. Burbank: Yes.

Leticia: Yes, you do know. She didn't but you did.

Mr. Burbank: I'm sorry. I answered ...

Leticia: No, no, ...

Mr. Burbank: ... (inaudible).

Leticia: ... no. That's (inaudible). You know that he quit.

Ms. Tarpinio: Are you talking about the judge, the ...

Leticia: Yes.

Ms. Tarpinio: ... (inaudible)?

Mr. Burbank: (Inaudible).

Leticia: The judge. He said yes, that's okay. He answered my question. Okay. Do you know why he quit?

Mr. Burbank: I heard something about health issues. That's what I heard. I don't know.

Leticia: Okay.

Mr. Burbank: I don't know him and I don't know his reason.

Leticia: Right. Okay. We did have a meeting. The community was opposed to that and, and he, I guess he got really sick that night and came back and gave his resignation the next day. So you do know that that is on hold right now? The community court. Stacy?

Ms. Tarpinio: Yeah, I'm not really familiar with what that is or that process, but ...

Leticia: But he does. You know that it's on hold right now because we have no judge, and we haven't, the community is opposed to that, and ...

Mr. Burbank: I, I had ...

Leticia: ... (inaudible) ...

Mr. Burbank: ... just, I ...

Leticia: ... (inaudible) ...

Mr. Burbank: ... have never talked to Judge Miller or anybody about the project except for another community member here who mentioned something about it.

Leticia: Right.

Mr. Burbank: And so that, that's all I ...

Leticia: So, no, ...

Mr. Burbank: ... know about ...

Leticia: ... you, that's all you knew about it.

Mr. Burbank: Yeah.

Leticia: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Just two more, two more questions, please, and then we'll do a, another, I'll do some more questioning regarding the staff. Go ahead.

Unknown female: Are you aware that South Tucson only has one ambulance?

Ms. Tarpinio: No.

Unknown female: Well, actually, it's not, you know, it's a, it's Southwest Ambulance. Do you think that it would be fair for your facility, you know, when these clients are committing suicide, do you think that it would be fair for them to take the resources of residents of South Tucson and take it to your facility?

Ms. Tarpinio: I don't think we ever had a suicide. (Inaudible) ...

Unknown female: Everything is possible. No one ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown female: ... is immune from anything.

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Unknown female: Depression. What does depression do?

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Unknown female: Schizophrenia, (inaudible) ...

Unknown female: (Inaudible) ...

Unknown female: ... depression ...

Unknown female: ... (inaudible) suicide sometimes. Not only that, look at the Hinckley's. Look at the, the Loughner. Look at that (inaudible) guy, he came from a good family. And what did he do? He was depressed. Why was he depressed?

Depression will make you do just about anything and most of the time, what depression does, is you start trying to commit suicide. So in your conscience, do you think that it is fair that the South Tucson residents suffer because you're clients are trying to commit suicide? Don't think I'm not compassionate. I have a lot of compassion. I take care of my mother 24 hours a day, 7 days a week because she is invalid. So I do have compassion.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Thank ...

Unknown female: But I ...

Mayor Diaz: ... you.

Unknown female: ... also know the needs of the people.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you. Yes.

Unknown female: I just want to say kids in this community are already facing like it's hard to succeed because you're surrounded by all this negative stuff, so why would we want to bring something else like that? Why not put it in a nice community over there with the nice neighborhoods, nice cars, and let's build up our own community with something better that can, you know, help the kids in this community to get out of here and succeed and (inaudible). But bringing more people in and you keep saying that they're not gonna walk the streets. Reality is they will walk the streets.

Ms. Purdue: I wonder if I could really address that because I think one of the, there are two things about this property that really led us to feel, three things, excited about it; one was that we could bring all our administrative staff together and we could work, be located together. The second thing was that the residential, the property had an already designed residential treatment facilities on-site. But the third reason, which to me is the most exciting, and I'm sorry if we're not focusing on that tonight but I think it's important that you hear our hopes and our plans. We have a very strong prevention program. We've worked with youth in Amado and in the south Pima area. We would like to extend that prevention program, using the other facilities that are available: the school, the computer lab, the gym, the track, utilizing those services and developing a very strong prevention program for the youth in the community. We cannot, currently have funding for that, but we have an individual on our staff who's been extremely successful in obtaining funding and building prevention programs in Amado. And we hope that she will be, she will be tasked with getting, and she's already exploring grant opportunities should this purchase go through. The second thing that's exciting for us is the possibility of utilizing the rest of the campus for (inaudible) these purposes. We've already spoken with the folks who decide on licensing, and what a facility can be licensed for. We made a specific decision to not license the entire facility simply for rehab, but to fence off part of the facility that will we'll rehab so that we can keep the other parts of the facility, the gym, which has a kitchen, the community garden, and the vocational training. Now I wish we had funding for all of that right now. We don't, but it is our intention to develop that. We did that from the get-go because we did feel like

this is a community where there is a need for that and we could give back to the community. So these are our intentions and we hope to bring funding, grant funding vocational programming into the community and those parts of the campus. And that was really one of the most exciting parts of seeing the campus and our making an offer on it.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Diaz: (Inaudible) I'm sorry. It's ...

Leticia: (Inaudible) can she ask one question?

Unknown female: Well, it's actually a kind of like a comment. A rose is a rose no matter what. Right? (Inaudible). So please don't try to pretend that we're to shield our eyes (inaudible). (Inaudible). You're not responsible for whatever happens. (Inaudible). (Inaudible) corporation, that's what you (inaudible). You're not gonna take our limited resources. We have one of the best police officers here. (Inaudible). You're not gonna be taking away from us. That's enough. Where's your conscience? (Inaudible). Why don't you bring in the University of Arizona extension? Or Pima College satellite? Or a recreation center for the (inaudible)?

Unknown male: (Inaudible) ...

Unknown female: A technology ...

Unknown male: ... (inaudible).

Unknown female: ... school. Occupational school. And let's get hope for our community.

Unknown male: (Inaudible) ...

Unknown female: Because we don't have a hope here. It's (inaudible).

(Applause)

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Diaz: (Inaudible) ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Diaz: ... hang on just a ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Diaz: ... minute.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown male: (Inaudible) question on behalf of the community to the Council?

Mayor Diaz: You already made the request. What are you going ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Diaz: ... to add to it?

Unknown male: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Diaz: Go ahead.

Unknown female: Well, he's quieted us down so ...

Unknown male: The request is that if this is now zoned for this type of facility, we want it to be changed to residential only. It's a residential area. I don't know when it was zoned for (inaudible) now. But it needs to be changed. It's a res-, it's a residential area. We are requesting that this be changed.

Mayor Diaz: Well, we (inaudible) Mr. Gastelum.

Mr. Gastelum: Very quickly, in response to your question regarding changing the zoning, we cannot. That property, it's a State statute, we can't change the zoning. It's called a legal non-confirming use. That property is zoned SR1. Our zoning code wasn't adopted until 1978. Therefore, that property is also called a grandfather clause and they're grandfathered in. So that type of use, that facility use, that's a permitted use, legal non-confirming use.

Unknown male: When you grandfather something, it usually applies to a certain company or a certain person. And when it changes, it's sort of like my godfather. He died. So ...

Mayor Diaz: No.

Unknown male: ... it, it's over. It's, I wouldn't have his rights. When, if this was done for the Children's Home, this is a completely different company and it's, and they're not doing the same thing as to, the Children's Home.

Mr. Gastelum: Very quick, sir. The company is not being grandfathered in. The use is being grandfathered in. It has nothing to do with Children's Home being there. It's being that that use has been grandfathered in. It could be an auto repair shop, for example. If our zoning code was adopted in '78 and that shop has been there since '64 and it's in a middle of a neighborhood, we can do nothing to change the zoning. That is against the law.

Unknown male: Okay.

Mr. Gastelum: Legal non-conforming use.

Unknown male: Okay. One more question. If, was it, does the law require a different zoning for, let's say some place that is court-ordered, and does this, this is to you, is this for court-ordered people to go there?

Ms. Tarpinio: No.

Mr. Burbank: No.

Unknown male: Because this is going to be like a prison. This is gonna be like a, a low security prison.

Mayor Diaz: No. No. It's (inaudible) ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Diaz: ... Mr. Gastelum, before, how about the permits and all that other, licensing and all that, does that come under our jurisdiction or not?

Mr. Gastelum: Are you referring to if Pasadera takes it over as far as the licensing process?

Mayor Diaz: Correct.

Mr. Gastelum: Yes, they have obtain license through us, obtain an inspection from us, so yes, but like they said, the sale has not gone through. Nothing has been submitted to our offices regarding licensing or permitting.

Councilman Green: I have a question. Can we ask for a variance?

Mr. Gastelum: No, we cannot.

Councilman Green: Okay. Second question. Eighth Avenue, if that's not given in the deal, is that a deal breaker? If we open it up, make it a street?

Ms. Tarpinio: We, we have, we have no comment on that.

Mr. Burbank: Yeah.

Ms. Tarpinio: We (inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: Realtor?

Ms. Tarpinio: ... we haven't closed yet.

Leticia: (Inaudible) for the community, as we said, wants that given back to the community so they will have to decide if they want to go with the sale. We are going in front of Mayor and Council requesting that be turned over to the community. So based on that, you guys have a decision to make because we will be here and as Raul said, we will recall whoever is responsible for giving the 8th Avenue right-of-way easement to them with the opposition of the community.

(Applause)

Mayor Diaz: Any more? You have any more?

Councilman Rojas: That's it.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Well, closing comment, quick.

Unknown male: Sure. The, we haven't really resolved a lot because the liability still remains for the City of South Tucson. They're protected. The broker is not protected but we're not, the City is not protected and the community is not protected of all the dangers (inaudible).

Mayor Diaz: well ...

Unknown male: That's all. Thank you

Councilman Rojas: (Inaudible).

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Next item is reports.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. We'll take all the information and consideration and we'll see what happens. Thank you.

ITEM #07 – ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Councilman Rojas to adjourn the Special Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Paul Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 23rd day of June, 2014. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk