



Fair Grounds Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday November 8, 2016

Attendance:

Tim Bryant
Bishop Ryan Warner
Wayne Benjamin
Emilee Margiotta
Sherry Watters
Bruce Hamilton
Commander Jimmy Scott
Ronald Brink

Representing:

Fair Grounds Race Course
At – Large - Head
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NOPD
Neighborhood Patron

Meeting is called to order at 4:10pm by Chairperson Bishop Warner.

Bishop Warner thanked everyone for their service and for their travel to the meeting and wished everyone a happy election day.

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 Sherry Watters and Wayne Benjamin

Old Business:

- Quarter Horse Meeting - 2016
 - Typical Quarter Horse Meet, not a huge following in New Orleans for Quarter Horses
 - Had a good turnout for exotic races
 - The weather was very cooperative
 - T-Rex Racing (Novelty Event) – not a big turn out
- Property Updates
 - Currently have 1,200 horses on backside
 - Currently no negative feedback from neighbors on horses moving in
 - Keeping up with security detail
 - Keeping an eye on backside workers and neighbors

- Team active and working to get grounds ready

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.

Neighborhood Update is attached to this email.

New Business:

- Thoroughbred Meeting 2016-2017 - Calendar Distributed (See Attached)
 - Meet – November 19, 2016 – April 2, 2017
 - Louisiana Derby – April 1 2017
 - 1500-1600 horses will be on property when the meet starts
 - Have offered stalls to new trainers this year
 - We are a good track to train at but we like to make sure that all the trainers that are here race the horses they bring
 - Horses are allowed 10 days after the meet to remain on premises
 - Twilight Racing - Nov 19th, Jan 28th – 3pm Post
 - Starlight Racing – Jan 13th, Feb 10th, March 10th – 5pm Post
 - Thanksgiving Day Nov 24th – 11am Post
 - Family Day - Santa Super Saturday Dec 17th
 - Big Stakes Days – Jan 21st, Feb 25th, April 1st
 - Mardi Gras – Feb 28th
 - Weiner Dog Racing – March 4th
 - Santa Super Saturday – Dec 17th – Neighborhood day
 - Looking forward to a solid meet
 - Maintenance and racing teams have been work hard to improve the property

Bishop Warner informed the committee the next meeting would be on Tuesday, February 7, 2016 @ 4:00pm in the Executive Conference Room.

Bishop wished all attendees a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and New Year

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.