

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
(ENONAC) www.enonac.org
GENERAL MEETING
St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd
Tuesday, October 8, 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	A	Brian Egana, 1 st Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Ed Blouin, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
P	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 6:05 p.m. After the roll call, a quorum was established.

II. Introduction of Special Guests

Special guest present was Councilman James Gray.

III. Approval of Agenda

Comm. Baudy made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting and Comm. Blackmon seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

IV. Approval of September 10, 2013 General Meeting Minutes

Comm. Daste made a motion to approve the September 10, 2013 General Meeting minutes and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Both votes were unanimous.

V. Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer’s report for September 11, 2013 – October 8, 2013 was read by Treasurer Karol Sanders and also copies were passed to all CAB members. Comm. Daste made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and Comm. Bowman seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

VI. New Business

A. Resolution R-13-13 was presented to the send to the Attorney General regarding the RSD wanting to purchase the former Bell South property. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Comm. Heisser and seconded by Comm. Perrault. After the vote, the motion passed without opposition.

VII. Old Business

A. The SLFPA-E and ENONAC co-sponsored a public forum on the destruction and damage to our coastal waterways due drilling of Oil Companies which was held on September 25, 2013 at the Public Belt Railroad Building. If no restoration is done and the Oil Companies are not held accountable for the damages, our flood insurance will increase and we would be open to higher insurance rates. Scineaux-Richard and Commissioner Heisser attended the forum.

B. ENONAC’S Christmas Extravaganza will be held on Friday, December 13, 2013 at Crystal Palace on Read Road and Chef Menteur Hwy from 8:00p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Tickets are now available at \$75 per ticket. VIP seating ends at the end of October and reserved seating ends November 30, 2013. CAB members can get their tickets tonight from Brenda Badon or Carroll Denesse in the back of center.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Night out against Crime is on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at St Maria Goretti Church in the parking lot.
- B. Whitney Bank will have a Grand Opening on Thursday, October 13, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Read location.
- C. NOLA East Friends Fest will be on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Joe Brown Park from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm.
- D. The meeting for jobs for the new hospital will be on October 17, 2013. The NOLA for Life for teenage employment will be on October 6, 2013 from 10:00am—2:00pm at Gallier Hall.

Comm. Perrault asked what position ENONAC is taking on the oil company damage to our wetlands. She says that she wants to make a motion that ENONAC do a resolution to agree that the oil companies be responsible for the damage to our waterways. Comm. Denesse seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed.

IX. Adjournment

Comm. Baudy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Comm. Daste seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.

PARCEL FEE SESSION began.

Areas of Concern that ENONAC has been involved and Comments:

Scineaux-Richard expressed to the body the importance of the work ENONAC has done over the years. The establishment of new standards and guidelines for the building of multifamily complexes; promotion of quality economic development in our community; eradication of blighted properties, both commercial and residential; to clean the NO East area of blighted Apartment Complexes for example: Volunteers of America, Lake Forest Plaza, RTA Building, Oschner Building; which are all cleaned and fenced. The lot next to the Waffle House on Read Road is cleaned of debris, grass cut and maintained. The blighted Greater St. Stephens commercial building on Lake Forest is torn down. ENONAC encouraged removal of the Whitney Bank trailer and the bank building is now renovated and opened.

Dawn Hebert said that darkness in the East and blight are discussed at the budget meetings. The trip from N O East to Oschner Hospital is about 78 minutes... if you use the Claiborne Corridor. Dawn will ask Mr. Gilchrist to come back to ENONAC to talk about the Claiborne Corridor Project. Ashley Gardin is the person to contact for the Claiborne Corridor. The information will be given to ENONAC.

Comm. Perrault said that Eastover has 3 bodies of water in their area that is owned by Sewerage and Water Board and has algae problems and need to be addressed. Dawn Hebert told her that she will get her information and that she could talk to Councilman Gray who is at this meeting.

Barbara Hornsby spoke about ENONAC's involvement with Environmental Quality and Flood Protection in the East. She said the transferring of garbage for processing was a problem. One concern is that all the garbage would be coming to our area for all other areas. Sun Entergy said the trash would be changed to energy but the issue was that it had not been done anywhere else and we had serious issues with garbage coming into our area from other areas by trucks, water and trains for the processing and it is believed it is harmful to our health.

Ed Blouin spoke about the Burrow Pits that John Cummins wanted to put in their area. He said that the pits would cause land erosion when they dig them and leave huge holes in the area. ENONAC presented their case on the proposal and stopped the project because it was not part of the Master Plan.

Lake Borgne Surge Barrier prevents water from coming to the Intercoastal Canal and the Industrial Canal. We asked strongly that the funds would be given to this project. The project was 2 years behind and the money was there. ENONAC met with the Corp of Engineers and let them know that this was an extremely important project and we need it to be completed. Without this barrier, NO East would have had more flooding all the way to Gentilly.

Ramona Baudy said that Healthcare when the Hospital returns will be great day for the East because we will once again have healthcare in the East. She said she met with Mario J. Garner who is CEO of the hospital and offered him her help if he needs it. ENONAC has been fighting for this hospital for a long time.

ENONAC lobbied in Washington, D.C. about erosion and closing of the Mr. Go.

ENONAC has done a survey of the residents in the East to ask about their major concerns in their areas.

Levy Gardens was on the waterway facing the properties by Eastover. They wanted to build 100 rental apartments on that property and ENONAC stopped them. They also helped Lake Carmel to stop a non-conforming project on Morrison off Bullard running with the back of Lake Carmel.

Tomorrow Scineaux-Richard, Heisser, Dawn Herbert, Octave Rainey, Pearl Cantrelle are going to Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) in Baton Rouge for the third time in reference to Cindy Place Multi Family(Cypress Parc) to give testimony reference the opposition to this project in the East.

ENONAC was instrumental in stopping the Greek Penelope Group from building a proposed Multifamily Complex on the side of Southern Oaks Reception Hall. We even went to court to support the owner of Southern Oaks on that project.

ENONAC helped to develop a method of code enforcement with the city to stop bars and night clubs from becoming strip clubs in the East. Example---On Bullard by Pat Swilling Center they would open past 2:00 am on Tuesday and Thursday for female strippers to perform. They also had a shooting there. The Sol Shopping Center had the same problems as the Swilling Center. ENONAC stopped the Daiquiri Club on Crowder from putting barricades in the parking lot of the daiquiri shop so the DJ could play music outside the building. They were also cooking and serving BBQ outside. We had that illegal activity stopped and they closed down but they reopened with restrictions and stipulations.

ENONAC started Operation Clean Sweep and continues to work on cleaning up the East.

Councilman Gray said the most important part of a democracy is having people to participate. He has a cleanup on Saturday, September 12, 2013 in the East and the Ninth Ward. They have churches and other groups that have volunteered to help. One group has said they will have 1000 volunteers. He is asking NO East and Ninth Ward residents to come out and help. Mrs. Smith from his office is in charge and the city will pick up the trash after they clean up.

The Parcel Fee Session was ended at 8:30 pm.

Lydia Leon, Secretary
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