

**LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH PRESIDENT'S AWARENESS
COMMITTEE FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES**

April 10, 2007

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Board Members Present: Steve Jankower

Excused Board Members: Dr. Ronald Cheek
Carol Glover
Paul Fontana

Guests in Attendance: Yenter Tu, Linda Ducotey, Mary Ann Ficaro

LCG Staff Present: Greg Gautreaux, Curtis Chiles, Ben Berthelot, Mike Mitchell, Lou Anna Angelle

1. Steve Jankower called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes from the March 12, 2007 meeting will be approved at the May 14, 2007 meeting.
3. Steve Jankower introduced Greg Gautreaux, Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) Recreation Program & Maintenance Manager and Curtis Chiles, LCG Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor to address the "We Can Do Summer Program."

Greg gave a brief summary about the Therapeutic Recreation Program. Curtis provided the following information about the program:

- The camp name is "Camp We Can Do.
- Located at Heymann Recreational Center
- The camp has counselors on staff that are well trained; about 98% of them are in the classroom with the kids as teachers or teachers assistants
- Provides services for individuals with mental and physical disabilities
- 66 children and 20 young adults participated in the 2006 program
- The campers are provided lunch daily by the school system. The kids are fed at Paul Breaux Middle School, which is within walking distance.
- This department works closely with the court system with two outreach programs called HALT and CLEVER. Along with their community work they work closely with the nursing homes, school system and Special Olympics.

Top Soccer was briefing discussed. This is a program geared toward handicap children in wheelchairs. This program is held at Moore Park.

Steve Jankower requested that Ben Berthelot add the Therapeutic Recreation Program information to the Disability link. Steve stressed that he wants to focus on the many

positive things LCG and other agencies do for the community.

4. Steve Jankower requested Mr. Chiles show the slide show at the next meeting. Therefore, the guests for the month of May will be Tony Tramel, Director of Traffic & Transportation and Curtis Chiles, LCG Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor.

5. Correspondence:

None to report

6. Phone calls:

None to report

7. Old Business:

- a. Lou Anna Angelle informed the committee that she should be receiving the United Way Resource Guide which should have the information that can be used by the disabled community. She has also started contacting agencies that were in the Resource Directory for Women and Children.

8. Public Comments

Steve Jankower opened the floor for public comments and asked that their statements were kept to three minutes.

Mary Ann Ficaró thanked the recreation department for the services they provide to the community. She also shared her concerns about the new Para-transit Evaluation Survey Form. She asked Mike Mitchell about the origination of the form. Mike Mitchell indicated the form was used three years ago and he was not certain of its origination.

Yenter Tu provided the committee with a handout on Caption Display Systems. Steve said he would like to have a representative from the Grand Theater address the committee in the future on how they are dealing with the deaf patrons.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 14, 11:30 a.m.** in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.