

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 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	A	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 President Dawn Hebert at 6:10 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):**
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Comm. Blouin moved to amend the agenda to place New Business before Old Business to allow for presentations. Comm. Jackson seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Comm. Legaux moved to approve the minutes as disseminated. Comm. Busby seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** There was no report as Comm. Karol Sanders was not present.
- VI. **Presentations**
 - A. **Six Flags Redevelopment presentation: Bayou Phoenix-** Comm. Troy Henry and Mr. Adam Vodanovich spoke about the proposed project and their history as developers. There was a question regarding the Eastover golf course and whether Eastover homeowner’s community was contacted by them. The answer was that the City now owns the golf course property but has not fully taken away from the original owner. Another question was why the City considered your project third. They said that initially they did not give the City the plans.
 - B. **Frenchman’s Wharf developer** Gerald Baptiste said that his plans are to get community engagement. He wants input from them. He said that he is a local firm and work with the Charter school next to this site. They are licensed contractors for both residential and commercial. He said that he wanted to introduce themselves and what their intentions are. He said he graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi and moved back to NO in 2009. He said that he needs to meet with the neighborhood across from the site and meet with ENONAC to get more details of their plans. Pres. Hebert will help him to get info for community contacts.
 - C. **Energy Smart Program** - Brandon Meutzel explained that it is a City Council program with Entergy’s energy efficient program for renters and homeowners. It assesses a home’s performance. It is free. Contractor comes to home or done over the phone. They get info like the type of heating you have, age of appliances, type of light bulbs, etc. After the assessment they can replace up to 30 light bulbs. They can give free power strips. After that the contractor will go over the assessment with you. You can get discounts and rebates on appliances, A/C, heat, etc. They will get a new budget in January of 2022. If you are eligible they will be able to give LED light bulbs, seal up cracks in your home, etc. There is an online store with prices and discounts for the next 9 days. Possible to get a \$300 rebate on pool pump. Your home can be evaluated every 5 years. Go to <https://www.energysmartnola.info> for more information.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **CPC: Reconsideration of Subdivision Docket 136/20 – Req. to re-subdivide lots at 7850 Crowder Blvd.** - Pres. Hebert said that ENONAC sent in comments. CPC denied the request and so developer will have to go back to CPC for an appeal. Most of the CPC committee members were surprised that the developer did not meet with the community. CPC said that the houses do not conform to the neighborhood. Pres. Hebert explained how we got to this point and the part of the community that is involved in this project. Today was the last day for one of the CPC members and he was not our (the East) representative. There is no NOE representation on CPC.
- B. **ENONAC Committee meetings:** Pres. Hebert asked that committees should start meeting.
- C. **Survey:** Pres. Hebert asked the Commissioners to please complete the survey so we can move forward.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Lakeshore Drive Closure:** Pres. Hebert spoke about the closure of Lakeshore Drive from Seabrook Bridge to West End. Comm. McWilliams made a motion to send a resolution to the Flood Protection Authority regarding the closure of Lakeshore Drive from East to West. Motion was seconded by Comm. Blouin. Motion passed without any objections. The meeting is on Thursday in St. Bernard Parish.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. **Dillard University Community Relations** is having Virtual Workshop on Restaurant Revitalization Fund on May 4th from 10 to 11:30am. Registration is required.
 - B. Dr. Beverly Wright, who founded the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice has been appointed to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.
 - C. **April 12 is the first day of session for the Legislature.** Our representatives are Candice Newell, District 99; Jason Hughes, District 100; Jimmy Harris, State Senate District 4.
 - D. Comm. Legaux asked about Ochsner Clinic on Bullard; what are they offering and doing so that the community can be advised of their programs. Pres. Hebert had a letter for Women's Health services at the clinic on Bullard.
 - E. Commander Gernon, 7th District NOPD, made suggestions about carjackings. He said they are looking for things inside of the car. If confronted, they are using gun to make victims back away from them. Make sure to pay attention to your surroundings. Keep passenger side door locked. If someone gets into your car, do not approach them – go inside and call the police. There is a program called 'Fuel Up NOLA' that delivers gas to you – you can fill up your car without going to a gas station. Comm. Legaux asked about her truck being broken into – should this be reported. Commander Gernon said you can go to nola.gov/police and report it online. They will take a report over the phone but will call back according to the level of the emergency. New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) meetings for the 7th District are held every 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6pm via zoom. Someone mentioned the 18 wheelers parking on the Lowe's parking lot. There were about 18 of them parked this last week. Commander Gernon said that the owner of the property has been contacted. They need a letter from them to give authority to enter the private property and enforce the no parking and also signs on property.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Legaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.