

**EASTERN NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
ENONAC MINUTES
Bayou Title, 6:00pm
Tuesday, April 14, 2009**

PRESENT: S. Scineaux-Richard, C. Charbonnet, C. Garner, T. Le, T. Wall, D. Gordon.

Absent: G. Maurice

Commissioners: Homeowner Association Presidents (CAB) roll call. See attached sign in sheet. Quorum established.

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. Williams (Rosedale) motion to accept the agenda and seconded by Vallon (Spig Lake). Secretary D. Gordon read minutes from the March 10, 2009 meeting. Corrections noted on the location for the next Master Plan meeting which was noted correctly on the current agenda and also to include statement regarding the support from ENONAC for homeowners in Village de L'est in opposition of the reopening of Versailles Arms aka Peltier Gardens. Also correction which should have included Richard's Disposal as one of businesses that were recognized for support by ENONAC. Motion to accept minutes with corrections from P. Cantrell (Kenilworth) and seconded by B. Vallon (Spring Lake).

T. Lee gave treasurer report as of 4-13-09. Motion to accept treasury report by Octavia and seconded by Diggins.

Scineaux-Richard discussed boundaries for the Lincoln Beach Historical District which should serve as an economic engine for businesses that could apply for tax credits. Boundaries are Chef Menteur, Downman Roads, Haynes Blvd and Paris Road. A definite plus for the community. Future meetings to include community will be planned with the Cultural District Foundation.

Scineaux-Richard received a request from Congressman Cao's office for informational meeting with ENONAC. She asked if anyone had specific concerns, needs or issues regarding our community that should be brought to Congressman Cao's attention please submit through their HOA president and they can discuss at CAB or ENONAC meeting.

S. Bolden of AICCO introduced their company that offers loans for small or micro businesses. They are a micro lender, making loans ranging from \$500 to 100K. Interest rates 12%. They are a not for profit company. Average credit score 575 for businesses. They provide loans to businesses that regular financial institutions won't approve. Business cards handed out.

Scineaux-Richard presented a power point of ENONAC accomplishments for 2008-2009. The commission has worked diligently to promote and protect the interest of the residents of ENO. Handouts were given of the power point presentation and a request was made to put the information on the website.

T. Wall gave an overview of the Economic Development/Recovery Committee meeting with our Councilpersons Willard-Lewis, Fielkow, Jackie Clarkson and Recovery Director Ed Blakely that was held on April 1, 2009. The committee requested updates reference recovery funds designated for ENO and concerns about economic development. T. Wall informed the residents that a developer, Mr. Cesar Burgos has been selected to develop the mall. Question from the floor about a real estate meeting held earlier today (April-14-09) hosted by Brent at Bayou Title attended by Councilwoman J. Clarkson who talked about economic development. We will be getting a mall but we needed to determine what type of mall. Willard-Lewis said we will get the type of mall we want. Mr. Cesar Burgos who is a developer and a supporter of ENO is excited and volunteering to work with our community to build a quality mall. .

G. Hamilton asked who is the majority owner of the Grand Theater? It was stated that Ashton Ryan is the major owner but the Grand Theater is still in litigation with 5 other investors. It has been said they are sitting down at the table to get resolution. This will not delay any development at the old Lake Forest Plaza mall site. The Grand is located on a different parcel of land. Question about the number of people that actually represents ENO? It sometimes seems to only include districts such as Gentilly so that is why we see different numbers on surveys. Surveys continue to be conducted which helps show the need for the reopening of Methodist Hospital.

Rumored about a trash company was coming to ENO from concerned resident. Scineaux stated that information regarding the Sun Energy company is scheduled to be discussed at the upcoming April 28,2009 CAB meeting. Sun Energy will also do a presentation before the entire community after the CAB meeting.

Residents must be vigilant about requested economic development because we want Wal-Mart but it is not the only company we need for ENO. We need many other quality stores as well.

Another concern about who will decide what type of mall will be placed at the old mall. An outlet mall was suggested but no one said that were the final decision and other considerations will be made based on what the community

wants. The type of mall being chosen at the old mall is a concern for some residents.

Comments were made about Director of Recovery Ed Blakely and his handling of the East's need. He is inconsistent at requests for meetings and recently made a statement that the reason the Post Office in Lakeview opened was because the residents were persistent. The ENO resident took issue with that statement because ENO residents have always been persistent about all their needs. Master plan sets the design of the land. Willard Lewis stated that we need to continue to attend meetings and show support and let our needs be known. Next Master Plan Meeting to be held 4/20/09 at St Mary's Academy Scineaux-Richard asked all to plan to attend to protect our interest. Corine Ducree from the Zoning and Planning city commission asked all to send any comments and concerns which will be addressed within the Master Plan comment period. 504 658-7025 email address cducree@cityofno.com

Results of NOEBA lawsuit. (Sherman Copelin is the President) The NOEBA et al lawsuit said that the notification process required by ENONAC (ACT 887) causes an unnecessary and prohibitive problem for individuals/businesses requesting permits. NOEBA lawsuit wanted the courts to stop ENONAC's involvement in the permit process. We won the lawsuit which again confirms the right of the community to receive notification on what is coming to their neighborhood.

Comments made about the fact that Councilwoman Cynthia Hedge-Morell is never at our meetings. Why? Is she a representative for a part of ENO?. Residents want to know why she does not attend our meetings?

C. Richardson spoke on Section 8. Very little we can do to stop section. We can continue to curtail mass density but we can't legally stop Section 8. He suggested that we ensure our neighborhood subdivisions have strong covenants to curtail whether properties can be rented and under what conditions.

Wal-Mart is still a sore point. Wal-Mart has been noncommittal in the past. They have purchased the land, not sure if at the old plaza site. According to C. Richmond they have asked for 3 options regarding the location of a Wal-Mart in ENO. Their previous location, and some other new land purchase.

Good News :

Scineaux-Richard said Betty Wilkerson from Renaissance Marketplace wanted the community to know that an open farmer's market is slated to open very soon at the Lowe's site.

The library will have a temporary module system and should be open in about 2 months.

Motion requested by Scineaux-Richard from the CAB members for a vote to continue the fight against the Levy Gardens project. A 100 page appeal was received from the developer's attorney and ENONAC was informed by its legal counsel Fritschertz. Motion from Perez (Castle Manor) to continue the legal representation against Levy Gardens and seconded by S. Knott (Lake Forest Estates). 11 CAB Presidents voted for the fight and one no vote by F. Jones (McKendall Estates). The motion carried.

Before the drawing took place F. Jones McKendall Estates was concerned about the shortfall to conduct the raffle. The treasury report of 4-13-09 did not have enough money to pay the prize winning of \$5,000. T. Le said it did not take in account the money collected 4-14-09 and the following donations from business supporters for the raffle: Metro Disposal (\$1,000), Richard's Disposal Inc (\$500), Johnson Mortgage Company (\$250) and Lundy Enterprises (\$1000).

Raffle was conducted and the winner of the \$5,000 dollar prize was Dr. Ronnie Chue, Ticket No. 1166. The ticket was sold by Betty Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.