



Fair Grounds Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Attendance:

Tim Bryant
Bishop Ryan Warner
Deputy Chief Jimmy Scott
Wayne Benjamin
Virgil Duplessis
Tommy Lewis
Sherry Watters
Oliver Wise
Emilee Margiotta
Jason Boulet
Enrico Sterling

Representing:

Fair Grounds Race Course
Councilmember Head
NOPD/ Fair Grounds Race Course
Councilmember Guidry
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Mayor Landrieu
Fair Grounds Race Course
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Councilmember Guidry

Meeting is called to order at 4:03pm 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 Tommy. Enrico second the motion.

Old Business: Patrol Cars

Tim briefed the committee on the patrol cars

- Have been ordered
- Are SUV style, Ford Explorer
- Will we be up and running by Jan 1?
 - Chief explained that we are 30 days out putting up before the mark of Jan 1.

Starlight Racing

- Once a month for each month of the racing season
 - This is the best method for having the most guests attend

- Touched on all Starlight dates and handed out racing calendars

2015 Quarter Horse Meet

- Street Fare Derby Experience
 - We held a Street Fare Derby experience for guests during the 2015 Quarter Horse meet. We had about 20 food trucks, games, jump houses and music.
 - Didn't get the crowd we fully expected but were happy with the layout and preparation of the event
 - Most likely won't have this specific event in the future
 - Will keep exotic racing for Quarter Horse season as it is a crowd pleaser

Neighborhood Update:

- Captain Jimmy Scott gave the neighborhood update and relating maps of the area.
- Updated the committee on the gunman in the FSJ area and informed them that they were detained and were able to get information
- Informed us that he has been asked to help out a neighborhood committee with placement of cameras. Has asked everyone to help get a list together of all cameras in the neighborhood for most beneficial placement of new cameras

New Business: (Thoroughbred Race Meet 2015-2016)

Tim discussed 2015-2016 Thoroughbred Race Meet

- Opening Day will be Nov. 19th
 - Normally Thanksgiving is the traditional opening day for the track.
 - With the amount of days we have to race, given by the state, it works best for the racing schedule to start a day early.
 - The works best for scheduling and simulcasting purposes
 - Currently have about 1,000 horses on the backside, plan to start the meet strong
 - The rest of the horses will filter down in December, rounding us out at around 1,800 horses.
- Will expect to be extremely busy on Thanksgiving Day as we have in the past
- The LA Derby will be held on March 26th and the purse is back up to \$1 Million.
- We are coming out of a very strong meet from last season and hope to carry that momentum with us to this season.
- We will get all committee members added to the Fair Grounds' events list to keep everyone up to date with all events.
- Plan on having some novelty events during the Thoroughbred meet.

Tommy Lewis thanked everyone on Linda's behalf for the glow necklaces that were donated by Fair Grounds for neighborhood Halloween trick-or-treaters.

Tommy informed everyone that he would be stepping down as a committee member and hoped to

get some new fresh faces on the board.

- Everyone thanked Tommy for his service to the committee and Bishop thanked Tommy for all of his time with the association.

Bishop Warner thanked everyone and asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Oliver Wise. Tommy second the motion.

Bishop extended his greetings for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years to all members and their families.

Bishop Warner informed the committee the next meeting would be on Tuesday, February 2nd at 4:00pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.