

## PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MAY 3, 2021

A meeting of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee was held Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in via teleconference.

### Chairwoman Caron

As Chairman of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

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Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

Alderwoman Kelly called the roll and asked them to state the reason he or she could not attend, confirmed that they could hear the proceedings, and stated who was present with him or her.

The roll call was taken with 3 members of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee present:

Chairman June M. Caron presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

Members not in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons, Vice Chair  
Alderman Skip Cleaver

Also in Attendance: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ROLL CALL

Chairman Caron

Alderwoman Kelly, would you please call the roll?

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you Chairwoman Caron. Alderman Clemons?

Chairman Caron

Alderman Clemons is unable to join us this evening.

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you. Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

I'm here, I think.

Alderwoman Kelly

Are you alone?

Alderman Lopez

Yes, I am just having weird, technical difficulties.

Alderwoman Kelly

And can you hear us?

Alderman Lopez

I can hear you thank you.

Alderwoman Kelly

I am here, I am alone and I can hear everyone. Alderman Cleaver?

Alderman Cleaver

Alderman Cleaver is unable to join us this evening.

Chairman Caron

I am here, I am alone and I can hear everything.

Alderwoman Kelly

You have three members present and also will note that Alderman Wilshire is here. I know she can sub in if needed but I think we have made quorum. And I see Mayor Donchess here as well.

Chairman Caron

OK thank you. Do we have any public comment this evening? You don't see anything?

Alderwoman Kelly

I do not.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

INTERVIEWS

Justin Chapman (new appointment)  
55 McKean Street  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: March 31, 2024

Mayor Donchess

Thank you, Madam Chair and it is nice to be with you this evening. My first nomination is Justin Chapman for the Cable TV Advisory Board. I am nominating Mr. Chapman because he, of course, has expressed an interest in the Cable TV – CTAB we call it. Also, he has a very technical background. He currently works down in Burlington at a tech company and has worked in various technical positions. If you look at his resume over the course of his career. So his skills are well suited to the Cable TV Advisory Board.

Also, Madam Chair, he is a resident of Crown Hill, I am sure you will appreciate that, therefore, Ward 7 and I am sure he will, given his interest, will be a significant addition to the Board. And I will turn it over to Mr. Chapman to tell you a little about himself and tell us a little bit about his interest in the Cable TV Advisory Board.

Chairman Caron

Thank you Mr. Mayor. Mr. Chapman?

Justin Chapman Good evening all. Thank you for the introduction Mr. Mayor. I will say it is a pleasure to participate or potentially participate and join given having recently completed the Nashua City University Course that you led and participated in so that's why I am putting my name forward for this Advisory Board. So if anyone has questions as to what led me to volunteer and participate it is a result of participating in the Nashua City University which Mayor Donchess, I believe, correct me Mayor, this is the third year that you had run this program.

Mayor Donchess

It might have been the 4<sup>th</sup> but you were involved in the remote version. But yes, that's exactly what we are hoping for that people learn more about City Government and figure out where they might be interested and then volunteer to assist with one project or another.

Mr. Chapman So I guess in general, I guess in life, I do best with having folks, all of you fine folks on, if you have any thoughts or questions and just addressing what is your thought as opposed to extemporaneously rambling and covering nearly a third of what you might be interested in and a third of, yeah didn't really need to know that or it was nice to know that but didn't really care. So if anyone has any thoughts or things that would be helpful to them, I'd love to share my thoughts in a direction that's more catered towards what folks are thinking versus – OK I see two hands so I guess I'll go with ...

Alderman Kelly

We will take care of it. June, both yourself and Alderman Lopez have their hand up.

Chairman Caron

OK so we will start with Alderman Lopez and then Alderman Kelly.

Alderman Kelly

I was going to say you are being pretty efficient because we are all going to ask questions anyway so you might as well just let us ask them and not try to anticipate them. And then more specifically you don't end up getting twice as much time. So for me, I was just curious with regard to the way the CTAB operates, what is your understanding of its purpose and what are areas that you think we can do better with it and opportunities that you see your experience playing into that?

Mr. Chapman Right now, I have little to no experience. All that I understand is it is an Advisory Board for – or sorry, my current understanding is that it is an Advisory Board catering specifically towards the sort of telecommunications area of Nashua. So I know that is an imperfect understanding and ultimately it reviews the contracts that come up and I believe there's some other information that gets discussed and I am just not fully aware of it. That's the part that I need to learn.

Alderman Kelly

Are you all set Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

I just wanted to say that's a pretty good answer. I mean being willing to learn and trying to explore new options, part of the reason that the Mayor interviews you first and then to nominate you is to make sure that you have experience and that you are a good fit for it. So I would probably, especially with a Board like the CTAB, there's a lot of really experienced members there already, so learning from them is not going to hurt anybody. But bringing your own ideas and being honest about it is probably going to be very refreshing for it. So thank you for your service; I appreciate you stepping forward.

Mr. Chapman Thank you. Is it Mr. Lopez or Tom?

Alderman Kelly

Alderman Lopez.

Mr. Chapman Thank you Alderman Lopez.

Chairman Caron

Alderman Kelly?

Alderman Kelly

Thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to ask a few questions and I looked at your background and I am excited to have you be a volunteer. I actually was interested in sort of you went through all of the different facets of the City, I was just wondering why this one stood out to you? Is it just your background or did something happen in the Academy that kind of got you excited about Cable TV?

Mr. Chapman So you know where I live, you've got my address. And one thing that sparked my interest after I had moved here and looked for internet service, I noticed it was Comcast was pretty much the option. But before I moved I had noticed that fiber was available and I suspect as you all are aware, fiber is very much about where your physical address is in relation to the switching office or which office. And so I signed up and learned, Oh, really Nashua is covered but the street I am on and a couple of other streets, no you're not covered.

And so that's the part where I was thinking when I called Town Hall, I was like, Hey what is going on? I called Charter, I didn't get a straight answer. No one was dodging my questions, so for sure it is not that anyone wasn't returning phone calls or anything but I didn't get a, Hey the way that we are rolling out bla, bla, bla, has to do with government funding and rolling out dark fiber in this approach. No one seemed to have an understanding of how fiber gets rolled out and dark fiber is already in the ground it is just not turned on. And so there seemed to be maybe not the nuanced understanding that just because it is in the ground, which is great that Nashua has got lots of dark fiber, but that doesn't mean that there's dark fiber on my street. And so there seemed to not be that understanding as well.

And so when I learned that this Committee existed, I was like, Wow, Great, I can help and learn wherever that might be. But then honestly it's one of those things where it's like, I can actually contribute to the town that I live in because I've had great experiences just in what I would call just some basic services of paying my, you know, the property tax on my car and then when there was just an address error from the previous owners, I walked in, this was before COVID, walked in and they were like, OH yeah we just had an error with the address and it is all taken care of. So my experience with the town hall thus far have been generally the opposite of what one would think in the sense of sort of bureaucratic and slow. And so I was like, Wow, if they have a way for someone to volunteer and contribute, I'd like to do that.

And I think Alderman Kelly, to your point, technology is an area where it is a little bit easier for me to contribute. So that's why this Committee seemed to be appropriate. I think there was one other Committee that seemed interesting and this one had the opening first.

Alderman Kelly

Alderman Caron, if I could follow up?

Chairman Caron

Yes, you may Alderman Kelly.

Alderman Kelly

Thank you. That was a lovely, detailed response. What do you think, in that same vein of Citywide Broadband?

Mr. Chapman I want to answer your question. Is your question about giving it away for free, making sure it's available? There are a couple different ways to go with that.

Alderman Kelly

Well tell me all your thoughts? It's definitely come up someone else who just recently interviewed this position was talking about Citywide Broadband. And I think with COVID and school being remote, it definitely became an issue of have and have nots, when you couldn't get the WIFI availability.

Mr. Chapman Sure. So I'll start with we are in America and New Hampshire so I'll start with the capitalist answer, so Libertarian answer first which is it would be lovely if there was a, I'll call it a public / private right, I'll say public / private option for people who are visiting, transitioning, transitioning meaning driving through / whatever but just are not residents, don't live here, the ability to have access to quality, secure WIFI and by "secure" I mean the person using that WIFI does not need to worry about man in the middle attacks or any other type of security threats. So knowing that it is a trusted offering, so that's one. And then I'd say, call it – in software there's this idea of donationware or shareware, call it some other option that we will say more responsive uptime and downtime where, I am making up a number because I have no research right? So please, bear with me, it is not grounded in reality number wise. But say something that's say, hey you're going to be visiting Nashua for 24 hours, you know, here's you know for \$10.00 bucks have this great service that really supports you.

There's pretty good 5G coverage already in Nashua, depending on who your provider is but having Wi-Fi throughout all of Nashua and paying a modest amount and then knowing, hey you are supporting the town and any other sort of other programs, other Wi-Fi for folks who are needing it would be one way to go. So it is really sort of a donation to the town to support those people who are not able to have consistent access. Then secondly let's say for the people who are residents being able to – this is the part where I am not just as familiar with how the negotiations with say Consolidated Works, but let's say, let's figure out how to get actual fiber to everyone. If I, Justin, wanted to have fiber for "business I was running in my house" I can today call up Comcast for business fiber line, pay I believe it's \$500.00 for them to lay down the fiber and then another \$500.00 as a fee so call it \$1,000.00 bucks and I get a Juniper Router I believe or switch on my end, I'm sorry Gateway. And so \$1,300.00 roughly all in and then \$300.00 a month, I can add fiber to my house and the quality of service is fantastic because I have effectively got a business line to my house.

And so is it possible for, we will say to your point, to have an opt in for those people who are financially able say a \$500.00 option or something with Consolidated to say, Hey let's run McKinney Street, I'll raise my hand and say, "hey I want in". So I think there's, we will call them tranches of options that you can have to make it available to people who are working from home. Obviously if you've got a house you are not sort of traveling out and about, let's get the fiber and make that available and sort of different options. You know, there's different speed options; fiber as a whole is, you've the ability to pump gigabyte speeds but maybe that's not what they are doing. I don't know that is or isn't appropriate. But there are definitely different options that we can have to make it great and I think reasonable funding options and opt in shareware, donationware so that it is not the government paying for it directly, it might be sort of a reimbursement model where the government might need to get involved, that's the part where I am just not educated well on how do we sort of take that first step. Sorry, that's a really long answer, my apologies.

Alderman Kelly

I was just going to say thank you. I feel like I got more education out of that than I've known before. So you obviously are very interested and excited about it so that was a great answer. Thank you.

Chairman Caron

All done Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

I am, Alderman Caron.

Chairman Caron

Ok is there anyone else there that still has questions for Mr. Chapman?

Alderwoman Kelly

I don't see any hands up.

Chairman Caron

OK so Mr. Chapman, we really appreciate that you took the Mayor's University of the City and decided to join one of our Committees and listening to your answer that Alderwoman Kelly had asked you about shows that you are really enthusiastic about coming on board to the CTAB. So we will be voting on your position shortly. And we want to thank you again for volunteering.

Mr. Chapman OK. Is the protocol that I just drop off now.

Chairman Caron

Yeah you can stay on if you want or you can drop off. Someone will notify you so that you can be sworn in after our Board of Aldermen meeting.

Mr. Chapman Ok I will stay on to learn how things go. Thank you.

Chairman Caron

OK. Thank you. OK, Mr. Mayor, you have Paul Shea up for nomination to the ...

Mayor Donchess

Is Paul Shea present?

Alderwoman Kelly

I don't see him on.

Mayor Donchess

I could at least speak to the nomination, you may want to interview him.

Paul Shea (new appointment)

Term to Expire: April 1, 2024

102 Tolles Street  
Nashua, NH 03064

Mayor Donchess

I have nominated Paul Shea to the Cultural Connections Committee because obviously he's the Executive Director of Great American Downtown and we are hoping to create a better connection between all of our ethnic communities and the downtown both in terms of creating a greater diversity of business downtown, more businesses that cater to more people.

And I think that helping to create the Downtown Cultural Connections Committee interaction is helpful to everyone, benefits everyone. You may want to interview him and he's not here.

Chairman Caron

I think, Mayor, since he is a new appointment and we made several years ago the notion that any new appointments would have to come for an interview. So I will notify Donna Graham tomorrow and tell her that he didn't show and he'd have to be at our next meeting in June. But I appreciate you giving us a little background. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Well I understand Madam Chair and we will try to get his attendance for the next meeting.

Chairman Caron

Ok thank you very much.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, well thank you all for having me. And thank you Mr. Chapman for your willingness to help us with Broadband.

Mr. Chapman Thank you.

Chairman Caron

Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Alderman Kelly

Paul just got on.

Chairman Caron

What?

Alderman Kelly

Paul is on.

Chairman Caron

Oh, welcome Mr. Shea. I can't hear him.

Alderman Kelly

He's on mute right now. I think he's waiting to see if it his time to speak or if we want to formally introduce him.

Chairman Caron

Did the Mayor come back?

Mayor Donchess

I'm still here. I did introduce him, I at least discussed Paul's nomination to the Cultural Connections Committee. So I will open, just for Mr. Shea's sake, I spoke about the importance of a connection between Great American Downtown and our various communities in Nashua and trying to strengthen the diversity of business downtown and of the attractiveness of downtown to everyone. So with that, I will turn you over to Mr. Shea and he can, you know a little bit about him already I am sure. But he can talk about his interest in the Committee.

Chairman Caron

Thank you very much. Mr. Shea?

Paul Shea Yeah thank you so much. So my name is Paul Shea, I am the Executive Director for Great American Downtown. I have been working with many of the City's cultural and arts organizations over the past 6 years in my role there. We are looking to build greater connections within our downtown and our programing and build inroads to Nashua's diverse community. It has been a pleasure to join the Cultural Connections Committee for the past few meetings and sit in on their conversations as they discuss what they do. I have had the pleasure of sharing a bit about our work with them and am really excited about the opportunity to continue to build that relationship.

I would wholeheartedly agree that the diversity of our downtown and the extent to which people feel welcomed and have an open and positive experience interacting with one another, is one of our strengths and it is certainly something that we can continue to build upon and it is part of what makes Nashua such a great City. I am sorry, I was running a little behind today. I am actually also a Registered Nurse and I have taken a position on Saturday through Monday for a few months helping with vaccination efforts. So I just got off of my shift. So I really appreciate the opportunity to be nominated to be a part of this Committee and look forward to continuing all of the good work that we do with a greater sense of inclusion and representation.

Chairman Caron

OK thank you Mr. Shea, we appreciate it. So we will open it up to questions from the Committee?

Alderman Kelly

I have one Alderman Caron?

Chairman Caron

Certainly, Alderman Kelly?

Alderman Kelly

Well first I wanted to thank you. I was going to shout out that you were still in your scrubs so I appreciate that and I appreciate you hopping on. My question is actually to the Mayor. Are we adding a seat this is for the Executive Director of Greater Nashua Downtown or is he just a community member being added to the committee?

Mayor Donchess

We are not adding a seat so he is just a nominee, someone who is going to be, that I am proposing be on the Committee.

Alderman Kelly

OK perfect. That was my question. Paul, I don't have a lot of questions, we know each other very well and I know that you have a big heart for cultural connectiveness in our City. So I appreciate your hard work and I know you will be a good person on this Committee.

Mayor Donchess

I think all you people should really grill Paul.

Alderman Kelly

I feel bad for him, he was just putting shots in arms all day, I am not going to grill him.

Alderman Lopez

I will if anyone ever calls on me.

Alderman Kelly

Alderman Lopez.

Chairman Caron

Alderman Lopez we'd never ignore you.

Alderman Kelly

I didn't see your hand sorry.

Alderman Lopez

I can't believe that. OK so with the regards to Paul's background in healthcare, I think that automatically makes him a very helpful resource. I know a lot of the challenges that we have discussed in past Cultural Connections meetings is with regards to worldwide efforts to vaccinate, there's a lot of concern about India and other international communities that people in Nashua are connected to. And they are nowhere near the level of rapid vaccination that we are achieving and they definitely don't have the same access to healthcare. So I think having Paul's knowledge on that and experience will be helpful in framing discussion in a lot of different areas. I think the fact that he's willing to step forward and do a little bit of extra work as a nurse and maintain that nurse's license through all of his time at Great American Downtown speaks to his dual passions.

I happen to know that when he took over Great American Downtown he came from being a Registered Nurse, so obviously a little bit of a pay grade difference. But he maintained that certification because public health and healthcare are a passion. So I think that's a very good fit. I also wanted to point out that we recently added additional representation to represent communities such as deaf community and LGBTQ Plus and Paul was instrumental in raising the first flag to raise Pride Awareness and has been invaluable in helping organize Pride Awareness. So I think he brings a lot of that good experience as well.

And then finally, in terms of cultural literacy, Paul was with me on my first Honduras trip; I think I'm on like number 16 now so Paul has a little catching up to do. But he's, from what I observed while he was in Honduras, he's very diligent about trying to learn the language, trying to learn the customs and approaching it from a point of humility. So I think he's a great asset for the Cultural Connections Committee and I look forward to seeing what he can do with it.

Chairman Caron

Thank you Alderman Lopez. Anyone else?

Alderman Kelly

Alderman Wilshire.

Chairman Caron

President Wilshire?

Alderman Wilshire

Thank you. Mr. Shea, good evening. Thank you and thank you again. Thank you for stepping up to this Committee. It is important to have someone like you on this Committee because you are the kind of person that brings people together in a positive way whether it is having fun or not so much fun, you do it. So thank you for that and your willingness to step up. I'm sure you have a lot to do with a young family and a couple of jobs. But thank you for stepping up for this Paul. I think you are perfect for this. So I don't really have any questions, I just want to say thanks and thanks for vaccinating people.

Mr. Shea Absolutely.

Chairman Caron

OK, anyone else? First of all I loved your outfit, I kept saying, uh he doesn't wear that every day to his job. So thank you so much for being willing to participate in getting shots in arms. I think that's wonderful of you. And I too know that when you step up to participate in something, you really put your heart and your soul into it. I've seen it, I've watched you bring some great things to Great American Downtown which I worked closely with for a long time. So I think this is great. And like Alderman Wilshire said, you're going to be a great asset to this Committee. I remember when this Committee started and, Mayor, you have brought in diversified people to this Committee which is a good thing because the City has grown in leaps and bounds. So I think this is great and we look forward to working with you Paul. As I told Mr. Chapman, your nomination will be brought up later and then you will receive notice as to when to appear at a Board of Aldermen meeting so you can be sworn in. And now

you can go home and rest and eat and get ready for another day.

Mr. Shea Very good, I appreciate everyone's kind words and look forward to continuing our work together. I hope you all have a great night.

Chairman Caron

Thank you.

APPLICATION TO LICENSE HAWKER'S, PEDDLER'S, ITINERANT VENDOR'S LICENSE – None

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: JUSTIN CHAPMAN WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2024; THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE: MARGARET LORET WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE FEBRUARY 1, 2024; AND NEW APPOINTMENT PAUL SHEA WITH A TERM APRIL 1, 2024; THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE NASHUA ARTS COMMISSION: LINDSAY RINALDI WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2024, BY ROLL CALL.**

#### ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Caron

Would you please call the roll?

Alderman Kelly

Well I wanted to make a comment but then I will happily call the roll.

Chairman Caron

Sure, you may make a comment.

Alderman Kelly

I just wanted to say that wasn't much of a grilling of Mr. Shea.

Alderman Lopez

In fairness, how much, what can you say about Paul Shea that hasn't already been said on the sounding board.

Alderman Kelly

Very true, very true. OK.

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Caron, Aldermen Lopez,

Alderman Kelly 3

Nay: 0

### **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS - None

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES – None

### TABLED IN COMMITTEE

#### **R-20-021**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

#### **ESTABLISHING AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STUDY COMMITTEE**

- tabled at 6-1-20 mtg

#### **O-20-010**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

#### **CLARIFYING THAT COIN DEALERS ARE NOT SECONDHAND DEALERS**

- tabled at 3-2-20 mtg

#### **O-20-032**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Brandon Laws  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Elizabeth Lu

#### **REDUCING THE FINE FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING VIOLATIONS**

- Tabled at 10/28/20 meeting held jointly with Cte on Infrastructure

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Ortolano Yes, Laurie Ortolano, can you hear me?

Chairman Caron

Yes.

Alderwoman Kelly

We can.

Chairman Caron

Please state your name and address please?

Laurie Ortolano Yes, Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street. I just wanted to address the group quickly and say that I do not support the appointment of Paul Shea to any Committee in the City. I feel that he does not represent diversity in the way that we would want the City represented. He is two pocketed with the Mayor. He runs a Civic Sounding Board Website that he frequently throws people off of and shuts them if their opinions differ from his opinion.

And I think it is a poor representation of the City that he doesn't recognize that differing opinions hold a value. I have watched many people get tossed out of there and comment that they don't go over there because he is so unwelcoming.

And I just don't see this guy as the right guy to sit on any Committee in the City and represent diversity. He gets his money from the Mayor and the City, he is behold to him and when he thinks that someone expresses an opinion that is not behind the Mayor, he shuts them down and tosses them. And we don't need more of that in Nashua. I did enjoy listening to Justin Chapman, as a new appointment. I think he brings a lot to the table and he got involved and he's refreshing and that's what we need to see. But the same old, same old, guys lined up in the Mayor's pocket to do his bidding is not what I want to see. Thank you.

Chairman Caron

You're welcome. Thank you. Anyone else?

Alderwoman Kelly

I don't see any other members of the public here, Alderman Caron.

Chairman Caron

OK, general discussion. Anyone?

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

Alderwoman Kelly

Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

Yeah well so Civic Sounding Board is Paul's creation and it is on a private platform and he does, in fact, actually administer it with other administrators as well. So he is not behind every possible decision. So I just wanted to point out that because ironically, our public comment, anybody can come and make a comment and be completely inaccurate but they have the right to say it. Similarly inaccurate is he's not in the Mayor's pocket, he is not paid by the Mayor. If anybody takes a gander at Great American Downtown's typical year, finances which is available on (inaudible) Star and is a 501(C)3; most of their money is fundraised by their events and their activities. That may be a little bit of a surprise to people

because it wasn't really that way until Paul took over and considerably expanded the development of the program.

I am not sure what 2020 year's look like because 2020 crushed the event organizing industry as a whole. But what I do know is, again, Paul has found ways to help out with things like vaccinating people, advocating for masks with being an essential player to a lot of downtown businesses and making sure they were still in communication with the City over different kind of endeavors being taken place, still able to access support. I think his reputation probably stands for itself so I will be moving forward despite Ms. Ortolano's recommendation. I have seen him in a diverse setting and I think he's going to be a very important resource for people on the Cultural Connections Committee. So again, ironically, public comment you can say whatever you want even if what you want to say is that you object to somebody because they ban people while you are suggesting that we ban him. Thank you.

Chairman Caron

Thank you Alderman Lopez. Anyone else?

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL**

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea:	Alderman Caron, Aldermen Lopez, Aldерwoman Kelly	3
Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:37 p.m.

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Aldерwoman Kelly, Committee Clerk