

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

****NEW ORLEANS EAST HOSPITAL****

Conference Room

5620 Read Blvd., 70127

Tuesday, March 12, 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 6:02p.m.

After roll call we did not have a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick, NOPD

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick introduced the leadership at NOPD who accompanied her; Capt. Wayne DeLarge, 7th District; Lt. Lawrence Jones, 7th District; and Chief Deputy Superintendent Hans Ganthier and their background with NOPD. Supt. Kirkpatrick says she has 3 goals: 1) to be able to reduce violent crime (gun violence) 2) police dept. is to make a case in front of Federal Judge that we have met the requirements of the Consent Decree, 3) to hire as many officers as they can to get us back to the pre-Covid numbers which is 1200. She gave stats on murder, rapes, armed robbery, people crimes, carjackings and non-fatal shootings for the 7th District compared to the City wide stats in the same area. Overall they are all down. The problem now locally and nationally is shoplifting. Supt. Kirkpatrick said that she would not want to divide the 7th District since all of the problems are in a certain area and would lower the number of officers. She said NOPD has met with the State Police at least 3 times. What are they expected to do? They will not answer 911 calls, NOPD is doing that area. Who does the State Police answer to? They are not under NOPD, they answer to their Colonel which is equivalent to the Chief of NOPD. She was asked about the problems along Chef Hwy and she said there is a detail out from Thursdays thru Sunday on Chef and Wilson and Wilson to Downman & Downman to Hayne on the sex problems. They are also meeting with the business owners. They are also working on the problems of people who run the red lights. Comm. Weaver asked, when the State Police are doing something that is not right, who do they answer to? She said that NOPD has been working along with the State Police for a while and have a good relationship with them. It was asked if the new guns law just passed by the State will change how police approaches individuals. She said that the police will be retrained on these new laws. Comm. Henry asked about the moving of NOPD headquarters; would you consider a more accessible area to put your headquarters. He also asked about the dumping and hunting taking place behind Eastover. She said the property owner does not want to stop the fishing, but NOPD is watching it. As for the moving of headquarters, the final approval is the City Council. Someone suggested using a closed shopping center, revitalizing it and there would be lots of parking. Someone asked is there anything being done about kids not going to school. She said they are working on the problems and want to work toward a solution. There is a center where these kids are not going to school and just hanging around. She said we will continue to work on this issue.

WE NOW HAVE A QUORUM

Review & approval of agenda: Comm. Jourdain made a motion to approve the agenda Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed without any objections

Review & approval of minutes of January 9: Comm. Weaver moved for approval of the minutes of January 9. Comm. Jourdain seconded. The motion passed without any objections

Review & approval of Treasurer's Report: Comm. Sanders read his report for the period of February 1-28. Comm. Jourdain moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Comm. Busby seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

B. John Jackson, President of Pelican Outdoor Advertising said that he's been in business for 25 years. He said he owns a piece of property near the Nissan dealership and Gannon Canal. He wants to put the property back in commerce. The size of the property is approximately 200 ft across and 300 ft deep. 75% of it is servitude for the canal and cannot build on it. His idea is beach volleyball and basketball court and have food trucks and have a restaurant and also a billboard. Someone asked if it would be outdoor or covered and will there be more than one. He said that it will be outdoors and one of each (volleyball & basketball courts). The billboard would be 2-sided. Is this a 24 hour access for kids or is it strictly for your business. He says it would be 24 hour access. There were questions about security. The concern about billboards in the East becoming too many on the interstate. He said right now he does not have any drawn up plans but it would need a zoning change to do the billboards. It is zoned C-3 now and will need a design overlay change. He will need State and City permits for the property and the State has approved his permit.

C. Palesa Development at Deer Park – Kim Burbank, Principal showed a PowerPoint presentation showing other developments similar to what she wants to do in NOE. Questions. What is your price point? She said \$100-110 per sq. ft. Minimum would be 600 or 700 sq. ft. per unit. Comments were made that NO is #1 with surplus apts that are empty. Every major corridor has an apt complex in the East. We do not need any more apts in this area. NOE is not looking for any more low income apts. Build homes in the East or maybe luxury apts and \$1000 a month is not luxury. Why Deer Park area? There is one way in and one way out. We worked hard in the East to keep our home value and quality of life. Ms. Burbank was asked if she has any tax incentive help. She said she hopes to get incentives to develop. She will keep us updated on her progress.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Master Plan for Planning District 9: Commissioners are agreeing with CPC recommendations. Today, at the CPC meeting Pres. Hebert tried to get them to see our points but time ran out. She will continue to attend meetings and get our recommendations heard. The next CPC meeting is on March 25 at 1:30pm. They will discuss the last part of PD 9. NOE has no representation on the CPC committee.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. NONE

VI. COMMUNITY INFO

A. Love the Boot Cleanup Event: Sat. April 27; 9am; meet at 5519 Michoud Blvd. If you need clean-up in your neighborhood, please contact 'Love the Boot' and let them know. You need to register your neighborhood for your clean-up event.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Free Real Estate Recording Notification Services: allows you to monitor recording activity on your property. Sign up at <https://www.orleanscivilclerk.com/RecordingNotificationService/Subscribe>

B. Recovery Walk & Fishing Rodeo: Sat. Mar. 23; 10-12p; Joe Brown Park

C. Dillard Housing, Health & Community Resource Fair: Sat. Mar. 23; 10a-2p; DU Professional Schools Bldg., 2601 Gentilly Blvd.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Jourdain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary