

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

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GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 @ 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	P	Romona Baudy , 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	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call. Meeting was called to order by President, Scineaux-Richard @ 6:07 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Special Guests. There were none.

III. Approval of Agenda. Comm Daste made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Comm Bickham. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

IV. Approval of minutes of previous meeting. Comm Daste made a motion to accept the minutes for the General meeting of April 8, 2014 and was seconded by Comm Sanders. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

V. Treasurer’s Report. The Treasurer’s report was read and passed out to the Executive Board and CAB members.

Beginning balance-----\$15,906.22
Expenses-----1,596.48
Ending balance-----\$14,309.74 as of 5/13/14

Comm Busby made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and was seconded by Comm Penny. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

VI. New Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Comm Baudy, Hamilton and Carrere of the **Medical & Healthcare Committee** went to a meeting with NOE Hospital on April 15, 2014 with Mr. Mario Garner from the NO East Hospital. The meeting was very open, frank and he was generous with his time. Questions asked were: what is a full service hospital? They voiced our concern that the hospital would not receive community support if the hospital was not what they wanted it to be which a full service hospital is. They told him that we do not want problems like St. Bernard Hospital has when it comes to financial support from the community. Mr. Garner said that he did not feel that the NO East Hospital would have those problems because it will be managed by Touro Hospital and they are owned by Children’s Hospital who will financially support our hospital.

Mr. Garner said that a full service hospital in NO East will take about 2 years to get to that point. The hospital has to attract specialists and doctors and they take the position to wait and see how successful the hospital will be before they make a commitment. In order to deal with the shortage of surgeons, they have a multi-time share of specialists where they will be on call to the NO East Hospital for a period of 2 years. They will open Pediatrics, Cardiology, Orthopedics and Gynecology, but delivery will not be in the hospital at this time.

Our committee told Mr. Garner that not having delivery at the hospital would be a problem for our community.

The committee question: What diagnostic services will be at the hospital? Mr. Garner stated that a full complement of diagnostic equipment and services will be available. No trauma unit will be at the hospital. All basic emergency services will be available. They will have doctors to handle emergencies, trauma and delivery of babies. In 911 emergencies, the EMS will decide if the patient will go to out hospital or be sent to another hospital according to the need of the patient.

Committee question: What would be the motivation for Touro to grow and expand the hospital? Mr. Garner explained that Touro wants this hospital to grow because Children's needs to be financially stable.

The hospital will open in June with a soft opening because they will not have accreditation and cannot see Medicare and Medicaid patients until sometime in July when they are accredited. Pay attention to the new rules for Medicare and Medicaid patients.

Comm Perrault asked if the Emergency room could handle a snake bite since there will be no trauma unit because Eastover has a lot of snakes in their community and she is concerned about having everything that is needed to handle snake bites. Comm Baudy said that the hospital would be able to handle that type of care. She stated we will have a hospital similar to what we had before the storm but not exactly what we want. We need to watch them and make sure that we have a full service hospital. There will be physicians and ER doctors there 24hrs a day. Comm. Carrere said he felt very positive about the dialogue at the meeting and stated we need to be proactive and stay on board with that is going on at the hospital. He said Mr. Garner needs our support in order to help us to get what we need at the hospital.

Pres Scineaux-Richard thanked the committee for their time and service to get the hospital info to us.

2. Education Committee Report: Ms. Kim Hypolite reported that a meeting took place at the ENONAC office on April 10, 2014. There was no representative from the Recovery School District (RSD). Mr. Ira Thomas said that ACT 35 has been on the books for a long time. RSD controls and manages those schools in poor academic condition but Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) owns the land. OPSB works with RSD to make sure things are carried out according to those rules. He encouraged us to be informed as to when meetings are held and attend them to be on board with what RSD is are planning for these new schools in our community. Mr. Baird from District E office is keeping us on board with what RSD is planning in New Orleans East (NOE). Mr. Thomas has always been very helpful in responding when we ask a question.

Comm Denesse asked about the opening of the new school in her subdivision. Then Comm Heisser asked who owns the building, if OPSB owns the land. Ms. Hypolite is not sure and we need to ask that question and get an answer.

Comm Weaver commented on the school on Grant and Wilson in her area. She said they need more info because of businesses in that area. Someone from the audience stated that he feels that transportation is a problem with these schools. Most schools in NOE are charter schools and they handle their own transportation. He asked if there was a centralized person that handles transportation for RSD. The answer was that RSD handles their own transportation. When the School Board had schools in the past you could probably contact the bus company directly for transportation info.

B. Regional Planning Commission (RPC) meeting. Mr. Nik Richard, RPC Transportation Planner, spoke about the upcoming meeting for NOE residents on May 29, 2014 at 5:30pm at the Apostolic Outreach Church, 8358 Lake Forest Blvd. He said there will be 3 meetings about upcoming planning. They want residents to help them with planning in our area with their funding. These meeting will be for you to tell them what they need improvement on from

different areas. Mr. Richard stated that RPC takes care of paving of street, walls on interstate. Morrison is one street that needs paving. They have paved streets and there is a list of streets that need to be paved and repaired. Lighting on streets is in poor shape. Comm Bickham stated that his concern is the quality of work that is being done. Why can't the quality be better, then it will last longer. Make sure it is overseen and done properly. Mr. Richard was asked how they prioritize the needs when issuing funds. He explained that they have a bond on that part of the process. Comm Carrere is on this board and so we can go through him to let them know what the area needs and their importance. Mr. Richard explained that they are asking us to do a survey and there is a link to the survey and instructions to give to your residents. The intent is to make everyone aware of RPC and their projects.

VII. Old Business

- A. **Cn. Gray's District E Community Meeting.** Pres Scineaux-Richard asked which CAB members attended the Community meeting and how they felt about the items that were addressed. Someone stated that it seems there are always excuses about getting things done. She said that they said that there was no money but they are funding areas that already have lights and NO East and the 9th Ward are still in the dark. Comm Hamilton stated that our councilmen still do not talk about distribution of tax dollars. He said that we are 40% of the tax basis and we do not receive 40% of the taxes. He asked if there are any plans to incorporate NO East as a separate city. The answer is 'yes' but it takes a long time to do it. Another comment was about the on-ramp at Chef Hwy being closed for a long time. She asked when will it be corrected and when will we have access to use it? It is not known at this time how long it will take. Comm Bell stated that she has been gone a long time and she still feels that we are not more advanced than when she left. We need to demand that NO East is represented by City officials that listen to our message and get the work done. It was stated that the ramp at Chef should come under the RPC and Mr. Richard's department and be under funding through Title 6. It was asked if they could open Downman ramp at all times since Chef ramp is closed.

VIII. Community Information

- A. Comm Washington reported on the issue for **Warwick East** of the alcohol permit request for the gas station at Read and Morrison. She reported that her subdivision is right across the street from the gas station. She went to City Hall to plead denial of the request for the alcohol permit. She stated that there was only one person in favor and that was Alicia Plummer. When Comm Washington was called to speak, she only spoke on her area's beliefs about the gas station selling alcohol. She said that we ask everyone to be a good neighbor and their store is always dirty and trash is everywhere and the place attracts vagrants and derelicts. She stated that we should let each subdivision take a stand and then ENONAC will work with them. We need to let the City know that the community is upset with being bombarded with alcohol requests for gas stations.

- IX. Adjournment.** Comm Bickham moved and Comm Busby seconded that meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Submitted by
Lydia Leon, Secretary