## NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION MEETING

BOARDWALK PLACE PROPERTIES, LLC

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, February 1, 2024
TIME: Commencing at 6:00 p.m. -6:37 p.m.
PLACE: Madeira Beach City Centre Room 300 Municipal Drive Madeira Beach, Florida 33708

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PR O C E E D I N G S
MR. BRAINARD: My name is Scott Brainard. I'm with William Karns Enterprises. Boardwalk Place Properties, LLC is the owner of this property, and is the host of the meeting tonight.

And the purpose of the meeting is to provide information to our community about the proposed site plan that is going to be considered by the City of Madeira Beach.

We have a court reporter who is going to be transcribing everything that happens, and we've got a videographer who is going to be videoing the meeting.

So what will happen is we'll have a presentation. Dennis Lang is one of our architects. He's going to be providing a presentation of the information in the site plan, and then we'll open it up to questions so anybody who has any question about anything related to the site plan, you're welcome to ask and we'll try our best to answer -- answer those questions.

So I'll go ahead and turn it over to Dennis and let him do a presentation.

MR. LANG: Good evening, everybody. Thanks for turning out tonight.

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Dennis -- Dennis, I'm sorry, can you give me one moment for a technical thing?

MR. LANG: Sure.
THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record.
(There was a brief recess to adjust the time and date stamp on the camera.)

MR. LANG: So good evening, everybody. Thanks everybody for being here. Thank you for dealing with our technical glitch there.

We're very excited about this project that we're proposing. It's at the far east end of the boardwalk. It's going to be a great new open-air establishment. Primarily it's being established as an A2 occupancy, which is a bar restaurant, for regular understanding of it.

In our program plans right now, you only see bars. We're going to be working with a neighbor for food services and we're going to be contracting with them. But that's not a part of our direct programming.

But we have overcome a lot of the obstacles that would be inherent in operating a business of that type in the form of occupancy for our site and access for the public. One of the biggest
things that we worked with the city already to overcome was maintaining our coherent access with the boardwalk to pedestrians at the same level without needing to go up additional ramps or extra stairs to get into the building.

For the purposes of what else we see, we've provided for new stairs that give us fire code compliance, we've maintained these stairs that are already existing at the boardwalk so we're not interfering with the way that people are used to establish an experience, that big component of the water side and waterfront for Madeira.

And then we also have two additional floors that are above the boardwalk level, one with additional programming for another air, open-air bar, and then an open-air roof deck that people can get up to and actually look around and experience the waterfront and all of the Boca Ciega Bay view front, which otherwise you really can't get to, you know, from the boardwalk, other than at the level of the water side.

For what we're talking about in terms of experience for people while we're under construction, which I've understood to be some of the concerns that we have, everything is going to

1 be based on our site. You know, we're going to 2 still be basing all the construction from the site base perspective. And understand that we've only got the one access roadway out front, if there's ever a time we have to mitigate traffic access, it's never going to be for more than a window of time while we're performing work out of the right-of-way and it's going to be coordinated with the city and Department of Transportation. So it's nothing that we would ever be blocking or consuming roadway access and blocking people from for a long duration of time. But that's, you know, something we work out during the permitting process while we submit the plans for construction and how it's going to be phased.

Really, for what else we have to talk about, it's -- it's a building. I mean, you know, it's nothing that we're doing that's a novel, crazy idea here. It's just another experience on the boardwalk that's the same as everything else that's going on. I think it's going to be a valued contribution in time as people realize what we've done for the right reasons. And we're excited about bringing it to this community.

At this point $I$ really would like to just say
are there questions? Because that's the easiest way for me to disavow anybody's concerns is to direct -- me directly answer them for you.

MR. KERR: Can you describe the --
THE REPORTER: I need your name before you speak, every time.

MR. KERR: Right. Ray Kerr, K-e-r-r.
Can you describe the actual construction? You know, prior to the meeting we started to look and just kind of go over -MR. LANG: What it is? MR. KERR: -- what it is. I mean, we were told the columns, you know, nothing below the boardwalk besides the supporting columns basically.

MR. LANG: The elevator and the stairs. And we're going to have a dumpster enclosure down there, but --

MR. KERR: Well, can you just kind of go over the description for the record of what you're -what you're building?

MR. LANG: Absolutely. So what we're constructing out there -- right, sure. MR. KERR: And slow down.

MR. LANG: Oh, okay. Again, before the meeting started, I told you guys, I'm Italian and my mom's from New York, so speed and -- speed and loud are kind of my two gifts in life.

For what we're building, we're building a FEMA-compliant Type 2B building. Which, for everybody here in the room, what that means is we're using steel and concrete, we're going to in-fill with some interior wood frame walls. But everything below the FEMA control line, which is our AE-11 zone, plus our footed free-board which we worked with the city to keep, is going to be like what you said, column construction. It's going to open for water flow below the grade line, so that if ever a storm were to come in here, there's nothing substantial construction below that line that would be of danger to us breaking away or to the community from our building breaking away and washing into you. That's standard building code requirements.

For our building specifically what we've done is, because we're working towards being an open-air structure, we have very limited closed space on any of our floors, which is actually really beneficial for, again, the reasons of the neighborhood if -- when we work with building code

1 at this point, one of our biggest concerns is
2 impact protection and the way the materials subjected to wind behave in extreme events, and specifically making sure they adhere and stay on the building where they're supposed to be and that they're not leaving our building and flying into other people's properties for damage reasons. Our building will 100 percent be doing all of those things to the most stringent standards available that's required. We're doing all of that. And it's going to be one of the safest structures on the boardwalk when we're done because of those reasons. So if ever an event were to occur, we're going to be that building that everybody is, unfortunately, taking pictures of saying, look at what didn't happen to this building that happened to everybody else.

So when we think about what we're going to see in our building, it's going to look like a regular construction building because we have very thin floor plates, we're doing post-tension construction at the ground, that first layer. So what we're going to see from the ground level experience for everybody walking into the building or under it is concrete construction all the way up. And when you look up, you're going to see a solid poured concrete deck. And it's 18 inches thick. It's not going anywhere.

We've got foundations that are going down under the building, you know, working around all the existing infrastructure of the city and on-site that we possess as well, and it's going to be driven down deep so this building ain't going to go anywhere. So if your concern is is this building going to move, shake, rattle or roll, the answer is no, no, no and no. It's going to stay put the way it's supposed to.

MR. KERR: Ray Kerr --
MR. LANG: Ray, does that answer your additional questions?

MR. KERR: Yeah, it does. I'm trying to give you an opportunity to go over some of the questions we asked earlier and --

MR. LANG: In terms of like my elevator and my stairs and stuff like that?

MR. KERR: The elevator, the fuel tanks that will -- what's there, the life -- expected life span, if they ever need to be serviced or that -MR. LANG: So --

MR. KERR: -- the accessibility of being able

1 to do that.

MR. LANG: So the way that the building is designed is to not interfere with any of that existing infrastructure. So that's one of the big parts of what we've been working around as a design team to overcome is where those items reside in the ground. You know, our building official actually did the initial inspections for when those tanks were redone with -- in the most recent iteration. He did the inspections. We have good, you know, photography and documentation for what we found at that time there. You know, we've done some excavation out there since we've started this project to find and identify any additional items that might be in the way. We've found some items that are of a little bit of concern to us, but those are items that during the phase of construction, as soon as we start, that's the first thing we have to do is crack open the site, excavate out the soils and get a good look at everything that's down below grade for the exact reasons that you've just identified, to identify the longevity of the materials as they reside in their current form, and as well as to make sure we know where they are, so that in the
future if there are any questions about where do things reside, can they be serviced in the way that they're required to by law. They absolutely will be accounted for.

Those things are not going to be overlooked. We are absolutely aware of the presence of those items and we plan to maintain them in a good working order for our benefit as well as for the communities in a safe way.

Okay, in terms of the other items that we're introducing at ground level, the only things that come down from the building in exception of our columns are the stairs and the elevator for access reasons. And those are allowed by code. They're not air-conditioned. You know, those aren't even vestibule configurations by FEMA definitions. So we're not putting anything downstairs that's not supposed to be there.

It is -- and also, to the point of safety, I mean, the whole building is sprinkled, you know, and it's got a fire compliant sprinkle design. We haven't designed and not aware of any of these items. So all of the things that you're asking me about, like can they be serviced in the future? The answer for me at this level is yes.

You know, obviously during the phase of construction if something comes up that would preclude our opportunity to still have that opportunity in the future to make sure we can't perform as required, we're going to make decisions to modify our decisions we've already made. It's not going to be a "too bad, so sad," "we're just going to cover this up and hope for the best." That's not for anybody's best interest.

MR. KERR: Ray Kerr --
THE REPORTER: Mr. Kerr, I know you now. MR. KERR: Okay. As far as the architecture, it was explained that the first level will be open air. The second level --

MR. LANG: Same.
MR. KERR: Same? But I guess with railings, of course.

MR. LANG: Yeah.
MR. KERR: Will it have a wooden feel and look, or is it going to be concrete?

What are finishes going to look like? Is it going to blend in with the existing boardwalk?

MR. LANG: So the way that we propose that in the typology is like coastal beach. So it is going to have inherent -- it's going to express

1 the material of its construction, which is
2 concrete, wood and steel. You're going to see a lot of those materials because it is open air and we're not trying to wrap everything up for just the point of obscuring it. However, we are going to be finishing it in a way that's appropriate for the boardwalk. It's not going to stand out and project itself as something that doesn't belong.

So if you're asking how does our finish schedule work, we're going to be wrapping the skin, and we have wood that's going to be coming in as finished materials. You know, it's not just going to be a hard stuccoed finish and concrete all over the place.

MR. KERR: Are the hours of operation, have you gotten to that detail?

MR. LANG: Not with me, sir. That's not something at the design level that $I$ really get into the minutia of. That really boils down to the hours of operation that the boardwalk will afford them for compliance reasons.

MR. KERR: I look forward to seeing more of the plans.

MR. LANG: Yeah. Absolutely. I mean, I'm certainly -- I look forward to you guys walking up
here and asking me some more direct questions. If we need to flip through some more of the pages so that we can get a better sense of what's going on -- there's nothing that we're trying to hide. I think that what we're doing is a really solid project. I'm happy to stand behind it.

MR. CRITELLI: I think what --
THE REPORTER: I need your name, please.
MR. LANG: Yeah, you can't just talk at
random. And sir, you were trying to ask me something.

MR. CRITELLI: Gae Critelli.
THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?
MR. CRITELLI: Gae Critelli, C-r-i-t-e-l-l-i.
I think what you're doing is going to look great for the rest of business around. I mean, we have -- we've been looking at this property for the last 40 years. Somebody was going to build it before when they extended the boardwalk, and it never happened. So if this happens, it would be a big plaza that would bring more people on the one end of the boardwalk. Right now we don't have it.

And it's going to look nice, it's going to look attractive because it's brand-new. And the best thing that could happen to have something on

1 the end of the boardwalk because people, when they 2 get to a certain point, there's nothing there and then they hardly even come back there, they just go back on the east end and then on the west end, you see.

And I think it's going to be a great asset for the boardwalk and for the people, like Kurt is there, myself, we have a business there, we have a building there. We benefit for these, ourself too. And I would like to see that done tomorrow. I have one more question for you. MR. LANG: Please.

MR. CRITELLI: I know many years ago, 1979, 1980, when we built our building and we still -the marina was driving the pilings down, we lost seven pilings. And you people weren't around, but I know. I was there. We lost seven piles.

So if they ever drill, make sure you do the concrete piling or cement piling.

MR. LANG: Our design presently shows helical piles underneath pile caps.

MR. CRITELLI: Okay.
MR. KERR: So but the pile cap sits on what's called a helical driven pile, so it's basically shaped like a big screw that we screw down to get

MR. CRITELLI: Thank you.
MR. LANG: Of course.
MR. BRAINARD: Can I make a suggestion? We obviously don't have a lot of people, but we have some people who would like to ask specific questions about things on the paper. If we want to move up here, it may make it a little bit more difficult for you, but if you want to move up here and actually ask specific things about something that's on the plan, why don't we do that? MR. KARNS: Just gather around the table? MR. BRAINARD: Yeah.

MS. CRITELLI: Let's set up and we can do that.

MS. BERRY: Well, I have a question.
MR. LANG: My pleasure. Please.
THE REPORTER: What's your name?
MS. BERRY: Stephanie Berry.
What's the capacity on the second and third floor?

MR. LANG: Each floor?
MS. BERRY: Yeah, just curiosity how much more traffic it could handle. Just because it's -- the pass is, you know, growing every year and I feel like we need more there. So it's exciting to see that we could house more and host more.

MR. LANG: Okay, that's a quick, good question. And $I$ know I've got it here in my plans, you've got to just give me a second to find the right place where $I$ put it.

MR. BRAINARD: The plan shows 235 seats.
MS. BERRY: Oh, awesome.
MR. LANG: Yeah, but $I$ was going to say, but in terms of like each floor, I was going to say -MS. BERRY: Yeah, total.

MR. LANG: -- I knew we were at like 240-ish,
so it's like over 100 people per plate.
THE VIDEOGRAPHER: One at a time for the court reporter.

MR. BRAINARD: I'm sorry.
MR. LANG: Yeah, so we're easily over 100 patrons per floor. I think it's closer to 120, to be honest with you, okay?

But again, it's all completely designed by fire code. I mean, we're an A -- we're a Type 2 building, which is a high fire-rated safety, you know, it's noncombustible construction material, and the building is fully sprinkled. You know, which again, versus some of the other structures on the boardwalk is an upgrade, you know, in terms of life safety components that we're affording. MS. BERRY: Yeah, because -- Stephanie Berry --

THE REPORTER: I know you now.
MS. BERRY: Okay. So once you reach past Sculley's or Caddy's, there's just no seating anywhere down that direction. So I think to Gae's point, that will be fantastic for that end of the boardwalk.

MR. LANG: Oh, absolutely.
MS. BERRY: You know, all the businesses down

1 there cannot hold really very many people, so that would be fantastic.

MR. LANG: So and this will really function as a great, you know, public anchor of establishments --

MS. BERRY: Sure.
MR. LANG: -- to bring patrons all the way down to the east side of the boardwalk.

And it's a unique experience. You know, we're going to have three floors of opportunity for people to look out and see the water side, and it's a 360-degree view at that point from where we're at, because we don't have any other structures at our height.

So if anybody would want to come up here and start flipping through some sheets, I can step you through some.

THE REPORTER: I think I do.
MR. BRAINARD: Let's hold on for just a second because she's going to have to move up to make sure she catches whatever questions and comments are made.

MR. LANG: Okay.
(There was a brief recess to rearrange the tables and chairs.)

MS. CITRELLI: Grace Citrelli,
C-i-t-r-e-l-l-i.
So if and when this gets approved, what is your timeline of having it completed? MR. LANG: In terms of construction on-site? MS. CITRELLI: Uh-huh.

MR. LANG: I think that we're looking at less than 18 months in totality from start to finish once we break ground. Realistically I'm sure that they're going to want to expedite that process as much as possible.

You know, our construction isn't complicated, so really the biggest effort that we have to make is that initial point that Ray was asking me about a moment ago in regards to the underground infrastructure and where it truly resides.

You know, we've done ground-penetrating radar out there, we've done a lot of exploration to see what we can at this point. But in the absence of a permit to start, for us to remove the concrete on-site and excavate the soils, we can't finitely answer those questions to 100 percent confidence. And we know that we're going to have a moment once we crack the site open where we have to come back and reassess our plans to ensure that we're at
full understanding that we're proceeding in the best way possible. And that is the window of time of discretion when $I$ think truly we have 12 months of construction or less because of the type of construction we are.

But because of the questions that could arise, our time frame may slide a little bit. But we're absolutely going to be working to proceed as fast as possible.

MS. CRITELLI: And tell us a little bit about how the restaurant is going to operate. MR. LANG: Certainly. So the restaurant component --

MR. BRAINARD: Well, before we get into that, the purpose of this meeting is to talk about the site plan, not about the operation of whatever business goes into the building.

MS. CRITELLI: Okay.
MR. BRAINARD: And not that we don't want you to know about that, but that's not the purpose of this meeting and we'd like to keep the discussion about the site plan.

MS. CRITELLI: Okay.
MR. BRAINARD: We'll talk about what's going to be built, but as far as what kind of restaurant
or operation or any kind of thing, that's something that's beyond the scope of what we're here for. So --

MR. CRITELLI: Okay.
MR. LANG: Sorry, Grace.
MS. CRITELLI: No problem.
MR. KERR: How do you adjust for poor weather conditions if it's open air?

MR. LANG: So there are going to be some roll-down elements that we have that are like a vinyl screen that can be rolled down, but because of the nature of that material, it's not a wind code compliant design, so it's not something that I'm going to say is my "design" of the building, that's why it's an open-air structure.

The entire building is designed to function with air flowing through it in an event that, you know, like a hurricane. You know, so the whole structure is going to have wind move through it, it's going to be stable in that condition.

For operating reasons, like if it starts to rain in the afternoon, we have vinyl roll-downs that are going to come down to our bar fronts. You know, and to this -- this is a bar that runs along the boardwalk on this edge, like a seating
rail. So we're going to have like a cavity that we have that vinyl cage that would roll that down so that we can screen it.

MR. KERR: Storm shutters?
MR. LANG: It's not a storm shutter. Think of it more as like what you'd have on a boat, you know, where, like, you have like that vinyl thing that would roll down? You know, it's more of that type of a material.

Storm shutters imbue more of a toughness to them, and it's not that.

MR. KERR: So that's on the water's edge -MR. LANG: The boardwalk side.

MR. KERR: -- side. And then the alley side or the boardwalk --

MR. LANG: So the alley side, what we've actually done here is architecturally we've built this wall a little bit higher when you look at the plans. So we actually have a wall that comes up behind us, and the level that the window occurs at is a lot higher. And that's one of the things that we're going to probably have something that's in there, but we're still kind of debating whether we want that to be like a permanent built shade that's like of an aluminum or a wood-type slat
look so that it fills in the architectural opening, or whether that's going to be a roll-down that closes an opening in the form of, like, a true transparent window.

So we're still kind of debating those two items, but that really isn't something that -- the way that it's going to change the safety of the structure at all, but in terms of how can this be operated during rain? Rain won't be able to kind of get back in. We're still debating about what that wants to be.

MR. KARNS: It will be like the Caddy's on the beach.

MR. KERR: Okay.
MR. KARNS: Where the shades roll down and they have the glass --

THE REPORTER: Who is that?
MR. BRAINARD: That's Bill Karns.
MR. KARNS: I'm Bill Karns.
MR. BRAINARD: $K-a-r-n-s$.
THE REPORTER: Thank you.
MR. LANG: Like I say, there's other -- have you been to that out there on the beach? MR. KERR: Yeah.

MR. LANG: It's the same material that they
roll down on the edge.
MR. KERR: Okay.
MR. LANG: But it's not a wind code compliant, so that's why I'm saying -- because they have an aluminum shutter they roll down that's behind that at Caddy's, and that's their wind code box. Because they're not an open-air structure, they're an AC building. This is not that.

MR. KERR: Yeah, they have a deck. MR. LANG: They have a deck that wraps like an AC restaurant that's inside; whereas this -MR. KERR: This is basically all deck. MR. LANG: This is basically all deck, effectively, if that's an easier way to think about it.

MR. KERR: Do you have the elevation views? MR. LANG: Yeah. So this is where we're at. This is water side. This is the level of the boardwalk. And this is where -- there's like a ramp at the very end. So that's what this line here represents for you guys. That's the lowest extent going back to the west. MR. KERR: Right.
MR. LANG: And then this is our stair that
terminates -- we're looking at that site plan over on the -- that's this stair.

MR. KERR: The existing.
MR. LANG: That's the existing stair. So yes, that's correct.

And then what we see actually in the background, this is over here, this is the back wall of my stair coming down to the ground, the new one.

It's like from the water side you'd see it this way. And then when you turn it around, you see it -- I've got a gate here that blocks access to that stair so that people can't get up into our building.

MR. KERR: All right. This is the boardwalk place, what you'd see from --

MR. LANG: This is what you'd see from inland, yes, sir. Yes.

So this is my elevator tower that's coming down, and then this is that stair that goes back up to the boardwalk.

MR. KERR: All right.
MR. LANG: Okay? You know, at street level we've got parking outside, so that's why there's nothing shown in here. There's no strip of
landscape or anything here. It's all just parking.

MR. KERR: Are any modifications to the boardwalk perceived?

MR. LANG: No. That was one of the things that we worked really hard to do is to maintain the integrity of the boardwalk in its existing shape and form. So we worked with the city to secure a variance, make sure that we could maintain that connectedness.

MR. KERR: Right.
MR. LANG: Now, and we did -- we do make our connection at the highest point of the boardwalk. MR. KERR: Right.

MR. LANG: You know, and I think that's something that we should all note is going forward that even our work to maintain connection only got us this close. So like all these other places are going to have to work in the same way that we have with the city to afford themselves that continued perpetual connection, you know.

And that's something that I've raised to the city's attention as a real effort they have to make with us. And they've heard us. You know, they've been fair in working with us so far, but

1 you know, it's a challenge. You know, all
2 development is a challenge. There's always questions that come up that need fair answers, and we're working with every -- all of our established partners in the community to make sure we answer them right. We want to be fair.

MR. KERR: Does the stairwell access from the street, you could access all the way to the top? MR. LANG: You could, but really the stair that we've introduced, this little one that's over here, our new stair that we're putting in is really so that we're not running business operations up and down the public right-of-way stair. So if we receive deliveries and stuff, we can bring them up more directly into our establishment. It's going to have a gate down at the bottom that's got a fire panel on it so you can push it open from the inside. But it's really more so that -- it's not meant to be the public's up.

MR. KERR: Okay.
MR. LANG: Okay. But once you're in the building, that stair is accessible and you can use it to walk up to the roof. MR. KERR: Elevation?

MR. LANG: Absolutely. It's there for fire purposes, you know. For truth, it's there for fire, you know, so we can egress the building safely in all purposes.

But the distances involved here and the type of construction we are with the fire sprinkler involved and the fact that we're open air, there is nothing -- there's nothing to burn, you know, and it's very -- fire is a scary thing. It's why we design really hard for it. But this building I'm not worried about. It's super safe.

MR. KERR: Great. I'm running out of questions.

MR. LANG: I was going to say, you got great questions. Keep them coming. I'm happy to deal with them. It's a great opportunity to talk about a project I'm really excited about.

MR. KERR: So the -- we were talking about the architectural look and feel. This is basically cement board?

MR. LANG: Yeah, it's going to be a Hardie board material. That's the technical term for it is Hardie board. It comes in a lot of -MR. KARNS: Key West-looking structure. MR. LANG: This isn't in color, you know, and I think that's a really important component of any structure at the end of the day is its color and vibrancy. And introducing panels like the Hardie board, it's going to allow for us to introduce color in the facade so it doesn't become this white elephant, you know, which I think is a lot of people's expectation when they think of big things happening, what am I going to see when $I$ see a big wall pop up?

We're not going to have a big white elephant at the end of the boardwalk. We don't want that. We want something that people are going to look at and want to come to. You know, when you're on a boat and you're turning around the corner coming from any direction of the intercoastal, you're going to see us first.

You know, we want to be something that the rest of the boardwalk is really proud of and that the rest of the city is really proud of, and that people can start to identify with and say, wow, this is the kind of new construction we could be getting here? This is exciting. This is something we should really be working as a community to go towards instead of being afraid of what development is going to do. Because if this
is the kind of thing that we can recreate and show is a viable option, that's exciting. That's the kind of stuff that the community really wants to be in favor of. And we really need your support because the city at times can be really resistant to seeing things happen in a fast and fun way.

It's true, you know, as much as -- it's true. There's a lot of questions involved and sometimes, you know, it can be a little friction. I'm happy to disavow you of any scary moments.

MR. KERR: Sure.
The elephant in the room --
MR. LANG: Yeah.
MR. KERR: -- why are we having the meeting?
I don't see any -MR. LANG: That's a great question. MR. KARNS: Thank you. MR. LANG: So the real answer to your -- no, the real answer to your question is it's a procedural hurdle that we need to check a box, you know, and it's an opportunity for the community to see what's going on.

And because we live in a city that's had a lot of resistance to development, the community has decided that this is a necessary weigh point
that we provide an opportunity for stakeholders to weigh in.

If you said something was -- this is terrible, Dennis, $I$ have real reasons for not liking this, and I said, well, gee, Ray, you're right, that is something we should consider differently because $I$ hadn't thought of it that way, I would go back to my client and I would re-evaluate what we're proposing because that's the point of this meeting.

But you haven't done that yet, so keep trying.

MR. KERR: I'm just -- I'm just asking questions so $I$ understand what --

MR. LANG: No, and look -MR. KERR: And give you an opportunity to -MR. LANG: Well, look, development is -MR. KERR: -- explain.

MR. LANG: It's an industry that requires a lot of professional insight to really get behind the scenes and understand what's happening. So I'm really happy to stand here and I'll talk to you all night about what this project is and what we're doing.

THE REPORTER: No, you won't. No.

MR. LANG: But I would be willing -- I would be willing to stand here ad nauseam and talk about this project, but we won't for everybody's benefit.

MR. BRAINARD: If I can answer that question for you, because this is a development above a certain size as defined by the city, one of the requirements for the Planning Commission is to have a neighborhood information meeting and give us the opportunity, and the neighborhood, the community, to have an opportunity to review this and make comments, ask questions.

MR. KERR: Of a certain size. Does that mean of a certain capacity? Of a certain square footage --

MR. BRAINARD: Anything over 2,000 square feet. A new building that's over 2,000 square feet requires certain steps you have to follow. One of those is a neighborhood information.

MR. LANG: He's saying $\mathrm{P} \& \mathrm{C}$ meeting.
MR. KERR: I didn't know -- I didn't know that.

MR. LANG: There's a lot of -- you know, we've had what at this point, Paige, four different meetings with city staff? You know,
reviewing our project and ensuring that we have the process underway and that everybody is weighing in appropriately with us?

MS. KARNS: Yes.
MR. LANG: You know, so I mean, it's not something that we've been working behind the scenes to complete. I mean, it takes a long time. You know, projects of this size take a long time to pull together.

Try again.
MR. KERR: Any of the other questions would have to do with materials of construction, and zoning and permitting is going to go through all that.

It's just basically the look and feel of what -- you know, I think that -- we haven't updated our -- and I'm going to get it wrong -either the Master Plan or Comprehensive Plan in 20 years to give the community an opportunity to say this is -- this is what we want our community to look like.

MR. LANG: Sure. Like a visioning board.
MR. KERR: Right. That's up for debate. We want to get that to happen soon.

I just want -- you know, my input would be to
try to do what you're doing, bring it to what we would expect John's Pass Village with the --

MR. LANG: Sure, I mean, look --
MR. KERR: Why we're all here, why we all live here.

MR. LANG: -- I grew up in Treasure Island. You know, it's like $I$ grew up riding my bicycle up to John's Pass and like walking up and down the boardwalk and grabbing ice cream actually probably at the place that was right next to this, you know, as a kid.

But like, the boardwalk has a unique character and feel to it, and it's not anything that me personally or us as a group want to alienate or violate or damage. Because that's the reason we want to be there is to inherit and be a part of that legacy, not to denigrate it or destroy it, you know.

So I mean, we see this as something that is appropriate for the beach, it makes sense for our community, it's not --

MR. KERR: It's going to enhance -MR. LANG: -- not too much. MR. KERR: -- the experience of John's Pass Village.

MR. LANG: Well, exactly. It's meant to imbue that same experience that generations past have had and to bring it forward in a way that's viable, because a lot of what we're looking at out there needs a pump, you know. And this is the kind of thing that if we can go in and pump the edge, it's going to help bring out new people to the boardwalk. You know, like you were saying, it's going to reinvigorate the community to come and experience something new.

And that's what our businesses really need is participation. And this is an opportunity for us to fill in the missing piece, you know, in a way that hopefully will allow for other businesses to benefit as well and for them to make that next step and continue to build on the legacy of John's Pass in a way that doesn't allow for it to fall apart.

Because again, if we're not re-visioning the future as a community, it isn't going to be left up to us to have a say anymore, which is why I think this is really a great opportunity, like you guys were saying, this is what we need, you know, put it on the record with us that this is going to be a great opportunity for us and we want to see
it come forward in this format that makes it right.

You know, it still touches the boardwalk, it still touches the ground in a way that's delicate. It continues that experience of transparency to the waterfront from the ground level. You know, we're not taking that away. I think that's what you were trying to ask me earlier is -- and what's happening below the building? Transparency. You're going to look straight through and still see water. You know, I think that's a really important component of what John's Pass Village is is that connection.

MR. KARNS: We spent a lot of time on the design of the building itself to make sure that it fits in with all of the buildings that are on the boardwalk and has -- as you can see, it's got that --

MR. KERR: I can see that.
MR. KARNS: -- a very coastal feel to it.
MR. KERR: The existing concrete that's there now, I'm sure it's weathered and stained with oil and everything --

MR. LANG: You mean the floor? The ground?
MR. KERR: Yeah, the ground.

MR. LANG: Oh, it's going to get all cracked up and removed.

MR. KERR: Okay. So that will be fresh? MR. LANG: Yeah. 100 percent. MS. BERRY: I think aesthetically it anchors that boardwalk. Because right now we have one anchor and -- on the Hubbard's garage side it's not the most appealing anchor either. MR. LANG: No. MS. BERRY: But this will be not only appealing, but anchor it. I think of, you know, people go to these malls and if you don't have an anchor store at one, it kind of just drops it off.

And we don't have a cohesive boardwalk underneath, and the customer says that all the time, well, can I walk underneath? It's like, in the water you go can, but not above. And so that will help anchor this whole boardwalk for the customer to be up there, too. MR. LANG: You know, for me, as an architect, that's one of my, like, giddy points about this was an opportunity to finish the boardwalk and to create that visual anchor not just for pedestrians, you know, or people on the boardwalk, but I grew up here, I grew up on boats. You know, like when you turn the corner, that's the thing you see.

MR. KERR: What happens at the lowest level at the boardwalk at the water's edge? Is there any structural components there? Is there any -you have existing boardwalk there now. I think you have a fish cleaning station.

MR. LANG: So the building that's there existing is going to remain. That's part of the fuel dock.

MR. KERR: It's a mailbox at the end.
MR. LANG: So like this is our ground floor plan when we're done. So you see my column grid that comes in?

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Guys, one at a time, please.

MR. BRAINARD: If I can comment on that, all of the docks, the little building that's there, that's all part of the submerged land lease. That isn't getting touched. Everything that is there on the water is approved by the State for the purpose of the submerged land lease. None of that is going to get changed. That stays exactly where it is.

MR. KERR: Including the existing?

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MR. BRAINARD: Yes, that little building
sits --
MR. LANG: Yeah, that guy that's tucked under the boardwalk, he's going to stay there too. MR. BRAINARD: 95 -- 98 percent of that building is over the water. It's just -basically there's about a foot on the seawall and the rest of it is -- for support, and the rest of it is over the water as part of the submerged land lease.

MR. LANG: You can actually see that right here, this solid line right here.

MR. KARNS: Okay.
MR. LANG: That's my seawall ledge.
MR. KARNS: If we had touched that structure, you wouldn't be able to permit that back today, you know. They're not going to allow you to build a structure over the water, so it was very important for us -MR. LANG: And nothing that low. MR. KARNS: -- and a lot of local community go in there and buy their fish. MR. KERR: Right. MR. KARNS: I see them there all the time. MR. KERR: So that will remain?

MR. KARNS: So that will remain. And that was important for us to make sure that that remained. And that's how we designed around it. MR. CRITELLI: It looks great. MR. LANG: Thank you, Gae. MR. BRAINARD: Any other questions? If we don't have any questions, what I'd like to do is we can close our meeting and then if you want to talk about the restaurant, that's not part of the purpose of this meeting, you're welcome to talk Bill's ear off all you want about what the restaurant is going to be. But at this point we're just talking about the site plan.

If there aren't any other questions about the site plan, then we can close the meeting and let these ladies have the rest of their evening off. MR. CRITELLI: Okay. MR. BRAINARD: Okay. All right. Thank you very much. I appreciate you being here.
(The Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.)

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