



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

Monday, July 13, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Laura Breaux; Jim Richard; Peggy Stelly; Marcelle Pradier; Deborah Aymond;

Guests in Attendance: Mark Guillory; Melody Cooper; Dr. Carol Landry; Dr. Kim Warren; Donielle Watkins

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

1. Jim Richard called the meeting to order.
2. The June meeting minutes were approved.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Disability Job Fair – Deborah Aymond provided the committee with an update on the Disability Job Fair that will be held on October 21, 2009 at the Heymann Center, 9:00 – noon. She moved that the committee be a co-sponsor of the event and the committee unanimously approved this request. Deborah Aymond mentioned that the committee will put together a flyer for the event.

Disabled Youths Sub-Committee – Marcelle Pradier provided the committee with minutes from her committee meeting and briefly discussed the mission statement for the sub-committee.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

2009 Disability Committee Awards - Deborah Aymond discussed the committee's 2009 Awards. She provided the committee with the awards categories and possible speakers for the event. Jim Richard recommended that the committee should find sponsors for the event.

Walmart Diversity Development Presentation – The committee discussed the upcoming Walmart Diversity Awareness Training on July 29, 2009. Several committee members and Ben Berthelot will be attending this training in Opelousas.

Paratransit Recertification – Peggy Stelly informed the committee that she had received several calls regarding the paratransit recertification being administered by the Lafayette Transit System. She indicated that the committee should have been involved in the recertification process. The Lafayette Transit System Certification of ADA Paratransit Eligibility Shared-Ride/Para-transit Service

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packet was discussed at great length by the committee, Mike Mitchell and Dana McPherson. The committee agreed to work with Mike Mitchell and Dana McPherson on the forms. Ben thanked Peggy for bringing this issue to the committee's attention.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.
6. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, August 10, 2009, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.