



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2015-210: To declare that the purpose and scope of the Eastview Initiative project, identified in the Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, excludes renovations and improvements to the former Seven Hills Health Care Center at 1900 Cool Lane and includes costs related to the acquisition, improvement, and renovation of the former Conrad Center at 1400 Oliver Hill Way and associated demolition, improvements, and site improvements at other locations in the area of the Eastview community.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: October 5, 2015

PETITIONER

City of Richmond
Department of Economic & Community Development

LOCATION

Various locations throughout the city, including 1400 Oliver Hill Way

PURPOSE

To amend the FY2016 Capital Budget – Eastview Initiative Project by amending the Description & Scope to exclude the improvements to the Seven Hills Nursing Home Facility, and include the acquisition of facilities including associated improvements, demolition and site improvements within the Eastview area; by amending the History & Key Milestones by excluding existing city facilities.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

City Council last added funds to the FY2013 Capital Budget for \$450,000 for the Eastview Initiative Project for a total appropriation of \$1,200,000. The project description and scope specifically identified improvements to the Seven Hills Nursing facility as the sole purpose of the appropriations. In addition, the History & Key Milestones section provided for renovations of existing city facilities.

The Description and Scope, and the History & Key Milestones sections of the Eastview Initiative project is recommended to be changed to include the acquisition and renovation of a facility, and upgrades and associated demolition costs at other sites in the Eastview area. This paper will amend the Description and scope, and History & Key Milestones for the proposed project changes.

The City has an opportunity to acquire the Conrad Center building improvements and enter into a long term ground lease with VCU for use of the facility as a community resource center providing services such as business incubation, workforce development, or other programming benefiting community members.

The adopted Eastview Initiative Project Description and Scope, and History & Key Milestones only provides for renovations and improvements at an existing City facility - the Seven Hills Nursing facility. This paper will eliminate these references and expand the project scope to include the acquisition and renovation of a facility and upgrades and associated demolition costs at other sites in the Eastview area.

Economic & Community Development staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

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