

**EASTERN MARKET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

MINUTES

Attendance: Mike Bowers (for Bill Glasgow); Nikki Dean Brown; Chuck Burger, Chair; Jackie Krieger, Vice Chair; Susan Oursler, Treasurer; Brian Pate; and Jerry Sroufe. Monte Edwards, Secretary, and Anita Jefferson arrived after the meeting began.

The regular meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC) was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 7:00 P.M., in person in the North Hall and via Zoom. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of January 28, 2026, were approved as distributed.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Susan Oursler reported that there has been no financial activity.

Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that he has drafted a letter regarding the Rumsey Aquatic Center project to circulate to EMCAC members.

The Chair also reported that the Executive Committee discussed examining the process used by the Department of General Services Ombudsman. The Chair moved that, with an email distribution list of vendors supplied by the Market Manager, (1) the Tenants Council produce a report to EMCAC of (a) how many vendors know of ombudsman process and (b) what the vendors' experience is with the Office of the Ombudsman, and (2) the report be referred to and analyzed by the Subcommittee on Operations. The motion was adopted.

Report of the Subcommittee on Operations

Ms. Oursler, Chair of the Subcommittee on Operations, presented a written report, which is attached to these minutes.

The Chair moved that the Subcommittee on Operations undertake the development of a list of nominees for EMCAC to consider for appointment to the Subcommittee on Application Advisory Review. The motion was adopted.

Report of the Market Manager

Brian Pate read the written report of Market Manager Barry Margeson, which is attached to these minutes.

Report of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Safety

Jackie Krieger, a member of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Safety, presented a written report, which is attached to these minutes.

Report of the Tenants Council

Anita Jefferson, Chair of the Tenants Council, presented a written report, which is attached to these minutes.

Community Comments and Concerns

Amy Marx, a long-time vendor at Eastern Market, commented on two vendors being banned from Eastern Market and suggested an outside mediator for vendor disputes.

Kem Ramirez commented on continued difficulty in having access to information regarding EMCAC meetings and issues before EMCAC.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 P.M.

Monte Edwards, Secretary

Operations Committee Report
February 25, 2026

The Operations Committee met on January 27, 2026. The following members were present: Susan Oursler, Mike Bowers, Dana McCallum, and Jeffrey Zippin. Barry Margeson was present for part of the meeting.

The Committee met primarily to discuss market repairs. Barry stated that the market has a new facilities manager, and that it was not possible to obtain a meeting with DGS facilities staff due to the ice and snow storm.

The Committee discussed better tracking of work orders because it would be helpful to have statistics on repairs.

The Committee asked Barry if he had an update on the Facility Condition Report which was originally scheduled for August or September of 2025.

*Since the Operations Committee meeting, Barry has reported that he has been told that the FCA will definitely be conducted this year.

*Barry also reported that one of the toilet repairs had been accomplished.



Eastern Market Manager’s Report to the EMCAC

Feb 25, 2026

Hi All,

I am on annual leave this week and will not be able to attend this evening’s EMCAC meeting. Thank you to the EMCAC, our merchants, vendors, staff, and customers who support Eastern Market with your time, volunteer hours, creativity, hard work, ingenuity, persistence, etc, etc, etc. It is you, who make Eastern Market the wonderful, magical place that it is.

Thank you for all that you do!

Barry Margeson

FY26

Revenues:

Row Labels	Oct-2025	Nov-2025	Dec-2025	Jan-2026	Grand Total
OTHER REVENUE FROM 300 BLOCK	5,819.43	8,769.08	6,656.31	418.58	21,663.40
OTHER REVENUE FROM APPLICATION FEES	70.00	350.00	173.68	70.00	663.68
OTHER REVENUE FROM ATMS			2,519.40	918.84	3,438.24
OTHER REVENUE FROM FLEA MARKET			9,318.00		9,318.00
OTHER REVENUE FROM NORTH HALL	2,900.00	17,275.00	66,650.00	46,650.00	133,475.00
INTEREST INCOME		2,137.82	925.79	966.19	4,029.80
OTHER REVENUE FROM OUTDOOR VENDORS	9,235.53	16,203.88	22,736.51	11,607.04	59,782.96
OTHER REVENUE FROM SOUTH HALL		6,397.06	63,273.84	23,185.17	92,856.07
OTHER REVENUE FROM TUESDAY FARMERS	80.00	80.00	3,728.17	492.07	4,380.24
OTHER REVENUE FROM WEEKEND FARMERS	7,149.45	11,083.47	10,470.48	1,319.45	30,022.85
RENTALS - OTHER		2,000.00	2,000.00		0.00
Grand Total	25,254.41	64,296.31	184,452.18	85,627.34	359,630.24

Revenues at this time last fiscal year were \$310,000.

Expenses:

Row Labels	Oct-2025	Nov-2025	Dec-2025	Jan-2026	Grand Total
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - OTHER				4,600.00	4,600.00
ELECTRICITY		304.97	9,987.31		10,292.28
OCCUPANCY FIXED COSTS			980.00		980.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT				4,971.89	4,971.89
PERSONNEL SERVICES	37,974.68	39,890.57	40,310.18	41,567.11	159,742.54
P-CARD CLEARING ACCOUNT				0.00	0.00
Grand Total	37,974.68	40,195.54	51,277.49	51,139.00	180,586.71

Capital Improvements

Internal & External Projects

Bollards – No guidelines yet but it does sound as though progress is being made.

Door hardware, shed electrical, shed drainage, etc

SOW's will be put out for bid in a single project. We have a preliminary estimate as to how much this will cost and are getting the price confirmed.

Hot Water Piping

The RFP was put out and the walk through took place today.

Condition Assessment Report

According to the Contracting Officer for this project, it will be completed this fiscal year.

Operations:

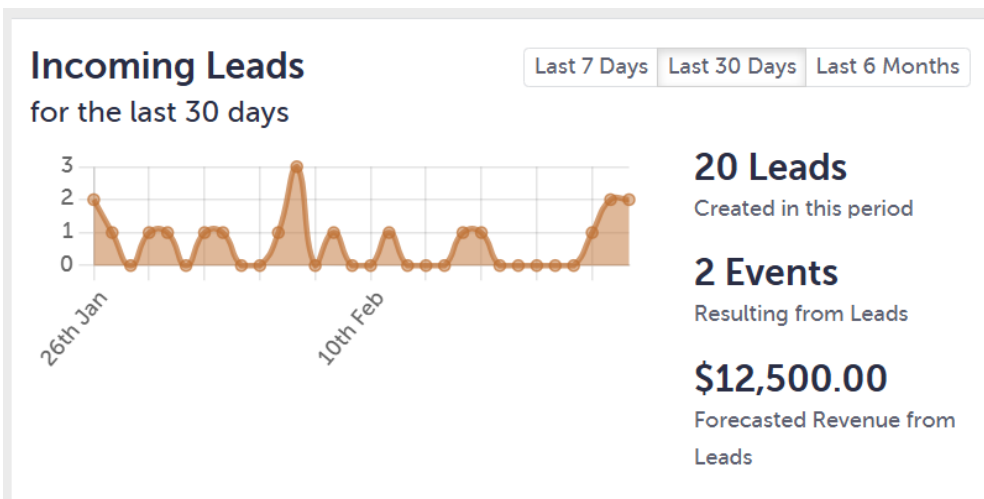
Facilities:

Work Orders: I'll be talking individually with the various folks who have a role in the work order process to determine whether there might be some opportunities to improve this process. There are work orders in for parts to two (of four) air handler units in basement that are not heating properly. One needs a new motor and the other needs the motor housing to be replaced.

Security:

- The Eastern Market Emergency Response Plan video is now required viewing for vendors and merchants, and so far, 25 vendors have watched. The video will need to be viewed in advance of the Spring Season which begins at the beginning of April.
- All Eastern Market doors (except exterior of the main doors on the 7th Street side) have been numbered and that numbering program will be added to the map that is a part of the ERP.

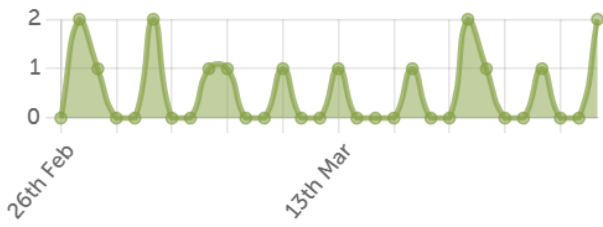
North Hall



Upcoming Events

Next 7 Days Next 30 Days Next 6 Months

for the next 30 days



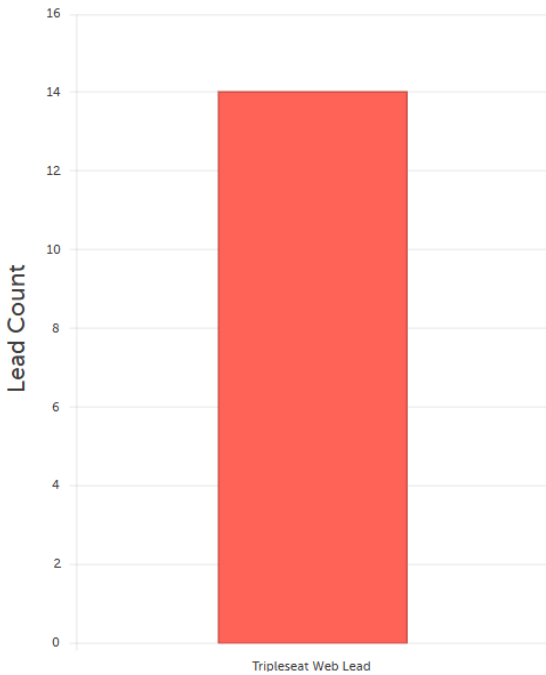
16 Events

Definite/Closed Status

\$8,650.00

Expected Revenue from Events

Leads By Source



Name	Date	Event Actual	Event Grand Total
Big Barn Puppets' Tuesdays - February 2026	2/3/2026	\$400.00	\$400.00
Comcast NBCUniversal "Legendary February" DC Kickoff SET-UP	2/3/2026	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
Comcast NBCUniversal "Legendary February" DC Kickoff	2/4/2026		
Boogie Thursdays - February 2026	2/5/2026		
Aerobic Fitness	2/6/2026		
Big Barn Puppets' Fridays - February 2026	2/6/2026	\$400.00	\$400.00
Washington DC Youth Rugby Fundraiser 2026	2/6/2026	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
DC Rawhides Country Dancing	2/7/2026		
Big Barn Puppets' Tuesdays	2/10/2026		
Main Street America Reception	2/10/2026	\$4,850.00	\$4,850.00
Aerobic Fitness	2/11/2026		
FIT4MOM	2/11/2026		
Aerobic Fitness	2/13/2026		
Big Barn Puppets' Fridays	2/13/2026		
Big Barn Puppets' Tuesdays	2/17/2026		
Aerobic Fitness	2/18/2026		
FIT4MOM	2/18/2026		
Aerobic Fitness	2/20/2026		
Big Barn Puppets' Fridays	2/20/2026		
MedStar EP Holiday Gala	2/20/2026	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
DC Rawhides Country Dancing	2/21/2026		
State(s) of the Union: For the People, Not Billionaires	2/23/2026	\$7,650.00	\$7,650.00
Big Barn Puppets' Tuesdays	2/24/2026		
Aerobic Fitness	2/25/2026		
FIT4MOM	2/25/2026		
Aerobic Fitness	2/27/2026		
Big Barn Puppets' Fridays	2/27/2026		
LOVE THAT CARES Health and Wellness Fair	2/28/2026	\$950.00	\$1,450.00
Grand Total		\$34,850.00	\$35,350.00

Marketing and events:

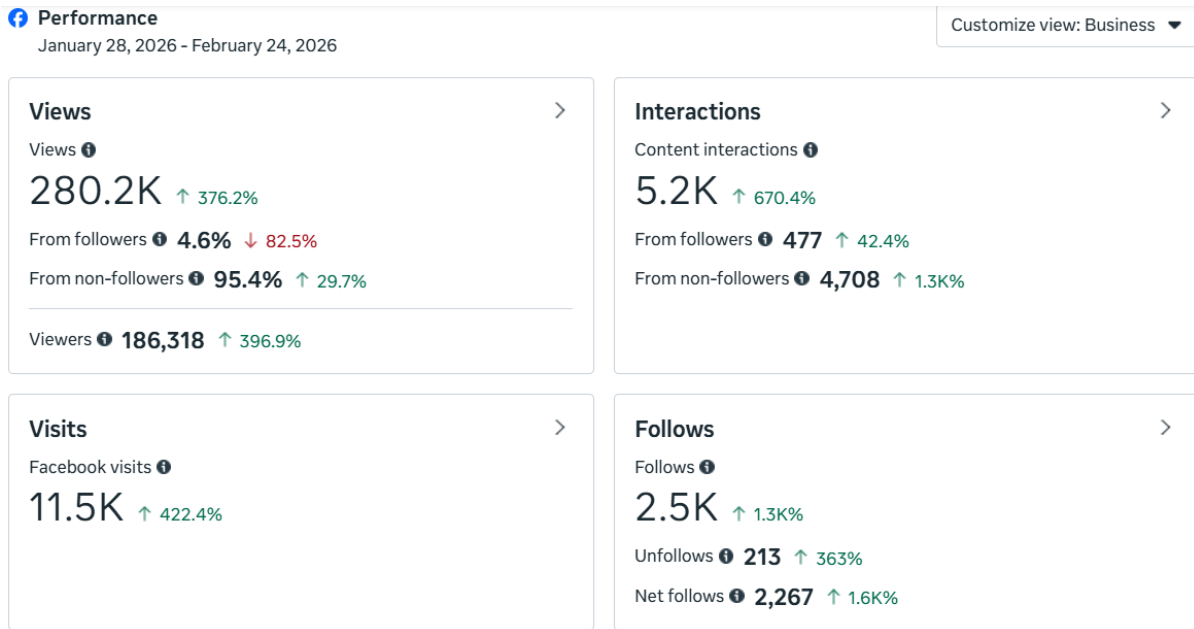
As you may remember, most of the cherry blossom activations over the past years were thanks to the Eastern market Main Street: The two years of significant cherry blossom activations took place in 2023 and 2024 for the 150th with funding from the **Capitol Hill Community Foundation** one year and **Events DC** the next year. Unfortunately, there is little money this fiscal year for Cherry Blossom events and there will be minimal promotions. We WILL be looking at the decorations that remain from those prior years and depending on their conditions, Kevin and I will put them in place for as much time as we feasibly can of the festival timeframe that runs from March 20-April 12. How much of the time they go up for will depend on the number of events that want them/don't want them and our availability and capacity to put them up.

Social Media

Facebook

Followers: 48.1k - > 51.1k

Last 28 days: 280k views



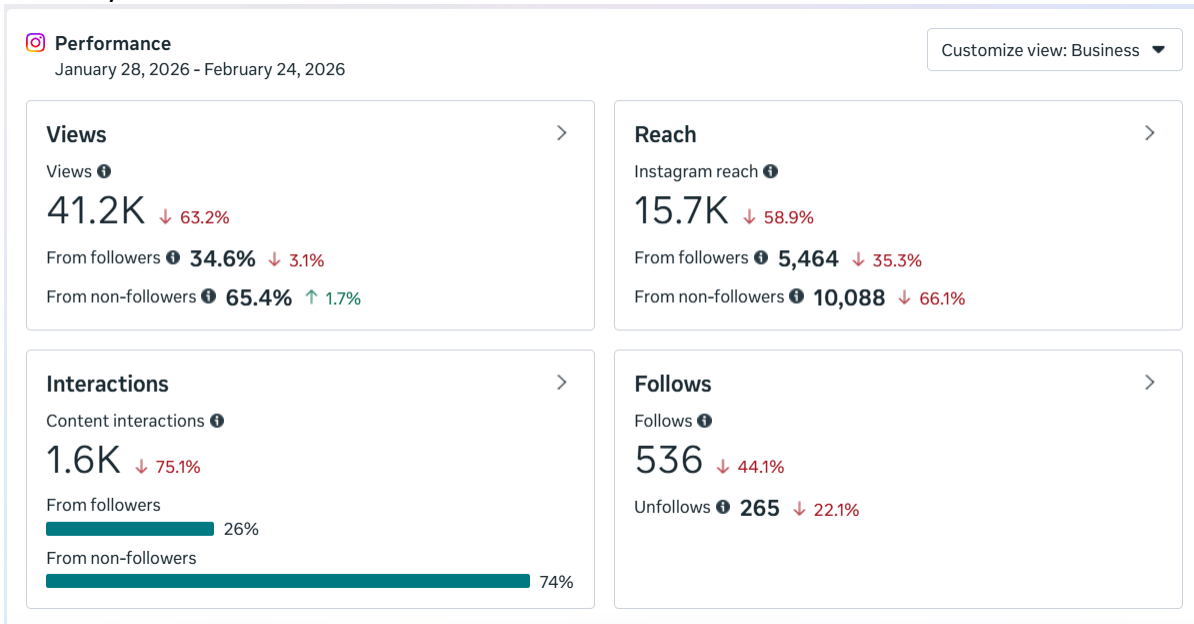
Instagram

Compared to last report:

Followers: 38.1k -> 38.3k

January: 117k views

February: 41.2k views



Tiktok

Compared to last report:

Followers: 7,530 -> 7,548

Likes: 155.1k -> 155.3k

Last 28 days: 9,939 views

New Vendors

Katrina met with the Advisory Review Subcommittee and reviewed all of the vendors that we introduced you to last meeting and have confirmed all but two of them. We'll be discussing those last two and making a final decision on whether to admit them or not.

Thank you!

All the vendors who've been showing up during the post-holiday season and to the vendors and merchants who have taken the time to watch the ERP video.

Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC)
Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee Report
February 19, 2026
Location: 350 7th Street SE

In Attendance:

Samuel Pastore, Chair
Jackie Kreiger
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Public Safety Overview

The Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee met to review ongoing safety initiatives at Eastern Market, with focus on the EMIT volunteer program, bollards and perimeter security, and Emergency Response Plan implementation.

Friends of Eastern Market (FOM) / EMIT Program

The Committee reviewed current volunteer presence and operational coordination.

Volunteer coverage continues during market operations. Work is underway to standardize vests, badges, and identification to ensure volunteers are clearly recognizable and aligned with Market operations.

The Committee expects to schedule a working meeting with Barry to formalize Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for EMIT. That meeting will focus on:

- Defining how EMIT and Market management can work hand in hand operationally
- Clarifying communication and reporting protocols
- Determining whether EMIT can receive a daily vendor list to assist with visitor wayfinding
- Establishing appropriate coordination boundaries

The Committee will also request, in a private setting, access to the Market's security personnel protocol to ensure EMIT alignment while maintaining confidentiality and overall security integrity.

The Committee emphasized that EMIT's long-term effectiveness depends on clear structure, defined roles, and consistent collaboration with Market leadership.

Bollards & Perimeter Security

Bollards remain a core life-safety priority.

The Committee is requesting:

- An update on the Rumsey plan and how it will interact with the existing or proposed bollard plan
- Clarification on whether the Rumsey planning team and bollard planners are coordinating and aware of one another's work
- A description of temporary safety measures during any Rumsey project transition or construction phase
- Information on the review process for the Rumsey plan
- Identification of who is drafting, approving, and overseeing that plan

Additionally, the Committee is requesting a status update regarding:

- The anticipated meeting with Homeland Security and relevant stakeholders
- Any progress updates from Councilmember Charles Allen's office related to bollard implementation

The Committee underscored the need for interagency coordination, transparency, and clearly defined timelines.

Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

The Committee reviewed progress on Emergency Response Plan implementation.

- Training updates were discussed
- Signage and door numbering status was reviewed
- Coordination with the Fire Marshal and DGS continues
- Remaining gaps are being identified and addressed

The Committee reaffirmed that signage clarity, training consistency, and coordinated agency communication are foundational to operational readiness.

Action Items

- Schedule working session with Barry to finalize EMIT SOP
- Request private review of security personnel protocol
- Seek formal Rumsey plan update and integration details

- Request status update on Homeland Security stakeholder meeting
- Follow up with Councilmember Allen's office regarding bollard timeline

February Tenants Council Agenda Items for discussion

- Reclaiming the Enterprise fund as non-comingled fund (how to undo the latest change by DC Government to sweep our balance into District funds.
- Post Mortem on Snowstorm. Review snow plan, revise and adjust. Define where EMkt falls on the priority list for DGS during outlier large snow events. Ice chunks falling , missing grate on C st.
- DPR Rumsey renovation
- Lightning rods on all three of the vent caps of the North Hall in disrepair
- Best Practices for events – post mortem on each of the December events
- Master Product list update
- Vendor Churn
- Barry to update us on each of the 13 action items from January TC prior to EMCAC meeting for discussion.

Based on the meeting transcript, here are the Action Items:

1. Barry will text Judy to schedule a Main Street promotions committee meeting regarding Cherry Blossom planning. [I spoke with Judy from the Main Street. There will be minimal promotions this year from the Main Street for the Cherry Blossom Festival. The two years of significant cherry blossom activations took place in 2023 and 2024 for the 150th with funding from the Capitol Hill Community Foundation one year and Events DC the next year. There is little money this fiscal year for Cherry Blossom events. We WILL be looking at the decorations that remain from those prior years and depending on their conditions, Kevin and I will put them in place for as much time as we feasibly can of the festival timeframe that runs from March 20-April 12. How much of the time they go up for will depend on the number of events that want them/don't want them and our availability and capacity to put them up.](#)
2. Barry will set up a meeting with facilities people to resolve the seatless toilet issue in the women's restroom. [All toilets now have seats. The issue was resolved.](#)

3. Barry will speak with Dean (boiler room operator) about the heating issues and cold temperatures in the market. [Two parts needed replacing and they are on order. I'll check for an ETA.](#)
4. Barry will reach out to the backup person regarding heating system issues when Dean is unavailable. [There were two key people out at the same time. I reached out to their supervisor and he was able to help push things along.](#)
5. Barry and Katrina will conduct specific conversations with vendors about foot traffic and sales for November, December, and January, focusing on both inside and outside vendors who have been there 5+ years. [Katrina has begun this and will continue.](#)
6. Barry will look at past years' vendor attendance data for January and the holiday season.
 - [1679 distinct vendors attended from Nov 1, 2024 to Jan 31, 2025](#)
 - [1772 distinct vendors attended from Nov 1, 2025 to Jan 31, 2026](#)
 - [Year to year increase of 5.5%.](#)
 - ["Distinct vendors" means that the algorithm did not count how many stands the Dunham's had on December 12th, for example. The Dunham's just showed up as one vendor attending on December 12. And so on for all of our vendors. TC does not believe this answers the question asked about less vendors setting up outdoors in January](#)
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7. Barry will send out an email to vendors about the idling policy and what to do if non-vendors are idling. [Done.](#)
8. Barry will look at Susan's (Market Poultry) display case that was dented and discuss with electrical workers on Friday. [Looked at this and put Susan in touch with the contractors.](#)
9. Barry and team will consider extending the winter rate to the beginning of March instead of mid-February. [We will follow through with this. All of February will be winter rates. TC was requesting thru Mid March as winter weather continues](#)
10. Barry will send an email by 5:30 AM Sunday regarding whether the market will be open due to the snowstorm, and post this information on the website. [Done.](#)
11. Barry will investigate the issue of someone giving away cupcakes (food product) without proper licensing. [Still to be discussed with vendor. We will address in the next week or two.](#)
12. Barry will remind all vendors about the process for adding new products to their approved product lines. [Revising the first draft of this email for clarity.](#)
13. Barry will consider color-coding certain spaces on Market Spread near handicap ramps as reminders about proper setup procedures. [This has been done. It can be seen on past winter maps \(you can look on the website\) and will show up on future ones. See below screenshot.](#)
14. Sola will send out an email (or have Anita send one) about scheduling an AARC meeting for Thursday next week to review applications.

