

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 6:00pm

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

P – Denotes member present, E – Denotes member excused, A – Denotes member absent, V – vacant position

E	Dawn Hebert, President	E	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 2nd Vice President Marcia McWilliams at 6:05 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** There were none
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Comm. Sanders moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Landrum seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of March 8:** They were not available
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for the period of March 1-31, 2022. Comm. Landrum moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Quality Early Education seats tax fund:** Dana Henry, YES for NOLA Kids, spoke of the reasons to fund quality Early Education – that is, from 6months to 3yrs of age – through a property tax millage. It is on the ballot for April 30
- B. **Kingsley Connections:** Ms. Arnel Cosey and Ms. Azeb Negasi spoke. They said this is a workforce development program and will be located on the 2nd floor at the DePaul Center on Read Blvd. It will include Career Exploration, Foundational Skills, Financial Literacy, wrap around services & academic support, if needed. There will also be some guaranteed job placement with cohort businesses working with them.
- C. **Lincoln Beach Funding & Master Plan:** Mr. Sage Pellet said that the last time he was here he spoke about Lincoln Beach. Tonight’s topic is Healthy Gulf that he works with. Healthy Gulf is working on a flood less New Orleans campaign; strategies and projects that will cause New Orleans to flood less. Transform canals to livable, usable spaces. He showed some slide pictures of the canal behind Livingston School. Along Dwyer there are cracks and bumps in the road caused by subsidence. Sewerage & Water Board is doing a project there and it is not being done correctly and causing this. He suggests using our canals for useful function. Transform them into family functionality in the East. There was a question about where will funding come from. Mr. Pellet said that there are grants which will pay for this type of function. What is the estimated cost for this project? Once he gets the info he will bring that to us as he is not on board with the suggested cost.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) study meeting – update:** Our concern is that they can build and you can eventually rent it out. We live in single family area and do not want that to be changed to multi-family. CPC voted 6 nays and 2 yays and now goes back to City Council. This affects all of New Orleans. When it goes to the Council, we all need to be there. We are a force in numbers and must voice our opposition to it. Darren from CM Thomas’ office said there was a meeting this week. CM Thomas said he will not be on board until other districts are in it. We have our fair share of housing and other areas need to be in on this before coming to the East.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CAB: Tier 2.1 statements – due to ENONAC by May 1, 2022:** Admin Secretary Claire White reminded all Commissioners to send in all the pages even if they do not apply.

- B. Sculpture Design Charrette:** Comms. Legaux, McWilliams, Landrum attended. Comm. Legaux met with Greg Lawson, NOLABA. There were presentations by artists Sharleen Jones, Mark Patton and others. Comm. Legaux and her husband visited NOEH where there was a sculpture by Sharleen Jones. Comm. McWilliams said that she would like to see something done on Downman Rd.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A. KABOOM playground build:** Comm. Legaux spoke of their experience with the build of the playground at Werner Park. ENONAC was in full force working at the event. Comm. Weaver said that this was 2 years in the making and they will be adding a rain garden and a basketball goal.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Love the Boot: Keep Louisiana Beautiful/Keep New Orleans Beautiful event** will take place on Saturday, April 23 at 9am. We will meet at 9909 Lake Forest Blvd to pick up supplies. They will be cleaning up Lake Forest Blvd. between Read and Bundy Rd.
- B. J's Creole Wings:** Mr. Omar Duncan said they are exploring opening a restaurant on Crowder next to Liberty Bank. Right now they are in the permitting process. Their restaurant will be built using shipping containers. They currently have several other locations already; Slidell, on Freret, in Westwego, on Claiborne Ave and on Veterans.
- C.** Comm. Blouin attended a dedication of some land next to the Wildlife Preserve that was donated by John Cummings. There is a lake and a small island. Secretary of Interior, Sen Troy Carter and CM Thomas was in attendance. John Cummings is working on getting a Welcome Center at I-10 and Michoud. And behind there he is envisioning some excursion activities; boating & walking trails.
- D.** Comm. McWilliams asked that we keep Comm. Jackson in prayer; her son is in a coma in Houston.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Legaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Weaver seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Recording Secretary