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**Text Amendment Request(s):** Executive Summary (Executive Summary 01)

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Description:** The executive summary is an abridged version of the Master Plan that includes highlights of the plan’s purpose, development, and recommendations.

**Assessment:** N/A

**Requests:** The City Planning Commission solicited proposals for Master Plan text amendments from the general public, as well as various City and other governmental agencies and departments. The below table is a summary of each request received by the City Planning Commission, the applicant, and the subject of the request.

| <i>Request</i>       | <i>Applicant</i>            | <i>Chapter</i>    | <i>Subject</i>  |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Executive Summary 01 | Arts Council of New Orleans | Executive Summary | Creation of City staff position to strengthen relationship with arts and cultural community |

**II. ANALYSIS**

**A. What general and specific text changes were included in the requests made for the petitioned chapter(s)?**

The Arts Council of New Orleans submitted the only amendment proposal for the Executive Summary of the Master Plan. This amendment proposal is to page 22 of the Executive Summary and recommends that instead of creating a Cultural Commission or Department of Cultural Affairs, the City create a position to act as a liaison between the arts and cultural community. The proposed amendment further defines the role of this position as collaborating with the arts and cultural community to “cultivate and encourage creative artistic and cultural events and offerings.”

The executive summary will also be subject to a universal text amendment proposal which recommends that the associated document text be reconciled with the final approved amendments. Therefore, since the Executive Summary is a condensed version of the Master Plan, it will be updated to reflect the changes resulting from this Master Plan amendment process.

**B. How did the staff respond to each request for text change for the petitioned chapter(s)?**

*Overview*

The Arts Council of New Orleans submitted the only amendment proposal for the Executive Summary of the Master Plan. The Arts Council also made recommendations to several chapters of the Master Plan, including a proposal to Chapter 14 to add an action to strengthen the relationship between the City and the arts community to secure additional funding for public art. The staff believes that the proposed amendment to the Executive Summary would be better placed in Chapter 14 in combination with the proposed amendment to Action 4.3 to read, “Strengthen the relationship between the City and the arts and cultural community to help secure additional funding for public art, and to provide opportunities to access and participate in artistic and cultural event and offerings.”

*Summary*

The following table contains a summary of each request and how the staff responded to each. For requests that the staff recommends approval or modified approval, proposed text is included in the next section.

| <b><i>Request</i></b> | <b><i>Subject</i></b>   | <b><i>Staff Recommendation</i></b> |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Executive Summary 01  | Creation of City staff position to strengthen relationship with arts and cultural community | Modified Approval                  |

**III. SUMMARY**

The proposed amendment to create a position that would act as a liaison to the arts and cultural community is evaluated as part of the Arts Council’s amendment proposals for Chapter 14. That proposal recommends that the City explore ways to strengthen relationship with the arts community. The staff believes that the proposed amendment to the Executive Summary would be better placed in Chapter 14 in combination with the the Arts Council’s proposed amendment to Action 4.3. The staff recommends modified approval of the Art Council’s proposed amendment to the Executive Summary.

**IV. PRELIMINARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION<sup>1</sup>**

The staff recommends **MODIFIED APPROVAL** of text amendment request Executive Summary 01 to amend **Plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: New Orleans 2030 Executive Summary**.

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to modification by the City Planning Commission

**V. TEXT AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Include the staff recommended Chapter Text with additions in **Bold & Underline** and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

**VI. CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING (FEBRUARY 7, 2017)**

The Principal City Planner summarized the text amendment request to the Executive Summary.

Nobody spoke in favor or in opposition of the request.

Commissioner Green made a motion to accept staff recommendation for Executive Summary 01. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which was adopted.

**Motion**

BE IT MOVED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION THAT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 01 IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED FOR **APPROVAL**. BE IT FURTHER MOVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO NOTIFY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAID ACTION.

YEAS: Brown, Duplessis, Green, Hughes, Mitchell, Steeg, Stewart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Isaacson, Wedberg