



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

Monday, April 9, 2012

Meeting Minutes

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**Board Members Present:** Donna Andrus, Randy Broussard, Lynette Fontenot, Zelie Guidry, Mark Guillory, Donielle Watkins  
**Guests in Attendance:** Deborah Aymond, Michelle Dewey  
**LCG Staff Present:** Carlee Alm-LaBar

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1. Donielle Watkins called the meeting to order.
2. The March minutes were approved by the committee with one change to reflect that the April meeting will be held at Lafayette Consolidated Government. (Zelie Guidry made the motion, Donna Andrus seconded, all in favor).
3. **Correspondence**
  - Members received with their agenda packet an analysis done by the LCG Traffic and Transportation Department to understand the cost of expanding Transit (bus) service to the Southside Library.
4. **Old Business**
  - **Rosa Parks Transportation Center-** Donielle asked if LCG staff had any update of the inventory of community needs that was discussed at Rosa Parks. Carlee will follow up to see what has been done from Tony's suggestion.
5. **New Business**
  - The committee discussed giving each monthly meeting a theme and then publicizing that theme so that interested parties may be more likely to attend. Possible institutions/themes offered by Deborah Aymond include Affiliated Blind, Deaf Action Center, Autism, Mental Health, OCDD, Substance Abuse, Down's Syndrome, Therapeutic Recreation, Assistive Technologies, Families Helping Families of Acadiana, Volunteers of America, and Epilepsy.
  - The committee agreed that May's meeting would highlight speakers that offer recreation opportunities for the disabled.
    - Carlee will ask Denise Ferguson to talk about LCG's summer recreation program.
    - Donielle will talk about her work with D.R.E.A.M.S. Foundation.
    - Zelie will ask someone from Special Olympics to speak.
  - The committee also talked about keeping the website updated with current information about the month's topic.
  - Job Fair: Randy indicated that the state will have money for the Job Fair again this year. The date will probably either be October 18 or October 25, and the committee meeting will be held April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at LRS.
6. **Comments from the Public**
  - There were no comments from the public.

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7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p. m. Zelie Guidry motioned to adjourn, Donna Andrus seconded.
  
8. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, May 14, 2012 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** in the **Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.**