

FGCAC
Meeting Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Amended Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2008

ATTENDANCE:	REPRESENTING
Richard Cortizas	Fair Grounds Race Course
Carlyn Goodwin-Ducre	Mayor Nagin's Office
Linda Landesberg	Councilmember Carter
Daphen Lesage	Councilmember Midura
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

Meeting called to order 4:35 pm by Bishop Warner

Introductions of new members beginning with Sandra Salmen, Fair Grounds Race Track, Richard Cortizas, Fair Grounds Race Track, Randy Soth, President Fair Grounds Race Track and Enrico Sterling, District A Representative. Arriving later was Daphne Lesage, District A Representative

Old Business:

Linda Landesberg asked if any complaints have surfaced about the construction of the new building and if the process for permits were all in order. Randy Soth answered everything was in order and we have had one complaint from a neighbor who lives on Fortin and it was about the concrete trucks coming on to the property.

Deputy Chief Scott prepared and handed out a report on neighborhood crime and informed the group they could check on the City's new website about

what crimes are being committed through out New Orleans. Tommy Lewis said he would like to have this for their neighborhood website.

Deputy Chief Scott informed the group that Capt. Lewis Colin has retired and a new member will be appointed by Chief Riley.

Tommy Lewis asked about the cell phones we provide to the patrol being able to have voice mail for the phones are locked. This was a second request by Mr. Lewis.

Linda Landesberg asked if the officers on patrol could be made more aware of landmarks in the patrol area for it had been brought to her attention some of the officers were not aware of the area landmarks.

Sandra Salmen made the group aware that the Fair Grounds Race Course will for the first time in it history race a Quarter Horse meet beginning August 20 and running through August 24th. The estimated post time will be 4:05 pm and the last race will run around 7:00 pm.

The 137th Fair Grounds Race Meet will begin on Friday, November 14th and run until Sunday, March 29th. This will be two (2) additional weekends Friday, Saturday and Sundays prior to Thanksgiving for a total of 87 racing days.

Tommy Lewis asked that the Citizens Advisory Committee not be offered any tickets to any events. Carlyn Ducre as the Mayors representative did not have knowledge to or receive any tickets for the 2008 Jazz Festival. Randy Soth and Sandra Salmen understood the perception because of it is inappropriate for members of the committee to be extended or accept “gifts” for they are representative of the Community/ Council appointees.

Tommy Lewis then addressed his concern of a bill that has been introduced by Sen. Edwin Murray. Senate Bill: 689. There was a concern brought to the attention of the group that no one on the committee was aware that the bill had been crafted until that day of the meeting. There had been an article in the Time Picayune and it was brought to the attention by an outside source. There was an additional meeting held on Thursday, May 8 at the Fair Grounds to discuss further.

Rickard Cortizas explained the Fair Grounds position and told Mr. Lewis he would be happy to meet with his group. Mr. Cortizas gave every one his cell number and office number so he may be contacted concerning the bill.

Everyone was invited by Sandra Salmen to attend the Kick Off for Night Against Crime which will be held here in the Fair Grounds parking lot on Tuesday, August 5th at 5:00 pm.

A request was made to have the minutes for distribution and comments with in seven (7) days of the meetings and that it the intent of Mr. Lewis and Ms Landesberg to post all final meeting notes on the FSJNA web site.

Next meeting was set for Wednesday, August 6th 4:00.

Motion to adjourn was presented by Tommy Lewis and seconded by Linda Landesberg.

Meeting adjourned 5:57 pm.