

# East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission Minutes

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## Meeting of the Commission

St Maria Goretti 7300 Crowder Blvd New Orleans La 70127

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Present: Scineaux-Richard, C. Charbonnet, K. Johnson, T. Le, D. Degruy-Gordon, T. Wall, C. Diggins.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum established.

Introduction of Special Guests by Scineaux-Richard. Review and Approve Agenda, motion by CAB member and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reading and Approval of Sep 8, 2009 Minutes. Motion made by C. Denesse and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CAB member. T. Lee (Treasurer) arrived late and it was announced the Treasurer's Report would be available on the website for the record.

**New Business:** Slide show on the overview of NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility was presented by **Michael Dawson**, NASA and **John Filostrat**, Public Affairs Officer. The current mission and its partnership was displayed to the community of Eastern New Orleans. The commitment and presence of NASA is long term and will continue to partner with the Community for a better East and City of New Orleans.

Neighborhood Coalition Building /Power in Numbers was presented by **Timolyn Sam**, Executive Director of Neighborhood Partnership Network (NPN). A powerful presentation on how best for ENONAC to operate with the partnership network established with the Eastern Community and tips on the role of the organization. She stated to always bear in mind the community is as strong as the residents/people.

**Old Business:** Reminders regarding Master Plan Hearings: City Council Chamber @ 4:30 pm, October 13, 2009 and October 16, 2009. It was stressed on how important citizen participation is needed for the future development of Eastern New Orleans.

Expectation of Lake Forest Mall was discussed by 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-chair Kara Johnson and the successful placement of bench marks to make for a stronger ordinance and accountability. The vote by the council was 6-1 for approval of the TIF with some of the changes recommended by the Housing and Zoning committee which was included in the amended ordinance. G. Hamilton, President of Wimbeldon Association requested that his subdivision wanted to go on record as not in favor of the Mall (TIF) Ordinance due to the lack of specific benchmarks not being a part of the ordinance. Most voiced a desire for ENONAC to pursue more specifics for the development of the Lake Forest Plaza.

**Good News:** Franklin Avenue Church opening church in New Orleans East. Scineaux-Richard reminded everyone to support the next Renaissance Fest on October 24, 2009

Motion by CAB member and 2<sup>nd</sup> for ADJOURNMENT at 8:10 p.m.

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