

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – FINAL – MARCH 2, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at the lower level conference room at City Hall. Leonard Bertin called the Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Present: L Bertin, member C. Buchanan, member
 S. Burt, member A. Done, member
 A. Fuhrman, alternate P. Manetta, member
 D. Pietron, member M. Pritzlaff, alternate
 S. Werpetsinski, member

Present: M. Grusnick, staff
 K. Jearls, staff

Absent: K. Gauri, member EA T. House, member, EA
 N. Johnson, alternate, UA A. Wiqar, student, UA

ITEM B – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Burt made a motion that the minutes of February 2, 2005, with changes, be approved. Supported by Furhman. All voted in favor.

ITEM C – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Liz Kobylak, Chapter Coordinator for the Self Help for Hard of Hearing People Association, a national and State organization, was at our meeting. The local website for this organization is wwwmi-shhh.org and the national website is wwwhearingloss.org. As well as being a resident of Troy, Liz is an advocate for persons with hearing loss.

ITEM D – NEW BUSINESS**ITEM E – REGULAR BUSINESS**

Burt will attend the City Council meeting on 3/7/05 and Manetta and Done on 2/21/05.

ITEM F – OLD BUSINESS

Some of the suggested topics for MML disability training seminars were emergency preparedness, visual impairment, and hearing loss.

We have received no response from City Council on a joint meeting. We would like to emphasize the need for a joint meeting to discuss issues and concerns. All voted in favor.

Burt will bring the rest of the Face To Face and A.C.P.D. brochures to Grusnick. He will then distribute them and discuss the availability of city racks with Cindy Stewart.

ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Bertin received information from Ruth Linnemann, Michigan MS Society, regarding emergency preparedness gaps for people with disabilities. She also sent information on grants available in the area of disability awareness training which Bertin will forward to the MML.

The Ability Expo will not be held on Thursday night, we are attempting to do it on Friday evening. There will be a charge for booth space for all but nonprofit organizations; one half the cost will be charged for nonprofits.

Buchanan has a picture on display at the City Library that she painted for the “Paint A Miracle” project.

ITEM H – ADJOURN

Burt made a motion to adjourn at 7:48, Done seconded.

Leonard Bertin, Chairperson

Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary