

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Goretti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 @ 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	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	A	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
A	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 President, Scineaux-Richard at 6:07 p.m. After the roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): No special guests.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda: Comm. DeGrasse made a motion to approve the agenda and Comm. McWilliams seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

IV. Review and Approval of April 11, June 13 and July 11, 2017 General Meeting Minutes: Comm. Jackson read each month’s minutes. Comm. DeGrasse made a motion to approve the April minutes and Comm. Baudy seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Comm. Spears made a motion to approve the June minutes and Comm. Hamilton seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Comm. Comeaux made a motion to approve the July minutes and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

V. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report(s): Comm. Sanders passed out and read the Treasurer’s report July 1 thru July 31, 2017. There was a donation of \$300 from North Kenilworth and one donation via United Way for \$60.00. Comm. Woods made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Comm. Baudy seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

VI. New Business

A. NPP Community Meeting: Cell tower to be constructed at 10826 Haynes Blvd. There is a community meeting to be held on Thursday, August 10, 2017, 6:30pm at Castnet Seafood 10826 Haynes Blvd.

VII. Old Business

A. Review of Letter to Sewerage & Water Board regarding Dredging. Pres. Scineaux-Richard read the letter drafted to be sent to Sewerage & Water Board, Cedric Grant, City Council and Mayor’s Office.

VIII. Community Info

A. Crescent City Farmers Market: was not present

B. Coleman’s Auto Body Shop: Mr. Walter Coleman spoke about helping ENONAC to get all the trucks removed from the Plaza parking lot on Read. He explained the procedure on having cars removed from private property. You must first get permission from the owner to access the property. A notice then can be placed on the property informing they cannot park there. Then they can be ticketed and then be removed. All procedures must be followed so no one will have repercussions or liabilities.

IX. Announcements

A. Geaux Ride NOLA is a ridesharing program. Flyers with more info at the back table.

B. Tornado Community Resource Fair is on Monday, August 7 from 4-7pm at Resurrection of Our Lord Church, 9701 Hammond St.

C. **ENONAC Holiday Extravaganza 2017:** Pres. Scineaux-Richard stated that it is to be held on Friday, December 15, 2017 at Crystal Palace, so get ready. More info to come later.

X. NOPD SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL HARRISON MEETS WITH ENO COMMUNITY

Chief Harrison spoke about Crime Cameras on electrical polls and license plates readers. He also stated that they bought 300 more police cars. Those cars will be take-home cars and in your neighborhoods. As part of police protection, they identified 100 violent offenders and located 81 of them and picked them up. There are traffic check points in neighborhoods to deter crimes and find people with weapons and getting into trouble. Non-injury accidents will be handled by a third party company instead of NOPD. They are trying to get NOPD to become paperless to free up officers time to do written reports. They are starting a Cadet program for youth between the ages of 16-25 years old. Commander Dupre of the 7th District also spoke. He said that there were 24 murders last year; this year 23. Shootings are up. State police took 14 guns off the streets and stopped drug sales. Auto thefts and burglaries in ENO are keeping our crimes rates up. He said, lock your cars! He also said that New Orleans Neighborhood Policing Anti-Crime Council (NONPAC) meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday from 6-8pm.

The floor was then opened for questions. Mrs. Blackmon from Donna Villa neighborhood commended the Chief and his staff and prays for them every day. She said that ENONAC and NOE appreciate them. Mr. Jim Ewers, resident of Warwick West said that their service is outstanding and exemplary. However, his questions were 1) how many police come from New Orleans and how many come from out of state, and 2) what is the starting salary and how does it compare to other states. Chief Harrison said that their new budget is \$160million with \$100,000 going to advertise for new recruits. The starting salary is \$40,000. He also said that 50% come from outside of New Orleans. Most are coming from Chicago and Houston. 30-40% of the officers are from out of state and the rest come from New Orleans. Troy Henry spoke of a quality of life issues coming from New Orleans East residents. He said that a neighbor reported a break-in and waited 36 hours for NOPD to come to her home. Chief Harrison said that response time has improved but still not at its best. Lack of police was one reason and we are working on that issue and improvement to our customer service. Comm. Penny asked why she was told that Officer Eddie was going to be on duty 2 days a week and he was then taken off and never was told why he was removed. Commander Dupre responded that they must use their officers where they are needed most and is most important. He said if there is an emergency, call 911 and use the non-emergency number for all other calls. He said; do not call the 7th District. Officer Dema said that he is working on some changes but not in effect yet. Comm. Denesse asked if Goretti Park could be one of the areas where the cameras are being put. Commander Dupre said that the New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation is installing private cameras through Safe Cam NOLA through Commander Dupre if you cannot afford them. The phone number is (504)558-9944 for NO Police and Justice grants. It was asked if officers are patrolling the streets. The answer was yes, but accidents on the interstate can tie-up officers for two-three hours which leaves them short of officers until the accident is resolved. There are a lot of nuisance calls like 'my 7yr old does not want to get dressed and go to school', etc. Someone asked why people who are not police officers can't handle the phone calls to help put those officers on the street. Chief Harrison said that they have added people to many of the desk jobs that were previously held by police officers. Officers are on mandatory a 6 day work week.

There were several candidates for various offices present at this meeting who were asked to stand up and be introduced.