

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

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GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd.

Tuesday, August 12, 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	A	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 @ 6:12 p.m. After roll call, we have a quorum. Our new CAB Members were introduced; Linda Resor from Venetian Isle and Kim Wiltz from Maple Ridge Subdivision.

II. Introduction of Special Guests. Our special guests are Erin Spears from Councilman Gray’s office, also Maurice Baird, Alex Aldrich from the N O Pelicans, and Kyle Shelly.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda. We had a motion to add the drainage of canals issue to the agenda by Comm. Baudy and seconded by Comm. Karol Sanders. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections to add drainage to agenda. Comm. Daste made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of drainage of canals and Comm. William Bickham seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

IV. Review and approval of Minutes of July 8, 2014. Comm. Penny made a motion to accept the minutes for July 8, 2014 and was seconded by Comm. Wiltz. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

V. Treasurer’s Report. The Treasurer’s report was read and passed out to the CAB and Board Members.

Beginning Balance -----\$11,900.30

Donations-----\$ 682.00

Expenses-----\$1300.18

Ending Balance -----\$11,282.12

After reading the report a correction on donations was made and Comm. Busby made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report with the correction and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

VI. New Business

A. **ENONAC Night with Pelicans.** Alex Aldrich from N O Pelicans was at the meeting to tell us about the program that the Pelicans did with the Seabrook Neighborhood Assoc. with their young people. They gave discount tickets to them and other discounts at the game on refreshments and they

called it Seabrook Neighborhood Night. After the game the kids were brought on the field with the cheerleaders, taking pictures with them. It was a great success and they are planning another one with senior citizens. The Pelicans have invited our NO East residents to do the same with our young people. There are about 40 games in the year. Group rates are 35% of the gate rate. We had a show of hands to see if subdivisions were interested and NO East will participate. They do offer both levels in the same group for seating. We will pick a date at the next meeting.

B. Our **Holiday Extravaganza** will be on Friday, December 19, 2014 at Crystal Palace on Chef Hwy from 8-12 p.m. and price of tickets will be \$75.00 per person. Entertainment is not completed as of this date.

VII. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. **Education Committee** had a meeting planned for August 5, 2014 but had to cancel it. They will give them the new date of the meeting. Comm. Carriere said that they may have a decision on the one or two story school building and the traffic changes soon. The areas of Wright Road Corridor, The Moton, Livingston and the Nature Center traffic are also a concern. Our major concern is that we want to be involved in the process from the beginning and not after all the decisions have already been completed. We want up front information to communicate to the communities. The North Kenilworth area is requesting a one way street by Moton School. They continue to address the traffic and size of the new schools. The N O East boundaries are also a concern because they are including Gentilly and the Ninth Ward in our count to make a larger student count. We need our presidents of associations in the East to be aware of where school busses are being parked in their areas because they should not be parked in the area of the school. Comm. Penny said we need to have a meeting with the bus companies.

2. HLUZ Committee

a. **Levy Gardens:** The Comfort Inn will be located on the Levy Gardens property behind the Pat Swilling Center. Greg Hamilton has volunteered to work on committee with this project. Greg said that the hotels need to be aware of the maintenance of their property after it is built.

b. There is also a **proposed renovation project at Michoud**—a 386 unit Multi Family complex. Our concern is the renovation details and the size of it. Mr. Dixon from Shreveport will meet with ENONAC in September. We need to know the exact site so we can notify the subdivisions that are around it. We want them to look at Columbia Park as a model site of what we want in our area.

B. **CAB Committee Assignments.** Sylvia is passing out a list for the CAB Members to sign up on one of our ENONAC Committees. She also asked that we find out if any of our residents want to join our committees. Fill out your choice and send them to Claire at the office.

VIII. Community Information

A. **Community Coalition.** Tulane University Prevention Research Center is looking for volunteers to help them under the Community Coalition. Comm. Ollie Faure may be interested in representing the East.

B. Sylvia Scineaux Richard, Karol Sanders and Ed Blouin attended meetings with The Office of Neighborhood Engagement and found out that they needed to submit a grant request and were given a short notice of time to hand it in. They did submit a grant request for \$10,000 for ENONAC and was able to get it in on time.

C. Drainage of Our Canals---- Comm. Greg Hamilton of Wimbledon Subdivision has created an online petition and sent it to Stacy Head, Jason Williams, Councilman Gray and Cedric Richmond about the canals that are high and there is so much settlement in them that they are already at 60%. Our streets are flooding much faster in heavy rain and taking longer to go down. The pumps are working harder and with hurricane season on us, we need to make sure our storm drainage is in good shape. There are about 130 signatures but need everyone to sign the petition. He sent it to all the State Reps. and Council people and the only response he received was from Stacy Head. She said that she took pictures and is waiting on more information. Sewerage and Water Board is also working on the petition information. Greg asked all CAB Members to send the petition to their residents and ask them to sign it. Grass cutters are some of the problem with the canals. Sylvia Scineaux Richard thanked Greg for all his hard work with ENONAC.

IX. Announcements:

- 1) United Way Community Conversation meeting with ENONAC will be on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the ENONAC Office. This meeting will replace our CAB Meeting for August.
- 2) The Grand opening of N O East Hospital will be on August 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
- 3) Street Lights in N O East has \$1.7 Million for the repair project.
- 4) A Political Forum was planned for August 26, 2014 at St Maria Goretti for 6:30 p.m. but may have to be cancelled because of other commitments for representatives.
- 5) Rosedale, Melia and Pine Village are having a health walk on August 16, 2014 in Digby Park at 6:00 AM. Shirts are available and no registration fee. They will have refreshments. They are asking everyone to come out and support them.
- 6) Voter Registration --- Angeline Jefferson's Campaign. Make sure that your residents have updated their information and need everyone to get with her if there are residents who need to register to vote. Contact her at Angeline Jefferson --812 5456.
- 7) Liberty's Kitchen helps young people to train in the culinary arts and help them to earn a living. The grand opening is Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. on Broad St. next to Whole Foods.
- 8) Lake Forest Charter has open house and has asked ENONAC to attend again this year.
- 9) The 31st Annual Kelly Marrione Night out Against Crime will be Tuesday, October 14, 2014. Call Sgt. Smith at 658 5590.
- 10) Ed Blouin has contacted Fix My Streets.
- 11) Janie Blackmon said that on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 9:30 am – 2:00 p.m. there will be a Great Neighborhood Celebration with Businesses in N O East. There will be a table for ENONAC.
- 12) Remember the values of properties in N O East have greatly increased over the last 2 years. This was in the newspaper recently and others are realizing our value and we need to protect it.

X. Adjournment. Having no more business, Comm. Daste made a motion to adjourn meeting and Comm. Busby seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary