

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Goretti Community Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd.

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

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

P	Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President	P	Romona Baudy , 1 st Vice President
E	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	E	Joan Heisser, 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 at 6:05 p.m. After the roll call, we do not have a quorum. This meeting will be informational only.

II. Introduction of Special Guests

Gary Huntley, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Entergy and Alex Dunn, Public/Governmental Affairs, Entergy

III. New Business

A. Entergy Power Plant in New Orleans East:

Representatives from Entergy:

Mr. Gary Huntley thanked ENONAC for letting him come today to talk about their plant. He said that the plant is needed when customers use more electricity in the hottest part of the day. The plant would add 220 megawatts and would help our city. They (Entergy) own the property so it would help them save money on the project. There would be \$200 million in sales; 92 jobs per year; 22 permanent jobs, \$1million in sales tax. Mr. Huntley then spoke on the impact to the environment. He said that of those plants since 1950, the new plant is expected to use only 1% of ground water compared to the old ones. It will have fewer emissions than the old plant. This type of plant has a lower cost than solar and wind. He contends that unless City Council wants to spend more money then they should work with them. Wind and solar plants need wind and sun to work. There was public outreach to let public know about the plant. On June 20, 2016 they went before City Council with their proposed plans. They want to provide safe power at the lowest possible cost.

Community Information from Deep South Center for Environmental Justice:

Dr. Beverly Wright, spoke about the 20 year road map on Entergy concerns. There is lack of community participation; lack of transparency in decision making process. 70% of the power plant will operate within 3 miles of communities of color. In Louisiana, 24 of 26 plants (92%) are in communities of color. It will bring about health issues like asthma, heart attacks, bronchitis, etc. The power plant would contribute to the single largest source of greenhouse gases and carbon pollution. President Obamas’ Clean Power Plan was to reduce carbon pollution of power plants by 32% on a state to state basis. Environmental Justice needs to be ensured. Dr. Wright also said that New Orleans ranks 31 of US cities most at risk from climate change. New Orleans needs to be a leader in renewable energy and energy efficiency because our lives and communities depend on it.

Attorney **Monique Harden** stated that the site is right around Sarah T. Reed School where Einstein is opening. This could have a negative impact on our children. She said that turbine natural gas plant is what Entergy is proposing. It will come from fracked gas and depletes freshwater and causes methane gas to enter surface and ground water. Use of groundwater can cause lands to sink in NOE. Groundwater withdrawal was most evident in Michoud area. Also, groundwater correlates with levee break during Hurricane Katrina between NOE and Lower 9th Ward. She also said that Entergy eliminates solar and wind power and disregards the growth of solar roof tops in NOE area. Other companies are

finding solar and wind programs; why can't Entergy? On June 30 Entergy presents its project and explains their plans for the future. They were given 30 days to present more specifics of the project (July 30).

Questions were taken. The Utility Committee is chaired by Councilman at Large Jason Williams along with Councilman Jared Brossett. They passed a resolution that has 30 day window for community to intercede and ask questions about health welfare of NOE residents. The study that Entergy used for this power plant has been made available to public and is available online at www.entergy.com. It was asked if solar and wind were a part of the study. The answer was yes and when they took that into consideration with the other portfolio, it was more costly.

A Lake Barrington resident reported having respiratory problems now. The combination of both types of power would work better; other countries use solar and wind power and never have problems.

Subsidence – Huntley stated where there were studies they did not say it definitely was caused by the Michoud plant. As for health issues – Entergy plants are in line with all the compliances. Union power plant was bought in March and it is larger than the one we are building at Michoud. This Michoud plant will run less than Union and they have not had problems with it.

It was decided that there will be more discussion, research and dialogue to get more information reference the possible problems that could be caused by the rebuild of this Entergy plant.

IV. Old Business

A. Zoning Docket 056/16: Request to permit a bar at Shell gas Station at Morrison & Read. The hearing before City Council is on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 10am in City Council chambers

B. NPP Community Project: Chef Market at 14400 Chef Menteur Hwy. There is no objection from the community.

V. Community Info

A. Einstein Charter High at Sarah T. Reed is having their grand opening on July 29, 2016 at 10am at the school at 5316 Michoud Blvd.

B. The Sisters of the Holy Family are hosting a 'Heavenly Host of Stars' Gala on Sunday August 21, 2016 at 7pm at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Vanessa Williams will make an appearance. Tickets are \$75 and visit the website www.sistersofthehollyfamily.com for more information.

VI. Announcements

A. ENONAC Holiday Extravaganza will be on Friday, December 16, 2016. Tickets will be available soon.

B. Evacuteer.org is doing Hurricane Preparedness volunteer training especially for NOE residents on July 14, 2016 at 6pm at the NOE Library. Ms. Jillian Sandoval, Program & Volunteer Manager will have hand-outs after meeting.

C. Proposed project at Clement and Dwyer on Mayo at Lake Forest. Comm. Spears stated that it is zoned residential and they want to change it to multi-family. There is a meeting at the site on Wed. July 20 at 6pm at 5500 and 5600 Clement Dr. The Property is half a block wide, adjacent are multi-family units. There is a majority of residential, single family homes in the immediate neighborhood. A few residents received the letter from the developer and it is believed that majority will be subsidized. The nearby homeowners are concerned about litter, density, lack of jobs and lack of goods and services to accommodate a large influx of renters.

D. Port NOLA – Industrial and Maritime Industrial – future land use map – meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at NOEH at 4:30pm

VII. Adjournment: It was moved by Comm. Duckworth and seconded by Comm DeGrasse that meeting be adjourned. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Lydia Leon, Secretary