

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

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9820 Lake Forest Blvd.

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 @ 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	A	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	Linda Williams, Parliamentarian	A	Barbara Woods, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call: Meeting was called to order by President Dawn Hebert at 6:06pm. After roll call by Admin Secretary Claire White, we did not have a quorum. So this meeting will be information only.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): Capt. Kevin Stamp (no 's') 7th District NOPD Commander, LT Lawrence Jones, Asst. Commander. Capt. Stamp introduced himself & noted his past history with the 7th District; then introduced Lt Jones, the Asst. District Commander who gave a brief synopsis & update on the 7th District; crime statistics, etc.

VI. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Friends of NOPL (New Orleans Public Library) Book Sale in NOE – Shannon Stecker, Dir. Marketing & Development, spoke about the Book Sale taking place on June 21 at the NOE Library. She said there will be mostly used books. She handed out some yard signs re: the Book Sale. Proceeds will go to the libraries and they need volunteers to help with the sales; show up about 10am.

B. City Services Coalition – Joe Givens spoke about this coalition of concerned citizens that gathers info about specific City services issues. There is a 300-page document that focuses on certain City services, the issues & they offer suggested recommendation for the best practices. They work with churches, meet with District Attorney, ATF, whoever needs to be contacted. He suggests that organization meet & discuss particular issues. He will send the 300-page document for our review.

C. RTA Community Mobility Roundtable – Connie Smith, Community Outreach Mgr. She spoke about hurricane preparedness. There will no longer be Evacu-Spots, but now, in the event of a mandatory evacuation, RTA will run their regular routes & bring people to the Smoothie King Center. Seniors who cannot do that, make sure they register thru 311 so that Para-Transit buses can pick them up. The 5 senior centers previously used for Evacu-Spots are no longer being used. A rider Advisory Council meets one a month to share concerns but as outreach mgr., her goal is to come to the community for this. She spoke about BRT-Bus Rapid Transit; a super express but that would run, for example from NOE to Algiers. They would have their own lane. The Community Roundtable is something they'd like to have; an entire mtg about RTA. They are in the process of hiring a contractor to fix all the bus stops in the City. There was a question about the 'midnight bus' that was for those who work at night mainly downtown, does it still run? She said that was one of the changes made.

D. SOUL Tree Planting Program updates – Jazmin Castillo, Outreach Coordinator spoke about a tree planting program that was presented last year. Now, funds are available to begin the program. They usually plant on the right-of-way; between the sidewalk & the street. They water for a year. They need ambassadors who will be paid a stipend to go door-to-door to inform about the program starting in August. They want to do around 500-600 trees.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

~FEEDBACK

A. City Cn mtg of May 22: Resolution R-25-301 by CM Thomas in support of an application for the creation of the Lake Forest Cultural District. This resolution passed. Ms. D. Jackson of CM Thomas' office said there is still time for community input. The actual application has to go to the State for approval and the State will be the governing body. Corinne Villavaso, said there are already 3 other Cultural Districts in NOE created in 2008 & are not being implemented. This Cultural District would need a local governing board to implement it. Noah Lewis, VP of GNOEBA was not aware of the 3 mentioned Cultural Districts. Ms. Villavaso mentioned several benefits that could come from these Cultural Districts, such as grants. Pres. Hebert said that ENONAC is staying neutral on this.

B. CPC: Tues. May 27; 1:30p; City Cn Chambers

1. ZD 028/25 – conditional use to permit the sale of alcohol in a BIP District at 8400 Chef Hwy (Gas station at Crowder Blvd. & Chef Hwy.) Not sure what happened with this.

2. There was also a **Lincoln Beach Presentation** at this meeting

C. NPP Process: Proposed changes to Articles 1-4 of the CZO – changes to the NPP Process

Virtual meeting: Thurs. May 22; 6pm; <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84808308950>

D. NPP: Radiant Event Hall & Patios – Conditional use request to permit a 'reception facility' at 5800 Bullard. Meeting was on Mon. Jun 2; 7:30pm; 5800 Bullard Ave. No one attended this meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. NPP: Kiddie Prep Academy LLC-daycare & preschool at 7542-7550 Forest Glen Rd.

Mtg is on Thurs. Jun 26; 5p; NOE Library, 5641 Read Blvd.

B. KLB (Keep Louisiana Beautiful) Grant Opportunities – Due by June 20

- Healthy Communities Grant
- Beautification Grant

C. City Cn mtg Thurs. Jun 12; 10a; City Cn Chambers: Resolution No. R-25-324; Application deadline for Harrah's Grant & Cox Grant is Fri. July 25. Applications are not available yet.

IX. COMMUNITY INFORMATION

A. YEP Summer Camp: June 6-26, 2025; Ages 7-12; 12000 Lincoln Beach Blvd

B. NOLA East 2nd Saturday Community Market: happening on Sat. Jun 14; 10:30a-2p; DD&D Lincoln Beach Ctr., 13904 Hayne Blvd.

C. 4th Annual NOLA East Festival: Sat. Sep. 2-; 11a-7p; JWB Park, 5601 Read Blvd.

D. 7th Dist. PCAB mtg is on Thurs. Jun 12; 6-7:30p; Goodwill East. 5770 Read Blvd.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Hazard Mitigation Action Plan update is on Wed. Jun 25; 5-6:30p; Norman Mayer Library 3001 Gentilly Blvd.

B. Neighborhood Leaders' Roundtable: Quality of Life is on Sat. Jun 28; 9-11am (breakfast at 8:30); Café Du Monde (2nd flr), 56 Dreyfous Dr., 70119

C. YAM Audubon Mosaic Project: Artist Internship Program runs from June 23-Aug 1; approx. 110 hrs. and will get a stipend of \$500; apply here by June 16. If you know of any young person with this type of interest, please share this info with them.

~Aaron Jordan, Pres. GNOEBA, announced his Business Showcase/Expo on June 28. They also had a youth program where they made products & will sell them on July 5. Very good experience with business.

~Pres. Hebert mentioned the Krewe of Nefertiti & sponsoring a float. Ms. Villavaso said sponsoring a float costs \$6000. Otherwise it is \$450 to ride; 16 people per float.

~Comm. Celestand mentioned the cleaners next door to The Verdict restaurant needs support. It is called 'Pressed for Time'.

Adjournment: Comm. Weaver moved that the meeting be adjourned, a host of members seconded the motion. Motion passed without any objections.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Submitted by Claire White, Admin Secretary,