

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 @ 6:00pm

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

P – Denotes member present, E – Denotes member excused, A – Denotes member absent, V – vacant position

P	Dawn Hebert, President	P	Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President
P	Marcia McWilliams, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
P	Arthur Busby, Parliamentarian	A	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

- I. **Call to order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by President Dawn Hebert at 6:05 p.m. After roll call by Admin. Secretary Claire White, we did not have a quorum at this time.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** Marie Kerrin, LEAD Project Mgr., at NAMI New Orleans
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** This was tabled until a quorum is reached.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of October:** This was tabled until a quorum is reached.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for both ENONAC and Foundation accounts for the period of November 1-30, 2022. The motion to approve was tabled until a quorum is reached.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. **LEAD – Ms. Marie Kerrin** spoke about LEAD – Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion. Ms. Gladys Campbell was introduced as the Education Director at NAMI where LEAD is housed. LEAD happens when a low level offense is related to unmet behavioral health needs. That means we offer police officer another option rather than arrest when maybe they need to see a psychiatrist, need some housing services or other case management. They make it easy as possible; they will come to you rather than you coming into an office. They must work collaboratively with police, jailer, the DA, etc. or it will not work; all must agree. LOST CONNECTION WITH MS. KERRIN

Quorum was established.

Review & approval of agenda: Comm. Weaver moved for approval of the agenda. Comm. Sanders seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

Review & approval of minutes: Comm. Busby moved for approval of the minutes from November. Comm. McWilliams seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

Review & approval of Treasurer’s Report: Comm. Landrum moved for approval of the Treasurer’s Report. Comm. Busby seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

While waiting for Ms. Kerrin, Ms. Campbell explained NAMI, National Alliance of Mental Illness. They have 2 locations; one on the Westbank and the one uptown is moving to the Ronald McDonald House on Canal St. in January. The services they provide are peer, family support groups, family classes, mental health case management, counseling & psychiatry. They also work with referrals from community groups. Ms. Kerrin continued her presentation. She said that their funding was thru the City Health Dept. but when the pandemic hit, they lost their funding. They opened again in August 2021 at NAMI. Their process can be that they arrive to scene when officers call for arrest diversion; they can call for diversion while waiting for charges for arrest and also for community to call for referral, which hasn’t happened yet in New Orleans. They have received funding to expand in 2 areas; one being in New Orleans East. They want feedback for what LEAD would be for NOE. Pres. Hebert asked where you would be located. Ms. Kerrin said she is open to suggestions, maybe the NOE Hospital? What age do you service? Ages 18 and up; adults. Mr.

Abraham McNeil asked how much funding do they get. Ms. Kerrin lost connection again. Ms. Campbell (NAMI) said they get funding from the City, State and National level since they are a National program.

- B. **JenCare Senior Medical Facility** speaker did not show, however, Comm. Legaux spoke and said it is a Part C of Medicare. They do a lot of their own testing, they have transportation services. There's no long waiting. The facility is now open with a location where the Winn Dixie is.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Holiday in the Park lightshow by NORDC:** Pres. Hebert said that if you haven't visited Joe Brown Park to see the lightshow, please do go, it is extremely beautiful. It runs from 5-9pm until January 2.
- B. **Regional Business Park board nominations for ENONAC:** The names of Comms. Greg Jefferson and Dr. Brenda Jackson have been submitted. We haven't heard back yet. Pres. Hebert asks that whomever is appointed that they make regular reports back to ENONAC.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Taxation & Beautification Districts-Statement:** Barbara Hornsby, Pres. of Tamaron Estates, spoke about a statement he composed to be submitted to the City regarding getting info from the City Finance Dept. needed for the audit done to the Taxing Districts. City CM Harris had presented an ordinance that every District would receive a written document of how much was billed and how much was collected. The ordinance was deferred and they said no one called in or sent in any comments, which was not true. So, there's a meeting on this Thursday and everyone should send in comment and call in to have CM Harris' ordinance agreed upon by all City Councilmembers so that there is transparency on what is billed and collected, not just a check stub. Pres. Hebert also suggested that when City Council meeting agenda comes out, use the link to send in comments.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. **Krewe of Nefertiti Parade:** Pres. Hebert asked if anyone is interested in riding in the parade, let her know. So far, there are 4 interested; need 14 to have an ENONAC float. Ages 15 and up can ride.
- B. **Brees Center Donuts with Dads** is happening on Thursday, December 15 from 9-11:30am at Renew Delores Aaron School on Curran Blvd.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ)** is having **FREE Environmental Worker Training**. If interested you must apply by January 4. It is 12 weeks of training and there is a stipend given.
- B. Comm. Jackson asked the deadline to commit to the parade. Pres. Hebert said she'd like to know by Friday. 14 riders are needed for an ENONAC float.
- C. Mr. Abraham McNeil said that Big Lots is closing and he is trying to contact them to see if they would extend their stay. He also talked about an Employee Tax Retention Credit Grant for businesses that have existed for at least 2 years. You can get as much as \$26,000 per employee. The deadline is December 31.
- D. Comm. Jackson asked the status of the \$50,000 grant from the State. Pres. Hebert said that the application is being worked on as we speak. Admin Secretary Claire White said that the grant has been awarded; there is a CEA that must be completed and submitted before they actually send the money.
- E. Pres. Hebert cautioned that it appears that Covid is ramping up again. Also, RSV is going around now. You may consider wearing masks again.

F. Comm. Denesse asked the status of Bayou Phoenix. Comm. Henry was not online.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Busby seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Submitted by Claire White, Administrative Secretary