

GENERAL MEETING

Via Zoom

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 6:00pm

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

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

P	Dawn Hebert, President	A	Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President
P	Marcia McWilliams, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
P	Arthur Busby, Parliamentarian	P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call: Meeting was called to order by President Dawn Hebert at 6:00 p.m. After roll call by Lydia Leon, ENONAC Secretary, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): None

III. Review & approval of agenda: Comm. Busby moved for approval of the agenda. Comm. McWilliams seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

VI. Review & approval of minutes: Comm. Celestand moved for approval of the minutes of February 14, 2023. Comm. Sanders seconded. The motion passed without any objections. Comm. McWilliams moved for approval of the minutes of March 14, 2023. Comm. Weaver seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

V. Review & approval of Treasurer's Report: Comm. Sanders read his report for the period of March 1-31, 2023. Comm. McWilliams moved for approval of the Treasurer's Report. Comm. Busby seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

VI. Presentations

A. Major Industrial Development at NASA: Rebecca O'Brien, Director of Business Development at Greater New Orleans, Inc. (GNO, Inc.) and Josh Fleig, Vice President of Business Development at GNO, Inc. spoke about Propel Park. It is 1 million square feet of warehouse space and office space. Industrial Realty Group (IRG) is the name of the company and it will be built in 4 phases. The first phase company will be Textron. Each phase will involve government contracts. The jobs created will depend on what other companies utilize the space. Comm. Washington asked what the projection for the other phases is. They answered that they are not sure what companies are coming other than Textron at this point. Pres. Hebert wants to know about any environmental impact for our area. Comm. Washington asked if there are any plans for commercial projects in the East. They answered that they do not work with commercial.

B. Energy Smart Program: Brandon Muetzel, Outreach Manager, Energy Wise Alliance said that the City and Entergy Smart Program regulates Entergy. There are several million dollars per year set aside for New Orleans. The Entergy Smart Program is for homeowners and renters. There is a free home Entergy assessment for any inefficiency in the home. Some examples of what they do (and it's all free) is LED light bulb replacement, smart thermostats, smart power strips, low-flow showerheads, hot water pipe insulation, low-flow bathroom and kitchen aerators. Qualifications are based on income. If on Total Community Action (TCA) assistance, should qualify for attic insulation, central a/c replacement, home air sealing, and central a/c tune-ups. You can find out more and sign up at shop.energysmartnola.com. You can get rebates for purchases of Entergy Star refrigerators, pool pumps, heat pump water heaters, dehumidifiers, water coolers, smart thermostats. They have 200 contractors they work with. Pres. Hebert asked if this was offered in other areas like St. Bernard, Metairie, etc. They answer, New Orleans is separate from other areas. They have their own programs. A resident noted that the website never allows you to sign up for items that were free. They will bring that up at a meeting on tomorrow.

C. Bicycle and Pedestrian study on I-10 Service Rd.: Kate Muspell, Transportation Planner, HNTB Corp. said that the study will encompass from Bullard to Crowder on both sides of the service road. They will also look at cross walk for safety checks. Anyone interested in meeting, they are planning. Pres. Hebert will get CAB to get info to their communities. Comm. Jourdain asked about the timeline for the study. They said

probably about 6 months. Didn't RTA or the City already do a similar study? She said she thinks so and would help to work with this one. Comm. Legaux asked if these would be similar to the bike/pedestrian lanes on Read in front of Abramson High School. Pres. Hebert said that the study is on the service road not the interstate. She said this would affect driveways of the homes on the service road.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Council meeting of April 6: (FEEDBACK)

1. **ZD 87/22: to modify use standards for STRs:** The deadline had passed and this was disregarded.
2. **Cal. No. 33,893: to establish reporting requirements by City Finance Dept. to security districts: Deferred**
3. **Cal. No. 34,103: code violations involving permitted & unpermitted STRs:** If reported, code enforcement will usually come out in a few hours.
4. **Cal. No. 34,104: to provide a termination date for all residential STRs:** On August 31, 2023 all permits for STRs will be terminated.

B. Public Safety Summit on April 1- FEEDBACK Dominique Lang, CM Thomas' office, said crime reduction was one topic and there were several groups represented, both criminal and youth. It was a good meeting and very informative. Was anything discussed about summer youth programs and jobs? There are jobs for youth in summer and during the year and they are paid jobs. Many will be announced but she will get more information. There are jobs for 13-17 year olds with NORD; go to Joe Brown Rec Center.

C. City Council meeting on April 11:

1. **ZD 017/23 (deferred from 3/28): to establish a new IZD named Preserving Residential Character IZD:** In the CBD and Lower Garden District, they are trying to stop building any new short term rentals.
2. **Subdivision Docket 022/23: Re-subdivision of lots at 19000-19500 Dwyer and 4891 Bullard:** this seems to have been removed from the agenda. Comm. Jourdain said that no one has gotten with him as of yet from the developer, Samuel Meredith.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Comm. Blouin reminded everyone to go out to early vote, if possible. There is another amendment besides the Judge race on the ballot. It is a millage for the Sheriff's Dept.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. Love the Boot Clean up event** is on Saturday, April 22 at 9a at Chef Hwy & Crowder Blvd.
- B. Crowder Sign:** It is beautiful, thanks to Senator Jimmy Harris

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Healthcare for the Homeless:** for District E it is on Monday, April 24 from 10:30a – 1p at the ENO Library
- B. Junior Civic Leadership Academy** is on each Saturday from June 3 – July 15 from 9-11am. Deadline to apply is Friday, May 19
- C.** Pres. Hebert reported that whoever cut the grass on the Morrison Canal, they threw all the trash and grass into the Canal. Sewerage and Water Board alerted and will speak with contractor to a better job with grass clipping and trash.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Jourdain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary