

Codi E. Davis

From: CPCinfo
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:33 AM
To: Paul Cramer
Subject: FW: Master Plan Amendments

From: Marie Françoise Crouch [<mailto:mfcrouch@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 12:20 PM
To: CPCinfo
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Marie Crouch

727 Ursulines street

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From: Mary Bartholomew <drmbartholomew@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Paul Cramer
Subject: Master plan

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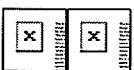
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Saluti,
Mary P Bartholomew, PhD
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Sent from my iPhone

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From: C. W. LARTIGUE IV <cwliv@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 7:23 PM
To: Stacy S. Head; Jason R. Williams; Susan G. Guidry; LaToya Cantrell; DistrictC; Jared C. Brossett; James A. Gray; Robert D. Rivers; Leslie T. Alley; Paul Cramer; info@vcpora.org
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Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 8:35 PM
To: Stacy S. Head; Jason R. Williams; Susan G. Guidry; LaToya Cantrell; DistrictC; Jared C. Brossett; James A. Gray; CPCinfo; Robert D. Rivers; Leslie T. Alley; Paul Cramer; info@vcpora.org
Subject: Fwd: ALERT: Major Changes to the Master Plan - Public Hearing Monday

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Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Stacy S. Head; Jason R. Williams; Susan G. Guidry; LaToya Cantrell; DistrictC; CouncilDistrictD; James A. Gray; Robert D. Rivers; Paul Cramer; info@nfbywater.org.
Subject: Master Plan - Riverfront Overlay
Attachments: River Front Overlay Bywater 7.11.17.docx

7.11.2017

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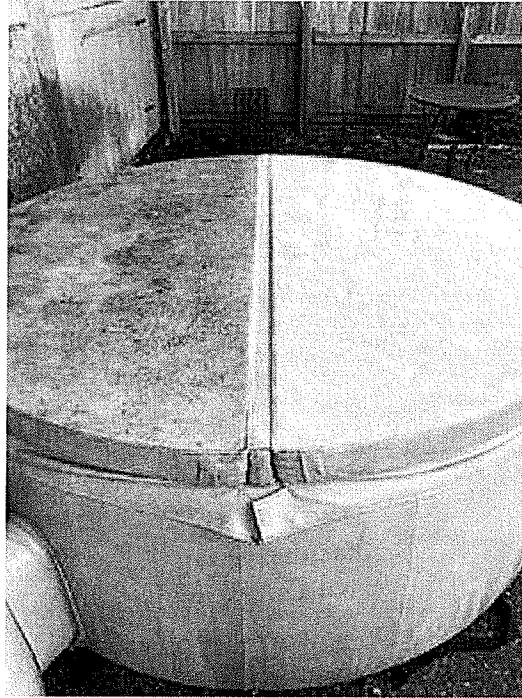
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3810 Royal St, NOLA 70117

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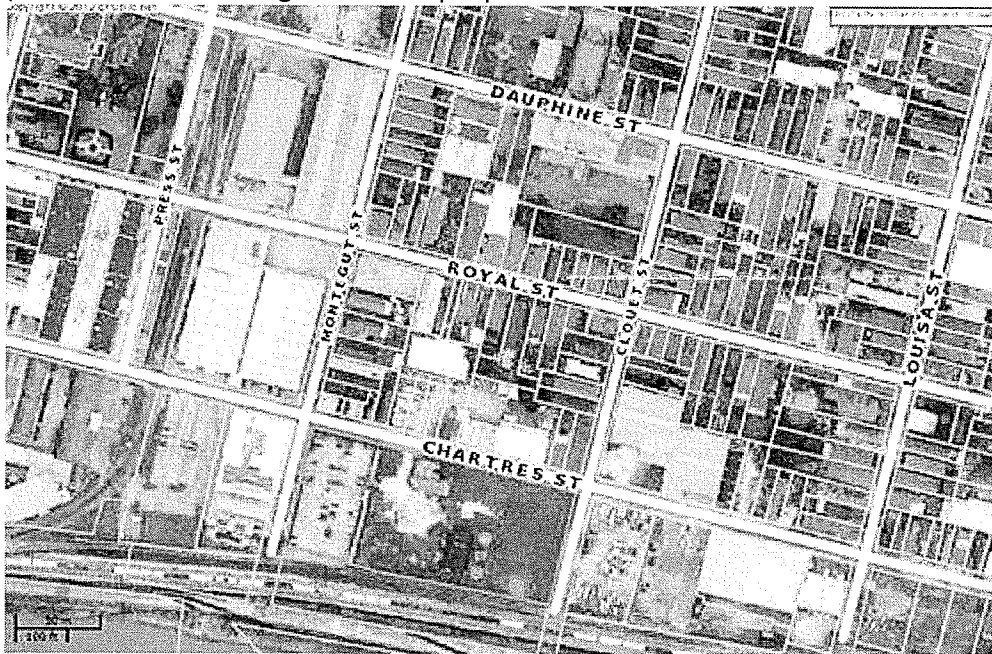
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Parcel

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Parcel Information

Selected Parcel:	NO-0000000000
Property Class:	Commercial
Assessment District:	17W
Land Area (acres):	1.00569

Ownership Information

Name:	CLAMMINGS SEAN B
Mailing Address:	1046 J CUMMINGS DR NEW ORLEANS LA 70130
Location Address:	1036 CHARTRES ST

2017 Certified Values

Land Value:	\$1,828,000
Building Value:	\$0
Total Value:	\$1,828,000

Last 2 Sales/Transfers

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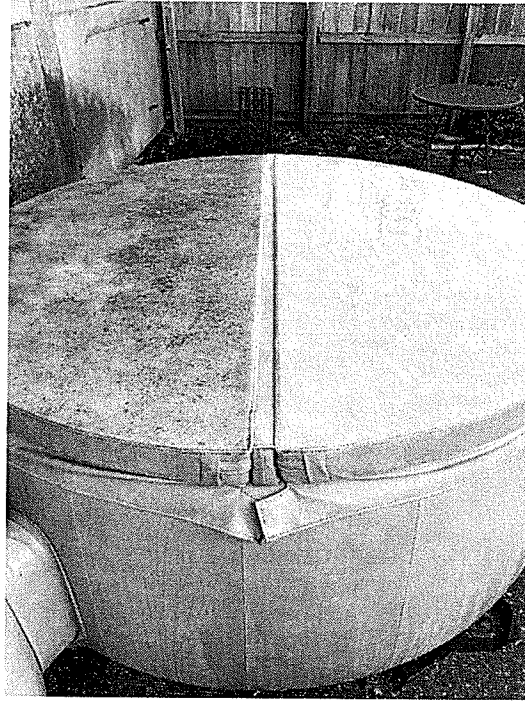
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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Stacy S. Head; Jason R. Williams; Susan G. Guidry; LaToya Cantrell; DistrictC; CouncilDistrictD; James A. Gray; Robert D. Rivers; Paul Cramer
Cc: info@nfbywater.org
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To: Stacy S. Head; Jason R. Williams; Susan G. Guidry; LaToya Cantrell; DistrictC; Jared C. Brossett; James A. Gray; CPCinfo; Robert D. Rivers; Leslie T. Alley; Paul Cramer; info@vcpora.org
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From: William Khan <wkhan@utexas.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Stacy S. Head; Jason R. Williams; Susan G. Guidry; LaToya Cantrell; DistrictC; Jared C. Brossett; James A. Gray; CPCinfo; Robert D. Rivers; Leslie T. Alley; Paul Cramer; info@vcpora.org OFFICE
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Respectfully,

William Khan
French Quarter resident

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:19 AM
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The integrity and strength of the Master Plan is important for all our city's residents and neighborhoods. Please safeguard it.

Thank you.

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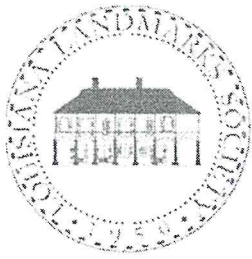
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Thank you

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RE: Proposed Master Plan Amendments

Dear Mr. Rivers,

We are writing to ask for further consideration for proposed Master Plan Text Amendments, in particular, wording that dilutes the strength of the Preservation Chapter, removes density limitations in already-dense historic neighborhoods, and also ask for refinement to include definitions for "Neighborhood-serving businesses and facilities."

We applaud you for recommending denial for the elimination of time limits on Legal Non-Conforming Uses, and removing the expansion of authority for the CPC Executive Director to independently make text and map changes, two issues we asked to have addressed. Here are specifics on the remaining items.

Chapter 6:

Louisiana Landmarks Society rejects any notion that our city should seek to "balance" public policies. No established and cherished policy like historic preservation should be watered down, diminished or waived in order to seek what some may argue is a more conducive level of consistency with a newly established policy like affordable housing. There is no evidence that historic preservation is inconsistent with affordable housing or that reducing the commitment to historic preservation will somehow yield meaningful levels of net new affordable housing. We believe that the city would be better served if the CPC would fashion complementary policies and goals that mutually embrace historic preservation and affordable housing, and that produces the most good for all citizens. Anything short of that ill serves the public interest and the future of our community.

Regarding Chapter 6, item c., we reject the rephrasing that suggests "preservation requirements" should be waived when in conflict with affordable housing development. However, we would like to see greater weight provided to preservation goals rather than suggesting these can be achieved simultaneously with affordable housing goals, particularly when "leveraging available financial incentives for both." What criteria would be used for determining whether or not a development plan meets preservation goals? With the absence of definitions for demolition in newly established Mid City and Carrollton Historic Districts we are concerned that development incentives will be achieved regardless of preservation needs.

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We also support Chapter 6, item d., clarification that considerations be granted to existing low-income homeowners struggling to comply with historic regulations and including “funding mechanism,” specifically, information on historic tax credits and agencies available to assist homeowners with compliance over “waivers” in the “How” column. Our concern is that incentives for developers will be given greater consideration over preservation needs, especially when they present data to support their financial model. In no uncertain terms should these financial benefits outweigh historic preservation, which provides a multitude of public benefits including maintaining the unique character of neighborhoods New Orleans is famous for and why people want to live here.

And, item f., “Recommended Action,” number 6, we support deleting the proposed wording and clarifying existing language so as not to suggest “preservation matters” should be waived when in conflict with affordable housing development. We continue to question whether or not a balance can be achieved “simultaneously through leveraging available financial incentives for both” and ask that you revisit this concept. Are they mutually exclusive? Usually, there is a line that, once crossed, actions fail to protect historic structures from over-development or even demolition.

In general, we are looking to strengthen the Historic Preservation Chapter by removing extraneous material not pertinent to the physical environment. We contend that the Historic Preservation Chapter should prioritize the preservation of New Orleans’ historic architecture, historic districts and neighborhoods – and maintaining the scale and character of them. Also, the Historic Preservation Chapter should separate affordable housing initiatives from historic preservation and removing increased density for historic core neighborhoods. A more equitable solution is to provide the infrastructure, investment, and developer/tax incentives for under-served areas of the city so that all neighborhoods prosper. Continuing to overdevelop the dense, thriving core neighborhoods will cannibalize and damage historic housing stock and businesses, which will destroy these neighborhoods. Development is not the problem – but it must compliment the scale and character of the historic neighborhoods, and it should be available to other areas of the city that actually need of it.

Chapter 13 (Formerly Chapter 14):

We are still seeking a proper foundation, clear context and criteria, for “Neighborhood serving businesses and facilities” in the Master Plan, including providing the public the opportunity to develop a list of what types of business and facilities would be included, and a definition for “neighborhood-serving” that would apply. Modifying the “Range of Uses” to include “Neighborhood serving businesses and traditional corner stores may be allowed where current or former commercial use is verified” is recommended for several Future Land Use Categories – Residential Single Family Pre-War, Residential Single Family Post-War, Residential Low-Density Pre-War, Residential Low Density Post-War, and Residential Medium Density Pre and Post War, plus the entirety of the Historic Core. We ask for a clear definition of what these businesses will be and criteria for establishing their legitimacy, as well as continuation of the current processes which allow for neighborhood input via the Conditional

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Use/NPP process. Otherwise, it appears as though the entire city is open for business in residential areas that may have in the past been the site of some type of business. We continue to promote community and neighborhood livability over increasing commercial opportunities in residential areas.

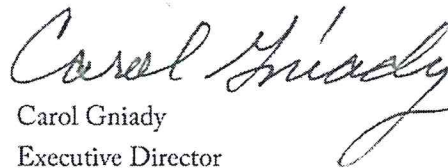
We thank you for the outstanding work you and the entire City Planning Commission staff undertake every day, and in particular the herculean efforts involved in preparing the Master Plan Amendments. Your attention to our concerns is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Stokes
President

Sincerely,



Carol Gniady
Executive Director



6 September 2017

Mr. Robert D. Rivers, Executive Director
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Re: City Master Plan Text Amendment 06-08

Dear Mr. Rivers:

Thank you to you and your staff for meeting with the Port NOLA team this morning. This was a productive meeting and we hope that we were able to help bring an understanding to the hazardous impact of the proposed text amendment 06-08. I will recap the information that we discussed and highlights of our conversation here.

Holy Cross Neighborhood Association and LA Landmarks Society have requested that the City amend text in its Master Plan to add Port owned bridges and locks to HDLC jurisdiction:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

<i>Request</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Subject</i>
<i>Text 06-08</i>	<i>Holy Cross Neighborhood Association</i>	<i>V.2 Ch.6</i>	<i>Protection of historic structures not under City jurisdiction, such as State bridges and Federal locks</i>

A. What general and specific text changes were included in the requests made for the petitioned chapter(s)?
Text amendment 06-08 is a request to provide recognition and means of protection for structures, particularly historic structures that contribute to the "tout ensemble" of the City though are not under the City's jurisdiction such as states bridges and federal locks, waterways, docks, and other structures that contribute to the City and its general appearance.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

3. *Provide recognition and means of protection for all publicly owned or utility owned historic properties, sites and structures that contribute to the tout-ensemble of the City though are not under city jurisdiction.*

Who: HDLC; VCC

When:

Resources:

Said properties or structures to include but not limited to historic buildings, bridges, cemeteries, memorials, locks and pumping stations; inventory all such properties and structures, and identify National Register eligible properties or structures.

Port NOLA owns 4 bridges that cross the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal: Seabrook Bridge (1919), Almonaster Ave. Bridge (1919), Florida Ave. Bridge (2005), and St. Claude Ave. Bridge (1919). Implementation of text amendment 06-08 would inhibit Port NOLA's ability to quickly repair and manage bridges connecting to major roads and compromise public safety. Port NOLA is already obligated to meet Section 106 requirements for any work on our bridges when using federal dollars for improvements.




However, for vital repairs, Port NOLA cannot be constrained by additional oversight on such vital infrastructure. Further, infrastructure differs fundamentally from historic buildings in that it requires extensive civil engineering training. Historic District Landmark Commission is not the proper authority to address these critical public safety issue concerns.

Bridges and locks on Inner Harbor Navigation Canal are evacuation routes for both residents and vessels. Vehicular bridges are the path to safety in the evacuation of residents below the Inner Harbor including Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes. All bridges must be operational to implement evacuation of waterborne vessels within the United States Coast Guard's Restricted Navigation Area (RNA). This RNA must be empty of all vessels based on anticipated surge, rain and wind meets a certain threshold associated with tropical weather events. The RNA on the Inner Harbor was created due to vessel impacts on flood walls in two previous hurricane events. No one wants to see this happen ever again and timely unobstructed repairs of bridges is key.

Implementation would also have an overly broad reach. It would impact many public entities including Sewerage and Water Board, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, United States Department of Transportation and Development, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, among others. For example, the jurisdiction over the St. Claude Bridge includes not only Port NOLA, but also LADOTD, the United States federal government, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Louisiana State and City Police. None of these agencies mandated to fund and maintain this infrastructure were notified that they would be impacted by this control.

Please accept this letter as Port NOLA's objection to the approval of text amendment 06-08 on the grounds of public safety being the highest priority for the City and Port NOLA.

Sincerely yours,



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RE: Text Amendment 06-08: Protection of Historic Structures Not Under City Jurisdiction, Such as State Bridges and Federal Locks

Dear President Williams:

I write to express concern and opposition regarding the proposed amendment to the City of New Orleans Master Plan that seeks to add Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) owned bridges, roadways and other structures to the Historic District Landmarks Commission and Vieux Carre Commission jurisdiction.

Through DOTD, the State of Louisiana owns numerous bridges, roadways and structures within Orleans Parish and is not subject to the authority of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans. Moreover, it is the role of DOTD to manage critical public safety matters, including evacuation routes, associated with the State's transportation infrastructure system. Implementation of this language would negatively impact DOTD's ability to perform its important work, such as timely repairs to bridges and roads, putting at risk public safety and commerce.

Please act to remove Text Amendment 06-08 to Ch.6 of the Master Plan, submitted by the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association, from the City Planning Commission's recommendations to amend the text of the City of New Orleans Master Plan.

If we can be of further assistance concerning this matter, please contact Joshua Hollins, DOTD Legislative Liaison, at (225) 379-1200.

Sincerely,

Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D.
Secretary

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July 24, 2017

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RE: Text Amendment 06-08: Protection Of Historic Structures Not Under City Jurisdiction,
Such As State Bridges And Federal Locks

Dear Council President Williams:

The Department of Transportation and Development's (DOTD) Office of Multimodal Commerce (OMC) has recently been made aware that the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association and LA Landmarks Society has requested that the City of New Orleans amend its Master Plan to add Port of New Orleans (Port) owned bridges and locks on the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal to the Historic District Landmarks Commission's (HDLC) jurisdiction. The proposed amendment also includes language which would add State-owned bridges, waterways, docks and other structures.

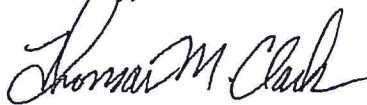
We understand and respect the mission of the HDLC to safeguard the cultural and historic heritage of New Orleans; however, implementation of the proposal would inhibit timely repair of bridges and locks and, in turn, potentially compromise public safety as they serve as an evacuation route for both residents and water crafts.

The OMC objects to the proposed amendment and fully supports the Port's request to be excluded from the HDLC's proposed designation. Including the Port in this designation will create an undue burden, requiring approvals through applications, reviews and submittals for routine maintenance and property improvements. This burden will also extend to other involved public entities. As you are aware, the bridges, locks and the Port are an integral part of the economic commerce that moves goods throughout not only the City and State, but the Nation as well. In addition, it should be noted that DOTD already has an existing Programmatic Agreement in place to govern the proper management of historic bridges.

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If we can be of further assistance concerning this matter, please contact my office or Mr. Randall Withers, Port Priority Program Director, at (225) 379-3065.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner, Office of Multimodal Commerce

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