

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Goretti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 @ 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	A	Romona Baudy , 1 st Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, 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 6:10 p.m. After the roll call, we did not have a quorum. This will be an informational meeting until a quorum is reached.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): Nicole Greenidge for NOLA East Farm Stand Café & Bakery

III. Review and Approval of Agenda: tabled

IV. Review and Approval of March 14 General Meeting Minutes: tabled

V. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report(s): tabled

VI. New Business

A. Secession of New Orleans East: Pres Scineaux-Richard stated that this will be postponed until a later time

VII. Old Business

A. CAB Retreat – Overview and Next Steps: Pres Scineaux-Richard stated that the notes from the Retreat were sent out via email and was reviewed. The Retreat main topic is what we want in the East and where are we going. Pres Scineaux-Richard gave a brief review of what our organization has accomplished for NOE residents, such as 1) design of the Lake Forest Charter School and 2) informational meetings and forums for affordable healthcare, etc. More will be discussed at the next CAB meeting.

B. Master Plan updates: Editha Amacker, Urban Planner, said that the City is not doing anything right now. Council has no idea or set a date for meeting to do Mater Plan changes. Once park info is in place in Master Plan, then we can make demands to do the things that apply to parks. Once Master Plan amendments are done, we need to be ready to bring all needed info to the City

C. Proposed Project (NPP): Request for alcohol sales at Dollar General Stores: Pres Scineaux-Richard said that we won at City Hall to not have Dollar Stores selling alcohol in our community. There was great support from CAB members and community residents
Mr. Lionel Hunter asked if NOE can have a community center in our area. There is a community center on Crowder Blvd. that was built with State money, so why can’t residents use it. Pres Scineaux-Richard said that it can be rented but it is not accessible to residents. She also mentioned that Comm Busby is working on a site on Chef Hwy for a center.

VIII. Community Info

A. NPP Project: NOLA East Farm Stand Café & Bakery at 12055 Chef Hwy.: Nicole Greenidge reported that this is an organic farm and restaurant. It is at Bullard and Chef Hwy. and about 20 acres. She said that everything raised will be sold and used in the café. Time is not set yet, but looking for feedback from the residents. She said they will grow things and sell the products; raise chickens and sell the eggs; bees pollinate

and will sell honey. A conditional use request is needed to have a farm. They would start with 20 people and hope to open by January 2018. The farm will probably be open before the bakery and café.

IX. Announcements

A. GOOD NEWS: Pres Scineaux-Richard announced that Comm. Dr. Brenda Jackson was promoted to Vice Chancellor for Research and Strategic Planning and Executive Director of Title III Programs at SUNO. Congratulations were given.

B. Upcoming Events at Joe Brown Park sponsored by NORDC

1. Easter Eggstravaganza will happen on this Saturday, April 15 from 11am to 2pm

2. Open Canoeing, Fishing & Grilling: Every Saturday between March 18 and November 11, 2017. Bring your grill, food and non-alcoholic beverages and they will provide the music, games, lifeguards and gear. Meet at the lagoon behind the rec center. There will also be outdoor classes in family canoeing, fishing, survival skills and more. NORDC has published a book with all the classes and activities available at the Park. NOE residents need to use these programs or they will go away. Their website is NORDC.org. It was suggested that maybe Joe Brown Park needs to place copies of the book in other businesses. NORDC does send info to the Next Door app.

C. Commissioner Penny said that she is having problems in her neighborhood with broken & junk cars on the street and the City has not had any meeting with her and does not know where to go now. Editha Amacker says that NOE needs to go to the media since City Hall is not helping our residents with all of our neighborhood issues. Janie Blackmon says our residents need to come together and go down to City Hall and complain about lack of City helping us get our communities back together and blight cleaned up. When we go, it should be unannounced. Ms. Amacker says, bring media to us and have pictures of problems to show. Then contact City Hall and inform them that all this has been sent to the City and nothing has been done. Ms. Blackmon says that we need a subcommittee to help work on this issue.

D. Councilperson Nadine Ramsey sent a letter acknowledging and thanking ENONAC for helping with the clothing giveaway for tornado victims.

E. Sandy Rosenthal of the Levee Board spoke about reform of the Levee Board. She said that the new authorities cannot control the money spent. The Authority Nominating Committee is there for life, so term limits are needed. Patrick Connick is to ask for term limits on these committee members. Pres Scineaux-Richard said that we will handle this issue at the next CAB meeting since we do not have a quorum.

F. Budget meeting for City – Mr. James Ewers sent letter to mayor stating all the lack of things being done in the East. He read that letter. He is formerly from North Carolina and retired and moved to the East. He has pledged support to ENONAC and work to change our community for the better. Let businesses in the East know that we hold them accountable for lack of service in their stores.

G. Comm. Legaux said that the clothing bins on Read are an eye sore and no one will take responsibility for this issue. Pres Scineaux-Richard said that we will discuss this issue at the next CAB meeting.

H. Comm. Hamilton said that we need a resolution for dredging of the drainage canals in the East. Pres Scineaux-Richard said that we will handle adoption of a resolution at the next CAB meeting.

X. Adjournment: Comm. Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned and Comm. Kingvalsky seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm

Submitted by
Lydia Leon, Secretary