



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

Monday, February 13, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:	Donna Andrus, Randy Broussard, Lynette Fontenot, Zelie Guidry, Mark Guillory, Rose Shuff, Donielle Watkins
Guests in Attendance:	Deborah Aymond, Mary Ann Ficaro, Michelle Dewey
LCG Staff Present:	Lou Anna Angelle, Carlee Alm-LaBar, Tony Tramel

1. Donielle Watkins called the meeting to order.
2. The February minutes were approved by the committee. (Zelie Guidry made the motion, Donna Andrus seconded, all in favor).
3. **Correspondence**
 - Mark Guillory forwarded the information he gathered at the 2012 Hearing Health Forum 2 on February 24, 2012. The committee discussed the meeting and thought it was a good program, but would be costly to install in smaller areas. The nearest city having a loop system is Houston, Texas. The loop is usually found in big arenas and auditorium.
 - Committee received the flyer regarding Lynette Fontenot's Art Show at CC's on Johnston Street, and her showing is during the months of March and April. Everyone was encouraged to stop by on March 17th to meet Lynette.
4. **Rosa Parks Transportation Center**
 - Tony Tramel provided the committee with a brief history of the Rosa Parks Transportation Center. He informed the committee the building is energy efficient and does comply with ADA requirements. He mentioned that he was approached regarding the lack of a sliding door or push button that would accommodate a disabled individual in a wheelchairs or blind. Tony indicated that he did explore the cost for this improvement and it was around \$15,000. At this time no funding has been earmarked for this project. Donna Andrus suggested working with non-profits to assist with raising the funds to provide this or other needed modifications.
 - Tony suggested having a current inventory of the buildings that need to be addressed and rank them so that investments could have the best impact.
 - Donielle Watkins mentioned collecting data about the needs for the building by individuals with different disabilities.
5. **Agency Resource Fair**
 - Deborah Aymond provided the committee with a brief summary of the Agency Fair. She indicated that the fair was a great success.
6. The committee discussed the following:
 - Public Service Announcement to let the community know about the committee.
 - Having someone from the neighboring cities speak to the committee about issues they are dealing with in their communities.

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7. Zelig Guidry reminded the committee about the upcoming Special Olympics event that will be held on Friday, March 30, 2012, at the UL Track, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon). She is still looking for volunteers.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 a. m.
9. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, April 9, 2012 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** in the **Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.**