

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

**St. Maria Goretti Community Center
7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 6:00pm**

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

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

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| P | Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President | P | Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President |
| A | Dawn Hebert, 2nd Vice President | P | Karol Sanders, Treasurer |
| P | Carroll Denesse, Member At Large | P | Karen Comeaux, Member At Large |
| | | P | Lydia Leon, Secretary |

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Scineaux-Richard at 6:05 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): Mr. Tim Kennedy, Director of Special Projects for RTA; Ross Bourgeois, City Crime Center and Anthony Campo, SafeCam Project Manager.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda: It was requested that the Crime Prevention special guests be moved up on the agenda. Motion was made by Comm. Blouin and seconded by Comm. DeGrasse for the change. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2019: The minutes were tabled until next meeting.

V. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report for both ENONAC and East New Orleans Foundation (ENOF) was read by Comm. Sanders. Motion by Comm. Bickham and seconded by Comm. Weaver to approve the report. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

VI. New Business:

A. Crime Prevention:

1. SafeCam Crime Prevention Program: Mr. Anthony Campo, SafeCam Project Manager, spoke about the need to be able to see video that is accessed through the Cloud. The camera response is sent directly to NOPD. The cost for Cloud storage account is \$18 per month. Pearl Cantrelle, Kenilworth President, asked how much access to cloud can be received on her computer. Mr. Campo said none. It is a separate account. If crime occurs near your camera, they get the alert and they would be able to view the camera at that spot. Cameras are not monitoring 24 hrs. a day. Usually through a 911 call. Comm. Jourdain asked what happens if after 6 months we want to get out. Mr. Campo says you can cancel at any time and still have use of the cameras. Ms. St. Charles, Lake Bullard resident, asked what the benefit is “if you only use cameras after the fact of a crime”. Mr. Campo said all cameras are used after the fact. Mr. Campo said that there are 7 installers who access what you have and can tell you if they can be integrated into their system. Ashley Everett, Villa Sites resident said that there are cameras all over their neighborhood and their problem is that police do not come. Also, more police presence is needed in the neighborhood. Andrea Quintal of Spring Lake asked about the costs. Mr. Campo said, a new camera costs \$200, installation is \$150 and cloud storage is \$18 per month for 2 years. Comm. Weaver asked if 30-40 people want cameras, will there be a discount? Mr. Campo said possibly, since there are so many. Comm. Comeaux said that if you already have a camera, you’d probably come out at no cost. Mr. Campo said that they would come to each individual subdivision meeting and give this same presentation.

2. Crime Prevention updates: CDR. Lawrence Dupree of 7th District NOPD, spoke about the issue impacting all of New Orleans and that is car-jackings and car burglaries. He said that they are making arrests on these crimes. Jail reform is across the nation and petty offenses are not considered important but victims disagree. He said that those youth are not joy-riding around the city, they are stealing cars and breaking into cars. He said do not go out and take matters into your own hands. You are exposing yourself and your

neighborhood vulnerable to adverse possibilities of physical harm and others legal exposure. Kimberly Williams of Lake Barrington suggests that the problem is at the Juvenile Court level and we cannot continue to make excuses. She said to hold parents accountable and have curfews. Ronald Quintal of Spring Lake asked how many officers are assigned to NOE. CDR Dupree said there are 94 officers. He said that manpower and response time are a top priority. Police Chief Supt. Ferguson has put the number of officers as a priority. Mr. Quintal asked how many officers we need. CDR Dupree's answer was that no matter how many we have we need more.

Comm. Denesse of North Kenilworth asked if these kids are actually stealing the vehicles or just joyriding. She believes that there are adults behind these thefts, and they should be prosecuted. We want parents to hold their children accountable when they do a crime and turn them in. Betty Washington of Huntington Park asked if they were looking at how other areas handle crime; how patrols are handled; can we get motorcycle, bicycle cops; cops on horses, etc. CDR Dupree said that they are already doing these things. He said that NOPD in the 7th District are going to neighborhoods giving toys, Easter egg hunts, etc. for the kids at their own expense.

Michael Manning of Bullard area asked how many officers are patrolling on any given day. CDR Dupree said there are 10 out of 15 cars are out patrolling. Comm. Bickham, Donna Villa, suggests doing a commercial to let these people know that if they commit a crime, you will be prosecuted. CDR Dupree said that bold acts by criminals will have bold consequences. He stated we must stop referring to juvenile crimes as joyriding. Someone asked, "What are we supposed to do if someone is trying to steal my car or breaking into my house, I must protect myself". CDR Dupree said, whatever you need to do to protect yourself that is justified can be done, just remember to always be safe.

Alexcar Short of Donna Villa, asked why is it that these kids are not in school today? Deirdrea Hazure of Lake Bullard said that they broke two windows in her car and her son had just walked inside. What are we supposed to do? She said she just wants her windows paid for. Can we be notified of court date so we could attend court the day of trial? CDR Dupree said that he knows where every officer in his district is at any time of the day. We do need a better response time. He said that truancy officers are still on the streets for kids who are not in school, but we need to work on these more.

Sonya Saizon, Fauberg resident asked if truancy programs and curfews still in effect. CDR Dupree said yes. He said schools do have something in place. Merle Zimmerman, resident, said that a carjacking took place on Wright Rd. at 2:00pm and there was a quick response because there is an officer in her area.

Jason Hughes, Kenilworth resident, asked that there be a substation. He said budgets assess priority and NOE needs to be a priority. He asked that you continue to request added resources and make NOE a priority. CDR Dupree said that he will never stop asking for more help.

Shawn Vinnett, Tamaron Estates, asked CDR Dupree what are some other things that he needs to make his job more effective. CDR Dupree said that pre-Katrina, 150 officers was his wish list and they are doing it with 94. Other districts have added resources, like Tulane Police, etc., in their area but NOE does not have that. We need more vehicles, officers, bike cops and motorcycle cops. Editha Amacker, Urban Planner, also feels that a substation would be good in our area. It was stated by one of the audience that others areas can protect themselves by not reporting crimes on TV but NOE is always in the news. Let's see what the news reports on our meeting tonight.

CDR Dupree said that City Services are not looking at substations at this time. He said that they place officers in certain zones and pull them when needed. CDR Dupree said off-duty levee board cops but military is a little different. He will not refuse help. Levee Board is helping on Haynes. Erin Parker of Parkwood East asked who handles accidents and traffic.

Ira Thomas, Lake Bullard resident and retired cop, said that clearly you can do more with 150 officers than the 94 we presently have available. More things can be done and police would be more visible when you have more officers. He said that ENONAC needs to call the Mayor and address this issue. Use the colleges and get new recruits.

Austin Badon, Clerk of Court, 1st City Court gave information on restitution, small claims of \$5000 or less and civil claims of \$25,000 or less. There are 14 judges. They get court date fast. Call his office at 407-0400 if you need help.

VII. Old Business

A. CAB Reminders

1. CAB members need to submit a copy of their subdivision covenants to the ENONAC office for use at CAB Retreat on April 30, 2019.
2. Complete the online Ethics Training and submit the certificate to the office.
3. Complete and submit the Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement by May 15.

VIII. Community Info/Public Comments

- A.** Crown Community Festival: Spring in the Garden is on Saturday, April 13 from 4:30-7:00pm at Crown Community Garden located at 19 Marywood Court.
- B.** Jolly Kids Academy is open and now registering at 4949 Bullard Ave.
- C.** Second Saturday Community Market is on Saturday, April 13 from 8:30-11:30am at the Audubon Nature Center.
- D.** NORD is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 13 at Joe Brown Park.

IX. Announcements

- A.** Bike Networking Workshops: For District E is on Thursday, April 18 from 6-7:30pm at NOE Library.
- B.** Officer Eddie Dema and the 7th District NOPD are going door-to-door. They were in Idlewood Subdivision.

X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Comm. Spears and seconded by Comm. Kingvalsky. After the vote, motion passed without any objections. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Submitted by
Lydia Leon, Secretary