

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 @ 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	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	A	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
P	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 Dawn Hebert at 6:03 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** District E Councilman, Oliver Thomas who introduced his staff. Chief of Staff, Deidra Pierce; Legislative Director, Dominic Lange; Director of Human Relations, Darren Martin and Admin. Support is Brian Randolph. He said that he chairs the Criminal Justice, Sanitation and Budget committees. He also said that he and the Gov. discussed buildup of the areas around Almonaster, Michoud and I-10. Contacting business owners close to the area and intersections to help with maintaining these areas for litter. ‘Light up the East’ campaign is to start. Governor spoke about states with level of trash and need to clean up the areas. Illegal dumping is also an issue. He spoke with the Mayor about out of state trucks coming into our state to dump their trash. We need to get more funds to handle these issues. Michoud Business District also met with him and was very successful. He also spoke with Bayle Benson and her staff on issues for our city. He said that the breakdown of how our system works was uncovered by him. He said over the 3 years the City Council has not reviewed the budget. Why is NOPD larger with loss of police? How do we keep spending money on pumps and they are still not working. He thanked ENONAC for all that we do. It is easy for him because we get all the details for the issues. Debra Pounds (resident) expressed concern for the blight on the interstate and service roads. The fencing is constantly damaged and cars come thru them. Fencing is inadequate and needs to be addressed. She said that NOE has some of the highest tax base of any of the other areas and we are always overlooked by everyone. Councilman Thomas agreed with her on that.
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Comm. Busby moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Kirkland 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 from January. Denesse seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for the period of January 1-31, 2022. Comm. Kirkland moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Comm. Jackson seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. **NORA – Development Partners:** Hattie Broussard, Charlotte Giroux, and Kyle Gilmore, District E NORA Board introduced the following:

- 1. **Green Coast Enterprises** – Jackie Dadakis, Orleans Housing Investment, spoke about NOE affordable housing. She said that they are focused on the environment. Brenda Breaux said they will build 2 homes in Castle Manor. She described the plans for the houses. Cost will be \$180,000 – 190,000; 1700 sq. ft.; 3br/2bath; open floor plan; stainless steel appliances. The developer, Gina LaMacchia gave her contact info: gina@greencoastenterprises.com, 504-233-2389. The exterior feature of the homes will be grade beam foundation with concrete piers.
- 2. **Lucas Construction:** Mr. Lawrence Lucas said he is building 3 houses at 4925-26-35 Charlene Drive. He gave his contact info: office 504-244-3398, cell 504-508-1720, lucasconstruction@bellsouth.net. He said the houses will be 1900-1959sq ft. Cost will be \$208,000-215,000; open floor plan and small office space; 3BR/2bath. He would like to build brick homes on slab, if possible. He will build according to the look of the neighborhood. Comm. Jefferson thanked him for trying to build according to the neighborhood.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Bylaws – discussion:** Pres. Hebert reminded Commissioners to return them.
- B. **City Council Meeting of February 3:**
 - 1. **ZD 98/21: Request for zone change from BIP to S-RS at 11900-11950 Dwyer & 4891 Bullard**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Grants/Awards received by ENONAC**
 - 1. **Community Impact Grant:** Comm. Legaux will chair
 - 2. **Harrah’s Community Grants:** This will be used to beautify the utility boxes. There is enough money to put 2 on each corridor. Need ideas of what you want on the boxes. Will try to get this started in April or May. Comm. Jackson said that she contacted Charlie Jackson and he was interested in this project.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. Tangee Wall spoke of the 12th Annual Back to Nature Heart Walk by Friends of Joe Brown Park (FOJBP). It is on Saturday February 19, 2022; 9-12noon at the Audubon Nature Center 11000 Lake Forest Blvd. Deadline for tickets and t-shirts is Thursday, February 10.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Pres. Hebert spoke about ‘Keep Louisiana Beautiful’ Healthy Communities Grant (HCG) which is to provide funding to support local projects and programs that will bring about behavioral changes needed to improve, preserve and protect the natural beauty of Louisiana. They will be accepting ‘letters of intent’ to apply for the grants from January 1 thru March 4, 2022. She also spoke of ‘Love the Boot’ week happening April 18-24, 2022. There will be cleanup and beautification events. Gloves and other cleanup supplies will be provided.
- B. La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries is stocking rainbow trout at Joe Brown Park on Tues. Feb. 8, 2022.
- C. Marguerite Doyle Johnson, PowerCoalition.org, spoke on redistricting. Partners across the state joined to get attendance for the Redistricting decision. N.O. has the 2nd largest black population in the state and can have 2 black districts in our state. 62% of black voters turn out to vote. This will be a long fight and hope that everyone can remain engaged on this issue. Ms. Villavaso, Sen. Harris’ office, mentioned that today an amendment was introduced to remove 2 black senate seats from the City of New Orleans. Karen Carter Peterson wants her district to be the majority and make it mostly white. To restructure her district she would change it to Jefferson district instead of Orleans. We want to retain our representation in N.O. Comments are needed by Feb. 20, but please do that as soon as possible.
- D. Comm. Braud inquired about how many people have written letter for Texas Roadhouse restaurant to come to the community. He would like the Commission members to send a simple letter for this issue.

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Celestand seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Recording Secretary