

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

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GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd

Tuesday, April 8, 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	A	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 @ 6:10 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. **Education Committee Report:** Mrs. Kim Hypolite, Chair of Education Committee gave a review of the events that the Education Committee has been working on. She stated there were three groups that came before the committee:

1. Foundation Prep Charter: they were granted Charter K - 5; NOE Stand Alone Charter/slow growth with a maximum of 180 students. Priority is to be given to residents in zip code of 70127 from Haynes to I-10, Read to Crowder and 70129 at Michoud Blvd.

2. Einstein Charter: K- 8th with 800 students to be placed in Sherwood Forest Elementary in Comm. Penny's subdivision area. Comm. Penny's area has concerns that the building is too large. Residents were left out of the discussion and are very concerned about the size of the building. It appears decisions have been made about location, need and size/scope without any community or neighborhood input.

3. Sara T. Reed High School: closing due to low performance is also a concern to N O East residents. Reed will become a Swing School which means that anyone needing a building can use that facility. Where will the students who have been displaced go?

There is a meeting to discuss the schools at the ENONAC office on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 5:00p.m. Ms. Hypolite says that some understanding from Recovery School District (RSD) should be found after this week. We need clarity from RSD and the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) about how properties are identified to be used as schools and how their locations are determined.

Comm. Ann Legaux said two years ago Sara T. Reed tried to get Sherwood Forest to open their school. After a meeting with Superintendent Valas and others they were told that even if they would raise the funds that they would not get it open. She stated that regular schools that come under someone have 300 students and others only have 200 students. They are getting

only the students that they want and they want all of our school buildings. If this happens then we will not have any control over them. The community needs to understand how we get facilities and who handles it and how chartered schools are handled and approved. Once a charter school is granted and approved then they look for a location. As long as these rules are followed, they continue to operate. We only see the ones that cause a problem and others go thru without our knowledge. If any other questions, please send to ENONAC office and Ms. Hypolite will present at the meeting to be held with RSD and OPSB.

2. **HLUZ Committee Report:** Housing Land Use and Zoning (HLUZ) Committee met with Mr. Rivers, Director of City Planning Commission (CPC). Scineaux-Richard stated we need to be ready for the City's Tri- Centennial Plan starting in this year because over 33,000 jobs, \$700 million in tax revenue and 13.7 million visitors are expected by 2018. It is imperative we plan our area so we can benefit and attract the economic development that will help to promote the East New Orleans community. HLUZ is working on that at this time.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. **CAB Retreat** is on April 29, 2014. Location is to be announced. The Executive Board is meeting to set up the agenda for the orientation for the CAB.

B. **Affordable Healthcare**—Comm. Simien-Hill and Comm. Weaver have worked hard to put this together. There are 6-7 providers to do health screening. Comm. Simien-Hill has all the numbers but was not able to attend the meeting tonight. Comm. Weaver thanked everyone from ENONAC and providers for their help.

We now have a quorum and can handle business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

1. Reopening of Lakeshore Drive from Ted Hickey Bridge to West End—Discussion after Dawn Hebert explained the process. Dawn said that they agreed to open only one section of Lakeshore Drive by only 2 votes. This section has been closed for 30 years. Why not open all of Lakeshore Drive? At the meeting only 20 of our residents were present and the opposition had over 70 present and they had very negative comments at the meeting. House Bill #1173 stipulates Lakeshore Drive should be opened for public access. They have no legitimate reason for the street to be closed. Scineaux-Richard thanked Dawn Hebert for all her hard work in fighting for our residents. Pearl Cantrell and Ramona Baudy are Levy Board Members appointed by State Rep Wesley Bishop and Councilwoman Cynthia Hedge-Morrell, respectively. Cantrell stated if you cannot make the meeting, call your neighbors and contact their representatives to let them know that the streets should be opened to all citizens. A member of the Levee Board wanted to defer the decision 60-90 days. Cantrelle believed this was a stall tactic to allow her and Ramona to possibly be termed out and not be on the board by that time.

2. An Einstein member asked that ENONAC wait until after the meeting Thursday to do the resolution on the schools. It was decided that the resolution should move forward. Comm.

Penny wants all CAB members, the audience and everyone to continue the discussion about the impact that the school will have on their community. Their issues about the size of the building and the number of students they want in the school are very important to all neighborhoods of the East.

Resolution R-14-5: Comm. Penny made a motion to adopt the resolution to support the Sherwood Forest residents in opposition to building of the school in size and number of students, as well as, decisions being made at the exclusion of the community. Comm. Busby seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no opposition. Also, Comm. Hamilton said that we should add Orleans Parish School Board to the resolution. Comm. Penny made a motion to amend her resolution and add Orleans Parish School Board and Comm. Busby seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without opposition.

3. Resolution R -14 -6, for opening of Lakeshore Drive area from Ted Hickey Bridge to Franklin Ave. Dawn asked that it be amended to add Lake Terrace Pkwy and West End on both sides. Pearl said that Lake Terrace is in deplorable condition since the storm and would be harder to do. Comm. Baudy said that she understands the condition of Lake Terrace but once it is fixed it would be opened. Cantrelle stated the Levee Board is voting separately on these issues and so the Resolutions should be separate. We need to make two separate motions for each issue. Resolution R-14-7 would be to request the complete opening of Lake Terrace Parkway. Comm. Penny made the motion and Comm. Busby seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Comm. Busby said to add amendment of opening Lakeshore Drive in its entirety both East and West on West End Blvd. Comm. Denesse made motion to accept the motion with the amendment and Comm. Weaver seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no opposition.

The second resolution (Resolution R-14-7) is to open all of Lake Terrace Pkwy. to traffic. Comm. Denesse made the motion to open Lake Terrace Pkwy in all directions and Comm. Daste seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no opposition.

V. Review and Approval of Agenda. Comm. Daste made a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting and Comm. Bauman seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no opposition.

VI. Review and approval of minutes of previous meeting. Comm. Daste made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous General Meeting March 11, 2014 and Comm. Bickham seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no opposition.

VII. Review and Approval of the Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was read for 3/12/14-4/8/14 and it was passed out to the board and CAB Members. A copy of the budget as of today was also included in the information given out to Board and CAB Members. Comm. Daste made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Comm. Weaver seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no opposition.

Comm. Legaux submitted refreshment report from the Affordable Healthcare Insurance Symposium and thanked everyone for their donations and help.

Neighborhood blight will be in the newsletter to help handle the problem. We need an East New Orleans representative for the Neighborhood Leadership Roundtable on Blight and NOLA for Life.

VIII. **Community Information**

A. The Willow Apartments on Crowder and Service Rd. has been sold. The new owner (Global Fellowship Ministry) is proposing to change the apartments to 100% low income. Dawn Hebert is trying to meet with them on this issue. Find out what % of NOE is low income at this time. Pearl suggested we do a resolution on the apartments and specify mixed-use and not be totally against low income.

B. NORDC Community Advisory Team (CAT) is requesting a representative from the East New Orleans to participate on the team. If you are interested in applying go to neighborhoods@nola.gov.

Comm. Bauman wants to know when the Chef up ramp to the I-10 is going to be opened and how long it will take to repair and reopen it. Comm. Bickham said that the beam was hit and is badly damaged.

Derrick Francis -- Researcher with the Mayor's Office -- N O East is the only area that is not represented in NORDC Community Advisory Team (CAT) and NO East residents need to join and get involved.

IX. **Adjournment.** Having no more business, Comm. Carrere made a motion to adjourn meeting and Comm. Daste seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary