

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – DRAFT –
NOVEMBER 2, 2005**

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

Present: S. Burt, member A. Done, member
 A. Fuhrman, alternate T. House, member
 D. Pietron, member M. Pritzlaff, alternate
 J. Stewart, member S. Werpetinski, member

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

Absent: C. Buchanan, alternate member EA
 P. Hammond, member UA
 P. Manetta, member EA

ITEM B – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2005

Burt made a motion that the minutes of October 5, 2005 be approved. Supported by Fuhrman. All voted in favor.

ITEM C – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Jeff Biegler, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation was in attendance to discuss playground structures. All current structures in Troy are accessible and meet or exceed the ADA guidelines. There are several parks in the planning stage that may be conducive to a boundless playground. Jeff thinks the boundless playground concept is a terrific idea but can be quite expensive. To contact Jeff with any questions, call 248-524-1061.

ITEM D – NEW BUSINESS

We have a new member on our Committee, Jeff Stewart. Welcome, Jeff.

Burt contacted the Boundless Playground organization. She reported that our Committee could register online and possibly receive contributions made by private business in the Troy area.

Werpetinski found there to be no ~~mention~~ category of available services and organizations for people with disabilities in the Community Directory. ~~and would like this changed.~~ Cindy Stewart agreed to rectify this situation.

Kul Gauri has resigned from this Committee and should be removed from the membership list.

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ITEM E – REGULAR BUSINESS

Burt Werpetinski will attend the City Council meeting on 11/14/05, House on 11/21/05 and 11/28/05, and Fuhrman on 12/5/05.

Done will phone local high schools to inquire about an interested student member for this Committee.

ITEM F – OLD BUSINESS

Committee members were given copies of Table 1106.1 from the Michigan Building Code. This table sets forth the required number of accessible parking spaces based on the total spaces provided. If Council approves a parking variance, the required accessible spaces may be reduced based on the total number of spaces approved. Since this table doesn't differentiate between building use, members are asked to consider building uses in which a higher percentage of accessible spaces would be needed.

The Committee's new suggestions for accommodating persons with disabilities at the voting precincts were incorporated into the Election Training Guide. Tonni Bartholomew, City Clerk, will address the accessibility issue again when the new HAVA laws are in effect in 2006.

ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Troy Today had an article regarding a grant writing course being offered at the Library. However, it was already full but will be offered again in February, 2006.

Werpetinski submitted a question to the local media at two forums for all City Council Candidates on their stand on accessibility for Troy citizens and a boundless park. They all agreed to give their support.

ITEM H – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Werpetinski attended the meeting discussing the Clawson 911 calls agreement and reports that it would not affect emergency services for Troy residents.

Werpetinski also reports that the agenda for the City Council meeting is not correct in listing the current members of our Committee.

ITEM I – ADJOURN

Burt made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 which was seconded by House.

Angie Done, Chairperson

Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary