

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, May 10, 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 st 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 2nd Vice President Marcia McWilliams at 6:05 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** Angele Wilson and Dwight Norton, RTA
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Comm. Busby moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of April 12:** Comm. Hamilton moved to approve the minutes. Comm. DeGrasse 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 April 1-30, 2022. Comm. Busby moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Comm. McWilliams seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. **RTA: Bus Rapid Transit - Angele Wilson, RTA Community Relations Mgr.** spoke about partnering with LCMC and the City to ride for testing of new routes. They are connecting with the Regional Planning Commission to do what is best for the community in the future. Mr. Norton, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), said that transit is a foundational service and everyone depends on it to get around. With change and time we have to upgrade for the future. They are investing in New Links which wrapped up in 2020. There will be new bus routes getting people out of the East into the inner city. On September 23, Lake Forest and Read will be central hug for all busses to pass through in the East. Frequency will also be increased. Changes in Michoud, Village D’Lest and Little Woods to make sure all the info gets to them about changes. Increasing access with new high-capacity transit is needed for equitable access throughout the region. They talked about Light Rail Transit (LRT) and the associated costs versus BRT. There is a survey at www.norta.com with virtual open house dates and times to explore and choose bus route options. Comm. Legaux asked if they had regularly scheduled grass cutting around the bus stops and if there are more options for getting more shelters for elderly and school children. This particular agency does not handle grass cutting schedules; that is the City. They do want to track this and it is a priority. They created a Transit Stop Manager to take care of these types of issues. Call the Ride Line at 504-248-3900 to notify of these issues. Right now they are spending a half million a year to install shelters; 20-30 locations per year. Comm. Hamilton asked how many stops are in NOE; 400 or less. When will they expect to be done? They are locking in routes now, construction to start by the end of 2022 or into 2023; about a 4 year project. In September 2022, the new routes and signs are to be in place. Comm. Denesse commended the Lift Bus employees. They are doing a great job. Comm. Thompson asked if there will be trash cans and also if there will be transportation from NO to Baton Rouge. Yes for the trash cans and working on maintenance issues. Inter City to Baton Rouge; RTA will not have but connection to areas in NO to get them to bus service to Baton Rouge is still in planning stage. Comm. Braud inquired if the issues mentioned at the meeting at PJs had been addressed yet. They looked at Almonaster Bridge and that was ruled out. Looked at Seabrook and Danziger Bridges in a different way. They are looking at these options. Pres. Hebert asked them to come back in September with updates.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) study meeting – update:** City Council withdrew this issue. Many people in NOE sent in their comments.

- B. **CAB: Tier 2.1 statements – due now:** Comm. Jackson and Pres. Hebert said that they sent theirs in directly.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Entergy New Orleans rate hike** – Pres. Hebert said that Entergy is attempting to raise our bills by \$7.00. Entergy has reported \$1.4 billion in profit. Add \$650 million over 30 years on New Orleans customers for has plant in NOE. This means you, your children and grandchildren will be on the hook for this plant.
- B. **Deer Park Cottages: new community development** – They are near Lake Forest Estates. New senior community development. There will be an HLUZ committee zoom meeting for this on Thursday at noon.
- C. **Healthy Homes Campaign: landlord neglect** – Frank Southall, Jane Place Neighborhood Sustainability Initiative is having a meeting via zoom to start a campaign around this issue on Wed, May 25 at 6pm.
- D. **SD 057-22: minor subdivision at 11755 Chef Hwy.** – Owner wants to sell it and thinks he can do anything he wants with his property. Comm. Blouin said he owns a building in that area also.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. **District Attorney Satellite Office: ENO Library** – There was a ribbon cutting for this satellite office at the NOE Library on May 3. Comm. Legaux attended. We need to know more of what this office is about.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Dept. of Parks and Parkways** is giving away leftover annuals. Contact Lani Silva at 504-658-3220 for more info.
- B. **New Orleans Mosquito Control:** They will be conducting early season adult and larvae mosquito abatement.
- C. **Impact Accelerator:** Growing and transforming your business; a free program.
- D. **Dillard University Community & Church Relations:** Insurance Risk Assessment workshop at Rayne United Methodist Church on May 19 at 3900 St. Charles Ave.
- E. **City Cares Clean up event** at Ray Avenue Baptist Church on May 21
- F. **Comm. Busby** announced that Blight/Beautification Committee will have a telephone conference meeting on tomorrow at 5:30pm

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Landrum seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:0pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Recording Secretary