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**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Resolution No. R-49-12**

**Introduced by: Mayor Cohen**

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY			
<i>Legislative referrals are subject to City Council action at the time of introduction and are reflected in the City Council's adopted minutes</i>			
First Reading	Public Hearing	Fiscal Impact Note	90 Day Rule
12/10/12			
Referred to	Referral Date	Meeting Date	Action Taken
Rules and City Government			
Economic Matters			
Planning Commission			
Historic Preservation Commission			

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**A RESOLUTION** concerning

**2012 City Dock Master Plan**

**FOR** the purpose of adopting the Draft City Dock Master Plan as an addendum to the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan.

**WHEREAS,** The Maryland Annotated Code, Land Use Article, Title 3, requires municipalities to adopt comprehensive plans, which are to include policies, statements, goals, and interrelated plans for private and public land use, transportation, and community facilities, and which are to be documented in texts and maps that constitute the guide for future development; and

**WHEREAS,** the Annapolis City Council adopted successive comprehensive plans for the City in 1975, 1985, 1998, and 2009; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 5, 2009 the Annapolis City Council adopted the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan pursuant to R-32-09Amended; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the stated policy of the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan to “enhance the public realm of City Dock and its environs,” in September 2010 the City Council established the City Dock Advisory Committee to advise the City on rejuvenating City Dock; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Dock Advisory Committee, is comprised of 25 members and includes business owners, property owners, historians, artisans, and designers; and

1 **WHEREAS,** the City Dock Advisory Committee, conducted public forums, solicited input  
2 from stakeholders, held public meetings, and developed a Draft City Dock  
3 Master Plan; presented their phase one report, "Visions and Guiding Principles"  
4 to City Council on July 21, 2011; and made a presentation to the City of  
5 Annapolis City Council on November 26, 2012; and  
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7 **WHEREAS,** the City Dock Advisory Committee has recommended to the City Council the  
8 adoption of a City Dock Master Plan as an addendum to the 2009 Annapolis  
9 Comprehensive Plan and transmitted the Draft City Dock Master Plan to the  
10 Annapolis City Council on December 10, 2012; and  
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12 **WHEREAS,** the City Dock Master Plan, if adopted by the City Council by passage of this  
13 Resolution, shall constitute an addendum to the 2009 Annapolis  
14 Comprehensive Plan which sets forth goals and a guide for future  
15 development; and  
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY** that the Draft City Dock  
18 Master Plan, attached to this Resolution, is also available online at  
19 <http://www.annapolis.gov/Government/Departments/PlanZone/CityDockPlan/masterplan.aspx>,  
20 is hereby adopted; and  
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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City Dock Master  
23 Plan be, and the same hereby, made part of the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan. The Plan  
24 shall be known as the "2012 City Dock Master Plan;" and  
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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the adoption of the  
27 City Dock Master Plan shall not be construed as an approval of individual projects that may be  
28 recommended therein, and that the Annapolis City Council reserves the right to consider,  
29 debate, oppose, or support specific actions that may come before the Council and that are  
30 intended to implement specific elements of the Plan.  
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34 **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ATTEST: THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL  
  
BY \_\_\_\_\_  
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Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC, City Clerk Joshua J. Cohen, Mayor

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42 **EXPLANATION**  
43 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.  
44 [brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
45 Underlining indicates amendments.  
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## Staff Report

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### 2012 City Dock Master Plan

This resolution, if adopted, will approve the 2012 City Dock Master Plan and designate the plan as an addendum to the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan (adopted by the City Council on October 5, 2009 pursuant to R-32-09Amended). The City Dock Master Plan seeks to advance the policy directive, found in the 2009 Comprehensive Plan, to “enhance the public realm of City Dock and its environs.” The plan represents a framework for guiding improvements and redevelopment in the City Dock area.

The City Dock Master Plan was created by the City Dock Advisory Committee (CDAC). Formed by the City Council in September 2010, CDAC was directed to:

- Establish the guiding principles for the use and redevelopment of the City Dock area;
- Develop and define a design plan for City Dock based on those principles, and
- Encourage and coordinate public participation via a series of public events throughout the process.

Since its founding, CDAC, together with the Planning & Zoning Department and a team of consultants, developed the Draft City Dock Master Plan. All of CDAC’s meetings were open to the public and included presentation stakeholder meetings and two public workshops. On July 21, 2011, the CDAC presented its phase one report, "Visions and Guiding Principles" to the City Council. As explained more fully in that report, CDAC’s five guiding principles are:

- Gradual improvement with emphasis on historic layout, scale, and vistas;
- High quality walkable public open spaces,
- Toward balance in transportation on City Dock,
- Greening and sustainability; and
- Public art – nurturing the uniqueness of place.

The City Dock Master Plan recommends a comprehensive strategy for improvements based on the principles from the Phase 1 Report. It also recommends strategies in support of the plan, including a management entity, parking management, a comprehensive rezoning of the City Dock area, redevelopment sites, capital improvements, and traffic engineering.

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