

October 13, 2017  
Mr. Paul Cramer  
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Re: Hazardous Sites Inventory

Pleased be advised there are toxic sediments in the Industrial Canal, at the new lock site and other areas adjacent to Agriculture St Landfill EPA Superfund Site.

Toxic sediments in the canal come have accumulated there for a hundred years from a variety of maritime, industrial and drainage sources from land, banks of the canal, barges, and pumping storm water. The accumulation is dense.

Around 1999, in response to a Corps of Engineers report on sampling various places in the canal pursuit to construction of a new lock, McKnight Foundation funded an independent study that indicated much higher levels of toxicity and concern than the Corps samples had shown, though taken at the same coordinates. This discrepancy was the basis of a lawsuit on our behalf by the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic. After this the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association sued the Corps over plans that always involved discounting toxicity levels and safety. Had the Corps plan moved ahead, Lower Ninth and St Bernard would have been inundated not just by floodwater but floodwater laden with dug-up and poorly placed poisons.

The problem of toxic substances here is compounded by conflict of interest. Public prudence would be leaving these buried and undisturbed. The Corps has consistently downplayed any obligation to the public about these matters because its chief concern is navigation. It has federal jurisdiction even over EPA in this area, and uses military chain of command and arbitrary authority to get things done. The Corps would hesitate if it could be held responsible for its activities.

The threat to the city here seems real and imminent. We ask you to include this hazard in the inventory and take necessary action to reduce or eliminate the threat. The goal of building a highway for transit of dangerous barges is an issue here too. This issue needs the attention and strong moral response of the City to avert serious public health and safety risk for the entire region.

Thank you.

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**Paul Cramer**

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**From:** Raymond C Bergeron <rcbarch@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 9:43 AM  
**To:** Paul Cramer  
**Subject:** RE: City Planning Commission Oct. 24, 2017 Public Hearing Notices

Paul:

Please call me about Item M-17-440 on the CPC agenda. The old Fall Out Shelter on the New Basin Canal still harbors toxic waste and has not been addressed for years. The City still retains responsibility to clean it up before it can be returned to the New Orleans Levee Board.

Thanks,

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**From:** Paul Cramer [mailto:pcramer@nola.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** Paul Cramer  
**Subject:** City Planning Commission Oct. 24, 2017 Public Hearing Notices

Please note that there are two public hearing notices in this email – notice for the special public hearing regarding the Hazardous Sites Inventory – Environmental Study follows the notice for zoning dockets. For the zoning dockets, the deadline for submission of written comments is 5pm, Monday, October 16, 2017.

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017**

**PUBLIC HEARING: 1:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER (CITY HALL - 1E07)**

**THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 4 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE 4,264 M.C.S., AS AMENDED, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 24, 2017 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER (CITY HALL - 1E07) ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING LAW OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.**

**ZONING DOCKET 094/17** – Request by Michael Sherman for a text amendment to Article 17 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to make timeshare a permitted use in the CBD-1, CBD-2, CBD-3, and CBD-4 Districts.

**ZONING DOCKET 095/17** – Request by Harbor Community Church for a zoning change from an S-LRS1 Suburban Lakeview Single-Family Residential District to an S-LB1 Suburban Lake Area Neighborhood

Business District, on Square 285, Lots 25, 26, 27, and 28 in the Second Municipal District, bounded by Canal Boulevard and Germain, Louis XIV, and French Streets. The municipal address is 6100 Canal Boulevard. (PD 5)

**ZONING DOCKET 096/17** – Request by City Council Motion No. M-16-478 for a text amendment to Article 19 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a new Interim Zoning District (IZD) to be named the Middle Harrison Interim Zoning District, the intent of which is to prohibit certain uses, for all lots that front Harrison Avenue between Canal and West End Boulevards. (PD 5)

**ZONING DOCKET 097/17** – Request by City Council Motion No. M-16-479 for a text amendment of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to create the Middle Harrison Use Restriction Overlay District, applicable to those lots that front on Harrison Avenue between Canal and West End Boulevard. (PD 5)

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE 4,264 MCS AS AMENDED, WILL HEAR PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS TO THE ABOVE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING LAW OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND ALL RELEVANT COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE ENCOURAGED. THE CPC HAS ESTABLISHED PUBLIC HEARING RULES WITHIN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, POLICIES, & PROCEDURES, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CPC WEBSITE: [WWW.NOLA.GOV/CPC](http://WWW.NOLA.GOV/CPC). YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ADVANCE BY MAIL (1300 PERDIDO STREET, 7<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112) OR EMAIL [CPCINFO@NOLA.GOV](mailto:CPCINFO@NOLA.GOV). ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE MONDAY, EIGHT DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE.

October 4, 11, and 18, 2017

Robert Rivers, Executive Director

## **NEW ORLEANS CITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017**

**PUBLIC HEARING: 3:00 PM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
(CITY HALL – 1E07)**

**THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF MOTION M-17-440 AND THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, POLICIES, & PROCEDURES, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 24, 2017 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER (CITY HALL - 1E07) ON THE HAZARDOUS SITES INVENTORY – ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE ITEMS ON THE REGULAR AGENDA, WHICH BEGINS AT 1:30PM, BUT IN NO CASE WILL THE HAZARDOUS SITES INVENTORY – ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PUBLIC HEARING TAKE PLACE BEFORE 3:00 PM.**

**HAZARDOUS SITES INVENTORY – ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY** – Request by City Council Motion M-17-440 for the City Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing and study to create an inventory of waste disposal, waste incineration, or other known sites where environmental toxins exceed federally mandated safety standards, to contemplate limiting certain types of developments/uses on contaminated sites to ensure that future uses will not negatively impact surrounding residents and citizens.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND ALL RELEVANT COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE ISSUES ARE ENCOURAGED. THE CPC HAS ESTABLISHED PUBLIC HEARING RULES WITHIN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, POLICIES, & PROCEDURES, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CPC WEBSITE: [WWW.NOLA.GOV/CPC](http://WWW.NOLA.GOV/CPC). YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ADVANCE BY MAIL (1300 PERDIDO STREET, 7<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112) OR EMAIL [CPCINFO@NOLA.GOV](mailto:CPCINFO@NOLA.GOV).

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January 29, 2018

Mr. Paul Cramer, Planning Administrator  
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*Via electronic mail to:* [pcramer@nola.gov](mailto:pcramer@nola.gov)

Dear Mr. Cramer:

Thank you for your interest in the research conducted by the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ) regarding the history of municipal waste sites in New Orleans. As discussed at our meeting on October 17, 2017, this research may be useful to the City Planning Department's efforts to create an inventory of waste disposal sites pursuant to Council Motion M-17-440.

Please see the enclosed *Historic Waste Disposal and Incineration Sites in New Orleans, Louisiana*, prepared by DSCEJ. The historic data covers the period from 1905 to 1968.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Monique Harden  
Assistant Director of Law & Policy

Enclosure

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### **About the Information**

The table below, prepared by the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, references historical records of waste disposal and incineration in New Orleans, Louisiana from 1905 to 1968.

<b>HISTORIC WASTE DISPOSAL &amp; INCINERATION SITES IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 1905 - 1968</b>	
<b>Waste Disposal<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Location</b>
Agriculture Street Dump Converted to residential development and is now a Superfund site <sup>2</sup>	Bounded by Almonaster Blvd., Higgins Blvd., Louisa St., and the Peoples Avenue Canal and railroad tracks <sup>3</sup>
Clio Dump / "Silver City" Dump Converted to racially segregated housing, school and recreation center for African Americans <sup>4</sup>	Bounded by Calliope St. [now Earhart Blvd.], Erato St., South Derbigny St., and South Broad St. <sup>5</sup>
Dublin Street Canal Dump	Bounded by Belfast St. and Claiborne Ave. <sup>6</sup>
Florida Avenue Dump	
Hagan Avenue Dump - Upper Hagan Avenue Dump - Lower Hagan Avenue Dump	Hagan Ave. at Conti St. <sup>7</sup>
Oleander Dump (a drainage canal)	
City Dump Converted to Taylor Park <sup>8</sup>	Washington Ave., Third St., Derbigny St., and Roman St. <sup>9</sup>
City Dump Converted to Thomy Lafon Playground next to the Thomy Lafon School <sup>10</sup>	Magnolia St. at Sixth St. <sup>11</sup>
City Dump sites listed in US Public Health Service letter to City of New Orleans Mayor Martin Behrman, Mar. 24, 1921. <sup>12</sup> These sites may be parts of the above-listed dump locations.	Florida Walk & Lafayette Ave.
	Lafayette Ave. & Agriculture St.
	South Broad Dump
	1300 Caffin Ave.
	3750 Claiborne Ave.
<b>Incinerators<sup>13</sup></b>	<b>Location</b>
Algiers Incinerator	2301 Hendee
Florida Incinerator	Florida Ave. and Elysian Fields Ave.
Seventh Street Incinerator	2115 Seventh St.
New Orleans East Incinerator	Gentilly Hwy. (three miles below Downman Rd.)
St. Louis Incinerator	1834 St. Louis St.
<b>1911 Report on Waste Used as Fill to Develop Marsh Areas, Build Streets and Parkways<sup>14</sup></b>	<b>Location</b>
Claiborne Canal (filled with 4,186 loads of garbage; converted to a neutral ground with walkway)	From Orleans St. [now Ave.] to Esplanade Ave.

Orleans Canal (filled with 20,250 loads of garbage; converted to a neutral ground)	From Claiborne Ave. to Broad St.
Jefferson Davis Parkway (filled with 315,000 loads of garbage; converted to a parkway)	From Hagan Ave. and Canal St.
Independence Square on St. Roch Ave. (filled with 50,392 loads of garbage)	From North Roman St. to North Johnson St.
Spain Street (filled with 10, 327 loads of garbage)	From Derbigny St. to Dorgenois St.
Galvez Street (filled with 22,500 loads of garbage)	From Julia Street to Washington Aveue
Toulouse Street (filled with 5,000 loads of garbage)	From White Street to Hagan Avenue
Hagan Avenue (part of Bayou Sauvage) (filled with 20,350 loads of garbage)	From St. Louis St. to Toulouse St.
Humanity Street (filling in progress with 1,000 loads of garbage)	From Frenchmen St. to Elysian Fields
Tonti Street (filled with 2,439 loads of garbage)	From Frenchmen St. to St. Anthony St.
Area behind Bayou St. John (filling in progress with 7,277 loads of garbage)	From St. Louis St. to Dumaine St.
Howard Ave. Area (filled with 73,500 loads of garbage)	Bounded by Howard Ave., Roman St., Broad St., and Calliope St.
Virtue Street (filled with 3,562 loads of garbage)	From Frenchman St., to St. Anthony St.
St. Anthony Canal [The canal is now a street.] (filled with 4,601 loads of garbage)	From Prieur St. to Galvez St.

## Endnotes

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<sup>1</sup> Municipal government records on early sanitation and waste operations by the City of New Orleans can be found in the City Archives Collection at the Main Branch of the New Orleans Public Library.

See Carl Schneider, Aide to the City of New Orleans Commissioner of Public Property, Report on Garbage Collection and Disposal [no date] (discussing the Agriculture Street Dump, Clio Street/Silver City Dump, Dublin Street Dump, Hagan Avenue Dump, Incinerator D, Oleander Canal Dump, as well as garbage transfer stations). Garbage Incinerator/Garbage Collection, 1925, 1927-1928. Records of the Department of Public Property, 1912 (1925-1929) to 1947. New Orleans Public Library, City Archives Collection.

See also Division of Public Works Monthly Reports (1914 & 1920) (a series of monthly reports documenting garbage collection and disposal at the Agriculture Street Dump, Clio Street Dump, Dublin Street Canal Dump, Florida Avenue, Lower Hagan Avenue Dump, and Upper Hagan Avenue Dump). Records of the Division of Public Works, 1912-1929. New Orleans Public Library, City Archives Collection.

A Times Picayune news report from 1920 indicates that there were 13 municipal waste dumps in New Orleans, but does not identify all of them. *Garbage Dumps in City Are Scored by Speaker*, THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, Mar. 17, 1920, p. 20.

<sup>2</sup> Johnson v. Orleans Parish School Board, 975 So.2d 678, 703 (La. App. 4th Cir. 2008).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at pp. 703-704.

<sup>4</sup> *Site of "Silver City" as It Will Appear When Calliope Street Project Completed*, THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, Feb. 18, 1940, sec. 5, p. 7.

<sup>5</sup> *Supra* n. 1, Carl Schneider, *Report on Garbage Collection and Disposal*, p. 2.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*, Division of Public Works Monthly Reports (1914 & 1920), Feb. 8, 1916 Monthly Report, p. 5.

<sup>7</sup> *Obnoxious Dump to Be Eliminated*, THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, Nov. 27, 1921, p. 19.

<sup>8</sup> *City Is Not Behind in Sanitary Reforms: Mayor Behrman and City Officials Willingly Appear before Progressive Union Committee on Public Health and Show What Has Been Done for Improvement, Some of the Things Planned and Some of the Steps Not Yet Possible*, THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, Aug. 30, 1911, p. 1.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Thomy Lafon Playground Declared to Be a Model One*, THE TIMES-PICAYUNE May 9, 1920, p. 10.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> M.S. Lombard, U.S. Public Health Service, letter to City of New Orleans Mayor Martin Behrman, Mar. 24, 1921, p. 6. United Public Health Service, 1921. Records of the Department of Public Property, 1912 (1925-1929) to 1947. New Orleans Public Library, City Archives Collection.

<sup>13</sup> *Garbage Workers to Strike*, THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, Sep. 9, 1968, p. 1.

<sup>14</sup> *Supra* n. 8. The loads of waste do not include incinerator ash. The use of incinerator ash as fill in areas of New Orleans is not included in this document.