

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Goretti Community Center
7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 6:00pm

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

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

Table with 4 columns: Status, Name, Status, Name. Rows include Sylvia Scineaux-Richard (President), Dawn Hebert (2nd Vice President), Carroll Dennesse (Member At Large), Brenda Jackson (1st Vice President), Karol Sanders (Treasurer), Maxine Weaver (Member At Large), and Lydia Leon (Secretary).

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by President Sylvia Scineaux Richard at 6:10 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): There were no special guests.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda: It was tabled until a quorum is met.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from November 2019: It was tabled until a quorum is met.

V. Review of Treasurer’s Report: Comm. Sanders passed out and read the Treasurer’s report for the month of November 2019.

VI. New Business

A. NPP: Req. to develop mixed-use development at 12055 & 11853 Chef Hwy
Community Meeting: Monday, Dec. 9; 6pm; ENO Library, 5641 Read Blvd.

Comm. Jourdain gave a summary and said that the presenters could not answer questions. Residents were against this development and they do not want another apartment complex with 100 units. Comm. Hebert spoke at the NPP meeting. She said that the NPP meetings should be given by the developers not City Hall. CM Nguyen’s reps, Terrie Guerin and Victoria Lewandrowski answered questions. Clyde McCoy, stated there is a \$50 million budget to build the project. Fairway Estates is not pleased that CM Nguyen was not present. A lot of the property is being bought by non residents. We need to determine our own destiny. We have a lack of police protection. We need to look seriously at each development and get our ideas to get more developers interested in the East. Next meeting is in January. LGD development has 19.1 acres and could build new single homes. Comm. Penny said that meetings are all the same; not enough info is given. Meeting presenters are not prepared properly and do not have correct info to answer necessary questions. Comm. Celestand said that we need to be pro-active. We are not looking at the full picture. We are going to be far behind. It’s imperative that these people come to us with these proposals. City Council is usually spoken to first and that is what the process should be and the community is also supposed to be notified. The NPP meetings ae not following that process.

B. CPC: ZD 124/19: City Council Motion to authorize a planned development at 13707-13733 Chef Hwy.

Comm. Blouin said that this is in his subdivision and they do not have a problem with it. One apartment is being torn down and why not use that land to build new apartments instead of going to new property. Rev. Richardson of Cornerstone Baptist Church said that if a decision is already made then maybe we cannot change it. The zone needs to be changed by CPC meeting and to City Council so we have opportunity to voice opposition at these meetings. What type of apartments? Never used ‘high-end’ but we do not know what kind they want to build. Let them know that we need high-end apartments to help build up our economy to draw businesses. They are using mixed –use tax credit. You have nice apartment and the rent is based on their tax return. This will accrue for 15 years and then sometimes they no longer have to rent as affordable. Sometimes only subsidized rent will support this project. Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that the people living around this area believe that building numerous large apartment complexes will have a negative effect on their property values. Part of the Master Plan was a revitalization plan by the City to show how this growth

will take place and what the plans were for future growth. Comm. Hamilton said that the problem is that they are not following the proper process. You develop land so that you can make money. Nobody in NOE is protecting our properties except ENONAC and we are becoming the enemy. The Council continues to vote against ENONAC because we question changes being made without proper plans.

- C. **NPP: Allow a Contractor Storage Yard at 11621 Old Gentilly Rd.** – The Community Meeting is on Monday, Dec. 23 at 12pm onsite at 11621 Old Gentilly Rd. We were notified about this meeting.

VII. Old Business

- A. **ZD 096/19: Request for zoning change at 6859 E. Coronet Court – APPROVED on Nov. 7 but final ordinance needs approval by January 2020**

Pres. Scineaux-Richard and Editha Amacker attended this meeting. CM Nguyen said that she did follow the NPP Process. Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that yesterday they had a meeting with CM Helena Moreno. She said that she listened to what was said about what NOE residents wanted for their area. New People just coming in do not understand the process as old residents are aware of the process. She said she understands that this seems to be becoming a problem. Comm. Blouin said that we expressed that it was spot zoning and he brought up about a former CM doing a spot zone in her District but she changed the entire area. CN Jason Williams and Jared Brossett voted against this proposal. Spot zoning will only make it open for everyone to want to change their zoning. Multi-family zoning will lead to more bigger issues after the zoning changes. Moreno said she would hold the vote on the ordinance for 90 days which would be in January 2020. Moreno acknowledged that the need for affordable housing was not primarily in NOE but in the inner City. The land in Central City is so much higher priced for developing it. Editha Amacker said to look for any move to direct tax plans to building multi family complexes in NOE in the next 2-3 years. Gulf Coast is a part of this project. Maybe we need to consider changing our approach in looking tax developments in the East. NOE Alliance is bringing developers out in the East tomorrow but they are businesses.

- B. **Parcel Fee update – video:** Karen Comeaux, chair of the Parcel Fee committee, said that five people were interviewed and lots of assets in the East for viewing the video at the Extravaganza including Stephanie Chambliss, PJs Coffee; Comms. Bryan Jourdain and Dawn Hebert.
- C. **Holiday Extravaganza 2019:** VIP sponsors increased so it appeared the small price increase did not deter the sponsors. Comm. Hamilton said that we need to please try to understand that hard working people in NOE have trouble paying the increased amount. He said may we could have a reduced price rate for NOE residents. Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that this is something that we will consider doing for future events.
- D. **NPP meeting on request to build education facility at 8820 & 8900 Haynes – FEEDBACK**
What kind of education?
- E. **Business Info Session for District E on Nov. 13 – FEEDBACK**
No one attended this meeting
- F. **City Planning Commission Housing Opportunity Study:** Comm. Hebert said she told them what we wanted our community to look like.

VIII. Community Info/Public Comments

- A. **Verizon: upcoming initiatives** was UNABLE TO ATTEND

IX. Announcements

- A. **CleanUpNOLA Community Impact Grant – up to \$2000. Deadline for application Friday, December 13th at 5pm** Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that she would apply for it.
- B. Karen Comeaux said that at the meeting on affordable housing, that all are not to the standard of the new ones that have been built. CM Nguyen is trying to get these developers to build here.
- C. Optimus Entertainment, 9800 Lake Forest Blvd, is rebuilding the strip mall and will open soon. It has a lot of promotion of artists, games and entertainment . There is also a chicken chain out of Atlanta.

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.