

## City Planning Commission Operational Meeting

The City Planning Commission Operational Meeting, which included the City Planning Commissioners and CPC Staff, was held on October 10, 2023, in Conference Room A on the 7th floor of City Hall.

Attendance:

Present:	Absent:
Dasjon Jordan	Robert Steeg
Dianne Alexander	
Kelly Brown	
Lorey Flick	
Nomita Joshi-Gupta	
Kathleen Lunn	
Jonathan Stewart	
Katie Witry	

At 12:40 PM Chair Dasjon Jordan called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Witry and was seconded by Commissioner Alexander to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting.

Ayes:	Nays:
Dasjon Jordan	none
Dianne Alexander	
Kelly Brown	
Lorey Flick	
Nomita Joshi-Gupta	
Kathleen Lunn	
Jonathan Stewart	
Katie Witry	

### REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Rivers discussed some issues that have arisen with the street renaming policy outlined in the CPC's Rules and Procedures manual. The manual calls for the original applicant to pay a deposit when they ask for a street to be renamed, for a fee that will cover the cost of the new signs, should the street name be approved. However, the fee does not appear to have been charged at any time during the previous ten years. This could be because applicants do not directly apply for a street name change through CPC, but instead apply through the Council Member who is over the district of the desired street name change, and the Council Member then makes the request to CPC. Further complicating the issue is the fact that the CPC Rules and Policies are not binding for City Council Members. Executive Director Rivers put this matter up for discussion and noted that any vote on the matter would have to be scheduled at a future public meeting. It was decided that the Commission needs more information on this matter to have a meaningful discussion, and that the Rules Committee should meet to review not only this rule, but much of the CPC Rules Manual as it is out of date. Staff recommendations will be made to the Rules Committee, and they will send their decisions to the Commission at large.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, the land swap involving Duncan Plaza will be presented at the regular Public CPC meeting. A vote needs to happen on that day – it should not be deferred – as the issue is time-sensitive and based on legislation signed by the current Louisiana governor who will be leaving office soon.

The City Council has approved funding for the Transient Lodging Communities study in the amount of \$250,000. CPC will now be able to put out an RFP for the study.

The court case that has resulted in a TRO on Short Term Rental regulation will reconvene on November 2, 2023.

Several staff members will be attending workshops on the Gentilly Resilience District that will be held this Thursday and Friday. Other meetings coming up that staff will be attending include a monthly Office of Economic Development meeting for New Orleans East, and the Complete Streets meeting, since that program is being revived through the Office of Transportation.

CPC has a planned move to the other side of the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall. The move is in the planning stages, and CPC has been asked to contribute an unspecified amount of money toward the renovation of the new space. This money may not be available in CPC’s current budget.

**Report from Chair**

None

**Report from Committees**

None

**Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Flick, seconded by Commissioner Alexander.

Ayes:	Nays:
Dasjon Jordan	none
Dianne Alexander	
Kelly Brown	
Lorey Flick	
Nomita Joshi-Gupta	
Kathleen Lunn	
Jonathan Stewart	
Katie Witry	

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:29 PM**