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Urban Renewal Redo

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expanding any urban renewal district into residential areas, citing how it has historically displaced residents.

Paige Coleman, the executive director of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and member of the committee, held a series of meetings on the expansion of urban renewal earlier this year, and found that many residents felt that it yielded too few tangible benefits and the process itself was murky.

Coleman, who abstained from voting on the expansions under direction from her organization,

brought a letter from the coalition that argued that expanding urban renewal should be put on hold until the PDC could prove that the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area accomplished its original objectives.

The committee also delayed voting on an urban renewal area for the Rose Quarter until November, which has become more complicated.

Last year, Mayor Sam Adams has made redevelopment of the area around Memorial Coliseum a prior-

Roy Jay, a businessman and committee member who heads the African American Chamber of Commerce, has been steadily building support for a Community Development Agreement, which would direct one percent of all gross revenues generated in the Rose Quarter to community organizations.

Jay, speaking before the committee, wanted to make sure that his idea was strongly incorporated into any deal approving a Rose Quarter

It's got to be enforceable. It can't be a recommendation.

— Roy Jay, Rose Quarter Stakeholder Advisory Committee member

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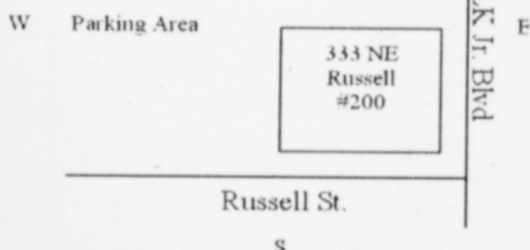
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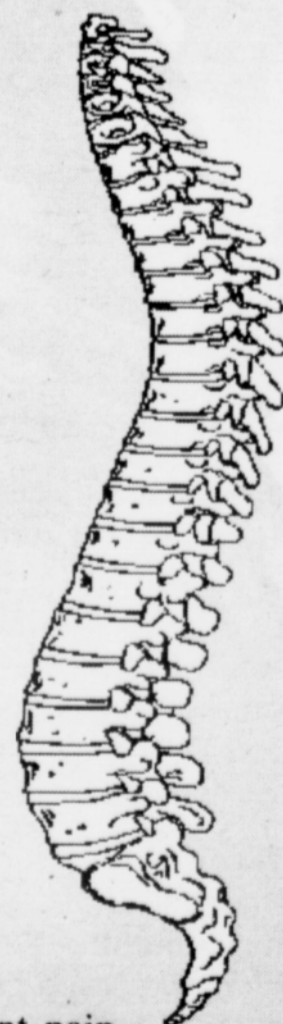
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