



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

Monday, April 8, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Deborah Aymond, Kenneth Carmouche, Lynette Fontenot, Mark Guillory, Chad Romero
Guests in Attendance: Trina Tapo, Michelle Dewey, Zelig Guidry
Staff in Attendance: Carlee Alm-LaBar, Lou Anna Angelle

1. Deborah Aymond called the meeting to order.

2. Deborah Aymond introduced the guest speaker, Trina Tapo, Lafayette Utilities System Public Information Specialist - Lafayette Consolidated Government.

Trina provided the committee with an update on the Hurricane Handbook that is provided to the citizens of Lafayette Parish by the Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) before Hurricane Season begins in June. The committee has shown some interest in the Special Needs section of the handbook and she indicated she was willing to listen to the committee's concerns and incorporate information the committee felt should be included in this section. She shared with the committee the information provided by Carlee Alm-LaBar that she had incorporated into the section.

Trina encouraged the citizens with special needs and their families to plan ahead of an event. The Hurricane Handbook is only a guide to assist the citizens.

The committee agreed this publication may not be the proper means of getting some of their concerns addressed. This publication is geared toward utilities and may not address all types of services that an individual may need.

3. Minutes

- The minutes for the February and March meeting were approved by the committee.

4. Correspondence

- Emails from:

Deborah Aymond and Chad Romero submitted recommendations for upcoming guest speakers.

5. Old Business/New Business

- The committee had a brief discussion about upcoming speakers for the committee meetings. The committee decided that Stanley Bordelon, a local attorney handling special needs planning will be asked to address the committee at the May meeting. Chad Romero will confirm his attendance.

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- Zelig Guidry informed the committee about the following events:
 - ✓ Acadiana Area Special Olympics will be held on April 26th, at the UL Track Field, 8:00 a.m. – noon. She informed the committee that they are looking for volunteers.
 - ✓ Lafayette Consolidated Government Recreation Therapeutic Division will hold their Prom Night event, “A Walk in the Emerald City”, Saturday, April 27th, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Deborah Aymond informed the committee about the Disability Job Fair that may not be held this year due to funding cuts. She will keep the committee updated on this issue.
- The next meeting of the President’s Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.