

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
(ENONAC) www.enonac.org
GENERAL MEETING
St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd
Tuesday, November 12, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

P – Denotes member present, E – Denotes member excused, A – Denotes member absent, V – vacant position

P	Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President	V	1 st Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Ed Blouin, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
A	Romona Baudy, Parliamentarian	P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by President, Scineaux-Richard at 6:06 p.m. After the roll call, a quorum was established.

II. Introduction of Special Guests

There were no special guests

III. Approval of Agenda

Comm. Penny made a motion to approve the agenda for the general meeting and Comm. Carriere seconded. After the vote the motion passed.

IV. Approval of September 10, 2013 General Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the October 8, 2013 General Meeting were given out and Comm. Busby made a motion to accept the minutes and Comm. Baudy seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

V. Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer’s report was read and everyone was given copies of the report. Comm. Simien-Hill made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and it was seconded by Comm. Heisser. After the vote, the motion passed.

VI. New Business

A. Mr. Andrew Yaspan, Marketplace Outreach Specialist from the City of New Orleans, spoke on the Affordable Healthcare Act. He stated that when buying private healthcare insurance you need to compare the up front and medical cost. You should check the medical network if you want to keep certain doctors. The Affordable Healthcare will provide insurance to people with pre-existing conditions who could not get insurance because of their illness. Businesses with less than 25 employees can also get healthcare. Tax credits are given which allows you to pay salaries and the government pays part of it for families of four making under \$23,000. Extended enrollment is thru March 31, 2014. If you want to be covered by January 1, 2014, you need to apply before December 15, 2013. Half of the young people will pay less than \$50.00 a month for insurance because of the tax credits. If there is any change in income, you have to inform insurance provider of the changes. There are four groups 1) bronze which is

the cheapest where the upfront is less and the service is more. 2) Platinum which has the highest upfront cost and services are more affordable. 3) Gold and 4) Silver where people with income from \$11,500 to \$28,000 have the cost shares assistance.

Question was how does this deal with Medicare and Medicaid? There are no changes in Medicare and Medicaid. These people do not have to do anything. There is a gap created in Medicare and Medicaid because Louisiana is not expanding Medicaid.

VII. Old Business

Mr. William Gilchrist, Director of Place-Based Planning and representative from Livable Claiborne Corridor Committee spoke reference two groups for transportation ---HUD and DOTFH. There was a 3 mile long corridor spanning several neighborhoods along Claiborne Ave.; from Napoleon to Elysian Fields and between Broad St. on the lake side to Daneel St. and OC Haley, Rampart St. and St. Claude on the river side. The new renovations are for Louis Armstrong Park, Lafitte Greenway, and streetcar expansion. Existing transportation and traffic is very important to this project. Some of the goals are Economic Development, Jobs and transportation.

Ed Blouin asked about employment growth in healthcare. He said it is important and provides cultural identity to areas and they do not want that to change. We need to engage youth in activities in the community. Sustain solutions to flood protection in our community.

Mr. Gilchrist said that they are looking at Bike, vehicle and transit on transportation. There is 30 years of life left on the I-10 structure. They want to manage transportation and get the residents involved in knowing their options for travel and traffic impact if nothing is done. No decisions have been made as of today. There are four options in the study. 1) Remove ramps at Orleans and Esplanade Ave. 2) Under Transit enhancement, extend the streetcar to the river. 3) Make a Marketplace under the I-10 and not remove it. 4) Add a ramp at Florida Ave. He stated that with ramp removal, St Bernard parish will be reconfigured and there will be a need to improve I-610 and US 90. There are seven stages to this project and they are only at stage 1. Asheigh G Gardere is the Director of Livable Claiborne Community and can be contacted at 658-1200 or aggardere@nola.gov. If the study shows that tearing down the I-10 is not good for the communities then it will remain.

Another question was why wasn't N O East given a meeting like everyone else had with the study since the I-10 is our major transportation? Comm. Hamilton said he asked that question at one of the meetings with Mr. Gilchrist. He said is East is not only worried about the I-10 being torn down but that the City needs to show more respect for the East and let us be included in the meetings . The City needs to show more respect for the East in the future.

VIII. Announcements

A. Scineaux-Richard reminded everyone about our Holiday Extravaganza fundraiser on December 13, 2013 and reminded everyone of the importance of this event being a success. She asked that all the Commissioners pitch in and supports this event.

B. Office of Neighborhood Engagement Summit is on Saturday, November 16, 2013 from 9a.m. to 4 pm at UNO Lindy Boggs Center.

C. We were told that the two Service Stations on Chef Hwy. wanted liquor licenses but were not able to get them because we stopped them but it still has to go to the City Council for a vote. Some Commissioners believed that they thought they could just walk in our neighborhood and put liquor everywhere without a fight. Four out of six CPC members agreed that the liquor license was not a good idea. Mattie Trepagnier thanked the members that came and supported them at the meeting to win.

IX. Adjournment

With no more business, Comm. Carriere made a motion to adjourn meeting and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

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2nd Parcel Fee Information Session Began with Comm. Simien –Hill saying that we need the Parcel fee for a better quality of life and we cannot wait for the city to improve our communities. This Parcel Fee will help us to do this. She told how other areas are paying hundreds of dollars per household and we are only asking for \$5.00.

Karol Sanders told everyone that the budget has 67% for blight improvement, economic development and quality of life and 37% was for overhead. If the Parcel Fee passes it will be collected by the City and they will take 1% for their fee and the balance will come to ENONAC.

Survey - Corrine stated that Scineaux-Richard paid for a survey. The survey that was done showed that the four most important issues from the communities were blight eradication as the priority, economic development and hiring of local contractors, promote quality housing and environmental quality strategy. We need a strategic plan for the future and this is what we need to work on for the East.

Alicia Plummer said that she was upset that ENONAC did not sent out emails about the November 2, 2013 Car Show. Scineaux-Richard stated that ENO activities when received in a timely manner are publicized, put on the Agenda as an announcement and the individual can come and hand out flyers about their event. The email reference the car show was received late but was sent out anyway. Alicia felt that it was done on purpose. Scineaux-Richard stated that it was not true and Ms. Plummer left upset. Comm. Simien-Hill told Ms. Plummer that she would gladly meet with her anytime to clear up any negative impression that she has about ENONAC.

Since there were no questions from the audience, we closed the session at 8:00 p.m.

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