

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC) [www.enonac.org](http://www.enonac.org)

GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd

Tuesday, June 9, 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 6:10 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.

**II. Special Guests** --- Special guests were Heather Farb of LA. Public Health Institute and Casey DeMoss, CEO of Alliance for Affordable Energy.

**III. Review and Approval of Agenda** --- Comm. Daste made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Comm. Hebert seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

**IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes** --- Comm. Daste made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/12/15 and Comm. Wiltz seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

**V. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report** --- The treasurer’s report from 5/1/15-5/31/15 was read and passed out to the board and CAB members.

Beginning Balance ----- \$25,451.18  
NO Deposits  
Expenses-----\$581.01  
Ending Balance-----\$24,870.17

Comm. Bickham made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and Comm. Legaux seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Health Impact Assessment** --- Heather Farb and Casey DeMoss of Louisiana Public Health Institute came to discuss Entergy with us. We need to ask Entergy how to account for cost to our health because of their Entergy facilities. They talked about health impact to the community. ENO & I-510 over the Green Bridge toward Chalmette before you cross the canal is where the current Entergy Power Plant has been for about 50 years. They want to build a new plant. Heather Farb said that they need to do a Health Impact Assessment to determine the impact the plant would have on the health of the residents in regard to this new project. They need the community’s help to tell them what they think about health issues in respect to the Entergy Plant project for the future. Set up meeting to discuss health and the options on the table for the new plant. City Council is going to work with Entergy on the project. Comm. Perrault asked how their focus point relates to their business. Do they know of any health impacts that the old plant had and what can we expect from the new plant? Entergy in N O is very affordable so if we choose an expensive type of plant then the people will not be able to afford and can cause health issues. A cheaper option would probably cause more pollution and even more health issues. Scineaux-Richard stated that the ENO community needs to identify and assess the health risk to our community and convey that information back to the institute. Focus on the future and what issues to expect from the new plant. Since no health issues came from the old plant maybe keep the same kind but upgrade more for the future. One question is: are they looking at Solar as an option? N O East has a lot of land and a State of the Art

Entergy Plant using Solar as an option would be great. Comm. Hamilton stated that they are building a 300 mega-watts Entergy plant and the City Council is trying to piece together the gap. They are not looking to build a 750 Mega Watts Plant. Scineaux-Richard stated they can come to another meeting where they can discuss the topic in more detail with the community reference the project.

**B. The HLUZ Committee Report** --- The new construction of the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church to be built on the old Lawrence Creek Apartment site at I-10 Service Rd, Crowder, Lake Forest and Mayo is scheduled to break ground soon.

## **VII. Old Business**

**A. Update on the Halfway House**--- Scineaux-Richard stated she is concerned when things are very quiet. We sent the Resolution of opposition to all the City Councilmembers, as well as Bannum, the sponsoring company but have had no response from them. Maybe we need to make a public information request thru the Federal Bureau of Prisons to find out what are the proposed plans for this location for this Halfway House project. Comm. Bickham says it's like a ghost plan and no one knows anything about it. Comm. Daste made a motion that we sent a freedom of information request on the Halfway House issue to Federal Bureau of Prisons and to Bannum to see who in the city signed off on it. ENO resident, Janie Blackmon said that she liked the suggestion to send for information and to find out how no one knows anything about the project. Comm. Denesse seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed. Comm Hamilton had a question. Are the representatives in violation of the law by not responding to our letters or resolutions? Comm. Kingvalsky asked if there was a time limit on responding to the resolution. Scineaux-Richard stated she was not aware of any time limit. Comm. Weaver asked that we invite the At Large Council members to a meeting to request information on this issue. Comm. Bickham said to let all CAB Members know about the petition that is going around for signatures of opposition. Comm. Daste made a motion to close discussion on the Halfway House issue and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

**B. Parcel Fee** --- It is important for everyone to be involved in the parcel fee in order to get it passed so ENONAC'S doors can stay opened to advocate for the ENO community. We are about our community and that is what ENONAC does all the time. The \$5.00 fee is for four years, i.e., \$4.00 each year for four years which would be a total of \$20. In order to get the word out a letter should be sent to each community group leader explaining the parcel fee and their board members can get it out to their communities. Janie Blackmon said that it is important to get this passed and the ministers and clergy need to get involved and get the word out to their congregations. Flyers on cars will not be enough to get this fee passed. There was not enough of a response from the ministers and clergy so the meeting is changed to June 29, 2015 at the hospital from 8:30 – 9:30 am and community businesses are also invited to attend. We will ask for their support at this meeting to help with our parcel fee. One person in the meeting goes to Katherine Drexel Church which is not in the East, but many of the parishioners live in the East. She intends to make the announcement at her church for the parcel fee. We need to go to each minister and ask him to relay the message. Comm. Penny said to keep the date and whoever comes is what we work with at that time. Aline Causey asked if there was a letter to get information to the pastors of the churches. Yes there was a letter. Charlene Smith from Warwick East asked how the information for the parcel fee would be given out. Maybe going door to door instead of mail outs. Comm. Legaux said to write something in the letter explaining what ENONAC is and what it does. Put dates of meetings in the letter.

**C. KATRINA 10<sup>th</sup> REMEMBRANCE and Celebration of Communities and Families EVENT** --- We are trying to get entertainment for the event. We are working on a date for the event. Comm. Hebert talked to Kyle Shelly and he is sending a group to help clean up Joe Brown Park. If any neighborhood has problems like clean up etc. call Dawn Hebert.

**D. Update on Senate Bill 242** --- Comm. Hebert said that Bill 242 Non Flood Protection Board Appointees by Senator Morrell is to remove three members of the board that have voted with us on the issues we faced with the street issue. She wrote him a letter and he said that the bill was withdrawn but she is not sure that it was removed.

E. Lake Willow has been complaining about the property that faces Crowder and was fined \$5000 and an additional \$500 a day until property is cleaned up. They have put up some boards but nothing else has been done to it. Two apartment complexes, the Willows and Hidden Lakes are 100% low income. The developer was given 10 provisos since October of 2014. Senator Murray asked about them recently because they are trying to buy Hidden Lakes. The police are there at least 3-4 times a week. They are meeting with the attorney for Lake Willow tomorrow. The Bond meeting on 6/18/15 was to request their bond money.

## **VIII. Community Info**

A. **The Mayor's State of the City Address** was mostly about the resilience of the New Orleans community and the success of young people who have an exceptional difficult life and returned.

B. Comm. Heisser spoke about the **Professional Sports Training and Rehab Complex proposal** planned for the old Bern Mas site. The developer and owner James Ramsey, of JC Property Management held a meeting at the library to discuss his project. He had no plans or specs to show except for a beautiful drawing. He stated he plans to have an athletic rehab and training complex with a Rally's and Shoney's restaurant. He made a proposal to develop the property and was the owner prior to Katrina. It was an apartment complex at that time. The legal address is on Plainfield Drive. The Master Plan process with neighborhood input changed the property to residential. He now wants to change to the land to be zoned to commercial. If City Planning denies the change, he has the right to go to the City Council and James Gray would have the say so on the project. The name of another non-profit is on the project and he said that he sold it to the new non-profit but Comm. Heisser says that he **is the new non-profit**. Comm. Baudy said that his presentation was very weak and the community's response was very strong. Zoning changes would make his property more valuable. How can we prevent the zoning change from residential to commercial? This is exactly what the revising and updating of the Master Plan was to prevent the kind of change driven by individual interest and not the benefit or concern reference the surrounding neighborhoods. Some on the Council seems to feel that both sides of the I-10 Service Road should be commercial but ENO has many subdivisions bordering on the I-10 Service Road i.e. Lake Barrington, Tamaron, Lake Carmel, Kingswood, Lake Willow, Springlake, Lake Forest Estates, etc. ENONAC needs to look at the information on this project and the HLUZ Committee will review and make recommendations.

**IX. Adjournment** --- Having no more business, Comm. Legaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Comm. Whitfield seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Lydia Leon

Secretary