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Funding for Proposed CRA District Blight Findings Report (B)

On November 3, 2004, the College Park/University Heights (CPUH) Advisory Board voted to recommend exploring the area bounded by Southwest Depot Avenue, Southwest 16th Avenue, Southwest 6th Street, and South Main Street for inclusion in the CPUH district; and to remove the Little Gandy Area (bounded by Southwest Depot Avenue, Southwest 16th Avenue, Southwest 16th Street, and Southwest 13th Street) from the study area. Herbert-Halback, Inc. (HHI), the consultant doing the study, recommended the boundary change after preliminary data collection and analysis indicated that the originally proposed boundaries may not meet State law requirements for a CRA district boundary expansion.

On November 15, 2004, the CRA approved the boundary change for the study area, and on November 22, 2004, the boundary change was approved by the City Commission.

As a result of the boundary change, the consultant incurred additional expenses associated with meetings, data collection and analysis. Those expenses, totaling \$6,294.32, are described in more detail in the backup materials. Adding a 10% contingency of \$629.43 would increase the total to \$6,923.75.

The change in the proposed boundaries will not affect the cost of revising the redevelopment plan.

Up to \$60,000 for the blight study was budgeted in the general fund and has rolled over from the prior fiscal year. From that amount, \$31,540 was approved for the study, based on the approved bid. Therefore, there are sufficient funds budgeted, but not yet specifically approved for this item.

The City Commission approve \$6,923.75 for additional expenses associated with the change in the proposed blight findings study boundaries.