



Fair Grounds Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, August 6, 2013

ATTENDANCE:	REPRESENTING
Tim Bryant	Fair Grounds Race Course
Bishop Ryan Warner	Councilmember Head
Sandra Salmen	Fair Grounds Race Course
Oliver Wise	Mayor's Office
Tommy Lewis	Councilmember Guidry
Enrico Sterling	Councilmember Guidry
Wayne Benjamin	Councilmember Guidry
Virgil Duplessis	Fair Grounds Race Course
Capt. Scott	NOPD
Tina Metoyer	Councilmember Morrell
Rocky Seydel	Councilmember Clarkson

Meeting is called to order at 4:11 pm by Chairperson Bishop Warner.

Bishop Warner welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time and involvement in the Fair Grounds Citizens Advisory Committee. Thank you for your call to service.

Bishop Warner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 and did everyone receive the minutes.

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

Old Business:

Tim Bryant: There are over 600 quarter horses that are now stabled on the grounds getting ready for the Quarter Horse meet, which opens on Friday,

August 16<sup>th</sup>. By opening day we will have more than 800 horses stabled here; this is the most of any of the quarter horse meets.

There is concern over the re paving of Gentilly Blvd. and the Fair Grounds was not told in advance of this project. This has already affected our business.

We will have two exotic racing days with a 4:00 post time and on the closing Saturday, September 7 there will be a beer tasting.

Neighborhood Update:

Captain Scott: The Fair Grounds patrol really helps to keep this area safer than non patrolled areas.

Captain Scott brought in 3 reports which deal with the crime issues in the patrol area.

New Business:

Tim Bryant: The thoroughbred racing season will open on Friday, November 22 with a 5:00 post time. The reason we are racing before our traditional Thanksgiving opening is because we are required by the Legislature to run 84 days and with Thanksgiving being so late in the month it worked out better for our schedule.

Tim gave everyone a copy of the thoroughbred race dates, which also highlights the Starlight racing dates of 12/20, 1/17, 2/7 and 3/14.

Thoroughbreds will begin arriving not long after the Quarter Horse meet is over around the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

Bishop Warner informed the Committee the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Bishop Warner asked for a motion to adjourn. Wayne Benjamin made the motion and Enrico Sterling seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.