

# City of Hyattsville

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## Summary Regular Meeting

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**Monday, June 2, 2025**

**12:00 PM**

**Virtual**

### **City Council**

**Robert S. Croslin, Mayor**  
**Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5**  
**Joanne Waszczak, Council Vice President, Ward 1**  
**Sam Denes, Ward 1**  
**Danny Schaible, Ward 2**  
**Emily Strab, Ward 2**  
**Kareem Redmond, Ward 3**  
**Edouard Haba, Ward 4**  
**Michelle Lee, Ward 4**  
**Rommel Sandino, Ward 5**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator**  
**Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk, 301-985-5001, [cityclerk@hyattsville.org](mailto:cityclerk@hyattsville.org)**

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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call** **The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Moment of Silence for Pat Smith**
4. **Approval of Agenda** **Yes: 9/No: 1 The Motion was approved.**
5. **Approval of the Minutes** **Approved, Unanimous.**

**5.a. Approval of the Minutes**[HCC-352-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025, March 17, 2025, March 24, 2025, April 2, 2025, April 7, 2025, April 21, 2025, May 5, 2025, and Public Hearing Minutes of May 5, 2025.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Attachments:** [Minutes Mar 3](#)  
[Minutes Mar 17 2025](#)  
[Minutes Mar 24 2025](#)  
[Minutes Apr 2](#)  
[Minutes Apr 7](#)  
[Minutes Apr 21](#)  
[Minutes May 5](#)  
[Minutes Pub Hearing Agenda May 5](#)

**6. Public Comment (12:10 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker** **Comments submitted electronically can be found at the end of this summary.**

**7. Proclamations** **Approved, Unanimous.**

**7.a. Proclamation Honoring Rommel Sandino**[HCC-353-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation honoring Rommel Sandino for his years of service and dedication to the City of Hyattsville as a Ward 5 Councilmember.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM 0602 Honoring Councilmember Rommel Sandino](#)

**7.b. Proclamation Honoring Sam Denes**[HCC-354-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation honoring Sam Denes for his years of service and dedication to the City of Hyattsville as a Ward 1 Councilmember.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM 0603 Honoring Councilmember Sam Denes](#)

**7.c. Proclamation Honoring Jimmy McClellan**[HCC-357-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation honoring Jimmy McClellan for his years of service and dedication to the City of Hyattsville as a Ward 3 Councilmember.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Attachments:** [CM 0603 Honoring Councilmember Jimmy McClellan](#)

**8. Appointments Approved, Unanimous.****8.a. Appointment to the Audit Committee**[HCC-356-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council approve the appointments of Jen Kubit (Ward 4), Colin Eustis (Ward 4), and Daniel Amador (Ward 5), to the Audit Committee for a term of two years to expire on June 2, 2027.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Audit Committee Applications Redac.pdf](#)

**9. Consent Items (12:20 p.m. - 12:25 p.m.) Approved, Unanimous.**

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine in nature, and are approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the Mayor/Council request specific items be removed from the Consent agenda for separate action.

**9.a. Disbursement of Ward 1 Discretionary Funds**[HCC-346-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of Ward 1 discretionary funds in the amount of \$500 to Arrow Bicycles for the purchase of bicycle helmets and locks for distribution at the Hyattsville Bike Rodeo.

**Sponsors:** Denes and Waszczak

**Department:** City Clerk

**9.b. Disbursement of Ward 2 Discretionary Funds**[HCC-371-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of Ward 2 discretionary funds in the amount of \$750 to Hyattsville Aging in Place.

**Sponsors:** Schaible and Strab

**9.c. Disbursement of Ward 4 Discretionary Funds**[HCC-350-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of Ward 4 discretionary funds in the amounts of \$148.87 to Councilmember Lee as reimbursement for voter outreach activities, \$1,392.42 to Councilmember Haba for Ward 4 Community Day, \$300 to the Edward Felegy Elementary School PTA, and \$200 to Hyattsville Aging in Place.

**Sponsors:** Lee and Haba

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [IMG\\_7388](#)

**9.d. Disbursement of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds**[HCC-368-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement Ward 5 discretionary funds in the amounts of \$250 to Council President Solomon for the upcoming Ward 5 Community Meeting, \$250 to Meron Kassahun Favors for the Alpha Ridge block party, and \$250 to Hyattsville Aging in Place.

**Sponsors:** Solomon and Sandino

**9.e. Grant Application to the State of Maryland, Department of Housing and Community Development (MD-DHCD) - State Revitalization Program (SRP) - National Capital Strategy Economic Development Fund (NCSED)**[HCC-349-FY25](#)

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Attachments:** [Memo MD DHCD SRP Grant Application May 2025](#)  
[SRP Grant App Support Letter 9% May 2025](#)  
[SRP Grant App Support Letter 4% May 2025](#)

**9.f. Award of Contract for FY26 Tutoring and Mentoring Services**[HCC-355-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a one-year contract with Northstar Tutoring to provide Tutoring and Mentoring Services for the City's children and youth for an amount not to exceed \$80,000. The Contract is subject to approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Community Services

**Attachments:** [Response to RFP19052025 Northstar Tutoring](#)

**10. Action Items (12:25 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.)**

**10.a Mt. Hermon Lodge Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-24033**[HCC-373-FY25](#)**Approved, Unanimous.**

I move that the Council authorize the Mayor to provide verbal and/or written testimony to the Prince George's County Planning Board in **support** of the application entitled Mt. Hermon Lodge, a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision case # 4-24033 and Certificate of Adequacy case #-2024-065..endsubject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to any formal consideration by the Planning Board and before the issuance of any construction permits for Phase II, the City of Hyattsville formally requests a and reserves the right to provide input on the scope, design, and potential impacts of Phase II and that said input be considered as part of the regulatory review process.
2. To ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) the City requests that the applicant clarify the number ADA parking spaces being provided and identify the location of said spaces.
3. During the construction phase, the applicant shall coordinate with the City of Hyattsville as it relates to staging and hours of operation to mitigate noise, traffic and other concerns.
4. The City of Hyattsville recommends the addition of outdoor bike storage for the proposed project by the applicant, given the property's proximity to the existing town center and public park. Outdoor bicycle storage on the exterior of the building would accommodate patrons of the proposed commercial use. Installation of the inverted-U racks or similar design would be preferred.
5. To promote long-term environmental sustainability and resource efficiency we encourage the applicant to integrate sustainable features to the final design.

**Considerations:**

1. Page 245 of TDDP notes that "Works of art, architectural enhancements and special landscape treatments should be located in areas where residents and visitors live, work, or congregated and should be highly visible and accessible." Therefore, the applicant should consider the addition of an outdoor public art feature to further enhance the public street scape.

Note: The applicant will need a permit from City of Hyattsville prior to work in Gallatin St., 43rd Ave and Farragut Street.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Attachments:** [2025-05-19 Mt Hermon Lodge PPS 4-24036 Memo.ju.pdf](#)  
[Consolidation Letter-4-24033](#)  
[CIVP-4-24033](#)  
[A-SOJ-4-24033](#)  
[20250521 BPIS for Mt Hermon Lodge](#)

**10.b. ARPA Budget Adjustments Approved, Unanimous.** [HCC-367-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the projects and amounts listed in Exhibit A, which reflects adjustments to 7 project budgets and moves \$219,000 from previously planned projects to FY25 General Fund Salaries.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Attachments:** [ARPA Update Presentation 05.30.2025.pptx](#)

**10.c. Acquisition of Property from Werrlein WSSC, LLC: Lower Lot, Suffrage Point** [HCC-370-FY25](#)

**Motion made by CM Denes, seconded by CM Schaible, to table the motion. Yes:3/No:7 The motion failed.**

**Motion made to pass the original motion made by Council President Solomon, seconded by CM Haba, to pass the original motion. Yes: 7/No:1/Abstain: 2 The motion was approved.**

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a sales agreement with Werrlein WSSC, LLC for the purchase of "outparcel 1" otherwise known as the Lower Lot, for an amount not to exceed \$6.5 million. The sales agreement will be subject to the below listed conditions and the review and approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

The sales agreement shall include the following conditions:

- The City's obtainment of the \$3.5M Greenspace Equity Program Grant to support the City's purchase of the property.
- The City's obtainment of two property appraisals.
- Authorization by Werrlein WSSC, LLC for the City to conduct a site survey, evaluation, and soil/core testing during the study period.
- The City will not pay closing costs for the property owner.
- Werrlein WSSC, LLC will complete the following site work prior to the sale:
  - o Installation of the connecting storm drain, stormwater management piping system
  - o Removal of the temporary stormwater sediment trap
  - o ~~Excavation, removal and disposal of dirt/soil~~
  - o Removal of the temporary berm between the lot and the park
  - o Grading, seeding, straw and stabilization of the lot.
  - o Work must be completed in compliance with all issued permits
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**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Administrator



- 10.d. **Hyattsville Ordinance 2025-03: Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (Second Reading and Adoption)** **Yes: 7/No: 0/Absent: 3 The motion was approved.** [HCC-358-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Ordinance 2025-03, an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for the general purpose, fixing the tax rates for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025; authorizing collection of taxes herein levied, and appropriating funds for the fiscal year (SECOND READING & ADOPTION).

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Finance

**Attachments:** [University Town Center Special Tax Report \(2025\).pdf](#)  
[10-Year Financial Forecast - Report 2025 \(1\).pdf](#)  
[2025.05.19 Hyattsville Ordinance 2025-03 Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.pdf](#)

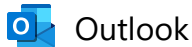
11. **Council Dialogue (1:45 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.)**

12. **Motion to Adjourn Sine Die**  
**Approved, Unanimous.**  
**The meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.**

**Attest: June 3, 2025**



Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk



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## Save the lower parcel! Protect open space!

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From Amanda Eisen <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com>

Date Mon 6/2/2025 9:53 AM

To [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

More than 20 years ago, the County Council voted, at the City's request, to rezone the lower WSSC parcel from residential to Open Space because it lies in the 100-year floodplain and should not be developed. The County Council made that decision when it adopted the Gateway Arts District Sector Plan on November 30, 2004. With our growing population, our shrinking tree canopy, and growing evidence all around us that climate change is bringing severe storms more frequently, the wisdom of the City's request and the County Council's November 2004 decision is even clearer. The City envisioned adding the land to what was then Magruder Park and what is now Driskell Park.

Even though the County Council unwisely rezoned the lower parcel to residential in 2019, Werrlein still lacks required land use and environmental approvals, and it cannot build on the lower parcel.

I urge the City to continue to endeavor to acquire the entire lower parcel, adding it to the Driskell Park, and making it green again for public use.

While I appreciate the City's efforts so far to negotiate a fair and reasonable purchase price, I urge the City continue working to secure the fairest deal possible for city taxpayers and to press Werrlein to sell the City the entire lower parcel, with substantial environmental remediation, for substantially less than the \$6.5 million that Werrlein is asking.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the community.

Sincerely,

Amanda Eisen & Paul & Stella Hrusa  
[REDACTED]



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**Lower parcel addition to Driskell Park**

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From DJ Owens [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 6/2/2025 4:11 AM  
To [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor and Council

Werrlein is trying to unload the lower parcel near Driskell Park that has become problematic for them and yet benefit their company at the taxpayers of Hyattsville's expense. Given the City's financial status and the current political & economic crisis the United States is experiencing, adding a debt of \$6.5 million is DEFINITELY QUESTIONABLE! I value parkland and open space but not by being ripped off by a greedy and questionable company.

More than 20 years ago, the County Council voted, at the City's request, to rezone the lower WSSC parcel from residential to Open Space because it lies in the 100-year floodplain and should not developed. The County Council made that decision when it adopted the Gateway Arts District Sector Plan on November 30, 2004. With our growing population, our shrinking tree canopy, and the growing evidence all around us that climate change is bringing more frequent severe storms, the wisdom of the City's request and the County Council's November 2004 decision is even clearer. The City envisioned adding the land to what was then Magruder Park and what is now Driskell Park.

Even though the County Council unwisely rezoned the lower parcel to residential in 2019, Werrlein still lacks required land use and environmental approvals, and it cannot build on the lower parcel.

While I appreciate the City's efforts so far to negotiate a fair and reasonable purchase price, I urge the City to continue working at securing the fairest deal possible for city taxpayers and to press Werrlein to sell the City the entire lower parcel, with substantial environmental remediation, for substantially less than the \$6.5 million that Werrlein is asking.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the community.

Donna Owens  
[REDACTED]  
Hyattsville, MD 20782  
[REDACTED]



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## Support for purchase of lower parce from Werrlein

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From Edgar B. Butt [REDACTED]

Date Sun 6/1/2025 9:21 PM

To [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor Crosln and members of the Hyattsville City Council,

I am a citizen of Hyattsville and I support the efforts of the city council to purchase the lower parcel of the former WSSC property from Werrlein at a fair price. I urge the council to have the property appraised to serve as a basis for negotiations.

Edgar Butt

[REDACTED]  
Hyattsville



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## Driskell Park HCC-370-2025

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**From** Ginger Deason [REDACTED]

**Date** Sun 6/1/2025 9:48 PM

**To** [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor and Council

It has come to my attention that the City Council will soon vote on HCC-370-2025, allowing for the City to purchase the lower parcel of Driskell Park from Werrlein. I strongly urge you to purchase the property and try to negotiate a lower price.

Since that parcel is in a floodplain and cannot be built on, and even more importantly, since the City Council voted over 20 years ago to rezone that parcel to Open Space and protect it, I urge you to act on that decision and protect it. It baffles my mind that Werrlein was even able to acquire it at all. We need more green space and park land here, not less. Please vote to purchase that land.

Also, while I appreciate the City's efforts so far to negotiate a fair and reasonable purchase price, I urge the City continue working to secure the fairest deal possible for city taxpayers and to press Werrlein to sell the City the entire lower parcel, with substantial environmental remediation, for substantially less than the \$6.5 million that Werrlein is asking

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the community.

Sincerely,

Ginger Deason  
[REDACTED]

Hyattsville, MD 20781



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## Support the purchase of the lower parcel

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From Helen Butt [REDACTED]

Date Sun 6/1/2025 8:32 PM

To [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor Croslin and Members of the City Council,

I urge the City to continue to endeavor to acquire the entire lower parcel of the former WSSC property, for the purpose of adding it to Driskell Park, and making it green for public use.

The \$6.5 million that Werrlein is asking is likely much more than what an appraised value of the property would be. I urge the City to continue to negotiate for a fair price.

Sincerely,  
Helen Butt

[REDACTED] Hyattsville, MD 20781  
[REDACTED]



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## Letter to Council

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**From** james ball [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 6/2/2025 7:10 AM  
**To** [REDACTED]

Dear Councilmembers,

I am formally submitting this letter to provide my full support of the Mt. Hermon Lodge Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, case #4-24033 and Certificate of Adequacy, case #2024-065, and request that the mayor and council provide verbal and/or written testimony before the Prince George's County Planning Board in support as well.

This development supports our community's priorities, particularly housing affordability and walkability. We face an ongoing housing shortage, and creating new, well-located homes is a critical step toward addressing affordability at its root. Approving this plan affirms our commitment to housing as a foundation of equitable access to our city.

Importantly, this development also aligns with our values as a walkable, connected community. Rather than investing further in car dependency and parking, we must demonstrate that we mean what we say. Encouraging residential and commercial growth on this site supports walking and biking in our community.

Thank you for supporting this thoughtful development of our downtown.

Sincerely,

James Darius Ball

(Oliver St)



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## Agenda Item HCC 370-2025

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From Wolf, Leah R [REDACTED]

Date Sun 6/1/2025 8:53 PM

To [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

June 2, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council

More than 20 years ago, the County Council voted, at the City's request, to rezone the lower WSSC parcel from residential to Open Space because it lies in the 100-year floodplain and should not be developed. The County Council made that decision when it adopted the Gateway Arts District Sector Plan on November 30, 2004. With our growing population, our shrinking tree canopy, and growing evidence all around us that climate change is bringing severe storms more frequently, the wisdom of the City's request and the County Council's November 2004 decision is even clearer. The City envisioned adding the land to what was then Magruder Park and what is now Driskell Park.

Even though the County Council unwisely rezoned the lower parcel to residential in 2019, Werrlein still lacks required land use and environmental approvals, and it cannot build on the lower parcel.

I urge the City to continue to endeavor to acquire the entire lower parcel, adding it to the Driskell Park, and making it green again for public use.

While I appreciate the City's efforts so far to negotiate a fair and reasonable purchase price, I urge the City continue working to secure the fairest deal possible for city taxpayers and to press Werrlein to sell the City the entire lower parcel, with substantial environmental remediation, for substantially less than the \$6.5 million that Werrlein is asking.

*We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to protect and preserve this land and add it to Driskell Park. Future generations of Hyattsvillians will thank you for doing so.*

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the community.

Sincerely,

*Leah R. Wolf*

Leah R. Wolf  
[REDACTED]

Hyattsville, MD 20781-2031





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**HCC 370-2025**

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**From** Martha Shrader [REDACTED]**Date** Mon 6/2/2025 9:21 AM**To** [REDACTED]**Cc** [REDACTED]

June 2, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council:

I urge the Council to work diligently to purchase the former lower WSSC parcel from Werrlein Properties at a fair and reasonable price for the city. Given past flooding conditions in this area and current flood projections for this property, it should remain open space in perpetuity and provide benefits for all community members - green space, stormwater mitigation, recreation space, additional native habitat, etc. As our community population density increases, spaces such as this MUST be protected from development.

More than 20 years ago, the County Council voted, at the City's request, to rezone the lower WSSC parcel from residential to Open Space because it lies in the 100-year floodplain and should not be developed. The County Council made that decision when it adopted the Gateway Arts District Sector Plan on November 30, 2004. With our growing population, our shrinking tree canopy, and growing evidence all around us that climate change is bringing severe storms more frequently, the wisdom of the City's request and the County Council's November 2004 decision is even clearer. The City envisioned adding the land to what was then Magruder Park and what is now Driskell Park.

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Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the community.

Sincerely,

Martha Shrader



Hyattsville, MD 20781



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(No subject)

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From Martha Woods [REDACTED]

Date Mon 6/2/2025 9:48 AM

To [REDACTED]

Good morning, Clerk,

I am writing to urge the City of Hyattsville to keep trying to acquire the entire lower WSSC parcel. It is still in a 100 year floodplain, regardless of the County's misguided decision to rezone the parcel in 2019. I feel strongly that the City should buy it and add it to Driskell Park. We have lost so many trees, the parcel would be a good spot to replace some.

And indeed Werrlein still lacks required land use and environmental approvals, and it cannot build on the lower parcel anyway.

While I appreciate the City's efforts so far to negotiate a fair and reasonable purchase price, I urge the City continue working to secure the fairest deal possible for city taxpayers and to press Werrlein to sell the City the entire lower parcel, with substantial environmental remediation, for substantially less than the \$6.5 million that Werrlein is asking.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the community.

Sincerely,

*Martha*

Martha Woods [REDACTED]

Hyattsville, MD 20782



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## Acquisition of Lower Parcel from Werrlein WSSC LLC

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From Tara Federici Mang [REDACTED]

Date Mon 6/2/2025 8:06 AM

To [REDACTED]

As long-time Hyattsville residents (over 30 years), we are writing to urge the City to make every effort possible to acquire the entire lower parcel of the Werrlein WSSC property which lies in a flood plain and should not be built on. The parcel should be added to Driskell Park for public use.

We encourage the city to work to obtain the parcel at the lowest price possible and to work toward having Werrlein LLC pay remediation costs.

Sincerely,  
Tara Mang  
Jeff Mang