

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
(ENONAC) www.enonac.org
GENERAL MEETING
St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 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
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Ed Blouin, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
V	Parliamentarian	P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call. Meeting was called to order by the president, Scineaux-Richard, at 6:09 pm. After roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Special Guests. There were no special guests at this time.

The regular order of business was suspended in order to hold elections of ENONAC Executive Board.

III. New Business

A. Board Election – Attorney Royce Duplessis – served to conduct the election of officers for the Executive Board of ENONAC.

1st Vice Pres – Romona Baudy’s term will not expire until 2016, so no election necessary for her position.

President – Sylvia Scineaux-Richard– 19 votes were cast; she was unopposed

2nd President – Dr. Brenda Jackson- 19 votes were cast; she was unopposed

Secretary – Lydia Leon – 19 votes were cast; she was unopposed

Treasurer – Karol Sanders– 19 votes were cast; he was unopposed

Member At Large – Carroll Denesse – 19 votes were cast; she was unopposed

Parliamentarian – Arthur Busby 15 votes were cast, Angelo Kingvalsky, 11 votes were cast.

The Parliamentarian is Arthur Busby.

B. Short term rental/bed and breakfast- Calvin Lopes, ENO resident talked about 2 different elements: Licensed Rental purpose in neighborhood to pay fees and collect hotel and motel taxes. City Council approved terminology on these rentals on 7/10/14.

Pearl Cantrelle stated that it is always good to respond to council on issues so they have information when it’s time to vote.

C. Proposed Halfway House in New Orleans East for prison offenders. The bid was won by Bannum. This is the second time this is coming up. Previously it was the land behind Popeye’s on Read and I-10 (10000 I-10 Service Road). We were able to stop it with help from Mary Landrieu and Councilwoman Cynthia W Lewis. The Volunteers of America (VOA), who lost the bid, is now in appeal status.

Scineaux-Richard called a special meeting with Comm. Hamilton, Heisser, Carriere, LaCour-Duckworth and Dr. Penny, a criminologist to discuss strategy on this matter. They are in process of information gathering and making contact with our political representatives in reference to this issue. Problem – opposition has to be based on location & concentration – if in key commercial area, the negative impact on businesses & residents. They will continue to meet and get information on this issue. Rep. Austin Badon is contacting Senator Cassidy by

letter on behalf of the community stating that he and our residents are opposed to this facility off of Read and the I-10 Service Roads.

D. Cypress Parc Development – Nicole Weber, representative of contractor building the Cindy Place development of 16 four-plexes, two story buildings. They are trying to purchase blighted properties around the area to add to their development and are considering a park and other ideas. The architect described the development as (16) sixteen 4 plexes and each unit will have parking underneath the building. There will be 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apts. with mixed income. The units are built per our zoning regulations. The smallest unit will have 1000 sq. ft. of living area. Latter and Blum will be the managers and onsite maintenance will continue on the property. It will have a community center on the grounds with computers for the residents. There will be an onsite manager at the computer center.

River Bend, a contractor out of Shreveport is handling the construction. Comm. Duckworth of Workforce Development of the Urban League asked them to contact her because they said that they could not find construction workers in New Orleans so they were going out of town to get them. She said that was not true and she could give them information for people in our city who need those jobs. The backyards of the buildings are shared by the residents. The driveways are also shared by the residents of that complex. Development should be completed by the end of 2015. They could not tell us how long Latter and Blum managers would remain on site but said they would find out for us. They will talk to the developer about on site security. We suggested that maybe the fee for onsite security could be added to the rent of the residents but there is no onsite security at this time.

E. Pearl Cantrelle said that the **old Bally's site** is being looked at by Tipitina's to open a water park, amusement area and outdoor entertainment. On September 15, 2015 there will be a weekend musical event held there. Some of our major concerns are traffic and security. How will the stage be placed for noise purposes in the area? It should face the lake area. The meetings and the board meetings of the Levee Board are open to the public and residents need to come and voice their opinions about the plans for the area.

IV. Old Business

A. Swearing in of the Board and CAB Members took place tonight. The officers of the Executive Board were sworn in by The Honorable Judge Nakisha Ervin-Knott. After reciting the oath, the voting business of the Commission was handled.

B. Comm. Daste made a motion to approve the agenda and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without objection. Comm. Daste made a motion to approve the minutes and Comm. Duckworth seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without objection. Comm. Daste made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Comm. Whitfield seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without objection.

V. Community Info

A. To contact the AIM (Access- Identify -Mitigate) process at the fire dept. on blighted houses call Tim McConnell at the fire dept.

B. Friends of Joe Brown are doing a Back to Nature Heart Walk on Sat. 2/21/15 from 9-12 p.m. in the park. Fees are before 2/12/15 is \$20 after is \$25. Make the check payable to Parkway Partners of Joe Brown. Dante Green of NOE Hospital wants all residents to support this walk and will partner with ENONAC on other functions in the future. Please ask your residents to participate in the walk.

C. Sylvia said she received a letter from Mr. Kline on the Levy Garden Property saying that they wanted to talk about the Hilton Hotel on the Levy property.

SUBMITTED by Lydia Leon, Secretary