

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 @ 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
P	Marcia McWilliams, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
A	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	A	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
P	Arthur Busby, Parliamentarian	A	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 Admin. Secretary Claire White, we did not have a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** Cheryn Robles, Office of Resilience & Sustainability
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** This was tabled until a quorum is reached.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of October:** This was tabled until a quorum is reached.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for both ENONAC and Foundation accounts for the period of October 1-31, 2022. The motion to approve was tabled until a quorum is reached.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **RESTORE ACT - Cheryn Robles, APR Acting Chief of Staff, Dept. of Public Works** first announced that she is now with the Mayor’s Office of Resilience & Sustainability. She gave an update of the Lincoln Beach project. Right now they have \$5 million and it will be used for 10 specific items. One of them is to develop an overall Master Plan and public meetings for that will begin in the spring of next year. It was determined that the City wanted to use BP oil spill money (\$4.5 million) for Lincoln Beach. So they need to develop construction documents with specific items to be completed to get reimbursed with the BP grant funds. It should take about 9 months to complete that part of the work. She showed all the levels of participation in the National Cleanup event at Lincoln Beach that happened in September. She also showed renderings of the different scenarios or parts of the project. They can be found at [nola.gov/LincolnBeach](http://nola.gov/LincolnBeach). Norfolk Southern railroad will contribute \$10,000 to help prevent the tunnel under the railroad from flooding. She showed a list of additional funding opportunities from the State and Federal and private sources. She introduced Austin Feldbaum who was instrumental in getting the BP money funding. There was a question by Tangee Wall regarding an RFP vs an RFQ. Ms. Robles said an RFQ was not necessary since they have already contacted contractors. Ms. Wall also asked about funding of cleanups. Ms. Robles said they can’t use that money for anything lasting less than 10 years. Comm. Legaux asked about catch basins in Villa Sites being completed. Ms. Robles said she is not in that department anymore and that Sarah McLaughlin is now her contact person.
- B. **SOUL (Sustaining Our Urban Landscape) – Susannah Burley, Exec. Director** spoke about reforesting the City. They now plant over 15,000 trees per year. The State tree, the bald cypress, can absorb 880 gallons of storm water per day, so that when planted in neighborhoods, can prevent some flooding. They are developing a Master Plan for reforesting the City and want to present the plan for NOE, specifically Little Woods and is asking for our input as to where we would like to start planting trees. Pres. Hebert asked the membership to think about if they want more trees in their neighborhoods.
- C. **NORDC – Jahanna Brightman, Chief Programming Officer** spoke about their project of lighting Joe W. Brown Park for the holidays. She showed a video of something similar to City Park & Lafreniere Park. This first year we will not charge admission but will accept donations and sponsorships. They

are leasing the light figures for now and may only charge something like \$5 in the future. Tangee Wall said they have to work out a timeline for the community decorating. Pres. Hebert suggested that ENONAC sponsor a light figure.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. City Council meeting of November 3:

1. **ZD 73/22: billboards amendment to exempt the area between I-510 and Downman Rd.** was deferred again until the next meeting
2. **Cal. No. 33898: Healthy Homes Program** protect tenants from retaliation when reporting problems with their apartment, gets apartments routinely inspected and more. This was changed from the original that was submitted.

**A QUORUM has now been met.**

~**Approval of the agenda:** Motion was made by Comm. Jackson and seconded by Comm. Legaux for the agenda to be approved. Motion passed without objection.

~**Approval of the October minutes:** Motion was made by Comm. Washington and seconded by Comm. Busby for the minutes to be approved. Motion passed without objection.

~**Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Motion was made by Comm. Washington and seconded by Comm. Celestand for the Treasurer's Report to be approved. Motion passed without objection.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

## IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. **Ribbon Cutting – Highrise NOLA, 6324 Chef Hwy.** is on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 11am
- B. **Sanitation Collections/Recycling pickups: check your days at <https://nola.gov/sanitation-collection-schedules/>**
- C. Pictures were shown from the **Neighborhood Engagement seminar** and several Commissioners won prizes.
- D. Picture was shown of the **Bel'Air East subdivision sign** which is beautiful

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Winter Wonderland with Toy giveaway:** This will take place on December 3 at Joe W. Brown Park.
- B. **GO VOTE!** Get a sample ballot at [geauxvote.com](http://geauxvote.com)
- C. **Comm. McWilliams announced that her great nephew, Cayden, celebrated his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.**
- D. **Comm. Jackson spoke about the art museum at SUNO in the Arts & Humanities bldg. on the second floor. It is open M-F.**
- E. **Pres. Hebert said she went to the Brees Family Center and learned that they will soon have a blood test that determines if you have a gene for cancer. It will only be administered to those who go that that location (must be a patient at that location). It is called Grail, an early cancer detection test. Comm. Legaux said you can walk in and get a free flu shot at that location.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. DeGrasse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Landrum seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm. Pres. Hebert said she will get with CAB about volunteering at the Park during the Christmas lighting schedule.

Submitted by Claire White, Administrative Secretary