



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

Monday, January 13, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Virginia Jones, Marilyn Martin, Chad Romero, Sara Robin Trahan
Guests in Attendance: Sherrie Baudoin, David Boquet, Zelig Guidry, Donielle Watkins
Staff in Attendance: Carlee Alm-LaBar, Lou Anna Angelle

1. Carlee Alm-LaBar called the meeting to order.

2. Carlee introduced the guest speaker, Sherrie Baudoin, Community Outreach Coordinator, Arc of Acadiana.

Sherrie Baudoin provided the committee with the following information regarding the Arc of Acadiana:

- Serves five parishes, Acadia, Lafayette, New Iberia, St. Landry, St. Mary
- Provides the following services:
 - ✓ Employment
 - ✓ Waiver Services, Individual and Family Support/Supported Living
 - ✓ Elderly Disabled Adult/Long Term Personal Care Services and Adult Day Health Care
 - ✓ Residential Services – group homes
- The Arc of Acadiana, located on Eraste Landry, has a Health Care Clinic. The practitioners are Dr. Jay Bamburg, licensed Clinical Psychologist, and Michael Sonnier, Director of Health Services.

3. Minutes

- A motion was made by Virginia Jones, seconded by Sara Trahan, and unanimously approved.

4. Correspondence

- Lou Anna Angelle received information regarding the upcoming Assistive Technology Device Expo to be held on February 5, 2014, 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and February 6, 2014, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. LATAN (Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network) will offer consumers the opportunity to experience devices first-hand.
- The committee briefly discussed the lack of local testing centers in the Lafayette area. Carlee Alm-LaBar will be coordinating a meeting with LATAN to discuss this issue.

5. Old Business

- The committee selected Chad Romero to chair the committee and Virginia Jones as vice-chair for 2014.
- Nell Hahn was absent; therefore, the committee tabled the Taxicab Ordinance agenda item.
- Lou Anna Angelle contacted the Lafayette Parking Division regarding the handicap parking spaces on Jefferson Street and received the following information:
 - ✓ Jefferson Street has no handicap parking spaces. All of the handicap spaces are located on the side streets which intersects Jefferson Street. The parking spaces are as follows:
 - Garfield @ Jefferson – 2 spaces “Dwyer’s lot”
 - Congress @ Jefferson – 1 space – adjacent to the Science Museum
 - Main @ Jefferson - 1 space

6. New Business

- Donielle Watkins – Dreams Foundation will be the February speaker.

7. Comments from the Public

- Zelig Guidry informed the committee that the Christmas Dance provided by Denise Ferguson was a great success again this year.
- David Boquet has replaced Mark Guillory and will try to attend our meeting.

8. Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the President’s Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for February 10, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.