

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

**St. Maria Goretti Community Center
7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 @ 6:00pm**

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

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

P	Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President	E	Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President
P	Romona Baudy, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
A	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
A	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, Scineaux-Richard 6:16 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum. The meeting will be informational until a quorum is met.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): District E Councilwoman Elect Cyndi Nguyen.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2017: the minutes were tabled until quorum is met.

V. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report(s) Comm. Karol Sanders passed out and read his report from December 1 through December 31, 2017.

VI. New Business:

A. Update CAB membership certification/Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Statement: Claire, Administrative Secretary, explained all forms that need to be completed for the year. She said that everyone must complete certification forms even if they were recently completed.

B. 2018 Calendar approval: Feb 13 is Mardi Gras Day, a General Meeting date and December 25 is Christmas Day, a CAB meeting date. It was agreed that there will be no meeting on those dates.

C. NORA: proposed home design: Mr. Seth Knudsen, NORA Director of Real Estate Development said that there are two houses being built at 4809 and 4815 Nottingham. **Brenda Breaux,** NORA Executive Director, said that 4 properties have been awarded for development. 5 properties have been sold through the Lot Next Door program. She said that if you are next to a NORA lot, the owner can be awarded the empty lot next door. If people acquire NORA properties at auction, they are required to develop the property. If within 3 years there is no development, NORA takes the property back. The tornado destroyed property at Hammond and Sandalwood it has been developed into a rose garden with benches. NORA’s website has a listing of all NORA houses. 12 properties have been auctioned for market rate housing development. Comm. Legaux asked that she be notified when properties will be developed in her area. She said that there is a house in her area with problems. Ms. Breaux stated she didn’t know if it is one of the NORA properties and to get her the address and she will check on it. Comm. Weaver asked if they had people pre-qualified before they build them. Ms. Breaux said yes, they do. Ms. Alexcear Short, Donna Villa resident, asked what NORA does if a person purchases the lot next door. There is a lot in the neighborhood being used as a parking lot. Ms. Breaux said that they do check on them periodically but needs the address to check because they do reversion cases if lots are not being taken care of by the person who purchased the lot. Comm. Bickham said that landscaping of the houses is very important; weed blocking of the landscaping and borders needs to be done.

VII. Old Business

A. New Orleans Tri-Centennial Neighborhood Grant – deadline extended to January 19, 2018:

Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that she needs someone to volunteer to help with the grant. Please see her after the meeting. Comm. Jackson is willing to help with the grant but they need another volunteer.

B. 2017 Holiday Extravaganza – feedback: Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that our 2017 Holiday Extravaganza was a big success. We had a sell out and everyone enjoyed the party.

C. Entergy Public Meeting: There will be a public meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018; 5:30 – 7:30; at SUNO (College of Business & Public Administration).

D. Toys for Tots – feedback: This was a huge success. Pres. Scineaux-Richard, Commissioners Denesse, Leon, DeGrasse and Legaux were members of ENONAC who participated in the program. The kids were so excited and it was great to see all the great toys that were given to them.

VIII. Community Info

A. AT&T Retail Store: Mr. Christopher Paul, from AT&T, replaced Mr. Christian Moore. He stated they have discussed having a retail store in the East but nothing has been finalized on it. There is a store at 1900 St. Charles Ave. in New Orleans. Pres. Scineaux-Richard said we would send a letter to AT&T requesting that they consider a store in NOE.

B. Lakeshore Landing sends Greetings: Greetings were sent by Lakeshore Landing.

C. Mr. Wilfred Norris, VP of Community Legion, came to discuss some problems in the East which they want ENONAC to help them to resolve and come up with plans. 1) Quality of Life in the East. 2) Lack of police in NOE – We need more police in the neighborhoods in the East. Our area is large. 3) Problem with trash and people not keeping their property clean. We need to make a proposal with all of our ideas and send to City Council to help us with these issues.

VIII. Announcements

A. Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that she will send letters to Mayor-elect Cantrell and Councilwoman-elect Cyndi Nguyen congratulating them on their win.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Submitted by Lydia Leon
Secretary