

## FGCAC

Meeting Wednesday, August 6, 2008

ATTENDANCE:	REPRESENTING
Tommy Lewis	Councilmember Midura
Enrico Sterling	Councilmember Midura
Sandra Salmen	Fair Grounds Race Course
Chief Jimmy Scott	NOPD/Fair Grounds Race Course
Bishop Ryan Warner	Councilmember Fielkow
Sherry Watters	Councilmember Midura
Randy Soth	Fair Grounds Race Course
Austin Miller	Fair Grounds Race Course
Dave Martin	Fair Grounds Race Course

Meeting called to order 4:08 pm by Bishop Warner.

Introductions of new attendees: Dave Martin, Director of Facilities Fair Grounds Race Course.

### Old Business:

Sandra Salmen made the committee members aware the Kick Off for the Night Out Against Crime, which was held at the Fair Grounds in the parking lot facing Gentilly Blvd was a success and that she had receive no calls complaining about the event. Enrico Sterling also said he had not received any calls to Councilmember Midura's office of any complaints.

Austin Miller, Vice President of Slots/OTB'S joined the meeting and was reintroduced to the committee.

Deputy Chief Scott thanked everyone who had come out in support of the Night Out Against Crime for it was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event. The police force, FBI, Crime Stoppers, ATF and Fire Department were all in attendance and brought items essential to their jobs.

Chief Scott prepared and handed out a report on neighborhood crime and informed the group that during May, June and July there were two truck thefts and 2 burglaries on Ponce de Leon. The acts seem to be random acts. Chief Scott brought to the committees attention the target vehicles are Ford Truck models 250 and 350.

Chief Scott informed the group that Superintendent Warren Riley has appointed Major Greg Elder, who is the Third District Commander, to replace Capt. Colin Lewis on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Sandra Salmen reminded the group that the Fair Grounds Race Course will for the first time in it history race a Quarter Horse meet beginning August 20<sup>th</sup> and running through August 24<sup>th</sup>. The estimated post time will be 3:00 pm and the last race will run around 6:45pm. She informed the group that the Mystery Street Gate would be opened during the short meet.

Randy Soth said he would like to get with Dave Martin to determine if indeed the Mystery Street gate needed to be opened. They will meet and Sandra will update all committee members as to whether or not the gate will be opened.

Sandra Salmen mentioned the thoroughbred race meet will begin on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and turned the floor over to Dave Martin.

Dave Martin, announced the new fencing the Fair Grounds is required to put up is about to begin. The company is Arrow Fence Company and Mr. Martin showed photos of what the new fencing will look like.

Sherry Watters asked about the area on Castiligone and Belfort and Mr. Martin assure her the area would be fenced with the new fencing.

Austin Miller gave the committee an up date on the opening plans for the new slots facility. He explained the temporary facility will be closing on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at midnight and the machines will be dismantled and moved into the new facility. This should take until Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at which time the new facility will begin operation. We will not be having a grand opening until Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the beginning of the 137<sup>th</sup> Thoroughbred Race Meet at the track. Mr. Miller has

offered the group at our next meeting to give the committee a preview of the new facility.

Sandra asked Chief Scott if she could have copies of the crime statistics so that all members could see them

Bishop Warner set the next committee meeting for Tuesday, November 4 at 4:00pm.

Motion to adjourn was presented by Tommy Lewis and seconded by Sherry Watters.

Meeting adjourned 4:47 pm.