

GENERAL MEETING

NOE Hospital Conference Room**5620 Read Blvd.****Tuesday, March 14, 2023 @ 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	P	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 6:08 p.m. After roll call by Lydia Leon, ENONAC Secretary, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** Brandi Bradley, new District E Liaison
- III. **Review & approval of agenda:** tabled until next meeting
- IV. **Review & approval of minutes:** tabled until next meeting, not available
- V. **Review & approval of Treasurer's Report:** Comm. Sanders read his report for the period of March 1-14, 2023. Comm. McWilliams moved for approval of the Treasurer's Report. Comm. Busby seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

VI. Presentations

A. District E Councilman Oliver Thomas: Wesley Bishop of CM Thomas' office, gave updated on District E. He said during November 2022 the City Council approved the Budget. What are the biggest needs in the districts? The Mayor's Office and City Council moneys for NOE District E are: Michoud/Lincoln Beach was \$5million is now \$20million to complete; Bayou Phoenix - \$20million; NO Regional Business Park - \$1million; Concrete barriers on the I-10 from Highrise to I-510 was only 4ft because it makes the area look better and more NOPD presence. \$1million to renovate parks. In Kingswood, the lights are being addressed. 4th quarter cleanup is being given \$100,000 per quarter. Seniors and youth also have monies in the budget, especially mentoring at a young age. CM Thomas came in and continued. He said for Infrastructure, 16% is allotted. City Hall needs people. There are over 900 openings right now. He said Textron will be in Propel Park at the Regional Business Park. Need to get State to partner with the City to redevelop that area. Rep. Jason Hughes is helping a lot in this area. Our two waterways are huge, how do we capitalize on that?

B. Federal Grant Application: Sean Meredith, Nyka Scott – Entergy Resilience Team. Nyka Scott said that they are also involved in Propel Park and will give details to Pres. Hebert once they are finalized. They spoke about Entergy Grip Projects for New Orleans East. This is our Summit Community Benefit Plan - Training High school kids in the East are going to be part of project; at least 200 students a year. We will work with all chambers of commerce to make sure everyone is aware of jobs available – 2 a year to be done. We need to know what NOE residents want to happen in NOE. We have training in Treme but transportation is provided for this program. This program will be for juniors and seniors in high school. Mr. Meredith spoke more about the GRIPS (Grid Resilience Innovations Partnership) that will be implemented through federal funding from the Infrastructure & Jobs Act grant that they are applying for. He said it implements 3 main elements: transmission, distribution, and a battery facility. It will provide a more resilient and reliable system in NOE. Pres. Hebert asked if this would help with hurricanes in our area. Mr. Meredith said yes, with more improved services. What is the timeline for this project? Application should be completed in April. They won't find out if Entergy has been awarded until late summer or early fall and engineering will start in 2024. It will take at a minimum of 2 years to complete. Will it reduce our rates? Will rate payers have to pay for this? It is designed to save money and some of it will come through our Entergy bill, but they do not know how much. Comm. Weaver asked about a pole that is leaning in her yard and no one wants to take credit. Ms. Scott said she will find out who owns that pole. How many permanent jobs will be involved in this project? There will be

permanent jobs after completion, such as linemen. This is where the training of students comes in. There will also be a lot of construction jobs. Comm. Celestand asked, once the grant is awarded, will the community be notified? They will set up a Community Advisory Board made up of community members so that we know what your needs are. Will this power be underground or above ground? It is very expensive and cost prohibitive to put this underground, but they are looking into an upgrade of wooden poles. How many other companies are putting in for this grant? About 114 are applying.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Council meeting of March 9:

1. **ZD 95/22: to establish a temporary prohibition of Residential STR uses citywide:** this is not happening. They want to put only one STR per block.
2. **Cal. No. 88,893: to establish reporting requirements by City Finance Dept. to security districts:** deferred to March 23

B. Parks Master Plan Workshops: Monday, March 6; 6-7:30pm; Joe Brown Rec. Ctr – FEEDBACK: this was an informational meeting only

C. Lake Catherine Clean Sweep Event – FEEDBACK- Saturday, March 4; 10a – noon; 26812 Chef Hwy (Ft. Pike Fire Dept.) There were about 40 people who helped. Great turnout.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Master Plan Amendments: Corinne Villavaso made a presentation and explained terms of the Master Plan. The Master Plan was developed and adopted by the city in 2010. In 2008 the Master Plan was the force of law. She explained that the Land Use Map is a puzzle board of zoning maps and is the law and includes laws and regulations (what is permitted and not permitted). Land Use is what is being amended, not the zoning. NOE is in Planning Districts 9, 10 and 11. Currently NOE has no land use categories. The City or the Office of the Mayor wants to add 9 mixed-use low density categories. FLUM stands for future land use map. Current master plan does not allow for any more multi-family districts. They want to change this. The Plaza site would be changed to mixed use which can be later used to build large multi-family complexes on that site. This needs to be left as is, a C3 commercial site. Pres. Hebert suggested that we compose a Resolution to object to all mixed use projects. Make sure we are specific about the particular sites.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

A. Bayou Phoenix update: Troy Henry and Bayou Phoenix will hold a meeting on March 27 from 6-8pm to present Bayou Phoenix to the public.

B. Love the Boot Clean up event is on Saturday, April 22 at 9a at Chef Hwy & Crowder Blvd.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Neighborhood Leaders Roundtable: Blight Reduction, Zoning Enforcement & the City's

Homelessness Czar is on Saturday, March 25 from 9-11am at Café Reconcile, 1631 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. Register by Friday, March 17

B. District E Liaison Introduction: Brandi Bradley – she was introduced earlier

C. Tangee Wall announced a **Movies in the Park** on Friday, April 14 at 7pm with pre-show activities starting at 6:30 at the Tennis Court area. In case of rain, the gym will be used. The movie is King Richard with Will Smith. You must register at fojwbpark@aol.com. Concessions will be sold. Bring your blankets, chairs and bug spray. She also announced the NEO Festival at Joe Brown Park on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 11am to 7pm.

D. Study of the Claiborne Corridor. Please keep updated on this because it involves the I-10 which means we all will be affected.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary