



## FGCAC

Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2009

### AMENDED MINUTES

Monday, May 26, 2009

| ATTENDANCE:          | REPRESENTING                  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bishop Ryan Warner   | Councilmember Fielkow         |
| Austin Miller        | Fair Grounds Race Course      |
| Carlyn Goodwin-Ducre | Mayor Nagin's Office          |
| Linda Landesberg     | Councilmember Carter          |
| Tommy Lewis          | Councilmember Midura          |
| Enrico Sterling      | Councilmember Midura          |
| Chief Jimmy Scott    | NOPD/Fair Grounds Race Course |
| Sherry Watters       | Councilmember Midura          |
| Major Greg Elder     | Supt. Warren Riley            |
| Katherine Ricord     | Fair Grounds Race Course      |
| Eric Halstrom        | Fair Grounds Race Course      |

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

Bishop Warner opened the meeting asking Chief Scott to call Linda Landesberg to check her status for the meeting. She was just running a few minutes behind.

Bishop Warner gave thanks for a great and safe Jazz Fest for all. He thanked Katherine Ricord for coming in taking the minutes for the meeting for Sandra Salmen was out sick..

Introductions:

Eric Halstrom, Vice President/General Manager of Racing was introduced and welcomed by the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Old Business:

Was referred to Austin Miller. The aftermath of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival is still visible in the infield. It has been so dry rain would definitely help the turf course rebound from the crowds of Jazz Fest. This year they had over 400,000 people attend the 7 day event. Austin informed the Committee that he will be meeting with the Jazz Festival Committee tomorrow to begin hearing about plans for next years jazz Festival. Overall it was a safe and successful event for all.

Sherry Waters commented: The Jazz Fest NAT (neighborhood action team) who handles any issues that arise during the Fest said all comments were positive this year.

Chief Scott gave a very in-depth presentation with a hand out report for each member. The reports date from January through April, 2009. The first map in the report shows that only 3 armed robberies in the last 120 days occurred with the second map showing how many robberies took place outside of the area but within a two mile radius...the total was 134 armed robberies. The third map showed in the last 120 days there were 25 burglaries in the Fair Grounds patrol area, but many of these have been charged to Cyrus. The fourth map shows within the 2 mile radius that 231 burglaries occurred. The fifth map shows within the ½ mile radius there were 9 auto thefts and the sixth map shows 349 autos theft within the 2 mile radius of the track with the majority took place in the tourist area of the quarter. These maps very clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of the Fair Grounds neighborhood patrols.

All of the Citizens Advisory Committee members praised the Fair Grounds area patrol officers.

Tommy Lewis brought up the fact that his neighbor's vehicle was stolen across the Street from his home.

Chief Scott responded by saying this would not have been covered in this report because it happened after this report.

Chief Scott gave thanks and praises to Major Elder and his troops for a very safe Jazz and Heritage Festival.

Major Elder said there was only one theft during Jazz Fest and it involved a Jazz Festival worker that had inadvertently left her back pack in the area that was accessible to the crowd as well as other workers.

Major Elder said he had recruited extra patrols from other districts without causing other districts a shortage and it was truly appreciated for they were so visible.

Bishop Warner thanked Chief Scott and Major Elder for their efforts that had a successful out come.

Bishop Warner referred to Austin Miller concerning new business.  
New Business:

Austin Miller went over the Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Racing dates which have been approved by the Louisiana State Racing Commission. Every member was given a copy of the dates.

Carlyn Goodwin gave everyone an invitation to attend the Mayor's State of the City Address.

Bishop Warner informed everyone our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn was presented by Tommy Lewis and seconded by Chief Scott.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 pm.