



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

Monday, May 13, 2013

Meeting Minutes

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<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Deborah Aymond, Kenneth Carmouche, Lynette Fontenot, Mark Guillory, Chad Romero, Donielle Watkins
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	Stanley Bordelon, Randy Broussard, Michelle Dewey, Ray Green, Rose Shuff
<b>Staff in Attendance:</b>	Carlee Alm-LaBar, Lou Anna Angelle, Dee Stanley

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- 1. Deborah Aymond called the meeting to order.**
- 2. Lou Anna Angelle presented Randy Broussard with a Key to the City of Lafayette for his dedication to the committee for the past two years.**
- 3. Deborah Aymond introduced the guest speaker, Stanley J. Bordelon, II, Attorney-at-Law.**

Stanley Bordelon provided the committee with the following:

- Information regarding estate planning for not only retirement age individuals, but for families with special needs children. He informed the committee that because family planning is usually very difficult, families will delay looking into this service. There was a brief discussion regarding forced heirship. Louisiana is the only state that has forced heirship, which means, the following persons generally cannot be disinherited:
  - ✓ Children who, at the time of the death of their parent, are twenty-three years of age or younger
  - ✓ Children who, because of mental incapacity or physical infirmity, are permanently incapable of taking care of themselves or administering their estates at the time of the death of their parents.
  - ✓ Children who, at the time of death of their parents have, according to medical documentation, an inherited, incurable disease or condition that may render them incapable of caring for themselves or administering their estates in the future.
- The committee members thanked Mr. Bordelon for his presentation.

#### **4. Minutes**

- The minutes for the April meeting were approved by the committee.

#### **5. Correspondence**

- The committee members were provided the following correspondence:
  - ✓ A copy of the language for the special needs section that will be placed in the Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) Hurricane Handbook.

- ✓ Email from LATAN regarding their 5K Run/Walk/Roll event on May 11, 2013. Deborah Aymond informed the committee that the event was cancelled and was later held with the Greek Festival.
- ✓ A handout on the Parks & Recreation Department Therapeutic Recreation “Camp We Can Do” was provided to the committee.
- ✓ The May Deaf Action newsletter.

## **6. Old Business/New Business**

- Deborah Aymond and Randy Broussard provided the committee with an update on the upcoming Disability Job Fair to be held in October. Lafayette Consolidated Government has once again been asked to be a partner for this great event. Carlee Alm-LaBar will request that the fees for the Heymann Center be waived.
- The June speaker will be Dr. Kim Warren – UL Disability Service Office.
- The committee members were provided the language for the Hurricane Handbook and Ray Green mentioned that the Hurricane Handbook needs to state that when the hurricane winds reach 55 mph, all of the emergency vehicles in the city will not go out to assist anyone in need. LUS will be contacted regarding Mr. Green’s concern.

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

Ray Green shared his concerns about the needs of oxygen dependent patients in the event of an emergency power outage. Dee Stanley, Chief Administrative Officer for Lafayette Consolidated Government, mentioned that during hurricanes a Special Needs Shelter is opened to assist citizens with these types of needs. It was strongly recommended that everyone with special needs should have a plan in case of an emergency. Dee Stanley mentioned that government doesn’t have the capability to provide the care that would be needed by those requiring constant medical care or attention.

Ray Green stressed that the citizens should be provided with the correct information to enable them to make the best decisions about the care of their special needs family members.

- The next meeting of the President’s Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.