



FGCAC

Meeting Tuesday, August 10, 2010

ATTENDANCE:	REPRESENTING
Tim Bryant	Fair Grounds Race course
Eric Halstrom	Fair Grounds Race Course
Linda Landesberg	
Sandra Salmen	Fair Grounds Race Course
Rocky Seydel	Councilmember Clarkson
Bishop Ryan Warner	Councilmember Fielkow
Sherry Watters	Councilmember Guidry
Enrique Sterling	Councilmember Guidry

Meeting called to order 4:09 pm by Chairperson Bishop Warner.

Bishop Warner welcomed everyone and explained to the committee Chief Scott and Major Elder were not going to be here for they had been called into a special meeting by Superintendent Serpas.

Approval by all members was given to the minutes of the last meeting.

Old Business:

Linda Landsberg asked if the number of households that are members of the FSJNA was ever given to the Fair Grounds?

Rockey Seydel said it is between 1,000 – 1,200 members.

No neighborhood updates were given out because of Chief Scott's absence.

Sandra was asked to contact Chief Scott and e-mail his report to the committee.

New Business:

Eric Halstrom spoke about the 3rd Quarter horse meet, which will begin on Tuesday, September 14 and end on September 25.

Racing will begin at 12:40 pm and end around 5:00 pm. Racing days are Tuesday through Saturday. There will be a total of 10 racing days.

A calendar was passed out with the racing dates for both the Quarter Horse and 139th Thoroughbred Race Meet.

The stakes schedule for the Thoroughbred meeting was handed out and noted the 98th running of the Louisiana Derby will now be a \$1,000,000 purse which will attract horses from around the country. This helps to boost the New Orleans economy.

On the date of November 19, the Fair Grounds will be hosting the Bank of America Quarter Horse Challenge, which will bring into New Orleans the top Quarter horses, their owner and trainers from around the country. Post time for this day of racing will be around 3:00 pm.

During the Thoroughbred Race Meet the Fair Grounds will once again be having Starlight Racing. The fans seem to enjoy coming out on these designated late post time days. The dates are Fri. Dec. 17, Fri. Jan. 21, Fri. Feb. 18 and Fri. March 18.

Quarter horses will begin arriving for the Quarter Horse meet on September 1.

Linda Landsberg asked if patrol car discussion could be placed on the agenda for every meeting and should a committee be formed to discuss this issue?

Bishop Warner asked that it be a focus group, which the committee agreed upon.

Tim Bryant would like to keep the dialog open about the patrol cars.

Tim Bryant then spoke about the possibility of the Fair Grounds parking lot being used as a parking area for the Voodoo Festival. The Fair Grounds Marketing Department has met with their group to discuss the possibility.

The group seemed very interested in the possibility for it would lessen the parking in front of homes in the neighborhood.

Linda Landsberg asked the group should goals be set for the committee?

Enrico Sterling reminded the group that the purpose of the committee is to make sure the Fair Grounds is following the provisos.

Tim Bryant asked the group if they knew who was the Chairperson for the Triangle Neighborhood Association?

Sherry Watters said it is Morgan Clevenanger and she was not sure how to contact her.

Enrico Sterling will provide us with an e-mail address, so that this neighborhood group can be contacted.

Bishop Warner asked Linda to make a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sherry.

Next meeting to be held according to proviso on Tuesday, November 9 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm