

**Semi-Monthly Planning Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**PRELIMINARY STAFF REPORT
2016-17 MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS RECONSIDERATION**

Date: September 29, 2017
To: City Planning Commission

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CHAPTER 2: New Orleans Yesterday and Today: Population and Land Use Trends

Reconsideration: Chapter 2, Item a. (02-01)

What was the text amendment that is proposed for modification?

On page 41 where it states: “Lindy Boggs Medical Center remains shuttered and in the midst of a lawsuit after plans to redevelop it as a cardiovascular center affiliated with the University Medical Center fell through.”, modify the statement to reflect the fact that “the lawsuit was recently settled, and the ownership is remediating environmental issues with the building and exploring specific redevelopment plans for the property, including an assisted living facility and/or related senior health care uses.”

What is the existing language recommended by the City Planning Commission?

The Lindy Boggs Medical Center remains shuttered and in the midst of a lawsuit after plans to redevelop it as a cardiovascular center affiliated with the University Medical Center fell through.

Have any issues been raised relative to the potential impacts of the CPC’s original recommendation? Does the Council motion include a text modification or were any issues raised that may change or modify the analysis and recommendation? If not, would any further modification be warranted to address the issues?

The concern is that the Master Plan does not provide the most up to date information about the Lindy Boggs Medical Center. The City Council motion included text intended to provide updated information regarding the status of the Lindy Boggs Medical Center lawsuit and development plans. The proposed statement asks the City Planning Commission to consider including information about the settling of the lawsuit, remediation work on the site, and possible future use of the site.

The staff agrees with incorporating the content of the City Council’s request and proposes to modify the originally recommended language as new text is shown in **bold underlined** font and deleted text in ~~striketrough~~.

Recommendation:

The staff recommends **APPROVAL** of text amendment reconsideration Chapter 2 (a.) to reflect recent changes in the status of the Lindy Boggs Medical Center, to read as follows:

Though the Lindy Boggs Medical Center remains shuttered at this time, and in the midst of a lawsuit after plans to redevelop it as a cardiovascular center affiliated with the University Medical Center fell through the lawsuit concerning the site was recently settled, and the ownership is remediating environmental issues with the building and exploring specific redevelopment

Reasons for Recommendation:

1. The staff's amendments to Chapter 2 aim to update demographic and land use data.
2. The City Council's proposed content updates the status of a long shuttered medical center and is in line with the other approved recommendations in this chapter.