

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Brenda Jackson, First Vice President presiding

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

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

E	Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President	P	Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President
P	Dawn Hebert, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	A	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
		P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by First Vice President Brenda Jackson at 6:05 p.m. After roll call, we did have a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): Captain Nicholas Gernon, Commander 7th District NOPD; Kyle Shelly and Yvonne Martin, Office of Neighborhood Engagement; Terrie Guerin, CM Nguyen’s office; Chelsey Richards Napoleon, Orleans Parish Civil Clerk of Court

III. Review and Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Comm. Landrum and second by Comm. Hebert for the Agenda to be approved. After the vote, motion passed without any objections.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes from March 10, 2020. Motion made by Comm. Landrum and second by Comm. Hebert. After the vote, motion passed without any objections.

V. Treasurer’s report: The report covering thru June 30, 2020 was distributed and read by Comm. Karol Sanders.

VI. New Business

A. NPP: Louisiana Pride Seafood conditional use (CU) to permit the sale of alcohol at 4418 Downman Rd. They do sell cooked food and are open 10-7 Monday thru Thursday and 10-8 Friday and Saturday. No objection was stated

B. CPC Public Hearing Notices for July 14 at 1:30pm:

1. ZD 055/20: Req. by City Council Motion for text amendment to CZO creating an exception to permit the use & retention of existing, non-conforming fee standing pole signs – There were no objections stated

2. ZD 058/20: Request for zone change from C1 General Commercial to LI Light Industrial for 14100, 14200 and 14300 Chef Hwy. – There were no objections stated

3. ZD 062/20: Request for conditional use to permit a food processing facility at 19597 Chef Hwy. – There were no objections stated.

C. Re-activate and collaborate with CM Nguyen on clean-up of major thoroughfares of NOE (Crowder, Read, and Bullard) – along with beautification. Pres Scineaux-Richard contacted Terrie Guerin in CM Nguyen’s office on this issue before Covid-19 issue to join us on this issue. Comm. Landrum stated that Crowder, Read & Bullard need cleanup of debris and grass needs to be cut. Comm. Jackson will check with Pres. Scineaux-Richard on this issue and Ms. Guerin will work with us thru the Admin Secretary Claire White.

Comm. Hebert asked Ms. Guerin about Lincoln Beach around Haynes. Ms. Guerin said the Beach is an environmental issue and 'Recare' may be able to help. They do 2nd and 4th Saturdays and also includes service roads.

VII. Old Business

- A. Intro and meet with NOPD 7th District Captain Nicholas Gernon** - Captain Gernon said that he has 18 years of service and was previously in Homicide Unit. He is the youngest Captain on the force in the City. He asked that we please tell him about any issues we have in our areas. He gave his email address as nlgernon@nola.gov. A question was asked about what to do about getting crime cameras. He gave the website for safecamnola.com/ to get cameras. He also said that on Wednesday there is NOPD's NONPAC meeting at 6pm on Facebook Live. Rose Richardson, resident, asked if Project NOLA is related to SafeCamNOLA. He said it is not. He said that Officer Dema has been moved to handling fleets. The new Quality of Life officer is Patrice Swann.
- B. ZD 10/20: Light City Academy conditional use request to permit an educational facility at Burke and Hayne.** – Comm. Hebert said that this has been approved. She said that those people on the approval side were people who graduated from the schools he already has and wrote letters of approval. On 2 occasions we were not sent notices of his meetings and he refused to meet with us. He wants our questions to go through someone else.
- C. Community Impact Grant - Kyle Shelly, Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office** said that ENONAC was awarded \$1500. He said that because of COVID-19 it was extended until October 1, 2020 for completion. He said that we can email him of our plans and once completed submit receipts for payment. Ms. Courtney Mpagi, owner of Do You kNO-LA Game Show, suggested some projects or grant money that can be done in 2 months' time. Mr. Shelly said he has some people who may be able to help with the projects. Comm. Braud said that his Donna Villa area is using their grant money for a dumpster to get rid of things in homes that are no longer needed – called Dumpster Day. He asked Mr. Shelly if the City has any connections for rental of dumpster to help them with this project. He said no but said to contact him and he will see if he can help them. Comm. Denesse mentioned the electrical boxes on the neutral grounds that are full of graffiti. Can grant money be used to paint these boxes? Comm. DeGrasse said that the bridges that cross the Morrison Canal are rusted; can we use this grant money to paint them. Mr. Shelly said possibly. Jennifer Johnson, resident, asked if we can place trash cans on the main thoroughfares to stop the littering with this money. Mr. Shelly said these were all good ideas and he will let us know if he can help with them.

VIII. Community Info

- A. ENONAC's financial sustainability** – Comm. Jackson said we need to come up with some ideas to raise money to keep our organization and office running since it appears that we will not have our Holiday Extravaganza this year. Can we ask our legislative representative for grant money like we received when we first started our organization?
- B. Update on New Orleans East - Yvonne Martin, Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office** talked about 2 construction projects; one on July 20 in Village de l'Est and one on July 28. She said that the Plaza site has been reported to the lot management and will have it cut and cleaned. Ms. Guerin said that there is a lot of problems with

that property legally and she does not know what can be done at this time. Lincoln Beach is in phase 1. There is a virtual meeting on July 22 at 4pm. The leak on Morrison and Read, there was a crack in the ground, was reported by Comm. DeGrasse and will be handled. Comm. Braud said that there is a large hole on Bundy going toward Chef Hwy for a long time that needs to be fixed. Ms. Martin gave her phone number as 658-4934 and her email is ymartin@nola.gov.

C. Upcoming Projects in NOE - Greg Lawson, New Orleans Business Alliance said they are working on an Arts project for \$50,000 producing creative art forms for Crowder, Read and Bullard.

D. Closing of Lakeshore Drive on weekends – Comm. Hebert said that in 2014 Lakeshore Drive was opened from East to West. Now since COVID-19 they have closed shelters and Lakeshore Dr. has been closed. Soon we will need to address this issue again. Comm. DeGrasse said that the Boat Launch on the East side at Bonnabel is open, so why is the Seabrook Boat Launch closed? Comm. Hebert said anyone who uses the launch needs to contact them to complain about it being closed.

IX. Announcements

A. Representative Jason Hughes said that tomorrow they will ok a \$50 million frontline grant fiving \$250.00 to frontline workers. \$30 million is available for Small Business for \$50,000 grants. He said he wants ENONAC to partner with him to help people to fill out their census. He will send information to the Admin Secretary, Claire.

X. Adjournment: There was a motion for adjournment by Comm. Braud and second by Comm. Denesse. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary