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Gaming Control Board



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WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT
HEARINGS

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slots operators:

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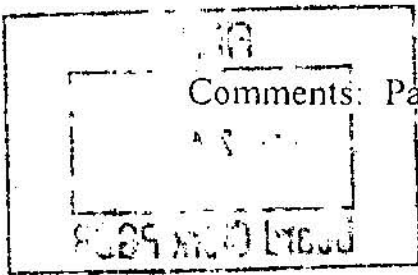
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Organization, if any _____

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COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

2-page Comments Attached



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I, DONNA MICKLOW verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Donna Micklow
5/18/06

I have resided near the Meadows Racetrack in the Meadowbrook development for the past 10 years. Meadowbrook, a rural planned community, consists of 515 new homes, and surrounds the Racetrack site. *The Meadows is virtually in our backyards.* My home and property are situated on the Northeast boundary of the Meadows site.

The Meadows Racetrack has been part of a countryside culture for over 40 years, and is steeped in the traditions of harness racing, driven by the visions of its founder, Delvin Miller. The Meadows has its own chapel, as well as its own chaplain, and is home to staff and horse trainers who live on the Meadows' grounds. It is a place where the horses are treated as well as the staff, and this is reflected in the management of the grounds.

The Meadows has always been a good neighbor, and has always responded well to concerns from our community. Although the bright Daytona Raceway-type lighting at the track is disruptive to our community, the races have always been discontinued at a reasonable hour, and the lights are generally off before 11PM. The noise of outdoor concerts and other events have also been disruptive to our community, however, the Meadows has always been considerate and reasonable with these events, and has had limited events in the evening/night. The racetrack is usually reasonably quiet for 20 hours a day, except Adios Week and other special race days.

We know that the Casino license at the Meadows is guaranteed. **HOWEVER**, the concern of the immediate local community is the manner in which the Casino site is built and managed long term, so that our property values, and the peaceful enjoyment of our homes and properties are preserved. Clearly, this Casino can be a tremendous boost for the local economy, BUT our community should not be destroyed in its path.

I, and other homeowners in Meadowbrook (as well as Trotwood Acres, the community across from the Meadows) want the Gaming Control Board to consider the following conditions/restrictions to the license at the Meadows:

1. *Hours of Operation restricted to no more than 16 hours/day, with no operation between the hours of 11PM to 7AM.*

Having a 24-hour casino operation in the middle of our neighborhood is UNREASONABLE, DISRUPTIVE, AND VIOLATES THE NOISE AND NUISANCE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP.

2. **Outside lighting** at the site should be shielded, amber-type, waist high up-lighting in certain areas, and low lighting in certain areas. Consider closure of parking lots at night with low or no lighting in those areas.

This would LIMIT the NUISANCE EFFECT of the Casino lights on nearby homes *(some proposed parking lots will virtually be in backyards of many homes).*

3. **A security fence should be installed around the entire site, including parking areas,** to maintain a secure, totally contained site, with no access to surrounding homes and properties. *Currently, there is direct access along the North and West boundaries of the site to neighboring homes.*

Otherwise, foot traffic and possible criminal activity could spill over into our neighborhoods. There have been previous incidents of individuals entering the Meadows site through my property, and other properties along the perimeter.

4. **Outdoor concerts, festivals, and other activities should be restricted to daytime hours to minimize noise and nuisance effect to nearby homes.**
5. **Racetrack operation should be kept as is, with no races after 11PM, to minimize noise and nuisance effect of track lights.**
6. **Barriers, including buffer zones, should be established between the Casino/track site and the community, to control traffic, noise, and sound, through fencing, MATURE trees, and other landscaping.**
7. **Establish a formal ongoing Community Committee, with representatives from the immediate neighborhood (Meadowbrook, Trotwood Acres) and the Casino/track, to work cooperatively to address current and future concerns of the community, resolve issues, and develop community activities/events.**

The goals of the committee should be to minimize the negative impact of the Casino on the neighboring community, and maximize the positive effects that this operation could have on the local area.

Thank you for your consideration of these important community issues.

Donna Michlow