

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 @ 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	P	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, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s): Lynn Rhodes-Polk, CEO of the Educational Center on Flake St. and Jennie Tidy of Community Visions Unlimited (CVU)**
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Comm. Weaver moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Kirkland seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Comm. Kirkland moved to approve the minutes from October 12. Comm. Busby seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections. Comm. McWilliams moved to approve the minutes from November 9. Comm. Landrum seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections. Comm. Jackson moved to approve the minutes from December 14. Comm. Legaux seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for the period of December 1-31, 2021. Comm. Busby moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Comm. Jackson seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **CVU NOLA: utility box project** – Ms. Jennie Tidy of CVU explained how the project works and gave a website for the information. <https://www.c vunola.org/how-art-box-project-works> She explained that they paint the utility boxes around the city. It costs \$750 per box. The artist received \$300 of this and the rest is the cost of materials. No salaries at the company; all volunteers. Art work does away with graffiti on them. Neighborhoods pick the art work. One person from the neighborhood is represented on the committee. Artist sends their feedback and this is sent to committee to choose one. It creates neighborhood beautification. They have done 300 boxes in New Orleans. They clean and wash the boxes, use 3 coats of primer and then the artist comes to paint. They have a mini-box auction every year and share proceeds with the artist. They will now paint AT&T boxes along with the red-light boxes and cox cable boxes. Pres. Hebert asked everyone to think about what they want for their neighborhood. Any artist that maybe interested to contact them or sign up on the website.
- B. **Illegal Dumping of Tires** - Pres. Hebert reached out to Alexandros Pavlakis, NO Mosquito, Termite & Rodent Control Board about tires in NOE. He explained that there is waste tire surveillance and control in Orleans Parish. He said that the tires are a breeding site for certain types of mosquitoes that cause West Nile Virus. They are doing tire sweeps and have discovered over 627 tires in 62 separate piles. The plan for 2022 is to 1) conduct additional tire sweeps 2) expand to include community members (need volunteers) 3) monitoring of tire piles and report sites to 311 and 4) stop the source of dumping. Focus for larger piles and work to stop them from doing it again. He said for residents you can call 311 and schedule a free waste tire pickup of up to 4 tires. Tires are recycled once they remove them. Quest was asked: what other agencies do they work with. He said Sanitation, Sewerage & Water Board. He said that you have to have a permit and license to collect and transport to recycle people.
- C. **NPP: Educational Center at 4600 Flake Ave.** - Lynn Rhodes-Polk, CEO said that she has been an educator for 25 years and is working toward a PhD. She said that their teachers are certified and some are retired teachers. The kids are from 6months to 5 years old. They will offer tutoring of preK thru 12 grade in all subjects. There is 1 Head Director, 2 Assistant Directors (teachers). Off street parking with 10 spots. Will

have drop off and pickup area. Will have outdoor equipment for play area. Will follow all COVID protocols. Staff and 5year olds will have to wear masks. All staff will be trained and certified in First Aid and CPR. Building is being redone and will be painted a beige color. New rood is being put on. There is a home not redone next to them and they will try to buy it and either redo or tear it down. They will be meeting with the neighborhood next week.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Letter to request Texas Roadhouse restaurant – need approval** – There was a motion by Comm. Braud to draft a resolution for ENONAC’s support of a Texas Roadhouse Restaurant. The motion was seconded by Comm. McWilliams. After the vote, motion passed without any objections.
- B. Redistricting Workshop – update:** February 22 is the Senate vote for the Redistricting. Corinne Villavaso said that parts of NOE have been put under 2 other representatives. She said that we have gained 40,000 people this year but we must pay attention to how the redistricting is done. Raymond Garofalo controls part of NOE.
- C. Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 10am**
  - 1. Docket 078-21: request for variances at SEA Too daycare at 10100 Morrison Rd.** They were given a 30 day deferral.
  - 2. Dockets 001-22 and 002-22: to permit the creation of a lot with insufficient lot area and insufficient lot depth.** This was passed because other lots are similar.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2022 ENONAC Calendar of Meetings – approval:** Motion by Comm. Jackson and seconded by Comm. DeGrasse to approve the 2022 Calendar. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- B. ENONAC Committees with community participation** – Pres. Hebert said that we are going to re-organized and start to work on them. Please let Claire White, Admin Secretary, know what committee CAB members want to work on. Infrastructure is not a committee on the list and will be added.
- C. Swearing in of Councilman Oliver Thomas, Monday, January 10** – He was sworn in and the newest Councilperson to represent District E.

## **IX. COMMUNITY INFO**

- A.** January 12, 2022 is City’s Infrastructure Industry Day Teleconference
- B.** Commelita McKee (NOE resident) said that she is hosting a Microsoft Teams meeting on Sunday January 16, 2022 at 6pm for NOE residents to volunteer for the Illegal Dumping/Code Enforcement Task Force. She said that they need volunteers to take ownership of a few blocks in their own neighborhood to work and clean up dumping and prevention. (Microsoft Teams is like Zoom). They need 30-50 people who can take 1 or 2 days a week to look for dumping and report it. Monthly reports are sent for their findings to several other divisions like Sewerage & Water Board, etc.
- C.** Pres. Hebert said to look at the art works sent by email for artwork by young artists for Joe Brown Park. There are 24 youth artists and their mentors working on this project. Dr. Sarah Woodward is the programs Director for the Arts Council of New Orleans. Check your email and submit comments on the art work you’d like to see.

## **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. DeGrasse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Recording Secretary