



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

Monday, December 9, 2013

Meeting Minutes

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<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Deborah Aymond, Nell Hahn, Virginia Jones, Karen Juneau, Chad Romero
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	Dora Chandler, Lynette Fontenot, Mark Guillory, Danielle Watkins
<b>Staff in Attendance:</b>	Carlee Alm-LaBar, Lou Anna Angelle

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**1. Deborah Aymond called the meeting to order.**

**2. Deborah introduced the guest speaker, Mark Guillory – Veterans with Disabilities**

Mark Guillory provided the committee with some of the services provided to veterans with disabilities. These services are free to the veterans and they include providing:

- Career solutions , including job searches, interviews, and resume` assistance
- Outreach assistance
- Assisting veterans with barriers they may need assistance with
- Assessment and referrals

**3. Minutes**

- A motion was made by Virginia Jones, seconded by Chad Romero and unanimously approved.

**4. Correspondence**

- Lou Anna Angelle provided the committee with an update on Ray Green's request for placement of chairs with arms in the senior centers and recreation centers. She reported that the senior centers have placed chairs in their centers and the recreational centers are being addressed.
- Carlee Alm-LaBar received an email from UL regarding the appointment of Sara Robin Trahan to the committee. She will replace Kenneth Carmouche on the committee.

**5. Old Business**

- The Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities Annual Awards Ceremony was held on October 17, 2013, at noon at the Robicheaux Center. This year's event was very successful. Next year the committee will try to increase the number of nominations by making the application period longer.
- The State Gold Awards Ceremony was held on November 6, 2013. Deborah Aymond attended and was pleased with the fact that two of the Lafayette winners received awards on the state level. The two Lafayette winners were Dora Chandler - Direct Support Professional of the Year and Danielle Price – Educator of the Year.

- The committee discussed next month's meeting, and it was decided that ARC of Acadiana would be asked to attend the meeting. Deborah Aymond will contact the agency.

#### **6. New Business**

- Nell Hahn inquired into the taxicab service in Lafayette. She has concerns that none of the cab companies have a van to accommodate a motorized wheelchair. She is requesting that the committee look into this. Lou Anna Angelle informed the committee that the Lafayette Consolidated Government Legal Department is looking at the ordinance and she will provide the committee with an update at the next meeting.
- Virginia Jones shared her concerns about the lack of handicap parking on Jefferson Street. Lou Anna Angelle will contact the Lafayette Consolidated Government Parking Division and report back to the committee her findings.

#### **7. Comments from the Public**

- There were no comments from the public.

#### **8. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for January 13, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.