

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

GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 @ 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	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 the President, Scineaux Richard at 6:13 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda --- Comm. McClendon made a motion to approve the agenda and Comm. LaCour-Duckworth seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes --- The minutes from the previous meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

IV. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report --- The Treasurer’s report was tabled until Karol Sanders gets to meeting.

V. New Business

A. Mr. Paul Cramer/Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) Adoption

After conversation with Mr. Robert Rivers, Director of City Planning Commission regarding the implementation of the CZO he agreed to have Mr. Paul Cramer to come to the East New Orleans community to speak with us. Mr. Cramer has been a city planner for the last 17 years. ENO cannot support nor is it economically feasible to flood 100% low income or subsidized housing without the proper resources or plans to accommodate. We would prefer mixed income housing as it is being promoted in the inner city areas. Mr. Cramer stated that the CZO has been in effect for the past four years and the 90 day time line is in effect now. Tomorrow the CZO will be on the website for everyone to see. It has the force of law in the Master Plan and all zoning districts must follow the Master Plan. If a business needs to change the zoning and they go against the Master Plan then the City Planning Commission (CPC) has a hearing and can agree or disagree with the requested changes. The Off- Track Betting on Lake Forest Blvd. goes against the Master Plan and will not be allowed as of tomorrow because it goes against the CZO. They must go to the community first before paying expenses for permits etc. to see if the neighborhoods are in agreement with their proposal. Boundaries are listed for each subdivision at City Planning Office and each subdivision needs to make sure that their boundaries are listed correctly. Affordable housing issues are offered a bonus for Multi-Family Units at certain levels. There are no restrictions on the percentage of affordable housing like 100% low income. Ed Blouin said that you cannot deny a permit for low income but that City Planning does not look at 100% of affordability. The Development bonus is offered by the city. Developers would have to meet Federal and City rules to get financing.

QUESTIONS:

Comm. Hamilton--- Why doesn't City Planning have more involvement in 100% low income development? Now because of the Master Plan the City Planning will probably look deeper into this issue. Comm. DeGrasse--- Some attorneys are challenging some of the Comprehensive zoning issues. He said that he was aware of one that is but because the application was done before the date of the CZO it will probably not pass due to the rule change going into effect tomorrow. Are there not laws on the books for the state which says that 100% low income is not allowed? Maybe it is because they want to use State or Federal funds to pay for it.

VI. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was passed out to the CAB/Executive Board s and read by Comm. Sanders.

Treasury report for 7/1/15 - 7/31/15

Beginning Balance-----	\$ 22,091.66
Deposits -----	\$750.00
Expenses -----	\$1265.99
Ending Balance -----	\$21,575.67

Treasurer's Report for 8/1/15 - 8/11/15

Beginning balance -----	\$21,575.67
Deposits -----	\$3690.00
Expenses -----	\$1885.00
Ending Balance -----	\$23,380.67

Comm. Jackson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for 7/1/15 - 7/31/15 and Comm. Busby seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections. Comm. Baudy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report from 8/1/15 - 8/11/15 and Comm. McWilliams seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

VII. Old Business

A. A letter and petition was submitted to City Planning Commission on August 11, 2015 on the **zoning change request** from low density residential (RM2E) to General Commercial(C-2) at 10112 Plainfield Drive. The meeting is on 8/11/15 at 1:30 p.m. at City Planning Commission City Hall Council Chambers. Please try to come out and support your neighbors.

B. President Scineaux-Richard, Comm. Heisser, and ENO residents Pearl Cantrelle and Dr. Beverly Wright testified at the **State Senate Bond hearing** in opposition to Rev Hamlet's request for tax credit financing to purchase the Kenilworth Apt. Complex. In testimony before the body, Rev Hamlet's manager referred to the tenants as inmates. How insulting! All community input should occur before they go for bond money and the community is not being notified in a timely manner. We need to find out why we are being notified so late and sometimes not at all until the end near approval. We need to be notified early on in the process. It was stated that we need to investigate to see what can be done to make that happen. We need a permanent staff to handle this process and this is why residents need to understand the importance of the \$5.00 parcel fee. We need money to pay for full time staff so we can handle proposals of this nature. Comm. Hebert, Daste and Baudy live in the area of this proposed complex. Rep. Westley Bishop told Rev. Hamlet that he did not have a problem taking money from those inmates. The statement about inmates which showed the disrespect he felt toward his tenants facilitated the Senate Commissioners denying his request for the bond money. About 10 people from ENONAC took the trip to Baton Rouge on this issue. Walt Leger offered to help us with these types of issues. The group working on this issue plans to meet with him.

C. The Off Track betting issue meeting was held at the library last week. They want to legally challenge their right to have their facility in the N O East area. The community turned out to oppose the Lake Forest Blvd site across from URB church and near resident subdivisions and schools. We won and the CPC denied their proposal.

Today at the proposal at 10112 Plainfield Drive issue we had 25 people there at City Hall. Everyone signed up and they need all of us to come to the next meeting. We won and they denied his proposal for that site and the change of the Master Plan and zoning from residential to Commercial. Email City Council about how important this type of change is to our community. Why are not signs put up when things like this are being built in the East?

After over a year of petitions, Rep. Wesley Bishop said that he has put funds in his budget to dredge our canals. Please continue to pray that we do not have a storm this season to prevent flooding of our homes. We all thanked Comm. Hamilton for all his hard work to get this done. Morrison Road is under the State purview.

D. The Katrina 10th Anniversary Remembrance and Celebration of Families & Neighborhoods was done because ENONAC felt that maybe people in the East do not know enough about us. Kyle Shelly suggested that we piggy back on the city celebration and do one in our area. We want to show our commitment and dedication to come back after the storm. CAB presidents are putting on this celebration. ENONAC is doing free food, drinks and desserts for the kids and also arts, crafts and activities. All children must be accompanied by parents. There will be music and fun for everyone. Each subdivision will have their own tent with food and activities for the children.

We will have vendors who will sell food to the adults at the function. A suggested fee for vendors is \$250.00 and maybe reduced if they give free food to the kids. The age limit on kids for the free food is 13 years old. Some suggestions for guests are General Russel Honoré, US Attorney Kenneth Polite, Police Chief Michael Harrison and possibly Mayor Landrieu. These are not confirmed at this time. Sylvia is working on it. There will be 4 deputies from the Sheriff's office and NOPD police on the premises. US Attorney Kenneth Polite will be accompanied by the deputies and NOPD police. We will have tee shirts for sale and if we run out, we can take orders. The businesses and political representatives that sponsor us will be on the back of the shirts. All Cab members will wear the tee shirts. The prices will be Medium and Large -\$12.00 and XL and 2X --\$15.00.

VIII. Community Info

A. Little Woods and East Shore are asking for volunteers on August 27, 2015 for help with KABOOM on their park and on August 29, 2015 for their area clean up. Come to 1400 Curran at 8.00 am.

IX. Adjournment --- Having no more business, Comm. Weaver made a motion to adjourn meeting and Comm. Busby seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by
Lydia Leon
Secretary