

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 @ 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	P	Brenda Jackson, 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 6:03 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** Muriel Lewis, District E Business Alliance
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** There was a motion to approve the agenda by Comm. Weaver and seconded by Comm. Legaux. Motion passed without objection.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of July 12:** There was a motion to approve the minutes by Comm. Busby and seconded by Comm. Sanders. Motion passed without objection.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for the period of July 1-31, 2022.
- VI. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. **Crimestoppers in NOE: Will attend in September**
  - B. **WaterWise:** Sabrina Mays, NOE resident, Pam Carriere and Jeff Supak, founders of WaterWise, spoke about the NOE Green Infrastructure Collective. Ms. Mays said she collaborates with WaterWise and there are 9-15 neighborhoods involved. She said that Green Infrastructure mimics and manage rainwater where it falls with the use of rain barrel systems, rain gardens, French drains and other things. 25 trees have been planted so far. She said that New Orleans experiences a failing drainage infrastructure system. There is \$25,000 in funding currently from various foundations. WaterWise hopes to capture more funding to increase Green Infrastructure. They would like ENONAC to work with them and learn more about what they do. They want a one-on-one workshop with ENONAC in person and virtual. She asked that we save the date for some upcoming WaterWise Green Infrastructure events: 1) September 10; Rain Barrel Workshop on Dorchester Dr. (must sign up for this). 2) September 22; Green Infrastructure Workshop at TEP Center, 5909 St. Claude at 10am. 3) October 21; a Green Infrastructure Tour from 5-7:30pm, tour and ride along. 4) December 3; WaterWise Fall Gathering 9a-noon. They are working on a 501©3 for their group. Comm. Hamilton commended them on their work and said that the first act for water control is retention. Our water and canals are so in need of being dredged and cleaned. We would then have good water retention area if this were done. Comm. Blouin asked the difference between a rain barrel and a cistern. The rain barrels are used to collect the rainwater coming out of the gutter on your house and saved in barrels to water your plants and grass at your home. Rain barrels are larger and heavy when full. A cistern is an underground reservoir for rainwater. Pres. Hebert asked about the price to install rain barrels. It depends on the house and the amount of labor, but normally around \$70.
- VII. **ENONAC Committee Reports**
  - 1. **Blight, Beautification & Code Enforcement:** Comm. Landrum reported that they didn’t have a meeting, but one is planned for this week. She asked that we please fill out letters for Code Enforcement
  - 2. **Public Safety & Infrastructure:** Comm. Braud was not present

3. **Housing, Land Use and Zoning (HLUZ)** – Pres. Hebert reported that a Spanish cement company is to build a \$35 million manufacturing plant in NOE and will create 70 jobs. This will be the first US company for Cementos Molins. The company plans to build on a 9-acre site at the intersection of the Industrial Canal and Michoud Canal. The average salary would be \$51,700 plus benefits. 158 indirect jobs would be created in NO.
4. **Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS)** - no updates

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CPC meeting on Aug 23 at 1:30** - ZD 067/22 is a conditional use request to permit sale of packaged alcohol at 9000 Chef Hwy.

#### X. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. **Youth Empowerment Project (YEP):** Jerome Jupiter, COO and Nicole Jolly spoke about their 'school' at the NOE Opportunity Center located at 12000 Hayne Blvd. It provides Enrichment, Education, Mentoring & Employment readiness. They work with young people and the community, bringing programs closer to where our participants already live. They offer High School at The NET and Middle School called The Bridge. Childcare is provided on campus if students need it. Chronic stress or trauma is also addressed. Students learn to balance school and family and work. Ages 18 years & over, YEP engage young people through community-based education. Presently about 800 students are enrolled. YEP has expanded to New Orleans East through grant funding. The location is the former Francis Gaudet Elementary School located at 12000 Hayne Blvd. They provide Education, Supportive Services, After School programs, Workforce Training and Health & Mental Health services. YEP operate two public businesses: Bike shop and Thrift store with a 10 week course learning retail, customer service, etc. Also, working with students on obtaining a GED. Over 500 students have completed their programs. Over the last several months, they have repaired and upgraded the property. All services are 100% free to everyone. There will be an open house on Saturday, Aug 13 from 10a to 1p. They will have food, games, music and school supply giveaway. Any volunteers are welcomed to help at the open house and in the programs. Also welcome to use their space for meetings, if needed. The Thrift Store is on Oretha Castle Haley. They also operate a Food Pantry.

#### XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Civic Leadership Academy Fall 2022 Class** - Thursday, August 25 thru October 13 at 6pm at City Hall; applications accepted until 5pm Monday August 8
- B. **Community Budget Meeting for District E - Monday**, August 15, 5-8pm at Household of Faith
- C. **Community Health Fair** – August 13, 9-12, NOELA Community Health Center, 13085 Chef Hwy
- D. Pres. Hebert said she sent a letter to the new OPSB Superintendent to appear at our September meeting.
- E. Pres. Hebert also said that the building at Chef Hwy and Wilson Ave. is scheduled to become a community center. A building much needed by the community.

- XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Denesse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Recording Secretary