

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)
GENERAL MEETING
St. Maria Goretti Community Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127
Tuesday, July 9, 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
P	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 6:15 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): Malissa Dietsch-Givhan, Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Public Outreach Coordinator.

Pres. Scineaux-Richard asked that the vote on the Billboard Resolution be moved up on the agenda as some CAB members have to leave early. Comm. Denesse so moved and Comm. Hebert seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda: Comm. Denesse moved to approve the agenda, Comm. Sanders seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2019: Comm. Jourdain moved to approve the May 14 minutes, Comm. McWilliams seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

Review and Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2019: Comm. Spears moved to approve the June 11 minutes, Comm. Jourdain seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with correction to remove 'would be'.

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. Comm. Jourdain moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Comm. Jackson seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

Billboard Placement at 13100 I-10 Service Road – ENONAC opposes this issue and will send this resolution to CPC and City Council. Comm. Weaver moved to approve the sending of the ENONAC Billboard Resolution, Comm. Landrum seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections. (See attached, ENONAC Resolution R-19-2)

VI. New Business:

A. Regional Planning Commission (RPC): community input on transit changes

Ms. Dietsch-Givhan said that there is a meeting on July 23 from 6-8pm at the NOE Library on Read. Comm. Hamilton said that NOE has dangerous bus stops on the I-10 service road. There are no sidewalks, no bus shelters and some shelters are in weeded areas. Editha Amacker said more transit stops need to be around apartment complexes. Many of the working tenant population have to walk for blocks to get to a bus stop. Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that RTA is responsible for the sidewalks at bus stops. Bus stops should also be well lit for passengers. Are there any future plans to have busses look like street cars for tourists? Ms. Dietsch-Givhan said that they are an independent contractor and not with RTA and don't control busses. Why are there no bus stops on Read now? Is all of this info being brought back to RTA?

VII. Old Business

A. Parcel Fee Committee report,

Karen Comeaux of Spring Lake will chair this committee. The Parcel Fee will be collected for 4 years, i.e., at \$5.00 per year and a total of \$20.00. The committee is re-wording our proposition and

gathering support from City Council. Volunteers are needed to advertise and distribute push cards at residential properties. Someone asked why we can't include business owners in the parcel fee. When you pay the fees then they will want to vote also and this is a residential fee. Please consider this matter. Another question; is it attached to the property taxes. No, only NOE property and only \$5.00 per year. Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that Act 394 (which governs ENONAC) says that we do not legally have a right to tax businesses because we are a residential Homeowners Commission applied to a specific area of the East. This needs to be addressed when advertising. The committee will have a meeting by the end of the month of August.

B. FEEDBACK on NPP Community Meetings

- 1. Request to permit a sign exceeding the permitted sign dimensions at 5931-5961 Bullard Ave. (Miracle Plaza):** They want more and larger signs. Our major concern is having more parking spaces.
- 2. Request to open a Reception Facility at 8700 Lake Forest Blvd.:** Comm. Hamilton said that his subdivision will not oppose this as long as the owner controls the alcohol and has good security.
- 3. Billboard Placement at 13100 I-10 Service Road:** The meeting was on June 21 at 5pm at New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood. Resolution was approved by ENONAC to oppose this issue.

VIII. Community Info/Public Comments

- A. NPP: Request for Conditional Use to keep a 2 family home (duplex) in a single family area at 7941 Devine Ave.** Community Meeting: Saturday, July 27; 11am; Kidz Zone Daycare; 9508 Haynes

B. Sustaining Our Urban Landscape (SOUL) Tree Planting

Catherine Wheeler, SOUL Program & Outreach Coordinator, said that they are interested in planting trees in NOE. Catherine stated they will need ENO volunteers to help because there are only 2 in their office. They are funded through grants and a fundraiser that they give.

IX. Announcements

- A. Bike Easy: Moving New Orleans:** Mr. Robert Henig Bell, Bike Easy Campaign Mgr. said that the organization has been in existence for 16 years. They promote bike safety and bike lanes to keep people safe. In July, the City will release draft maps for biking in neighborhoods. He will keep us informed about this issue.
- B.** Pres. Scineaux-Richard asked for a show of hands for those who attended the Sneauxball Festival on July 4. She and several others did attend and said it was nice. Comm. Hamilton said he spoke to Councilwoman Nguyen and asked her about the lack of participation of Vietnamese in ENONAC.

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. There was no motion since there now wasn't a quorum as several CAB members had left early.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary