



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

Monday, October 12, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:	Deborah Aymond; Laura Breaux; Marcelle Pradier; Jim Richard; Peggy Stelly; Brad Walker
Guests in Attendance:	Harold Arceneaux; Mark Guillory; Donielle Watkins; Dr. Warren;
Staff Present:	Lou Anna Angelle; Ben Berthelot

1. Jim Richard called the meeting to order.
2. The September minutes were approved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Ben informed the committee that he received a phone call regarding a disabled veteran who plays golf with a disabled Vietnam Veteran with no legs. On days when it is "Carts on Path" it makes it near impossible for his friend with no legs to get around the course and play. He is asking if they can be allowed to place a disabled flag (which he has) on the golf cart and follow the 90 degree rule on these days. He said he has played at courses around the country where they allow this.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

Disability Job Fair – Debra Aymond reminded the committee that the Job Fair will be held on October 21, 2009 at the Heymann Center, 9:00 a.m. – noon. Debra indicated there are at least 40 employers participating this year and she thanked the committee for their participation.

Disabled Youths Sub-Committee – Marcelle Pradier informed the committee that the sub-committee did not meet this month and will provide the committee with an update next month. There was a brief discussion regarding the goal of the resource directory for the youth.

2009 Disability Committee Awards –The ceremony will be held on October 19, 2009 @ 10:30 a.m., in the Council Auditorium. The committee discussed the program for the event.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Co-Chair - Peggy Stelly was nominated co-chair for the committee

UL Beacon Club - Brad Walker discussed UL's Disability Employment Awareness Month Community Panel. The panel will be made up of a student with a disability, an employer who recruits those with disabilities, U.L.L. EEO Officer, a rep from U.L.L. Career Services, LRS and Lafayette Consolidated Government. This event is scheduled on October 28, 2009, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., in Moody Hall on the ULL Campus.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Harold Arceneaux mentioned a nation-wide problem with handicapped parking spaces being occupied by non-disabled citizens. He indicated that the cost of the tickets is not stopping citizens from using the spaces. He would like to see an awareness campaign regarding this issues held in Lafayette.

Donielle Watkins reminded the committee that the DREAMS Foundation of Acadiana is going to have a booth at Rhythms on the River on October 29, 2009.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
8. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, November 9, 2009, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.