



FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS

A Churchill Downs Company

Fair Grounds Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 5, 2015

Attendance:

Tim Bryant
Bishop Ryan Warner
Wayne Benjamin
Rocky Seydel
Tommy Lewis
Sidney Fauria
Emilee Margiotta
Enrico Sterling
Ronald F. Brink

Representing:

Fair Grounds Race Course
Councilmember Head
Councilmember Guidry
Councilmember Clarkson
Councilmember Guidry
Councilmember Brossett
Fair Grounds Race Course
Councilmember Guidry
Public

Meeting is called to order at 4:12pm by Chairperson Bishop Warner.

Bishop Warner thanked everyone for their service and ability to come to the meeting. Thanked Ronnie Brink for coming and honored his presence.

Bishop Warner asked for a motion to approve last meetings minutes, everyone had received the minutes and motion was approved by Rocky Seydel.

Old Business: (Smoking Ban)

Tim Bryant gave a recap of the smoking ban and where we stand on the slot's floor.

- Missed revenue by 4% last month.
- Have been aggressive with free play and advertising to be sure that customers don't lose their experience.
- The new smoking patio located near the front entrance will be in action no later than the start of the Quarter Horse Meet, August 15th.
- Smoking patio will fit 30-40 Guests
- Temporary Smoking area under the Valet overhang will be removed by the start of the Quarter Horse Meet.

Tim discussed Take and Play Technology that we are currently working on

- “Take and Play” will allow guests to use an electronic tablet to continue playing any slot machine while they are away from the machine. This would be ideal for us for guest use in the new smoking patio.
- Currently working with LSP to make this a possibility
- If we are able to get this technology, you can expect that Harrah’s would be right behind us.

Tim Discussed Video Poker Revenue

- Capturing Orleans Parish Video Poker play at our OTB due to the smoking ban

Neighborhood Update:

Captain Jimmy Scott was unable to attend the meeting. Please look out for a Neighborhood update in your email.

New Business: (Quarter Horse Meet/Street Fare Derby, FG Patrol Cars, Thoroughbred/Starlight Meet)

Tim discussed 2015 Quarter Horse Meet. Street Fare Derby Event, Exotic Racing and Thoroughbred Meet (Handout attached to email)

- Please send email addresses of anyone who would like to be added to our press release distribution list
- For the start of the Quarter Horse Meet, we expect to have about 700 horses on the backside stalls
- Discussed the Street Fare Derby set up, August 15&16 (see attached handout for all specifics)
- Discussed Exotic Racing, August 29th (see attached handout for all specifics)

Tim discussed Fair Grounds Patrol Cars

- We will be purchasing 2 new Fair Grounds patrol cars which should happen before the end of August.
 - Will be a Crown Victoria or SUV Explorer

Tim Discussed neighborhood updates

- EPA Commitment that will take place around mid-August. Neighbors can expect saw cutting, jackhammering etc. Once the dates are decided, we will be sure to alert neighborhood and FG committee. This project should take about 6 weeks altogether.
- Removing sand walk paths on the backside and will be asphaltting. Should not impact neighbors
- We will be receiving a new vacuum truck which will be a multi-use item on our backside.

Bishop Warner thanked everyone and asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Sidney Fauria and Tommy Lewis

Bishop Warner informed the committee the next meeting would be on Tuesday, November 10th at 4:00pm. The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

