

**EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**VIA ZOOM**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
P	Dawn Hebert, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	A	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 President, Sylvia Scineaux-Richard at 6:00 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum. This meeting will be informational only.

**II. Introduction of Special Guest(s):** There were none

**III. Review and Approval of Agenda:** Tabled until a quorum is met.

**IV. Review and Approval of Minutes:** Tabled until a quorum is met.

**V. Treasurer’s report:** The report covering thru November 30, 2020 was read by Comm. Karol Sanders.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Virtual Town Hall with Mayor Cantrell; Thursday, December 3, 2020 – FEEDBACK – NOT SURE WHAT WAS SAID – LYDIA NOT ON CALL AT THIS TIME**

**B. Greater New Orleans Foundation grant received**

For Comm. Hebert’s participation in this Climate Action Equity Advisory group ENONAC has received a \$1000 grant. Comm. Hebert said she enjoyed the group and was glad to help out. Comm. Jackson asked what we can use the funds for. Funds can only be used for the community.

**VII. Old Business**

**A. CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 – FEEDBACK**

**1. Communication from Victoria Lewandrowski - Economic Development Liaison for CM Nguyen re: 6 Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) applications from Folgers Coffee Company requesting retroactive tax exemptions**

It is unfair for Folgers to get a break on taxes now and going forward. Folgers is asking for 3 years break on taxes from 2017 – 2020 saving them about \$25,000 in taxes. Mr. Broderick Bagert said that it is a bad idea for New Orleans because of a corporation give away when we in NO needs these funds. We need to tell our Councilpersons how we feel and that it is not fair for our communities. The cost in ten years is \$137 million on 40 property tax exemptions. Our elected officials need to do away with these exemptions. Folgers exemptions have only murky connections. In the next fiscal year it would be \$12 million recouped for services that will be cut and get people back to work. This is what should happen: 1) Reject all 6 applications from Folgers. 2) Allocate those funds collected to reduce furloughs of City workers. 3) Have a supplementary assessment as required by law. 4) Furloughs are to be reduced as the new revenue is paid in January 2021. There was o new job growth as a result of these exemptions. 2019 was the last job completed and none since. There are 750 employees on payroll at Folgers. Comm. Hamilton said that the City needs to demand the exact job information from Folgers. It could be as much as \$25 million over the past 10 years and \$12 million for next year. Corinne Villavaso said that Folgers has not created any new jobs because of the type of equipment that they have now. They are not in compliance of what is required by the City and now it goes to the City Council. She said their annual payroll is \$58 million for 712 people. Councilperson Moreno is against these tax exemptions. They voted to approve 4 applications before 2018. The 2 that are current were voted against. ITEP Review Committee did the voting. Comm. Hamilton said to be fair but careful when dealing with these problems with Folgers. It goes before City Council on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Public comments need to be submitted by the 17<sup>th</sup>. Comm. Legaux said we need to make our feeling known. Comm. Hebert said she has a letter that everyone can sent to the Council. It may be better to send a personal message to each councilperson. Councilpersons Palmer, Giarrusso and Moreno

seems to be reviewing and talking about it before the vote. Pres. Scineaux-Richard said we need to get info to the Council before the 17<sup>th</sup> so they know what our views are on this issue. Comm. Braud said that Folgers did not have their applications in on time. Resolution 1927.F explains the issue – could be \$13.2 million and not \$12 million for penalty. Pres. Scineaux-Richard said we can come together with a letter from ENONAC and individual CAB letters. Draft a resolution and circulate to CAB, then see if we can legally vote via email. There was a motion by Comm. Jackson and second by Comm. Hamilton to draft a resolution on Folgers Tax Exemption issue. Motion passed without any objections. Pres. Scineaux-Richard asked Comms. Braud and Hamilton to help draft the resolution. ENONAC supports the collection of all penalties on this issue for not filing on time and against full value of the tax exemptions. Send to each Councilperson individually and submit by Monday to be a part of the public record.

2. **Cal. No. 33,168 by Nguyen - to classify 'Outdoor Amusement Facility' as a permitted use – was WITHDRAWN**
3. **Communication from Lewandrowski re: Restoration Tax Abatement (RTA) application for 6324 & 6400 Chef Hwy. (Caveman Bldg.)**
4. **Zoning change request for 20824 Chef Hwy. (did not specify the zone change) – (A zoning change from an S-RM2 Suburban Multi-Family Residential District to an S-B1 Suburban Business District to permit a standard restaurant – from ONE STOPAPP). DEFERRAL was requested; they have not been to CPC yet. No NPP meeting**
5. **5. ZD 90/20: Req. for a planned development in a C-3 Heavy Commercial District at 13350 I-10 Service Rd. (GIVING HOPE) Deferral requested to the Dec. 17 meeting**
6. **6. Motion-No. M-20-405: Tabulating votes for Lake Willow Proposition from Nov. 3 election – Comm. Dawn Hebert said she was glad the \$300 security district passed for renewal**
7. **7. Motion No. M-20-406: Tabulating votes for North Kenilworth Proposition from Nov. 3 election. - Comm. Marcia McWilliams said that this was a renewal of their \$300 security district**
8. **8. Motion M-20-410: to direct CPC to conduct a public hearing to consider effecting a zone change in Lower Ninth Ward to facilitate residential uses currently prohibited (from S-B1 & S-B2 Suburban Business District to HU-MU Neighborhood Mixed Use) This is a changing of the business district**

**B. CPC MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2020 (TODAY) – FEEDBACK**

1. **ZD 094/20: Request by St. Paul Catholic Church for zone change from S-RD to C-1 at 6820-6828 Chef Hwy and 6809 Brutus St. – New office building of 2585 sq. ft. for use as a committed non-conforming use.**
2. **2. Subdivision Docket (SD) 121/20: Request by St. Paul Church to re-subdivide property at same address as above. This property is zoned different than the main building. It is twice the size of the one that is there.**
3. **SD 124/20: request to re-subdivide lots at 21800 & 22001 Chef Hwy in Lake Catherine – There is no opposition from the community.**
4. **Property Disposition 004/20: consideration of disposition of immovable property at 823, 8339, 8401, 8501, 8531, and 8541 Chef Hwy. – What do they want it for and why are they combining several lots. Editha Amacker, Urban Planner consultant, said she will try to find info.**

**C. Holiday Decorating Frenzy & Toy Giveaway at Joe Brown Park**

~start decorating on Monday, December 7; end at toy giveaway event on Saturday, December 12; 12-3pm

~donation of money/decorations or volunteer time to decorate selected tree. Comm. Celestand said that she has already started; she needs help to complete by the 12th.

- D. Virtual Holiday Party:** Not enough time to plan for a Christmas time holiday party. It was suggested that maybe we do something around Mardi Gras; dress up in Mardi Gras attire & prize for best costumes.

**VIII. Community Info**

- A. Clean up Event in Rosedale:** Comm. Linda Williams said that it will take place this Saturday at Reynes St. Need volunteers to help.

**B. Clinical Trial Vaccine Info:** Dr. Keith Ferdinand spoke. He is on the Task Force for Louisiana and Governor. The vaccine trial to come in next week. Must be over 65 in the round in January. First nursing homes and healthcare workers. Not sure that we will have enough to have for everyone. Suggest that we think about getting the vaccine. It is ok for those immune-compromised. The Pfizer vaccine comes in two doses. Moderna vaccine is coming in 2 weeks. Johnson & Johnson needs more Blacks for trial. For more info go to [vaccine@tulane.edu](mailto:vaccine@tulane.edu). Or call 988-0200

**IX. Announcements**

**X. Adjournment**