

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Goretti Community Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd.

Tuesday, September 13, 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
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	E	Joan Heisser, 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, Scineaux-Richard at 6:05 p.m. After the roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guests

Maurice Baird, Chief of Staff for Councilman Gray.

III. Review & Approval of Agenda: Comm. McWilliams made a motion to approve the agenda and Comm. Sanders seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

IV. Review & Approval of Minutes of the July minutes: The minutes from the August meeting was read by Comm. Jackson. Comm. Bickham made a motion to approve the agenda and Comm. Denesse seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

V. Review & Approval of Treasurer’s Report: Comm. Sanders passed out and read the report from August 1 through August 31, 2016. There was a question: Do we have the 501c3? Comm. Sanders answered yes, it was reinstated. We were unaware that after 3 years it needed to be renewed because the company that filed for the non-profit status for ENONAC did not inform about the renewal policy. Comm. Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda and Comm. Penny seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

VI. New Business

A. Education Committee Report: Kim Hypolite, Chairperson submitted her report covering June – August 2016. (See attached report) After the report, the floor was open for questions. Scineaux Richard asked what they are doing to make teachers feel comfortable about their jobs for the coming years because it appears there is no safety net of any kind to protect teachers collectively. Additionally, who supplies school buses for Charter Schools? Ms. Hypolite said that contract with bus drivers are done by the Charter Schools. **Question.** What can be done to ask buses to use the main streets instead of going into individual neighborhoods? What are the grades at the Morial School on Grant Street? Ms. Hypolite said that she will find out what are the grade levels of the school. **Question.** Why can’t the City of NO regulate the school buses like they regulate tour buses on our streets? Mr. Baird responded that they have defined routes for school buses but will have a meeting with Traffic Coordinator and see if they can have assigned routes. Buses are parking in neighborhoods during the day and at night when not in use. This is against the law. Parking Control handles that not the police so call 658-8000. Speed is something that NOPD can handle. **Question.** Can a monitor be place on buses that record their speed? It was mentioned that at Dwyer and Crowder they are parking buses at the old Shell gas station. Comm. Legaux suggested taking a picture and record their license plate and then report buses/trucks parking in your neighborhood.

B. Zoning Docket 092/16: Change from SB1 Suburban Business District to SB2 Pedestrian Oriented Corridor Business District at 10060 Morrison Rd. Hearing was today on September 13 at CPC. CPC approved with 2 variances; now need the variances approved.

C. Zoning Docket 095/16: conditional use to permit retail sales of packaged alcohol at retail store at 14400 Chef Menteur Hwy. Hearing is on September 27 at CPC and there is no opposition from the surrounding Village de l'Est neighborhood.

D. Zoning Docket 101/16: by City Council for conditional use to permit a Batching Plant at 17432 Chef Menteur Hwy. Hearing is on October 11 at CPC. This is a concrete batching plant that will be processing concrete.

VII. Old Business

A. Master Plan Amendments: ENONAC submitted text amendments to the Master Plan to CPC on September 9, 2016 via Ms. Editha Amacker, Urban Planner. It includes Chapters 7 & 11, Parks & Green Spaces & Transportation; building sidewalks where sidewalks were not constructed. It also included a map showing all the parks and showed all the gaps in NOE. It also requested more teen activity be added in parks. Some things were not included because the Master Plan was not the way to do it, but she will continue to work on them. Ms. Amacker requested any info and pictures of areas that are parks that are presently unused or in need of repair and/or parcels that are designated to be parks.

B. Resolution for Entergy Power Plant: This was submitted on September 9, 2016 and sent to City Council including At Large members and also to Entergy. NOE and Vietnamese community were included on the Resolution. Jason Williams has indicated that they have also proposed some of the same questions that we addressed in our resolution.

VIII. Community Info

A. Cypress Parc Apartment Complex Grand Opening is on Tuesday, September 27 at 10am at 6857 Cindy Place. It has greenspace, parking and park for kids. They are presently trying to obtain some of the blighted properties for possible use as a park and/or a community center.

IX. Announcements

A. National African American Male Wellness Walk/Run is on September 17, 2016 with registration at 7am. It is at Joe Brown Park – registration is FREE at www.aawalk.org

B. Lake Forest Charter School 'Cocktail and Blues Gala' is on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Tickets are \$65 for Gala only and \$150 for Cocktail and Gala. The donation is to help build a swimming pool and golfing at the school.

C. ENONAC Holiday Extravaganza is on Friday, December 16, 2016. Get your tickets soon. They will be available next month for sale.

D. East New Orleans Magazine & Directory: Ms. Corinne Villavaso from East New Orleans Business District Development spoke about using this magazine to highlight residential living in Lake Forest, Village de l'Est and Lakefront Airport. There is presently a discount for advertising space in the magazine for subdivisions in NOE.

Pres Scineaux-Richard and Comm. Baudy had a meeting with Councilman Jason Williams and staff about a plan for improving the artistic look of ENO neighborhoods. We suggested the use of statues and landscaping with sculptures on the major thoroughfares. He will come to a CAB meeting so all CAB can talk about what they want to see in their community, especially areas of Crowder, Read and Bullard and Morrison. Funding for project is still being worked on at this time.

X. Adjournment: It was moved by Comm. Kingvalsky and seconded by Comm. Weaver that meeting be adjourned. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Lydia Leon, Secretary