

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)
GENERAL MEETING
St. Maria Goretti Community Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127
Tuesday, August 13, 2019 @ 6:00pm
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	Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President
A	Dawn Hebert, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, 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 6:10 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): Phyllis Boudreaux, U.S. Census Bureau

III. Review and Approval of Agenda: It was tabled until a quorum.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from May, June, and July, 2019: It was tabled until a quorum.

V. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report for both ENONAC and East New Orleans Foundation (ENOF) was read and tabled until a quorum.

VI. New Business:

- A. 2020 Census Outreach: Ms. Phyllis Boudreaux, U.S. Census Bureau** stated that we should fill out the census form and mail so that we can be counted, or they will can also come to your home or neighborhood. Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives determining how many seats each state will get. State officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and stated legislative districts, adapting to population shifts. Census data determines how more than \$675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county and community’s vital programs. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. First census was in 1790. Question: If form is only partially filled out does it count? No, it must be completed. What is the website to file online? Ms. Boudreaux said that she will get that info to us. Pres. Scineaux-Richard asked if a satellite center could be placed in the area of apartment complexes to make access easier for tenants. She stated ENONAC would be happy to help with getting people to register since so many government representation, services and decisions are determined by census count results.
- B. Interview with NY Times re: Entergy** – The interviewer gave us more info than we were privy to as it relates to the Entergy issue. There is Entergy policies being set all around the country. We have more info now to help us with the Entergy issue. It was stated that Entergy is being run are at the expense of the residents. Entergy is getting almost 11% return on these projects.
- C. Release of Homeowners Association/Taxing District information by ENONAC:**
 Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that when selling a house in our area, ENONAC is sometimes asked about whether houses are in taxing districts or not. ENONAC wants the permission of the subdivisions to answer this issue and give out subdivision president’s contact numbers. This will be discussed in the CAB meeting. City does not give out information about individual residents paying their subdivision taxes. The Treasury Department does give a list of everyone in the subdivision who has paid their fees.

VII. Old Business

- A. CAB Parcel Fee Committee report:** Karen Comeaux, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, said that the Parcel Fee is slated to be put on the ballot for May 9, 2020. We need operating capital because

our primary source is the Holiday Extravaganza fundraiser. Additionally, we need to reach out to the Secretary of State regarding the May 9, 202 ballot for cost of this election and hope that we will be the only one on the ballot. We also plan to do a Family Day in collaboration with Healthy Heart and the NOE Hospital. The dates we are looking at are in October or March 2020. March would probably be a better date because it's closer to May. Someone asked if we would be able to do both October and March. Karen said that it would be better to do only one. We also want to do a 5-minute video to tell everyone what we are doing and what we have already done. For the Extravaganza, we will ask everyone to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots.

- B. Holiday Extravaganza 2019 Friday December 13, 2019:** The colors are silver and black. Dance will be black tie for the 10th anniversary. Also request all CAB Commissioners (ladies) wear silver and men black tie. More details to come.
- C. BZA/CPC Hearings**
- 1. BZA Hearing Monday, August 12; 1pm; City Council Chambers**
BZA 048-19: Request to permit single family dwelling construction with insufficient side yard setbacks at 4434 Remo St. 70129
 - 2. CPC Hearing Tuesday, August 13; 1:30pm; City Council Chambers**
ZD 078/19 and 079/19: Text amendments to CZO to incorporate recommendations contained in the 2018 Small Box Retail Study: All CAB members are encouraged to attend. ENONAC did a resolution for this.
 - 3. CPC Hearing Tuesday, August 27; 1:30pm; City Council Chambers**
 - a. ZD 091/19: Billboard placement at 13100 I-10 Svc. Rd. by Coffee Cup Investments LLC.**
ENONAC did a resolution to oppose this issue.
 - b. ZD 094/19: Conditional Use Request to permit a Reception Facility at 8700 Lake Forest Blvd. by KP Event Rentals LLC:** ENONAC and Comm. Hamilton's subdivision (Wimbledon) have no opposition to this as long as the owner controls the alcohol and has good security.
 - c. ZD 096/19: City Council Motion request for zoning change at 6859 E. Coronet Court (NPP process bypassed by request):** Lakewood East resident Olga Hartman and her husband live in this area and are not happy about this issue. They have talked to Councilperson Nguyen about this matter and got no results. The area is zoned residential 2 and the owner wants to change to multi-family. The applicant is a nurse who works at NOE Hospital but lives in Mississippi. This City Council motion was initiated by CM Nguyen on July 9, 2019 to go directly to City Planning Commission (CPC) bypassing the NPP process requiring community input. As a result, there was no application, no report and no fees paid if it is done thru City Council motion as proposed and agreed upon by City Council Motion. The area presently has 4-plexes and townhouses that were built in the 70's long before Katrina. It was rezoned during the Master Plan after Katrina to single and /or single- or two-family homes to direct the growth to less density and more affordable single family homes and doubles for first time home buyers. To build a 4-plex now, the zoning would have to be changed to what it was. It would be going backwards to the ills that existed in that area back then. We need to have a meeting with Cyndi Nguyen and City Council to get them to understand the reasoning that went into the zoning and why we don't want to revert back to what it was. They need to understand our view on this project. We also need to show up in large numbers and protest this issue and advise they follow the law and the NPP process and not change it to benefit individuals since the majority need is more relevant. It was agreed that a letter should be written to our councilperson to ask that she support the law and the residents who live in the area.

VIII. Community Info/Public Comments

- A. Community Office Hours (COH) is back** - meet your Neighborhood Liaison! Bring your questions, comments and concerns. This will take place at ENO Regional Library; Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- B.** Comm. Linda Williams said that Rosedale subdivision is having a Come Together on August 31, 2019 from 1-7pm at 4600 Reynes.
- C.** Re-imagining Jazzland meeting is on September 5, 2019 at Franklin Ave. Baptist Church at 6pm.
- D.** Entergy & CN Nguyen meeting on Tuesday September 17 at 6:30pm at Goretti Center. This meeting is very important.

IX. Announcements

- A. Mayor's Affordable Housing** Tour for District E is on Wednesday, August 21; 6pm; Greater St. Stephen's Morton Hall 5600 Read. The Mayor feels that affordable housing should be in the area of workforce which is in the inner-city.

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary