

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, October 11, 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
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	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 had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** there were none
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** There was a motion to approve the agenda by Comm. Washington and seconded by Comm. Weaver. Motion passed without objection.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of September:** There was a motion to approve the minutes by Comm. Weaver and seconded by Comm. Kirkland. Motion passed without objection.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for both ENONAC and Foundation accounts for the period of September 1-30, 2022. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Comm. Jackson and seconded by Comm. Washington. Motion passed without objection.
- VI. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. **NOLABA activities:** Mr. Norman Barnum was not online yet, we will come back to this.
  - B. **Project Asset Allocation:** Mr. Abraham McNeil spoke about Community Intelligence by the community. It is a Google Open Source Workspace in which the community updates info they get in real time. Projects like roadwork can be monitored in real time. Project Asset Allocation is a type of grassroots open source intelligence that empowers neighborhood leaders, like ENONAC, with real time data to identify, monitor and market opportunities for their area. It is done through Google Workspace. With the lack of detailed local data, this will alleviate certain gaps in data needed to target blight, roads and run impact studies for neighborhoods. Right now, NOE is looked at as an entire group rather than a breakdown of statistics and data of the individual neighborhoods that make up NOE. Project Asset Allocation works to change this. He said that District E has been hit hard by at least 5 climate event in recent years yet government tools are only updated every 2-4 years and therefore economic progress is slowed because of the lack of local updated neighborhood data. He also spoke about Cultural Corridors in NOE that could benefit from art sales exemption policies set to come about in 2025. Right now, there are only 3 Cultural Corridors listed in NOE; Lower 9, Viet Village and Lincoln Beach. If any festivals happened within those Corridors, any art sold within those areas would be exempt from sales tax. He said that at least 7+ neighborhoods in District E are identified that could be eligible to be designated as a Cultural Corridor: Kenilworth, Southshore Villa Sites, Little Woods, Village de l’Est, Holy Cross and Historic 9. There is legislation that created these Cultural Districts.  
**At this point, Mr. McNeil was offline.**
  - C. **NOLABA activities:** Mr. Norman Barnum spoke about the final design stages with artists and final renderings will be presented very soon. Budgets for each installation are being formalized also, and are looking to being installation by the end of the year. Also with the Commercial Corridor Revitalization efforts, plans are ready to be presented to the State. There is interest with a national grocery chain, Piccadilly and Texas Roadhouse and Calvin Mackie and STEM Innovation Lab are

moving from concept to implementation phase. Comm. Blouin asked about the cement company. Mr. Barnum said that they are definitely coming. Pres. Hebert asked if there were any environmental impact statements done on this. Mr. Barnum said that he does not know but will ask about it. Comm. Washington asked about what phase those restaurants talks are. Mr. Barnum indicated that a site has been identified for their needs, but now, who has site control and what are the incentives State-wide, this is where they are now. An issue with some developers are the crime and until a strategy is developed, furtherance of negotiations in hindered. There was a question in the Chat Box asking how is the Master Plan being involved in the development of the Plaza site and is the Town Center still being considered. Greg Lawson answered in the Chat that yes it is still be utilized. In fact, a presentation is being made to the Tulane Small Business Center on Thursday, October 20 from 8:30-11am. You are welcome to provide feedback prior to our presentation. Another question was is there any updates on the Almonaster area and plans for the re-structure of the industrial area. Mr. Barnum stated that discussions are taking place now as far as the Port in Chalmette, I-510 corridor and including Almonaster; nothing tangible at this point.

**Mr. McNeil continued his presentation.**

He gave an historical overview of the legislation that created the Louisiana Cultural Districts Program. He spoke of the HUB zones (Historically Under-utilized Business Zones) which are programs that help small businesses in urban and rural communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities. Most of NOE (with the exception of the Lake Forest area) is in a HUB zone. Mr. McNeil's contact info was given in the Chat Box [passportneworleansvents@gmail.com; 504-407-1882]

**Comm. Jackson, ENONAC First Vice President, continued with presiding at the meeting.**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. CPC meeting October 25 at 1:30pm – ZD 083/22 to create the Residential Short Term Rental Interim Zoning District**

**IX. COMMUNITY INFO**

- A. YEP is hiring volunteers:** Youth Empowerment Program is hiring volunteers especially Bilingual (English to Spanish) speakers and Confident Swimmers
- B. Grow NOLA** is hosting their Annual Fall Festival where there will be various activities in addition to the farmers' market.
- C. Haunted House of Horrors** at Joe Brown Park Rec Center on Monday October 31.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Flu Ready NOLA:** Free Flu vaccines are being given at various places. In District E on October 15 from 10-2 at Joe Brown Park gym and on December 10 from 10-2 at NOEHospital.
- B. WaterWise** is having their Green Infrastructure Tour where you can bike or ride along on Friday, October 21 from 4:45-7:30pm and meet at Groundwork New Orleans Earth Lab at 1027 Spain St.
- C. Neighborhood Summit** is taking place on Saturday October 28 from 9-1p at the Convention Center. You can register by clicking on the link on the agenda. There will be free prizes, giveaways and attraction passes. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- D. Voter registration:** Use the link on the agenda to check and make sure you are registered to vote. Comm. Legaux said she sent out the 8 amendments that are to be voted on. There is an explanation of what happens if you vote for or against each amendment.

- E. Movies in the Park:** The movie is 'Respect: Find out What It Means' being shown on Friday October 14 at 7pm in the Joe Brown Park Tennis Court area. Tangee Wall said there will be pre-show activities starting at 6:30. Bring your chairs, blankets and bug spray.
  - F. Community Drive-Thru Food & Supply Giveaway:** It is on Saturday October 15 and Sunday October 16 from 9a -5p or until supplies last at 5630 Crowder Blvd. Dr. Patrice Sentino, Center for Hope Children & Family Services said they saw a need since people had evacuated since hurricane Ian.
  - G. Kenyatta Collins, Neighborhood Engagement Liaison,** said that Code Enforcement will be at the NOE Library on tomorrow from 11-12 pm. Please make an appointment at [nola.gov/coh](http://nola.gov/coh) or call 504-658-4985. She also said that this coming Friday will be her last day at Neighborhood Engagement. She is moving up to the CAO Office.
  - H. Comm. Henry gave an update on Bayou Phoenix:** He said that the City via NORA wants more control over the project and Bayou Phoenix is not favorable to this so the process is being slowed.
  - I. Comm. Weaver** spoke about the **renaming of Caffin Ave. to Fats Domino Ave. celebration** happening on Saturday, October 15.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Legaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Submitted by Claire White, Administrative Secretary