

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

NOPD 7th DISTRICT ROLL CALL ROOM
10101 Dwyer Rd., New Orleans, LA 70127

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 6:00pm

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
A	Dawn Hebert, 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 Sylvia Scineaux Richard at 6:10 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum.

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s): Shaun Ferguson, NOPD Chief, Lawrence Dupree, Commander of 7th District NOPD, Eddie Dema, Quality of Life Officer and Yvonne Martin, ENO Liaison Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Engagement

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

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

Chief Ferguson was allowed to speak first due to his tight schedule. The following were some highlights: 3 classes of recruits were just graduated and another class is December 16, 2019. The next graduating class is on December 20. Homicides are down 30%, so we are moving in the right direction. Armed robberies are in double digits, up 10% in shootings, 5% increase in property crimes, auto thefts up 68%. Reinforcement of the curfew has helped. Parents’ pleas were made and they are working with judges and the DA. Habitual youth crimes are still a problem. Community advocates are trying to help. Public hearing will be next month for consent decree. Trying to identify problems ahead of time. Complaints are down. There is a goal of a \$2 million dollar increase in funds for police. On the upcoming ballot is a mil to be redirected to public safety, infrastructure, maintenance and crime camera maintenance. Investigators are pairing up in cars to investigate crime scenes. Each person needs their own car to be more effective. Comm. Troy Henry asked what advice we can give for vandalism in our neighborhoods. He said, call 9-1-1, and do not interact with these people as some are very dangerous and armed. Do not escalate the situation. He concluded by saying that there are good things lined up for 2020 in the 7th District.

VI. New Business:

- A. **NPP: Request for zone change at 12055 and 11853 Chef Hwy.**
- B. **ZD 124/19: Req. by CC Motion for amendment to ZD121/18 to authorize multi-family residential development at 13707-13733 Chef Hwy.:** Nicole Webre, Webre Consulting, explained changes to plans. They are reapplying for zone changes. She said that it will be a gated community with commercial space, a community center, exercise rooms, splash pad for kids, and a walking path completely around the area. There will be 50,000 sq. ft. of parking. It will be ADA compliant. There will be a picnic area that will increase the storm water retention pond in the center. Landscaping plans are included; 4-stories high, 150 units: 24 1-bedroom, 36 3-bedroom and 48 4-bedroom with an average size of 1200 sq. ft. She said you must show income, and background checks are required. All have laundry room, dining area, living room, bath connections. Landscaping will be similar to Cypress Park. Construction is to begin in the first quarter 2020. They are requesting permit plan review as soon as possible to demolish and remediate. Income levels will determine rent in work-force housing.

VII. Old Business

- A. Continuation of ZD 096/19: City Council Motion request for zoning change at 6859 E. Coronet Court (NPP Process Bypassed):** About 20 people showed up at the meeting. It was a good meeting. CM Nguyen still says that she did not bypass the NPP process. There were some questions asked. 1) Who is going to maintain the property? Pres. Scineaux-Richard said that the main purpose of the meeting was to say that the person who is filing for the zoning change will be able to clean up the area by starting the building of her property. Multi-family complexes must have amenities like playgrounds, must build what goes with the neighborhood. She wants to change the zoning to put up what she wants to build. Demands are that there be plans for all blighted properties must be rehabilitated in order for the area to look better. Police records show that the area is horrible for crime. The owners of the property should be able to fix it or sell it. The City Attorney said that the NPP process is the norm for the City Council and they are allowed to do so. Mr. Busby said that CM Kristin Palmer said that she did it in her neighborhood but she actually made it such that all properties in the area had to be fixed. Comm. McWilliams said that ENONACs purpose is to get all the developers to follow the Master Plan. Once this spot zone is granted, then everyone will want to change the zoning so they can build a 4Plex; the same as applicant. There are 115 properties in Lakewood East, the closest subdivision to this development. It was asked if Lakewood East Subdivision Homeowner Association Covenant supported this development. Pres. Scineaux Richard stated that Comm. Spears subdivision donated money to ENONAC to help pay legal fees for opposition to this proposal. Some of it he said does, but they can update their covenant to achieve this. Comm. Braud said that Donna Villa subdivision has combined 6 areas into one tax basis. Combined, they want to get people to keep up their properties. The City has said it will not enforce subdivision covenants. Combined, he feels that we can make changes. Comm. Hebert said she found it disturbing to have the Councilperson waive the NPP process and that this seems to be a pattern that we will have to live with now. Terrie Guerin, CM. Nguyen Chief of Staff, said that isn't so and they have tried to have those blighted properties owners restore and were getting nowhere. When looking at this she thought this would work but she said that she will never do that again and all will now go through the NPP process. They want to work with the community and see ENONAC's vision. CM. Moreno will come to ENONAC meeting to discuss this issue. Alexcar Short, Donna Villa resident, said that the owners of this particular property do not live here but in Mississippi. When she went to look at it, they saw drug sales and people dumping trash. Only five owners of all of the owners of these existing 4Plexes live in the city. We have 90 days to try to work together with CM Nguyen.
- B. BZA 076/19: Request by Kaleidoscope Realty LLC to permit two freestanding signs where only one is permitted at 5931-5961 Bullard:** There is no objection to this.

VIII. Community Info/Public Comments

- A. 2019 Business Info Sessions: Business Funding Resource Fair:** For District E this is on Wednesday, November 13 from 1:30-3pm at the ENO Library
- B. New Orleans East Hospital (NOEH)** celebrates 5 years with Job Fair and Community Celebration on Thursday, November 14 from 5-8pm at the hospital at 5620 Read Blvd.
- C. CM Jared Brossett (District D) Turkey Giveaway** is on Tuesday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Beacon Light Church, 1937 Mirabeau Ave, New Orleans, LA 70122. Volunteers are needed.
- D. Celebration of Restored Xavier Gonzales Murals** is on Thursday, November 21 from 6-8pm in the Atrium of Lakefront Airport Terminal. Tickets \$100 with \$2500 Corporate Sponsorship

IX. Announcements

- A. Important Action: Register with Office of Neighborhood Engagement:** update your neighborhood info online
- B. Water Fall Fest: It is on Saturday, November 23 from 10:30-3:30pm at the Rosa Keller Library 4300 S. Broad Ave.** ----- Ella Delio, Director, Environmental Programs, GNOF said that the City is flooding with hurricanes and this fest will highlight ideas to help with controlling flooding and reducing it.
- C. Holiday Extravaganza 2019:** It is on Friday, December 13, 2019, Crystal Palace. Black Tie/Cocktail Attire - Tickets \$100 – TICKETS GOING FAST! Raffle Tickets are available
- D. Chanel Wells,** General Manager at IHOP came to meeting to offer ENONAC any help with community events and to say they want to work and be involved with the ENO neighborhoods.

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

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary