

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

Via Zoom

Tuesday, May 9, 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	A	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 6:02 p.m. After roll call by Lydia Leon, ENONAC Secretary, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): None

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

VI. Review & approval of minutes of April 11: Comm. Celestand moved for approval of the minutes. Comm. Williams seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

V. Review & approval of Treasurer’s Report: Comm. Sanders read his report for the period of April 1-30, 2023. Comm. Busby moved for approval of the Treasurer’s Report. Comm. Landrum seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. NPP: Zone change request at 14051 Dwyer Blvd. – Recreational Community Center FEEDBACK

Pres. Hebert said there were over 30 people in attendance and all in the area were in favor of the Center.

B. Utility Boxes Pres. Hebert rode around with the person from CVU NOLA and sent out email for suggestions of boxes to be painted in your area.

C. CAB Retreat: May 20 at Messina’s Runway Cafe

It is from 11am to 2pm. Hope everyone attends and Pres. Hebert will share something with the CAB.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 7100 Read Blvd. – Zoning verification done: This is the ENONAC office building. The owner wants to open a childcare facility and renovate the rest of the building for rental.

B. The Big Green Easy: A Park & Recreation Vision Plan for New Orleans

On Thursday, May 11; 6-7:30p; Joe Brown Rec Center. Eva Washington is part of the committee working on this issue. She said they are doing surveys to find out what everyone wants to see. Also, a carousel is one of the things they are interested in doing. The survey is under ‘The Big Green Easy’ website to fill out.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

A. Melia’s Neighborhood Association Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is on Saturday, May 20; 11am; 4828 Shalimar Drive, 70126

B. Comm. Legaux thanked Pres. Hebert and Comm. Woods for coming to walk their neighborhood with Wesley Bishop (CM Thomas’ office) and RoadWork crew. She said they sent 4 pages of info to her on starting improvements and dates and areas that will be taken care of for them. RoadWork member, Sarah Porteous said that the City has invested money to help Sewerage & Water Board to pave and repair all their streets where work is being done. She also listed a timeline for completion of several other areas in NOE that CAB members questioned about.

C. Comm. Blouin said that there was a ribbon cutting for the completion of the concession/community center in Village de l’Est. They re-did the basketball area, etc. He said Citrus Park around the canal needs to be addressed.

D. Comm. Bernard spoke about 5100 Bundy Rd. She said they are working with the City to take down trees and locate tires in one area. Dumping is still taking place on Lake Forest by the old BP gas station that had been cleaned. She also mentioned that former Comm. Hamilton and his wife are moving to Texas.

E. Karen Comeaux (Spring Lake Pres.) said street repairs are needed in her area and asked for Ms. Porteous' contact info so that a walk-thru can be done in her area.

F. Comm. Henry asked Ms. Porteous about the 8200 block of Chef Hwy. Development is breaking down for his project and lane is still closed. Ms. Porteous said that a waterline replacement & the depth of the pavement to be replaced was the issue. She will check on the progress of this. Ms. Porteous also said that Bundy & Lake Forest to Read will be out for at least a year. She said they want the project to be completed in a timely manner and see how things could be improved. They are waiting on a settlement from FEMA to repair and thereby get Federal funds. They are trying to control all jobs and make sure contractors complete projects. Several more Commissioners enumerated the issues in their areas.

Ms. Porteous also addressed street lights and Interstate lights: She said there were 6500 outages due to hurricane Ida. For 4 months there were no contractors. All Star (previous contractor) did not meeting the criteria and could not be used. 3500 outages are completed now by Legacy Group. Pres. Hebert asked if the area from I-510 and I-10 to Chef Hwy are included in the project. Ms. Porteous said she will look into it. She said people are stealing entire light poles, manhole covers and catch basins.

Tangee Wall spoke about the Second Annual Nola East Festival happening on Saturday September 16 at Joe Brown Park. She said the festival hopes to engage all people and organizations in the East. She said that Karen Hence is handling entertainment and gave her phone number. She asked for the support of ENONAC.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Water Justice New Orleans: Kickoff event is on Thursday, May 18; 2-4p; the Broadside, 600 N. Broad. There will be crawfish, snowballs and cocktails.

B. New Orleans Public Library offers Free RTA passes to Teens: Available at all library locations ages 11-18; first come first serve

C. The Clean-up Event at Crowder and Chef Hwy was successful. The Sewerage & Water Board, ENONAC and several other groups participated.

D. Walmart is asking for an area to be constructed at 6000 Bullard for curbside pick-up and online pick-up.

E. Comm. Thompson said that her taxing district passed. Comm. Henry said that his taxing district did not pass.

F. Comm. Blouin thanked everyone for supporting his son-in-law for the Judges' race.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. McWilliams seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary