

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 @ 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 <sup>st</sup> 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	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 Dawn Hebert at 6:06 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** there were none
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** There was a motion to approve the agenda by Comm. Jackson and seconded by Comm. Sanders. Motion passed without objection.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of August 9:** There was a motion to approve the minutes by Comm. Weaver and seconded by Comm. Sanders. Motion passed without objection.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for both ENONAC and Foundation accounts for the period of August 1-31, 2022. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Comm. Weaver and seconded by Comm. Landrum. Motion passed without objection.
- VI. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. **Crimestoppers in NOE:** Matthew Stone and Darlene Cusanza of Crimestoppers of Greater New Orleans spoke. They are in partnership with residents of the neighborhoods. Crimestoppers build and share info with our officers. Info is passed on to the individual districts. They use surveillance info and all info is not given out to anyone. They have been doing this since 1981. They have never heard of any retaliation due to people giving police information. Those who become victims, Crimestoppers do put out rewards on these victims up to \$2500. There are some that are \$5000. They are a non-profit but separate from the Police Department. No police are on their board in order to keep the two separate. They do crime prevention activities like Night Out Against Crime in the community. They work with youth in our communities. It started in New Orleans and is now state wide. They also do presentations in the schools on drugs, bullying, etc. They have taken weapons off of school campuses. Mr. Stone said that from law enforcement standpoint, people need to be able to share any info on crimes with police and not worry about their name being given out and rewards for tips are also given out from \$500-900. Please follow their website and on social media. All tips are sent to the appropriate officer on that case. Pres. Hebert asked if they have gotten a lot of calls & tips from NOE. Yes, on car thefts, drug tips, chop shops and interstate shootings. October 4 is the 2022 Night Out Against Crime.
  - B. **Eagle Eye Resources: Westlake Development:** Gerald Baptiste, developer, spoke about the Westlake Drive Development, a 31.6 acre site which will include a 3 acre beach, 12 acre lake and 1 mile of bike trails. He showed a plan that had townhomes, single family homes and a few low rise apartments above some retail spaces. There will be a restaurant also. There were concerns from several residents: 1) Why not just single family homes, not townhouses and coffee shops in this area. The home values are already going down because they are renting out the homes and not taking care of them. Mr. Baptiste said that with this development, home values will increase with the proposed price of these homes around \$250,000 and this will create equity. 2) There is a problem with apartment complexes because they are typically not maintained in the long run and are out-of-state owners. Can this be changed to more single family homes or

luxury homes instead of apartments? Mr. Baptiste said that he is a NO resident and not going anywhere. He is trying to keep the price more affordable for middle class people, not low income but affordable housing. 3) There was a concern about the beach development. With Pontchartrain Beach and Lincoln Beach being redeveloped now, there is no need for more beaches. Traffic would also be a concern around the complex and they also have flooding issues right now in that area and these need to be addressed. Mr. Baptiste said he would incorporate water from the lake (beach) to power the subdivision along with solar power. 4) There seems to be an added part about meeting rooms which would be more traffic for the area. There were efforts after Katrina to limit the apartments and rezoning from multi-family to residential; not in agreement to multi-family development. Mr. Baptiste said that the property is not purchased at this time but under contract and will close once community is on board.

## VII. ENONAC Committee Reports

1. **Blight, Beautification & Code Enforcement:** Comm. Landrum said they have no report. Pres. Hebert said that she saw a permit for picking up the burned building at Chenault Creek apts. So it will be picked up soon.
2. **Public Safety & Infrastructure:** Comm. Braud was not present; no report
3. **Housing, Land Use and Zoning (HLUZ) –** Pres. Hebert said that Mr. Baptiste and the Westlake Development was the last meeting held by HLUZ. No new info this month
4. **Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) –** Comm. Blouin reported that each committee member was assigned to make contact with a park manager, association president, or booster club for each park. They will make site visits to 12 NORD operated parks. Pres. Hebert said she will get with this committee to see what can be done to bring these parks back into commerce. Comm. Blouin also said that he tried getting info on that reported cement facility but could not find any current info.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **CPC ZD 073/22** regarding billboards being place along I-10 between Chef and I-510: Pres. Hebert said that CPC staff report is recommending denial as it is not consistent with the Master Plan. She said that an ENONAC Resolution R-22-3 has been drafted to be presented when this goes to City Council. Comm. Blouin moved that this Resolution stating our opposition to billboards being placed between Chef and I-510 be presented to City Council. Comm. DeGrasse seconded the motion. The motion passed with one objection noted.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CPC meeting today: Reconsideration of SD 010/22** to re-subdivide lots at 21135 Chef Hwy. This is out in Lake Catherine.  
Comm. DeGrasse asked about the old Bern Mas apts. where land is being cleared. What is going on there? Pres. Hebert said she will look into this.

## X. COMMUNITY INFO

## XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **NORA: Accepting applications for property-only solicitation**
- B. **Urban League of LA: the Big Health Event**  
Sat. Sept. 17; 10a-4p; Morial Convention Center; free to public  
Must register at [urbanleaguela.org/thebighealthevent](http://urbanleaguela.org/thebighealthevent)
- C. **NO Business Alliance: District E/Lower 9th Ward Quarterly Meeting**  
Monday, Sept. 19; 6:30pm; KP Event Palace, 8700 Lake Forest Blvd., Ste. 102
- D. **Neighborhood Leaders Roundtable: Dept. of Public Works and Sewerage & Water Board**

**Sat. Sept. 24; 9-11a (breakfast at 8:30); Lakeview Christian Ctr. 5885 Fleur de Lis Dr.**

**Register at [NLRFall2022.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nlr-fall-2022-tickets-28444444444)**

**E. NOLA East Festival is this weekend. ENONAC will have a table with some giveaways for children.**

**F. There is a cleanup at Lincoln Beach also on this Saturday at 8:30am**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Celestand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Recording Secretary