

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC) www.enonac.org

General Meeting Minutes

St. Maria Goretti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 @ 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
E	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, 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 Scineaux Richard at 6:07pm. We have a quorum after roll call.
- II. **Special Guest(s):** Lydia Monet, from Rep. John Bagneris’ office; Corinne Villavaso, from State Rep. Jimmy Harris’ office.
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** There was a motion to do Old Business first on agenda by Comm. Daste and 2nd by Comm. Denesse. Motion passed.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Letter of Outreach to Political Representatives:** Trying to confirm location before letter is sent out and still working on it for our June meeting.
- V. **Community Info:**
 - A. **South Shore Harbor project** is supported by ENONAC on Tuesday the 24th CPC hearing, 130pm City council Chambers – facility welcomed in our area
 - B. **Update of Versailles Apt Complex Issue:** President of Fairway Estates, Kevin Nguyen on Versailles Apt Complex issues – Quality of Life is not good for this type of project. These are out of town investors with no regard for their community. This project was done without community input. ENONAC informed community when they were in Baton Rouge on another issue and the Versaille project was on the agenda and notified their community. Opposed by community because of the type of project and asked owner if he would move into community and he said no. Of the 9 tracts of NO area the East has 7 tracts. This was his first time at ENONAC and found out about us on the internet. After speaking with Joan Heisser at their neighborhood meeting, he was impressed with her and the work that ENONAC does. Not enough jobs and too many multi-family complexes in our area already. It is too crowded with all those units and no space for kids to play. There is dumping of trash also on service road around area. Comm. Hebert was notified around 4pm that Versaille project was being cancelled from the agenda due to environmental issue. There are two buses of Vietnamese residents planning on going to Baton Rouge, leaving at 930am, to voice their opposition. ENONAC started this rolling because we had just gone through this with another owner who was a deplorable investor. He was not taking of care of the multi family complex property he already owned. He wanted tax subsidies to buy more properties in the East but was investing minimum on supporting the tenants and maintenance of property he already owned.

There was a small meeting with Councilman James Gray, Vietnamese stakeholders, Comm. Hebert and a few other people and he supported these developers and told them this project in Village de L'Est was going to move forward and there was nothing they could do to make a difference.

- C. **Michoud Power Plant:** Heather Farb and Logan Atkinson-Burke spoke about Health impact assessment – Entergy has 2 plants and is proposing a new power plant. We are looking at how this plant would affect health in the area. There is major impact on energy air quality, traffic, health etc. We need help and if anyone wants to stay involved, they passed out sheets to fill out for her to contact you. The next meeting is 6/15/16. There were 15 people, including Scineaux Richard, Dawn Hebert, Marcia McWilliams and Dr. Wright who were involved at this meeting and brought up health issues. Clean power plant that Obama has tried to put up everywhere and looked at map to discover one in our area is planned. All plants are in minority neighborhoods. It is causing cardiovascular problems and respiratory problems. It is very dangerous to be around these plants. EPA cannot enforce the Clean Power Plan but if state has agreed to implement the Clean Power Plan, the large amount of water would damage our ground. Entergy does underground while others use water from waterways and pay for it while Entergy is doing it for free and damaging our ground surface. ENONAC tries to resolve and protect our communities from all areas.
 - D. **Cindy Place & Tara Lane:** There was a meeting due to the condition of blight and burned building and trash around this area. CAB wants the area to be secure and area to have playgrounds for the kids. We need to get involved to insure we eradicate the multi housing blight, abandoned junk cars, burned out buildings, overflowing dumpsters etc. and clean up around this new project. There are non-compliant owners who do not live here and do not care about our community.
- VI. **Approval of minutes** moved by Comm. Daste and seconded by Comm. Weaver. No questions; motion passed
- VII. **Approval of agenda** moved by Comm. Daste and seconded by Comm. Weaver. No questions; motion passed.
- VIII. **Treasurer's report** is from 3/1/2016 to 3/31/2016. Comm. Sanders reported a beginning balance of \$34,874.39. No deposits were made. Expenses were \$690.11. Ending balance was \$34,184.28. Comm. McWilliams moved and Comm. Baudy seconded to accept the report. No questions; motion passed.
- IX. **Resolution:** Deny zoning change on Haynes Blvd property for chicken coop prepared and read. Comm. Busby moved and Comm. Kingvalsky seconded to accept the resolution. Motion passed.
- X. **Announcements:**
- A. Meeting in Baton Rouge is on again.
 - B. Corinne Villavaso is working with Jimmy Harris 9-1pm at 7240 Crowder Blvd., Suite 406, phone 243-1960, fax 243-1961.
 - C. John Bagneris Office is located at 5555 Bullard Ave. Phone number is still the same.
- XI. **Adjournment:** Comm. Busby moved and Comm. Daste seconded to adjourn this meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm

After meeting was adjourned we had the presentation of New FEMA Flood Maps

1. Jerri Daniels – CFM Associate, Dewberry Engineering
2. Greg Swanson – Product Manager, Swanson & Associates
3. Carol Johnson – Branch Mgr., Acceptance Corp. (aka Johnson Mortgage)

Ms. Jerri Daniels – Her company, Dewberry Engineering, oversees the flood rate map process. Orleans Parish has reached a milestone. The Letter of Final Determination was completed after 6 months and resulted in new flood zone maps. They will be published by September 2016. Results are that the majority of New Orleans East will be classified as Zone X and should result in lower insurance rates. FEMA is not mapping rain events or Katrina but they looked at 30 years of data. All drains were cleaned and need to be kept that way. Hand-outs have the website to look at the maps. LSU maps at www.LSUAgCenter.com/floodmaps are online forever and are being removed. Her site only stays online for 90 days.

Questions. Logan Atkinson-Burke said that maps are mostly for rates. Comm. Kingvalsky asked does insurance industry use this info for rates. She is not clear on how insurance uses this information. She explained elevation levels for New Orleans East – Flood zone X is protected by levee. Beyond levee is B flood zone. Comm. Weaver stated that ground elevation is 0 and in A-1 zone you need to be 1 foot off the ground. Comm. Hamilton talked about rainfall – improved in gates, canals and pumping systems. Ms. Daniels gave her phone number 504-872-3766 and her email jdaniels@dewberry.com.

Ms. Carol Johnson of Johnson Mortgage spoke next. She said NO East did not flood before Katrina so why was our insurance affected. It is good news for the East with new flood maps. She talked about a Life of Loan Flood form. Call your mortgage company for a copy. You should not be charged because you already pay for this. A is a flood zone. You can request an escrow waiver so check comes to you if anything happens. You will probably have to contact the mortgage company once your flood zone and/or elevation changes to ensure you are being charged the proper costs.

Greg Swanson, Swanson Insurance stated you can go to <http://maps.RiskMAP6.com> and put in your address and it tells you what your flood zone is going to be. No longer B or C zones, now only X zones. For the East average flood insurance costs will go down around \$700.

Submitted by
Lydia Leon
ENONAC Secretary