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Good morning. I'm very pleased to (1) ……. a little about two exciting new developments in the city: the Brackenside Open-Air Swimming Pool and the children's Adventure Playground in Central Park. As many of you may know, the (2) ……. came from you, the public, in (3) ……. which the City Council conducted last year. And they have been realised using money from the SWRDC - the South West Regional Development Commission.

First of all, Brackenside Pool. As many of the older members of the audience will remember, there used to be (4) ……. on the sea front 30 years ago but it had to close when it was judged to be unsafe. For the design of this new heated pool, we were very happy to secure the (5)…….Ellen Wendon, who has managed to combine a charming 1930s design, which fits in so well with many of the other buildings in the area, with up-to-the-minute features such as a recycling system - the only one of its kind in the world - which (6) ……. in the pool.

Now, there has been quite a bit of discussion in the local press about whether there would be enough room for the number of visitors we're hoping to attract, but the design is deceptive and there have been (7) ……. Also, just in case you were wondering, we're on schedule for a June 15th opening (8) ……: a testimony to the excellent work of local contractors Hickman's.

We hope that as many people as possible will be there on June 15th. We (9)…… ……. Coral White to declare the pool open and there'll be drinks and snacks available at the pool side. There'll also be a competition for the public to (10) ……. we plan to have at the entrance: you will decide which famous historical figure from the city we should have.

And now, moving on to the Central Park Playground, which we're pleased to announce has just won the Douglas Award for safety: (11)……. …….

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only last week. The unique design is based on the concept of the Global Village, with the playground being divided into six areas showing different parts of the world- each (12) ……. For example, there is a section on Asia, and this is represented by rides and equipment in the shape of snakes, orang-utans, tigers and so on – fauna native to the forests of the region. Moving south to the Antarctic – we couldn't (13)…… ……. I'm afraid but opted instead for climbing blocks in the shape of mountains - I thought they could have had slides for the glaciers but the designers did want to (14) ……. ! Then on to South America - and here the theme is El Dorado - games replicating the search for mines full of precious stones. And then moving up to North America, here (15)…… ……. - I know the contribution of cinema and jazz was considered but the designers finally opted for rockets and the International Space Station. Eastwards to Europe then, and perhaps (16)…… ……. of all the areas: medieval castles and other fortifications. Then last, but not least, moving south to Africa and a whole set of (17)…… ……to represent the great rivers of this fascinating and varied continent.

Now, the opening date for our Global Playground is 10th July. And again we'd love to see you there - so make a date and come and see this magnificent, (18)…… ……. in the heart of the city.

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