



**Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness
Committee for Citizens with Disabilities**

Monday, January 9, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Donna Andrus, Randy Broussard, Lynette Fontenot, Mark Guillory, Rose Shuff, Donielle Watkins
Guests in Attendance: Diane Dodt-Gauthier, Martin Audiffred, Debbie Aymond
LCG Staff Present: Carlee Alm-Labar, Lou Anna Angelle

1. Donna Andrus called the meeting to order.
2. Donna Andrus introduced the guest speaker, Martin Audiffred, MS, CCC-A, a Consulting Audiologist who is a member of the Lafayette Breakfast Sertoma Club. He provided the committee with information about the upcoming 2012 Hearing Health Forum, to be held on February 24, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., at the Lafayette Economic Development Authority Building. The forum topics are as follows:
 - A presentation of the design, installation and benefit of an “Induction Loop System” that will assist individuals with a hearing loss – which will include a temporary system being installed in the meeting room to allow the attendees to try the system.
 - An update from the last forum “Resources available for individuals to obtain hearing aids that have limited income.

The forum is free and he encouraged everyone to help get the word out to the citizens in Lafayette.

3. The December minutes were approved by the committee. (Donna Andrus made the motion, Rose Shuff seconded, all in favor).
4. **Correspondence**

None to report

5. **Transportation Survey**

The committee discussed options to improve participation in the next survey.

6. **2011 Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities Awards**

Deborah Aymond discussed the 2011 Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities Awards that will be held on December 13th at 10:00 a.m. She stressed to everyone that they should try to attend the ceremony next year. Tammy Richard was honored as Educator of the Year for the state of Louisiana.

7. **New Business**

Donielle Watkins informed that committee that she is working on a Family Fun Day. She will provide more information as the plans are developed.

8. Comments from the Public

Mary Ann Ficara addressed the committee regarding her concerns at the new Rosa Park Transportation Center. She discussed the following:

- At the open house held at the center she noted the main entrance had only handles to open the main door and handles opened the side doors adjacent to the main door. She expected the center to have automatic main entrance doors, due to building codes and ADA regulations.
- She would like a mechanism installed that would allow at least one of the doors to open automatically
- Her concerns regarding the lack of personnel manning an information desk located on the first floor.
- Her meeting with Tony Tramel and Dee Stanley, whereas, she shared her concerns with them. She provided the committee with a letter from Tony Tramel regarding her concerns.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p. m. Donna Andrus made the motion, Randy Broussard seconded.

10. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, February 13, 2012, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.