

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
(ENONAC) www.enonac.org
GENERAL MEETING
St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd
Tuesday, June 11, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.
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	Brian Egana, 1 st Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Ed Blouin, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
P	Romona Baudy, Parliamentarian	P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by President Scineaux-Richard at 6:12p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Special Guests

Special guest were Erin Spears, Chief of Staff from Councilman Gray’s office; representatives Glendalyn Lewis and Shawn Tortino from Einstein Charter School, and Kyle J. Shelly, from Mayor’s office of Neighborhood Engagement.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

ENONAC General Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2013 was offered and Comm. Busby made a motion to accept the minutes and Comm. Norris seconded. After the vote the motion passed without opposition. ENONAC General Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2013 was offered and Comm. Norris made a motion to accept and Comm. Blackmon seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without opposition.

IV. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report for May 15- June 11, 2013 was read and copies handed out to all CAB members. One question was asked, what was the item about Fort Knox on the report? It was for the alarm/security system. Comm. Baudy made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and Comm. Simien-Hill seconded. After the vote, the motion passed and Treasury report accepted no opposition.

V. New Business

A. Aimie Chambers - from St. Bernard Housing Project (mgr. of Opportunity Housing Program) said they are working on a project to sell to first time homebuyers. They received some properties in the East and will sell to first time homebuyers. All six are NORA properties in the East. They are at 7113 West Tamaron Blvd., 6911 Dorchester, 7021 Curran Blvd., 7541 Sheffield, 7461 Seven Oaks Rd. and 10141 Chevy Chase Drive. She has flyers and cards on the back table for everyone to take the information home. She is asking the ENO Community to help identify people interested in buying these homes. How do they qualify? It’s the same as the soft mortgage for the city. It’s a 30 year lender approved loan. First time home buyers go to buyer education classes then the lenders and this group help educate them reference the process of purchasing a home. If anyone needs help with other blighted properties, they

are willing to help them. You are required to sign a document that you agree to live in the house for 5-15 years. You must have homeowners and flood insurance on the property so eliminates renters from qualifying for the program.

VI. Old Business

A. HLUZ Committee members focused on two issues on the CPC Meeting Agenda for June 11, 2013 at 1:30pm. It was Zoning Docket 054/13 and 055/13 as follows:

1. 054/13 is for multifamily units at 6840-6873 Cindy Place (Cypress Parc) for a conditional use waiver request from FTB Community Development Partnership (an out of town developer). It is the same location and Multi-family project presented last year. They are back for the second time, ignoring the primary recommendation of the HLUZ Committee for a reduction of density. Their request for five waivers basically ignored the request since there was no substantial change in the high density. The plans last year did not comply with the guidelines at that time and still don't. ENONAC help to develop and establish guidelines and standards even before Katrina. There was a great showing of ENO community interest and support of opposition. ENO residents were very vocal, after the FTB presentation of their opposition. They showed up at the City Council Meeting in a great numbers and stood up to the developer to let them know that we will not let them build just anything they want in our community. And they must comply with the law on Multi Family Zoning standards. We had almost 41% subsidized housing before Katrina and federal guidelines believe normalcy is less than 25%.

A Resolution to present to Councilman Gray that expresses the community's opposition to the FTB (Cindy Place/Cypress Parc) Project is ready for submission and per CAB instruction to send to all the City Council members. The Resolution establishes the reasoning for recommendation of denial for the FTB request for waivers to build the Cindy Place Multi Family Project. Comm. Heisser added that it does not conform to the Master Plan and is in direct conflict with our design standards. Comm. Busby made a motion to approve our Resolution of opposition position on the FTB Multi Family Project and to send to all Council Members. Comm. Baudy seconded and after the vote the motion passed with no opposition. We need all CAB members to get this victory (recommendation of denial of FTB waiver request by City Planning Commission as well as CPC staff) out to their residents and get them to come to the Council meeting on July 11, 2013 because the project can still be approved by Councilman Gray and City Council.

2. 055/13 is for a liquor license for the reception hall at 7030 Bullard Ave. ENONAC wants the affected subdivisions input to address the issue. Corinne stated that she lives near there and wants them to be governed by the provisos established when the proposal was done last year. Comm. Perrault asked for a copy so we could look at it before the meeting. Comm. Simien Hill motioned to table this issue until the next CAB meeting and Comm. Blackmon seconded. After the vote, the motion passed until CAB members can preview the provisos. Corinne will provide and ENONAC will send out the provisos to CAB members for their perusal.

REVISIT TO NEW BUSINESS

Paul Beaulieu, a resident of NO East and WBOK General Manager introduced a new Buy East Package to residents to encourage them to support local businesses and spend their dollars in the East. They are

offering (36) 30-seconds spots to run Mon.-Fri. from 6am -7pm and includes a Thursday interview to highlight their business and inclusion on WBOK website for \$360 a month. He thanked ENONAC for everything that they have done for NO East.

Comm. Bowman from Rosedale community wants their problem put on the agenda for the next CAB Meeting.

VII. Announcements

A. Friday, June 14, 2013 is the Housing Preservation Workshop. It is to help people with high interest rates and problems paying their mortgage. It is from 9am-6pm at the Downtown Hilton. About 4,000 people in New Orleans, Jefferson and Slidell are going into foreclosure at Wells Fargo bank.

B. Comm. Simien- Hill introduced one of our top performing schools (Einstein Charter) in NO East and will need our help in the future when they are taking over the RSD Schools.

C. Blight Committee report- Dawn Hebert, Chair of Blight Committee announced that three properties had hearings and were fined at the hearing. They are the Nursing Home next to the Post Office on Lake Forest, the lot next to McDonalds on Read and the property next to Waffle House on Read.

VIII. Adjournment

Comm. Cantrelle made a motion to adjourn meeting and Comm. McClendon seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Lydia Leon, Secretary of ENONAC

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