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### Zamia Design Proposal for Design of University Avenue Medians (B)

Last month, CRA staff requested proposals from landscape architecture firms for designing two sets of roadway medians. The first set consists of three medians in the Eastside District on East University Avenue and SE Hawthorne Road, and the second consists of five medians on West University Avenue in the College Park/University Heights District. The scope of work consisted of meetings with FDOT, design, construction documents, irrigation system feasibility, and construction observation. Buford Davis and Associates and Zamia Design submitted proposals. Upon review of the proposals, there were discrepancies in the amount of work proposed by the firms, which made it difficult to compare the proposals. The costs varied greatly as a result of the different scopes with Zamia at \$4,400 and Buford Davis at \$23,280. In June, staff presented these proposals to the CPUH advisory board. With the Zamia proposal, the portion of these costs allocated to CPUH would have been \$2,700 inclusive of fees and reimbursable expenses, and \$12,890 with Buford Davis. CPUH asked staff to go back to the firms and request they fine tune their estimates and provide new proposals.

Staff requested new proposals on June 12th from the original firms as well as a third, JOLA, Inc., with added clarification to the scope of work and a more transparent breakdown of costs. The scope consisted of the work tasks described in the above paragraph and an optional site survey task. The firms were given the opportunity to bid on each set of medians either as individual projects or combined into one project.

The firms were asked to specify the number of hours and costs for each of the work tasks and the firm's hourly rate for additional services.

One proposal was received on the submittal deadline, June 19, 2007. Zamia Design proposed a combined project cost of \$8,820 plus up to \$300 in reimbursable expenses for a total of \$9,120. On June 21st, the ERAB approved its portion of the costs for its medians not to exceed \$3,765. The CPUH portion of the proposal increased \$2,655 due to the addition of optional site surveying (\$1,500) and according to Zamia Design, revised fee estimates resulting from a more thorough assessment of the level of effort needed to complete the design. On July 11th, the CPUH Board approved its costs for the project not to exceed \$5,355.

The Eastside currently has budgeted \$154,817 in the East University Avenue Median account (621-790-W914-5520), and College Park University Heights has \$100,000 budgeted in the Primary Corridors-University Avenue Medians account (618-790-W724-5520).

Executive Director to the CRA: 1) Approve in concept the Zamia Design proposal for roadway median design not to exceed \$9,120 with costs to be divided between CPUH and ERAB in the amounts of \$5,355 and \$3,765 respectively; and 2) authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and execute a contract with Zamia Design.