

Text Amendment Requests: Universal 1 and 2

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Description: These proposals would affect multiple chapters.

Assessment: Since the Master Plan was originally written in the 2008-2010 range, many recommendations – while still valid – are dated, such as the suggested time frames for implementation. Also, with the great number of amendments proposed during the 2016 open application period, editorial work is necessary beyond the adoption of the new text and policies.

II. ANALYSIS

Requests: The universal text amendments of this number were submitted by the Administration of Mayor Mitchell Landrieu.

Text Universal 1

<i>Request</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Staff Recommendation</i>
I.A	Update information and references in Vol.2 Chapters 1-4. Examples of projects and programs from other parts of the country should be replaced with New Orleans information, where possible.	Approval – City Planning Commission proposed updated information for these chapters, but where examples from other cities remain and New Orleans examples are now available, it is recommended to use the local information.
I.B	Equity and resilience are proposed as framing principles in the city’s future. Text is proposed in across chapters in introductions or in section transitions to articulate these priorities.	Approval – as these framing principles are already proposed in multiple chapters, as appropriate, it may not be necessary to further integrate them.
II.A	Update the status of implementation actions.	Approval – the City Planning Commission has also proposed this amendment

Text Universal 2

Description: The universal text amendments are intended to give editorial discretion to the CPC staff in compiling and integrating text throughout the Master Plan. Many facts, figures and names will be updated as part of the Master Plan amendment process. These changes do not change the goals, strategies or actions of the Master Plan.

Requests: The proposed universal text amendments under this number are proposed by the City Planning Commission.

<i>Request</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Staff Recommendation</i>
Universal Text 2.1	Update facts and figures already adopted within the Master Plan using the same or equivalent sources.	Approval – while many updates to fact sheets are proposed, still others in the body of the chapter text may need updating for consistency in the final editing process with integration of approved amendments.
Universal Text 2.2	Update time frames for implementation to start with 2017. Completed actions may be designated as “complete.”	Approval – change implementation time frames to 2017-2021, 2022-2026, 2027-2037. Actions may be marked as “complete” or “ongoing” depending on the assessment of implementation status.
Universal Text 2.3	As appropriate, carry any amendments proposed for one chapter across to other sections, chapter, or volumes with similar text for consistency.	Approval – an edit to an existing amendment recommended for approval in one chapter may have a corresponding amendment in another chapter. If such amendment is approved in one chapter, the corresponding amendment of another chapter shall also be considered to be approved and edited accordingly.
Universal Text 2.4	Reconcile associated document text with final approved amendments.	Approval - Amendments proposed only for the Recommendations Summary charts need corresponding amendments to the Recommendations Narrative sections.
Universal Text 2.5	Update names of organizations when such names have changed since the time of adoption, but the organization	Approval – since the adoption of the Master Plan, some organization names have changed. These include the New Orleans Recreation Department now known as the New Orleans Recreation

	functions in essentially the same role.	Development Commission (NORDC), the Office of Public Advocacy role is now held by the Neighborhood Engagement Office, and the proposed “Public Private Partnership” for economic development has now been achieved with the New Orleans Business Alliance (NOLABA).
Universal Text 2.6	Replace the names of specific private and non-profit organizations to more generic terms, so as to capture future partners in furthering Master Plan objectives.	Approval – there are frequently new players among private and non-profit organizations. The Master Plan should generally use generic terms for private and non-profit organizations.
Universal Text 2.7	Throughout multiple chapters, delete references to “district planners” and insert in lieu thereof “planners”.	Approval – any planner may interface with district councils rather than a designated planner.
Universal Text 2.8	Organize charts at the beginning of the chapters to give section numbers of strategies.	Approval – most chapters have Recommendations and Narrative sections with corresponding numbers. For reference, these should be inserted where they are missing.
Universal Text 2.9	Re-order goals, strategies and action items - without changing the text - at the discretion of the City Planning Commission.	Approval – the Master Plan recommendations are not in order of importance. However, City Planning staff recommends allowing the discretion to re-order goals, strategies and action items in cases where it seems to be a more logical sequence or to have the most prominent recommendations towards the beginning.

III. SUMMARY

The Mayor and the City Planning Commission have proposed amendments that would affect multiple chapters, but are generally more editorial and non-substantive in nature. The universal text amendments are intended to give editorial discretion to the CPC staff in integrating text throughout the Master Plan – such as carrying new recommendations of Volume 2 into the Executive Summary, and including new data from established sources and examples from New Orleans cases.

IV. PRELIMINARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends approval of the Universal Text Amendments 1 and 2.

V. CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING (February 7, 2017)

The Planning Administrator gave a summary of the Universal Text proposals and recommendations. He withdrew a portion of Text 2.7 that corresponds to a withdrawal by the Mayor's Office for Chapter 15 relative to district councils. There were no speakers. A motion for approval of the requests was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Duplessis, and unanimously adopted.

Motion:

BE IT MOVED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION THAT TEXT UNIVERSAL 1 AND 2 ARE HEREBY RECOMMENDED FOR **APPROVAL**. BE IT FURTHER MOVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO NOTIFY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAID ACTION.

MOVER: KELLY BROWN

SECONDER: ROYCE DUPLESSIS

ACTION: APPROVE

VOTE: 7-0

YEAS: KELLY BROWN, CRAIG MITCHELL, ROBERT STEEG, ROYCE DUPLESSIS, JONATHAN STEWART, EUGENE GREEN, JASON HUGHES

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: NONE

ABSENT: KYLE WEDBERG, WALTER ISAACSON