

Community & Economic Revitalization Committee (CERC)

Community Renewal Area Planning Process

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Title

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Recommended Action

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive report and provide feedback about the CRA planning process.

Report

Issue:

Provide feedback to staff and consultant team about the CRA planning process.

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Background and Analysis:

At City Council's 2014 Annual Retreat Council asked the that the Community Renewal Area Ad Hoc Committee provide City Council with an overview of the entire Community Renewal Area (CRA) Planning process including how the Isthmus Charrette Planning process will fit into this process as well as a budget estimate to complete this work.

The attached memorandum from Ms. Juntenen provides an outline and budget estimate for completion of the Community Renewal Area planning process. This outline projects the process being complete in December of 2014 and costing an additional \$50,000 based on a fairly limited amount of public outreach and graphic input from Fregonese and Associates.

Pages 6 and 7 provide an overview of the remaining steps in the process from a timing and a task perspective. From now until June the primary focus will be on Isthmus planning process, thereafter attention would turn to finalizing the CRA Plan. The consultant team has included a single open house type meeting in July for consideration of the CRA Plan. Additional meetings may require a larger project budget.

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Options:

1. Receive report and provide feedback and recommendations around the scope and schedule for the remainder of the CRA planning process.

Financial Impact:

Completion of the CRA Planning process will require an amendment to the consultant's scope of work or will require City Council to amend the Community Planning and Development Department's 2014 Planning Project Work Plan. The consultant projects an additional \$50,000 in work to complete the CRA planning process. This is a preliminary estimate and may need to be adjusted following the April 5, 2014 Urban Design Workshop depending upon the degree of consensus and issues that emerge in that process.