

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
(ENONAC) www.enonac.org
GENERAL MEETING
St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd
Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 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	Brian Egana, 1 st Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Ed Blouin, Member At Large	A	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
E	Romona Baudy, 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 6:12p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Special Guests

Commissioners were asked to help out ENONAC financially. Sylvia thanked the following for their donations: North Kenilworth Assoc. \$500, Ed Blouin \$250 and Brian Egana \$1000. Councilman Gray and former Councilman Charbonnet were in attendance.

III. Review and approval of Agenda

Comm. Stewart made a motion to accept the agenda of May 14, 2013 and it was seconded by Comm. Denesse. After the vote, the motion passed.

IV. Review and approval of April 9, 2013 General Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were tabled until the CAB members can read them online.

V. Review and approval of Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report was read by Comm. Sanders and copies distributed to the CAB members. Comm. Kingvalsky made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and Comm. Weaver seconded. After vote, the motion passed.

VI. New Business

A. Community Update

Stacey Head was scheduled to attend this meeting but her representative, Barbara, stated that she had a family emergency and her Dad was ill.

B. NORA Information

Dawn Domengeaux, Disposition Manager of NORA was introduced at the meeting to discuss the changes with the Lot Next Door (LND) program. In 2007 the N.O. City Council Ordinance was revised. The difference is that the eligible buyers can be to the left, right or behind the property even if only a portion is next door to you. There are 1,964 eligible NORA properties that are available May 22, 2013 and will be posted on the website. If property is not on the list that means it is in another area and not a Lot Next Door property. The dates of listing with Times Picayune for Lot Next Door properties are May 22, 2013, June 5, 2013, June 9, 2013, July 3, 2013, July 24, 2013 and July 31, 2013. If more than one person is eligible and interested in the same property there will be a bid process to see who the highest bidder to purchase the property. Landlords who own rental property will also be eligible for Lot Next Door. You must send applications of interest in properties by August 1 2013. People with liens or those who owe

property taxes cannot be eligible unless their bills are paid before 8/1/13. You will receive confirmation thru email.

Comm. Blackmon asked about several lots in her neighborhood that need grass cutting and trash removed and wanted to know who was responsible for maintaining those LND properties. Ms. Domengeaux said no one should be trespassing on these properties and the lots should be kept cut and clean. She said to call David Joseph at 504.658.4400 and they will send out inspector. On some lots people are having parties and leaving all the garbage on these lots. You can call Kevin Hannah who is over the NORA at 658-4400.

VII. Old Business

A. ENONAC'S Families Get Fit

Councilman James Gray is helping us to get some of the fees waived for our walk. Dawn Hebert has several activities for the kids, including, two space walks and a fire truck for them to have fun. Dawn also got a Hornets basketball and jersey signed by the team and Eric Gordon, respectively. We will do a raffle on those items. We need volunteers from the CAB to help with the Event. Sylvia asked all CAB Members to volunteer and bring their families and neighbors out to Family Fun Day. Sylvia went on the radio on Friday and is advertising at churches. Set-up at the Marina will be at 7:00 am.

Barbara Hornsby's company is providing tax services to get senior citizens who are homeowners insurance money reimbursement at the Marina site from 10am-12pm. Attorney Kara Johnson will be notarizing any documents for ENO residents at the event. Registration will begin at 8:00a.m and the Walk, Run, Bike will start at 9:00 am. Volunteers will need to be at Goretti for 7:30am. The bike safety course will begin at 8:30am. Volunteers were asked to sign up with Dawn Hebert.

VIII. City Planning Commission (CPC)

A. Hearing on June 11, 2013

1. The CPC hearing will be on 6/11/13, Docket # 054/13 for FTB Community Development Partnership requesting five waivers through "conditional use" to build a Multifamily Apartment Complex at 6840-6873 Cindy Place. Scineaux-Richard said HLUZ Committee met with the developers last year (2012) for presentation of their project and at that time their plans did not meet the new guidelines and standards. They were advised to go back and become more familiar with the new guidelines and standards and adjust their design. They have made application to return without community outreach or verifying that they have revised plans to meet guidelines. The HLUZ Committee has not seen their new plans but we do know that they are requesting major waivers, especially as it relates to density. Comm. Charbonnet said that she had a chance to go and speak to the City Planning Commission on this issue and she told them how important this was to our community. We have a permanent Multi Family Residential District in place for our area that should prevent what they are trying to build. Comm. Charbonnet stated that the developer is proceeding with the CPC Hearing for the request of his building waivers knowing that the apartment complex is not in compliance with the present standards. For instance, per their plans, a one bedroom apartment is approximately 500 sq. ft. and guidelines require 900 sq. ft., the lesser sq. ft. would give tenants smaller apartments and result in more density and crowding. It was stated that we need to come together as a community and go down to City Planning Commission to express our concerns reference this project and why this developer is not being made to follow the law. We should meet with our representatives and give our input and get the project done according to our needs and the sitting standards. We need to verify their waivers and make sure that we get feedback from City Planning on this project. They need to decrease density and increase green space; have underground parking that provides security and keeps residents out of the weather when getting in and out of their cars. Scineaux-Richard said she has reached out to the Developers of Cindy Place and hope to have a HLUZ meeting with them to present their project again. She has not heard from them yet.

Greg Hamilton from Wimbledon Subdivision, which is across the street from Cindy Place, said that they are still having the same problem. Even though the Cindy Complex is not built yet, the units that are

there have --- No Parks, No community space, No control of residents' protection like guards etc. He has sent this information to Councilman Gray that all multi- family complexes need to provide services so all the tenants /residents have a good quality of life.

Comm. Penny said her brother lives in the senior citizen complex on Lake Forest and is having problems with residents who have children staying with them all week and making noise, running up and down the halls and disturbing the older residents. Does this complex allow people to watch children and keep them over long periods of time? What are the guidelines for these Senior Citizens Complexes? Scineaux-Richard aid ENONAC will reach out to the complex and get information from leasing company.

2. Docket 55/13---7030 Bullard Ave. ---Conditional use for sale of alcohol on the premises. Scineaux-Richard reached out to Chris and Heather Nguyen the owner on Bullard to set up a time for them to present before the HLUZ Committee. She has not heard from them.

3. Councilman Gray: shared updates for the community..... Wal-Mart, Hospital and Motor Vehicle on Bullard. MVD is waiting on the state to sign the contract in about two weeks. Erin Spears, Chief of Staff, spoke with the Mayor's office today and once it is signed, it will go on the City Council's Agenda. The Lake Forest Plaza site has new leadership now and they are trying to develop it. They are supposed to have more money and expertise for developing the whole plaza. Hopefully the Race Trac gas station project will not interfere with the development of the Plaza by the end of the year. Construction could start as early as September /2013 if it is worked out. Lake Forest Plaza TIF money is about to expire and be removed and can the new developer use that money. Current owners of the Plaza are backing down and are now more willing to negotiate with developers. The people who developed Elmwood are the new people working on the plaza. Former Councilman Charbonnet said to keep in mind how important the Read corridor is to our community and we need it to be developed.

Councilman Gray was asked his feelings on the Multi Family project. He stated he hasn't looked at the project and he is under the impression that they have amenities in their project plan. Erin said that City Planning has some of the same concerns as we do as residents, and they are working on that with the developer.

Gray said he would handle each project on an individual basis. He has told the developer at Cindy Place that they need to come to ENONAC and the community with their project plans. He has talked to them about the density in the complex and stated that sometimes low density means that the project is not feasible. He has not made a determination on where the density needs to be on this project. Comm. Charbonnet asked Councilman Gray to hold the developer to our standards on Multi Family projects. Make management control part of our Multi- Family projects. Comm. Cantrell said this design standard is like the ones that we had torn down in NO East before Katrina. A 550 sq. ft. apartment is entirely too small for anyone's living comfort.

Scineaux-Richard said before Katrina, we had 39 -41% of subsidized housing which much exceeds Fair Housing recommendations. We want tenants to have the same quality of life as do homeowners. We want our Multi - family projects to be sustainable, well planned, and environmentally correct and like the new developments in other areas of our city and elsewhere. We want beautiful landscaping that affords playgrounds for the kids, security for the tenants and goods and services that meet the entire communities' needs so all could enjoy a good quality of life.

Comm. Blackmon thanked Councilman Gray for coming and said she was glad that he is working with us on our area projects. We want to spend our money in our community. Any neighbor who interferes with your quality of life is a violation and you should report them.

Greg Hamilton said 75% of the problem in multi -family is management and wants Gray to have an ordinance that requires them to have a certified property management. Gray agrees that this is a good idea and will put pressure on HANO and HUD to improve their management.

Comm. Judy Washington said she has contacted Mary Fontenot several times and she has not returned her calls. Erin, who is her supervisor will get Judy's number and get the information for her.

IX. Announcements

A. The CAB Retreat is on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 and we need volunteers to help with planning. Commissioners Jackson, Felice and Lydia volunteered to help. Sylvia will contact all CAB Members to remind them of the retreat.

X. Adjournment

Comm. Baudy moved to adjourn meeting and Comm. Cantrell seconded. After the vote, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon

Secretary