

EASTERN NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

6:00pm, Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Location: St. Maria Goretti, 7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127

Executive Board Members:

P – Denotes member present, E – Denotes member excused, A – Denotes member absent, V – vacant position, D-Denotes member deceased

P	Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President	P	Dana Henry, 1 st Vice President
P	Barbara Hornsby, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Ed Blouin, Member At Large	D	Cheryl Diggins, Member At Large
E	Philip Johnson, Parliamentarian	P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sylvia Scineaux-Richard at 6:10 pm. Roll call was taken and at that time a quorum was not met. This will be an informational meeting only.

II. Approval of Agenda could not be taken at this time, as quorum had not been met.

III. Approval of November/December General Meeting Minutes could not be taken at this time, as quorum had not been met.

IV. Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Karol Sanders from December 17, 2012 through January 8, 2013. He reported that the bank balance as of December 17 was \$27,440.00. There were expenses of \$17,260.39 and the bank balance as of January 8, 2013 was \$20,413.61. As for the Extravaganza, the income was \$31,300.00. There were expenses of \$13,767.54. As of today, the net profit was \$17,532.46. This report could not be approved at this time, as there was no quorum.

V. New Business

A. Executive Board Nominations could not take place as there was no quorum. We will have applications and make nominations at CAB meeting on January 29, 2013. Only CAB Commissioners who are approved can be nominated or can nominate another Commissioner/member. Nominations will be opened until Jan. 29, 2013. Executive Board members may serve another term and one Member At Large seat is vacant at this time.

We are planning a retreat for the CAB members to keep our organization viable and keep everyone up to date on things. It is tentatively scheduled for March 26, 2013.

B. Budgetary/Funding concerns:

1. Kara Johnson will serve as the Chair of the Community Outreach Committee to try to get ENONAC's message and services out into the community and hopefully bring the \$5.00 parcel fee back on the ballot. We need financial help in order to complete our tasks during the year. We are presently involved in the process to get our 501(3)c organization designation.

2. We are cutting down our staff time in half and they will only work 10 hours a week or as needed. Corinne will also work on a case by case basis. She will do 20 hours in January but time will be reduced after that time.

3. ENONAC will show stated legislature how we are working in the community via an Annual Report which highlights activities such as the ENO Business Expo, Spring Fling and CPC resolutions to help demonstrate reasons for financial support. We need documentation to show our standing in the community.

4. President Scineaux-Richard asked for anyone who has ideas for fundraisers please share them with us. We need to figure out how to get NO East residents more interested in their communities. Holidays are hard and maybe we need to do something less expensive, not at holiday times, for more residents to come out with their families to enjoy themselves. Commissioner Maxine Weaver said maybe CAB Members can come up with other fundraising ideas for the coming year. She agreed to work on a Committee to do so when asked by Scineaux-Richard if she would Chair.

C. Nuisance Businesses Affidavits:

1. Family Dollar on Bullard needs to get their property cleaned up. Commissioner Clarissa Evans sent out a petition to address the trash on the property but only got 47 signatures from her subdivision. She asked that ENONAC also send them a letter about cleaning their property.

Early election on parcel fee cost us the vote, but on election day, the parcel fee passed. We sent the information card closer to voting day and not before early voting had occurred. We need to get more support and early information out prior to next ballot attempt. Need to make sure Gerard Stevens has correct info about parcel fee because they talked about on radio and some info was incorrect. After the information postcards were sent out to the residents, people understood why the parcel fee was needed to fund the work of ENONAC.

NO Business Regional Park Commissioner Ronald Carriere Jr. said that ENONAC should look at other means of funding and not just parcel fee. He agreed to help identify some other avenues of funding. Commissioner Evans said that we need to find out what it takes to get people in NO EAST interested in our community and willing to help.

D. Special Guest: Councilman James Gray and his Chief of Staff, Erin Spears, came to the meeting. He assured Scineaux-Richard that he would work hard and work with us. He confirmed that he has scheduled a meeting at 2:00p.m. tomorrow with ENONAC Executive Board at his office. Email for Erin Spears is spears@nola.gov. Her phone #504 658 1050. Brandon is staff person.

VI. Old Business

A. **Holiday Bike Giveaway** in NO East was done by ENONAC and Richard's Disposal Inc. with the Elementary Schools in the ENO community. Cliff took pictures and will put on website.

VII. Announcements

A. Family Dollar at I-10 Service Rd and Bullard---Nuisance ordinance affidavit was written by ENONAC and listed the codes that they are violating and sent them to City of NO and to the business.

B. Ground breaking for the Methodist Hospital site will be on Jan.11, 2013 at 12:30p.m. According to Greg Hamilton there will be no OB for delivery of babies at the hospital. We need to get more info about that issue

C. On Bullard at the Swilling shopping area where FUN Zone is located; there was a party that ended in a fight and police had to be called. There were teenagers in the street. We need to be aware of these issues.

D. Remember: Whitney Bank on Read should be open by end of 2013 and out of trailer.

E. Cleanup Day- Councilman Gray's Office will be Jan 19, 2013. Contact Maurice Blair in his office. Commissioner Barbara Hornsby said that cleanup should not be the goal but to get people to understand that if you stop throwing trash on the ground then we would not have to cleanup. Little Woods area under the overpass is being used as a dumping ground and residents want it to stop and to get it cleaned up .

F. Code violation sweep on Read----The City is not doing its share and needs to let businesses know that their responsibilities are not being handled.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Evans motioned that meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Weaver seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.