

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, June 14, 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 <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 6:05 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** 1) Anne Kiefer, Voices of the Victims of Crime and 2) Vincent Sylvain, Community Engagement Coordinator for Coaxum Enterprises
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Comm. Busby moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Sanders seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of May 10:** Comm. Denesse moved to approve the minutes. Comm. Weaver 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 May 1-31, 2022. Comm. Jackson moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Comm. Landrum seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **City Safety Issues; press conference: Ann Kiefer, Voices of the Victims of Crime** said that they are trying to join together to work on crime issues. She said that tomorrow, Councilmembers Oliver Thomas and Eugene Green will bring up the ordinance to restore facial recognition to police depart. The meeting is at 10am tomorrow. They would like ENONAC to sign off on the letter along with individual residents and subdivisions. She will present this to her property owners meeting and get them to sign off on the letter. We have to do something to help our city and police department to help stop our police from leaving. Pres. Hebert will show letter to ENONAC members and see about us signing off on the letter. Tomorrow is the meeting, so hoping to get the letter signed by then. Pres. Hebert had a question about the Facial Recognition program; why was it not used previously. Ms. Kiefer said that maybe this was used inappropriately at the time. The City is ending the 9<sup>th</sup> year going into the 10<sup>th</sup> year for the Consent Decree. This program is very costly. Even after the Consent Decree ends they will be on probation for 2 years. Comm. Hamilton thanked Ms. Kiefer for trying to get everyone together on the same page. He said the City has received \$4.5 million from the Federal government (a grant) for crime prevention in New Orleans. We should be looking for license plate recognition and also use of drones. Ms. Kiefer gave her email and phone number for any questions. Comm. Braud said he will get in touch with her after the meeting because he has talked to both of those Councilmembers about the use of drones like other police departments are doing. If we can work together and get all property owners and civic organizations, we can do so much more to help curtail the crime.
- B. **The Front at South Shore Harbor Marina-Vincent Sylvain, Community Engagement Coordinator, Coaxum Enterprises, Inc. Development Team:** Karen Coaxum, chair of the NOE Hospital Board said that ENONAC has always been active in community and they respect that we are involved. Vincent Sylvain made the presentation of the redevelopment plans which will bring new life to the Harbor area and waterfront. The first stage will be a multipurpose site perfect for live events and indoor/outdoor activities. That will be housed at the Old Bally Casino site. The second phase will be to build a small 32 room hotel; 50,032 sq. ft. at the entrance to the Bally’s building. They are

involved in a lot of local projects in the city that will upgrade the area leading to this site; Downman Rd. Also, usage of our water is important. They have proposed a \$16.8 million 45 over the water bungalows. Comm. Henry asked for the time frame for development. They said redevelopment of the Bally's terminal building would take 3-4 months. The hotel will take more time because it is new development – about 4 months. Other portions will take no more than 2 years. They also described what will be inside of the building; food court with 11+ food options, some shops, cooking demo, art demo, and farmers market. The top floor will host concerts and bring in bigger acts. It will also be available to book for private events; wedding receptions. There will be a swimming pool and about 16 bungalows built on top of the water, possibly expanding to Lincoln Beach. On Thursday, this will be presented to the Commercial Real Estate division of the Lakefront Management Authority for final decision.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. CPC meeting of Tuesday, June 14:

1. **ZD 032/22: Conditional use request to permit a small child care center at 4600 Flake Ave (Deferred from last meeting)** – Today the CPC voted against denial and will go forward with some provisos that involve the size of the lot and parking issues.
2. **Subdivision Docket 057/22: to re-subdivide lots at 11755 Chef Hwy.** – This one was approved. Houses will face and be addressed on Bullard and not Chef Hwy.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. ENONAC Committee Reports

1. **Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS)** – Comm. Blouin said that they are trying to get lots at one playground cut but no luck so far.
2. **Public Safety** – Comm. Hamilton said that they have not had a meeting yet and thanked Comm. Braud for his attempts to have meeting. There is no chair yet. Comm. Blouin said that the problem with facial recognition technology is that Black people would be targeted.
3. **Code Enforcement** – Comm. Landrum said they drafted a letter to the City Code Enforcement Director to schedule a meeting with him. They did go on zoom to watch a Code Enforcement meeting to see how it was run. All properties on Lake Forest past due to have a hearing were fined \$6000.00 and hopefully fines will be collected and something done with property. Comm. Braud said he found the meeting interesting and have notes to improve the process. He also has problems with the people who are running it. They should look at how long people have the property before reducing fines. There is no definitive time-line to bring properties back into commerce. Our intent is to bring owners into one room and get a contractor to bring all of them back into commerce.
4. **Economic & Infrastructure** – Comm. Legaux said she needs help from ENONAC for road problems in her area for 3 years now. She has moved to Fox 8 Defenders to bring this on TV. Wants support from ENONAC CAB members. There is construction going on every street in her area. She invited all to come and ride down the streets in Villa Sites to see how bad it is. Sewerage and Water Board also has problems in her area and they are not doing anything. Comm. Weaver said that there was so much water on her street that her car got stuck in a hole of water. ENONAC needs to get with the rep for NOE and complain about street work and water on streets issues. Corinne Villavaso asked Comm. Legaux if she had a conversation with the contractors who are working in her area about the work. She said she had the same problem in her area but she did speak to the contractor and ask why work was stop and go. Comm. Hamilton said that the City is far behind and trying to start all these projects so the disaster money will not be lost. Ms. Villavaso said that she needs to contact the prime contractor & project manager who oversees the project and submits for payment. The meeting with the Road Work group that came to Joe Brown Park was a waste of time – no info was given. Comm. Jackson said she has called 311 and the Road Work number and nothing is happening. Comm. Braud said he had 3 issues in his area and found a supervisor who solved his issues.

**IX. COMMUNITY INFO**

- A. Signage beautifications** – Pres. Hebert said that ENONAC went out and cleaned up the NOE sign on I-10 and the area around the sign and it looks nice.
- B. Comm. Hamilton** said that Wimbledon has a new president; Shawon Bernard. Admin Secretary Claire will get all paperwork for membership to her and hopefully she will be in by July.
- C. Comm. Braud** asked who was involved with the Gentilly signs. Someone offered the name of Gretchen Bradford, President of the Pontchartrain Park neighborhood association.
- D. Comm. Blouin** said that 3 blocks in his area have been dug up and pipes are being put down. This is some progress.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Strategic Planning for Community Economic Development seminar & workshop**  
In New Orleans: Thursday, June 16 – register online
- B. Grow NOLA Farmer’s Market:** Every 2nd & 4th Saturdays; 7500 Bullard (corner of Morrison)
- C. District E Business Alliance: On The Rise event**  
Monday, June 27; 6:30pm; 8700 Lake Forest Blvd, Suite 102
- D. DA Satellite Office Hours: Wednesdays; 11:30 – 4:30 at NOE Library;** entrance in rear portion of library

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Legaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Recording Secretary