

## **FSJNA GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 2017**

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

I. The meeting was held at Holy Rosary side building on Moss and called to order by President Sarah Stogner at 7:05 p.m.

II. The attendees are noted on the sign-in sheets. A quorum was present.

III. The Meeting Rules included in the Agenda were noted.

### **IV. Guests/Topics**

Fairground Patrol – Commander Scott reported that there was an armed robbery on DeSoto St. on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The assailant took cash from the victim, who was getting into his car in the morning before heading to the airport. Also in August, a scooter was stolen from the 2700 block of Bell St. and later recovered. During Q&A, attendees asked about NOPD cars often seen in the Fairground parking lot; Cmdr. Scott said these are cars assigned to the officers that they may use to drive to work, and are not a sign of idleness.

Troy Henry – Businessman and mayoral candidate Troy Henry introduced himself and spoke about his background and why he is running for mayor. Further information is available at [troyhenry.com](http://troyhenry.com).

District A update – Leatrice Dupre, an aide to Councilmember Guidry, discussed the upcoming “Go Blue” day honoring police officers on September 13.

Hurricane Evacuation – Joan Ellen Young described the city’s service for evacuating people who need help getting out of the city during an emergency. More information is available at: <http://www.evacuateer.org/>.

**V. Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Matt Amoss did not attend. Linda Landesberg reported that FSJNA has about \$132,000 in the account.

### **VI. FSJNA Updates:**

--Membership chair Brenda London reported that 40 people have signed up as new FSJNA members since July, bringing the overall total to 260 paid members.

--Advisory Board member Richard Cahn reported that he is most of the way through handing out FSJNA flyers around the neighborhood.

--President Stogner said she will not be able to serve as President again next year and encouraged more people to take on more responsibility within the organization.

### **VII. Old Business**

Fairgrounds Hours Extension – Rocky Seydel and Linda Landesberg, who met with Fairgrounds representatives prior to the FSJNA meeting, provided an update on the Fairgrounds’ interest in extending the hours of slot machines. Currently, they close at midnight and would like to stay open until 3 a.m. Key points:

--Residents near the Fairgrounds have raised concerns about safety, noise, traffic, and public intoxication.

--Cmdr. Scott does not foresee an increase in crime if the extension is granted.

--Fairgrounds representatives have expressed willingness to contribute funds to FSJNA if the association supports their request. Such funds might be used to enhance parks, install crime cameras, and fund FSJNA events.

--The City Council is likely to approve the extension request.

--An ad hoc committee of interested residents living on Fortin Street, led by Bruce Hamilton, has been formed to discuss their concerns directly with Fairgrounds representatives.

--Time will be set aside to discuss this subject in depth at the October 3 FSJNA meeting.

**IX. Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Brenda London, which passed by unanimous consent.