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Community and Economic Revitalization Committee (CERC) Report

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Receive a report on the February 6, 2014 property owner meeting, the proposed March 6, 2014 Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting process and the redevelopment principles and provide feedback and direction.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive report and provide feedback and direction.

Report

Issue:

In approving the CERC Work Plan on February 4th City Council asked the committee to maintain strong lines of communication and to provide frequent updates and status reports to keep the full Council apprised of committee activities.

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Presenter(s):

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Background and Analysis:

The CERC met on Wednesday February 12, 2014. At that meeting, the committee reviewed the attached memorandum from Lorelei Juntunen with ECONorthwest and the attached redevelopment principles. In addition the committee heard a report from Keith Stahley and Mayor Buxbaum about the property owner meeting that was held on February 6. A summary of that meeting is attached.

The committee recommends moving forward with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting as outlined in Attachment 1. This meeting will be used to set the stage for the April 5th Urban Design Workshop focused on the Isthmus. Attachment 1 also lays out the entire Community Renewal Area Planning process including the isthmus Urban Design Workshop and subsequent meetings focused

on the creation of the Community Renewal Area Plan. The committee is still reviewing this aspect of the document and anticipates presenting final recommendations in March.

The principles listed in Attachment 2 were developed by staff and were gleaned from meetings with property owners, the CAC and CERC. These principles will serve as a basis for continuing discussion with the CAC and the Isthmus Area property owners on March 6th where they will be refined and used to guide the work at the Urban Design Work Shop on April 6th.

Options:

1. Receive committee report and provide feedback and direction regarding the March 6th CAC meeting and Urban Design Principles.

Financial Impact:

This project is funded through the end of the Isthmus Area planning process. Additional budget will be needed to finish the CRA planning process or the Planning Projects Work Plan will need to be adjusted to free staff resources to complete the project.