

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 @ 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	A	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 6:05 p.m. After roll call by Admin. Secretary Claire White, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):**
- III. **Review & approval of agenda:** Comm. Weaver moved for approval of the agenda. Comm. Williams seconded. The motion passed without any objections.
- IV. **Review & approval of minutes:** Comm. Busby moved for approval of the minutes from January. Comm. McWilliams seconded. The motion passed without any objections.
- V. **Review & approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Comm. Sanders read his report for the period of February 1-14, 2023. Comm. McWilliams moved for approval of the Treasurer’s Report. Comm. Busby seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **ENONAC Executive Board elections:** Admin Secretary reported the election result numbers and the 2023 ENONAC Executive Board is as follows: President is Dawn Hebert, First Vice President is Dr. Brenda Jackson, Second Vice President is Marcia McWilliams, Secretary is Lydia Leon, Treasurer is Mr. Karol Sanders, and Members At Large are Maxine Weaver and Claudia Celestand.
- B. **Short Term Rentals:** The full report of City Planning Commission was sent out to the CAB for review but Pres. Hebert highlighted items particular to our NOE neighborhoods, especially the one about one STR per block face. Pres. Hebert implored everyone to share their comments to the special City Council meeting on March 2. Also share this info with your residents.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

VII. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. Lake Catherine neighborhood is having a Clean Sweep event on Saturday, March 4 from 10am to noon at 26812 Chef Hwy. They have asked for our help with this event. It is a long drive out there, about 30-45 minutes, so be prepared.
- B. Love the Boot event. ENONAC is participating with this project along with Castle Manor subdivision and District E Business Alliance on Saturday, April 22 at Chef and Crowder
- C. Special Needs Mardi Gras Ball. Several ENONAC members participated in this event at Joe Brown Rec Center. It was a very special event for all participants.
- D. If anyone is interested in joining the NOPD, the next class begins on April 10. Also, ENONAC would like to assist our 7<sup>th</sup> District NOPD for Mardi Gras. Hand warmers were purchased, and Pres. Hebert would like to provide maybe some breakfast and/or lunch for them before they go leave for parades. If anyone knows a caterer that could assist with this please let her know. This is an Adopt-A-Cop initiative

- E. There are going to be Master Plan amendments about to take place and not enough people know what this means. We will have and HLUZ meeting with CPC to explain what will be happening and changes that will be proposed.
- F. NOE sign: there is graffiti that happened overnight. Pres. Hebert said she found someone who knows how to remove the graffiti. Cm. Thomas' office is aware and working with ENONAC.
- G. Meeting on Parks: Pres. Hebert and Comm. Blouin attended this meeting with Parks & Parkways on improving the parks within the City. A map was presented with only 14 parks in NOE, which did not cover the amount of parks in NOE. Also, Pontchartrain Beach was listed but not Lincoln Beach. The presenters took note of all the discrepancies that were given by Pres. Hebert and Comm. Blouin. And she suggested they re-do their maps. Comm. Blouin has submitted his committee's list of parks in NOE so they can compare, and he said they will be sending a group out to these parks to see what needs to be done. Comm. Bernard mentioned the park in Wimbledon. At their last neighborhood meeting she said that Cm. Thomas has funding for park improvements and wondered how and by what authority is Parks & Parkways doing what they are doing. Comm. Bernard said they are finalizing their plans for their park by the end of the month and will submit them. NORD keeps saying that they have no money.
- H. Comm. Legaux said she attended the meeting with Aaron Jordan and GNOE (Greater New Orleans East) Business Alliance and CM Thomas has said even though he has received a lot of funding, he doesn't know what people want. She suggests that ENONAC give him that kind of info before we don't get our share of what money he has. She also said that Villa Sites would like to have a clean-up event; it is badly needed. Also, for Comm. Bernard, she asked if she had any judicial forums for District A; she has referred someone to her. She also has some concerns about the FOJWB Heart Walk coming up on March 24 but will put those concerns in writing to the Board about our support of this event.
- I. Pres. Hebert then asked for specific needs in each neighborhood. She also said that the Crowder sign is coming.
- J. Comm. Washington commented on things mentioned by Comm. Legaux. She pointed out the strip mall behind the Brothers gas station at Crowder & Lake Forest where homeless people are residing & if anyone was to look at that property for development they might not want to because of this. She wants to know how ENONAC can address this. Pres. Hebert said let's get our list together and get them in by Thursday or Friday this week and Councilman Thomas will be invited to our next General meeting.
- K. Comm. Jackson also commented about the GNOE meeting. She said their emphasis was on that NOE sign (monument) and bringing it back to what it should be. She was surprised to learn that GNOEBA has only been in existence for one year at the time of this meeting and all of their officers are directors and there's a fee to join. Comm. Jackson also mentioned the Coaxum project. Pres. Hebert said that Coaxum is trying to get more of the property going towards the Lake. The venue will be for entertainment, concerts, etc. It should be very nice.
- L. Pres. Hebert said that in speaking with Wesley Bishop (CM Thomas' office) about the NOE sign, she told him that ENONAC was responsible for removing the weeds around it and that we are interested in working together to maintain it.
- M. Comm. Bernard said she spoke with Sen. Jimmy Harris about signs in NOE particularly the Wimbledon sign that they are trying to get back. Sen. Harris said to her that it would have to be put in their budget. She also said that she heard that ENONAC has money for signs. Pres. Hebert said no, ENONAC does not have money for signs, but we will help you landscape it. She also expressed concerns about the Roadwork going on at Lake Forest and Bundy and how there is a detour sign but there is no detour. Several Commissioners chimed in about RoadWork and their notification process.
- N. Comm. Blouin said that Maple Ridge entrance, one side, has been completed. He also said that the street going towards the new concession in the park needs repair.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Washington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Celestand seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

Submitted by Claire White, Administrative Secretary