

**Eastern New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission
(ENONAC)**

Meeting Minutes August 11, 2009

Executive Board Present: Scineaux-Richard, C. Charbonnet, T. Le, T. Wall, Degruy-Gordon.

Meeting called to order 6:19 p.m. Roll call conducted. Fifteen subdivision commissioners present: a quorum is established.

Motion to accept the August agenda by Cynthia Bell and seconded by L. Stewart.

Scineaux-Richard asked each CAB president read the Minutes for a vote of acceptance. Motion to accept July minutes by J. Heisser (proxy Lk Forest Estates), seconded by Melanie Thompson (Kingswood).

T. Lee gave the Treasurer report which is made a part of minutes. Motion to accept by C. Denesse (Kenilworth) and seconded by M. Thompson.

New Business

Scineaux-Richard said there are students from the eastern states (New York, Boston, etc.) that are from the National Collegiate Volunteers that are available to help with clean up for the elderly.

Mr. Lamond Whitten from the Whitten Foundation presented their proposal to dgrenovate, repair and reopen Forest Towers, a high rise senior citizen, independent living facility located on Lake Forest off the corner of Read Rd. The Whitten Foundation will be the owner/management and are already managing several other multi-family developments. Mr. Whitten stated that his foundation developed Huntington and Hidden Lake Apartments. He stated that many of their former elderly tenants want to come back. They intend to put it back to the original 100 apartments in a size large enough to make them handicap accessible compliant. This independent living facility will house one bedroom units for the elderly. Their timeline to start construction is by the end of 2009 and finish one year from that point.

District Attorney Leon Canizzaro gave an overview of crime and community involvement. With the financial assistance from the City Council he has hired more investigators and several social workers. This hire has enabled him to respond quickly at murder scenes to cultivate leads and possible witnesses. Before this there were over 20 "cold cases" that had not been touched since they occurred. Since Feb, 2008 he sends 3 people to the scene of the crime including a social worker.

He stated that he wants the council to pass a city ordinance to put simple marijuana cases in Municipal Court and not in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. This would allow the District attorney's office to focus their resources on the more serious criminal cases.

Scineaux-Richard stated to the community that their respective subdivision presidents/commissioners attended a meeting on July 27, 2009 with Mayor Nagin and his administrative staff, Councilwomen Willard-Lewis and Hedge-Morrell. A list of East New Orleans concerns and issues were presented and discussed including the Hospital, Library, Joe Brown Park, and street lights. She suggested they review and discuss the list of concerns with their individual HOA subdivision presidents.

Scineaux-Richard attended a Round-Table discussion on August 5, 2009 in Washington D.C. hosted by Senator Mary Landrieu and attended by Walt Legere, Paul Rainwater, of the LRA, and other community leaders from Louisiana and other federal entities. She stated that the discussion was to address the large gap that exist in the Road home compensation funds received by the residents in Eastern New Orleans when compared to other areas of the state. She expressed to the group that ENO residents believe they were shortchanged their fair share of compensation funds. She encouraged all to continue their fight to get their just compensation from Road Home.

Old Business

The election for open positions for 2nd Vice President and Member at Large was held.

Nominees for 2nd Vice President: Octave Rainey (Lake Willow), Kara Johnson (Lake Carmel) and Juan Lizaraga (Pines Village).

Nominations called for from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots given to CAB (HOA) presidents for a vote. Votes counted and the highest amount was 11 votes for Kara Johnson. Kara Johnson was declared ENONAC 2nd Vice President.

It was proposed and agreed that we consider the nominees who were not chosen for Vice President be considered for the Member at Large position.

Nominees for Member at Large: Octave Rainey (Lake Willow), Juan Lazarga (Pines Village), Lisa Stafford (Lk Bullard), she withdrew her name and Cheryl Wiggins (Melia). The ballots were handled out to the CAB. The votes counted and Cheryl Wiggins was declared the new ENONAC Member at Large.

T. Wall discussed the trip to Dallas to Big League of Dreams and Hawaiian Falls Water Park. She stated that theme park executives will do a presentation of their facilities and answer any questions regarding the proposed sports complex/water park before the entire community on August 25, 2009 at St. Marie Goretti Community Center at 6:00p.m.

C.Charbonnet stated that the Sun Energy fight continues. A press conference is planned to express community concerns.

Murphy, a representative from Congress Cao's office stated that they are working on resolution of the hospital, stores and storm protection issue. He will get back with an update.

Senator Duplessis spoke about the “borrow pits” and that an important meeting on this issue is planned by the US Army Corp of Engineers for Thursday, Aug 13, 2009 at the Church at New Orleans, 11700 Chef Menteur Hwy at 6:30 pm. She asked all to attend. An e-mail blast is requested to get the public out to the meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. was offered and accepted by Perez(Castle Manor) and seconded by Thompson.

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