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### Redevelopment Plan Amendment for the Inclusion of Green Building Concepts in the College Park/University Heights Area (B)

On February 19, 2007, the CRA requested each district board to consider incorporating language related to green building and energy efficiency into each district's Redevelopment Plan. Environmentally friendly construction, or "green building" as it is often called, aims to achieve sustainability by incorporating principles, techniques and materials that conserve natural resources and improve environmental quality throughout a building's entire life-cycle. The College Park/University Heights Redevelopment Plan currently does not address this issue and therefore requires amendments to ensure that green building and the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System (or equivalent) certification is well supported. This action is necessary to include incentive programs and building projects, and to include green building and energy efficiency requirements for all College Park/University Heights CRA projects, whether through investment or tax increment recapture. At the March 7, 2007 meeting, the College Park/University Heights Advisory Board approved this concept and asked staff to incorporate language in the district's Redevelopment Plan such that green building concepts, energy efficiency, and LEED (or equivalent) certification are well supported in that document. Staff subsequently drafted proposed language supporting green buildings to be included in the College Park/University Heights Redevelopment Plan. These amendments are located in the "Redevelopment Objectives and Initiative" section of the document. Language supporting green building practices and energy efficiency has been incorporated into district-wide general goals. A copy of the revised "Redevelopment Plan & Implementation" chapter of the College Park/University Heights Redevelopment Plan is included as backup; additions to the text related to green building concepts are highlighted.

None

Executive Director to the CRA: 1) Authorize the amendment of the Redevelopment Plan for the College Park/University Heights Expansion District to include the "green building" standards requirements as shown in the draft copy of the amended plan (attached as backup.)