

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Goretti Community Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd.

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 @ 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	A	Romona Baudy , 1 st Vice President
A	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	E	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
A	Arthur Busby, Parliamentarian	A	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 6:15 p.m. After the roll call, we did have a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guests

Brenda Breaux, NORA; Jasmine Haralson, NORA; Seth Knudsen, NORA; Deborah Merrick, Environmental Workforce Training Program

III. Review & Approval of Agenda: Comm. Whitfield made a motion to approve the agenda and Comm. DeGrasse seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

IV. Review & Approval of Minutes of the July minutes: The minutes from the July meeting was read. Comm. McWilliams made a motion to approve the agenda and Comm. Duckworth seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

V. Review & Approval of Treasurer’s Report: Comm. Sanders read the report which included a \$500 donation from North Kenilworth subdivision. Comm. Legaux made a motion to approve the agenda and Comm. Jackson seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

III. New Business

A. NORA Homeownership Opportunities: Brenda Breaux spoke about the Residential Construction Lending Program. She said that it will prove helpful to NOE and 9th ward to foster affordable homeownership. The developer has to provide designs of their offerings. There will be \$1 million is allocated; \$500K thousand for NOE and \$500K thousand for 9th Ward. Up to \$75,000 per unit with 30% forgivable, 2% interest rate and \$7500 in homebuyer closing costs will be done. There will be 12 single family homes. Persons must pass financial background to prove they can sustain the loans. On Sept. 2 contractor bids will be awarded. Development will begin in January and the developers will be brought back to ENONAC and introduced to the neighborhood. Pres Scineaux-Richard commended Brenda Breaux on listening to our requests and considering the community in their plans for new construction in the subdivisions of NOE. She stated it is a major concern that houses are built by the Covenants of the different subdivisions as it relates to sq ft and exterior material to maintain value and continuity. Comm. Penny noticed 2 lots in her neighborhood. She asked if they will build these in the style already in the community because some builders are not complying with the Subdivision Covenants. She asked if we will have a say in designs. Comm. Jackson applauded the work by NORA for their help in Lake Carmel Subdivision. They developed walking trail and planted trees.

IV. Old Business

A. Zoning Docket 056/16: Request to permit a bar at Shell gas Station at Morrison & Read. The hearing before City Council is at 10am at City Hall. Pres. Scineaux-Richard asked that those who cannot make it to the meeting write letters to the Council.

B. Master Plan Amendments: Editha Amacker read over the attached outline of ENONAC proposals for the amendments to the Master Plan. The suggestions must be submitted before August 31st. Ms. Amacker must meet with the City Planning Commission before the end of August so if there is something any Commissioner wants to add or take

away from the report before it has to be submitted they need to respond ASAP. She said that Transit Hubs should be in all neighborhoods. While we do not want buses to go into all neighborhoods – driving down all streets we realize people walk every day long distances to get the bus. We need a hub placed where it is most convenient for the most people, a site suggested for this is the old Walmart.

C. Environmental Workforce Training Program: Deborah Merrick talked about this being a 12 week program with entrance testing. You must be 18 years or older. The first 6 weeks would be learning basic skills. The second 6 weeks would be learning more technical skills. They will graduate with a certificate. Most jobs are in New Orleans area. You could be asked to go out of town to meet with company owners. There is 85% placement rate. Testing is on August 11.

D. Resolution for Entergy Power Plant: Committee is working on the resolution (draft attached). They are asking for feedback on the Resolution. Now is the time to voice your opinions and concerns. Ed Blouin appeared at City Council meeting and spoke on the Entergy Plant. His community has a great deal of subsidence. 10's of 1000's s gallons of ground water is being used. It is a complex issue. We would be paying for this power plant for the next 30 years. Entergy's plan has no flexibility. Entergy is already adding fees to our bills for this plan which could cost us more money than the plant is worth. We need Entergy to exist with no harm done to us. We have presented enough for you to understand this commitment. We listened to the issues and heard the concerns of the community. We do not know what relationship we can work with Entergy. We may need more studies. We do not want a 30 year commitment without research and studies to substantiate the need. Ed Blouin, Comm. Busby and Comm. Rapp volunteered for the Committee. There seems to be a lack of research. Entergy Plant was closed after Katrina because it was inefficient. Now we get energy from 9 Mile Point in Arkansas. It is hard to make a decision when we are not given enough info to support building another plant. Comm. Legaux made a motion to use stronger terminology. After having that many unanswered questions, we want Entergy to Cease & Desist until necessary corrections and questions/concerns are addressed. This was seconded by Comm. Busby. Pres. Scineaux-Richard agreed that we are not able to support this project with all the questions that are being presented. After the vote, the motion carried with no objections. We need to understand all the products Entergy supplies. We are willing to work with them.

V. Announcements

A. ENONAC Holiday Extravaganza will be on Friday, December 16, 2016. Tickets will be available by Tuesday, September 21, 2016.

B. Proposed project at Clement and Dwyer on Mayo at Lake Forest: Meeting with Gray, Developer was not amenable to any suggestions from neighborhood stakeholders. Councilman Gray committed to not agreeing to change 7 sites except for the two facing Dwyer. Subdivisions in the area are opposed to the project due to density it would create in an area already zoned for residential single family and also that the project backs up to a school. It was stated that there is a need for more follow-up.

C. Six Flags was appraised at \$3million. \$260,000 for another site.

D. Why Vote? Community Legion wants your support. They are going through placing flyers and other info at local Barber shops and Beauty shops to promote the need to get out to vote.

VII. Adjournment: It was moved by Comm. DeGrasse and seconded by Comm Busby that meeting be adjourned. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Carroll Denesse, interim Secretary