## **City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** January 10, 2023

To:

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

Aaron King, Assistant City Manager

From: Marla Newman, Community Development Director Chris Murphy, Planning and Development Services Director

## **Council Action Requested**:

Resolutions Adopting the Dreamland Park Neighborhood Transformation Plan and the Columbia Heights Extension/Skyline Village Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Strategic Focus Area: Livable NeighborhoodsStrategic Objective: Improve Character and Conditions of NeighborhoodsStrategic Plan Action Item: NoKey Work Item: No



## Summary of Information:

In December 2019, staff presented information related to a pilot project in the Dreamland Park and Columbia Heights Extension Neighborhoods. The project would be completed by North Carolina A&T State University, in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County, and would enable residents to use various technologies to visualize and create a neighborhood vision for the future. A contract was initiated and signed in May 2020 between the City and Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County to administer the project. A separate contract was initiated and signed between Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County and North Carolina A&T State University.

Between August 2020 and July 2021, several community workshops and meetings were held in each neighborhood to establish the existing issues within the neighborhood and develop the future vision. Meetings were held in person and virtually with neighborhood residents and business owners.

Committee Action:			
Committee	CD/H/GG 1/10/23	Action	Approved
For	Unanimous	Against	
<b>Remarks:</b>			

Each plan establishes a future vision for the neighborhood, implementation schedule, and cost estimates. Recommendations relate to land use and housing, transportation, aesthetics, and, for the Columbia Heights Extension neighborhood, economic development.

Representatives from the North Carolina A&T State University consultant team presented the two plans at the August 9, 2022, Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee meeting to present the Plans. Staff will be present at the January 2023 Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee meeting to answer any additional questions on the recommendations of the Plans.