

**EASTERN NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
MONTHLY MINUTES**

ST. MARIA GORETTI 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Executive Board Present: Scineaux-Richard, C. Charbonnet, C. Garner, and T. Le, T.Wall, D.Gordon

Absent: G. Maurice

Commissioners: Homeowner Association Presidents (CAB) roll call. Sign in sheet maintained with ENONAC records. Quorum established.

Meeting called to review order at 6:10 p.m.

Scineaux –Richard ask Commissioners to read distributed minutes from the May 12, 2009 meeting. The resident membership was referred to the website to read minutes.

Motion to accept minutes by Perez and seconded by C. Bell.

Acknowledgment of special guest: Councilwoman Willard-Lewis

T. Le gave treasurer report as of 5-12-09. Motion to accept treasury report by C. Garner and accepted.

New Business:

Lake Forest Plaza Redevelopment update by Cesar Burgos. As of May 8th settlement agreement has been reached in the ownership. This makes way for the start of redevelopment of the Plaza site. Mr. Burgos gave an update on the future plans, provided a drawing of the vision for the site. He came to introduce himself to the community and made it clear his intent to see this project is completed. He introduced Mr. Moran with Manning Architectural Firm to show plans projected for the redevelopment of the mall and to move forward. Mr. Burgos assured us he will come back to the community with more details.

Senate Bill 75: Councilwoman Willard-Lewis and Ron Nabonne gave the community an explanation of SB 75 and the importance of this bill as it relates to the City's Master Plan. She explained how the vote last year by the voters regarding the City Charter was not transparent, not easily understood and insufficient to the public and what it really meant as it was presented. Under SB75 it would allow the voters to be a part of the process of the master plan before it becomes law in a democratic way but as it stands right now the city planning commission has all the power to control the city's future master plan and it would be law and not take the citizens input. By supporting SB75 it allows the communities to ensure each community has the input of what they want and not what unelected and appointed representatives want, who has no connection to these communities. She asked that we let our representatives know that we support SB75. Questions were taken and one requestor asked ENONAC to submit a letter in support of SB 75. A vote was taken from the HOA presidents with everyone in favor for ENONAC to support SB 75.

Methodist Hospital: Mr. Fred Young gave a power point presentation to outline the timeline beginning from 2006 thru current date as to how the Hospital Foundation has worked to secure the reopening of the new Eastern New Orleans Hospital. The presentation consisted of a step by step of accounting of how the fight began and to the successful win of getting the reopening of this hospital with a tentative date of ground breaking beginning this December with the hopes of opening the facility by June 2012. Several key points were given as to the Board of Directors, funding, who supports this community and all the work it took to win this project. We have the support of city, state and Federal officials. With all the obstacles we have successfully won the battle to get this hospital back in the community with it beginning with for 80 beds and future grow to be considered as a regional hospital. The old Methodist and Lakeland Hospital will be purchased and redeveloped one section at a time. The initial ground breaking will begin by Dec 2009.

Dr. Stephens, Mr. Fox and Mr. Young answered questions from the audience reference the Hospital and Mr. Nabonne reference the SB 75 issue during the question& answer period.

Old Business:

La Provence: The demolition of La Provence was stopped due to DEQ being concerned with hazardous waste (asbestos) being on the property. The hazard has existed since Katrina and it was recommended that every member in the community call DEQ and encourage them to continue to act quickly and continue the demolition immediately. Motion made by M.. Thompson and 2nd by B. Vaughn with everyone in agreement to contact DEQ at 1-866-896-5337 to stop the delay and continue the demolition of this property. ENONAC should contact them as well.

Ms. Levon Wright, of Renaissance Marketplace spoke about the upcoming festival and the need for support. They are not getting the support from the different HOA's but have gotten a lot of support from businesses. Roland Doucette, a representative of the marketplace project encouraged the need for the entire community to sponsor this organization/project for it be successful.

The two business owners : Sears Appliance Store (Wilson & Daison) and Jazzy City Java (Lisa Ellsworth) spoke about the need for community support to be profitable.

Scineaux-Richard encouraged all to continue to be engaged and involved in moving our community forward. Scineaux –Richard asked for a motion to adjoin.

Motion offered by C. Denise and 2nd by T. West to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

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