

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 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	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 6:00 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.

**At this time, we continued listening to the meeting of the City Economic Development committee regarding the Six Flags site development. And since the Kiernan Group was presenting at that meeting, they will not be able to present at ENONAC meeting as scheduled for tonight.**

II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** Rep. Jason Hughes and Trupania Bonner, Director Crescent City Media Group

III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Comm. Jourdain moved to amend the agenda to place New Business before Old Business to allow for presentations. Comm. Busby seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Comm. Legaux moved to approve the minutes. Comm. Busby seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.

V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders reported the Treasurers Report for the month of April 2021.

VI. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Six Flags Redevelopment presentation: Kiernan Group** will not present to ENONAC at this time as they are still on the Zoom meeting of the City Economic Development selection committee.

B. **Gun Violence Reduction: Patrick Young/Joshua Cox, Gun Violence Reduction Taskforce, City of NO** – Presenters stated that the Mayor want to figure out what we can do to reduce gun violence. Part of Mayor’s transition team formed a task force together to find solutions. They are to review the current programs and see if they are working. And find funding for the task force. The Office on Gun Violence was opened 3 weeks ago. They are trying to see how to fund these interventions. Patrick Young is the new director of this office. Mr. Young said that their Intervention Team consists of 3 parts: Hospital Response Team, Economic Opportunity and Barbers & Beauticians. Pres. Hebert asked if there was still a curfew for youngsters and teenagers since these car break-ins are still happening. Mr. Young said there is an intensive program for teens who are having issues and are not attending school. Someone asked if any jobs are being offered for kids in school now for the summer. Mr. Young said there is the Mayor’s Summer Jobs and also NORD for camp counselors and the Summer Success program for young people who are going down the wrong path but not in trouble yet. Is this a family issue or just the kids? Right now, just trying to build these services for the kids, no family involvement at this time. What about parenting classes? They have not investigated this yet. Mr. Young was invited to come back in July for update on this office. Looking for any ideas that community has on these issues.

- C. Redistricting: Trupania Bonner, Director Crescent City Media Group:** Mr. Bonner said that he was involved in the Census work. From January thru March the Redistrict Lab was completed. It provided education and process of creating redistricting maps. It helps to maintain within our district everything that is important to your community. In the spring, the Lab will be held on Saturday's from 10am to 1pm. Software is available. Crescent City Media want to root this into our communities. It will help maintain the seat that we have in our district. It also helps to understand our vision for our community. In October the maps will be updated for hearings. They want to create fair maps. This will create opportunity to share info with the communities. Please offer this to all if interested in this process. All classes are on Zoom. Corinne Villavaso thanked Mr. Bonner for the information. She said that this redistricting is very important to us. If you can, please participate in these classes.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. City Council Communication on agenda of May 6 : Request for appeal of Subdivision Docket 136/20 – Req. to re-subdivide lots at 7850 Crowder Blvd., Crowder Blvd Major Subdivision**  
At this May 6 meeting, the developer formally appealed the CPC denial of their project. The new date for the meeting is May 20. The developer has have not met with the community regarding this development. Send comments to CPC and on the day of meeting, using the form on [NOLA.gov/City Council](http://NOLA.gov/City Council).
- B. CPC Vacancy – results:** Pres. Hebert said that she sent in 5 resumes from community members directly to the Mayor and Councilperson Nguyen, but no choice has been made yet.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Subdivision Docket 048/21: Proposed subdivision submitted for consideration by CPC at 23164 and 35986 Chef Hwy. (not on any agenda at this time) – Pres. Hebert said this is at an apartment past Michoud. They want to build a small building to house equipment. It will be a utility building.**
- B. CPC Meeting agenda for May 11: Design review 040/21 – req. for amendment to approved development plan at 13707-13733 Chef Hwy. – This is postponed until the next CPC meeting.**
- C. CPC Public Hearing for May 25: Zoning Docket 046/21 – req. for text amendment to CZO re NPP requirements to include teleconferencing, virtual or other remote meeting formats to satisfy NPP requirements when in-person meetings are not an option – Positive amendment**

## **IX. COMMUNITY INFO**

- A. Sewerage and Water Meter Inspections - presentation at the May 25, 2021 CAB meeting.**  
Inspections prompted from high water bills received by customers. A representative will be sent to explain at our next meeting.

## **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A.** Comm. Sanders made a motion to add Brenda Jackson and Dawn Hebert on the bank accounts at Liberty Bank and Capital One Bank. Motion was seconded by Comm. McWilliams. After the vote, the motion passed. Comm.
- B.** Claudia Celestand sent thank you card thanking everyone for their prayers and condolences for her family's loss.
- C.** There was a request made for more time and info moving forward and if allowable and legal for the Six Flags proposals. The Mayor appointed selection committee rated the Kiernan Group first with

413 points and Bayou Phoenix second with 385 points. The majority of the comments submitted to at this meeting from the community favored Bayou Phoenix. There were only 2 comments on Kiernan Group's proposal and they were negative. This was reported by Comm. Jourdain who listened to the rest of that meeting. Comm. Weaver said that 30-40 people (in the comments) still wanted TPC-NOLA's proposal but they were in 6<sup>th</sup> place and are still trying to get the selection.

- D. Corinne Villavaso, Legislative Assistant for Senator Harris, gave a brief summary of the bills on the floor in Baton Rouge. Most importantly were: 1) Medical marijuana, 2) Pink tax: no tax on feminine hygiene products and diapers and 3) Bill 596 that passed both the House and Senate which will allow 21yrs and older to carry concealed guns without permits. This is very dangerous. She said maybe we can send letters to the Legislative Representatives opposing this dangerous bill. Someone asked will the Governor veto this bill. There needs to be a 2/3 majority to stop the veto.
- E. Pres. Hebert asked that all committees that have met give updates at the next meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Jourdain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Busby seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary