

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT MASTER PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

DRAFT PUBLIC COMMENT WORKSHEET

Comment		Recommendation	Rationale	Yes/No
Chapter 1: Vision				
1	Revise text to state that the 1996 Bridgeport Master Plan contained a future land use map (Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency).	Revise text for clarity. (p. 1-2)	The text referred to the 1986 master plan, which did not include a future land use map, not to the 1996 plan.	
Chapter 2: History and Regional Context				
1	CSX bought Conrail several years ago, so it does not operate in the city, and the East Bridgeport yard should not be referred to as a "major freight yard" (GBRPA, J. Kenyherll).	Revise text. (p. 2-1)	Correction.	
2	The "I-95/Amtrak Corridor" should be referred to as the I-95/Northeast Corridor. Also, the "Amtrak/Metro-North rail line" should be referred to as the New Haven rail line (GBRPA).	Revise text. (p.2-1)	Correction	
Chapter 3: People and Government				
1	The percentage breakdowns by race do not appear correct. The percentage indicates that only 6% of Bridgeport's population is white, while 2000 Census data show the correct number as 30.9% (GBRPA).	Revise text for clarity. (p.3-2)	The text was meant to say that the city's population includes only 6% of the white population for the <u>region</u> , not that 6% of Bridgeport's population was white.	
Chapter 4: Land Use and Zoning				
<i>No Comments Received</i>				
Chapter 5: Historic and Cultural Resources				
1	Include Bridgeport Cultural Plan as an appendix to the Master Plan Bridgeport (Bridgeport Cultural Assessment Steering Committee).	Do not include as an appendix. Revise text. (p. 5-11)	This document was not part of the Master Plan preparation and outreach and should not be an appendix, as it could include language inconsistent with the Master Plan. Text will be added stating a cultural assessment was done.	
2	Change Policy #2 from "Reinforce Arts and Entertainment" to "Strengthen the cultural sector" (Bridgeport Cultural Assessment Steering Committee).	Make change. (p. 5-1)	While the cultural sector includes the arts and entertainment, it also includes other elements.	

3	<p>Change arts and entertainment goal as follows:</p> <p><u>Delete:</u> Arts and entertainment organizations & venues will work together to market their assets, attract visitors, and encourage tourism.</p> <p><u>Add:</u> 1) Bridgeport’s cultural sector capacity will be strengthened with leadership, funding, and marketing to advance the city’s quality of life and prosperity; and 2) Sustainable jobs in the creative economy will be created with policies, regulations, and facilities that actively encourage artists and creative businesses to live and work in Bridgeport.</p> <p>(Bridgeport Cultural Assessment Steering Committee)</p>	<p>Modify existing goal as follows:</p> <p>Bridgeport’s arts, entertainment, and cultural organizations will work together to enhance their leadership, funding and marketing capacity and create sustainable jobs in the creative economy.</p> <p>(p.5-1)</p>	<p>The goal adds leadership and funding and the creation of sustainable jobs in the creative economy.</p>	
4	<p><u>Delete:</u> This Arts Council should be a non-governmental organization</p> <p><u>Add:</u> Establish a professionally-staffed and funded Bridgeport office of cultural affairs overseen by a representative citizen commission, charged with responsibility to represent the cultural sector and lead implementation of this plan.</p> <p>(Bridgeport Cultural Assessment Steering Committee)</p>	<p>No change.</p>	<p>The creation of a governmental arts council (i.e. a Bridgeport Office of Cultural Affairs) is not consistent with the policies of the Master Plan.</p>	
5	<p>Support implementation of ULI recommendation of community art centers throughout the city (Black Rock Art Center).</p>	<p>No change.</p>	<p>The creation of community art centers throughout the city is contrary to the Master Plan goal of reducing the number of tax-exempt properties.</p>	
6	<p>A percentage of affordable artists work spaces should be retained in industrial buildings that currently have artists (Black Rock Art Center).</p>	<p>No change.</p>	<p>Not a Master Plan issue. This is an issue for the City Council to address.</p>	
7	<p>Use the current Arts & Entertainment District tax incentives to develop “cultural districts” in Black</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>The Arts & Entertainment District tax incentives are already being used</p>	

