

**EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**(ENONAC) [www.enonac.org](http://www.enonac.org)**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2013 @ 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	P	Brian Egana, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Ed Blouin, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
P	Romona Baudy, 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 6:05 p.m. After the roll call, we did not have a quorum so the meeting is informational until a quorum has been met.

**II. Introduction of Special Guests**

Before the meeting started, Marie Bookman, a candidate for Judge in Traffic Court asked everyone to consider her for that position.

A quorum was now met.

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

Comm. Norris made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting and Comm. McClendon seconded. After the vote, the motion passed, no nays.

**IV. Approval of the July 9, 2013 General Meeting Minutes**

Comm. Kingvalsky made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2013 General meeting and Comm. Norris seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed, no nays.

Comm. Heisser made a motion to approve the minutes from the CAB meeting on July 30, 2013 because we drafted a resolution to present for the PARCEL FEE to be put on the November ballot and it needs to go to the City Council for approval. This was done to have in the general meeting minutes and was seconded by Comm Busby. After the vote, the motion passed without objection, no nays.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was read and copies were passed out to all members for dates from July 10, 2013 thru August 13, 2013. We received several donations from residents and members of ENONAC. One question from Comm Barthé was "does ENONAC give receipts for donations for non-profit donations"? He was reminded that we are not a non-profit at this time but have applied for it.

**VI. New Business**

A. We welcomed Greg Hamilton who is the new president of Wimbledon Homeowner's Association.

B. Sylvia will send out the information on the NOE Redevelopment Project to all CAB members to review and we will discuss at the August CAB meeting. One question by Comm. Barthé was why is ENONAC getting involved in this project? He thinks that the company only wants ENONAC to send a letter to NORA on their

behalf to get them to sell the properties to them for their project and he thinks that is overstepping ENONAC's authority. Comm. Carriere said that these were government properties and we should be informed about redevelopment of the properties that are in the East. Comm. Kingvalsky said that this is part of what we do as ENONAC.

## **VII. Old Business**

A. The Family Dollar at 10050 Morrison Rd. met with our HLUZ Committee. Their developer, Milford Trosclair, gave them the information about their project. One of the objections that we have with the project is that we already have two of them in our area and have had consistent problems with them keeping their stores clean and outside grounds free of trash. They were told that we were not satisfied with their handling of the ones that are already opened. We did Resolution R-13-11 which requests that the City Council consider our objection to the proposed Family Dollar at 10050 Morrison Road and Comm. Barthé made the motion to accept the resolution R-13-11 and Comm. Penny seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without objection. Brian Egana wanted to amend the motion and add the physical address in the resolution. Comm. Barthé made the motion to add the address to the resolution and Comm. Penny seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without objection.

B. Resolution R-13-10 for liquor license for the reception hall at 7030 Bullard Ave. (Chris Reception Hall) was presented to everyone. CAB members decided that because there have been numerous parties held on weekends in July that CAB is not willing to allow proviso, but would deny the request for the liquor license. There were a tremendous number of cars that were all over Bullard and the side streets and even the neutral ground because of lack of parking. This issue interferes with our quality of life in our community. Comm. Busby made a motion to approve the resolution R-13-10 to deny the liquor license for 7030 Bullard Ave. and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed without objection. Comm. Bowman from Rosedale asked that the parking issue be the number one complaint on the resolution. Comm. Denesse made a motion to accept the motion to deny the liquor license for 7030 Bullard Ave. with the correction of putting the lack of parking as the number one issue for denial and Comm. Busby seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with the correction with no objections.

C. The Off-Track (OTB) Betting Project at the Pat Swilling Center also met with our HLUZ Committee. ENONAC has received their plans and HLUZ and an urban planner to review them. Parking is a big issue at the Swilling Center with the present business owners that are now in the center. There is also a school and a church on the grounds of the center at this time which is also a problem. HLUZ asked them to consider other properties in the East that would be better suited for their business. Comm. Kingvalsky asked everyone to remember that there are at least 30 jobs that go with this project at \$30,000 per year. It was stated that there will be about 75 slot machines on the premises and crime is also a factor. Lake Carmel residents are against this project going in the Swilling Center. We will discuss the project more at the CAB meeting in August and Commissioners will try to suggest other locations which would be a better place for this project in the East. There was a long discussion about this project and is in the original minutes for review. The bottom line is that the slots mean that we may be looking at a casino and not just off-track betting.

D. Councilman Gray has not made a decision on our Parcel Fee because he has not had time to look at it. Brian Egana said if he does not support us then he can vote against it on the ballot. Comm. Hamilton said we need to move on without his support.

E. Coaxum's Heart Walk was really nice at Victory Field last Saturday, August 10, 2013. ENOANC had a table at the walk.

## **VIII. Miscellaneous**

A. Mrs. Hypolite, Chair of Education Committee, and Scineaux-Richard met with Dana Peterson, Assist ant Superintendent, from the Recovery School District (RSD) about the property on Bundy Road (the old

BellSouth building) being converted to a school for K-12. There were no proposals or plans shown at the meeting. They could not even give a visual explanation to them. They have FEMA funds since Katrina and want to restructure the building into a school instead of building a new high school on the Gaudet site per Master Plan directive. . RSD does not own the property and wants to be allowed to use funds to buy this property for that purpose. RSD will meet with the BESE Board on tomorrow and try to get their approval. The building has no green space at all. They will have between 1300-1800 students at the school from K-12<sup>th</sup> grades. This is not a good practice to have young kinds and high school on the same grounds. What will happen to Moton School and Lake Forest site if they use this money to buy the building? RDS's comment was that the train was moving. Comm. Penny said that their subdivision is still waiting on them to build the Sherwood Forest School in their area. Comm. Hamilton said that 1800 student in that area would be a nightmare and be an inferior school. Brian Egana said that we need to get our state legislature to represent us in cases like this one. The meeting with the BESE Board is tomorrow and we need to take a stand on education and other issues because we are being ignored. We need to reach out to City and State officials to help us with this matter. Sylvia said they could not get any information on the meeting in Baton Rouge. Mr. Bryant said that they have built a lot of schools and he may be able to help us. School building issues are out of scope on bidding on the schools. This happens all the time and we need to use this information when talking to them.

Ann Duplessis contacted BESE Board members Patrick Dobard and Kira Jones to request that they defer the issue until the community can get all the information on the project.

Ira Thomas, President of Orleans Parish school Board (OPSB) came to the meeting after Egana told him about our concern over the proposed school on Bundy Road. He said that RSD came before the School Board a few months ago to purchase the BellSouth building. The School Board is responsible for buying and selling the property owned by the School Board. There were several questions: 1) Why are they going against the school facility Master Plan instead of following it? 2) The first high school in the East was supposed to be a new school. 3) Ira Thomas is president of the School Board and they did not consult with him, the School Board, City, State or Community organizations in the East. They did not respect the residents of the East in doing this project. The RSD will have a \$300 million shortfall on the school projects. The Board tabled the issue 3-4 months ago and has not heard from the RSD School since that time. A small High School would cost \$42-45 million. Mr. Thomas will keep us informed about this issue. Comm. Heisser asked can RSD get permission from the BESE Board. Yes, but it still has to come before the School Board. Mr. Thomas will contact the BESE Board members to see if he can get more information about RSD going to the meeting.

Scineaux-Richard stated we need to get a short letter together to send to the BESE Board about our view on the project and that fact that there has been no community involvement before making this decision to go forward with this project. . Comm. Penny made a motion that ENONAC send a letter to the BESE Board explaining our disagreement of the purchase of the BellSouth build to be converted into a school for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and Comm. Bowman of Rosedale seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Thomas has already sent them a letter requesting that they review the \$300 million shortfall for RSD schools. He was told an Audit was done and he could come and look at the books.

B. The Terminal for the Lakefront Airport will open at the end of the month. Scineaux-Richard will send an email to announce it as soon as she receives the definite info.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Having no more business, Comm. Busby made a motion to adjourn meeting and Comm. Bowman seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary