



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

Monday, September 8, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:	Harold Arceneaux; Jim Richard; Peggy Stelly; Richard Phelps, Deborah Aymond
Guests in Attendance:	Lynn Blanchard; Chyvonne Blanchard; Mike Wolf; Dan Arabie; Anna Duhon
Staff Present:	Mike Mitchell; Mike Mouton; Ben Berthelot; Lou Anna Angelle

1. Jim Richard called the meeting to order.
2. Jim requested that the Safe Travel Techniques – Technology for Deaf-Blind Consumer DVD be shown. The DVD was provided by Dan Arabie.

The DVD introduced the MINIGUIDE which is a portable, handheld device that emits ultrasonic sounds measuring the distance to objects in front of a person. Sounds and vibrations alert the user to objects in his or her path, aiding in mapping out the environment and getting around obstacles.

The cost for the device is approximately \$350.00.

Peggy Stelly requested that Dan Arabie provide Scott Crawford, Affiliated Blind of Louisiana, with a copy of the DVD.

3. Jim Richard introduced Mike Mouton, Lafayette Consolidated Government Emergency Operations & Security Coordinator.

Mike Mouton provided the committee with a brief summary of the following:

- Lafayette evacuation and transportation plan.
- Storm Movements
- The Lafayette City-Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Office. The office number is as follows: 291-5075
- Mike Mouton requested that if anyone knows a citizen with a special needs request, please ask them to contact him at 291-8358 or 278-2577.

The committee members had a brief discussion regarding the incidents that happened during the Hurricane Gustav evacuation. It was stressed that the citizens of Lafayette parish should have their own evacuation plan.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Update on the voucher system

Report to be provided next month.

- Flyer for Para-transit passengers

Report to be provided next month

- 2008 Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities Awards

Ben Berthelot will send out PSA's regarding the 2008 Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities Awards.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

7. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, October 13, 2008** from **11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.

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November 29, 2012