

Riverfront Park Public Meeting

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WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE

We all want a riverfront park...

but we need to make sure it is designed and funded properly to mitigate the residents' concerns and make sure it remains the beautiful doorway to the City we were promised.

ISSUES

Access

The plan only has one access point over the flood wall in each neighborhood although we have asked for more similar in number to the Moon Walk and Woldenberg Park.

A concern is how will these events affect a resident's access to the park? For the venue to set up they would have to close off the park?

Parking

The plan only calls for less than 70 spaces along the riverfront wall in the Marigny many of which are already used. The plan points to the lots on Elysian Fields for overflow but these spaces are already used as well the parking in the French Quarter. The Bywater parking is too far away.

The current draft of the agreement allows for 3 events a month for 3000+ people with the possibility of holding up to 2999 people for an event each day the remaining 27 days in the month. These events will need more than 70 spaces. So where will they park?

From Presentation 3





SPECIAL EVENTS PARKING

French Market Parking (Behind Floodwall)	347 spaces
South Farmer's Market Parking (at Elysian Fields)	130 spaces
North Farmer's Market Parking (at Elysian Fields)	154 spaces
Poland Avenue Wharf (Port of New Orleans)	250 spaces

TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS PARKING	881 Spaces
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Parking Already Used



Traffic

There is currently no plan to address the traffic increase of 1000's of people who will come into the area.

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Parking

From a Traffic Engineering vantage point
The Downriver Park concept
will **NOT** generate
problem traffic or parking
and there are no prescriptions
for such light program

(Urban Systems, traffic engineers)

Maintenance

To date no one has publically signed on to maintain the park. Why?

Of equal concern is that the operating capital of the park is generated from the rental of the venue. If the venue is not rented there is no money to do the maintenance or repairs of the park.

Use

We have understood that the space would be used for the occasional event. As neighborhoods we already live with the impact of several city functions such as Mardi Gras, French Quarter Fest, St Patrick's Day etc and are happy to contribute to the success of these events. As outlined, our park would be used 3 weekends out of the month for 3 events of 3000+ people. When would we get to enjoy the park?

Presentation 2



Presentation 3



Presentation 4



Mandeville Wharf : Aerial

Presentation 5



Mandeville Wharf



Presentation 2



Presentation 3



Mandeville Wharf : Aerial

Presentation 4



Mandeville Wharf

Presentation 5

Funding

The funding source for the operation (security, maintenance, repairs etc.) of the park is generated from the rental of the venue. If the venue is not rented there is no money to do the maintenance or repairs of the park.

We need to have dedicated, reoccurring funding source to maintain the park.

Security

How many security personnel will be on duty during the day or during an event? What about security in the neighborhood for patrons leaving the event? Who is responsible for damage to homes, buildings, cars etc of residents before during and after events?

(You should have 1 security person for every 100 patrons www.publicvenuesecurity.com).

Noise

What resources will residents who are affected by the noise of the event have? Is the City responsible? The venue's act(s)? The landlord of the "park"? Are sound barriers part of the building plan?

Trash

Has a trash contract been discussed with any of the local companies? How far into the neighborhood will the contract cover for post event cleanup? How soon after event will cleanup occur?