
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the exercise of the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the New Orleans City Improvement Assoc. within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (DCRT).

Present law places the New Orleans City Park Improvement Assoc. and its board of commissioners in the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (DCRT) as policymaking agencies, but specifically provides for certain powers and responsibilities for the association and its board. Provides that the transfer of the association and the board are subject to present law.

Present law requires that City Park and the New Orleans City Park Improvement Assoc. prepare and make available a plan providing specific goals and objectives for the use of any state general funds, including measures of performance and a proposed comprehensive budget for appropriated funding. Provides that any appropriated state general funds will become available to the park and the association upon plan approval by the DCRT secretary. Requires the park, the association, and its board to submit to DCRT a comprehensive report of receipts and expenditures at least quarterly in such form as DCRT may require and to provide DCRT with any other information it may request.

Present law requires that New Orleans City Park, the New Orleans City Park Improvement Assoc., and its board of commissioners are solely responsible for responding to audit findings concerning the park, the association, or its board of commissioners and solely responsible for taking corrective action and implementing corrective measures necessary to respond to such audit findings. Further provides that DCRT shall be solely responsible for responding only to those audit findings concerning the park, the association, or its board of commissioners that relate to functions and responsibilities that the department carries out on behalf of the park, the association, or its board of commissioners and that DCRT shall be solely responsible for taking corrective action and implementing corrective measures necessary to respond only to those audit findings.

Proposed law repeals present law (R.S. 36:802.22) in its entirety and instead places the New Orleans City Park Association and its board of commissioners in DCRT as independent agencies with full authority to carry out all of the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities granted to them by law independently of the department and its secretary, undersecretary for the office of management and finance, and all other department officers pursuant to present law (R.S. 36:801.1).

(Amends R.S. 36:209(O); Repeals R.S. 36:802.22)