

GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Goretti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 @ 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	Romona Baudy, 1 st Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
P	Arthur Busby, Parliamentarian	A	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call --- Meeting was called to order by the President, Scineaux Richard at 6:10 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum and can do the business of the Commission

II. Special Guest(s): Kim Hypolite, Sara Cohen, Deputy Chief Information Officer (DCI), for participation in digital engagement (City 311 services)

III. Review and Approval of Agenda: Comm. Bickham made motion to approve agenda and Comm. DeGrasse seconded. After the vote, motion passed

IV. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read for the audience by Dr. Jackson. Comm. Busby made motion to approve minutes after correction that he wanted to add his Agenda item on the night of that meeting for vote. Scineaux-Richard suggested tabling the motion and that item being discussed at CAB meeting since it was to establish another Committee. Comm. Legaux seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

V. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s report was for 2/1/16 to 2/29/16. The report was passed out and read to CAB and Board.

- Beginning Balance - \$33,450.61
- Extravaganza Raffle & Auction Deposits - \$2,719.89
- Expenses - \$1,296.11
- Ending Balance - \$34,874.39

There were no questions. Comm. Weaver made motion to accept treasurer’s report and Comm. Williams seconded. After the vote, the motion passed.

VI. New Business

A. Proposed development at 13200 Haynes Blvd (raising chickens)

Melanie Craig’s Briarwood Subdivision says the land owner does not maintain his land and would not be able to do it with 500-50,000 chickens. The problems of noise, sanitation issues, odor and other concerns were expressed by the affected subdivision neighborhood. ENONAC will write a resolution on discussions of this proposal and present at the next meeting. We want to help Briarwood with this issue. The City Council will vote in February or March docket. The land is zoned residential. Comm. Daste made a motion to join with Briarwood Subdivision against building chicken coops in the area and Comm. Busby seconded. Owner has not submitted plans to the Commission yet. After the vote, the motion carried and a resolution will be drawn.

B. School Bus transportation in neighborhoods.

Kim Hypolite, Chair of Education Committee, spoke in reference to concerns about the buses and the expressed concerns about bus traffic, difficulty with ingress and egress to their neighborhood homes and buses staging and/or parking their buses on neighborhood streets. There are no longer neighborhood schools in neighborhoods. Charter schools are contacting bus companies to transport students. They pick

up children early in the morning and drop them off late in the evening. Poorly maintained streets are getting worse. Buses are parking in the neighborhoods. OPSB Member, John Brown spoke on enforcement. He stated that we should log the offenses and offenders with date-time-name the offense and provide info to NOPD. Visit schools in your neighborhood and let them know about the offenses. An Entergy supervisor also wrote a letter and taped it to the bus explaining that they were breaking the law. Phone number is 658-8100 for parking enforcement; 24 hours a day. Give license number on bus and bus number and name of company. They are showing lack of respect for Districts D and E. Try speaking to the principals and Charter Board of Directors. They make the decisions for their schools.

Act 467 – Differential funding for child with exceptional needs. Petition, passed around for signing funding based on the level of need.

C. Participation in digital engagement (City 311 services)

Sara Cohen, Deputy CIO said you can use 'Notice Me' site at nola.gov to get alerts for hearings that are scheduled or upcoming. There is also a mobile app for this. Call center focus group sign-up; you can tweet 311 or go to nola.gov/311 to register.

Democratic State Committee representatives were recognized: Alicia Plummer (present), Cynthia Willard-Lewis, Austin Badon, James Gray, Therese Badon, Kara Johnson, and Wesley Bishop

VII. Old Business

A. Proposed development at 10101 Lake Forest Blvd; Lake Forest Tower for Senior citizens. Comm. Heisser spoke and stated the developer is in process of getting conditional use from the City Council. There is a plan for 100 Units of 1 bedroom apts and tenants must be 55 and older. 100% will be senior participation. They have no plans for washer/dryer in each unit but are working to see how it can be done. The owner of Lake Forest Tower, the Kaseem family who took ownership December 1, does not have all the approval from the city. City Planning Commission must notify ENONAC before they can move forward. It is not assisted living. There will be wrap-around services such as medical and social services.

B. CAB recertification – Comm. Greg Hamilton swore in Executive Board member Romona Baudy, 1st Vice President and CAB members present.

C. Scineaux-Richard stated that the HLUZ Committee submitted the proposed NPP changes to the City Planning Commission. It was sent to all the CAB members. Look in your email for details.

VIII. Community Info:

A. Civic Leadership Academy: apply by Fri March 11, 2016 to participate in the spring. It lasts 8 weeks. See email for website.

B. Versailles Apt Complex issue: Commissioners Dawn Hebert and Kim Wiltz spoke about this issue. An out of state development group from Tennessee wants to build 50 complexes, 80% low income. That would be 1200 people with 100 Section 8 vouchers. HANO says units are not needed. The Vietnamese Community is not in support of this project because of adverse impact on their Community; no transportation, no available resources and is not needed. The Michoud Community lead by the priest of Mary Queen of Vietnam is in opposition. There are enough low income units. This study will impact Walmart, Winn Dixie and other retail in the area. They will fill these units as they see fit. If this is allowed, it will create more problems out here. DEQ is doing a study on the grounds for contamination. It will not be a gated Community. Pressure needs to be put on these management companies. The director of HUD needs to be invited to our meeting. Maybe Chalmette and Venetian Isles should be involved since this will impact their neighborhoods, along with ENONAC, HUD, HANO and Versailles Complex owner.

VIII. Announcements:

A. Barbara Hornsby resigned from NORBP

B. **Daughters of Charity Gala** is April 16, 2016 at Messina's at the Terminal – see website for tickets.

IX. Adjournment:

Having no more business, Comm. Busby made motion to adjourn and Comm. Daste seconded. After the vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary