

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

**St. Maria Goretti Community Center
7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127**

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 @ 6:00pm

(Rescheduled due to Mardi Gras)

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	Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President
P	Romona Baudy, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
A	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 President, Scineaux-Richard 6:13 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum. The meeting will be informational until a quorum is met.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): There were none.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2017: The approval of the minutes was tabled until quorum is met. Comm. Jackson read the minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting. Need to correct Old Business under Toys for Tots; it was omitted that a motion was passed after the vote on the \$500 donation to Toys for Tots by ENONAC. Comm. Jackson then read the minutes from December 12, 2017 and January 9, 2017. No corrections to either of those needs to be made.

V. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report(s): the Treasurer’s report was tabled until quorum is met.

VI. New Business:

A. Proposed State Legislative Bills for 2018: Corrine Villavaso spoke for Rep. Jimmy Harris, District 99 on a couple of issues. 1) DEQ (Dept. of Environmental Quality) picked up some tires but there is only one plant that is a processing plant. They picked up over 60,000 tires and there is nowhere to dispose of them. The City has no regulation on tire shops and NOPD cannot issue citations on State issues. Rep. Harris is introducing legislation to have the City go after those businesses that have to recycle tires and not the property owner. 2) Traffic on Chef and Haynes Blvd is a public safety issue. Rep. Harris is trying to make a bill for the Levee Board police and SUNO to help with traffic when there is a major traffic jam. There is a big issue with the budget for this year. There have been 3 democratic seats; one in the Senate and 2 in the House. Pres. Richard commended Rep. Harris for his commitment to attempting to help solve the tire dumping issue.

B. NPP Project: Renovation & Alcohol license for gas station at 6601 Chef Hwy. Community Meeting: Friday, March 2, 2018; 5:30-6:30pm at above address. Comm. Williams indicated this alcohol request is in her Rosedale subdivision neighborhood. She said that the area has a lot of elderly people and gas station is very close to their homes. She asked that people come out to support them in opposing this issue.

A quorum has now been met.

VII. Old Business

A. Updates:

1. Meeting held by City Council Utilities Committee re: Entergy plans on February 21, 2018

**2. Meeting held by City Council re: Master Plan Amendments on February 22, 2018
(Port of New Orleans request zone change from wetlands to industrial)**

Dr. Beverly Wright, Executive Director of Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ) and Editha Amacker, Urban Planner & ENONAC Consultant, spoke on these issues. Dr. Wright said that we are fighting 3 changes that will affect the health and quality of life in NOE. 1) Entergy Plant: she said that outages have nothing to do with the plant. At the meeting held at the Pan AM Bldg. the community could not get into the room because of all the people and personnel from Entergy filling the room. Commissioners in attendance were Scineaux-Richard, Ed Blouin, W. Bickham, D. Hebert, M. DeGrasse and many other stakeholders from the East. Our quality of life and health does not seem to matter to them. 2) Port of New Orleans: and James Gray's plan to change zoning from Business Industrial Park (BIP) to Light Industrial LI will allow about 30 more industrial uses that are in direct conflict with the Master Plan and wetland preservation guidelines. The Utility Commission met with Entergy and decided to build the Entergy plant in 2014. Without the old Entergy Plant our air is cleaner than it has ever been in NOE.

B. Entergy Power Plant final approval by full City Council scheduled for March 8, 2018: On March 8, 2018 the City Council will vote on the Entergy plant for final approval. We need NOE residents to attend this meeting. Ms. Amacker spoke against the proposal to change from planned development and natural to industrial. City Planning Commission (CPC) and staff said no and the docket was sent back to the City Council. Councilman Gray was sending this to the rest of the Council for approval of the change. There was no discussion and it was approved in a block vote. Gray does not want to talk to some people because it appears he does not want to hear facts. Does he not understand that City Council and Planning Commission would be taken out of the picture? He also has offered a proposal to change Business Park area along Chef to permitted use which would allow Industrial plants next to out subdivisions, schools and churches. We need to reach out to those areas that would be directly involved in this issue. Justice and Beyond was brought in for this issue. This will affect the entire City of New Orleans. Some suggested it is time to get a march together and go down to City Hall. Tomorrow at 10am there will be a meeting to discuss a march at Christian Unity Baptist Church, 1700 Conti St. Comm. DeGrasse asked what recourse we have to correct this issue.

Quorum met:

Review and Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2017 minutes; motion by Comm. DeGrasse, second by Comm. Jourdain with previously noted corrections. Motion passed with no objections. December 12, 2017 minutes; motion by Comm. Dennesse, second by Comm. Weaver. Motion passed with no objections. January 9, 2018 minutes; motion by Comm. Hunter, second by Comm. Kingvalsky. Motion passed with no objections.

Treasurer's Report: Comm. Sanders passed out and read report from February 1 through February 27, 2018. It was moved by Comm. Spears and seconded by Comm. Jourdain to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed with no objections.

Review and Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Comm. Legaux and seconded by Comm. Baudy to approve the agenda. Motion passed with no objections.

C. CPC Hearings:

1. Tuesday, February 27, 2018 (two separate issues)

a. ZD 026/18: request for zoning change from residential to commercial at 11033 Chef Hwy

This is in the Master Plan

b. ZD 028/18: request for sale of package liquor at 9301 Lake Forest Blvd. No one at this meeting attended that CPC meeting

2. Tuesday, March 27, 2018

a. ZD 040/18: request by Ray Ave. Baptist Church for zone change from residential to commercial at 4712 Ray Ave. Comm. Linda Williams says that her subdivision (Rosedale) is

opposed to this zone change. Pastor of the church is not a resident but church is in the subdivision. Too much traffic and already have problems in the area. Comm. Williams wants us to help her to prevent this zoning change to protect the resident's quality of life in their community.

D. New Santosha Village for the Homeless community meeting Thursday February 22, 2018; 7538 Warfield;

6-8pm: Cheryl Jones, resident of the area for proposed facilities said they had them outside in the woods and in the dark. She said not only homeless but anyone who needs somewhere to live like artists, etc. could rent to own these homes. Clarence Proctor, Rosemont Place resident, said that their group met in the front of the site and told them that they totally opposed this project. It will negatively impact the value of their homes and their quality of life. He said he talked with Councilman Gray about this issue. Betty McGill, another Rosemont Place resident said that they were told that the project would not be coming to Plum Orchard but maybe coming to other areas in the East. Residents feel that our representatives are selling us out. Comm. Woods attended the meeting and spoke to the developer. She asked them what they did they know about the residents of NOE and at least 4-5 of them said nothing. They did not even know some of the names of the subdivisions in the area. Comm. Legaux reminded the Rosemont Place residents that they needed to get the information in writing about his project not coming into their area.

VIII. Community Info

A. News from Neighborhood Engagement Office: Our new ENO representative ,**Valerie Bouldin**, had copies from meeting and will send them to ENONAC.

VIII. Announcements

A. Delgado Adult Education Program: Leon Cordier III, spoke about night classes for High School GED at Sidney Collier from 4-8pm and are free to students. Classes begin on March 8, 2018.

IX. Adjournment

Comm. Comeaux motioned to adjourned and Comm. DeGrasse seconded. Motion passed with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Submitted by
Lydia Leon
Secretary