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To: Paul Cramer
Subject: FW: Questions re: Amendments to the Health & Human Services Chapter of the City Master Plan

From: Keith Liederman [<mailto:kliederman@kingsleyhouse.org>]
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 10:02 AM
To: CPCInfo
Subject: Questions re: Amendments to the Health & Human Services Chapter of the City Master Plan

Dear City Planning Commission,

Thanks so much for hosting the very helpful and informative community meetings on the recent amendments to the City's Master Plan. Since the format of the meeting I attended didn't allow for any level of detailed discussion about specific aspects of the Health & Human Services amendments, please see my questions below:

- Page 8.6 – In the boxed caption under “children and seniors,” it states that “less than a quarter of children are served by afterschool programs.” Since this information is now fairly dated (from CYs 2007, 2008 and 2009), do you have more recent statistics on the number of NOLA children and youth in afterschool programs? My understanding is that a good number of charter schools in the city have added daily afterschool programs at their schools over the past several years.
- Page 8.21 – the amendment for section 8.D. Provide support for re-entry in accordance with best practices – I know there are several fairly effective re-entry programs currently operating in the city but that these programs always appear to be under-resourced and struggling to garner the funding needed to fully implement best practice approaches that provide comprehensive re-entry supports. What steps is the city now taking to either fund, or secure funding to bring these programs to scale with the funding and resources needed to effectively address the comprehensive needs of citizens who are re-entering the community from incarceration?
- Page 8.36 – boxed caption entitled “intergenerational daycare” – great reference to evidence-based intergenerational program effectiveness! Is intergenerational programming a formal part of the city's master plan?
- Page 8.43 – Under Goal 7, the amendment deletes “centered on permanent supportive housing” from the “robust continuum of care” for the homeless – Is the city still replicating the “Housing First” model of attacking homelessness by first helping the homeless obtain stable housing, and then working intensively to help them effectively address any other underlying challenges (e.g., substance use/abuse)? If so, not sure why this amendment removes the “centered on permanent housing” language, since that is at the foundation of the Housing First model?

Thanks again for the very helpful community meetings and look forward to receiving your responses soon.

Best regards,

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Date: January 9, 2017

Re: Master Plan Amendments

Dear Mr. Rivers:

The Board of Neighbors First for Bywater (NFB) has discussed the Master Plan amendment process with our membership and concluded to take the following positions (and as described below):

1. We support all of the amendments proposed by the Louisiana Landmarks Society
2. The Master Plan should retain density limits as required by the City Charter
3. The Master Plan should not be amended outside the formal process and interpretation of the Master Plan should be a legal matter as stipulated by the “force of law” provision of the City Charter.
4. The term “tout ensemble” should remain in the description for the Mixed-Use Historic Core future land use category
5. We oppose Councilmember Ramsey’s amendment to include “culture-serving businesses and facilities” in in the description of the Residential Historic Core future land use category

Louisiana Landmarks Society Amendments

We support all of the amendments proposed by the Louisiana Landmarks Society. These amendments were developed by Louisiana’s leading preservation organization with input from

neighborhood organizations from New Orleans' historic neighborhoods and reviewed and revised by the city's most experienced preservation lawyers. These amendments will protect and preserve the integrity of our historic neighborhoods and the cultures that sustain them. Adoption of these amendments will set a national standard for preservation planning.

Density Limits

We are opposed to removing the density limitations from any future land use category's Development Character section in Chapter 14 (Section C) and believe that all residential future land use category descriptions must include density limits. Density limitations are required by the City Charter (Section 5-402.1) which states, "*The Land Use element shall consist of text setting forth land use issues and policies, and a Future Land Use Map setting forth categories of allowable uses and density, for the City.*" The density limitations provide an overall goal for the development character of neighborhoods and thus are essential to the Master Plan.

Force of Law

We are opposed to the CPC amendment to provide the Executive Director the authority to make final decisions on map amendments and final decisions on interpretations of the Future Land Use Map. This would violate the City Charter, Section 5-404.4, which specifies the mandatory review process and schedule as well as public input process in amending the Master Plan. These limitations on amendments to the Master Plan are a safeguard to protect its integrity.

Tout Ensemble

We are opposed to removing the term "tout ensemble" from the description of the Mixed-Use Historic Core future land use category in Chapter 14, Section C. New mixed-use developments can be very large and overwhelm adjacent historic neighborhoods with foreign and oppositional architecture. It is imperative that new mixed-use developments respect the historic character of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Culture-serving Businesses and Facilities

We are opposed to Councilmember Ramsey's text change to the description of the Residential Historic Core future land use category (Chapter 14, Section C) to include "culture-serving businesses and facilities". The proposed amendment does not provide any specific language or justification for the text change nor is clear why this change should be specific to Residential Historic Core neighborhoods. There is no definition for "culture-serving businesses and facilities" in the Master Plan glossary (Volume 2) so there is no way to interpret such text. Future land use descriptions for residential categories describe residential areas, so it is not clear why commercial uses ("businesses") are being inserted here.

Thank you for your consideration of these points in completing the City Planning staff report on the amendments. We look forward to participating in the amendment process and providing more specific input on matters that affect the Historic Core neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
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From: Robert D. Rivers
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Subject: Proposed changes to the Master Plan

Dear Mr Rivers:

I am a lifelong resident of New Orleans and have lived in Bywater for 42 years. I would like to share my thoughts on some issues regarding the work that you and your staff are doing regarding the Master Plan.

Before anything is done about Councilperson Ramsey's "cultural services" they must be defined. I fear that this extremely vague term could lead to rampant misuse of property in Bywater and throughout the city. Her voting record supports my fears.

I support the amendments made by the Louisiana Landmarks Society.

Density limits should remain as they are currently.

Historic Core areas should be encouraged to maintain the *toute ensemble* for future development.

Thank you,

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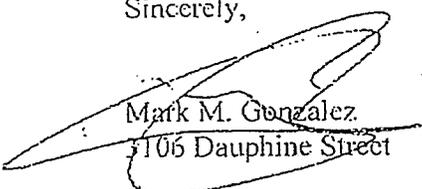
RE: Master Plan Amendments

Dear Mr. Rivers and City Planning Commission:

Please accept the following as input from a 30+ year resident of New Orleans very concerned about and involved in its well-being:

1. The Master Plan should retain density limits as required by the City Charter;
2. The Master Plan should continue to have the force of law as specified in the City Charter;
3. The term "tout ensemble" isn't a nice sounding meaningless phrase - it helps describe and determine land use designation and should remain in land use designations for Historic Core areas;
4. I support, and you should as well, the very well studied and laid out amendments sent to you by the Louisiana Landmarks Society;
5. You should NOT support Nadine Ramsey's vague and troublesome proposal for "cultural services" in Historic Core areas until it is well defined what in God's name she is talking about - and if they are good for a Historic Core - they should be good city-wide.

Sincerely,



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