



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

Monday, June 14, 2010

Meeting Minutes

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**Board Members Present:** Deborah Aymond; Laura Breaux; Marcelle Pradier; Jim Richard;  
Peggy Stelly; Brad Walker  
**Guests in Attendance:** Mark Guillory; Betty Guidry; Jacqueline "Jackie" Leblanc  
**LCG Staff Present:** Lou Anna Angelle

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1. Jim Richard called the meeting to order.
2. Jim welcomed Betty Guidry and Jacqueline "Jackie" Leblanc.
3. The committee approved the April and May minutes.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from the Autism Society of Acadiana, ASAC, announcing:

*ABA Center Opening in Lafayette This Summer!*

*Autism Learning Center will be opening a location in Lafayette, LA SOON! Please spread the word! The office line is 337-269-8885. The satellite office is located at 3108 W. Pinhook Road, Lafayette, 2nd floor, above the 1st floor office for Autism Society of Acadiana.*

*ALC is looking forward to serving those individuals with autism in the Acadiana area.*

*For more information, please visit [www.autismlearningcenteralc.com](http://www.autismlearningcenteralc.com).*

*(This information is presented as a service to our families. Autism Society of Acadiana follows the Options Policy of our parent organization, The Autism Society, [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org) ).*

**5. 2010 Disability Job Fair**

Deborah Aymond informed the committee that the Disability Job Fair will be held on October 21, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Heymann Center, and flyers are being prepared for distribution.

The committee approved requesting Lafayette Consolidated Government to:

- Co-sponsor the event again this year
- Waive the rental fees for the use of the Heymann Center.

The next planning meeting will be held on June 24, 2010 at the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services Office.

The Beacon Club had also indicated they would like to assist with the Job Fair. Deborah will assist with assignments for the group.

Deborah Aymond indicated that more interpreters will be needed for the Job Fair. Brad Walker will look into having UL students assist with this request.

6. The committee had a brief discussion regarding the Juneteenth Job Fair that was held at the Heymann Center.
7. Deborah Aymond requested the committee receive an update on the progress of Parc Independence. Jim Richard indicated that the park should be completed by the end of the summer. Ms. Jacqueline Leblanc indicated that more publicity is needed regarding the opening of this park.
8. Brad Walker provided the committee with an update on the UL Disability Week events. He indicated it was a great success.
9. Jacqueline Leblanc addressed the committee regarding handicap license plate vehicles. She is very concerned about the striping of the handicap parking spaces for vans. She has noticed several parking spaces around Lafayette with the stripes on the left-side instead of the right-side. Ms. Leblanc noted that there are no vans with lifts on the left side of the vans. She uses a motorized wheelchair and this has become a big problem for her. The Lafayette Traffic & Transportation Department will be contacted regarding this complaint.

She also mentioned that there are no handicap parking spaces at 1010 Lafayette Street, the Lafayette Parish Government Building, for absentee voting. Lou Anna Angelle indicated that the Lafayette Traffic & Transportation Department always handles this for the absentee voting and spaces are available on Lafayette Street next to the building.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.
11. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, July 12, 2010, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.