

**EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**(ENONAC) [www.enonac.org](http://www.enonac.org)**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2015 @ 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	P	Romona Baudy, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, 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, Scineaux-Richard, at 6:08 pm. After roll call, we had a quorum.

**II. Special Guests.** We acknowledged Mike Saron (Developer) from the Hilton Hotel, Andrineca Morris from Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) and Charles Brown, Director of New Orleans Public Library.

**III. Review and Approval of Agenda.** Comm. Daste made a motion to add Mr. Mike Saron to the agenda and Comm. Heisser seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Comm. Bickham made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Mr. Saron to the agenda and Comm. Baudy seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

**IV. Review and Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from March 10, 2015 meeting were sent by email to the CAB membership. Comm. Daste made a motion to accept the March, 2015 Minutes and Comm. Hebert seconded. After the vote, motion passed.

**V. Treasurer’s Report.** The treasurer’s report was read and passed to the Board and CAB Members by Commissioner Sanders for 4/1/15 – 4/15/15

Beginning Bal. -----	\$28,504.19
Total Deposits from Donations-----	0
Total Expenses-----	\$1,593.14
Ending Bal. -----	\$26,911.05

Comm. Spears made motion to accept the treasurer’s report and Comm. Jackson seconded. After the vote, motion passed.

**VI. New Business**

A. **Mr. Charles Brown**, Director of the N.O Public Library and Lawrence Williams his assistant came to asked for our support on May 2, 2015 for a 2.5 mill for the library on the ballot. He said that before 1985 the millage was 4.2 and after 1985 it was increased to 4.3. The millage was reduced after Katrina to 3.14 but they had a \$12 Million surplus in the bank. Every year they took money from this account and by 2016 this fund will be depleted. The total after this increase of the millage will be 5.64. Comm. Carriere said that while he certainly supports our library he believes the city needs to look at the total budget for long term planning and explain to the voters how the monies are to be handled. All of the departments want an increase but no one is explaining what they are doing with the monies that they are receiving at the present time. While we know how important the Library is, we cannot keep increasing taxes one by one for all of these different departments. He stated the city needs to holistically address the budget. An ENO resident in the audience, Mrs. Martin, stated that programs are funded by the Library and the State for teen programs. High School Diploma programs would be for teens and adults.

B. **Ms. Andrineca Morris**, from Greater N O Housing Alliance (GNOHA) said that Providence Community Housing has a 10 year housing plan for the City of New Orleans. They want to look ahead and are asking the community to help them to accomplish this task. Wayne Glapion is one of their committee members and is a resident of ENO. There is a meeting on May 30, 2015 but the location is not set as of today. They want to talk thru the facts about the funds going away and what will be done in the future about housing. She was asked what ENONAC can do to help improve the rental cost in the N O East area. We need to know the names of all owners of apartment complexes to speak to them about our concerns

C. At the present time, there is a proposal to build a school on the other (five) acres of the Levy Drive property. That property would not be feasible for a school because it is in a commercial area and it would not meet the “highest and best use” of that vacant land. Commercial 1 ( C-1) is acceptable as long as we can get a guarantee that a school is not put on that property. Our HLUX Committee will meet with Erin Spears from Councilman Gray’s office to convey our excitement about the Hampton Inn locating on that site. However we do have reservations about the rest of the commercial land being used as a site for a school. Early last year, (2014) ENONAC submitted to Mr. Kline, land owner, a list of the different types of retail business we wanted him to consider for that property, and we would like the focus to be on that area for that purpose.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

Feedback on CAB Orientation---- We still has the budget part to finish because the presenter Octave Rainey was sick.

Suggestion: How to handle blight and lack of code enforcement. One proposal is to hire a company to send out letters to neighborhoods on code enforcement etc. Find a company that does this type of work. This is one reason why the ENONAC \$5.00 fee would come in handy to hire legal help on these kinds of problems.

Comm. Densse would like to see Jonathan Rhodes, presenter at our CAB Orientation on subdivisions covenants, come back because he provided useful information. The city does not have the capacity or the will to check out infractions, violations of covenants and code enforcement. Alcohol and tobacco (ABO) will check out the facts if the city does not do it. Comm Sanders of Kenilworth Subdivision said that they have pre-fab 1300 sq. ft. house and it has a driveway, lattice around it and the other one has nothing around it. It doesn’t conform to the Covenant of the subdivision which states that all houses must have a minimum of 1600 sq. ft. of living area. How can they get contractors to conform to their covenant? Comm. Heisser said that the problem is that the contractor has a permit and the city approved the project. If it is against the covenant, the only way to handle it is to take the contractor to court at the expense of the subdivision. The lawyer can then file an injunction to stop this from happening since it is a violation of the subdivision covenant.

**X. Adjournment.** Having no more business, Comm. Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Comm. McClendon seconded. After the vote, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Submitted by Lydia Leon  
Secretary