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## **FINANCIAL SECTION**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Commissioners,  
New Orleans City Park Improvement Association,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units and each major fund of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (CPIA), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, and each major fund, of CPIA as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of CPIA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about CPIA's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of CPIA's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about CPIA's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 14, and the Schedule of Changes in CPIA's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios on page 50, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise CPIA's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Operating Expenses on page 51, and the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Office, on page 52, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 27, 2024 on our consideration of CPIA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of CPIA's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering CPIA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Certified Public Accountants.

New Orleans, Louisiana,  
December 27, 2024.

# **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

## **New Orleans City Park Improvement Association** New Orleans, Louisiana

June 30, 2024

This section of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association's (CPIA) financial report presents a discussion and analysis of CPIA's financial performance during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. Please read it in conjunction with CPIA's financial statements, which follow this section.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **2024 Highlights**

Pursuant to Act 569 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana CPIA is authorized to contract with a non-profit corporation for the operation, care, control and management of City Park and its facilities. Effective September 1, 2022, CPIA entered into a fifteen-year Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with City Park Conservancy (CPC), a Louisiana 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, which authorizes CPC to manage and operate all day-to-day operations of City Park.

CPC does not receive a management fee for its operation, care and management of City Park on behalf of CPIA. Rather, CPC directly derives revenue from its operation of City Park as well as philanthropic sponsorships, events, memberships, fundraising, and grants. CPIA also transfers tax revenue and existing lease revenue to CPC for its use in operating City Park. In addition, certain assets purchased in CPC were transferred to CPIA for capitalization purposes

Consistent with the CEA, title to all CPIA's moveable or immovable assets shall always be in the name of CPIA.

Only current retirees are part of the OPEB liability calculation since CPIA no longer manages active employees. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 75 reporting from the State of Louisiana is based off a July 1, 2022 measurement date. CPIA employee changes made October 31, 2022, will be reflected for the first time in the July 1, 2023 data used for the fiscal year end 2024 reporting.

CPIA's net position represents approximately 78% of total assets of approximately \$73 million as of June 30, 2024. As of June 30, 2023, CPIA's net position approximated 76% of total assets of approximately \$74 million.

CPIA's increase in net position was approximately \$635,000 for the year ended June 30, 2024 as compared to a decrease of approximately \$13 million for the year ended June 30, 2023. In addition, CPIA's cash used in operating activities was approximately \$377,000 in 2024 as compared to approximately \$4 million in 2023.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)****2023 Highlights**

CPIA's net position represents approximately 76% of total assets of approximately \$74 million as of June 30, 2023. As of June 30, 2022, CPIA's net position approximated 76% of total assets of approximately \$91 million.

CPIA's decrease in net position was approximately \$13 million for the year ended June 30, 2023 as compared to an increase of approximately \$564,000 for the year ended June 30, 2022. In addition, CPIA's cash used in operating activities was approximately \$4 million in 2023 as compared to approximately \$1.1 million in 2022.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This financial report consists of four parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements), required supplementary information, and other supplementary information.

The financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about CPIA's overall financial status. The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information and other supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

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CPIA's financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned, expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred, and depreciation of assets is recognized in the Statements of Activities. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of CPIA are included in the Statements of Net Position.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CPIA - 2024**

CPIA entered into a fifteen-year CEA with CPC, a Louisiana 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, which authorizes CPC to manage and operate all day-to-day operations of City Park. All employees of CPIA were terminated effective October 31, 2022 and were hired by CPC on November 1, 2022 with the same titles and responsibilities.

CPC does not receive a management fee for its operation, care and management of City Park on behalf of CPIA. Rather, CPC directly derives revenue from its operation of City Park as well as philanthropic sponsorships, events, memberships, fundraising, and grants. City Park also transfers tax revenues and existing lease revenue to CPC for its use in operating CPIA. This CEA greatly reduced the financial activity throughout the year for New Orleans City Park Improvement Association.

The Statements of Net Position reports CPIA's net position. Net position, the difference between CPIA's assets, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, is one way to measure CPIA's financial health or position. CPIA's net position increased approximately \$635,000 in 2024 compared to a decrease of \$13 million in 2023. This increase is related to the capital contributions donated from CPC used in daily operations throughout the Park, per the CEA. Current assets exceed current liabilities by approximately \$8.9 million as of June 30, 2024.

**Condensed Statements of Net Position**

	As of June 30,		Increase
	2024	2023	(Decrease)
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Current assets	\$ 10,220,856	\$ 7,715,693	\$ 2,505,163
Capital assets	62,908,460	66,433,083	(3,524,623)
Total assets	73,129,316	74,148,776	(1,019,460)
Deferred outflows of resources	227,524	366,059	(138,535)
Total assets and deferred outflows	<u>\$ 73,356,840</u>	<u>\$74,514,835</u>	<u>\$ (1,157,995)</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Current liabilities	\$ 1,253,512	\$ 1,188,719	\$ 64,793
Long-term liabilities	365,934	3,264,597	(2,898,663)
Total liabilities	1,619,446	4,453,316	(2,833,870)
Deferred inflows of resources	14,487,112	13,445,967	1,041,145
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	62,535,767	65,664,261	(3,128,494)
Restricted	688,981	977,096	(288,115)
Unrestricted (deficit)	(5,974,466)	(10,025,805)	4,051,339
Total net position	<u>57,250,282</u>	<u>56,615,552</u>	<u>634,730</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows, and net position	<u>\$ 73,356,840</u>	<u>\$74,514,835</u>	<u>\$ (1,157,995)</u>

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CPIA - 2024 (Continued)****Net Position**

CPIA's total net position as of June 30, 2024 increased approximately \$635,000 to approximately \$57.3 million. Total assets and deferred outflows decreased approximately \$1.2 million to approximately \$73.3 million, and total liabilities decreased approximately \$2.8 million to approximately \$1.6 million. In addition, CPIA reported deferred inflows of resources of approximately \$14.5 million as of June 30, 2024, which represents an approximate \$1 million increase from the amount reported as of June 30, 2023. The deferred inflows of resources relates to capital contribution made by the Bayou District Foundation (BDF) to fund a portion of the improvements to the South Course at Bayou Oaks under a service concession arrangement between CPIA and the BDF (Note 11), the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 related to the accounting for other postretirement benefits (Note 8), and the implementation of GASB Statement No. 87 related to leases (Note 6).

Total current assets increased by approximately \$2.5 million and current liabilities increased by approximately \$65,000, which resulted in an increase in working capital of approximately \$2.4 million. Receivables increased approximately \$650,000 compared to 2023 due to additional funding from government tax sources.

Sales tax collected by the City Park Taxing District (TIF), a blended component unit of CPIA (Note 1), exceeded funds used for equipment and infrastructure projects by CPIA, resulting in a decrease of approximately \$288,000 in restricted cash. Non-current assets decreased by approximately \$3.5 million.

Total liabilities decreased by approximately \$2.8 million, attributed to the reduction in other post-employee benefits and the reduction of the golf course complex equipment lease liability.

Net investments in capital assets reflect capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Restricted assets reflect assets restricted by a donor and/or contractual agreements for specific purposes.

**Changes in Net Position**

The change in net position for the year ended June 30, 2024 was an increase of approximately \$635,000 compared to a decrease in net position of approximately \$13 million for the year ended June 30, 2023.



**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CPIA - 2024 (Continued)****Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**

	As of June 30,		Increase (Decrease)
	2024	2023	
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
Amusements, concerts, and other events	\$ 61,356	\$ 1,658,222	\$ (1,596,866)
Catering and concessions	-	1,291,501	(1,291,501)
Golf operations	463,766	340,765	123,001
Botanical garden	-	508,521	(508,521)
Athletic services	-	482,627	(482,627)
Total operating revenues	<u>525,122</u>	<u>4,281,636</u>	<u>(3,756,514)</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Amusements, concerts, and other events	7,510	1,194,782	(1,187,272)
Catering and concessions	91,633	1,116,317	(1,024,684)
Botanical garden	129,667	469,460	(339,793)
Athletic services and tennis	135,134	555,560	(420,426)
General park	1,030,269	3,215,897	(2,185,628)
Depreciation	4,405,862	4,553,444	(147,582)
Amortization - leases	396,129	396,129	-
Other postretirement benefit expense	<u>(1,087,823)</u>	<u>(453,338)</u>	<u>(634,485)</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>5,108,381</u>	<u>11,048,251</u>	<u>(5,939,870)</u>
Net operating loss	(4,583,259)	(6,766,615)	2,183,356
Nonoperating income	5,217,989	2,323,612	2,894,377
Special item	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,594,937)</u>	<u>8,594,937</u>
Changes in net position	634,730	(13,037,940)	13,672,670
Total net position, beginning of the year	<u>56,615,552</u>	<u>69,653,492</u>	<u>(13,037,940)</u>
Total net position, end of the year	<u><u>\$57,250,282</u></u>	<u><u>\$56,615,552</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 634,730</u></u>

Total operating revenues decreased by approximately \$3.8 million to \$525,000 for the year ended June 30, 2024, compared to approximately \$4.3 million in the year ended June 30, 2023. All daily management operations of City Park, with the exception of Golf, are managed by CPC. This is evident by the decrease of both operating revenue and expenses. Under GASB 94, CPIA accounts for its CEA with BDF as a service concessions arrangement. Consequently, CPIA recognizes only its share of the net revenue.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CPIA - 2024 (Continued)**

There were no capital contributions in 2024 or 2023.

**Schedules of Operating Expenses**

	Year Ended June 30,		Increase
	2024	2023	(Decrease)
Administrative	\$ 157,650	\$ 260,123	\$ (102,473)
Advertising	-	18,817	(18,817)
Amortization - leases	396,129	396,129	-
Contract labor	-	104,527	(104,527)
Contract services	90,868	911,111	(820,243)
Cost of goods sold	-	335,722	(335,722)
Depreciation	4,405,862	4,553,444	(147,582)
Fuel	-	30,996	(30,996)
Insurance	-	449,123	(449,123)
Other postemployment benefits	(1,087,823)	(453,338)	(634,485)
Payroll	-	2,548,795	(2,548,795)
Payroll benefits	-	487,768	(487,768)
Rentals	-	1,528	(1,528)
Repairs and maintenance	1,069,253	591,905	477,348
Supplies	3,581	408,878	(405,297)
Training and education	-	20,937	(20,937)
Uniforms	-	3,850	(3,850)
Utilities	-	324,389	(324,389)
Write-offs	72,861	53,547	19,314
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 5,108,381</u>	<u>\$ 11,048,251</u>	<u>\$ (5,939,870)</u>

Operating expenses decreased by approximately \$6 million in fiscal year 2024. This decrease is attributable to CPC's daily Park operations management as agreed to in the CEA. CPIA entered into a CEA with CPC with daily operations management beginning November 1, 2022. At this time, most expenses became the responsibility of CPC.

Non-operating income increased by approximately \$2.9 million. The main factor contributing to this is the \$2.6 million in capital donations made from CPC to CPIA.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CPIA - 2023**

The Statements of Net Position reports CPIA's net position. Net position, the difference between CPIA's assets, liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows of resources, is one way to measure CPIA's financial health or position. CPIA's net position decreased approximately \$13 million in 2023 compared to an increase of \$564,000 in 2022. Current assets exceed current liabilities by approximately \$6.5 million as of June 30, 2023.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CPIA - 2023 (Continued)****Statements of Net Position**

	As of June 30,		Increase (Decrease)
	2023	2022	
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Current assets	\$ 7,715,693	\$19,530,020	\$(11,814,327)
Capital assets	66,433,083	71,232,373	(4,799,290)
Total assets	74,148,776	90,762,393	(16,613,617)
Deferred outflows of resources	366,059	543,875	(177,816)
Total assets and deferred outflows	<u>\$74,514,835</u>	<u>\$91,306,268</u>	<u>\$(16,791,433)</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Current liabilities	\$ 1,188,719	\$ 3,134,872	\$ (1,946,153)
Long-term liabilities	3,264,597	5,586,451	(2,321,854)
Total liabilities	<u>4,453,316</u>	<u>8,721,323</u>	<u>(4,268,007)</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>13,445,967</u>	<u>12,931,453</u>	<u>514,514</u>
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	65,664,261	70,067,422	(4,403,161)
Restricted	977,096	798,057	179,039
Unrestricted	<u>(10,025,805)</u>	<u>(1,211,987)</u>	<u>(8,813,818)</u>
Total net position	<u>56,615,552</u>	<u>69,653,492</u>	<u>(13,037,940)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows, and net position	<u>\$74,514,835</u>	<u>\$91,306,268</u>	<u>\$(16,791,433)</u>

**Net Position**

CPIA's total net position as of June 30, 2023 decreased approximately \$13 million to approximately \$56.6 million. Total assets decreased approximately \$16.8 million to approximately \$74.5 million, and total liabilities decreased approximately \$4.3 million to approximately \$4.5 million. In addition, CPIA reported deferred inflows of resources of approximately \$13.4 million as of June 30, 2023, which represents an approximate \$515,000 increase from the amount reported as of June 30, 2022. The deferred inflow of resources relates to capital contribution made by the BDF to fund a portion of the improvements to the South Course at Bayou Oaks under a service concession arrangement between CPIA and the BDF (Note 11), the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 related to the accounting for other postretirement benefits (Note 8), and the implementation of GASB Statement No. 87 related to leases (Note 6).

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CPIA - 2023 (Continued)****Net Position (Continued)**

Total current assets decreased by approximately \$11.8 million and current liabilities decreased by approximately \$1.9 million, which resulted in a decrease in working capital of approximately \$9.9 million. Receivables decreased approximately \$1.6 million compared to 2022 due to disaster payments to be reimbursed from FEMA and the State Office of Risk Management related to Hurricane Ida, collections of daily Park operation being received by CPC, and the transfer of funds to CPC in accordance with the CEA.

Sales tax collected by the TIF, a blended component unit of CPIA (Note 1), exceeded funds used for capital projects by CPIA, resulting in a decrease of approximately \$179,000 in restricted cash. Non-current assets decreased by approximately \$4.8 million.

Total liabilities decreased by approximately \$4.27 million, attributed to the transfer of the unearned income balance to CPC, the payout of accrued vacation leave liability to employees on October 31, 2022, the reduction in other post-employee benefits, and the reduction of the golf course complex equipment lease liability.

Net investments in capital assets reflect capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Restricted assets reflect assets restricted by a donor and/or contractual agreements for specific purposes.

**Changes in Net Position**

The change in net position for the year ended June 30, 2023 was a decrease of approximately \$13 million compared to an increase in net position of approximately \$564,000 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CPIA - 2023 (Continued)****Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**

	As of June 30,		Increase
	2023	2022	(Decrease)
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
Amusements, concerts, and other events	\$ 1,658,222	\$ 6,844,076	\$ (5,185,854)
Catering and gift shop	1,291,501	3,325,368	(2,033,867)
Golf operations	340,765	743,360	(402,595)
Botanical gardens	508,521	1,138,275	(629,754)
Athletic services and tennis	482,627	1,212,064	(729,437)
Total operating revenues	<u>4,281,636</u>	<u>13,263,143</u>	<u>(8,981,507)</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Amusements, concerts, and other events	1,194,782	3,374,069	(2,179,287)
Catering, restaurant, and gift shop	1,116,317	2,495,653	(1,379,336)
Botanical gardens	469,460	1,043,366	(573,906)
Athletic services and tennis	555,560	977,898	(422,338)
General park	3,215,897	6,198,412	(2,982,515)
Depreciation	4,553,444	4,669,184	(115,740)
Amortization - leases	396,129	396,129	-
Other postretirement benefit expense	(453,338)	50,294	(503,632)
Total operating expenses	<u>11,048,251</u>	<u>19,205,005</u>	<u>(8,156,754)</u>
Net operating loss	(6,766,615)	(5,941,862)	(824,753)
Nonoperating income	2,323,612	6,505,611	(4,181,999)
Special item	<u>(8,594,937)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,594,937)</u>
Changes in net position	(13,037,940)	563,749	(13,601,689)
Total net position, beginning of the year	<u>69,653,492</u>	<u>69,089,743</u>	<u>563,749</u>
Total net position, end of the year	<u>\$ 56,615,552</u>	<u>\$ 69,653,492</u>	<u>\$ (13,037,940)</u>

Total operating revenues decreased by approximately \$9 million to \$4.3 million for the year ended June 30, 2023, compared to approximately \$13.3 million in the year ended June 30, 2022. Amusements, concerts, and other special events revenue decreased by \$5.2 million, and catering and concessions revenue decreased \$2 million mainly due to the CEA with CPC. Operations of CPIA began with CPC in November 2022, resulting in all transactions going through CPC, not CPIA. This decrease in revenue was offset by an decrease in amusements, concerts, and special events, and catering and concession expenses totaling \$3.55 million. CPIA's total operating expenses decreased by approximately \$8.2 million, mainly due to the transfer of operations over to CPC. Under GASB 94, CPIA accounts for its CEA with BDF as a service concessions arrangement. Consequently, CPIA recognizes only its share of the net revenue.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CPIA - 2023 (Continued)**

There were no capital contributions in 2023 or 2022.

**Schedules of Operating Expenses**

	<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>		<u>Increase</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
Administrative	\$ 260,123	\$ 588,922	\$ (328,799)
Advertising	18,817	70,303	(51,486)
Amortization - leases	396,129	396,129	-
Contract labor	104,527	353,155	(248,628)
Contract services	911,111	1,552,040	(640,929)
Cost of goods sold	335,722	1,140,167	(804,445)
COVID-19 expenses	-	4,782	(4,782)
Depreciation	4,553,444	4,669,184	(115,740)
Disposal of fixed assets	-	8,626	(8,626)
Fuel	30,996	66,009	(35,013)
Insurance	449,123	569,097	(119,974)
Other postemployment benefits	(453,338)	50,294	(503,632)
Payroll	2,548,795	6,263,606	(3,714,811)
Payroll benefits	487,768	1,161,707	(673,939)
Rentals	1,528	9,462	(7,934)
Repairs and maintenance	591,905	707,035	(115,130)
Supplies	408,878	710,522	(301,644)
Training and education	20,937	91,870	(70,933)
Uniforms	3,850	30,961	(27,111)
Utilities	324,389	718,198	(393,809)
Write-offs	53,547	42,936	10,611
Total operating expenses	<u>\$11,048,251</u>	<u>\$19,205,005</u>	<u>\$(8,156,754)</u>

Operating expenses decreased by approximately \$8.2 million in fiscal year 2023. This decrease is attributable to CPIA's transfer of operating reserves and current year operations to CPC. CPIA entered into a CEA with CPC with daily operations management beginning November 1, 2022. At this time, most expenses became the responsibility of CPC. Additionally, the transfer of reserve funds to CPC were made through Contract Services.

Non-operating income decreased by approximately \$4.2 million. The main factors contributing to this include additional earned interest and revenue of State support and City millage collected for 2023. In addition, the current transfers to CPC for operations are netted against this revenue.

## **CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

### **2024 Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2024, CPIA's investment in capital assets approximated \$62.5 million, net of accumulated depreciation of approximately \$64.9 million. This investment consists principally of buildings and related improvements, ground improvements, and equipment. As of June 30, 2024, CPIA has construction in progress of approximately \$2.3 million relating to projects throughout CPIA.

### **2023 Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2023, CPIA's investment in capital assets approximated \$65.7 million, net of accumulated depreciation of approximately \$60.5 million. This investment consists principally of buildings and related improvements, ground improvements, and equipment. As of June 30, 2023, CPIA had construction in progress of approximately \$932,000 relating to projects throughout CPIA.

## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND OUTLOOK - 2024**

The CEA between CPIA and CPC allows CPC to directly derive revenue from its operation of City Park as well as philanthropic sponsorships, events, memberships, fundraising, and grants. CPIA now transfers tax revenue and existing lease revenue to CPC for its use in operating the Park. The ability to host corporate and wedding events, stadium rentals, several fundraising events, and programming throughout City Park will continue as usual. CPIA has also begun the process of a new Master Plan, with a capital campaign to follow.

## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND OUTLOOK - 2023**

The new management structure of City Park made through the CEA between CPIA and CPC will affect where management of daily operations occur. CPC now directly derives revenue from its operation of City Park as well as philanthropic sponsorships, events, memberships, fundraising, and grants. CPIA now transfers tax revenue and existing lease revenue to CPC for its use in operating CPIA. The ability to host corporate and wedding events, stadium rentals, several fundraising events, and programming throughout City Park will continue as usual. CPIA has also begun the process of a new Master Plan, with a capital campaign to follow.

## **CONTACTING CPIA'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our patrons and other interested parties with a general overview of CPIA's finances and to demonstrate CPIA's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association at (504) 482-4888.

## **STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION**

### **New Orleans City Park Improvement Association New Orleans, Louisiana**

June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### **ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Current</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Unrestricted	\$ 1,183,020	\$ 711,128
Restricted	688,981	977,096
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,872,001	1,688,224
Investments with Louisiana Asset Management Pool	805,568	763,776
Investments	1,631,231	-
Receivables, net of allowances:		
Bayou District Foundation	659,151	535,280
Tenant leases	213,565	160,375
Federal grant receivable	112,410	226,331
City of New Orleans:		
Tax increment financing	87,885	75,866
Millage	177,891	18,885
State of Louisiana	617,693	204,210
Leases	4,034,734	4,028,145
Other	3,727	9,601
Prepaid and other assets	5,000	5,000
Total current assets	10,220,856	7,715,693
<b>Long-Term Assets</b>		
Capital assets, net	62,535,767	65,664,261
Right of use asset	372,693	768,822
Total long-term assets	62,908,460	66,433,083
Total assets	73,129,316	74,148,776
<b>Deferred Outflow of Resources - Pensions</b>	227,524	366,059
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	<u>\$ 73,356,840</u>	<u>\$ 74,514,835</u>

See notes to financial statements.



**LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 374,217	\$ 250,082
Payroll withholdings	-	169
Restricted liabilities	500,000	500,000
Other	13,250	13,750
Lease liability, current portion	<u>366,045</u>	<u>424,718</u>
Total current liabilities	1,253,512	1,188,719
<b>Long-Term</b>		
Lease liability, long-term portion	26,640	372,761
Other postemployment benefits	<u>339,294</u>	<u>2,891,836</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,619,446</u>	<u>4,453,316</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Service concession arrangement	6,841,225	7,114,874
Other postemployment benefits	4,048,684	2,722,500
Leases	<u>3,597,203</u>	<u>3,608,593</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>14,487,112</u>	<u>13,445,967</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflow of resources	<u>16,106,558</u>	<u>17,899,283</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	62,535,767	65,664,261
Restricted	688,981	977,096
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(5,974,466)</u>	<u>(10,025,805)</u>
Total net position	<u>57,250,282</u>	<u>56,615,552</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	<u><u>\$ 73,356,840</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,514,835</u></u>

**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES****New Orleans City Park Improvement Association**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Amusements, concerts, and other events	\$ 61,356	\$ 1,658,222
Catering and concessions	-	1,291,501
Golf operations	463,766	340,765
Botanical garden	-	508,521
Stadium rentals and concessions	-	263,882
Tennis	-	218,745
Total operating revenues	<u>525,122</u>	<u>4,281,636</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Amusements, concerts, and other events	7,510	1,194,782
Catering and concessions	91,633	1,116,317
Botanical garden	129,667	469,460
Athletic services and tennis	135,134	555,560
General park	1,030,269	3,215,897
Depreciation	4,405,862	4,553,444
Amortization - leases	396,129	396,129
Other postemployment benefits	(1,087,823)	(453,338)
Total operating expenses	<u>5,108,381</u>	<u>11,048,251</u>
Net operating loss	<u>(4,583,259)</u>	<u>(6,766,615)</u>
<b>Nonoperating Income (Expense)</b>		
Donations	-	979,915
Support for capital projects from		
City Park Conservancy	2,622,480	32,117
Interest income	85,445	150,319
Federal grants	435,471	12,687
State revenue	2,295,896	3,063,391
City revenue	2,946,100	3,028,921
Lease revenue	930,635	921,190
Transfer to City Park Conservancy for operations	(4,861,620)	(6,346,630)
Gain on sale of capital asset	170,800	-
Investment gains	123,105	-
Other revenue	469,677	481,702
Total nonoperating revenue	<u>5,217,989</u>	<u>2,323,612</u>

**Exhibit B**  
**(Continued)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Special Items</b>		
Net transfer of certain assets and liabilities to City Park Conservancy, per the CEA	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,594,937)</u>
Change in net position before capital contributions	634,730	(13,037,940)
<b>Net Position</b>		
Beginning of the year	<u>56,615,552</u>	<u>69,653,492</u>
End of the year	<u><u>\$ 57,250,282</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 56,615,552</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS****New Orleans City Park Improvement Association**

New Orleans, Louisiana

For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>		
Cash received from user fees and other park activities	\$ 60,615	\$ 3,388,730
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(346,461)	(2,822,012)
Cash payments to employees for services	(90,868)	(4,592,134)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(376,714)</u>	<u>(4,025,416)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Noncapital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Cash received from State of Louisiana	1,882,413	3,154,405
Cash received from sales tax and property tax mileage	2,775,075	3,128,851
Cash received from donations	-	1,010,776
Cash received from lease revenue	859,466	822,610
Net transfer of certain assets and liabilities to City Park Conservancy, per the CEA	-	(8,198,495)
Transfer to City Park Conservancy for operations	(4,861,620)	(6,346,630)
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital and related financing activities	<u>655,334</u>	<u>(6,428,483)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Contributed by others for capital improvements	113,921	912,558
Payments on capital lease obligations	(404,794)	(391,867)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,128,000	-
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(372,645)	(118,166)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	<u>464,482</u>	<u>402,525</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of investments	(1,549,918)	(5,051,945)
Sale of investments	-	9,326,897
Interest received on investments	85,445	150,319
Other revenue	905,148	494,389
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(559,325)</u>	<u>4,919,660</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>183,777</u>	<u>(5,131,714)</u>

**Exhibit C  
(Continued)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Beginning of the year	<u>1,688,224</u>	<u>6,819,938</u>
End of the year	<u>\$ 1,872,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,688,224</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</b>		
Operating loss	\$ (4,583,259)	\$ (6,766,615)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	4,405,862	4,553,444
Amortization - leases	396,129	396,129
Disposal of canceled construction projects	760,557	-
Bad debts	72,861	53,547
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows or resources:		
Receivables	(190,858)	507,752
Inventories	-	(114,533)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	-	18,000
Deferred outflows	138,535	177,816
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:		
Trade payables and insurance payable	124,135	(151,293)
Accrued liabilities and other liabilities	(669)	(667,851)
Other postemployment benefits	(2,552,542)	(1,929,987)
Deferred inflows of resources	1,052,535	1,025,184
Unearned income	-	(1,127,009)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$ (376,714)</u>	<u>\$ (4,025,416)</u>
<b>Non-Cash Items</b>		
Contributions of capital assets from City Park Conservancy	<u>\$ 2,622,480</u>	<u>\$ 32,117</u>
Transfer of certain noncash assets and liabilities to City Park Conservancy	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 396,442</u>
<b>Supplemental Disclosures for Cash Flow Information</b>		
Interest paid	<u>\$ 19,924</u>	<u>\$ 32,850</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****New Orleans City Park Improvement Association**

New Orleans, Louisiana

June 30, 2024 and 2023

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The State of Louisiana legislature passed Act 84 of 1870 which established a public park in the City of New Orleans (the “City”) and created the New Orleans Park Board of Commissioners (“Board”). By Act 87 of 1877, the Board was abolished, and the powers and duties were transferred to the City Council of New Orleans. In 1896, Act 84 of 1870 was repealed and Act 130 gave recognition to an organization called the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (CPIA), an agency of the State, which was to manage and supervise the City’s park (“City Park”). Act 865 of 1982 transferred CPIA to the State Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. CPIA shall be used for park, educational, and cultural purposes.

Act 13 of 1998 authorized CPIA to contract with a not-for-profit entity for the operation, care, control, and management of CPIA, including contracting for employment, procurement of goods and services and entering into lease arrangements. Additionally, the entity was specifically exempted from Title 38 relative to public contracts, Title 39 relative to procurement of professional, personal, consulting and social services and Title 41 relative to the lease of public lands. In 2001, CPIA entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with CPIA Employment and Procurement Corporation (PEPCO) for the purposes stated in Act 13. PEPCO has no assets or liabilities and neither receives, nor expends any funds.

Pursuant to Act 569 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, CPIA is authorized to contract with a non-profit corporation for the operation, care, control and management of City Park and its facilities. Effective September 1, 2022, CPIA entered into a fifteen-year Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with City Park Conservancy (CPC), a Louisiana 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, which authorizes CPC to manage and operate all day-to-day operations of City Park, subject to the reserved rights and responsibilities of CPIA. All employees of CPIA were terminated effective October 31, 2022 and were hired by CPC on November 1, 2022 with the same titles and responsibilities.

CPC does not receive a management fee for its operation, care and management of City Park on behalf of CPIA. Rather, CPC directly derives revenue from its operation of City Park as well as philanthropic sponsorships, events, memberships, fundraising, and grants. CPIA also transfers tax revenue and existing lease revenue to CPC for its use in operating CPIA.

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Consistent with the CEA, title to all CPIA's moveable or immovable assets shall always be in the name of CPIA.

Since all employees were terminated from CPIA due to the new management arrangement, all accrued vacation pay was distributed to each employee upon termination on October 31, 2022, and no longer recorded as accrued salaries. This termination also leaves only current retirees included in the current Other postemployment benefit obligation (see Note 8) calculation since CPIA no longer has active employees

As part of the implementation of this agreement, CPIA transferred certain assets and liabilities related to operations and management of City Park facilities to CPC totaling \$8,594,937, net, during the year ended June 30, 2023.

The following are the main items in the Agreement with financial reporting impacts:

It is the intent of both parties that "Earned Revenue" ( defined as admission fees, special event fees, special event rental fees, contractual income, food and merchandise revenue, and other fees collected attributable to CPIA), "Other Revenue" (defined as qualifying philanthropic sponsorships, grants specific to CPC), and "NOCPIA Revenue" (defined as tax revenue, intergovernmental grants, or CPIA real estate revenue) will be used for the benefit of all of City Park, in furtherance of the missions of both CPIA and CPC and will cover all necessary expenses related to operation, maintenance, upgrade and development of City Park.

CPC, in order to achieve and continue the public purpose of the Agreement and its management obligations set forth herein, shall retain its own accounts, Earned Revenue and Other Revenue, for the operation, maintenance, and development of City Park. Such Earned Revenue and Other Revenue shall be administered by CPC and deposited in an account to be used for the operation of Park facilities (CPC Operating Account). For the avoidance of doubt, it is the understanding of the parties that in no event shall Earned Revenue or Other Revenue be considered public funds.

Necessary expenses of CPC relating to operation, maintenance, upgrade and development of City Park shall be paid by CPIA through transfer of NOCPIA Revenue, including tax revenue, intergovernmental grants, and the Commission real estate lease revenue and other NOCIA Revenue due to CPIA. All existing NOCPIA Revenue at the time of the CEA shall be transferred over to the CPC operating bank account, and all future NOCPIA Revenue shall be transferred to the CPC operating bank account in accordance with the annual budget.

CPC shall prepare an annual CPC operating budget, a CPIA operating budget, and CPIA's capital budget related to the revenue and expenses relating to the operation, maintenance, and development of City Park. These budgets must be approved by both CPIA and CPC boards.

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

All tax revenues, intergovernmental grants, CPIA real estate lease revenue and any other Park Revenue due to CPIA for the operation, maintenance, upgrade and development of City Park shall be administered by CPC on behalf of and in the name of CPIA and deposited in an account administered by CPC on behalf of and in the name of CPIA. For the avoidance of doubt, it is the understanding of the parties that funds maintained in these accounts are considered public funds.

**a. Reporting Entity**

For financial reporting purposes and in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board's definition of a reporting entity, CPIA has only one fund, an enterprise fund, which accounts for all assets, liabilities and operations of CPIA, and, as such, is considered a primary government.

Of the 20 authorized Board members, 5 are appointed by various governmental units and nonprofit organizations. The remaining Board members serve limited staggered terms and are appointed by the current Board members of CPIA. CPIA's Board members have decision-making authority over the activities of CPIA including the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters. CPIA has no special financial relationships with any other governmental unit and is responsible for its own debt, surpluses, and deficits.

**b. Component Units**

New Orleans City Park Taxing District (TIF) is a blended component unit of CPIA. Although a blended component unit is a legally separate entity, it is, in substance, part of CPIA's operations, as it provides funding exclusively for CPIA. Act 266 of 2007 of the State of Louisiana, created the TIF, and New Orleans City Ordinance No. 23010 on December 20, 2007 designates a portion of the local sales and use taxes within CPIA's boundaries to fund economic development projects undertaken by CPIA. During 2020, the original Ordinance was extended a second time for an additional six years through 2026. The net position of the TIF, restricted for CPIA capital projects and equipment, totaled \$949,757 and \$803,114 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.



**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**b. Component Units (Continued)**

**New Orleans City Park Taxing District**

**Statements of Net Position**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current assets	<u>\$ 949,757</u>	<u>\$ 803,114</u>
Restricted net position	<u>\$ 949,757</u>	<u>\$ 803,114</u>

**Statements of Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>		
Sales taxes	\$ 281,156	\$ 284,631
<b>Expenses</b>		
Economic development	<u>134,513</u>	<u>150,891</u>
Change in net position	146,643	133,740
<b>Net Position</b>		
Beginning of year	<u>803,114</u>	<u>669,374</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 949,757</u>	<u>\$ 803,114</u>

**c. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The accounting policies of CPIA conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and measurable; and expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization, are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. CPIA has no governmental or fiduciary funds. CPIA uses fund accounting to report its financial position and results of operations. CPIA's accounts are organized into a single proprietary fund.

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**c. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)**

The enterprise fund (a proprietary fund) is used to account for operations (a) that are operated in a manner similar to private business where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expense, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public is financed or recovered primarily through user charges or (b) where the governing body has decided that the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or changes in net position is appropriate for capital maintenance.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating revenues consist of charges to customers and users of its services. Operating expenses for CPIA include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

CPIA's principal operating revenues are the fees received for services and use of CPIA's facilities. Operating revenues are recognized when services are provided, and facilities are used by customers. Grants, donations, capital contributions, and similar items are recognized as revenue when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

**d. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**e. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purpose of the Statements of Cash Flows, CPIA considers deposits and only cash certificates on hand and investments purchased with an initial maturity date of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**f. Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides an allowance for probable uncollectible amounts based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. No allowance for doubtful accounts was recorded as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

**g. Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices. If quoted prices are not available, fair value is estimated based on similar securities. CPIA does not have an investment policy, however the Louisiana Revised Statutes authorize CPIA to invest in bonds, treasury notes, certificates or other obligations of the United States, or time certificates of deposit in state banks organized under Louisiana laws and national banks having principal offices in the State. Unrealized gains and losses on investments are recorded at fair value and are included in interest income.

Pooled accounts managed by CPC are reported at fair market value, including any pro rata gains and losses.

**h. Inventories**

Inventories, consisting primarily of gift shop, concession, and catering supplies, are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value, using the first-in first-out (FIFO) method.

**i. Capital Assets**

Capital assets are stated at cost. Contributed assets are recorded at acquisition value at the time received. An item is classified as a capital asset if the individual cost is \$5,000 or greater and has a useful life in excess of one year. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives.

**j. Unearned Income**

Unearned income represents resources CPIA has received, but not yet earned, such as federal grant funds received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures, cash deposits received as prepayments from customers on catering events and birthday parties or prepaid rental revenue.

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**k. Other Postemployment Benefits**

GASB Statement No. 75, “*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*” (GASB 75), requires governments to accrue postemployment benefits to the extent it is probable the employer will provide benefits conditioned on the employees retirement. CPIA has recorded liabilities for postemployment health care benefits as of June 30, 2024 and 2023. As of November 1, 2022, CPIA no longer has active employees and recorded liabilities for employees that retired prior to November 1, 2022. GASB 75 reporting from the State of Louisiana is based off the July 1, 2022 measurement date. CPIA employee changes made October 31, 2022 will be reflected initially in the July 1, 2023 data used for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 reporting.

In the basic financial statements, the other postemployment benefits liability is recorded as long-term obligations. Other postemployment benefit expenditures are recognized in the amount contributed to the plan or expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Expendable available financial resources generally refer to other postemployment benefit payments due and payable as of the end of the year.

**l. Net Position**

CPIA classifies net position into three components: net investment in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted. These components are defined as follows:

**Net investment in capital assets** - This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, CPIA did not have debt related to capital assets.

**Restricted** - This component reports net position with externally imposed constraints placed on their use by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. CPIA utilizes restricted net position before utilizing available unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

**Unrestricted** - This component reports net positions that do not meet the definition of either of the other two components.

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**m. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

Deferred outflows of resources represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. See Note 8 for more information regarding deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits. Deferred inflows of resources represent the acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. Capital contributions made by the Bayou District Foundation (BDF) in relation to its cooperative endeavor agreement with CPIA are reported as deferred inflows of resources and amortized over the life of the agreement. See Note 11 for additional information. Certain leases are reported as deferred inflows of resources. See Note 6 for additional information.

Lease- related amounts are recognized at the inception of leases in which CPIA is the lessor. The deferred inflow of resources is recorded in an amount equal to the corresponding lease receivable plus certain additional amounts received from the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term that relate to future periods, less any lease incentives paid to, or on behalf of, the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term. The inflow of resources is recognized in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease.

**n. Vacation Leave**

CPIA permits employees a limited amount of earned but unused vacation benefits not to exceed 300 hours, which will be paid to employees upon separation from CPIA service. All unused vacation leave was paid to each employee on October 31, 2022, when CPIA moved to the Conservancy management model discussed in Note 1. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, CPIA had no employees.

**o. New GASB Statements**

During the year ending June 30, 2024, CPIA implemented the following GASB Statements:

Statement No. 99, “*Omnibus 2022*” provides objectives to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB statements and accounting and financial report for financial guarantees. The requirements of this Statement apply to all financial statements at dates varying from upon issuance to fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2023. This Statement did not affect CPIA’s financial statements.

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**o. New GASB Statements (Continued)**

Statement No. 100, “*Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*” provides guidance to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. This Statement did not affect the financial statements.

The GASB has issued the following Statements which will become effective in future years as shown below:

Statement No. 101, “*Compensated Absences*” provides guidance to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged. Management has yet to determine the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 102, “*Certain Risk Disclosures*” defines concentrations and constraints. The Statement also requires governments to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact and whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. Additional disclosures are to be included if reporting criteria is met which will provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government’s vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter. Management has yet to determine the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 103, “*Financial Reporting Model Improvements*” provides guidance to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government’s accountability. The Statement establishes new or modifies existing requirements related to Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), unusual or infrequent items, presentation of proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position, information about major component units in basic financial statements, and budgetary comparison information. The requirements of this

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**o. New GASB Statements (Continued)**

Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. Management has yet to determine the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 104, *“Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets”* provides guidance on the requirements of certain types of capital assets disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement 34. Lease assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right-to-use assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 94, *“Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements”*, should be disclosed separately by major class of underlying asset in the capital assets note disclosures. Subscription assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 96, *“Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements”*, also should be separately disclosed. In addition, this Statement requires intangible assets other than those three types to be disclosed separately by major class. This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale. A capital asset is a capital asset held for sale if (a) the government has decided to pursue the sale of the capital asset and (b) it is probable that the sale will be finalized within one year of the financial statement date. Governments should consider relevant factors to evaluate the likelihood of the capital asset being sold within the established time frame. This Statement requires that capital assets held for sale be evaluated each reporting period. Governments should disclose (1) the ending balance of capital assets held for sale, with separate disclosure for historical cost and accumulated depreciation by major class of asset, and (2) the carrying amount of debt for which the capital assets held for sale are pledged as collateral for each major class of asset. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. Management has yet to determine the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

**p. Subsequent Events**

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 27, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 2 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS**

The following are the components of CPIA's cash, cash equivalents and investments as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current:		
Cash in banks	\$ 1,872,001	\$ 1,688,224
Certificates of deposit	507,752	-
CPC pooled investment fund	1,123,479	-
Investment in Louisiana Asset Management Pool	<u>805,568</u>	<u>763,776</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 4,308,800</u>	<u>\$ 2,452,000</u>

Restricted cash as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

<u>2024</u>	
New Orleans City Park Taxing District	\$ 683,981
Bayou District Foundation Reserve	<u>5,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 688,981</u>
<u>2023</u>	
New Orleans City Park Taxing District	\$ 731,504
Bayou District Foundation Reserve	<u>245,592</u>
Total	<u>\$ 977,096</u>

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. Statutes require that CPIA's cash be covered by federal depository insurance or collateral.

The bank balances of cash, as reflected by the banks' records totaled \$1,901,051 and \$643,005 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023 there was no significant exposure to credit risk.

As of June 30, 2024, cash was adequately collateralized in accordance with state law by securities held by unaffiliated banks for the account of CPIA. The GASB, which promulgates the standards for accounting and financial reporting state and local governments, considers these securities subject to custodial credit risk. Even though the deposits are considered subject to custodial credit risk under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the depositor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.



**Note 2 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

CPIA invests monies with the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), which are reported at net asset value. LAMP is considered to be an external investment pool administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which was formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-R.S. 33:2955. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. Only local Louisiana government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets.

The following facts are relevant for LAMP:

- Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAA by Standard & Poor's.
- Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not with the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- Concentration of credit risk: Underlying pooled investments are excluded from the 5% disclosure requirement.
- Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is 26 days as of June 30, 2024.
- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable.

LAMP values its investments at fair value based on quoted market values. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares which approximates net asset value (NAV). There are no unfunded commitments as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

**Note 2 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

LAMP is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). An annual audit of LAMP is conducted by an independent certified public accountant. The Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana has full access to the records of LAMP. LAMP issues financial reports which can be obtained by writing: LAMP, Inc., 228 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 1123, New Orleans, LA 70130.

**Note 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

CPIA's investments are recorded at fair value as of June 30, 2024 and 2023. GASB Statement No. 72, "*Fair Value Measurement and Application*", defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This Statement establishes a hierarchy of valuation inputs based on the extent to which the inputs are observable in the marketplace.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following describes the hierarchy of inputs used to measure fair value and the primary valuation methodologies used for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Level 1 - Investments whose values are based on quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 - Investments with inputs - other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Investments classified as Level 3 have unobservable inputs for an asset and may require a degree of professional judgment.

The asset's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

- *Certificates of Deposit*: CPIA uses the market approach for valuing certificates of deposit which are within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

**Note 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

- *Pooled Investments with CPC*: Certain investments of CPIA are held in pooled assets managed by the CPC. The investments are valued on information provided by the CPC. These investments are reported at net asset value (NAV), which approximates fair value and have no lockup provisions. Investments measured at fair value using the NAV practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy and have no fixed redemption frequency, notice periods, or unfunded commitments.

These methods may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while CPIA believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by Level within the fair value hierarchy the CPIA investments as of June 30, 2024:

	Total Assets Measured at Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Certificates of deposit	\$ 507,752	\$ 507,752	\$ -	\$ -
CPC pooled investment fund	1,123,479	-	1,123,479	-
	<u>\$ 1,631,231</u>	<u>\$ 507,752</u>	<u>\$ 1,123,479</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NAV per share is an amount of net assets attributable to each share of capital stock outstanding at the close of the period. Investments measured at NAV for fair value are not subject to level classification. NAV is its own category.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 are comprised of and determined as follows:

	2024	2023
LAMP investments measured at NAV	<u>\$ 805,568</u>	<u>\$ 763,776</u>

**Note 4 - SALES TAX**

Act No. 266 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature states that the TIF must designate the local sales and use taxes to be used to determine the sales tax increment (the “increment”) to be pledged and dedicated to the payment of economic development projects of the District. Pursuant to Board Resolution adopted on December 18, 2007, the TIF designated the local sales and use taxes as those sales taxes paid at, by, or in connection with activities which generate sales taxes within the TIF which are the City of New Orleans’ aggregate 2.5% sales and use taxes collected on the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property. The increment is the amount of sales taxes to be collected in the District in excess of the Initial Annual Baseline Collection Rate, which is \$83,543 for the annual baseline collection rate, and \$6,961 for the monthly baseline collection rate.

**Note 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Construction in progress of \$2,294,422 and \$931,769 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, consists primarily of improvements to the Splash Park and Wisner Tract and various other facilities and grounds improvements.

**Note 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)**

The capital asset activity of the Park as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

Description	2023	Additions	Reclassifications	Disposals	2024	Estimated Useful Life Years
Land	\$ 3,062,144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (957,200)	\$ 2,104,944	
Land improvements	47,867,753	304,389	-	-	48,172,142	10-30
Infrastructure	156,365	-	-	-	156,365	20-30
Buildings and improvements	52,389,101	-	-	-	52,389,101	10-30
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	19,185,699	502,702	-	-	19,688,401	5-20
Vehicles	2,577,585	64,824	-	-	2,642,409	3-20
Construction in progress	931,769	2,123,210	-	(760,557)	2,294,422	
	126,170,416	2,995,125	-	(1,717,757)	127,447,784	
Less accumulated depreciation	(60,506,155)	(4,405,862)	-	-	(64,912,017)	
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 65,664,261</u>	<u>\$ (1,410,737)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,717,757)</u>	<u>\$ 62,535,767</u>	

  

Description	2022	Additions	Reclassifications	Disposals	2023	Estimated Useful Life Years
Land	\$ 3,062,144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,062,144	
Land improvements	47,867,753	-	-	-	47,867,753	10-30
Infrastructure	156,365	-	-	-	156,365	20-30
Buildings and improvements	52,389,101	-	-	-	52,389,101	10-30
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	19,153,850	31,849	-	-	19,185,699	5-20
Vehicles	2,539,523	38,062	-	-	2,577,585	3-20
Construction in progress	851,397	80,372	-	-	931,769	
	126,020,133	150,283	-	-	126,170,416	
Less accumulated depreciation	(55,952,711)	(4,553,444)	-	-	(60,506,155)	
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 70,067,422</u>	<u>\$ (4,403,161)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 65,664,261</u>	

**Note 6 - LEASES**

**LESSEE**

During the year ended June 30, 2021, CPIA entered into financing leasing arrangements for certain moveable equipment related to the golf courses. The leases contain imputed interest rates approximating 3.25%. The leases require monthly payments, including interest, ranging from \$2,463 to \$13,542. The leases mature in months ranging from March 2025 through June 2026. The following is a schedule of capitalized costs and accumulated amortization as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Capitalized costs	\$ 1,687,260	\$ 1,687,260
Accumulated amortization	<u>(1,314,567)</u>	<u>(918,438)</u>
Net book value	<u>\$ 372,693</u>	<u>\$ 768,822</u>

Amortization expense on leased assets totaled \$396,129 for each of the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

The weighted average of the interest rate as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 is 3.25%.

The weighted average remaining lease term in years as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 is 0.94 and 2.75 years, respectively.

Interest expense on the financing lease obligations totaled \$19,924 and \$32,850 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Minimum future lease payments as of June 30, 2024, are as follows:

<u>For The Year Ended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$372,726
2026	<u>27,074</u>
Total future payments	399,800
Less amount representing interest	<u>(7,115)</u>
Present value of net future payments	392,685
Less current maturities	<u>(366,045)</u>
Operating lease liabilities	
Less current maturities	<u>\$ 26,640</u>

**Note 6 - LEASES (Continued)**

**LESSOR**

CPIA, as a lessor, leases certain facilities to various lessees under renewable lease agreements. These have remaining terms ranging from 1 to 35 years. Two leases call for additional rental income in amounts equal to a percentage of the lessee's gross revenue in excess of certain fixed amount. These facilities and or land include a cellular tower, the stables, Cafe du Monde, the Louisiana Children's Museum, and Christian Brothers School. Minimum future lease receipts as of June 30, 2024, are as follows:

<u>For The Year Ended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 646,392
2026	642,892
2027	633,972
2028	607,212
2029	607,212
Thereafter	<u>1,815,084</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 4,952,764</u></u>

Deferred inflows of resources related to these leases as a June 30, 2024 and 2023 total \$3,597,203 and \$3,608,593, respectively. The inflows of resources are recognized ratably over the terms of the lease using the net present value at the inception of the lease at a 4% discount rate.

The total amount of inflows of resources, including lease revenue, interest revenue, and other lease related items, recognized during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$930,635 and \$921,190 respectively. This total includes \$210,205 and \$93,568 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, of variable and other payments not previously included in the measurement of the lease receivable.

**Note 6 - LEASES (Continued)**

The cost and carrying amount included in buildings and improvements for the portion of facilities that are leased to lessees as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 were, as follows.

	2024		
	Gross Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net cost
Casino building	\$ 1,219,416	\$ 599,546	\$ 619,870
Big Lake dock and boat house	417,131	194,661	222,470
Equestrian facility	965,641	436,614	529,027
Leased facility	<u>\$ 2,602,188</u>	<u>\$ 1,230,821</u>	<u>\$ 1,371,367</u>
	2023		
	Gross Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net cost
Casino building	\$ 1,219,416	\$ 477,605	\$ 741,811
Big Lake dock and boat house	417,131	180,757	236,374
Equestrian facility	965,641	396,646	568,995
Leased facility	<u>\$ 2,602,188</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,008</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,180</u>

**Note 7 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

CPIA offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Section 457. The plan, available to all CPIA employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Full time employees with a minimum of one year of full time service are eligible for a contribution by CPIA. The contribution for full time employees is \$2 for each \$1 contributed by the employee on the first 2.5% of base compensation. The deferred compensation is not available to the employee or their beneficiary until termination, retirement, death, or an unforeseeable emergency.

The plan is administered by the State of Louisiana (the “State”). Participants’ rights under the plan are equal to those of the general creditors of the State in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant. The 457 employer match was discontinued in May of 2020 and reinstated in January of 2021. The plan contributed \$90,553 and participants contributed \$74,089 to the deferred compensation plan for the year ended June 30, 2023. No participant deferrals or contributions were made to the plan during the year ended June 30, 2024, as CPIA no longer has any employees after CPC became the operator of City Park in 2023 per the CEA.



**Note 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

*Plan description* - CPIA provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for their beneficiaries through participation in the State of Louisiana's health insurance plan administered by the Office of Group Benefits (OGB), an agent multiple employers defined benefit plan. Louisiana Revised Statute 42:801-883 assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plan to the state legislature. The OGB does not issue a stand-alone report; however, OGB is included in the State of Louisiana's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which may be obtained from the Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy's website at <https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/osrap/annual-financial-report/>, by writing to P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095, or by calling (225) 342-0708. There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria of paragraph 4 of GASB 75 for this OPEB plan.

*Benefits provided* - The OPEB Plan provides benefits such as: death benefits, life insurance, disability, and long-term care that are paid in the period after employment and that are provided separately from a pension plan; as well as health care benefits paid in the period after employment for retirees, disabled retirees, and their eligible beneficiaries through premium subsidies. OGB offers retirees under age 65 a choice of three self-insured health care plans and one fully insured plan. Retired employees who have Medicare Part A and Part B coverage have access to these plans and an additional two fully insured Medicare Advantage HMO plans, one fully insured plan, and one zero premium HMO plan.

*Funding policy* - Retired plan members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits are required to contribute specified amounts monthly toward the cost of health insurance premiums. Employees hired before January 1, 2002 pay approximately 25% of the cost of coverage (except single retirees under age 65 pay approximately 25% of the active employee cost). Employees hired on or after January 1, 2002 pay a percentage of the contribution rate based on years of service.

The contribution rate ranges are as follows:

<u>OGB Participation</u>	<u>Employer Contribution</u>	<u>Retiree Contribution</u>
Under 10 years	19%	81%
10 - 14 years	38%	62%
15 - 19 years	56%	44%
20 or more years	75%	25%

**Note 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

In addition to health care benefits, retirees may elect to receive life insurance benefits. Basic and supplemental life insurance are available for the individual retiree and spouses of retirees, subject to maximum values. The retiree pays \$.54 monthly for each \$1,000 of life insurance. The retiree pays \$.98 monthly for each \$1,000 of spouse life insurance. The employer pays the remaining amount.

Other postemployment benefits (OPEB) administered through the OGB are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. OPEB contributions to the plan are generally made at about the same time and in about the same amount as benefit payments become due.

Employees covered by benefit terms - The June 30, 2024 total OPEB liability was determined using the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation and the June 30, 2023 liability was determined using the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation that included the following employees covered by the benefit terms:

	Valuation Date July 1,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Inactive employees or beneficiaries		
currently receiving benefit payments	6	6
Inactive employees entitled to but not		
yet receiving benefit payments	-	-
Active employees	<u>-</u>	<u>72</u>
Totals	<u>6</u>	<u>78</u>

**Total OPEB Liability**

CPIA's current year total OPEB liability of \$339,294 was measured as of June 30, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. CPIA's prior year total OPEB liability of \$2,891,836 was measured as of June 30, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

**Note 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs**

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2022, actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

	2024
<b>Valuation Date</b>	July 1, 2023
<b>Actuarial Cost Method</b>	Entry Age Normal
<b>Actuarial Assumptions Expected</b>	
<b>Remaining Service Lives</b>	4.5 years.
<b>Inflation Rate</b>	2.40% Consumer Price Index.
<b>Salary Increases</b>	Consistent with the pension valuation assumptions.
<b>Discount Rate</b>	4.13% based on the June 30, 2023 S&P 20 year municipal bond index rate.
	4.09% based on the June 30, 2022 S&P 20 year municipal bond index rate.
<b>Health Care Cost Trend Rate</b>	Pre-age 65 ranges from 7.00% to 4.5%.
	Post-age 65 ranges from 6.5% to 4.5%.
<b>Mortality Rates</b>	For healthy lives the RP-2014 Combined Healthy Mortality Table projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018. For existing disabled lives the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables projected on a fully generational basis.
<b>Participation Rate</b>	Sliding scale from 33% to 88% based on years of service for the July 1, 2023 valuation. Sliding scale from 33% to 88% based on years of service for the July 1, 2022 valuation.

**Note 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs (Continued)**

	2023
<b>Valuation Date</b>	July 1, 2022
<b>Actuarial Cost Method</b>	Entry Age Normal
<b>Actuarial Assumptions Expected</b>	
<b>Remaining Service Lives</b>	4.5 years.
<b>Inflation Rate</b>	2.40% Consumer Price Index.
<b>Salary Increases</b>	Consistent with the pension valuation assumptions.
<b>Discount Rate</b>	4.09% based on the June 30, 2022 S&P 20 year municipal bond index rate.
	2.18% based on the June 30, 2021 S&P 20 year municipal bond index rate.
<b>Health Care Cost Trend Rate</b>	Pre-age 65 ranges from 7.00% to 4.5%.
	Post-age 65 ranges from 5.5% to 4.5%.
<b>Mortality Rates</b>	For healthy lives the RP-2014 Combined Healthy Mortality Table projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018. For existing disabled lives the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables projected on a fully generational basis.
<b>Participation Rate</b>	Sliding scale from 33% to 88% based on years of service for the July 1, 2022 valuation. Sliding scale from 33% to 88% based on years of service for the July 1, 2021 valuation.

**Note 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs (Continued)**

The actuarial assumptions used by the pension plan covering the same participants were used for the retirement, termination, disability, and salary scale assumptions. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for pension plan actuarial valuations for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. As a result of the 2023 actuarial experience study, the expectation of life after disability was adjusted in the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation to reflect actual experience more closely.

The actuarial assumptions used by the pension plan covering the same participants were used for the retirement, termination, disability, and salary scale assumptions. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for pension plan actuarial valuations for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. As a result of the 2022 actuarial experience study, the expectation of life after disability was adjusted in July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation to reflect actual experience more closely.

No changes in benefits or assumptions have occurred between the measurement dates of the collective total OPEB liability and the reporting dates of CPIA that are expected to have a significant effect on CPIA's total OPEB liability.

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.13% and was based on the Standards & Poor's Municipal Bond 20-year high grade rate index as of July 1, 2023. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.09% and was based on the Standards & Poor's Municipal Bond 20-year high grade rate index as of July 1, 2022.

**Note 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

**Discount Rate (Continued)**

	June 30,	
	2024	2023
Balance at beginning of year	\$2,891,836	\$4,821,823
Changes for the year:		
Service cost	168,056	291,630
Interest	124,199	111,162
Difference between expected and actual experience	(2,821,986)	(610,189)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	24,142	(1,693,861)
Benefit payments	(46,953)	(28,729)
Net changes	(2,552,542)	(1,929,987)
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 339,294</u>	<u>\$2,891,836</u>

*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate* - The following presents the total OPEB liability of CPIA, as well as what CPIA's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.13% - 2024 and 3.09% - 2023) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.13% - 2024 and 5.09% - 2023) than the current discount rate:

2024			
	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Discount rate	<u>3.13%</u>	<u>4.13%</u>	<u>5.13%</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$372,707</u>	<u>\$339,294</u>	<u>\$310,729</u>
2023			
	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Discount rate	<u>3.09%</u>	<u>4.09%</u>	<u>5.09%</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$3,550,162</u>	<u>\$2,891,836</u>	<u>\$2,386,265</u>

**Note 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the health care cost trend rates - The following presents the total OPEB liability of CPIA, as well as what CPIA's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

2024			
	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Pre-65	6.0% decreasing to 3.5%	7.0% decreasing to 4.5%	8.0% decreasing to 5.5%
Post-65	5.50% decreasing to 3.5%	6.50% decreasing to 4.5%	7.50% decreasing to 5.5%
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$313,744</u>	<u>\$339,294</u>	<u>\$368,635</u>
2023			
	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Pre-65	6.0% decreasing to 3.5%	7.0% decreasing to 4.5%	8.0% decreasing to 5.5%
Post-65	4.50% decreasing to 3.5%	5.50% decreasing to 4.5%	6.50% decreasing to 5.5%
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$2,339,690</u>	<u>\$2,891,836</u>	<u>\$3,627,224</u>

**Note 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

**OPEB Expense (Benefit) and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, CPIA recognized OPEB expense (benefit) of (\$1,087,823) and (\$453,338), respectively. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, CPIA reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	2024	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Assumptions
Change of assumptions	\$ 201,728	\$ (995,072)
Difference in expected and actual experience	-	(3,053,612)
Employer contribution subsequent to measurement date	25,796	-
Totals	<u>\$ 227,524</u>	<u>\$ (4,048,684)</u>
	2023	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Assumptions
Change of assumptions	\$ 284,069	\$ (1,503,019)
Difference in expected and actual experience	56,192	(1,219,481)
Employer contribution subsequent to measurement date	25,798	-
Totals	<u>\$ 366,059</u>	<u>\$ (2,722,500)</u>



**Note 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from OPEB payments subsequent to the measurement date of \$25,796 and \$25,798 will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources relations to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

For The Year Ended	2024	2023
2024	\$ -	\$ (750,242)
2025	(1,235,751)	(652,867)
2026	(1,178,006)	(595,122)
2027	(966,892)	(384,008)
2028	(466,307)	-
Totals	<u>\$ (3,846,956)</u>	<u>\$ (2,382,239)</u>

**Note 9 - TRANSACTIONS WITH CITY PARK CONSERVANCY**

CPC operates and manages City Park for the benefit of CPIA as evidenced by the CEA (see Note 1). The CEA provides that all Earned Revenue and Other Revenue for the operation, maintenance and development of City Park shall be deposited and administered in an account maintained and administered by CPC. All revenues of CPIA that are for the operation, maintenance, upgrade and development of City Park shall be deposited in an account on behalf of and in the name of CPIA and administered and maintained by CPC on behalf of and in the name of CPIA. Specific grants or donations received by CPC related to capital improvements will be transferred to CPIA.

As of June 30, 2024, CPC has incurred expenses on behalf of CPIA in amounts exceeding the reimbursements received from CPIA for those expenses. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the amount transferred to CPC from CPIA totaled \$4,861,620 and \$6,346,630, respectively. CPC has provided support to CPIA to fund certain capital projects, education programs and operational support. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, those amounts totaled \$2,622,480 and \$32,117, respectively.

**Note 10 - MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS**

On February 1, 2018, the BDF began operating the golf facilities under a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between CPIA and the BDF and accounted for under a service concession arrangement. See Note 11 for disclosures related to deferred inflows of resources and service concession arrangement from the BDF CEA.

**Note 11 - SERVICE CONCESSION ARRANGEMENT**

CPIA has determined that the CEA between the BDF and CPIA meets the four criteria of a SCA per GASB Statement No. 60, *“Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements”*. SCA’s are defined as a contract between a government and an operator, another government or private entity, such that the operator provides services, the operator collects and is compensated by fees from third parties, the government still retains control over the services provided, and the government retains ownership of the assets at the end of the contract.

As part of the CEA between CPIA and the BDF, the BDF contributed significant resources to the golf project, which included the design and construction of an 18-hole championship quality golf course, club house, maintenance facility and other ancillary buildings and equipment. The facility was completed and opened in April 2017. The CEA was signed in April of 2014 for a 35-year period. The BDF will pay CPIA annually a portion of the revenues in excess of expenses incurred in operating all of CPIA’s golf facilities, including the newly constructed South Course, the North Course, the driving range, the club house and the clubhouse grill. Under the arrangement, CPIA receives 75% of the net income from the golf operations on the first \$1.1 million in net income and 55% thereafter. The BDF will be responsible for all day-to-day operations of the golf facility.

During both the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, capital assets totaling \$1,687,260 were recorded for costs incurred on behalf of BDF. See Note 5 for disclosures related to capital assets. The deferred inflow is being amortized to golf operating revenue over the remaining term of the agreement. For both the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, CPIA amortized the deferred inflow of resources in the amount of \$273,649. The unamortized balance of deferred inflows of resources related to this agreement as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 is \$6,841,225 and \$7,114,874, respectively.

**Note 12 - FEDERAL GRANTS**

CPIA received federal grants in previous years that are subject to federal examination that may result in a liability. Management believes that CPIA is in compliance with the provisions of these grants and that the findings of an audit, if any, would not have a material impact on the financial statements.

**Note 13 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

CPIA is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters; and employee health and accident benefits. CPIA is a participant in the State of Louisiana Office of Risk Management self-insurance plan.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN CPIA'S TOTAL  
OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**

**New Orleans City Park Improvement Association**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

For the seven years ended June 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB liability							
Service cost	\$ 168,056	\$ 291,630	\$ 331,691	\$ 322,150	\$ 426,673	\$ 466,745	\$ 502,056
Interest	124,199	111,162	143,071	142,286	154,664	150,408	125,727
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(2,821,986)	(610,189)	(1,177,643)	(131,883)	-	-	-
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	24,142	(1,693,861)	486,975	(41,921)	(540,801)	(159,149)	(387,950)
Benefit payments	<u>(46,953)</u>	<u>(28,729)</u>	<u>(18,223)</u>	<u>(24,630)</u>	<u>(27,778)</u>	<u>(38,556)</u>	<u>(38,556)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	(2,552,542)	(1,929,987)	(234,129)	266,002	12,758	419,448	201,277
Total OPEB liability, beginning of year	<u>2,891,836</u>	<u>4,821,823</u>	<u>5,055,952</u>	<u>4,789,950</u>	<u>4,777,192</u>	<u>4,357,744</u>	<u>4,156,467</u>
Total OPEB liability, end of year	<u>\$ 339,294</u>	<u>\$ 2,891,836</u>	<u>\$ 4,821,823</u>	<u>\$ 5,055,952</u>	<u>\$ 4,789,950</u>	<u>\$ 4,777,192</u>	<u>\$ 4,357,744</u>
Covered employee payroll	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,779,140</u>	<u>\$ 3,314,844</u>	<u>\$ 3,709,467</u>	<u>\$ 3,618,577</u>	<u>\$ 4,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,618,577</u>
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>76.52%</u>	<u>145.46%</u>	<u>136.30%</u>	<u>132.37%</u>	<u>119.43%</u>	<u>120.43%</u>
Notes to schedule:							
Changes of benefit terms:	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflected the effects of changes in the discounts rate each period:	<u>4.13%</u>	<u>4.09%</u>	<u>2.18%</u>	<u>2.66%</u>	<u>2.79%</u>	<u>2.98%</u>	<u>3.13%</u>

The schedule is provided prospectively beginning with the Park's fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 and is intended to show a ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

**SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES****New Orleans City Park Improvement Association**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Administrative	\$ 157,650	\$ 260,123
Advertising	-	18,817
Amortization - leases	396,129	396,129
Contract labor	-	104,527
Contract services	90,868	911,111
Cost of goods sold	-	335,722
Depreciation	4,405,862	4,553,444
Fuel	-	30,996
Insurance	-	449,123
Other postemployment benefits	(1,087,823)	(453,338)
Payroll	-	2,548,795
Payroll benefits	-	487,768
Rentals	-	1,528
Repairs and maintenance	1,069,253	591,905
Supplies	3,581	408,878
Training and education	-	20,937
Uniforms	-	3,850
Utilities	-	324,389
Write-offs	<u>72,861</u>	<u>53,547</u>
Total operating expenses	<u><u>\$ 5,108,381</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,048,251</u></u>

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION**

**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER  
PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**New Orleans City Park Improvement Association**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

For the year ended June 30, 2024

**Agency Head Name:** Cara Lambright, Chief Executive Officer

**Purpose**

Salary	\$ 0
Benefits - insurance	0
Benefits - retirement	0
Benefits - other	0
Car allowance	0
Vehicle provided by government	0
Per diem	0
Reimbursements	0
Travel	0
Registration fees	0
Conference travel	0
Continuing professional education fees	0
Housing	0
Unvouchered expenses	0
Special meals	0
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	<u>\$ 0</u>

Cara Lambright is no longer employed by New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (NOCIPA). All compensation, benefits, and other payments are paid by City Park Conservancy (or CPC), as CPC is now the operational entity which employs all persons in the park organization. Per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, all executive-level employees act as executives for NOCPIA, as well.

**SPECIAL REPORTS OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON**  
**INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**  
**AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED**  
**ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Commissioners,  
New Orleans City Park Improvement Association,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, business type activities, and each major fund of New Orleans City Park Improvement Association, (CPIA), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise CPIA's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered CPIA's internal control over financial reporting, (internal control), as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of CPIA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of CPIA's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of CPIA's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weakness. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether CPIA's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of CPIA's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering CPIA's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C." in a cursive script.

Certified Public Accountants.

New Orleans, Louisiana,  
December 27, 2024.

## **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

### **New Orleans City Park Improvement Association New Orleans, Louisiana**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

#### **Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

##### **a) Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  X  No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be a material weakness? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  X  None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  X  No

##### **b) Federal Awards**

New Orleans City Park Improvement Association did not expend Federal awards in excess of \$750,000 during the year ended June 30, 2024 and therefore is exempt from the audit requirements of the Uniform Guidance.

#### **Section II - Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Material to the Basic Financial Statements**

There were no internal control over financial reporting findings reported during the audit for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### **Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

Not applicable.

## **REPORTS BY MANAGEMENT**

# **SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

## **New Orleans City Park Improvement Association New Orleans, Louisiana**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

### **Section I - Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Material to the Basic Financial Statements**

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There were no internal control over financial reporting findings reported during the audit for the year ended June 30, 2023.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

There were no compliance and other matters reported during the audit for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### **Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards**

There were no Federal award findings or questioned costs reported during the audit for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### **Section III - Management Letter**

A management letter was not issued in connection with the audit for the year ended June 30, 2023.

# **MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

## **New Orleans City Park Improvement Association New Orleans, Louisiana**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

### **Section I - Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Material to the Basic Financial Statements**

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There were no internal control over financial reporting findings reported during the audit for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

No compliance and other matters findings material to the financial statements were reported during the audit for the year ended June 30, 2024.

### **Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards**

There were no federal award findings on questioned costs reported during the audit for the year ended June 30, 2024.

### **Section III - Management Letter**

A management letter was not issued in connection with the audit for the year ended June 30, 2024.

## **STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON**  
**APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Board of Directors,  
New Orleans City Park Improvement Association,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

We have performed the procedures described in Schedule 4 on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUP) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. New Orleans City Park Improvement Association ("CPIA") management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

CPIA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in the LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purpose. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are described in Schedule 4.

We were engaged by CPIA to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on these C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of CPIA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.



This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

*Bougeois Bennett, L.L.C.*

Certified Public Accountants

New Orleans, Louisiana,  
December 27, 2024.

**SCHEDULE OF PROCEDURES AND ASSOCIATED FINDINGS**  
**OF THE STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

**New Orleans City Park Improvement Association**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

**1) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Written Policies and Procedures:**

A. Obtain and inspect CPIA's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the CPIA's operations:

i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for budgeting and found it to address all the functions listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for purchasing and found it to address all the functions listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for disbursements and found it to address all the functions listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of each type of revenue or CPIA fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for receipts/collections and found it to address all the functions listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**1) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Written Policies and Procedures: (Continued)**

- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.  
Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for payroll and personnel and found it to address all the functions listed above.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.  
Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for contracting and found it to address all the functions listed above.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.  
Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for travel and expense reimbursement and found it to address all the functions listed above.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
- viii. **Credit Cards** (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).  
Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for credit cards and found it to address all the functions listed above.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to CPIA's ethics policy.  
Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for ethics and found it to address all the functions listed above.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.  
CPIA is prohibited from incurring debt, therefore, this step is not applicable.

**1) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Written Policies and Procedures: (Continued)**

- x. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups; (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network; (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored; (4) use of antivirus software on all systems; (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates; and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for information technology disaster recovery/business continuity and found it to address all the functions listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for sexual harassment and found it to address all the functions listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**2) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Board or Finance Committee:**

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period and:

- i. Observe that the board met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board/finance committee's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

Performance: Obtained and read the written minutes of the Board meetings. The Board met with a quorum for all meetings held during the fiscal year.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statement (or budget-to actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds.

Performance: CPIA is reporting on the governmental accounting model. We inspected meeting minutes and confirmed that the minutes referenced or included budget-to actual comparisons relating to public funds.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**2) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Board or Finance Committee: (Continued)**

- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund. If the General Fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the general fund.

Not applicable. CPIA is a governmental entity, however, they do not have a General Fund.

- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

There were no audit findings in the prior year, therefore, this step is not applicable.

**3) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Bank Reconciliations:**

- A. Obtain a listing of CPIA's bank accounts from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the CPIA's main operating account. Select the CPIA's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain, and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

Performance: Obtained the listing of bank accounts from management and received management's representation that the listing is complete.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and

Performance: Obtained monthly bank reconciliations for the month of March 2024, for the main operating bank account and 4 additional accounts. Inspected management's documentation for timely preparation of the bank reconciliations.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within one month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and

Performance: Examined CPIA's documentation for the bank reconciliations for the 5 bank accounts selected and verified that a member of management who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within one month of the date of the reconciliation.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**3) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Bank Reconciliations (Continued)**

- iii. Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Performance: Inspected documents for items outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date. CPIA was able to produce documentation showing research of the outstanding items.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**4) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Collections (Excluding Electronic Funds Transfers):**

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/check/money order (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.

- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.

- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.

- ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless other employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.

**4) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Collections (Excluding Electronic Funds Transfers):**  
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- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.

- iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.

- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

Performance: Obtained a copy of the insurance policy for theft and a listing of all employees covered by the policy. The policy was in force during the fiscal period.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- D. Randomly select 2 deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly select and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and

- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.

- ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.

**4) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Collections (Excluding Electronic Funds Transfers):**  
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- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.  
Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.
- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).  
Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.
- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.  
Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, CPIA no longer performs cash collections. All cash collections are processed by the nonprofit operator. This step is not applicable.

**5) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Non-Payroll Disbursements (Excluding Card Purchases/Payments, Travel Reimbursements, and Petty Cash Purchases):**

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).  
Performance: Obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period from management and received management's representation that the listing is complete. All non-payroll disbursements are processed by the nonprofit operator of City Park on behalf of CPIA.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if CPIA has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - i. At least 2 employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;  
Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for purchasing. Observed that at least 2 employees are involved.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.



**5) Procedures Performed on the CPIA's Non-Payroll Disbursements (Excluding Card Purchases/Payments, Travel Reimbursements, and Petty Cash Purchases): (Continued)**

- ii. At least 2 employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.  
Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for purchasing. Observed at least 2 employees are involved.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
  - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.  
Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for purchasing. Observed employee responsible for payments cannot add/modify vendor files.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
  - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.  
Performance: Obtained a listing of employees involved with signing and mailing checks and verified they are not involved in the processing of payments.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
  - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.  
Performance: Obtained a listing of employees authorized to sign checks and noted that they are the ones authorized to approve electronic disbursements.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A, obtain CPIA's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
- Performance: Obtained CPIA's non-payroll disbursement transaction population and management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly selected 5 disbursements.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.
- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by CPIA.  
Performance: Observed that the 5 disbursements matched the related original invoice/billing statements and observed supporting documentation indicating deliverables were received.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**5) Procedures Performed on the CPIA's Non-Payroll Disbursements (Excluding Card Purchases/Payments, Travel Reimbursements, and Petty Cash Purchases): (Continued)**

- ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #5B, as applicable.

Performance: Observed that the 5 disbursements included evidence of segregation of duties.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- D. Using CPIA's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per CPIA's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per CPIA's policy.

Performance: Selected 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements. Observed the 5 disbursements included evidence of approval by an authorized person and approval by the required number of authorized signers.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**6) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Credit Cards, Debit Cards, Fuel Cards, Purchase Cards (Cards):**

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Performance: Obtained a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and cards from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Observed all active cards, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintain possession of the cards.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and:

**6) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Credit Cards, Debit Cards, Fuel Cards, Purchase Cards (Cards): (Continued)**

- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and

Performance: Observed evidence that the statements selected and related supporting documentation were reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Performance: Observed that finance charges and/or late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, report whether the transaction is supported by:

- i. An original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

Performance: Observed that the transactions from the monthly statements were supported by original itemized receipts that identify precisely what was purchased.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- ii. Written documentation of the business/public purpose.

Performance: Observed that the transactions from the monthly statements were supported with written documentation of the business/public purpose.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- iii. Documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Performance: Observed that selected transactions for meal charges were supported by documentation of the individuals participating in meals.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**7) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (Excluding Card Transactions):**

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. Because of this agreement, CPIA has no employees, and no travel and travel-related expense reimbursements were made. Therefore, this step is not applicable.

- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov));

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. Because of this agreement, CPIA has no employees, and no travel and travel-related expense reimbursements were made. Therefore, this step is not applicable.

- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. Because of this agreement, CPIA has no employees, and no travel-related and expense reimbursements were made. Therefore, this step is not applicable.

- iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii).

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. Because of this agreement, CPIA has no employees, and no travel-related and expense reimbursements were made. Therefore, this step is not applicable.

- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. Because of this agreement, CPIA has no employees, and no travel and travel-related reimbursements were made. Therefore, this step is not applicable.

**8) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Contracts:**

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

Performance: Obtained a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period and selected 5 contracts for testing. Obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

Performance: Observed that the contracts selected did not require the bids to be in accordance with Louisiana Public Bid law.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

Performance: Observed that the contracts selected did not require board approval.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval).

Performance: Observed that the contracts sampled were not amended.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Performance: Randomly selected one payment for each of the 5 contracts and obtained supporting invoices, agreed invoices to the contract terms, and observed invoices related to the payment agreed to terms and conditions of the contract.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**9) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Payroll and Personnel:**

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries, and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in CPIA's cumulative leave records.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

**9) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Payroll and Personnel: (Continued)**

- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select 2 employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and CPIA's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employees' or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employees'/officials' authorized pay rates in the employees'/officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to CPIA's policy.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

**10) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Ethics:**

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- ii. Observe whether the CPIA maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to CPIA's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- B. Inquire and/or observe whether CPIA has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

**11) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Debt Service:**

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

CPIA is prohibited from incurring debt, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

CPIA is prohibited from incurring debt, therefore, this step is not applicable.

**12) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Fraud Notice:**

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that CPIA reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which CPIA is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

Performance: Inquired of management of any misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period. Obtained management's representation that there were no misappropriations for the fiscal year 2024.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- B. Observe that CPIA has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Performance: Observed fraud notice posted on the premises and website concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

**13) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Information Technology Disaster Recovery/ Business Continuity:**

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management"**.

- i. Obtain and inspect CPIA's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personal responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on CPIA's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

Performance: We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.



**13) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Information Technology Disaster Recovery/ Business Continuity: (Continued)**

- ii. Obtain and inspect CPIA's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

Performance: We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- iii. Obtain a listing of CPIA's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

Performance: We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using a list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

**14) Procedures Performed on CPIA's Prevention of Sexual Harassment:**

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from "Procedures Performed on CPIA's Payroll and Personnel procedure" #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- B. Observe that CPIA has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on CPIA's premises if CPIA does not have a website).

Performance: Observed the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

- C. Obtain CPIA's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

**14) Procedures Performed on the CPIA's Prevention of Sexual Harassment: (Continued)**

- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Due to a cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by CPIA with a nonprofit to operate City Park, all employees were terminated by CPIA on November 1, 2022. For the fiscal period, CPIA had no employees, therefore, this step is not applicable.

**Management's Overall Response to Exceptions:**

There were no exceptions noted.