

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – DRAFT –  
DECEMBER 7, 2005**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at the lower level conference room at City Hall. Angela Done called the Meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Present: C. Buchanan, member      A. Done, member  
A. Fuhrman, alternate      P. Hammond, member  
T. House, member      P. Manetta, member  
D. Pietron, member      M. Pritzlaff, alternate  
J. Stewart, member      S. Werpetinski, member

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

Absent: S Burt, member EA

**ITEM B – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2005**

Werpetinski made a motion that the minutes of November 2, 2005 be approved as amended. Supported by Stewart. All voted in favor.

**ITEM C – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC**

Lusa Zhou was our guest. Lusa is a student and on the Board of the National Honor Society at Troy High School.

**ITEM D – NEW BUSINESS**

Buchanan and Werpetinski attended the Troy Special Services PTO meeting on 12/1/05. This organization provides disability awareness to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Troy school system as well as funding for Special Olympics, scholarships, etc. They are also creating a support group for parents of children with disabilities. This group will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. We have been invited to participate in one or both. If you have questions, contact the President, Natalie Luyckx at 248-816-1815.

Done contacted Lawrence Technology Institute and spoke with Dr. Orłowski, Assistant Dean and extended an invitation for an architect or instructor to come to one of our meetings to discuss awareness of needs of disabled persons.

**ITEM E – REGULAR BUSINESS**

Buchanan will attend the City Council meeting on 12/19/05.

Done phoned Troy Athens High School and spoke with Amy Buchanan re: student members for our Committee. ~~She also was given the name of Alex Xie and Lusa, who attended our meeting, from Troy High School.~~ Hammond was given the name of Lusa, who attended our meeting, and Alex Xie, both from Troy High School.

Pietron called Birmingham to inquire if they have a Disability Committee and has not gotten an answer back.

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**ITEM F – OLD BUSINESS**

A copy of the Committee's pamphlet was passed out to all members in attendance for further discussion of the Mission Statement.

Werpetinski reported that at the last election, magnifying glasses were not provided in election worker packets and the lighting was not improved at the St. Joseph Chaldean precinct. Otherwise, the election voting process ran quite smoothly.

Kathy Davisson was contacted re: millage money for playgrounds. The money will primarily be used to bring existing playgrounds up to ADA standards. Nothing will be done until the end of the school year.

Werpetinski will contact Dave Lambert regarding the parking ratio for handicapped spaces when parking variances are approved by City Council. Also, Grusnick will get direction from Mark Stimac regarding his 7/23/04 letter addressing this issue.

**ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Hammond will compose an editorial and send to local papers regarding the hardships caused by able-bodied people using the handicapped parking spots.

Discussion on the importance of Committee members participating in Troy Futures task force. Stewart and Werpetinski explained that several proposals from the last Troy Futures planning meetings have been implemented or are under consideration. Stewart signed up for subcommittee participation and encourages other members' involvement.

**ITEM H – CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Werpetinski reported that Council is considering closed captioning for City cable broadcasts. They have requested that Mr. Szerlag provide cost estimates for implementation of this system. Councilman Lambert suggested this Committee's input as to the need for closed caption broadcasting. This Committee unanimously supports getting feedback from Troy residents. Perhaps a questionnaire could be enclosed with the next water bill or mailed out separately. As requested, this Committee is submitting a letter supporting citizen input to Mr. Szerlag.

**ITEM I – ADJOURN**

House made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 which was seconded by Fuhrman.

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Angie Done, Chairperson

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Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary