



Fair Grounds Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14, 2012

ATTENDANCE:	REPRESENTING
Tim Bryant	Fair Grounds Race Course
Bishop Ryan Warner	Councilmember Granderson
Sandra Salmen	Fair Grounds Race Course
Rocky Seydel	Councilmember Clarkson
Comm. John Thomas	Superintendent Serpas
Virgil Duplessis	Fair Grounds Race Course
Tommy Lewis	Councilmember Guidry
Jimmy Scott	Superintendent Serpas
Linda Landesberg	Councilmember Palmer
Tina Metoyer	Councilmember Morrell
Enrico Sterling	Councilmember Guidry
Sherry Watters	Councilmember Guidry

Meeting is called to order at 4:08 pm by Chairperson Bishop Warner.

Bishop Warner welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time and involvement in the Fair Grounds Citizens Advisory Committee. He wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day and Happy New Year.

Bishop Warner introduced Commander John Thomas, who is in charge of the Third District, and asked him to introduce himself.

Commander Thomas said he grew up in this area. He is very familiar with the neighborhoods surrounding the Fair Grounds. He looks forward to getting to know and work with the committee.

Bishop Warned asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Rocky Seydel made the motion and Tommy Lewis seconded to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

### Old Business

Tim Bryant updated the committee on the second half of the Fair Grounds race meet and reminded everyone that closing day will be Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a big weekend for New Orleans as the Final Four will be played on Saturday, March 31 and the championship will be on Monday, April 1.

There are 3 more scheduled Starlight Racing events Friday, February 24, Friday, March 16 and Friday, March 30.

Jimmy Scott gave a detail presentation with maps of the areas relating to any crime in the area surrounding the 3 neighborhoods patrolled by the Fair Grounds detail. It is their beliefs that the pro active patrols help to keep the area safer. Every one is reminded that armed robberies are crimes of opportunity.

Sherry Watters wanted the committee to know she had reached out to the Belfort Street residents to see if they had any concerns. No one responded to Sherry.

### New Business

Sandra Salmen reminded everyone of the dates for the Jazz Festival. They are April 27, 28, 29, May 3, 4, 5, and 6. All horses must leave the stable area by Wednesday, April 11.

Bishop Warner asked for Enrico Sterling to inform the group about changes to the make up of the committee.

Enrico Sterling informed the group that we will move forward following the public meeting requirements as outlined in Section 2-12.

1. The meetings are open to the public

2. We need to post meeting notices and the agenda at least 24 hours in advance.
3. Meeting minutes need to be provided to anyone that requests them.
4. Individuals that attend the meeting may make public comments after any action is taken by the FGCAC

Enrico Sterling reminded the Committee that the only action the FGCAC can take is in regards to revising the area the Fair Grounds patrols.

Linda Landesberg said that all minutes from previous FGCAC meetings are posted on the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association web site.  
[WWW.FSJNA.ORG](http://WWW.FSJNA.ORG)

Tommy Lewis asked for motion to adjourn and Rocky Seydel seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 4:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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