

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

NOPD 7TH DISTRICT ROLL CALL ROOM, 10101 Dwyer Rd., 70127

Tuesday, December 13, 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
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, 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 at 6:10 p.m. After the roll call, we did not have a quorum but later in the meeting we did qualify as a quorum.

II. Introduction of Guests

Sherae' Hunter, Office of Neighborhood Engagement

III. Review & Approval of Agenda: The vote was tabled until quorum was met.

IV. Review & Approval of Minutes of the October minutes: The vote was also tabled until a quorum was met.

V. Review & Approval of Treasurer's Report: The vote was also tabled until a quorum was met.

VI. New Business

A. Executive Board and CAB recertification: This is slated to take place in January 2017.

B. Liquor Sales at Discount Stores: ENO has the largest amount of Dollar and Discount Stores in the city. We understand there is a movement to ask the City of New Orleans to grant these Dollar Stores the right to sell alcohol. Once our area is branded as a discount community, the major retail stores do not want to come to our area. The city of Kenner recently rejected the Dollar Store's request to sell liquor. They stated what a nightmare the stores are presently with loitering, trash etc. and believed that liquor sale would only add to the dysfunction. There are presently a lot of neighborhoods in ENO that have dollar stores near their subdivision that are experiencing the same problem. We do not need these discount stores to be granted the right to sell alcohol, especially since many of them are near school, churches, playground, etc. We need to join in to fight this. We have recently seen an increase in our property values. So we cannot let this issue of alcohol sales at dollar stores take us backward. We need to plan and organize this issue so we can win this battle. We are often thought of as a community of least resistant and developers believe they can take advantage of this perception. We ARE a community of neighborhoods that ban together. The Mayor's office has looked into this issue and they are asking us to coordinate with them. We need to communicate what the sentiment of the community is. This is on the radar of the city. Comm. Baudy said that we keep doing this over and over again with the gas stations, Walgreens, CVS. Where do we fight? The City Council should be the one to set these regulations. They need a moratorium on liquor sales at all stores. The City should have a plan for this matter for all. Pres Scineaux-Richard said that we cannot go back and retro-fit the stores already selling alcohol (primarily gasoline stations). Once one dollar store is allowed to liquor sales; we are opening up a new can or worms. Resident, Janie Blackmon said that we need to get with the City Council people. We need a campaign to visit the Council. We have enough trouble here. We need a city-wide opposition to these stores and the Council should work with us. Comm. Lydia Leon said that Mississippi has liquor sales in all their stores already. Comm. Baudy said that we should send a note to our residents to send emails to the City Council letting them know that we do not want this in our area. We would appreciate a vote in our favor.

VII. Old Business

A. 5 Things You Should Know about Entergy's Power Plant Plan: At ENONAC's meeting with Entergy last month of 40-50 people including interested ENO residents. There were only about 7 people in support of the new plant. Tomorrow at 9:30am the City's Utility Committee will discuss it. Someone asked why Councilman James Gray was not at last month's meeting since it is in his area. Pres Scineaux-Richard was contacted by some other groups but told them they needed to bring before the organization.

We now have a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: Comm. DeGrasse made a motion to approve the agenda, Comm. Baudy seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

Approval of October 11, 2016 minutes: Comm. Daste made a motion to approve the October minutes, Comm. Hebert seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

Treasurer's Report: Comm. Sanders read the report from November 1 thru November 30, 2016. Comm. Baudy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from November, Comm. McWilliams seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections. Comm. Sanders read the report from December 1 thru December 31, 2016. Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from December, Comm. DeGrasse seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections. Comm. Sanders stated that so far the profit from the 2016 Extravaganza is \$36,566.00.

B. ENONAC Holiday Extravaganza: Pres Scineaux-Richard reminded the CAB of their agreement to donate \$150 or buy 2 tickets to the Extravaganza and their subdivision and name will be placed in the souvenir booklet. She also said that floral arrangements will be placed on the food tables instead of ice carvings due to the illness of the ice carver. This year there will be a Silent Auction. Some of the items to be auctioned are: New Orleans Pelicans Anthony Davis autographed jersey, dinner for two at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, jewelry, 2 hand-painted stools from Lake Forest Charter School and a framed and signed poster of Treme Festival by Rob 'Nice' Bocage.

VIII. Adjournment: Comm. Heisser made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Comm. Penny seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Submitted by
Carroll Denesse/Lydia Leon
Secretary