

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

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GENERAL MEETING

St. Maria Gorreti Community Center ~ 7300 Crowder Blvd.

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 @ 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	Ed Blouin, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, 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 Scineaux-Richard at 6:10 p.m. After the roll call, we have a quorum.

II. Special Guest: Mr. Rory Molezion, Branch Manager Whitney Bank, ENO Branch, who announced that the bank is giving a donation to ENONAC for Christmas Extravaganza fundraiser.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda. Comm. Faure made a motion to accept the agenda, Comm. Denesse seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes of previous meeting. Comm. Linda Resor made a correction to the previous month’s minutes that the Willows Apts. has 263 apartments not 663 as stated in the minutes. Comm. Whitfield made motion to accept the minutes with the correction and Comm. Bickham seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

V. Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer’s report was read and passed out to board and CAB Members.

- Beginning Balance – \$7,946.44
- Donation – \$12.00
- Extravaganza – \$1500.00
- Donation – \$8.00
- Expenses – \$3042.84
- Ending Balance – \$6,423.60

Comm. Daste made motion to accept treasurer’s report and Comm. Busby seconded. After the vote, motion passed with no objections.

VI. New Business

A. The Deep South Center for Environmental Justice is requesting a letter of support for renewal of their grant to train people in environmental tasks. Comm. Daste made a motion to write the letter of support and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

VII. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. HLUZ Committee

a. ZD 081/14-Comprehensiv Zoning Ordinance (CZO) - Scineaux-Richard gave an update of the City Council meeting held on Oct 24, 2014 to address the CZO. She expressed appreciation to Comm. Busby, Hebert and Hamilton who attended the meeting to give their time to allow her to give the full ENO presentation. In New Orleans East, we would not like to see bars and ABO’s on every corner of our neighborhoods. Nor borrow pits in subdivisions without engineer reviews and better specification of allowable neighborhood-commercial which are some of the things Scineaux-Richard requested to be put into effect for the new CZO. Big-box businesses want to be sure what type businesses that can locate next to them. We don’t want massage parlors and off track betting next to schools and churches. We need to find a balance and be sure that they understand what we expect with the development of land requests in New Orleans East. Each

Councilperson is planning to have conversations with their residents and will vote after the 1st of the year. They have accepted the entire overlay in the interim.

b. ZD 072/14 -- Luxe Reception Hall – located on I-10 Service Rd and Wright Rd. and Lake Forest Estates & Mark subdivision. It was a Bar and Strip Club the first time and we were able to stop it. This is the second time same owner is applying and he had not notified the community. City Planning Commission denied his request for a liquor license. The city planning staffers looked at the pictures and a lack of parking, etc. and gave permission to accept it with provisos. The CPC hearing heard the NOE concerns from Lake Forest Estates and Mark Subdivision residents plus Comm. Hebert, Busby, Scineaux-Richard, and the CPC Commissioners sided with the community and voted for denial of a liquor license being granted to the LUXE owner. There was a meeting held with Councilman Gray, Erin Spears, Chief of Staff and ENO stakeholders and all felt it had been a good meeting and believed Gray would not approve it. The LUXE facility had a party last weekend Comm. Heisser took pictures of how cars were parked all over and into next door lots and forwarded them to Councilman Gray to show lack of adequate parking. Additionally, a meeting was held with Gray the day before the City Council meeting addressing that issue and he told Comm. Heisser that he would not approve. She got to council meeting at 10:20-11:30, too late because our case had been moved up. In spite of the ENO residents who were there and spoke in opposition, Councilman Gray passed the LUXE Reception Hall request to sell alcohol, with provisos and good neighbor agreement. He is now working on writing the Ordinance which will go before the Council after 21 days. If the community wants to challenge this Ordinance to sell alcohol at that location, we would have to legally file something in court before 21 days are up.

CPC zoning issues for 10/28/14

c. ZD 099/14_ fast food by Wal-Mart. ENONAC did not attend because of no voiced opposition.

d. ZD 100/14_3908 Downman and 5835 Chef Hwy. Permit for Car Wash. Comm. Barthé's subdivision approved with submitted list of provisos.

e. ZD 108/14_ABO permit request at retail store at 13801 Chef Hwy. Comm. Kingvalsky said residents in this area were not concerned because it was not around home and in a totally commercial area.

B. Willows apartments – Comm. Daste stated that they had a great meeting with Rev Richard L Hamlet, the President of Global Ministries Fellowship (GMF) and he assured they will look at our request and did not disagree but had to let his lawyers look at it.

The management company that will run the “The Willows” apartment complex for GMF went over all of the concerns expressed to Rev. Hamlet and we have asked them to be good neighbors. The Lake Willow subdivision, contacted HANO about the deplorable condition of the apartments on Crowder. They sent letters telling them to clean up their area. Four of these multifamily complexes on Crowder are up for sale, probably due to the intense pressure on them to make their tenants comply. They are now working on the nearby gas station. The Chevron Corporation has been contacted because of issues of loitering and litter at that Crowder site.

C. Holiday Extravaganza – Scineaux-Richard spoke about the upcoming Holiday Extravaganza on December 19 at Crystal Palace on Chef Hwy. She said that VIP table seating is going fast so get your tickets now. Brenda Badon is available tonight to sell tickets.

VIII. Community Information – Kyle Shelly, Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office spoke about two upcoming events: The Neighborhood Summit on Saturday November 8 at Dillard University and the Coffee on your Corner on Tuesday, November 11 at the NOE Hospital.

IX. Announcements – Scineaux-Richard stated that it is so very important that we get out and vote in the upcoming elections

X. Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn was by Comm. Daste and seconded by Comm. Denesse – Motion Passed with no objections.

Submitted by
Lydia Leon, Secretary