

## Weekly Vieux - March 26, 2019

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## VCPORA appeals VCC approval of [336 Decatur](#)

On **Thursday, March 28**, the City Council will consider an appeal of a Vieux Carré Commission (VCC) decision of conceptual approval for a new three-story restaurant at [336 Decatur St](#). After careful consideration of the implications of this approval, VCPORA has decided to appeal their decision on the grounds that this project fails to meet the standards the VCC requires in evaluating new construction and could set a damaging precedent for future infill projects in the French Quarter.

Our opposition is not based on the introduction of contemporary design in the French Quarter. **It is about the VCC's role in guiding new construction in ways that contribute beneficially to the *tout ensemble*.** Though renderings depict a subdued interior concept, operators come and go, and this could easily be replaced with walls of televisions, neon, digital signage, strobes of flashing light often seen in Vieux Carré Entertainment Districts. The VCC does have some regulatory authority on interior light escaping a building, but none on interior signage or other finishes, and any proviso created to mitigate this effect would be very difficult to regulate or enforce. Situated on an incredibly conspicuous corner at the intersections of Decatur, Conti and N. Peters Streets, what is essentially **a three-story glass box can serve as a beacon for blocks in multiple directions.**

The VCC has noted throughout the design development process that "this is an important opportunity to encourage contemporary design in the Quarter. Therefore, it must be a fine example to establish a precedent for future development." We agree! **We urge more consideration be given to those materials, overall levels of transparency, and a design that is compatible and sympathetic to this distinctive neighborhood.** If you are equally as concerned that this structure will set a negative precedent for infill development in the historic French Quarter, please plan to contact your Councilmembers and read more about [VCPORA's appeal on our website](#).

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## A Resounding Thank You to Creole Cuisine!

We would like to share our immense gratitude for the entire team of [Creole Cuisine Restaurant Concepts](#) for their presenting sponsorship of our [2018 Tricentennial Gala](#). Led by Zeid and Marv Ammari, the flawless presentation of delicacies from their collection of restaurants ([Broussard's](#), [Kingfish](#), [Tommy's Cuisine](#) to name a few) made for a truly memorable evening. Creole Cuisine stands as our first and only exclusive food provider for any of our annual fundraisers. Their contribution helped make our 2018 Gala the most successful VCPORA Gala in our 80 year history.

Last week, we presented their team with the gift of a commissioned architectural elevation of their headquarters building at [309 Decatur](#) completed by New Orleans architect [Charles E. Ruello](#). We cannot thank Creole Cuisine enough for their generosity and support for the Vieux Carré! We hope you will share your appreciation when you explore their many fabulous establishments.



## At Home in the Vieux Carré!

Friday, April 5  
[931 Barracks Street](#)  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Our springtime events have been truly magical, so get ready for our next [At Home in the Vieux Carré!](#) This charming bracket shotgun double overlooking Cabrini Park will be hosted by owners Jane Cooper and Bob Heaps, owners of [Grand Krewe Wine and Spirits](#) in Faubourg Marigny.

Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who renew their memberships tonight. Specialty cocktails, wine, and jambalaya will be provided. As always, we extend a special thanks to [Lisa Shedlock & Ed Shedlock](#) of The Shedlock Group for their generous sponsorship of our 2019 [At Home](#) series.



## French Quarter Fest

April 11 - 15  
French Quarter

French Quarter Fest is nearly upon us. This four-day cultural festival is the largest

showcase of Louisiana talent in the world, bringing together over 1,700 artists and over 50 local food vendors. [Galactic](#), [George Porter Jr.](#), and [Irma Thomas](#) are set to headline. The festival will also feature recycling and improved accessibility to people with disabilities this year. Streets will be closed throughout the French Quarter – be sure to prepare alternative travel arrangements. More details about the festival can be found on the [French Quarter Fest website](#).



## Patio Planters Donation Drop Off

[Patio Planters of the Vieux Carre](#) will be accepting donations on Saturday, April 6th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the [Beauregard-Keyes House \(1113 Chartres Street\)](#) for their [The White Elephant Sale](#) in November. Clothing, jewelry, household items, electronics, holiday decorations, and costumes will all be accepted by an on-site Patio Planters volunteer. Please contact Ron Canedo at [admin@patioplanter.com](mailto:admin@patioplanter.com) or at 504-296-8036 with any questions.

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