

**EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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**GENERAL MEETING**

**St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd**

**Tuesday, March 10, 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	A	Romona Baudy, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
A	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 president, Scineaux-Richard, at 6:10 pm. After roll call, we had a quorum.

**II. Special Guests.** We acknowledged Officers T.K. Lane and Eddie Dema from our District 7 with the New Orleans Police Department as guests at the meeting.

**III. Review and Approval of Agenda.** Ed Blouin requested that we add Darrell M Wyley from Sierra Club to speak on the landfill in the East. Comm. Busby made the motion to add Mr. Wyley to the agenda and approve it with the addition and Comm. Baudy seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

**IV. Review and Approval of Minutes.** Comm. Heisser made a motion to accept the minutes and Comm. Sanders seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

**V. Treasurer’s Report.** Karol Sanders read the treasurer’s report and passed it out to the board and CAB Members.

Beginning Bal. -----\$31,044.02  
Total Deposits from Donations---\$370.00  
Total Expenses-----\$1,895.25  
Ending Bal. -----\$29,519.00

Comm. Busby made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and Comm. Perrault seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Design Review 025-15---** This site plan review is for 12310 I-10 Service Road for Walgreen’s to move from Lake Forest and Crowder to the new Shopping Mall on Crowder next to Planet Fitness.

**VII. Old Business**

**A. HLUZ Committee Reports**

**1. LUXE Reception Hall ----** HLUZ Committee had a meeting with the operator of LUXE Reception Hall, Mr. Marcus DeWayne of Grand Hussle Studios, and his request for a liquor license. They discussed his request for a liquor license and the responsibilities that would be necessary to ensure the business did not negatively impact the community. The owner of the property, Mr. Sol, has been denied twice. He rented the facility out to someone else and is now trying to get the license. The operator stated he has equipped a full kitchen but not a full staff. He is using a catering service. The HLUZ Committee believes that the request to have a liquor license is because they do not have needed equipment permanently in place to operate a reception hall and that specific use is questionable. In addition, there is not adequate designated parking to accommodate that location as there are other operators of businesses that must share the same parking area. He stated that he wants to use the vacant grassed lot next door but does not currently have permission to do so, since he does not own it. There are also liens on the property. It is on I-10 Service

Road behind Popeye's. Comm. Hamilton made a motion not to support the liquor license for the LUXE Reception Hall for the reasons listed above and Comm. Heisser seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

**2. Levy Gardens Project** - ----There are two proposals for the site on Levy Drive: Thurgood Marshall Collegiate Academy and Hampton Inn Hotel

### **Thurgood Marshall Collegiate Academy**

- The proposed area for the location of the Thurgood Marshall Collegiate Academy is 100% commercial and will need to change zoning and/or conditional use to allow for the school. The owner of the Levy Gardens stated that he was entertaining a proposal to use 3 of the 5 acres to be used for the school. The property has one way in and one way out on Levy Drive. If a restaurant is placed next to the school, the traffic would be horrible. This area is not good for a school and would hinder our economic development of businesses in that area. ENONAC'S Education Committee chaired by Kim Hypolite and its members (including Comm. Legaux) are investigating the school issue on Levy Dr. by contacting RSD's Dana Peterson and Kathy Padian, Deputy Superintendent of OPSB who could not give any information. This school is not involved with the one on Canal St. but UNCF has funded the building of the school for children for college preparation. It was supposed to be on SUNO's campus but there is no space to put the school. Therese Badon is VP of UNCF. A temporary site has not been determined by the State Board of Education. Laptops will be given to students for online classes. There are three new schools being built in the East at this time for our children. They have been granted a charter but no site has been committed to at this time. The papers that Mr. Kline (the owner of the Levy Dr. Property) gave to Comm. Legaux have no signatures on them. He did not answer her when she asked him about the signatures. Comm. Perrault said that this school would inhibit commercial business coming to our area. Comm. Hamilton said that Mr. Kline was very deceptive in coming to us to sell us on the Hampton Hotel along with the announcement of another school in passing which would be attached on the other side of the property.
- The ENONAC Education Committee has recommended that another school built in New Orleans East will provide more schools than are physically needed. The proposed site on Levy Dr. as presented to the CAB members recently is currently a commercial area off Bullard Ave. (the wooded area behind the old Schwegmann supermarket and behind the Burger King). The proposed site is also less than a mile from Fannie C. Williams School which has grades K-8 on Bullard. The New Lake Forest Charter School down Lake Forest Blvd. which has grades K-8 and the Sci-Academy currently under construction as well on Read Blvd. at the old Abramson High School site.

Comm. Perrault made a motion that a resolution be done stating that the ENO community does not want the Thurgood Marshall Collegiate Academy placed in the middle of a commercial area. It is a hazard for the well-being of the children; Comm. Bickham seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with three opposed to the motion. Comm. Hamilton wanted to be clear on the motion and asked if the recommendation of the Education Committee would be added to the request and he was told that it was going to be added.

**Hampton Inn Proposal** - The other 2 acres are to be used for a Hampton Inn. The developer of the Hampton Inn, Mr. Mike Sarona, wanted to meet with the community @ 2:00 p.m. at Mr. Klein's office on Baronne St. Scineaux-Richard reached out to Mr. Sarona to ask that the meetings be community convenient because we have many working people who don't get off until 4:30- 5:00 and a 2:00 p.m. meeting was not feasible. Since this is a project that the community could support she requested that they change the time and place so that the community could attend. Scineaux-Richard also stated that if the meeting could not be cancelled, she would attend.

### **VIII. Announcements**

A. The interim for Ira Thomas's job with the School Board is on March 12, 2015. Anyone interested in the position needs to apply soon.

**B. The Voter's East of the Industrial Canal (VEOTIC)** is having a State Legislative Town Hall Meeting, Saturday, March 14, 2015 . The purpose of this event is to provide a platform for residents to get answers to their questions from their legislators. The residents feel there is so much going on and no one hears about it until it's too late. Questions are 1) How does State Government Work? 2) What bills are being submitted on the floor for consideration? If you have questions please submit them. Volunteers are needed such as an Assistant Moderator and a cleanup committee for after the meeting. Dawn Hebert and Arthur Busby are working with Corinne Villavaso.

**C. The Halfway House in N O East**---- The property owned by the Storage facility are being cleared and the area is being worked on at the site on the service road but no one has any information on what is being built on the property. Cedric Richmond and Councilman Gray have no information of any permits being issued for the operation of a halfway house at this time. Comm. Scales said the pile driver said that it was for a mini-storage building.

D. The building under construction in front of Walmart is a Wendy's on Bullard.

## **IX. Community Info**

A. Ed Blouin spoke to the issue of the landfill since Mr. Wyley was detained and could not come. There was a meeting on the **Old Gentilly Landfill** on the same day as ENONAC's CAB Meeting on Paris Ave. and Ed found out about it and attended the meeting. The owner of Crystal Palace Truck Stop was also there. He said that if there was an issue about where to have the meeting, he would have it at his place. Ed asked why ENONAC, as a state organization had not been notified about the meeting and why was it on the same night as our monthly meeting? The city pays the operator of the landfill 97% of the money and the city gets 3%. There is concern about the levee and the weight of the landfill. The seepage from the landfill into the Intercoastal Canal for our fisherman and fish is also of great concern in the East. They requested a meeting with the community through Mary Fontenot, with CM Gray's office but have not received any response. Comm. Hamilton requested that we compose a letter from all interested parties in the East to get a response on this matter.

**B. N O East Crime** ---- Officers Lane and Dema from 7<sup>TH</sup> District NOPD were available for questions about the crime in the East. They were told that crime was not as bad as it is now three years ago. Officers patrol the East from 6:25 p.m. -3:00 a.m. There is an increase in homicides but other crimes are decreasing. Comm. Hamilton said that violent crimes were increasing in the East. The East is the largest area of the city but we have the lowest number of police officers in our area. What can we do to get the deployment of police needed in our area? Comm. Legaux of Villa Sites said that murder, car-jacking and break-ins were a problem in her area. She asked how to get the correct number of crimes in her area. She can pull them up but needs the area streets in her subdivision. How is the East in relation to the city in crime? Officer Lane will have to do research for those facts. They average 1200 calls a day and there are 78 officers in the East. They need about 150 total in the N O East area.

C. Comm. Busby stated there is a 24 year veteran police officer who needs a heart transplant and they are doing a raffle of a Toyota Car for \$100 a chance. He stated that NOPD needs the community to help with this fund.

Amendment to the Minutes of Last Month's Meeting. Comm Lydia Leon stated that we need to amend the minutes from the last meeting to add that Comm. Daste made the motion to adjourn and Comm. Hebert seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

**X. Adjournment.** Having no more business, Comm. Bickham made a motion to adjourn meeting and Comm. Legaux seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by Lydia Leon  
Secretary