



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

Monday, October 13, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Harold Arceneaux; Jim Richard; Peggy Stelly; Richard Phelps, Deborah Aymond

Guests in Attendance: Lynn Blanchard; Chyvonne Blanchard; Bob Cole; Dan Arabie; Anna Duhon, Lynn Francisco, Mark Guillory, Veronica Carriere, Zelie Guidry, Donna Roy, Harold Buford, Gaynell Guidry, Forrest Arceneaux, Bruce Brown, Cheryl Howard, Jim Cicala, and others supporting the award winners.

Staff Present: Mike Mitchell; Dana McPherson; Ben Berthelot; Lou Anna Angelle

1. Jim Richard called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the August and September Meeting was approved by the committee.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to report.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Jim Richard asked Dana McPherson to provide an update on the voucher system. Dana provided the following information:

Vendor: Quality Cab

Hours of Operation 6:00 am - 12:00 am

OPERATIONAL COSTS						
Hourly Vehicle Rate*	\$29.85					
Initial Fare	\$7.00					
Each 1/5 mile	\$0.15					
Each additional Person	\$0.50					
Hours per Day	18					
Operating Days	303					
Labor Rate per Hour	\$6.55					
Daily Mileage Range:	Mileage Range Cost (.15 per 1/5 mile):	Daily Labor Rate (Based on 18 hours 6.55 per hour):	Hours Daily	Daily Cost per Range	Annual Cost Per Mileage Range:	Vendor's Total Daily Cost (Includes Hourly Vehicle Rate*)
50	\$15.00	\$117.90	18	\$132.90	\$40,268.70	\$670.20

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100	\$30.00	\$117.90	18	\$147.90	\$44,813.70	\$685.20
150	\$45.00	\$117.90	18	\$162.90	\$49,358.70	\$700.20
200	\$60.00	\$117.90	18	\$177.90	\$53,903.70	\$715.20

*Costs may vary depending upon fuel costs.

- Dana mentioned that the flyer for the para-transit passengers will be finalized and ready for the next meeting.
- Donna Roy, Director of Supported Employment Services, MRG/JobLink reminded the committee that the upcoming Disability Job Fair will be held on October 28, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Heymann Center.
- Deborah Aymond suggested that the publicity committee be renamed to the Public Awareness Sub-Committee. The committee voted to change the name as suggested by Deborah Aymond.
- Ben Berthelot mentioned that the deadline for applications to fill the Council's upcoming vacancy on the committee is noon, on October 21, 2008. Richard Phelp's term will end on November 15, 2008.
- Ben Berthelot presented the committee with the Disability Employment Awareness Month Proclamation.
- Peggy Stelly informed the committee about the Advocacy Center's Election Hotline. Anyone with voting questions or disability related issues can call the following number: 1-800-960-7705.
- Donna Roy informed the committee about the upcoming 2008 Disability Employment Awareness Symposium to be held on October 31, 2008, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Best Western Hotel Acadiana.

5. Jim Richard and Dee Stanley made the following award presentations:

- **Distinguished Merit Award**

Project Cope – Vickie Carriere accepted on behalf of the organization.

Their attitude is “client for life policy.” This division of Affiliated Blind was created in 1991 and has helped thousands of elderly clients through the years.

- **Outstanding Youth of the Year**

Miss Kristy Arceneaux

Kristy attends Comeaux High School and is enrolled in a pilot program: "Pathways to Success." This is a readiness program for transitional students in Lafayette Parish that provides employment and life skills training for young adults with disabilities. Kristy always sees the brighter side of life and is a role model for other students.

- **Distinguished Merit Award**

Miss Laura Breaux

Laura was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis four years ago at the age of 28. She has overcome many obstacles and has become a positive role model to the clients she works with. She helps young people with disabilities reach their personal and vocational goals, teaching by example and always offering encouragement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008 AWARD WINNERS!

6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.
7. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, November 10, 2008** from **11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.

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