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NW 1st Avenue Streetscape: Project Update (B)

NW 1st Avenue, between NW 16th Street and NW 20th Street, is an important mixed-use corridor located a block away from the University of Florida and the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The NW 1st Avenue Streetscape project has been a top priority Community Initiative for the College Park / University Heights (CPUH) redevelopment area, and is part of the District's approved work plan and budget.

The vision and design goals of the project are to transform NW 1st Avenue into a welcoming, well-functioning and safer mixed-use street, catering to the wide variety of stakeholders and their needs. Street renovation began in January on the 1600 and 1900 blocks.

To complement the street improvements and encourage local stakeholders to improve their sites and building facades, 3 time-limited façade improvement incentive programs were launched in summer 2016 for the Midtown area. Program included the Midtown Architectural Assistance Program (applications were accepted between August 1, 2016 and November 15, 2016), Midtown Façade Grant Program (applications accepted between August 1, 2016 and March 1, 2017), and Midtown Residential Paint Program (applications accepted between August 1, 2016 and March 1, 2017). Thus far, eleven properties have taken advantage of these programs. To provide opportunity for additional properties to gain from these incentives, Staff recommends extending the Midtown Façade Grant Program and Midtown Residential Paint Program application acceptance date to June 1, 2017, with the requirement of all approved improvements to commence work by September 1, 2017, and complete by August 31, 2018. The CPUH Advisory Board approved the extension of time at the Board's February 1st meeting.

None.

CRA Executive Director to CRA Board: Approve the extension of the Midtown Façade Grant Program and the Midtown Residential Paint Program application as presented, subject to review as to form and legality by the CRA Attorney.