

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – DRAFT –
JANUARY 4, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at the lower level conference room at City Hall. Angela Done called the Meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

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

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

Absent: S Burt, member EA
Pritzlaff, Mark , alternate EA

ITEM B – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

Buchanan made a motion that the minutes of December 7, 2005 be approved as amended. Supported by Fuhrman. All voted in favor.

ITEM C – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Kathy and Steve Laudicina, Troy residents, were our guests.

ITEM D – NEW BUSINESS

Committee member goals for 2006 were discussed as follows:

Angela Done: Keep Committee member line of communication open –
ideas from new people
Stay in contact with City Council
Involvement with young people with cognitive disabilities

Sue Werpetinski: Networking to involve the younger disabled persons
Implement a Boundless Playground in Troy
Arrange a screening for the “Kid and I” to seniors and
the Community

Pauline Manetta: Arrange for City Council and City Staff to have sensitivity
training for a greater understanding of disabilities

Dorothy Pietron: Review ADA guidelines for any new developments

Jeff Stewart: Continue with adaptive recreation activities and encourage
participation by members of this Committee
Involvement in Troy Futuring Process – Lifestyles
Implement a Boundless Playground in Troy
Encourage this Committee’s input into City projects

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- Organize a disability fair
Continue involvement with activities for special needs youth and adults at Troy Daze
- Adam Fuhrman See young disabled people more integrated into general society
- Cynthia Buchanan Emergency Preparedness – Reach out to disabled individuals and assist them in making a personal plan for themselves, possibly with help of trained Fire or Police Dept. personnel
- Peggy Hammond: Better accessibility to older buildings
Closer handicapped parking
- Dori House: Request sensitivity training for City Council and City Staff
Review public handicapped parking areas
Continue dialogue with Michigan Municipal League – developing a presentation on sensitivity training

The existing brochure “Advisory Committee for Persons With Disabilities” was re-evaluated for content, Buchanan moved to accept it as is, Manetta supported. All voted in favor. Done will contact Troy Library for permission for placement of brochures and Grusnick will contact the Community Center

Kathy Laudicina explained she was a part-time employee at the Troy Library and that there were some disputes during her employment and termination. These issues were not made clear and it was suggested that it would be appropriate for her to consult with the Troy Human Resource Department.

We would like to formally invite a representative from the Troy Special Services PTO to attend one of our meetings in the future.

ITEM E – REGULAR BUSINESS

Manetta will attend the City Council meeting on 1/9/06 and House on 1/23/06. Fuhrman will not be able to attend Council meetings on Monday during his winter/spring school semester as he is enrolled in a Monday evening class.

ITEM F – OLD BUSINESS

Buchanan will contact Carla Vaughan to request our Committee’s participation in the Senior Health Fair scheduled March 21, 2006.

This Committee continues to request early review of plans for City facilities and participation including renovations and new construction.

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There was discussion of Council's inquiry for the need of closed captioning for City cable broadcasts. Early indication is the installation and operation of this system could be quite costly. The Committee agreed to table this item until resident response is available from the questionnaire that will be sent with their next water bill.

ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The MS Wheelchair Michigan Board of Directors is now seeking candidates for the Ms. Wheelchair Michigan 2006 Pageant. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2006.

ITEM H – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

No new business.

ITEM I – ADJOURN

House made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 which was seconded by Pietron.

Angie Done, Chairperson

Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary