

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

Via Zoom

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 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 st Vice President
P	Marcia McWilliams, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Claudia Celestand, 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 6:03p.m.

After roll call we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): there were none

III. Review & approval of agenda: Comm. Busby made a request to amend the agenda and add Lois Brink, University of Colorado. Comm. Weaver made a motion to amend the agenda as requested by Comm. Busby. Comm. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed without any objections

IV. Review & approval of minutes of December 12: Comm. Busby moved for approval of the minutes of December 12. Comm. Sanders seconded. The motion passed without any objections

V. Review & approval of Treasurer's Report: Comm. Sanders read his report for the period of December 1-31, 2023. Comm. Busby moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Comm. Landrum seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. SWBNO Smart Metering Program: Geriease Hawkins, SWBNO along with Ceara Barra and Becca Jaennie spoke about Smart Meters and why we have them. They said that they were to nearly eliminate estimated bills; more accurate. The data stored is sent to SWBNO billing. Bills will reflect actual usage. An actual reading is done every hour resulting in more precise readings. Installation is happening in about 4-5 weeks. They will have company marked vehicles (Jacobs & Aqua Water) & yellow uniforms with individual badges. They will knock on the door and will never enter the home. Questions can be directed to smartmetering@swbno.org. They said the meters will last 20 years; battery powered; remove them & replace; no maintenance. Pres. Hebert asked how they will impact billing. They do not have enough data to determine yet. It was asked how they are going to handle the elderly or low income people who don't have internet. They will use telephone calls to communicate and help them. Will the meters be able to detect any leaks? This will eliminate meter readers, how are they going to be re-staffed? They said these employees will be transitioned in to other needed jobs throughout the company. SWBNO does not get 311 reports, they must be reported directly. You can also email SWBNO and make sure problems get reported and into the system.

B. Barrington Playspot: Ms. Lois Brink, University of Colorado asked what are your big ideas for the Barrington Playspot in NOE. On Saturday October 7 at the Hangout they had an event and discussed resources for the community and got some input from the community. CM Oliver Thomas also gave his vision for it. Give children more time to play and community more opportunities especially for adults also. She said a 3rd party steward of the community is the 1st step for the community to take over maintenance of area and storage containers to help to care for it. The cost is about \$250,000. They originally talked to the City but now looking at the City's Office of Youth & Families for funding for climate resilience. The City agrees that Barrington is the spot that they are going to start. There will be plants, vegetation, basket weaving, etc.; a pavilion play area, off the grid technology, solar lighting, play spaces, canal boardwalk and viewing platform, splash pad area, yoga and more. Ms. Villavaso asked if

a survey was taken in the neighborhood about how the landfill will affect property owners. Also, there is wildlife in the canals; how will that be controlled. There is a hot spot for criminal activity on Roger Drive; how will this be handled/resolved. They are looking at storm water retention in the area. They will try to figure out the wildlife (alligators) situation & also work with the community. As for the criminal hot spot, they have surveillance equipment and have security. Also looking at parking issue. Ms. Brink said that they have asked for \$2 million dollars to do this project. They will consider having musical instruments in the park. Ms. McKee said she thinks some monies should be set aside for a maintenance and security contract. Ms. Brink said they want to be able to count on the community for clean-up periodically and help with maintaining the area and park. Comm. Legaux asked if some monies could be used at the West Citrus Park and Poitevent St. which are on Morrison & Shubrick. She wants to join the list of playspots.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Council meeting on Thursday, January 4 at 10:00am

- 1. Street Name Change: renaming of Hayne Blvd. to Lincoln Beach Blvd.** This was deferred to Jan. 18 at City Council chambers
- 2. City of NO enters into a CEA with LADOTD for a period of 10 yrs. for the purpose of transferring ownership of Paris Rd and Hayne Blvd to Downman Rd., et al.** There was an article in NOLA.com that State Rep. Jason Hughes is going to clarify that information. The City wants to get Lincoln Beach up and running.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of 2024 Calendar of ENONAC Meetings** – The Admin Secretary, Claire will send out the calendars for our approval.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. Mardi Gras Sneaker Ball: Annual Special Needs Night** will take place on Sat. Jan. 20, 2024; 5-8pm; Joe Brown Gym
- B. Krewe of Nefertiti** parade will take place on Sunday Jan. 28 at 1pm
- C. Lincoln Beach Master Plan meeting:** 2 sessions scheduled for Jan 17 at Lakefront Airport Terminal; 8:30-10:30 and 6-8pm. Follow at lincolnbeach@nola.gov

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Neighborhood Leaders Roundtable: Neighborhood Economic Revitalization** is on Sat. Jan. 20, 2024; 9-11am; Café Reconcile, 1631 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. Register at: [NLRSpring2024.splashthat.com](https://nlrspring2024.splashthat.com)
- B. CPC meeting for Deer Park** – Look for more info – Meeting is on Tues. Feb 6, 2024, no time given yet.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Washington seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary