

**LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH PRESIDENT'S AWARENESS
COMMITTEE FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES**

July 9, 2007

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Board Members Present: Carol Glover, Steve Jankower, Richard Phelps

Excused Board Members: Paul Fontana, Dr. Cheek

Guests in Attendance: Charlotte Ducote, Zelie Guidry, Donald Leger, Donna Roy

LCG Staff Present: Glenn Dugas, Demetrius Glover, Mike Mitchell, Lou Anna Angelle

1. Steve Jankower called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes from the June 11, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. Steve Jankower introduced the committee to Donna Roy, Director of Supported Employment Services, JobLink. She addressed the committee regarding the 4th Annual Job Fair for Workers' with Disabilities for the Lafayette Region. She would like the Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness Committee for Citizen's with Disabilities to partner with them for this event. The event is tentatively scheduled on October 30, 2007, 9:00 am to noon, at the Heymann Center. The committee also requested that the committee attempt to have the fee waived for this event at the Heymann Center. Steve Jankower informed Donna that the committee would like to partner with them again this year. Steve requested that once the details are finalized, Ben should have a link for this event placed on the website.

Steve Jankower requested that Lou Anna Angelle speak to Dee Stanley to waive the fees at the Heymann Center for this event.

4. Steve Jankower introduced Glenn Dugas, Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Administrator and Demetrius Glover, WIB Monitor. Glenn Dugas provided the committee with information on the new position (Disability Program Navigator) that will be locally housed. The Navigator will operate in the Lafayette Career Solutions Center as a resource for people with disabilities. The Disability Program Navigator Initiative will help people with disabilities "navigate" through the challenges of seeking work.

The following information was provided about the Navigator's position:

- Develop and maintain relationships with advocacy groups, organizations and agencies that facilitate the employment of people with disabilities.
- Develop resources for businesses to support the employment of people with disabilities.
- Link jobseekers with disabilities to the career Solutions Center counselors for

services that will support them in meeting employment goals.

- Provide information to people with disabilities regarding how earnings affect their Social Security benefits and other support programs: Ticket to Work, Medicaid Purchase Plan, and Benefits Planning Services.
- Provide information to the Career Solutions Center about programs, services, housing and transportation supports as they impact the search for employment.

Glenn Dugas ask the committee to provide this information to anyone interested in applying for this position.

Steve Jankower asked that Glenn Dugas provide the committee with an update on this position in sixty days.

5. Carol Glover presented the survey form that she and Richard Phelps worked on regarding the possibility of extending the para-transit service throughout Lafayette Parish. Steve Jankower requested that Lou Anna Angelle forward this information to the committee members for their comments. He also requested that the comments be forwarded to Lou Anna Angelle.
6. Steve Jankower asked Mike Mitchell, Transit & Parking Manager, to briefly discuss the upcoming Public Hearing on the proposed City Bus Routes/ Fare Revisions. He informed the committee that the meeting would be held on July 10, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., at the Clifton Chenier Center. Steve asked him what the proposed cost for the para-transit would be and he indicated that it would be between \$2.00 and \$2.50. The current fare is fifty cents.

In follow-up to complaints, Steve asked Mike to contact Acadiana Transit and inquire into why the riders are unable to schedule rides 24 hours in advance and report to the committee next month with his findings.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2007, 11:30 a.m. in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.