



July 17, 2017 Master Plan Amendments Update

- Dilution of the Historic Preservation Chapter

On record from last Monday's session is our request to fund the formulation of a Historic Preservation Plan. Directed over seven years ago in the Master Plan, we have never seen any movement by the city to create a plan. The value of our historic assets and their preservation are low priorities in the entire Master Plan – and is in fact, pitted against other objectives in some of the proposed amendments.

We note that much has been proposed for the Chapter 6 – the Historic Preservation Chapter – to weaken its focus and importance, INCLUDING changing the title from **Historic Preservation** to **Cultural Resource Management and Historic Preservation**. We contend that the Historic Preservation Chapter should prioritize the preservation of New Orleans' historic architecture, historic districts and neighborhoods – and maintaining the scale and character of them. And we also contend if well written, as it should be, this is a land use issue. Throwing in additional, although important goals, in this chapter only serves to weaken the purpose and focus of this essential chapter in maintaining the unique and desired character of the city.

From Louisiana Landmarks Society's Master Plan Amendments written comments submitted to the City Planning Commission on September 7, 2016:

The city should “fund and create a community-based comprehensive citywide preservation plan informed by recognized preservation and neighborhood organizations and constituents interested in advancing historic preservation. Such a plan shall be broadly written and structured to incorporate consistent and conducive preservation land use and re-development policies set forth in Chapter 14, and the policies for implementation of much a plan shall be referenced and reiterated in Chapter 14 as a land use plan for the city.”

City Council hearing on the Master Plan Amendments is Thursday, July 27.

To review the Master Plan Amendments working document, please use the links, below – the first is the full text and proposed revisions and the second link is the Future Land Use Map.

<http://nolacitycouncil.com/docs/resources/masterplanamendments/Cal.%20No.%2031917%20-%20Attachment%20A.pdf>

<http://nolacitycouncil.com/docs/resources/masterplanamendments/Cal.%20No.%2031918%20-%20Attachment%20A.pdf>

Also, this is a helpful summary of all amendments - [Committee for a Better New Orleans' Guide to the Master Plan](#)