

RESOLUTION OF THE AUDUBON COMMISSION

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Audubon Commission held on _____, 2016, at which a quorum of the Board was present, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Audubon Commission is an independent agency of the City of New Orleans created by Act 191 of 1914, as amended, and is charged with the supervision of Audubon Park and preserving and improving it for public recreation and use as a place of public resort and pleasure; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that public comment and input is important for the Commission to carry out its mission as described above; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to adopt certain policies to provide opportunities for public comment and input in connection with significant Audubon development projects that eliminate open, green space:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Prior to any vote of the Audubon Commission to approve any new development which will result in the elimination of greater than one (1) acre of open, green space in Audubon Park, Woldenberg Park, or Audubon Wilderness Park, the Commission shall hold a special meeting no less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the development will be considered and voted upon, for the sole purpose of hearing public comment and input on the proposed development. This resolution shall not be construed to apply to the renovation, restoration, or refurbishment of any existing improvements, structures, or facilities that do not eliminate more than one (1) acre of open, green space, or to any new development that does not eliminate more than one (1) acre of open, green space.
2. At least fifteen (15) days prior to any such special meeting, the Commission shall contact the Neighborhood Engagement Office of the City of New Orleans to seek input and guidance as to how to maximize public participation in the special meeting, including participation of neighborhood and community organizations.
3. Audubon shall issue a press release announcing the date, time, and subject matter of the special meeting no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the special meeting.
4. Audubon shall also, in writing, notify each member of the New Orleans City Council of the special meeting no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.
5. Audubon shall post any available drawings, renderings, and plans for the proposed development on its website no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the special meeting, and shall have same physically present at the special meeting whenever possible. During the special meeting, the Commission shall present an overview of the proposed development, and solicit public

input and comment thereon. Following the special meeting, and at least fifteen (15) days before any meeting during which a vote on the proposed development will be taken, the Commission shall publish on its website a summary of any concerns expressed by the public regarding the development. Any resolution approving the proposed development shall specifically state that any concerns raised by the public have been fully considered by the Commission, and identify measures, if any, that were adopted by the Commission to address any such concerns.

6. Said special meeting shall be conducted in full accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSTAINED:
ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE

I, the Secretary of the Audubon Commission hereby certify that the above is a true, full, complete and correct copy of the resolution adopted on motion duly made and seconded at a meeting of the Audubon Commission held on the ____ day of _____, 20____, at which at least a quorum of the Members of the Audubon Commission were present and acted throughout and that the Resolutions are duly entered upon the minute book of the Audubon Commission, are now in full force and effect, and have not been amended, changed, modified, rescinded or repealed in any way.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

PRESIDENT