

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

NEW ORLEANS EAST HOSPITAL**

Conference Room

5620 Read Blvd., 70127

Tuesday, May 14, 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	A	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 6:09p.m.

After roll call we did not have a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): Comm. Dr. Brenda Jackson received a ‘Living Legend’ award from SUO for service over 50 years.

III. Review & approval of agenda: No quorum, tabled.

IV. Review & approval of minutes of April 9: No quorum, tabled.

V. Review & approval of Treasurer’s Report: No quorum, tabled.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. VOTE: Voice of the Experienced – Mr. Charles Amos is an organizer of this group of the formerly incarcerated who educate and advocate for the formerly incarcerated. They also try to put in office those who will advocate for the formerly incarcerated thru the Democratic Executive Committee. They organize voter registration drives; candidate forums.

B. DEER PARK: proposed development update. Ms. Burbank did not show up. Pres. Hebert asked Darren Martin, CM Thomas’ office, for any updates. He asked us as a community with a vote of consensus of this project – all were against the request for zone change in Deer Park

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Council meeting on May 16 re: Deer Park – ZDs 19/24 & 20/24: request for zone change from C-1 (Gen. Commercial) to S-MU (Suburban Neighborhood Mixed-Use) at 5700 & 5775 Deer Park

The agenda for this meeting was sent out today, please send in your comments. Mr. Martin indicated that this request should be withdrawn after this. Deadline has past.

B. American Rescue Plan Act Info Session – feedback on May 6 meeting. Money is coming into the City from the Federal gov’t. Next meeting for NOE: June 3; 5-7pm; ENO Library, 5641 Read Blvd.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA): new pre-application requirement. Beginning on May 10, all prospective variance applicants must first file a building permit application prior to submitting a variance application.

Comm. Henry gave an update on Bayou Phoenix. Soil condition analysis being done now. 10 demolition companies have applied and are being interviewed. They are signing the first anchor tenant and should have all 3 anchor tenants, Youth Sports Complex, Movie Studio and Hotel, signed in the next couple of weeks. The lake is being reduced to 9 acres (from 18) to make a beach around it with the waterpark.

- B. Retail Goods Establishments Survey by CPC. The study will assess the impacts of tire shops, nail shops, beauty supply shops and convenience stores in NOE. Study should be completed by July.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. **Greater New Orleans Business Alliance (GNOEBA):** Youth Entrepreneurship Workshop. Ages 14-18; Saturdays June 1-29 from 9a-12p. You can register by contacting Aaron Jordan at 504-957-3568 or gnoealliance@gmail.com
- B. **St. Mary's Academy students proving theory.** The students appeared on 60 Minutes and they don't even like math.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Neighborhood Leaders Roundtable: Public Safety** is on Sat. June 8; 9-11a; Lakeview Christian Center, 5885 Fleur De Lis Dr. Register quickly at: form.jotform.com/cnoneo/NLR as the facility is very small.
- B. **NORD: NOLA Idol Competition:** For more information on NORD's NOLA Idol program, or to register, please click [here](#). Comm. Washington said they already have about 50 people registered. It will be similar to American Idol with singing only.
- C. **Code Enforcement Hearings** - a list was presented of those in NOE thru June 2024. There is a link to the zoom hearings. Comm. Henry says that one of those is his property on Chef and he has cleaned it up and gotten the building permit.
- D. **Climate Action Equity Project:** Pres. Hebert described this grant program.
- E. Pres. Hebert mentioned that 'The Hangout' will be feeding the youth this summer; about 200 kids.
- F. Comm. Blouin attended the NORDC meeting and presented the issue with the concession stand in the Village de l'Est park. He will try to attend NORDC meetings more regularly.
- G. Mr. Martin, CM Thomas' office, said they continue to receive complaints about Sewerage & Water Board about flooding, dumping in NOE and Lower 9, and response times of NOPD. Pres. Hebert mentioned 'The Willows' apartment complex. We know that there is an ordinance in place to remove the non-profit status on slum lords. However, Code Enforcement Director says he does not have enough infractions to address it. She sent one in.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Comm. Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Busby seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

Submitted by Claire White, Admin Secretary