



# FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS

A Churchill Downs Company

Fair Grounds Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**Attendance:**

Tim Bryant  
Bishop Ryan Warner  
Wayne Benjamin  
Virgil Duplessis  
Tommy Lewis  
Emilee Margiotta  
Capt. Jimmy Scott  
Enrico Sterling  
Sherry Watters

**Representing:**

Fair Grounds Race Course  
Councilmember Head  
Councilmember Guidry  
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Fair Grounds Patrol/NOPD  
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Meeting is called to order at 4:08pm by Chairperson Bishop Warner.

Bishop Warner thanked everyone for their service and ability to come to the meeting. Bid Sandra Salmen farewell and asked everyone to thank her for her service.

Bishop Warner asked for a motion to approve last meetings minutes, everyone had received the minutes and motion was approved by Sherry Watters and Tommy Lewis.

**Old Business:**

Tim Bryant gave a recap of the 2014-2015 Thoroughbred racing season. Overall the racing season went very well. We have had a lot of positive feedback from Horsemen who were here during the meet and we are very pleased with the progress we have made with the track/turf.

Tim Bryant discussed smoking ban and the current projects associated.

- As of now it is difficult to tell the effect of the smoking ban on the slot's floor
- In the process of constructing a smoking area that will be contiguous with the building
- Devising a strategy to target non-smokers

**Neighborhood Update:**

Captain Jimmy Scott gave out detail reports on burglaries, auto theft and armed robberies that have occurred in the patrol area in the last quarter. (Distributed maps) He informed everyone that they can go to Nola.com to review crime trends.

**New Business:**

Tim Bryant discussed 2015 Quarter Horse season. (Handed out Quarter Horse Racing Calendar)

- Quarter Horses to arrive on August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Exotic Racing will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> (TBD)
- Street Fare Derby will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (TBD)
- Quarter Horses will be off the grounds by September 15<sup>th</sup>

Tim Bryant discussed 2015-2016 Thoroughbred Season (Handed out Thoroughbred Racing Calendar)

- Thoroughbred Horses will arrive in early October
- Thoroughbred Meet will start November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Briefly explained Starlight racing dates and expectations

Bishop Warner thanked everyone and asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Wayne Benjamin.

Bishop Warner informed the committee the next meeting would be on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.