

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

**St. Maria Goretti Community Center
7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 6:00pm**

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	Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President
P	Romona Baudy, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
A	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, Scineaux-Richard 6:13 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum. The meeting will be informational until a quorum is met.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): City Councilwoman-elect Cyndi Nguyen, NORA Representatives, Seth Knudsen, Kyle Gilmore and Brenda Breaux

III. Review and Approval of Agenda: The approval of the agenda was tabled until quorum is met.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2018: The approval of the minutes was tabled until next meeting as not available.

V. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report: The approval of the minutes was tabled until next meeting.

VI. New Business:

A. Congratulations ENONAC awarded Tricentennial Grant: This grant will be used to start with Elementary school kids to teach them not to litter. Commissioners Legaux, DeGrasse, and Comeaux also received grants. Comm. Legaux said that her grant will be used to making the area litter free; placing garbage cans at bus stops and on corners. They will also clean up subdivision weekly. Comm. Comeaux said that her grant will be used for beautification. Comm. DeGrasse said her grant will be used for ‘Please Don’t Litter’.

VII. Old Business

A. ZD 002/18 City Council Motion M-17-55 request for a CZO text amendment to add uses not currently allowed in the BIP Business Industrial Park: Editha Amacker, Urban Planner spoke about this. The hearing was at City Council on March 22, 2018. There were several petitions of opposition sent in from individual subdivisions. She said that the decision on Entergy Plant was not what we hoped for our area. Pres. Scineaux-Richard sent a letter to the City Council about our fears and objections to the Entergy Plant. She also spoke to City Council on the Entergy Plant on behalf of ENONAC. Dawn Hebert said that there were over 200 people from the East (150 of which were Vietnamese) in City Council to oppose this zoning change request. the Chambers. The people who were for the Plant were given funding and those opposed were those not getting funding from Entergy. Councilwoman-elect Cyndi Nguyen was asked what her stand was on the Entergy Plant. She said that she was meeting with people from both sides and trying to determine what the pros and cons are and working with new City Council members. She has some concerns and will work on them.

Councilman Gray introduced the Motion to request the CZO text amendment to add light industrial (LI) uses to the Business Industrial Park (BIP). This would change our wetlands to Industrial which is against FEMA regulations for those wetlands which help protect us from flooding and storm surges. There will be a total of 57 uses added if LI amendment passes causing all kinds of industrial businesses to be able to build in that area near schools, churches and homes. They would not have to meet with the community to get resident input because it would be already a permitted use and there is nothing we would be able to do to change it. It directly affects Lake Bullard, Sherwood Forest, Village de l'Est and Fairway Estates. The City Council hearing is on March 22, 2018.

B. CPC Hearing on ZD 040/18 request by Ray Ave. Baptist Church for zone change from residential to commercial at 4712 Ray Ave.: It is on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 1:30pm at City Hall's Homeland Security Room. The community is not sure what is being done there and the meeting is to find out from the pastor of the church what are his plans if granted his request.

VIII. Community Info

A. NORA Single Family Home Designs: Seth Knudsen said that there were 2 more houses on Sandalwood Street to be built. The design is by Iris Development who works in NOE on the lots on Sandalwood that they received from NORA. Construction has not started yet. Curtis Doucette and Carl Western are the contractors. Between 2013 and 2015, 4 lots were awarded to them by NORA that had been damaged by Katrina. They were remodeled and put back into real estate market. They said that they take energy efficiency very seriously; houses are well insulated, etc. They went around the neighborhood to see homes and tried to follow the styles already in the area. Pres. Scineaux-Richard asked that they consider building homes that are at least 1400 square feet instead of 1100 square feet to make it more spatially functional and attractive for a basic family size. They also said they will consider putting more windows on the houses because some residents stated they look like garages due to so few windows they have now.

We now have a quorum.

Approval of agenda: Comm. Jackson moved to approve the agenda and Comm. Denesse seconded the motion. Motion passed without any objections.

Pres. Scineaux-Richard asked for a **motion on ZD 002/18**. Comm. Penny moved that a letter be sent in opposition to the request for text amendment to add uses to the BIP. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. The motion passed without any objections.

Comm. Ed Blouin stated that his mother passed recently. He thanked ENONAC for the sympathies that were extended to him and his family.

B. Daughters of Charity will have a 'Keeping Our Promises' Gala on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 8pm at Messina's at the Terminal. Tickets are \$100.

IX. Announcements

A. Coffee and Conversation with Councilwoman-elect Cyndi Nguyen: There are two scheduled. One on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10am at the NOE Library. The second is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at 6pm at St. Maria Goretti Community Center.

B. The Neighborhood Leaders Roundtable: The Opioid Crisis is on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 9-11am at Filmore in the Oaks, 1040 Filmore Ave. You must be registered to attend.

C. Crescent City Farmer's Market Match with Food Stamps: Ms. Temi Akintimehin, project assistant for Crescent City Farmer's Market, spoke. She said it is a non-profit organization located near Bayou St. John and the American Can Co. She said that if you spend \$20 in Food Stamps, they will match it. It happens every Thursday from 3-7pm.

Dawn Hebert spoke about the old Walgreen's on Crowder and Lake Forest Blvd. is going to become another Family Dollar store.

X. Adjournment: Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Comm. McWilliams seconded the motion. Motion passed without any objections. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Submitted by
Lydia Leon, Secretary