



FAIR GROUNDS
RACE COURSE & SLOTS
A Churchill Downs Company

Fair Grounds Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 9, 2016

Attendance:

Tim Bryant
Bishop Ryan Warner
Wayne Benjamin
Virgil Duplessis
Emilee Margiotta
Mary B. Cunningham
Jason Boulet
Maria Glorioso
Rocky Seydel
Oliver Wise
Ronald Brink
Janice Warner

Representing:

Fair Grounds Race Course
At – Large - Head
District A - Guidry
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District A - Guidry
Fair Grounds Race Course
District C - Ramsey
At-Large- Williams
Mayor’s Office
Neighborhood Patron
Sister of Bishop Warner

Meeting is called to order at 4:06pm by Chairperson Bishop Warner.

Bishop Warner thanked everyone for their service and for their travel to the meeting.

Bishop welcomed and introduced his sister, Janice Warner.

Bishop acknowledged the presence of Ronald Brink and thanked him for his attendance.

Bishop Warner asked for a motion to approve last meetings minutes, everyone had received the minutes and motion was approved by Maria Glorioso and Wayne Benjamin

Old Business:

- Property Updates
 - Had a very successful Thoroughbred Meet for 2015-2016
 - Had a successful Jazz Fest despite the terrible weather during the second weekend
 - Trackside maintenance team is working hard to rebuild the turf track for the 2016-2017 Thoroughbred Meet

- Quarter Horse
 - Currently have 500 horses on the backside
- Slots
 - Business is soft across in the board in South Louisiana
 - The coast is being very competitive with advertising and getting smoking players
 - We are working to gain business back
 - Currently at a 10% decline
 - Fortunately video poker and our OTs have captured some of the business
 - Helped offset overall business

Bishop thanks Jason for his service.

Neighborhood Update:

- FG Patrol
 - 2016 Explorer police vehicles are in action
 - Have been making calls to the FG patrol vehicles to ensure they are picking up
 - 2-3 times per shift
 - Patrol car numbers
 - 504-251-0276
 - 504-251-0111
 - Reach out to the FG Security dispatch follow up line if you are unable to reach the patrol cars
 - 504-948-1127

In Commander Jimmy Scott's absence, Virgil Duplessis gave out detail reports on burglaries, auto theft and armed robberies that have occurred in the patrol area in the last quarter. (Distributed maps)

Neighborhood Update is attached to this email.

New Business:

- Quarter Horse Meet 2016 – Calendar Distributed (See Attached)
 - Starts Aug 17, ends Sept 3
 - New Orleans doesn't provide large crowd for Quarter Horse racing
 - 10 Day meet
 - August 20th – Trex Racing and Bucktown All-Stars
 - August 27th – Exotic Racing
 - End of Quarter Horse Meet
 - Horses are allowed 10 days after the meet to remain on premises
 - Should be out by Sept 13th
 - Jason's team cleans out the stalls to get ready for Thoroughbred
- Thoroughbred Meet 2016-2017 - Calendar Distributed (See Attached)
 - FYI to the neighborhood that lots of horses will be moving in on Oct. 1st

- Nov 19 – Meet kickoff, 3pm post
 - This will be a new post time we are trying

Bishop invited all to the 8th Annual Praise Fest will be Oct 14, 15 16, 11-6 all days

Bishop Warner thanked everyone and asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Rocky Seydel and Oliver Wise.

Bishop Warner informed the committee the next meeting would be on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 @ 4:00pm in the executive conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.