



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

Monday, March 9, 2009  
Meeting Minutes

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<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Jim Richard; Deborah Aymond, Laura Breaux; Peggy Stelly
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	Mark Guillory; Dan Arabie; Monica Griffith
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Dana McPherson; Ben Berthelot; Lou Anna Angelle

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

### 3. CORRRESPONDENCE

The following items were discussed by Ben Berthelot:

- He informed the committee that he received a call from a citizen, with concerns, regarding his elderly mother being able to handle the large garbage can that is being delivered in the community. There was a brief discussion regarding this issue and none of the committee members had received complaints about the garbage cans.
- Harold Arceneaux had resigned from the committee and had forwarded an email to the Council's Office. Peggy Stelly mentioned that the Lafayette Commission on the Needs of Women is a good source for appointments to boards and commissions.
- Mary Ann Ficaro's concern about the Chrysler Caravan # 43 that has been placed in the Acadian Transit fleet of vehicles has been found to be in compliance with FTA regulations. There was a brief discussion about the questionnaire being handed out on the van in question for comments.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

The following items were discussed by Peggy Stelly:

- She feels that Acadiana Transit is still treating individuals scheduling a ride to the same event as a group. When this happens, it's causes problems for those that need to be at the event early. Dana McPherson will look into this issue for Peggy.

- Peggy informed the committee that the Leadership Training Sub-Committee will need to meet to discuss the particulars for this training and they will report back to the committee.
- The para-transit flyer was briefly discussed. Peggy felt that the committee should have been named on the flyer. Dana McPherson indicated that's the reason she had the committee's input, to ensure, that everything they wanted on the flyer was placed on it. The flyer can be updated to incorporate the additional information, Peggy wants included on the flyer.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS:

The following issues were discussed by Deborah Aymond:

- She provided the committee and attendees with a pamphlet on People First Language.
- She informed the committee that the agency she works for, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, has contracted through the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf with St Francis de Sales Catholic Deaf Center for emergency preparedness and emergency response services for individuals who are deaf-blind. The service includes establishing and maintaining a registry of citizens with deaf-blindness, and developing an evacuation plan. She has requested that the committee have an open meeting with Dawn Melendez and the deaf, deaf-blind community in the Council Auditorium regarding the emergency preparedness and emergency response service. Ben Berthelot and Lou Ann Angelle are going to work on scheduling this meeting.
- The Louisiana Rehabilitation Council will be having a Public Forum on March 20, 2009, see details below:



### **Louisiana Rehabilitation Council**

### **PUBLIC FORUM / MEETING NOTICE**

*Public Forum Date and Time: March 20, 2009*

*9:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.*

**Meeting Date and Time:**

**March 19, 2009 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**March 20, 2009 – 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

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**Location of Public Forum and Meeting**

LRS Lafayette Regional Office

825 Kaliste Saloom Road

Lafayette, LA 70508

(337) 262-5353

**Tentative Agenda Topics:**

- Opening Comments
- Public Forum
- LRS Director's Comments

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- Peggy Stelly provided the committee with a copy of the Para-transit guide.
  - Peggy mentioned that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes monies for transportation related issues. She is hoping that sidewalks will be included here in Lafayette.
  - Dan Arabie requested that someone contact the TV stations regarding their closed-captioning. He has noticed that they stop scrolling and start up again, instead of a steady feed. This causes problems for the deaf community. The committee agreed that a letter should be sent to the TV stations.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.
7. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities will be held on **Monday, April 13 2009, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.

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