

PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY  
QUEEN LANE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY MEETING

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Minutes taken at the PHILADELPHIA  
HOUSING AUTHORITY QUEEN LANE DEVELOPMENT  
COMMUNITY MEETING, taken at the Mt. Moriah  
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2 MR. JOHNS: We're going to go  
3 ahead and get started, everyone.

4 Good evening and -- good  
5 evening and welcome back to Mount  
6 Moriah Church to talk about the next  
7 steps in the Queen Lane Development  
8 Project.

9 It's been a long time coming,  
10 but as usual before we get started  
11 on the meeting I'd like to ask  
12 Pastor Hasty to come up and give us  
13 some prayer for this meeting.

14 PASTOR HASTY: Good evening.  
15 (Inaudible) we thank you for the  
16 community, we thank you for the  
17 Philadelphia Housing Authority, we  
18 thank you for the various City  
19 representatives that are here. We  
20 thank you for the community and pray  
21 all things will be done neatly and  
22 orderly in Jesus' name we pray.

23 MR. JOHNS: Again, good  
24 evening. As I mentioned a minute

1           ago, this is a long time coming.  
2           The Housing Authority has been  
3           working on this project for at least  
4           five years trying to make this  
5           happen. We've gone through a number  
6           of changes at the Housing Authority  
7           throughout that timeframe, but we  
8           were steadfast in our commitment to  
9           eliminate the Queen Lane high-rise  
10          from this community.

11                   I am happy and privileged at  
12          this time to announce that the  
13          Housing Authority is going to move  
14          forward with the demolition of the  
15          high-rise, and the building that's  
16          going to be in its place will be new  
17          afordable townhomes and duplexes, at  
18          the same time honoring and  
19          preserving the area which was  
20          formerly Potters Field for African  
21          American (inaudible) and other poor  
22          people in the Germantown area.

23                   So we're very proud of  
24          creating a legacy for this

1 community. We're also very proud in  
2 the way that although tumultuous at  
3 times over the years, the consulting  
4 parties which consisted of the  
5 Housing Authority, the State  
6 Historic Organization, HUD, both  
7 local and national HUD  
8 representatives, and representatives  
9 from the community were all part of  
10 a formal agreement that allowed the  
11 Housing Authority to move forward  
12 with developing this project. So  
13 we're proud of the way that we were  
14 able to partner with the community.

15 We listened a lot. The  
16 community listened a lot. I think  
17 both the Housing Authority and the  
18 community learned a lot about each  
19 other in the way -- the right way to  
20 do business, as someone mentioned in  
21 one of the meetings, to be on the  
22 right side of history. I think this  
23 is an example of a project where the  
24 Housing Authority and the community

1 can look back years from now and  
2 know that we all did the right  
3 thing.

4 So my name is Michael Johns.  
5 I'm the senior executive  
6 vice-president of capital projects  
7 and development. Over the past  
8 years of this project I think my  
9 title has changed about five times,  
10 but I'm still here. I said that in  
11 the beginning and, again, I'm proud  
12 to be here. I'm going to be here on  
13 the day that the building comes  
14 down.

15 We, the Housing Authority,  
16 can't do it alone, just like we  
17 couldn't do the planning for this  
18 moment alone. It took the  
19 community. It took other  
20 organizations. And in order for us  
21 to do the implosion that's planned  
22 for this building, it takes a  
23 partnership between City agencies  
24 and others to make the implosion

1                   successful.

2                   So I just want to introduce  
3                   some of our partners who are here  
4                   with us tonight Ed -- correct me if  
5                   I say your name wrong -- Ed  
6                   Vassallo. Stand up so folks know  
7                   who they're looking at and who I'm  
8                   talking about. Ed Vassallo with the  
9                   Office of Emergency Management. Ed  
10                  Weiner, who is with Aria Management.  
11                  Jim Santoro, who is with -- who is  
12                  our contractor -- or Dale's  
13                  contractor for the implosion.  
14                  That's Controlled Demolition,  
15                  Incorporated and his team. Dave  
16                  Bradley from the Office of Emergency  
17                  Management. Nick Peetros from Dale,  
18                  who is our construction management  
19                  firm. Shane McNulty from Licenses &  
20                  Inspections. Scott Mulderig from  
21                  Licenses & Inspections. And then  
22                  the -- and then, of course,  
23                  everybody probably knows Mary. And  
24                  I can never pronounce Mary's name.

1 She's our gal who has been involved  
2 with the project from -- from the  
3 very beginning pretty much,  
4 particularly as it relates to the  
5 Potter's Field. And our PHA staff,  
6 PHA's architect here, Nicole Ward,  
7 and the fellow sitting next to her.  
8 What is your name? Matt  
9 (inaudible). And our senior  
10 construction manager from PHA. I  
11 can never pronounce his name.  
12 (Inaudible), who is our director of  
13 construction for PHA. And William  
14 Miles, who is our executive  
15 vice-president for community  
16 organization and resident  
17 development just walked in. And, of  
18 course, Nichole Tillman, who is our  
19 executive vice-president for  
20 communications. Arneatha Powell,  
21 who is my right-hand woman. And  
22 Ishmael Abdul Ahmed, who is the  
23 program manager, and he's been  
24 responsible throughout the project

1 for helping us -- making sure that  
2 we got the financing in place in  
3 order for us to do -- to do the  
4 project. And that's an enormous  
5 task to get all the financing from  
6 the state and other locations so we  
7 can make sure that we do the  
8 project.

9 So, again, it's been a long  
10 time coming, we've gone through an  
11 exhaustive historic review process,  
12 the consulting parties on the  
13 process, and they have come to an  
14 agreement with the consulting  
15 parties, and we're ready to move  
16 forward. We're planning to do the  
17 implosion.

18 There was a request from the  
19 -- from the -- from the community  
20 and from the -- from the local  
21 pastors that the -- that the -- oh,  
22 I'm sorry -- she's always here. We  
23 got two folks from our  
24 communications department. Say who



1           you are.

2                   PATRICIA NOTO: I'm Pat Noto.

3                   MR. JOHNS: And?

4                   JAN PASEK: Jan Pasek.

5                   MR. JOHNS: They're from  
6           communications. You're going to see  
7           them all the time around as we deal  
8           with the next phase of this project.

9                   So -- so -- so we talked  
10          about where we've come -- of the  
11          plans. Everybody wants to know the  
12          date, right? Okay. There was a  
13          request from the community and from  
14          the local pastors to have an  
15          implosion on a Saturday as opposed  
16          to a Sunday. The way that the  
17          guidelines are set in the City of  
18          Philadelphia -- I don't know whether  
19          this is across the country, but it's  
20          in the City of Philadelphia -- that  
21          implosions must take place on a  
22          Sunday unless a waiver is  
23          (inaudible). The Housing Authority  
24          requested a waiver from the managing

1 director's office, but we were  
2 refused.

3 And so the date that is  
4 planned for the implosion is  
5 September 14th, which is a Sunday.

6 Other folks will talk about  
7 what happens on the days leading up  
8 to the implosion and what happens on  
9 the day of the implosion.

10 In short, the implosion  
11 proposed -- I'm not going to say  
12 tentative, because we're still going  
13 to work out something possibly --  
14 will occur at 7:15. There are --  
15 there are several meetings --  
16 community meetings that we're going  
17 to have that are posted across the  
18 street on the gate to talk about the  
19 implosion and impact and the  
20 process, and this is the first  
21 meeting. The next meeting will be  
22 August 14th. The following meeting  
23 will be August 28th. And then the  
24 last and final community meeting

1 will be September 4th, which is ten  
2 days before the implosion date.  
3 There will be a lot of activity that  
4 will be going on in the community as  
5 far as outcome prior to that.

6 Let's talk about outreach for  
7 a minute. The Housing Authority has  
8 assembled an outreach team that is  
9 going to be going from door to door  
10 within the -- the two zones. The  
11 first closest zone is the evacuation  
12 zone, and within that zone those  
13 persons that reside in those -- in  
14 that zone will have to be evacuated  
15 the day of the implosion, okay. The  
16 next zone, which is the wider zone,  
17 is the dust zone. Those individuals  
18 will not have to be evacuated but  
19 will need to take precaution for  
20 dust. And CDI will talk about that  
21 entire process. So that's just in a  
22 nutshell. You'll get more detail  
23 from the professionals when we get  
24 to that. And Jan is actually

1           handing out the map that's -- that's  
2           here on the screen.

3                       When the individuals come  
4           around, you'll see individuals  
5           wearing this T-shirt. It says  
6           "staff" on the back, a picture of  
7           the Queen Lane high-rise, and on the  
8           front it says PHA Implosion  
9           Information Team. And so these both  
10          folks will be coming around asking  
11          each and every household questions.  
12          There will be a question -- in fact,  
13          we have questionnaires here tonight,  
14          so if you wish to fill out the  
15          questionnaire you can. There will  
16          be questions like on the day of the  
17          implosion, like if you have  
18          medication make sure you need to  
19          bring medication for a certain  
20          period of hours that you will be  
21          away from the house. If you have  
22          pets, you know, what happens with  
23          the pets, that gets taken care of.  
24          They can go with you on that day.

1           So a series of critical questions,  
2           if you need help ambulatory -- are  
3           you in a wheelchair, things like  
4           that, if you need -- accessibility  
5           -- if you have accessibility issues  
6           we need to know, because on the day  
7           of the implosion we want to make  
8           sure that everybody is in a safe  
9           location, which we're in the process  
10          of identifying. We're looking at  
11          two locations that are near here  
12          where we can house people for that  
13          period during the period of  
14          implosion and before the period that  
15          you'll be able to go back to your  
16          homes.

17                    So that's it in a nutshell.  
18          What I want to do right now is turn  
19          it over to Dale, Nicholas Peetros,  
20          who will talk about the actual  
21          project schedule. And then after  
22          that we're going to talk about the  
23          implosion process, and we're going  
24          to have CDI come up and really talk

1           about that. And I think we have a  
2           video, too, which will be helpful.  
3           I know you probably have a lot of  
4           questions, but stay attentive, and  
5           we should be able to answer a lot of  
6           your questions.

7                        But, again, I want to repeat,  
8           the teams that will be out  
9           canvassing the neighborhood will  
10          start this weekend. And what are  
11          the dates? Arneatha.

12                       ARNEATHA POWELL: Every  
13          Saturday in this month and the first  
14          Saturday in September if needed, but  
15          if we get done prior to with  
16          everyone in our community that will  
17          be affected by the dust -- but the  
18          evacuation area the teams will be  
19          out starting this Saturday at 8:30  
20          in the morning, and they will stop  
21          at 1 o'clock every Saturday up until  
22          the implosion.

23                       MR. JOHNS: So, again, for  
24          your -- and for your neighbors who

1           aren't here, if you can let me know  
2           that there will be notices that will  
3           be going out in terms of the meeting  
4           dates and the like.

5                        NICHOLAS PEETROS: Thank you.  
6           Good evening, everyone. I  
7           appreciate you being here tonight.  
8           As Michael said, my name is Nick  
9           Peetros. I'm with Dale Corp. We  
10          are the construction managers for  
11          the project, and I'd like to speak  
12          to you with regards to the schedule  
13          for the demolition and implosion and  
14          subsequent cleanup.

15                      Our demolition subcontractors  
16          are currently performing abatement  
17          and soft demolition. This will  
18          continue until approximately Friday,  
19          September 5th, which is Labor Day  
20          weekend. The following week, which  
21          is the week of September 8th, they  
22          will be preparing the building for  
23          the implosion subcontractor and the  
24          installation of the explosives. The

1 installation of the explosives will  
2 occur on or about September 12th --  
3 11th or 12th, just a few days before  
4 the implosion itself. As Michael  
5 stated, the implosion is currently  
6 scheduled for Sunday, September 14th  
7 at 7:15 a.m., and cleanup will start  
8 immediately the next day, Monday,  
9 September 15th, and will continue  
10 through October 31st, 2014. Thank  
11 you.

12 MR. JOHNS: Thank you. There  
13 is also a hotline number,  
14 215-684-3001, just in case you have  
15 questions about the implosion.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can  
17 you say that again.

18 MR. JOHNS: 215-684-3001.  
19 That's the implosion hotline number.  
20 So any question that you have at all  
21 regarding the project, regarding the  
22 implosion, what happens that day, if  
23 your neighbors have any questions,  
24 please give them that number and



1           they can call. We will respond to  
2           each and every question. We also  
3           have information on our website at  
4           www.pha.phila.gov, also.

5                     At this time I'd like to ask  
6           Jim Santoro from CDI to come up and  
7           sort of walk us through the process.  
8           This guy has been doing this for as  
9           long as he can remember, so he's  
10          truly the expert.

11                    JIM SNATORO: Good evening.  
12          Thank you all for coming. In a  
13          moment I'd like to show you this  
14          video. Before we start, the reason  
15          I'm showing this -- many of you have  
16          seen it before -- I know I've shown  
17          it to this room once before several  
18          years ago, is that I want you to pay  
19          attention to what's going on. First  
20          off, we're taking down a lot of very  
21          large buildings in this, smaller  
22          than the building we have here  
23          across the street. We're taking  
24          down sometimes much more densely

1 packed areas. I don't want people  
2 to worry about vibration. If you  
3 watch the building coming down  
4 you'll see that they slowly are  
5 disintegrating from the bottom up.  
6 That helps to cushion the debris as  
7 it falls to the ground and actually  
8 makes the vibration generated from  
9 it quite minimal.

10 What we do have some issue  
11 with is dust. The dust will be  
12 heavy in a very defined area  
13 immediately around the building and  
14 then will be very light as we move  
15 more than 250, 300 feet away, only  
16 in the direction the wind is  
17 blowing.

18 I never thought about audio.  
19 There's really some very nice music  
20 in the background going along with  
21 this. As you can see in some of  
22 these areas we're working in  
23 downtown districts surrounded by  
24 glass structures. We don't have

1 problems with glass or anything  
2 breaking there.

3 MR. JOHNS: We can make sound  
4 effects.

5 JIM SANTORO: Nothing  
6 shaking.

7 Now, one of those buildings  
8 would be comparable to the building  
9 across the street in that group of  
10 five. I know I'm getting old,  
11 because I used to remember where all  
12 these were.

13 In all of those what you saw  
14 was dust, a lot of dust when they  
15 were taken down. One of the  
16 advantages to taking the building  
17 down by implosion is we can prepare  
18 for the dust that's going to be  
19 released. It's all going to be done  
20 at one time as opposed to being done  
21 over a couple weeks with tearing the  
22 thing down with equipment. So  
23 that's sort of the tradeoff. We can  
24 help and prepare you for that, and

1           then help clean it up and get rid of  
2           it afterwards.

3                        As I said earlier, most of  
4           that dust is going to fall out in an  
5           area about 150, 250 feet of the  
6           building. Afterwards it's all going  
7           to depend on what the wind direction  
8           is. It's a very light, fine dust.  
9           The area that you see over here was  
10          chosen based on how far that dust  
11          might travel in whatever direction  
12          it's moving on the day depending on  
13          the wind direction. It's only going  
14          to go in one direction. That's  
15          going to dictate -- actually, I'm  
16          getting ahead of myself here. I  
17          should probably describe a little  
18          bit about the morning of the  
19          implosion and what you'll see and  
20          what's going to happen.

21                       We have a period of time in  
22          the morning during which we'll be  
23          doing some relocation, evacuation of  
24          people within this area right here.

1           Would you like to speak to that or,  
2           Michael, would you like to speak to  
3           the timing and let people know what  
4           we're -- it's very important to us  
5           from a safety standpoint that she be  
6           finished with getting people into  
7           wherever they're going to shelter in  
8           place, wherever safe place there is  
9           for them, and we have this very  
10          quiet phone around the building for  
11          at least a half an hour to 45  
12          minutes before the implosion. That  
13          allows us to inspect and make sure  
14          somebody isn't hiding somewhere  
15          where they shouldn't be. It allows  
16          us to make sure the area is clear.  
17          So Arneatha.

18                   ARNEATHA POWELL: Since Jim  
19                   indicated that they wanted to  
20                   complete the implosion between 7:00,  
21                   7:15 in the morning, the evacuation  
22                   area, we want to have everyone  
23                   relocated out of their homes or  
24                   evacuated starting at 4:30 in the

1 morning. This will give us ample  
2 time to make sure that they have  
3 that hour leeway time to do what  
4 they need to do to prepare for the  
5 implosion. Our preference for those  
6 who live in the evacuation area  
7 that's in the smaller square  
8 parameter is the night before if you  
9 want to go to your family, friends,  
10 or someone's house that's outside of  
11 the area, the preference would be to  
12 leave the night before, because a  
13 lot of people 4:30 in the morning is  
14 very early.

15 So the preference -- and a  
16 lot of the staffing will be coming  
17 around on Saturday, they'll  
18 emphasize maybe the night before if  
19 that is possible. If not, we would  
20 have to be prepared to have everyone  
21 out of the -- we will have to be  
22 prepared to leave our homes by 4:30  
23 so we can be done in order for at  
24 least an hour to prep for the

1           implosion.

2                   JIM SANTORO: And for those  
3 who need assistance, you'll --

4                   ARNEATHA POWELL: The 4:30  
5 a.m. is for extreme assistance who  
6 have Paratransit, TCC, SEPTA,  
7 shuttle buses just making sure that  
8 everyone that needs to get out of  
9 the evacuation zone is out safely.  
10 That includes your handicapped and  
11 disabled individuals as well, so  
12 this is why we start so early, so  
13 that we don't have to rush too much,  
14 but at least get everyone out  
15 safely.

16                   And then if you have  
17 questions on that, when you dial the  
18 PHA hotline number that Mr. Johns  
19 indicated earlier, those questions  
20 will be answered as well. If I  
21 don't contact you personally, there  
22 will be a member of the PHA staff  
23 that will call you back and answer  
24 all your questions and any concerns

1 that you need answered. Any  
2 questions?

3 And one thing I just want to  
4 note, when the staff comes out on  
5 Saturdays, I want you to make sure  
6 that those individuals have that  
7 shirt on that this Ms. Tillman  
8 showed you earlier. For those that  
9 came late, she can hold it up again.  
10 I want you to be absolutely sure  
11 that individuals have that shirt on.  
12 No one else other than PHA staff who  
13 are assigned to evacuate and take  
14 survey information from the  
15 residents in the area should have  
16 that shirt. So if they do not have  
17 that shirt on and they come to your  
18 porch, please do not answer your  
19 door. Do not provide any  
20 information.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The  
22 question will be today is Thursday  
23 (inaudible) coming to someone's home  
24 on Saturday, which is basically, for



1 all intents and purposes, one day,  
2 how -- you say that individual will  
3 be notified that people are coming.  
4 Don't you think that should have  
5 happened before Saturday?

6 ARNEATHA POWELL: It's every  
7 Saturday going up to September.  
8 This is just the first Saturday that  
9 we're going to start -- that people  
10 will start coming out.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But  
12 what I'm saying is it is summer.  
13 Persons are oftentimes away. We  
14 have the meeting on Thursday.  
15 You're telling us that this process  
16 is going to start this Saturday,  
17 which for all intents and purposes  
18 is really a day. So you're saying  
19 that someone is going to come with a  
20 shirt, but what else are they going  
21 to come with? I just went to the  
22 senior citizen 39th meeting today  
23 for safety. What else are people  
24 going to have to really assure --

1           because quickly someone will come up  
2           with that T-shirt, and the next  
3           thing, you have someone coming and  
4           doing something. And there are a  
5           number of elderly persons that are  
6           in this particular area. What are  
7           we going to do to make sure that  
8           those individuals are safe?

9                        NICHOLE TILLMAN: That's a  
10           very good question. Good evening,  
11           everyone. I'm Nichole again.  
12           That's a very good question. And  
13           safety is our main priority. You  
14           want to be sure that they have the  
15           T-shirt and that they have PHA ID.  
16           You can also ask for that. So those  
17           are two things. They'll be in  
18           pairs. And I believe the PHA police  
19           department will also be patrolling  
20           the area, not to just keep you safe,  
21           but also to keep our employees safe.

22                        MR. JOHNS: Again, this  
23           Saturday is just the first of every  
24           Saturday, four Saturdays, that the

1 teams will be out canvassing the  
2 neighborhood. In addition to that  
3 they will also be out, I believe,  
4 Tuesday and a Wednesday.

5 NICHOLE TILLMAN: There will  
6 be two Tuesdays. Next Tuesday, and  
7 the other date is -- I'll  
8 double-check the date. There will  
9 be two Tuesdays, also, where they  
10 will be canvassing. We will be in  
11 the neighborhood and we want to get  
12 information from you so we can make  
13 sure that everyone is safe. So if  
14 someone comes to your door, I mean,  
15 and you don't want to answer, don't  
16 answer. Call us. We'll let you  
17 know and insure that we're out that  
18 day, because we want to make sure  
19 that everyone feels safe during this  
20 process.

21 ARNEATHA POWELL: And if  
22 you're not comfortable you can still  
23 call that hotline number and speak  
24 to a representative that way. So

1 that's another option if you don't  
2 want to talk to somebody on the  
3 porch. You can always call in.

4 MR. JOHNS: So you can call  
5 in or our folks will be out.

6 This gentleman had a question  
7 right here.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I had  
9 a question for the dust zone. Is it  
10 safe for people to be outside while  
11 the implosion is taking place? Like  
12 the Boys and Girls Club their  
13 parents are constantly dropping  
14 off --

15 JIM SANTORO: Let me speak to  
16 the dust impact zone and what that  
17 means. This outer line right here  
18 is the area outside of which we are  
19 going to keep all pedestrian and  
20 vehicular traffic. We're going to  
21 ask that anyone who decides to stay  
22 and shelter in place in their  
23 residence remain inside with doors  
24 and windows closed. We're going to

1           be sending leaflets out in addition  
2           to what PHA does. We also come out  
3           at a time very close to the  
4           implosion, starting about ten days  
5           beforehand, and we provide  
6           information regarding what you need  
7           to shut, close down, turn off, vent  
8           fans to not get dust into it. So  
9           you want to make sure those are  
10          turned off.

11                        But everyone must remain  
12          indoors during the implosion, and  
13          the health department and employees  
14          are going to also ask you to remain  
15          inside until whatever area needs to  
16          be cleaned up of dust is cleaned up  
17          before you start going outside.

18                       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And  
19          what time does that implosion take  
20          place again?

21                       JIM SANTORO: 7:15 in the  
22          morning. And then depending on  
23          which way the wind blows and how the  
24          police department and health

1 department decide to reopen, some  
2 places may be opened up in as little  
3 as 45 minutes following the  
4 implosion. Other areas may remain  
5 closed, especially around here  
6 around the building for as long as  
7 three, four hours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Let's  
9 say the Boys and Girls Club, it's  
10 right here on the -- right there  
11 where Coulter and Morris is.

12 JIM SANTORO: Is it inside or  
13 outside --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's  
15 right on the line there. You can't  
16 really see it, because the name is  
17 blocked.

18 JIM SANTORO: In here or in  
19 here (indicating)?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right  
21 there on the line. It's on the  
22 inside.

23 JIM SANTORO: Once again, the  
24 health department and police would

1           like to make sure it's cleaned up  
2           and they say it's cleaned before you  
3           let people out.

4                    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  So  
5           that's going to be impossible for  
6           parents to know that as they're  
7           walking their kids to --

8                    (Inaudible)

9                    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  It's  
10          on Sunday?  I'm sorry, I missed that  
11          one.

12                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  On the  
13          day of the implosion (inaudible).

14                   JIM SANTORO:  That's going to  
15          depend on your location and the dust  
16          cleanup.  As I said, areas where  
17          dust didn't go during the implosion  
18          could be opened up as early as 45  
19          minutes afterwards.  Other areas may  
20          take up to three or four hours, and  
21          those are going to be areas closest  
22          to the building itself.  We work  
23          from the outside.

24                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

1                   Probably by evening?

2                   JIM SANTORO: Yes, probably  
3 by noon.

4                   Let me -- if I could, let me  
5 keep going with how this all works  
6 that day.

7                   Again, as I said, we don't  
8 want to see anyone outside the  
9 building during the time this area  
10 is shut down by the police.

11                   I guess I can talk about and  
12 should talk about what I would do --  
13 anybody that's in this area right  
14 here I will personally knock on your  
15 door. I will make sure that I talk  
16 to you about dust. I want to make  
17 sure the people closest to us who  
18 may have dust blown at their  
19 buildings are protected and don't  
20 get dust inside. And we will work  
21 to a reasonable degree to help you  
22 do anything we can to -- to make  
23 that happen (indicating).

24                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good



1 evening. What do you expect to be  
2 in the dust, and what do you mean by  
3 dust cleanup?

4 JIM SANTORO: Dust cleanup is  
5 just what we're talking about. It's  
6 cleaning up all the dust that's  
7 generated by the implosion. It will  
8 be close to the building. It will  
9 be about this heavy. It is going to  
10 comprise mostly of concrete and  
11 brick. This building is going to  
12 look pretty much like a clean  
13 skeleton, shell. The asbestos  
14 abatement has to be done prior to,  
15 and the health department can speak  
16 to that. It's primarily concrete.

17 This is the reason why we  
18 don't want anybody coming back in  
19 until after the dust is cleaned up,  
20 they go out and get the heaviest  
21 stuff cleaned up first. Afterwards  
22 they work from the outside to the  
23 center flushing things down to,  
24 again, get rid of all that dust

1           that's there.

2                     You will see -- on floor  
3           model surfaces you will see a white  
4           residue afterwards. It's just the  
5           nature of concrete dust. It leaves  
6           behind a white imprint, and that  
7           will take several rainstorms before  
8           it disappears.

9                     MR. JOHNS: This lady has had  
10          her hand up back there for the  
11          longest time.

12                    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just  
13          ask as a matter of procedure if you  
14          could repeat the question so that we  
15          know what you're answering, too,  
16          because people facing -- you know,  
17          they're facing you, so --

18                    JIM SANTORO: I'm sorry, I  
19          should have asked to hand the mic,  
20          too.

21                    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As far  
22          as dust is concerned, will dust go  
23          into their exhaust systems?

24                    MR. JOHNS: For the future

1 meetings -- we're going to let this  
2 for this -- for -- the mic station  
3 is in the center, so we will  
4 appreciate if you come to the mic so  
5 our staff doesn't have to run around  
6 and do that. It makes it more  
7 organized, okay. So as people raise  
8 their hand -- we're going to do that  
9 this time. So you know the next  
10 meeting we're going to do it like we  
11 always did in the past meeting,  
12 which is people come up to the mic.  
13 So you have a question.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The  
15 dust zone, as far as people's  
16 vehicles, will that affect their  
17 exhaust systems? And people in the  
18 dust zone, will you be providing  
19 them with plastic for their windows  
20 or whatever to protect their homes?

21 JIM SANTORO: Depending on --  
22 first let me address the automobile  
23 issue. The police department is  
24 going to be posting no parking in

1           this entire zone. If dust goes in  
2           one of these directions we need to  
3           be able to clean it up. If a car is  
4           in the way, you can't really  
5           effectively clean things up.

6                     Now, will the dust hurt your  
7           exhaust? No, it's not like that.  
8           Certainly if you were to have it  
9           close to the building here what  
10          you'd end up with is a lot of dust  
11          sitting on top of it. We don't want  
12          you to have that. That's a  
13          nuisance. You'd have to wash your  
14          car. So for that matter the police  
15          will be posting the full area here  
16          so no parking is allowed.

17                    The question you had about  
18          assisting people with any kind of  
19          covering, I made a statement earlier  
20          anywhere where there is a reasonable  
21          request -- and by reasonable I mean  
22          something that those people who have  
23          had experience with this and an  
24          expectation of what will be

1           necessary. We don't want to seal a  
2           house up that's over here the same  
3           way we want to seal a house up  
4           that's directly across the street.  
5           We have a greater concern for those  
6           people who are right there because  
7           they are subjected to the very push  
8           of dust. These other areas back in  
9           here, if you have the window closed  
10          it's probably sufficient to keep all  
11          the dust out of your house.

12                   MR. JOHNS: Can you explain  
13           -- can you explain the -- there will  
14           be no parking in this area and what  
15           will the police do if people don't  
16           move their cars within the entire  
17           area.

18                   JIM SANTORO: The police have  
19           said that they will tow. They're  
20           trying to locate a local lot where  
21           they can be moved to. Again, we  
22           don't want to really inconvenience  
23           you. We don't want to penalize you  
24           for helping us out, but they will be

1 prepared that morning to tow  
2 vehicles that are inside this area.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Inside  
4 the dust area?

5 JIM SANTORO: Inside the dust  
6 area, yes.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On my  
8 block you have people that have  
9 driveways, so will that dust affect  
10 cars?

11 MR. JOHNS: Do police have  
12 the authority to tow from --

13 JIM SANTORO: We wouldn't  
14 advise you to leave it there just  
15 because now you get dust on it and  
16 you have to clean it.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  
18 (Inaudible).

19 JIM SANTORO: We're talking  
20 about this area right here  
21 (indicating)?

22 RON HAYES: Yes. My name is  
23 Ron Hayes, and I live directly in  
24 the path right across the street. I

1 wish that you all had came to the  
2 community before now to talk about  
3 starting Saturday. Number one, you  
4 have a lot of people going shopping  
5 in the morning. Seniors are picked  
6 up in the morning. And it's going  
7 to be hard as heck -- hard as heck  
8 to get people up by 7:15 in the  
9 morning -- about 4:00 in the  
10 morning. It's going to be hard.  
11 Nobody thought about coming to the  
12 people inside the community, the  
13 ones that deal with these people  
14 every day.

15 Like I said, I live right  
16 across the street from -- down the  
17 street right next to the building  
18 just about, and it wouldn't have  
19 been a lot of problems having to  
20 move their cars. It wouldn't have  
21 been a lot of problem with them  
22 understanding everything. To come  
23 in and sit down and talk to them is  
24 really not the best way. You hand

1 out the pamphlets about exactly  
2 what's going on for that day or the  
3 day before, then it could be handed  
4 out by people within the community  
5 for them to better understand  
6 exactly what's going on. You're not  
7 going to get a lot of people to  
8 understand exactly what's going on,  
9 and I've been living here since that  
10 building's been built.

11 MR. JOHNS: The Housing  
12 Authority has a responsibility to  
13 make sure that they directly contact  
14 and have a conversation with each of  
15 the households. We cannot rely on  
16 anyone to do that job but the  
17 Housing Authority. It's the Housing  
18 Authority's responsibility. Thank  
19 you for the offer, but we cannot  
20 rely on anyone but Housing Authority  
21 employees, because it's our  
22 responsibility.

23 There was a question back  
24 there, and then next you, sir. I



1 know you've been waiting. That's  
2 what happens when people don't set  
3 it up formally.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I  
5 haven't heard anybody speak about  
6 the shockwave. When that building  
7 comes down -- I live in an older  
8 house, and I want assurances that my  
9 walls won't be affected by the  
10 thunderous rumble of a building  
11 falling down.

12 JIM SANTORO: And I maybe  
13 briefly touched on that before the  
14 video was shown. The reason we  
15 don't generate a tremendous amount  
16 of vibration when the building comes  
17 down has to do with how the building  
18 fails. The building starts to fail  
19 at the very base where you have  
20 rubble and debris generated. You  
21 then have debris that is falling  
22 from the floor above and striking.  
23 As it hits that debris, it is  
24 cushioned and softened. We're

1 talking in -- not soft cushion like  
2 you are a pillow, we're talking soft  
3 cushioned like in terms of spreading  
4 out energy. As each successive  
5 layer comes down you get less and  
6 less vibration.

7 The fact is that when the  
8 building -- the tallest portion of  
9 the building finally hits the ground  
10 it generates the least amount of  
11 vibration. We will be generating  
12 something under two inches deep  
13 particle (inaudible) which is what  
14 the U.S. Bureau of Mines has  
15 determined can cause flaking in a  
16 preexisting crack in an older  
17 damaged masonry structure. They're  
18 talking about just the type of  
19 buildings that are in the  
20 surrounding area here. And we are  
21 required by law to stay below that  
22 level. We actually achieve that.  
23 We generally reach less than a  
24 quarter to a half of that allowed

1 limit before you can start to cause  
2 flaking in a pre-existing crack.

3 We also are required by the  
4 State of Pennsylvania to put out  
5 seismographs. L & I -- if there is  
6 ever a complaint or concern, L & I  
7 requests the seismographs reports  
8 from us, and they are the recipients  
9 and holders of official  
10 documentation of what went on in  
11 terms of vibration that day. So  
12 that's sort of your backup  
13 assurance.

14 We will also be having  
15 somebody come out in the three or  
16 four days prior to the implosion,  
17 and those structures which are  
18 closest to the building, they will  
19 be inspected, photographed and  
20 documented for any preexisting  
21 damage.

22 If you think about it, since  
23 vibration dissipates with distance,  
24 the closest buildings are the ones

1           that receive the highest level of  
2           vibration. That's why we put our  
3           seismographs in front of those close  
4           buildings and inspect those close  
5           buildings. And we then go back  
6           afterwards -- and this is all done  
7           by a third-party engineer. We don't  
8           do it. We can't do it in-house. It  
9           has to be done by an independent  
10          engineering firm.

11                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I want  
12          to get back to the waiver that was  
13          asked not to explode on Sunday, and  
14          you said the director's office made  
15          the decision not to allow it.  
16          What's the purpose of having the  
17          waiver if they're not going to allow  
18          us to exercise it if the need is  
19          critical enough to get it to move  
20          from Sunday to another day of the  
21          week?

22                   MR. JOHNS: You can probably  
23          speak to more generally the reasons,  
24          but the reasons are really with this

1 site is safety and security. That's  
2 what was cited. I don't know that  
3 you want to -- do you want to speak  
4 more to that?

5 JIM SANTORO: I can speak  
6 directly -- no.

7 DAVE BRADLEY: So primarily  
8 the reason -- the reason that the  
9 City looks to conduct these on  
10 Sunday and typically -- I'm sorry,  
11 can you hear me now? So the  
12 reasoning on the regulation for  
13 implosions to occur on a Sunday,  
14 typically they're required to start  
15 at sunrise, which would have pushed  
16 the time we would need the community  
17 to perhaps move out of their homes  
18 even earlier. So we bumped that  
19 time up. The reasoning for them not  
20 allowing us to move it to a Saturday  
21 was primarily based on the level of  
22 vehicular traffic and pedestrian  
23 traffic. And from a risk management  
24 perspective the City thought that

1           there wasn't a substantial enough  
2           risk to move it to a day where on  
3           Saturdays we typically see far  
4           greater level of folks moving  
5           around, going about. So that's  
6           essentially the reason.

7                     PASTOR HASTY: Not in this  
8           community.

9                     UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On  
10          Sundays we have the biggest traffic.

11                    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The  
12          biggest traffic in this area is  
13          always on Saturday and Sunday.  
14          Always.

15                    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We  
16          have five churches in this area.  
17          Sunday is a primary worship day.  
18          (Inaudible) around the corner has  
19          worship service that starts at 6:45  
20          on Sunday. These other churches,  
21          the one I'm sitting in, their  
22          service runs some part of the day.  
23          So you're saying even though you're  
24          going to uproot these folks here in

1           this neighborhood, you're also not  
2           going to allow anybody to come into  
3           any one of these five churches.  
4           Now, it seems to me that's very  
5           inconsiderate for the people that  
6           are here, very inconsiderate,  
7           especially when you have a tool  
8           already on the books that you can  
9           waiver that to allow one thing, the  
10          worship service, and still maintain  
11          and do what you want to do on a  
12          Sunday, just have it later in the  
13          day.

14                   DAVE BRADLEY: Yes, sir, I  
15          understand your frustration, and I  
16          personally put that request in. I  
17          specifically listed -- referenced  
18          the religious institutions here in  
19          the City, and again, I think the  
20          City's perspective was a number of  
21          these implosions have been held on a  
22          Sunday, and it's unfortunate that  
23          services have been disrupted during  
24          other implosions. I can't speak for

1 the specific reasoning.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm  
3 out.

4 MR. JOHNS: I'm going to ask  
5 that people come to the mic because  
6 it's very difficult to keep the  
7 sequence as people ask their  
8 question. So if you have a  
9 question, please come to the mic.  
10 Yes, sir.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We  
12 have an organic garden at the corner  
13 of Greene and Hansberry, which is  
14 where the blue line is. There you  
15 go. There it is. I know that you  
16 said -- you spoke about dust coming.  
17 How is that going to affect all of  
18 our organic food? Do we -- what  
19 precautions do we have to take?  
20 What will be in the dust that can  
21 affect our ability to eat our own  
22 food that we grow?

23 JIM SANTORO: Well, first of  
24 all, what I'd like to say, that you



1 need to do what will make you feel  
2 most comfortable, okay. That's  
3 first and foremost. I can make very  
4 light of it and tell you that  
5 concrete dust is primarily lime, so  
6 you're getting a good liming from  
7 it.

8 Is it a very large space?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes,  
10 it's approximately 140 by 180 feet.  
11 It's the space of two large houses.

12 JIM SANTORO: I know in the  
13 past that we asked the health  
14 department to do sampling in  
15 playgrounds where children would be  
16 playing. We sampled the dirt  
17 beforehand. We sampled the dirt  
18 afterward. We've never seen any  
19 significant change to the dirt. It  
20 generally is something that would  
21 occur because you took it here and  
22 you took the other sample five feet  
23 away.

24 At this distance the kind of

1 dust you would get is the kind of  
2 dust that -- or the quantity of dust  
3 that you're currently getting during  
4 work activity over here now -- or  
5 actually in a couple weeks when they  
6 start doing strip out, except you  
7 would get over a period of two weeks  
8 the same amount of dust you'll get  
9 from us in 15 minutes. It's the  
10 same dust. It occurs throughout the  
11 City whenever they tear buildings  
12 down.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do we  
14 have to cover our beds so that they  
15 don't get contaminated with  
16 whatever's coming down?

17 JIM SANTORO: I myself would  
18 not, but as I said before, you have  
19 to do what you feel makes you  
20 comfortable. I can't say that you  
21 have to cover it up, no. I don't  
22 think it's necessary.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi,  
24 good evening. I just wanted to get

1 clarity on what the cleanup looks  
2 like. Is it the residents actually  
3 cleaning up their areas?

4 JIM SANTORO: No, horizontal  
5 surfaces around the site will all be  
6 cleaned by the contractors. They  
7 will take care of getting that all  
8 cleaned up. We will be getting  
9 streets, we will be getting  
10 sidewalks. If you have a small  
11 green space right in front, as long  
12 as you don't care, they'll put a  
13 hose on it and make sure everything  
14 is washed down.

15 Again, heavy dust -- just to  
16 put people at ease -- the kind of  
17 dust that we clean up by sweeping is  
18 going to fall out right here, okay.  
19 It's actually going to be blocked  
20 from going further this direction by  
21 these buildings here. This might  
22 seem a little bit -- it's mostly  
23 going to fall right in this area.  
24 Then depending on wind direction

1           that day you'll have a very, very  
2           fine, light dust that may travel for  
3           another block in whatever direction  
4           it's blowing (indicating).

5                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Water  
6           safety doesn't seem to be a big  
7           concern in your demolitions. I'm  
8           wondering -- I'm sure you know we're  
9           on two watersheds near an intake on  
10          the Schuylkill and near a reservoir.  
11          How do we know that our water  
12          remains safe?

13                   JIM SANTORO: Well, if you're  
14          talking about any of the sewer  
15          inlets that are around here, those  
16          are -- anywhere where we have  
17          potential for the dust cleanup being  
18          heavy enough to wash something in  
19          those drains we'll have geotech  
20          fabric placed on top of those and  
21          weighed down. That filter prevents  
22          us from flushing excessive amounts  
23          of concrete dust in there.

24                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Will

1 the water be monitored? The water  
2 that we get in the taps afterwards.

3 JIM SANTORO: That water is  
4 monitored by the water department.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The  
6 water department is involved in it.  
7 I don't know the details.

8 JIM SANTORO: But that all  
9 comes from a centrally located place  
10 where they test for water quality.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I  
12 think so.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's  
14 three blocks away.

15 MR. JOHNS: The reservoir is  
16 outside of the dust zone.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Queen  
18 Lane and approximately Wissahickon.

19 JIM SANTORO: And the City  
20 does take care of monitoring that  
21 water.

22 MR. JOHNS: I just want to  
23 acknowledge Councilwoman Cindy Bass  
24 who just came in. She has been

1 very, very helpful. Thank you for  
2 helping us push this project through  
3 all of the difficult processes that  
4 we had to deal with, and I just  
5 wanted to just acknowledge you.  
6 Thank you.

7 Would you like to say  
8 something.

9 CINDY BASS: Sure.

10 MR. JOHNS: And she'll be  
11 pushing the button, too.

12 CINDY BASS: Well, I just  
13 wanted to drop by tonight and thank  
14 everybody for coming out because it  
15 was so the important, that I know  
16 this is a community that cares about  
17 what's happening in the  
18 neighborhood, what's going on. So I  
19 just really wanted to come by and  
20 hear what was happening.

21 Julie, I heard your question  
22 about the water department. I'll be  
23 happy to talk to the water  
24 commissioner, also, just to make

1           sure we have our bases covered  
2           there, and if there are any other  
3           questions, or concerns, or issues,  
4           feel free to contact our office and  
5           we'll be happy to, you know, do  
6           whatever it is that we can to get  
7           the outcome that you're looking for.  
8           So please feel free to be in touch.  
9           I know this neighborhood. I know  
10          that you will. And so if there's  
11          anything we can do we're here to  
12          help. Thank you so much for being  
13          here and doing this.

14                   MR. JOHNS: Thank you. Yes,  
15                   sir.

16                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.  
17           The heaviest of the dust is going to  
18           hit between Priscilla Street,  
19           Pulaski Avenue, Queen Lane, am I  
20           correct?

21                   JIM SANTORO: Yes.

22                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You  
23           know these houses are over a hundred  
24           years old?

1 JIM SANTORO: Yes.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You  
3 know there's a creek underneath  
4 Pulaski Avenue?

5 JIM SANTORO: I know we have  
6 all sorts of subsurface conditions  
7 around here, such as on older  
8 structure. We have Mill Creek. We  
9 have large voids underneath the  
10 streets.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We  
12 also have the Wissahickon Creek  
13 going under Pulaski Avenue.

14 JIM SANTORO: These are all  
15 conditions which should not be  
16 affected by the dropping of this  
17 building. You have heavier  
18 vibration being transmitted to those  
19 subterranean structures by heavy  
20 truck traffic.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.  
22 My last question is that, is the  
23 asbestos totally cleared out of that  
24 building?



1 JIM SANTORO: The asbestos  
2 will be removed from its entirety --  
3 or the clearance sampling results  
4 have to be provided to the health  
5 department before they will even  
6 issue a demolition permit.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.  
8 Thank you.

9 MR. JOHNS: We're going to  
10 take one more question, and then I  
11 want to have each of our partners  
12 come up and tell us what their role  
13 is for that day, Licenses &  
14 Inspections and the like.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.  
16 My name is (inaudible) I don't know  
17 if you already discussed the issue  
18 as far as with the --

19 JIM SANTORO: Can you step a  
20 little bit closer to the mic.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I  
22 don't know if you already discussed  
23 the issue as far as the rodents that  
24 is going to be an issue.

1                   JIM SANTORO: Prior to  
2                   demolition taking place, the  
3                   (inaudible) the health department  
4                   has to insure that it's been abated  
5                   by the contractor and that they've  
6                   got traps around the building  
7                   beforehand. Yes, I'm sure there are  
8                   some rodents there, but they  
9                   shouldn't be as bad as they were  
10                  when the building was occupied when  
11                  you had a lot of trash and garbage  
12                  there. It's not as bad as tearing  
13                  down a building that's recently been  
14                  vacated.

15                  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As far  
16                  as the backlash, I don't know when  
17                  it's going to occur when the  
18                  demolition takes place with the  
19                  smoke -- I mean with the dust and  
20                  everything and debris, I mean, how  
21                  would that be prevented from  
22                  damaging our property? I live right  
23                  on Priscilla Street.

24                  JIM SANTORO: Again, as far

1 as the dust goes and anything that  
2 would need to be protected from  
3 potential flying debris, that would  
4 be something that I will be -- and,  
5 again, I said during that last ten  
6 days or so beforehand, I will come  
7 out personally and knock on doors  
8 and make sure that we've  
9 communicated with the people and  
10 that I look, and from an educated  
11 set of eyes who does this for a  
12 living and see -- we don't want to  
13 have a complaint. These guys over  
14 here are the ones who end up  
15 receiving complaints, and they're  
16 the ones that have to chase us down.  
17 I live two hours from here, and I  
18 don't want to keep coming back up.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All  
20 right. Thank you.

21 MR. JOHNS: So just quickly.  
22 The evacuation zone includes  
23 Priscilla Street directly across  
24 from the site, Penn Street directly

1 across from the site, Pulaski Avenue  
2 directly across from the site, and  
3 Queen Lane directly in front of the  
4 site.

5 The dust zone is Coulter  
6 Street, Wayne Avenue and Hansberry  
7 Street and King Street or the  
8 boundaries of the dust zone,  
9 essentially. And so I just wanted  
10 to make sure everybody was clear,  
11 because you can't really see that.  
12 You can read it a little better on  
13 your map.

14 So I want to ask our partners  
15 who are here to tell us what it is  
16 that their responsibility is the day  
17 before -- the day of implosion, what  
18 they're responsible for. So L & I  
19 representative, whichever. Thank  
20 you.

21 SCOTT MULDERIG: Thank you.  
22 Good evening. My name is Scott  
23 Mulderig. I'm the director of  
24 emergency services for the

1 Department of Licenses &  
2 Inspections.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We  
4 can't hear you.

5 SCOTT MULDERIG: Good  
6 evening. My name is Scott Mulderig.  
7 I'm the director of emergency  
8 services for the Department of  
9 Licenses & Inspections. Our role in  
10 this implosion has been reviewing  
11 the plan, the demolition plan, the  
12 site safety plan. We issued a  
13 demolition permit to the contractor  
14 for this. We're reviewing all  
15 phases of their application and the  
16 process. We'll be inspecting  
17 periodically throughout the next  
18 couple weeks into the -- leading up  
19 to the day of the implosion. We're  
20 going to have inspectors on site the  
21 day of the implosion making sure  
22 that everything is going smoothly.  
23 And then we'll make inspections,  
24 along with the private engineering

1 firm, after the implosion to make  
2 sure that everything is safe. Any  
3 questions?

4 MR. JOHNS: Air Management,  
5 Ed Weiner.

6 ED WEINER: It's Air  
7 Management Services. We're part of  
8 the City's department of public  
9 health. We're the air pollution  
10 people. Our roles are -- of course,  
11 we have an asbestos section or unit,  
12 which are the ones responsible for  
13 licensing contractors, permits,  
14 inspecting asbestos removals. We  
15 are responsible for reviewing and  
16 approving the operation dust control  
17 plan, which also includes certain  
18 air monitoring the contractor has to  
19 do like right before the implosion,  
20 right after, and a little bit after.  
21 We also have people there the day of  
22 the implosion kind of overseeing the  
23 cleanup. And basically when the  
24 water trucks and whatever go out to

1 the section, we have people there to  
2 check it out and say, yes, okay,  
3 it's clean or, no, you've got to  
4 clean it more. That's basically  
5 what we do. Any questions?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.  
7 Question, how many air monitoring  
8 stations will you have, and where  
9 will they be located?

10 ED WEINER: The final  
11 approved one I believe has ten, and  
12 I'm not going to remember the exact  
13 locations well, but essentially they  
14 kind of surround it. So regardless  
15 of which direction the wind goes and  
16 blows the dust, we believe the  
17 general area is going to be covered.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The  
19 alarm systems that will be triggered  
20 by this implosion, are the police  
21 going to allow folks in to reset  
22 their systems?

23 JIM SANTORO: If your alarms  
24 were set to call into some kind of

1 service port set to fire or police  
2 department or 911 system, we have  
3 all of the appropriate individuals  
4 there who will receive that  
5 information and note something is  
6 going off. Probably somebody from  
7 the command post, either a police  
8 officer or a fireman, whoever is the  
9 most appropriate, would respond and  
10 make sure it was something triggered  
11 by the implosion as opposed to a  
12 real fire or something like that.  
13 As far as turning it off, I think  
14 that's going to -- trying to locate  
15 a specific individual and bring them  
16 in might be very difficult.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well,  
18 the alarm company has the  
19 protocol --

20 JIM SANTORO: If they can  
21 notify -- if they can notify you,  
22 and they should also be able to  
23 notify the system to allow us -- and  
24 I'm sure some kind of an arrangement



1 can be made at the command post to  
2 one of the officers on the outside  
3 of the system, you could present --  
4 I'm turning to a man who will tell  
5 me whether or not that will work.

6 DAVE BRADLEY: That's a great  
7 question. What we will do is talk  
8 to the police. He would input the  
9 addresses that are in these two  
10 zones, and we can have them let us  
11 know at the command post that we'll  
12 have on site if an alarm call comes  
13 into 911 from your monitoring  
14 company, and we can take --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And we  
16 won't get billed?

17 DAVE BRADLEY: For a false  
18 alarm service?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

20 DAVE BRADLEY: No.

21 MR. JOHNS: Hold him to it.  
22 We have a court stenographer.

23 ED WEINER: Any air pollution  
24 questions? Thank you.

1 MR. JOHNS: Just so that  
2 we're clear, it is the health  
3 department that gives the okay for  
4 the individuals to -- to come back  
5 to their residences. It's not PHA.  
6 It's not the air monitoring folks.  
7 It's not L & I. It's the health  
8 department. So they -- based on the  
9 information that they get from air  
10 monitoring folks and the like, they  
11 give the Authority -- say it  
12 again --

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just  
14 want to make sure about going back  
15 into their homes, like what will  
16 they need to have.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well,  
18 the health department may give you  
19 access to allow you access back to  
20 your house, but what about folks  
21 having to inspect their property  
22 that -- for example, I don't live in  
23 the church, but I do have to go in  
24 and inspect the church. So what's

1 the timeframe to allow folks to go  
2 in and do an inspection? And before  
3 you answer I'm going to give you the  
4 other part of this. The -- and we  
5 find something that needs to be  
6 remedied, what's the process? Who  
7 handles that process?

8 JIM SANTORO: If, in fact,  
9 there is damage caused by the  
10 implosion, then we would be  
11 responsible.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The  
13 "we"?

14 JIM SANTORO: Pardon me?

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We?

16 JIM SANTORO: The "we" is  
17 Controlled Demolition.

18 MR. JOHNS: And, again, there  
19 is an implosion hotline number that  
20 we've set up, and this will make  
21 sure that -- that you use it. If  
22 you have any questions -- any  
23 questions at all, just be sure to  
24 leave a message, and someone will

1 get back to you with the answer.

2 Yes, ma'am.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I  
4 would like to ask you do a little  
5 bit more -- more publicly notifying  
6 the community. This is not all the  
7 people who live in the community,  
8 and I'm sure a number of people will  
9 not hear about it or know about it.

10 I happen to have got it through  
11 somebody else, who sent it to  
12 somebody else through the internet.  
13 And I used to drive by and see the  
14 sign here, but it had a March date  
15 on it. It would have been nice if  
16 it had tonight's date on it, just  
17 because people won't even get the  
18 material tonight. If there was some  
19 way, other than technology, if they  
20 could post a sign.

21 JIM SANTORO: Actually I was  
22 going to speak to what -- you're  
23 handing out leaflets, et cetera, to  
24 the neighborhood, and they do list

1 the specific times and dates of  
2 future meetings. And those will  
3 be --

4 MR. JOHNS: And there's a  
5 huge poster across the street on the  
6 gate. Before we used to have it on  
7 the corner, but now it's on the --  
8 literally right across from the  
9 church.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I saw  
11 there's a big sign. It said March  
12 7th or something.

13 MR. JOHNS: August 7th. The  
14 one that's directly -- if you come  
15 out of the church it's directly  
16 across the street there's a big  
17 poster --

18 PASTOR HASTY: It's a new  
19 one.

20 MR. JOHNS: We used to have  
21 it on the corner when we were having  
22 the old meetings, but since they're  
23 working in the building now, we felt  
24 it was more appropriate to have it

1 right there.

2 Yes, ma'am.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just  
4 one quick question. On the day of  
5 the implosion that people that stay  
6 in the dust zone in our houses, will  
7 there be some sort of notification  
8 to tell us when we can come out? I  
9 know you said three or four hours.  
10 How do we know it's safe?

11 JIM SANTORO: The most  
12 obvious sign will be the fact that  
13 you'll start to see traffic running  
14 on your street again. We don't  
15 really have anything in place to  
16 notify people, but it becomes very  
17 obvious once things are opened back  
18 up.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.  
20 I'm from Priscilla Street, and right  
21 now all around the area is gated off  
22 and there's a small sidewalk. I was  
23 just wondering like when the  
24 implosion does take place and, you

1 know, their rebuilding or whatever  
2 does get started, will that sidewalk  
3 be extended, or will it be taken  
4 over by whoever is, you know,  
5 building on the grounds or whatever?  
6 Like what's to happen with that  
7 sidewalk?

8 MR. JOHNS: Are you talking  
9 about the sidewalk where the houses  
10 are or the sidewalk where the site  
11 is?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Where  
13 the site is where the gate is.

14 MR. JOHNS: Most likely that  
15 fence will probably stay where it  
16 is. I don't think they'll move it  
17 out any further, but it will  
18 probably stay where it is.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So as  
20 far as with the sidewalk, it won't  
21 be any, you know, changes to that?

22 MR. JOHNS: There will be a  
23 new sidewalk.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

1 And as far as with the parking and  
2 everything? I guess that's like a  
3 building --

4 MR. JOHNS: Yes, the parking  
5 is going to be as it is now.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.  
7 Thank you.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The  
9 phone number you have there, can it  
10 be used to let people call that  
11 number when it is all clear?  
12 Because everybody is not going to be  
13 in the area, so they're not going to  
14 be able to see whether or not a car  
15 goes up and down the street.

16 MR. JOHNS: We can do that.  
17 We can do that.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have  
19 one quick question. I'm Joe  
20 (inaudible) I'm here on behalf of  
21 Senator Shirley (inaudible). In  
22 terms of letting the community know  
23 (inaudible) in terms of letting  
24 (inaudible) everything else we get a



1 lot of traffic, a lot of them come  
2 through the office, so we'll try to  
3 fill that gap in terms of letting  
4 people know exactly what the meeting  
5 dates are going to be, you know,  
6 that number is going to be on our  
7 Facebook, I'll make sure of it.

8 What I wanted to know is in  
9 terms of the information you have  
10 here, like the lady asked earlier --  
11 two percent of the community -- is  
12 this information going to be  
13 e-mailed or is it available -- could  
14 I get maybe this PowerPoint or  
15 something so we can try to  
16 disseminate as much as we can  
17 through various vendors?

18 MR. JOHNS: What we will do  
19 is -- and I'm looking at Nichole.  
20 Anything that we have available at  
21 the meeting we will post to our  
22 website, [www.PHA.phila.gov](http://www.PHA.phila.gov). So that  
23 will be available that way. We have  
24 done mailings for the meeting, so we

1 will probably continue to do that.

2 And as I said, starting this  
3 Saturday folks are going to be out  
4 in the field knocking on doors,  
5 handing out flyers and getting the  
6 questionnaires out to folks so we  
7 can have the information that we  
8 need.

9 And, again, utilize that  
10 number if you have suggestions --  
11 that was a great suggestion, can  
12 people call in that day. So, you  
13 know, we are not a hundred percent a  
14 perfect organization, but we strive  
15 to be. So if there are suggestions  
16 that folks have, please feel free to  
17 dial that number, leave your  
18 suggestion, ask your questions, and  
19 someone will get back to you.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank  
21 you.

22 NICHOLE TILLMAN: Mike, can I  
23 add one thing. We talked about the  
24 outreach every Saturday, the two

1           Tuesdays as well, but as you also  
2           can see here we have the court  
3           stenographer here. So when these  
4           minutes are available, we'll upload  
5           them to the site. You can download  
6           them if you need a copy of them so  
7           everyone knows what's going on.  
8           That's very, very important. We  
9           want the community to know. We do  
10          recognize that this doesn't -- this  
11          doesn't represent the whole  
12          community, right. This is just the  
13          first meeting so we have a lot of  
14          opportunity to reach out. You're a  
15          vehicle to get information out to  
16          let people know (inaudible) said  
17          here, but invite people out to the  
18          meeting, share the word. We have a  
19          lot of suppliers, and the meeting  
20          minutes will be available. We want  
21          everyone to know.

22                    So thank you for that.

23                    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And  
24                    thank you for that, because that was

1 -- those were the words that were  
2 getting ready to come out of my  
3 mouth. From your mouth to God's  
4 ears. We have to spread this word  
5 to the community.

6 I live on the 5300 block of  
7 Priscilla, and that's right at  
8 ground zero. Now, in coming over  
9 here I passed the word, and a few of  
10 my neighbors were on their way here,  
11 but it's hard getting people to come  
12 out to the meeting, and a lot of  
13 neighbors that are here, you guys  
14 don't live on ground zero.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah,  
16 we do.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You  
18 do, but by a show of hands how many  
19 here live on ground zero. That's my  
20 point. That's my point. We need  
21 more people here that live right  
22 here in this sector. They're not  
23 coming out. They're sitting out  
24 there on their porches. So we have

1 to spread the word and (inaudible)  
2 that is going to knock on doors, we  
3 as concerned neighbors -- because  
4 you've been at this meeting, and I  
5 know you've seen me at this meeting,  
6 and I know the people that are here  
7 that have raised their hand have  
8 been at this meeting, but we have to  
9 get the people that should be here,  
10 because those are the people that  
11 are going to come in here on day 11  
12 when they're getting ready to blow  
13 up the building and going to have a  
14 lot of complaints, a lot of  
15 concerns, and we're all just going  
16 to look at them, okay. Frankly, I'm  
17 going to tell them to go sit down,  
18 pack up, get ready to move up that  
19 day because I want it gone. Okay.  
20 Thank you.

21 MR. JOHNS: Do we want the  
22 building gone? Do we want the  
23 building gone? Who wants to keep  
24 the building? Okay.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good  
2 evening. I have another suggestion,  
3 please.

4 MR. JOHNS: Yes.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I  
6 think many persons are now probably  
7 listening to (inaudible) radio,  
8 which is able to get a lot of  
9 information out. That would be a  
10 way of information being  
11 disseminated. We also have  
12 community newspapers, the  
13 information could get out. We have  
14 the Inquirer, Daily News and other  
15 news medias. I agree we do need  
16 (inaudible) we're all into  
17 technology, many persons are, but  
18 there are persons that are not  
19 there. It's important that this  
20 gets out.

21 You said it's a five year  
22 thing. So if it's five years, then  
23 we need to make sure that the  
24 individuals that are living in this

1 particular area that feel very  
2 vested in where they have lived for  
3 many, many years, that they receive  
4 the information that is necessary.  
5 And it appears as though that is not  
6 happening.

7 MR. JOHNS: We will do that.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You  
9 will correct it?

10 MR. JOHNS: We will do that.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank  
12 you.

13 MR. JOHNS: Great suggestion.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One  
15 more suggestion.

16 MR. JOHNS: It's taken us  
17 five years to get to this point.  
18 That is what I said. Once we do the  
19 implosion, the construction will be  
20 completed within a year. So you got  
21 another year before brand new  
22 houses.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One  
24 more suggestion. I like your map.

1           You need to reproduce it, and on the  
2           top you need to say Queen Lane  
3           implosion scheduled for date and  
4           time, and you need the Queen Lane  
5           implosion hotline and put them on  
6           every single lamppost in the  
7           neighborhood.

8                   MR. JOHNS: Okay. L & I,  
9           every single lamppost, I think we  
10          might get in trouble for that.  
11          We'll put them on every door. Then  
12          we'll get complaints on the hotline  
13          that PHA is cluttering up the  
14          neighborhood and making it trashy,  
15          but we don't have to have that, but  
16          we will put it in every door.

17                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I  
18          don't know if you already answered  
19          this question or not, but after the  
20          demolition is finished -- first of  
21          all, how long will all of that --  
22          you know, that whole process take?  
23          How long will that whole process  
24          take?



1 MR. JOHNS: Like that. When  
2 the building comes down, it will be  
3 a matter of, what, three seconds for  
4 the building to come down? Do you  
5 want to speak to that?

6 JIM SANTORO: You want to  
7 know how long it will take to bring  
8 the building down?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: From  
10 beginning to end until the smoke  
11 clears.

12 JIM SANTORO: When we do our  
13 countdown, it takes -- we've got --  
14 we've got delays. There will be a  
15 pause. It will be about nine, ten  
16 seconds. It will be on the ground.  
17 Dust takes anywhere -- and, again,  
18 it all depends on weather that day.  
19 It will go away in two or three  
20 minutes, or it might linger there  
21 for 10 or 15.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's  
23 going to be an implosion?

24 JIM SANTORO: Yes.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's  
2 going to go down in parts?

3 MR. JOHNS: Were you here at  
4 the beginning when I showed the  
5 video?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

7 JIM SANTORO: They come down  
8 in a fluid motion, and it will move  
9 from one side of the building to the  
10 other. Very quick.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank  
12 you.

13 MR. JOHNS: For those who  
14 want to view the implosion, it will  
15 be on TV more than likely on the  
16 news. And also there will be a  
17 viewing location. I think we  
18 decided that the viewing location is  
19 going to be in the middle of Coulter  
20 and Alfred at the corner. So if you  
21 actually want to see it in person,  
22 you can actually stand out there, I  
23 believe.

24 JIM SANTORO: I was going to

1 say that's an area PHA has arranged  
2 for. I do -- from my own  
3 standpoint, I do tend to encourage  
4 people to stay indoors. I see this  
5 stuff all the time, so I don't  
6 really want to go out and watch it.  
7 Where I'm going to be standing that  
8 day, we won't be able to see it  
9 other than the very top of a  
10 building. I urge you to stay  
11 inside, especially if you have any  
12 problems with dust. Why aggravate  
13 it?

14 MR. JOHNS: That's true. But  
15 it will be on TV. Yes, sir.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes,  
17 my question is, you just mentioned  
18 weather. How important is weather  
19 going to be to this?

20 MR. JOHNS: Good question.

21 JIM SANTORO: Can you repeat?

22 MR. JOHNS: The question is  
23 weather. How important is the  
24 weather going to be with respect to

1 the implosion.

2 JIM SANTORO: We actually  
3 like bad weather. If we have a very  
4 windy day, if we have a lot of rain  
5 or something like that, that really  
6 helps us. The only thing the  
7 weather could do to us is if we have  
8 a heavy fog we wait until the fog  
9 lifts. It's all about safety. We  
10 want to be able to see clearly in  
11 the area.

12 MR. JOHNS: Yes, sir.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good  
14 evening.

15 MR. JOHNS: Good evening.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I  
17 overslept. You know I'm usually  
18 here. I overslept this evening. So  
19 you almost got lucky, but I woke up.

20 So anyhow, if you can, can  
21 you all retract for me where --  
22 where we kind of are in regards to  
23 -- I see a date in regards to I see  
24 September 12th --

1 MR. JOHNS: September 14th.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

3 September 14th?

4 MR. JOHNS: Yes.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And

6 what time are we talking about?

7 MR. JOHNS: 7:15 a.m. in the

8 morning. We'll start relocating

9 folks at 4:00, 4:30 that morning.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So the

11 explosion is going to actually

12 happen at 7:15 in the morning?

13 MR. JOHNS: Implosion, yes,

14 7:15 in the morning.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In the

16 morning?

17 MR. JOHNS: In the morning,

18 yes.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And

20 you basically want us to move our

21 vehicles out at that point?

22 MR. JOHNS: No, the vehicles

23 should really be moved --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Prior?

1 MR. JOHNS: Yes.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A lot  
3 prior?

4 MR. JOHNS: Yes.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you  
6 have any prior parking access for  
7 us, or do we have to kind of move on  
8 our own?

9 MR. JOHNS: You have to move  
10 on your own.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So  
12 you're going to blow up -- I hate to  
13 use that word blow up --

14 MR. JOHNS: Implode.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  
16 Implode at 7:15, and it's on our own  
17 to move our vehicles or whatever to  
18 do that.

19 Now, with that being said, do  
20 you expect us to -- let's say --  
21 let's keep it hypothetical, okay. I  
22 move my car the night before, okay,  
23 come back home, okay. Do you expect  
24 me to come back home, or you don't

1 want me to come back home? Which  
2 one is it?

3 MR. JOHNS: We want you to  
4 come back home.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You  
6 want me to come back home?

7 MR. JOHNS: Yes.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And  
9 then when I come back home, okay,  
10 and you implode, all right -- I'm  
11 (inaudible) then everything should  
12 be kind of, quote, unquote, okay.

13 MR. JOHNS: Yes. When we're  
14 given the okay for the individuals  
15 to return back to their homes,  
16 everything will be okay.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  
18 Everything will be okay?

19 MR. JOHNS: Yes.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Now, I  
21 have to ask you a couple questions  
22 at this point in regards to the --  
23 in regards to the dust, okay.  
24 There's going to be some dust. I

1 don't think we can -- nobody in this  
2 room is not going to say there isn't  
3 going to be dust. What's going to  
4 happen in regards to the dust?

5 MR. JOHNS: Do you want to  
6 talk about the dust one more time?

7 JIM SANTORO: Okay. When the  
8 building comes down and we have a  
9 lot of dust, most of that dust is  
10 going to set relatively --  
11 relatively close to the building.  
12 Here's our building. Most of that  
13 heavy dust is going to be confined  
14 to this area right in here. That's  
15 going to be heavy dust that needs to  
16 be cleaned up. The lighter dust --  
17 and I can't remember exactly where  
18 your house is -- but the lighter  
19 dust is then going to just travel in  
20 the direction of the wind, depending  
21 on which way that goes. This area  
22 will probably take three or four  
23 hours to clean up. Any area where  
24 this travels outside -- outside of



1           these outer blue lines will take  
2           about an hour or so to clean up.

3                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:   Okay.  
4           I heard you.  I appreciate your  
5           opinion, and I appreciate all that,  
6           okay.  However, all right, you're  
7           telling me that there's going to be  
8           an outward dynamic, for lack of a  
9           better word, okay, and who is going  
10          to be -- let's -- let's just take it  
11          again -- outward dynamic (inaudible)  
12          whatever word you want to use.  I  
13          live not too far from here --  
14          whatever you want to call that --  
15          what do you call it, ground zero?

16                   JIM SANTORO:  The building  
17          being taken down.

18                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  Do you  
19          call it ground zero?

20                   JIM SANTORO:  I don't.

21                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  Huh?

22                   JIM SANTORO:  No, I don't  
23          call it ground zero.

24                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  I do,

1           okay. It's ground zero, okay, and I  
2           don't live too far from ground zero,  
3           okay.

4                     And it's my feeling at this  
5           point, okay, that I'm going to be  
6           affected from what happens on ground  
7           zero, okay. And I think -- this is  
8           my -- basically gut instinct, okay,  
9           that -- and I hope it doesn't  
10          happen, but I got a feeling it's  
11          going to happen, is that whatever  
12          happens at ground zero is going to  
13          impact me again and is going to blow  
14          over my property, into my property,  
15          or whatever words you want to use,  
16          okay.

17                    And the thing is, who is  
18          going to dust -- who is going to  
19          dust the dust off of my property?  
20          Nobody. You're telling me that I'm  
21          going to have to hire somebody to go  
22          -- which I've already prepared  
23          myself to do, mind you, okay, to  
24          have somebody go up there and dust

1 my property off, because I have a  
2 feeling that's what you're going to  
3 have. Okay. And you're not talking  
4 about that. Okay. You're not  
5 talking about that, and you're not  
6 talking about the -- the wildlife,  
7 for lack of a better word, that's  
8 going to be imperilled as a result  
9 of this -- of this evacuation. I'm  
10 not going to use the word explosion,  
11 okay. Evacuation, the cats, the  
12 rats, everything else that's going  
13 to come out of this thing, you ain't  
14 talking about it.

15 MR. JOHNS: Can you let him  
16 respond to some of your comments.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes,  
18 please.

19 JIM SANTORO: As far as the  
20 dust cleanup goes, the health  
21 department is taking a look at  
22 areas. They're not going to allow  
23 the contractors and the police to  
24 release the zone until after the

1 dust is cleaned up outside.

2 As far as, you know, wild  
3 cats and wild rats, there's not much  
4 we can do about them.

5 As far as people's pets are  
6 concerned, we are asking part of the  
7 distribution of information by PHA  
8 is to let us know about their pets,  
9 to encourage them to either take  
10 them with them when they leave their  
11 home, because they're being asked to  
12 leave their homes, and I believe  
13 accommodations are being made for  
14 those pets. Or at the very least if  
15 you're going to stay at home do not  
16 leave your pets outside, bring them  
17 inside.

18 MR. JOHNS: And so right now  
19 I'd like to have our Office of  
20 Emergency Management talk about  
21 their roles and responsibilities --  
22 and then we'll come back to  
23 questions -- their roles and  
24 responsibilities as it relates to

1 the day coming up to the implosion,  
2 the day of, et cetera.

3 DAVE BRADLEY: Sure, again,  
4 I'm Dave Bradley with the office  
5 Office of Emergency Management.

6 Our primary role is to assist  
7 our partner agencies and really make  
8 sure good coordination is going on,  
9 provide value where we can, and make  
10 sure the agency is performing this  
11 operation, have what they need to do  
12 it. So that involves advocacy,  
13 helping to coordinate meetings,  
14 information sharing. That's all  
15 before the implosion.

16 During the implosion the  
17 primary goal we're going to have is  
18 -- and, again, I'm going to  
19 encourage folks that are in the  
20 evacuation zone to most likely leave  
21 the night before and seek to stay  
22 with friends and family. For those  
23 folks who don't have friends and  
24 family, we are going to be

1           establishing a reception center.  
2           We're currently in the process of  
3           determining what the best facility  
4           is. And I'm going to take this  
5           opportunity to also remind you that  
6           if you have pets and you're in the  
7           evacuation zone, you can bring your  
8           pets with you to that location.

9                        So as part of selecting the  
10           best reception center we're also  
11           looking to coordinate  
12           transportation.

13                       So my best recommendation is  
14           when PHA comes around on the next --  
15           in the following weekend, please  
16           complete that questionnaire. That  
17           questionnaire is really going to  
18           help us understand what we need to  
19           do to help support you in the  
20           community. Any questions?

21                       MR. JOHNS: I think we handed  
22           out some questionnaires here, so if  
23           you'd like to fill them out --

24                       NICHOLE TILLMAN: We have

1           them in the back.

2                   MR. JOHNS: Do you want to  
3           hand some out. We've got a little  
4           bit more time if folks want to take  
5           a minute or whatever to fill out  
6           their questionnaire here, they can  
7           do that. It doesn't mean we're not  
8           going to knock on your door, but we  
9           probably will. And we're going to  
10          continue to do that. And our goal  
11          is -- and Arneatha is really leading  
12          that charge with the outreach, and  
13          she has been involved in each and  
14          every one of the implosions and the  
15          outreaches that the Housing  
16          Authority -- outreach that the  
17          Housing Authority has done over the  
18          past decade or so. So we've done at  
19          least ten implosions. We've done  
20          this similar type of outreach.  
21          She's been involved in every one of  
22          them. She's very savvy in terms of  
23          the questions that are asked and how  
24          to relate to the public what the

1 processes are coming up to that day  
2 and what to expect.

3 And she'll be out here with  
4 the team to address all of your  
5 concerns. So look for folks on  
6 Saturdays and look for I think two  
7 Tuesdays. The teams will be out  
8 there, too. They'll have their  
9 ID's. They'll have their T-shirts.

10 And, again, there is a number  
11 that we had up here. That is the  
12 number for -- to call if you have  
13 any questions at all. And you'll  
14 probably leave here with questions.  
15 And if your friends or family or  
16 other folks have questions, tell  
17 them to feel free to call that  
18 number. We will get back to you.  
19 If it's a question that's really an  
20 L & I question, we will relay that  
21 to L & I. They will get back to  
22 you. If it's a question for the  
23 Office of Emergency Management, we  
24 will relay that question to the



1 Office of Emergency Management.  
2 They will get back to you. It is  
3 critical for the Housing Authority  
4 and for our agency partners to make  
5 sure that you have all the  
6 information that you need to make  
7 you feel comfortable with what is  
8 about to occur so that you, too, can  
9 be a mouthpiece for this process and  
10 answer the questions that some of  
11 your neighbors may have, because  
12 you'll have the right answers  
13 because you asked them of us and of  
14 the team.

15 And I don't know whether  
16 they're frequently asked questions  
17 that Controlled Demolition has and  
18 we can post them to our website,  
19 also.

20 JIM SANTORO: We do, in fact,  
21 have some frequently asked  
22 questions. Arneatha asked me this  
23 morning or this afternoon if we  
24 would provide them to her. Those

1 will be part of your handout, won't  
2 they?

3 ARNEATHA POWELL: Yes.

4 JIM SANTORO: So those will  
5 be distributed as well as being  
6 posted on their website.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm  
8 curious, in regards to the last  
9 implosion that we basically had in  
10 this area in the last 20 years was  
11 out there at the Sears & Roebuck  
12 building, where they tore the tower  
13 down or whatever, and it was a  
14 neighborhood around that area. And  
15 I'm curious, have any of their  
16 concerns been canvassed or addressed  
17 in regards to this implosion that's  
18 getting ready to happen?

19 MR. JOHNS: I don't -- I  
20 don't kind of fully understand your  
21 question. We weren't involved with  
22 the Sears tower or the Sears  
23 building, but we imploded several  
24 buildings at Schuylkill Falls, which

1 is near Ridge and Midvale, and we  
2 have beautiful new houses there. We  
3 had no issues with the community or  
4 concerns from the community after  
5 the implosions took place. I think  
6 people are so -- were so and are so  
7 elated that a blighted building is  
8 being removed from their  
9 neighborhood that that is -- that's  
10 really generally the focus of -- of  
11 their comments once the building  
12 goes down. We haven't had any  
13 issues on any implosion, and I've  
14 been with PHA for 22 years now, and  
15 I've been involved with every one,  
16 from any of our communities and no  
17 issues like that.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And I  
19 appreciate your answer.

20 And I have one last question  
21 and I'm going to try to shut up.

22 When the implosion occurs,  
23 okay, or whatever word you want to  
24 use, which way is it going to land,

1 and is it going to block any  
2 intersections off or anything like  
3 that?

4 JIM SANTORO: It's going to  
5 come more or less straight down. We  
6 will not have any intersection  
7 blocked or anything like that.  
8 There will be some light debris that  
9 you will see in the streets that  
10 will have to be picked up 10 or 15  
11 minutes following the implosion.  
12 Streets will be open as normal -- it  
13 will fall pretty much within its own  
14 footprints.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I was  
16 hoping for a different answer.

17 MR. JOHNS: That's -- that's  
18 -- this is what they do, come  
19 straight down.

20 That pretty much -- unless  
21 there are any other questions, that  
22 pretty much concludes our  
23 presentation for this meeting.  
24 Again, the meetings are the 14th,

1 the 28th and the 4th of September.

2 The implosion is planned  
3 firmly for September 14th. If  
4 there's any way that that changes,  
5 we'll definitely let you know, but  
6 that's the date at 7:15 in the  
7 morning. We'll start moving folks  
8 at 4 o'clock or so that morning of.

9 Again, I want to thank you  
10 for -- she just told me there are  
11 refreshments downstairs if you wish.  
12 Again, I just want to thank you, the  
13 community, for sticking with PHA  
14 throughout this process, helping us  
15 do a better job throughout this  
16 process, and we hope to see you at  
17 the future meetings that we have  
18 here and hope that you help us get  
19 the word out to your neighbors and  
20 friends about the wonderful activity  
21 that's about to take place in this  
22 neighborhood.

23 The folks completing the  
24 surveys -- folks completing the

1 surveys please see her or one of the  
2 other PHA staff to give your survey  
3 information to her.

4 At this time I'd like to have  
5 Pastor Hasty, if you can come up and  
6 give us a -- give us some words of  
7 encouragement as we move forward on  
8 this -- on this final trek to tear  
9 that building down.

10 PASTOR HASTY: I am  
11 supportive of that. I am a little  
12 disappointed about Saturday, but be  
13 that as it may, progress must go  
14 forward, but we're hoping that the  
15 City will hear our humble cry in  
16 regards to our concerns about our  
17 worship experiences on Sunday, not  
18 PHA, but the City. I'd like to  
19 speak to the gentlemen, you are --

20 DAVE BRADLEY: Dave Bradley.

21 PASTOR HASTY: I'll speak to  
22 you afterwards.

23 Thank you for this meeting.

24 Thank you for those in the community

1           who did come out. We pray that  
2           those who did will come out for the  
3           next scheduled meeting, and we pray  
4           that this meeting will (inaudible)  
5           witness this brief redevelopment  
6           process and so grateful for the  
7           process, and we pray that everyone  
8           will have a blessed evening and  
9           blessed food and reception  
10          downstairs in Jesus' name, amen.

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12                   (Whereupon, the meeting was  
13           concluded at approximately 7:50  
14           p.m.)

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