

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 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 st 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	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 6:04 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** Donna Glapion, Interim Council At Large
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Comm. Weaver moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Jackson seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 9 meeting was read by Comm. Jackson. There was a correction that Comm. Denesse was nominated by Comm. McWilliams. Comm. Jackson moved that the minutes with the corrections be approved. Comm. Linda Williams seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** The report covering thru February 2021 was read by Comm. Karol Sanders. Comm. Jackson moved to approve the Treasurers report and Comm. McWilliams seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Strategies for ENONAC for 2021**

Pres. Hebert asked each of us to work on 3 things that ENONAC would address in the coming year. We will formulate committees to work on each of those issues.
 - B. **NOLABA & ENONAC Economic Development partnership**

Greg Lawson, New Orleans Business Alliance (NOLABA), spoke about revitalizing the commercial corridors. Lake Forest & Read with Art Council at this site. This is a state project to certify NO East. There is a time period for this project. They are working with the Jourdain family on project for NO East. Pres. Hebert asked what about Downman area. Mr. Lawson said that clean up and work on that area is also in the plans.
 - C. **Update on Six Flags RFQ evaluation meeting:** The meeting was rescheduled for next Tuesday, March 16 at noon. You can go to www.nola.gov calendar and it brings you to the meeting.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **District E Land Use & Economic Development Committee meeting of March 3, 2021 – FEEDBACK**

CM Cyndi Nguyen’s Office meeting on Economic Development in NO East Database, www.data.nola.gov is public and you can get info. At the old Comeaux building on I-10 Service Rd. in Kenilworth, a stop was put on the project there because there was no permit issued. The old Rite Aid building on Lake Forest at Bullard is going to be a blood bank. The community was informed of this project. As for the houses on Crowder at Curran, more info is needed. Four are already built. The old Winn Dixie building on Bundy, we need more info on this project. Comm. Braud said that Victoria Lewandrowski (Econ Dev Liaison for CM Nguyen) is very informed and meeting is always very good. She can communicate with the neighborhoods on projects that pertain to them. We need to be involved with this group to get the info that involves us. Corinne

Villavaso, Lake Barrington resident, said that everyone is not in on this meeting and it does not always trickle down to the community that is involved and community input is not there when they work on these projects. ENONAC is not always informed about some of these projects and ENONAC should be notified. Pres. Hebert will notify the group that the meetings should be open to everyone. We will discuss more at the CAB meeting. Comm. Jefferson said that all organizations in the East should be on the same page with the issues.

- B. BZA 025/21: to permit a fast food restaurant with excessive front yard setback and parking as a dominant visual element at 6007 Bullard Ave:** Pres. Hebert said that it looks like Taco Bell and KFC want to split from one building to two.
- C. Request by ENONAC for Frenchman’s Wharf developer to address ENONAC**
Pres. Hebert said she spoke to the developer and requested they come to ENONAC with info on the project. She received an email and they will contact her about a meeting.
- D. AARP Grant Opportunity:** Greg Lawson spoke about this grant. We need to pick a project and find out the cost for it. Beautification or Park type issue should be considered. Mr. Lawson said there is a list of acceptable projects on the AARP website. Some offered suggested projects: Oliver Faure, Little Woods resident, said we should refurbish houses that are abandoned and left blighted. Corinne Villavaso suggested transportation – walking and bicycle tracks. Michoud has a walking path but needs some additional work done. She also suggested civic engagement like smart cities, which is a plan. Comm. Braud asked how big these grants are and does it include taxing districts? Mr. Lawson said that there is no specific amounts at this time. Comm. Braud said that he will write up something and send it to Pres. Hebert. The deadline for the grant is the middle of April.

VIII. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. NOE Community Clean-up Event** is on Saturday, March 13; 9a – 1p; meet at Einstein Charter School or Lake Forest Plaza site

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Neighborhood Leaders Roundtable on Public Safety** is Tuesday, March 23; 2 – 3:30pm; register by March 19
- B.** Donna Glapion, interim Council At Large for Jason Williams’ seat introduced herself and wanted to say hello to ENONAC. She said she appreciates the work that ENONAC is doing in the East. She is available to help with issues. Her email is donna.glapion@nola.gov

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary