

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 @ 6:00pm

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	Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President
P	Dawn Hebert, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, 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 Sylvia Scineaux-Richard at 6:04 p.m. After roll call, we have a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** No special guests.
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Tabled
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Tabled
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** The report covering thru January 31, 2021 was read by Comm. Karol Sanders.

VI. **New Business**

A. **Nominations/Election of Executive Board**

~Results will be announced at CAB meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021

The Admin Secretary, Claire White, conducted the nominations for ENONAC Executive Board again. She called for any more nominations from the floor for the following positions: President; Dawn Hebert was already nominated. Glenn Braud was nominated by Comm. Carroll Denesse. There were no other nominations after this.

First Vice President; Brenda Jackson was nominated by Comm. Ann Legaux. There were no other nominations.

Second Vice President; Marcia McWilliams was nominated by Comm. Lourdes Landrum. There were no other nominations.

Secretary: Lydia Leon was nominated by Maxine Weaver. There were no other nominations.

Treasurer: Karol Sanders was nominated by Brenda Jackson. There were no other nominations.

Members At Large: Maxine Weaver was nominated by Lourdes Landrum and Carroll Denesse was nominated by herself. Additionally, Glenn Braud was nominated by Dawn Hebert.

There was discussion as to whether the position of Parliamentarian was an elected or appointed position. Comm. Jackson moved to keep the position of Parliamentarian as an appointed position. The motion was seconded by Comm. Scineaux-Richard. The motion passed without any objections.

Claire reminded all of the CAB registration forms due; also the Tier 2.1 Financial Statement and the Ethics Training.

Comm. Hebert motioned that ballots not be a part of public record. Comm. Legaux seconded the motion. The motion passed without any objections.

- B. **Financing of ENONAC:** At the meeting held on Aug. 30, 2016, the Executive Board and the CAB membership approved the \$100 per CAB member to help with operating cost of ENONAC. At that meeting, Comm. Daste made the motion and Comm. Weaver seconded the motion and the motion was passed. It was not enforced because of the fact that these times are different. It has been re-approved at Executive Board meeting this month. There was discussion about this not being in the updated bylaws that are online. The revised bylaws need to be sent to the CAB members and put online.

Comm. Celestand requested that the Financial Reports be made available. Comm. Sanders (Treasurer) said that he will sent out the reports for 2020 and 2021.

VII. **Old Business**

- A. **Emeritus Status:** Comm. Brenda Jackson said that she will have this for the February 23 meeting.

- B. **Security District Workshop:** Comm. Dawn Hebert said that Corinne Villavaso and Comm. Blouin are working on this. It will help all subdivisions that are not security districts who want to become one. It must be done

by March 2021. Pres. Scineaux-Richard suggested that Comm. Blouin be a part of this committee. Admin Secretary Claire White said that someone from Pressburg East called about their neighborhood.

- C. **State of the East Forum (FEEDBACK)** – Comm. Hebert said to Tangee Wall that we are willing to work with them in the East. Tangee Wall, New Orleans East Matters, wanted to tell Scineaux-Richard that she has appreciated all the work that she has done as President of ENONAC. We need to stay on the same page when we are doing things in the East. We all want our quality of life to be good and we need to be able to show that we are together in the East. The Forum was well received and by others that are also interested in the East. The City, State and community need to be on the same page.
Comm. Legaux was in attendance and she noted several issues discussed: 1) Six Flags 2) Lake Forest Plaza site 3) Businesses by One Business: Tell our own story and give the positives 4) Loretta’s Praline is helping the East 5) NOLA Black Wallstreet 6) Health & Welfare 7) Crime Prevention – Safety & Quality of Life 8) Anthony Jackson – Community Advisory Board also spoke
Bradeisha Parker encouraged us to join the N.O. Youth Coalition. The event was viewed on Facebook online and was very well received; there were about 3000 views. There was also news coverage on TV channels 4, 6, and 8.
- D. **Paycheck Protection Program Application status:** Comm. Karol Sanders applied for this for ENONAC. The offer is \$17,000 and 20% is offered and if approved, we would get the 20%.

VIII. Community Info

- A. **Frenchman’s Wharf Visioning Session** Zoom meeting by Cm Nguyen is on Wednesday, Feb. 10 beginning at 5:30. There will be residential houses for sale. The developer is Gerald Batiste of Eagle Eye Resources. Someone asked what the Rite Aid bldg. on Lake Forest at Bullard is going to be. The answer was a Blood Bank. Someone else commented on the houses being built at Curran & Crowder are shotgun homes and do not fit in the neighborhood. There will be 18 homes there but they only have a permit to build 4 right now. Terrie Guerin, CM Nguyen’s office, said they did not know about these houses until it was too late. The zoning there is 2 family residential and should be allowed to build there because of the zoning. Corinne Villavaso said, if their plans went to Safety & Permits and the City tries to stop it, they can sue the City. Somebody could erect a trailer and live in it. Building codes need to be amended. Design standards can be added to the building code but they can amend them. Comm. Denesse said they would not build those kind of houses in Lakeview. Ms. Villavaso said that Lakeview has their own zoning codes and we do not have ours. Ours is Suburban Residential and theirs is Lakeview Residential. Ms. Villavaso also said the developer on Curran is minor subdivision per lot and they cannot do that if the same property owner has all the lots. This is something that needs to be looked at and see if they are trying to circumvent the process. Can only do this if a major subdivision.

IX. Announcements

- A. **Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Grant by Verizon** – Mr. Aaron Jordan asked if ENONAC had looked at this grant. Yes, but non-profits are not eligible and small businesses can get up to \$10,000.
- B. Someone asked what we can do about blighted property in the area. Ms. Guerin said that the City is working on something to get people to take houses and refurbish them but it takes time because they have to find the owner and they are also planning to waive fees to make it easier for people to fix them.
- C. There will be a food giveaway every Friday at 10am at the old Walmart property on Bundy in February. CM Nguyen and Second Harvest are doing it. Ms. Villavaso asked that they clean up the area afterwards because there are milk crates and other debris left on the lot from the last giveaway.
- D. Comm. Linda Williams wants to know what we are doing about Black History Month. We need to recognize it.
- E. On February 11 at the virtual City Council meeting at 10am, there will be a presentation made to Sylvia Scineaux-Richard. She does not know about it.

- X. **Adjournment:** Comm. Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Leon seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.