

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
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GENERAL MEETING
St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 @ 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	Romona Baudy, 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	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call. Meeting was called to order by President, Scineaux-Richard @ 6:10 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum so meeting information only until we have a quorum.

II. Special Guests. Our special guests were Councilwoman Cynthia Hedge-Morrell, Clerk of Criminal Court, Arthur Morrell, Ms. Chimene Grant-Vice President of Marketing at Audubon Institute, Ron Forman-CEO and President of Audubon Institute and Larry Rivarde, Senior Vice President Audubon Park, Nature Center and Zoo.

We now had a quorum and can conduct business.

III. Approval of Agenda. Comm. Bickham made a motion to accept the agenda and Comm. Daste seconded. After the vote the motion passed; no objections.

IV. Approval of Minutes. Comm. Daste made a motion to accept February 11, 2014 General Meeting Minutes and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed; no objections.

V. Approval of Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was read and passed out to the board and CAB members and the correction was made on the dates which are 2/12/14 – 3/11/14. A budget was also attached to the minutes for everyone to see our budget. As of 3/11/14, we have \$17,530.29 in the bank. Comm. McClendon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with the correction to the dates and Comm. Penny seconded. After the vote, the motion passed; no objections.

VI. New Business

A. CAB Retreat 2nd Session

We need to pick a date for the CAB Retreat. Comm. Hamilton suggested that we do it on the date of our CAB Meeting from 6-9 p.m. Comm. Heisser said she did not want to do it on a Saturday. Comm. Hamilton made a motion to do on April 29, 2014 from 6-9 p.m. and Comm. Heisser seconded. After the vote, the motion passed; no objections.

VII. Old Business

A. Affordable HealthCare Symposium

1. Scineaux-Richard asked the co-chairs Comm. Simien-Hill and Comm. Weaver of the Affordable Healthcare Symposium on Saturday, March 29, 2014 to address the CAB about the event planned for this weekend. They stated the need for volunteers from the CAB to set up on Friday and work with them on Saturday. A list was sent around the CAB to get volunteers and it was sent to Claire with names/phone numbers to contact them. Comm. Hamilton was able to get his church, Crowder Blvd Church of Christ at 7301 Crowder Blvd. across the street from Gorette to have the Symposium at no cost to ENONAC. He needs men to come at 6 p.m. on Friday to set up tables for Saturday and volunteers for Saturday need to be there for 10:00 a.m.

2. It was suggested that CAB Members need to pass out Symposium flyers in their neighborhood and Comm. Hill has groups doing this also to get the word out about being able to sign up for Healthcare and screening. The State Department of Insurance will have representatives at Symposium to give information on the Healthcare insurance and answer questions. They can also help small businesses with their insurance.

B. The **Resolution** and a letter were sent to Councilmembers Gray, Hedge-Morrell, Head and Clarkson regarding the Dollar Stores in the NO East area. Tomorrow Scineaux-Richard has a conference call scheduled with CM Gray to discuss this issue.

VIII. Community Info

A. **Audubon Institute** was at the meeting to explain their tax millage on the ballot. It is a .40 tax millage for 40 years. It was 3.80 and that still has 7 years left on it so they are asking to add an additional 40 cents to increase it to \$4.20 making the total amount \$11 Million. They are adding the Nature Center, West Bank along with the Uptown Zoo and park, downtown to use the money for this fund. They give all Taylor kids a free membership to their facilities. There are about 500 kids that receive the Taylors money for education. The millage money is bonded out to build new facilities and they also have private funding to match that money.

One question asked was if the entire city is paying this millage, how much each homeowner is paying for this fund ...answer, about \$3.68 a house. Comm. Hill said the length of time is 43 years so what is the transparent process used to show that NO East is getting their fair share of the money. She said that we want our community to have a voice in the Nature Center with Audubon and need someone from the East as a representative with them. Scineaux-Richard expressed concern that there is no representation on the Audubon Institute's Board from the ENO boundaries and that does not seem fair. Comm. Baudy asked why the Nature Center is taking so long to come back. The delay was due to a Mayor and leadership problems along with the Council after the storm. Another question was why is it that N O residents are not given discounted tickets to enter the zoo and other facilities. How much FEMA money was given to the Nature Center?...about \$7 million. Question: Are there any plans in place where monies can be used to include the Nature Center in their package and inclusion of transportation to the Nature Center in the future? Mr. Forman said that they would look into that for the future. Comm. Montana asked if families who live in poverty be allowed to go to their facilities without paying. Yes, they have programs now and will do more in the future. They have discussed rotating months to accomplish this task. Scineaux-Richard thanked Mr. Forman and his group for coming to explain their tax millage.

B. Councilwoman Cynthia Hedge-Morrell said that the 2011 Moratorium in the East is to slow down the constructions of Dollar Stores if we change streets that are involved in the moratorium. Get Councilman Gray to change the names on the streets to redo the moratorium in District E.

C. HLUZ is still working on zoning and has a meeting soon with the CPC. Once a year you can put in for a revision with the Master Plan and CZO.

IX. Announcements

Sherwood Forest School has a meeting for the design planning at Suburban Church at 4521 Schindler Dr. at 6 p.m. It is across the street from the Pizza Hut.

X. Adjournment

Having no more business, Comm. Daste made a motion to adjourn meeting and Comm. Busby seconded. After the vote, the motion passed; no objections Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.