

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

NEW ORLEANS EAST HOSPITAL (NOEH), 5620 READ BLVD. NEW ORLEANS, LA 70127

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. (replaced Nov 8, 2016 meeting)

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

P – Denotes member present, E – Denotes member excused, A – Denotes member absent, V – vacant position

P	Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President	A	Romona Baudy , 1 st Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
P	Arthur Busby, Parliamentarian	P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call

This meeting was held at the New Orleans East Hospital. The meeting was called to order by President, Scineaux-Richard at 6:05 p.m. After the roll call, we didn't have a quorum. This meeting will be for information only

II. Introduction of Guests

Charles Rice, President and CEO of Entergy New Orleans

III. Review & Approval of Agenda: The vote was tabled because there wasn't a quorum.

IV. Review & Approval of Minutes of the October minutes: The vote was tabled.

V. Review & Approval of Treasurer's Report: The vote was tabled.

VI. New Business

A. Entergy Proposed Power Plant presentation Mr. Rice presented along with several members of the Entergy Corporation. Mr. Rice spoke about Entergy having a \$1 billion economic impact in New Orleans. They give over \$18 million to charities in the city. They have one facility operating located off Downman Rd. when our area is short on power we have to depend on the Miso Market for power. The price is much higher and Entergy cannot control that market price. The closest power plant to us is in Westwego for our service. The city is continuing to grow and this plant will help to meet that growth. Entergy has hosted 7 meetings starting in February 2016. In June 2016, Entergy filed an application to construct the new power station. The proposed plant in ENO will be 226 megawatts combustion turbine located at the exact location of Michoud Facility. This plant will employ 12 people to operate the facility. It is the most cost effective because so much of the facility is already there. Solar cannot be reliable all the time. You need sun to work solar properly. This plant is the most advanced power plant. Our New Orleans solar plant has panels that move to face the sun.

Entergy is aware that 30% of the city is at poverty level and will take this into consideration on costs. It will cost \$5.84 per 1,000 kilowatts. The emission concentration will be 96% lower than EPA standards for clean air. The website for more info is www.powertogrownola.com.

There were some questions. **How close is Michoud Facility to this plant?** About 2 miles. **Where exactly is, the plant located and how close to homeowner subdivisions?** If you cross the Chalmette bridge and look to the left you will see the plant. What is Aqua fur? It is natural water that is underground. This is what the plant will use to operate. Many unanswered questions that address long term impact it will have on ENO residents' air, water and air in the future. Is such a large facility necessary while planning future energy usage?

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the proposed plant in April 2017. In the meantime there are 2 more public meetings scheduled with Entergy: 1) Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 6-8pm at Epiphany Baptist Church, 5200 Cannes St. and 2) Wednesday, December 14, 2016 from 6-8pm at Apostolic Outreach Center, 8358 Lake Forest Blvd. There is a

Public Hearing on Monday, December 12, 2016 in City Council Chambers on Entergy proposed power plant from 4:30-6:30pm. There is also a forum on 'A City-wide Conversation on the future of energy in New Orleans' co-sponsored by ENONAC with the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ) on Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 6-8pm at Dillard University Cook Theater, 2601 Gentilly Blvd. Entergy has volunteered to host a meeting with everyone to discuss this issue further and get questions answered.

VII. Old Business

A. BZA 074/16: Request for variance to permit construction of a multi-family development that does not retain storm water runoff at 14558 Dwyer Rd.: The Developer has withdrawn the issue. It now goes back to Safety & Permits after they turn over their new plans for handling the water issue.

B. ENONAC Holiday Extravaganza: It is on Friday, December 16, 2016. Please buy your tickets. We will have a raffle and silent auction at the party.

C. Master Plan Amendments Public Hearings: They will be a meeting at City Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 3pm to consider amendments on maps and changes of categories. Also there is one on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 1:30pm to consider text proposals like parks, transportation, etc. like the one ENONAC submitted.

VIII. Community Info

A. Mayor Community Excellence Award Nominees: There were 7 residents from ENO that were nominated. They were Arthur Busby, Calvin Spears, Derrick Francis, Ed Blouin, Dawn Hebert, Lisa Stafford and Marcia McWilliams. Dawn Hebert was selected and honored with the ENO Community Catalyst award for working with community members in reporting Code Enforcement violations, attending BLIGHT STAT/Quality of Life meetings, assisting agencies in holding meetings to inform the community on matters that affect their Quality of Life and spearheading the opening of West Bound travel lanes on Lakeshore Drive on weekends. We are very proud of her diligence and hard work for residents of East New Orleans.

IX. Announcements

A. Start the Adventure in Reading (STAIR): Ms. Veronica Reed, the Executive Director of STAIR spoke about the program. She said that the program is 31 years old and they help small kids in 2nd and 3rd grade to improve their reading. They have 3 years of funding in the East and take kids from any school. They need volunteers to tutor the kids. They have 2 classes for tutoring training; Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9:30am to noon at VIET (13435 Granville St.) and also on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 3-5pm at VIET. Contact Margo Price at margo@stairnola.org or call her at 504-899-0820.

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Submitted by
Lydia Leon
Secretary