



Fair Grounds Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 6, 2012

ATTENDANCE:	REPRESENTING
Bishop Ryan Warner	Councilmember Head
Tim Bryant	Fair Grounds Race Course
Sandra Salmen	Fair Grounds Race Course
Rocky Seydel	Councilmember Clarkson
Virgil Duplessis	Fair Grounds Race Course
Tommy Lewis	Councilmember Guidry
Eric Halstrom	Fair Grounds Race Course
Sherry Watters	Councilmember Guidry
Enrico Sterling	Councilmember Guidry
Tina Metoyer	Councilmember Morrell
Michael Pearce	Councilmember Guidry
Capt. J.S. Scott	NOPD/Fair Grounds
Com. J. Thomas	Superintendent Serpas

Meeting is called to order at 4:04 pm by Chairperson Bishop Warner.

Bishop Warner welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time and involvement in the Fair Grounds Citizens Advisory Committee.

Bishop Warner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 and did everyone receive the minutes.

Sherry Watters made the motion and Michael Pierce seconded to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Old Business:

Tim Bryant: Because of Hurricane Isaac the running of the Quarter Horse meet had to be cut short a week for the safety of human lives and horses.

Eric Halstrom: Gave a recap of the Quarter Horse meet which saw the first time that Ostrich and Camel races were held at the Fair Grounds. It was very popular despite the weather was raining and misty all day. During the Hurricane we had 40 barns out of 49 sustained some type of damage. No one was hurt.

Neighborhood Update:

Capt. Jimmy Scott brought in detailed maps that not only showed the area that is patrolled by the Fair Grounds but the areas surrounding the Fair Grounds.

With the demolishing of the Fair Zone there is a lot less activity in Stallings Playground, but the patrol continues to monitor that area.

Enrique Sterling explained the owner has 1 year to file for the permits to rebuild and from that date he must be completed in 1 year's time. The reason he has such a long period to apply is because it was caused by a named storm.

New Business:

Tim Bryant: The 141st opening of the Fair Grounds will take place on Thanksgiving Day. We have attracted new stables to come and race here and the 100th Louisiana Derby will run on Saturday, March 30th. Closing day this season will be on Sunday, March 31 which is Easter Sunday. This year we will be offering on Derby Day the infield experience. Because the Crescent City Classis is also run on Saturday, March 30th we will have a post time of 2:00 pm. We have been working with the Crescent City Classic and see the opportunity to have cross promotions for both events.

Rocky Seydel: This sounds good and we will post it on the FSJNA website.

Virgil Duplessis: Wanted to point out to the group that the Fair Grounds security department has added foot patrols on the backside in the evening. And this seems to be working very well.

Sandra Salmen: Reminded everyone the post time on Thanksgiving Day will be 11:00 am.

Bishop Warner: The date of the next FGCAC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 4:00 pm and he wished everyone a Happy and safe Holidays and New Year.

Bishop Warner asked for a motion to adjourn. Michael Pierce made the motion and Tommy Lewis seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

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