



Fair Grounds Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2013

ATTENDANCE:	REPRESENTING
Bishop Ryan Warner	Councilmember Head
Eric Halstrom	Fair Grounds Race Course
Sandra Salmen	Fair Grounds Race Course
Oliver Wise	Mayor's Office
Tommy Lewis	Councilmember Guidry
Sherry Watters	Councilmember Guidry
Enrico Sterling	Councilmember Guidry
Wayne Benjamin	Councilmember Guidry
Virgil Duplessis	Fair Grounds Race Course
Capt. Scott	NOPD
Cmdr. Thomas	NOPD
Tina Metoyer	Councilmember Morrell

Meeting is called to order at 4:10 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 service.

Bishop Warner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 and did everyone receive the minutes.

Tommy Lewis made the motion and Oliver Wise seconded to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Bishop Warner introduced Wayne Benjamin, the newest member of the committee who has been appointed by Councilperson Susan Guidry.

Old Business:

Eric Halstrom: Gave an update on the just completed thoroughbred race meet. There are 5 horses that ran in the Kentucky Derby representing the Fair Grounds and they finished 2,4,5 and 6th.

Infield Festival on Louisiana Derby day went off with out a hitch and we had about 3,000 people who attended. By adding this Festival it is the only way we could grow this event is by using the infield.

Neighborhood Update:

Captain Scott brought in 3 reports which deal with the crime issues in the patrol area. The Fair Grounds patrol really helps to keep this area safer than non patrolled areas. Auto thefts top the list and Capt. Scott reminded everyone to please lock their doors.

Commander Thomas asked that if anyone sees a car being towed off and does not see the owner please call 911 and alert them.

Oliver Wise asked if there had been a pattern in the car thefts.

Commander Thomas usually it is not a pattern in the type of car. If anyone in the neighborhoods can help with solving crimes, please call crimestoppers.

New Business:

Eric Halstrom: The Quarter Horse meet opens on Friday, August 16th and will end on Saturday, September 7th. Except for opening weekend we will be running Wednesday through Saturday's.

With Jazz Fest over we are working on putting our grounds back together, Jazz Fest was enjoyed by all even with the rain of the second weekend.

Sandra Salmen: We wanted to let our neighbors know that on June 8th there will be a helicopter (small) landing in the infield bringing in a birthday boy. This will be a 7:45 pm the helicopter will not return to pick him up. A great way to arrive at your birthday party.

Bishop Warner informed the Committee the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Bishop Warner asked for a motion to adjourn. Sherry Watters made the motion and Tina Metoyer seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.