

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, July 12, 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	A	Brenda Jackson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
P	Marcia McWilliams, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	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 6:01 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** None
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Tabled until a quorum is met.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of May 10:** Tabled until a quorum is met.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for the period of May 1-31, 2022. Vote on acceptance of this report was tabled until a quorum is met.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Roadwork NOLA – updates:** Christopher Lloyd, the Roadwork Outreach Manager, spoke about several issues. 1) Street Lights: there is concern about a lack of repairs on the streets and interstate from hurricane Ida. He said in the next 30 days, those repairs are to start working. The upcoming contract will begin by August 15 for other repairs not related to Ida. Any delays will be publicly broadcast. 2) Roadwork: Wave 1 has been running approximately 1 year. Work has stalled and no progress seen by residents. Comm. Legaux’s area still a lot of open holes and should be done with water work in next 30 days. Once water lines are complete, will start repair to curbs and driveways and streets; should be 4-5 months to complete. He said that Mr. Joseph Threat, Deputy CAO told everyone that they must complete these projects and not leave them stalled. These promised dates were sent to Mr. Threat and the Mayor. All info should be on the website by Friday. 3) Maple Ridge/Village de L’Est project still stalled but water problems are posing a problem. They have some solutions but not on all things. He said they need residents to let him know if projects are not being completed or improved in 30 days. Early August each district will have maintenance contracts like roadway, curbs, etc. Cones down, road conditions not drivable, not being handled, let him know. He said that he is waiting on info on Werner Drive and other projects. He is waiting on updates to the incomplete roadwork on Morrison. Debris and materials left should be resolved in the next couple of weeks. Someone asked if Command has all the contracts in the East. He said no and that they are an issue. Most of the projects are with Command. Mr. Lloyd said that on the website, you can find the name of the contractor, completion dates, etc. Pres. Hebert said that the supervisors are not pleasant and don’t want to talk to the residents. Are they told not to speak to the residents? He said that it is better to call them instead of trying to speak to the workers, if they don’t want to talk to you. Corrine Villavaso, resident, said that some of the problems are that project managers have to coordinate with the City. Contractors say that they are waiting on Sewerage & Water Board and the Project managers. Also, she said it is hard for sub-contractors to show up on the jobs because they are not paid timely. Mr. Lloyd said, to his knowledge, it is a lack of sub-contractors, not a pay problem. Ms. Villavaso said that the problem is more of how the City is paying the contractors. They should use registered subs that are listed.
- B. **Code Enforcement: Safe Pool Initiative: Ms. Shay Zeller, Code Enforcement Office,** talked about unsafe and unfenced pools that are a big problem and they are working on this issue. Kids during

the summer are attracted to them. Contact the Code Enforcement office if you know about unfenced or unclean pools. Any cost that their dept. has to incur to cleanup a pool, fill with dirt and fence, will be charged to the homeowner. Please contact code enforcement about unsafe pools in NOE

- C. **The Hang Out NOLA:** The Benders, Ray and Yoland Bender, have been NOE residents for 8 years. They found that there was a need for young people to have an outlet in NOE with certain ages, 10-17 years old. Their hours of operation are 12-4pm for 10-13 years of age and 4-8pm for 14-17 years of age, Mondays thru Thursdays. The weekend is for private sessions. They will expand their weekend hours eventually for general public. It costs \$10 to get in. They will add chess boards and have someone to teach them to play. There are pool tables, gaming area. They are working on having food within the week; snacks, drinks, nachos. The address is 9954 Lake Forest Blvd., Ste 5. The website is [www.hangoutnola.com](http://www.hangoutnola.com)
- D. **Water Wise:** will present next month.

#### **We now have a quorum.**

There was a motion to approve the agenda by Comm. Weaver and seconded by Comm. McWilliams. Motion passed without objection.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from July 14 by Comm. Sanders and seconded by Comm. Busby. Motion passed without objection.

There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Comm. Busby and seconded by Comm. McWilliams. Motion passed without objection.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. ENONAC Committee Reports**

1. **Blight, Beautification & Code Enforcement:** Comm. Landrum reported that they invited Mr. Thomas Mulligan, Code Enforcement Director to the office to meet with them on Thursday, July 14, from 10 – 11:30am
2. **Public Safety & Infrastructure**
3. **Housing, Land Use and Zoning (HLUZ)** – no meeting
4. **Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS)** - no updates

B. **Quality of Life/Code Enforcement mtg at City Council on June 29:** Pres. Hebert and other commissioners attended this meeting. The manager does not care about the Willows apartment complex and do not maintain them.

C. **Parent Day:** there is school supply giveaway at Joe Brown Park on July 30 2022

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

#### **IX. COMMUNITY INFO**

A. **The Willows Apartment Complex Code Enforcement Hearing (7/7/2022):** Pres. Hebert said that the Code enforcement guy gave the wrong address. Code Enforcement manager said he did not know about the complex until it was on the news. Apartment owner had an attorney. Said roof was completed and it is not. Owner owes over \$7000.00 in fines and there was no comment on why fines were not collected. They were fined another \$1200.00

#### **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. **Barrier installation on I-10 in NOE:** State Rep. Jason Hughes said that the Dept. of Transportation is installing barriers along I-10 East to Chef Hwy.
- B. **Dillard University Community Relations Info**
  1. **Drive thru Back to School Giveaway:** Sat., July 16; 11am – 1pm; at Dillard Univ. 2601 Gentilly Blvd.
  2. **Free Broadband Technology Classes:** cellphone tech, Wi-Fi, Tablet tech, Apps, QR code

**3. Senior Citizen Summer Luncheon Series**

**4. Financial Literacy Class**

- C. LDI: Extension of Hurricane Ida Mediation thru December 31 2022:** call 225-389-9899 if you need help
- D. The New Orleans Business & Civic Coalition:** Pres Hebert said that there are over 100 groups in this coalition. They are investing time, people and money in New Orleans, due to the crime in our city. They are raising thousands of dollars to fund youth programs in our city. Also, the police dept. needs help – like computers and other materials. We need to reach out to NOPD to see what we can do to help them with needed materials. If you know anyone interested in being a police officer they are in need of more officers. Business-ology – July 25, 6-8pm at Chase Bank. They are offering a class for small business owners. It is a series of workshops. District E Business Alliance to partner with JP Morgan Chase Bank.

Comm. Busby reminded everyone to abide by the rules; if you want to talk, raise your hand and the President will recognize you.

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

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Recording Secretary