

**Comments of Matthew Handelman
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Handelman: Thank you, Chair Hearn. Members of the Board.

I have a number of things to report to you tonight. Um. The first is something that Mr. Kohles [*phonetic*], ah, mentioned before – the Day on the Hill. I – I'm not sure if any of you intend to comment about the Day on the Hill [*looks at audience and pauses; Hearn looks at Handelman and chuckles*]. Good.

Ah, one thing that, um – first of all, I'd like to thank those of you who were able to come [*looks at other Board members*]. I know that, ah, not everyone was able to for a variety of reasons. But, um, it was a learning experience for me I know, and and uh, I appreciated being down there and, uh, learning about where we are in the legislative session as well as the legislative process.

Um, one thing that, ah, we decided to do to help, um, move our, ah, plans for strategic, ah, strategic direction forward was, ah, take advantage of our trip down there, and the person who had consulted with some on our strategic planning is, ah, a resident of the Boise area, so we decided that it would be a good use of taxpayer money while we were down there already, ah, to meet with her. We did learn that, ah, although, ah, our Board members were at a this conference – the Day on the Hill Conference together – we weren't allowed to meet as a group of the three who were down there together to talk about strategic planning, so, ah, Laura Rimpler, our Communications Director who's been taking the lead here, and I met with [*audible tones interfere intermittently with audibility*], ah, Sally Anderson [*phonetic*] herself [*audible tones interfere intermittently with audibility*] and, ah, with individual or pairs of board members, and, ah, we do, um, have a, an updated, ah, strategic planning time timeline where we're working ourselves backwards [*audible tones interfere intermittently with audibility*] trying to, ah, identify when we have to have our priorities set, when we'll have our goals set, and, um, I want to thank, ah, those of you who, who are part of that, and we will be, ah, getting communicating more about that. But, ah, I just want to let the public know as well as you know, that we are continuing some work there, and we will be, ah, communicating it with all of you about, ah, the various drafts of timelines that, ah, we have come across.

[Handelman concludes his Day on the Hill report and moves to next item.]