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Rep. Liz Cheney, the panel's vice chair, said it had notified the Justice Department that Trump had contacted the witness who has yet to appear in public.

"We will take any effort to influence witness testimony very seriously," said Cheney, a Wyoming Republican.

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A Trump spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Justice Department spokesman Anthony Coley declined to comment when asked if the department was investigating the call.

The hearing Tuesday was the seventh for the Jan. 6 committee, which is portraying the defeated Trump as "detached from reality," clinging to false claims of voter fraud and working feverishly to reverse his election defeat. It all led to his "be there, will be wild" tweet summoning supporters to Washington.

The panel delved into a critical three weeks of secret planning in the run-up to the Capitol attack and heard remorseful testimony from an Ohio father who believed Trump's election lies and answered the defeated president's tweet to come to Washington. The panel also heard from a former spokesman for the extremist Oath Keepers

who warned of the far-right group's ability for violence.

"I think we need to quit mincing words about just talk. ... What it was going to be was an armed revolution," said Jason Van Tatenhove. "I mean, people died that day."

Tuesday's session focused in part on December 2020, a time when many Republicans were moving on from the November election Trump lost to Joe Biden. Testimony brought out details of a late night Dec. 18 meeting at the White House with Trump's private lawyers suggesting he order the U.S. military to seize state voting machines in an unprecedented effort to pursue his false claims of voter fraud.

The panel featured new video testimony from Pat Cipollone, Trump's White House counsel at the time, recalling the explosive meeting when Trump's outside legal team brought a draft executive order to seize the states' voting machines — a "terrible idea," Cipollone said.

"That's not how we do things in the United States," he testified.

Another former White House aide, Cassidy Hutchinson, called the meeting "unhinged" in separate video testimony.

Cipollone and other White House officials scrambled to intervene as Trump met late into the night with attorneys Sidney Powell and Rudy Giuliani, retired national security aide Michael Flynn and the former head of the online retail company Overstock. It erupted in shouting and screaming, another aide testified.

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rooftop solar installation.

Other Clean Energy Fund projects include an initiative under the city's Heat Response Program to install 15,000 portable cooling units to vulnerable residents.

"It was all wonderful, and then we got to see 'ok, where's the missing pieces? What about the city of Portland? What are your guys' resources? How can we tap into more than just one — do you all know what each other is doing?" Roberts said. "So it spurred the other city bureaus talking amongst one another, and it was because we asked, how can we connect, instead of running around from this bureau to that bureau? We wanted to create this chain reaction, so (homeowners) find out if you can also qualify for one thing, you can also qualify for this and this. And it wasn't just for us — what about those homeowners who aren't connected with us? Good things came out of that project."

She added, "We were figuring out ways that they could be more stream-

lined to address the needs of African Americans. The vision is the same right now with everyone, it's pretty much equity and inclusion, so it's like, how do you really make that happen?"

“We helped save the home and that generational wealth

Deferred Maintenance

AAAH is a nonprofit that provides services for first-time homebuyers, as well as homeowners at risk of foreclosure. The organization also provides free estate planning and home retention counseling.

"We don't have funds to help everyone with a ticket price of \$12,000, but we can help you with a matched savings program," Roberts said. "We're combining these resources, stacking them together to make it possible. All homeowners have to do is save their money and we help with the process, project

**Center to be Affordable Housing Hub**

The Portland Metropolitan Workforce Training Center (PMWTC)—currently under construction in the Cully neighborhood of Northeast Portland—is an excellent example of a project that will help solve the housing issue. PMWTC will include 84 affordable housing units and other supportive services to be accessed by surrounding communities. The college partnered with Home Forward to develop and manage the affordable housing community at this site, with substantial help from NAVA and Living Cully. The affordable housing building, adjacent to the PMWTC, will feature larger units that can accommodate families with children, as well as roommates, and will have units set aside for families involved in the foster care system.

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I'll talk to anybody from Oregon. So when I started my conversations, it was about my home state, which I love. But I think when I learned that it was a foundation committed to advancing opportunity across the state, advancing opportunity in both rural and urban areas, that appealed to me because those have been really my life's work — real solutions to advancing opportunity. And when I learned what OCF had been doing at a hard time in our state, working across the pandemic, working on issues of housing, working after the fires, being a resource for the state in a powerful way, that really appealed to me.

Working in every county in Oregon is very rare. What struck me about OCF was having a staff that's resident throughout the state, not just trying to do everything from Portland.

What struck me about the OCF was its nimbleness in a pandemic, that when people weren't even in the office, (OCF) was still being a strong partner to state govern-

ment. And what struck me about it was its breadth. Working on issues of housing, but also funding musical instruments for kids. Those are some early impressions I had — breadth of work and exciting history of partnership.

“My optimism is not unfounded

TSN: You are the daughter of an immigrant. How has that influenced your professional trajectory?

LM: My dad was from Ghana, and he came to Oregon in the 1950s, before Ghana was even independent. I think the first influence was that my dad was very visionary, and he knew that very few people get a chance to make big changes, and I think he instilled in all of us siblings that urgency to use what you're given to really improve the world. And he said that's actually why he chose engineering. He was an Oregon State Beaver, and he was an engineer. He said engineers help

make the world better.

And so I got a heavy dose of "take nothing for granted" and "make the world better."

But I also lived in Ghana as a child, and I think I've had an abiding interest in questions of development. Who is poor and why? Because it's been around me. Not everybody gets dealt the same hand, and that's true globally and that's true within our country. It gave me a real hunger to work on the deep solutions to inequality and poverty.

TSN: How did you go from working in banking to serving as the undersecretary of rural development under Obama?

LM: My experience in banking and the whole side of it that I did at the Ford Foundation — which was really investing in rural communities by supporting lending organizations — was actually the perfect background for that side of the agriculture department.

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management, making sure we go step by step for what they need."

And in implementing new programs like Clean Energy, the organization has discovered what a prevalent issue deferred maintenance is.

"We offer free energy assessments," Roberts said, "and so in that, and the Water Leak program, we find we open up a can of worms. When you talk to a homeowner in need, they may come to you for a water leak, but I always ask them what other issues they're concerned about. And sure enough there's always more."

Roberts estimates that of the homes they've served, only about 10% would be ready for the addition of solar upgrades.

"Deferred maintenance has become a priority for us because again, there's no sense putting solar on a home that has what I call leaks — that doesn't have insulation, that has bad windows. It's just defeating your purpose. So we have to take care of that first. I know we

did not think it was so prevalent, but we had to go back to PCEF and say hey, we're not going to make our goal (for the solar program) this year."

She added, "When you talk about energy efficiency, it's more than putting in a water heater, it's more than putting on solar."

Using PCEF funds to support clean energy, the organization has been able to upgrade homes and move toward greater energy efficiency.

"Some people are still working with oil furnaces," Roberts said. "We know we've got to get rid of that. It's not only polluting the air, polluting yourself, polluting the home, but it's also expensive to maintain. We've been able to install energy efficient replacements. We don't want to say you have to then get electric or solar heat, if you want the comfort of your gas heater. We'll gladly help you, but we're going to help you install an efficient one."

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