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Subject: College Park/University Heights Advisory Board's Recommendation for District Expansion

At the June 1, 2005 College Park/University Heights Advisory Board meeting the Board enthusiastically supported the expansion of the College Park/University Heights district to include the study area. Prior to approval, the Board reviewed the Blight Findings prepared by consultants HHI (Herbert-Halback, Inc.) and Real Estate Research Consultants (RERC). Given the substantial blight in the study area and the impact of this blight on the current district, the Advisory Board approached this area as an opportunity to further accomplish their vision for the College Park/University Heights district.

If approved, the expansion area will be included in the updated College Park/University Heights Redevelopment Plan update, which is currently underway. The timing of this potential expansion with the needed update of the Plan (last updated in 1995) will allow for a comprehensive plan to be developed to attain the character and quality in College Park and University Heights desired by the Advisory Board.