

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the lower level conference room at City Hall. Angela Done called the Meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Present: C. Buchanan, member S. Burt, member
A. Done, 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: Fuhrman, alternate EA
P. Hammond, member EA

ITEM B – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2006

Werpetinski made a motion that the minutes of February 1, 2006 be approved. Supported by Manetta. All voted in favor.

ITEM C – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Dale R. Zygnowicz and Carlene Geier, Troy residents, attended the meeting as guests.

ITEM D – NEW BUSINESS

SHAPE, Students Having Access to Parents and Educators, is looking for volunteers to assist students who need extra attention with testing, reports, etc. If interested or you have any questions, contact Judy Lipson at 248-823-3872, or jlipson2@troy.k12.mi.us.

Stewart reported that Troy Daze is considering having a handicapped ramp installed for the indoor stage and making the entertainment tent more accessible.

Werpetinski reported the district wide sensitivity training for fourth grade Schroeder School students will be held 3/15/06 at the Troy School District Services Building. Members of our Committee have been invited to participate. Volunteers are needed to staff the various stations as well as answer questions from the students.

This Committee would like to extend our thanks to the City Council for the dinner and night out at the Appreciation Banquet.

ITEM E – REGULAR BUSINESS

Burt will attend the City Council meeting on 3/20/06 and Manetta on 4/3/06.

Buchanan has reserved a table for this Committee's use at the Senior Expo, Tuesday, 3/21/06. Committee members are invited to help staff the table during this event, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Buchanan made a motion, Burt seconded, to have Done continue as Chairperson for another 6 months. All voted in favor.

ITEM F – OLD BUSINESS

On 4/5/06, 3 persons from Lawrence Tech University, including a student and instructor of Freedom by Design, will attend our meeting and provide feedback as to how the architectural students are educated to incorporate accessibility into new construction.

Burt made a motion, seconded by Buchanan, that this Committee's long term goal will be working toward a boundless playground for the City of Troy. Pritzlaff will contact the City Attorney to determine what role we can play in fundraising and Burt will contact the Boundless Playground organization for assistance. Stewart's involvement with Parks & Recreation could help with their support and assistance.

This Committee's short term goal will include sensitivity training and educating the next generation on accessibility issues by encouraging more youth programs and involvement. Burt and House will also contact Margene Scott, with the Michigan Municipal League, regarding their fall conference schedule.

ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

On 3/14/06 Jazzy Java, Supporters of Different Learners will show a DVD simulating situations that handicap people experience in their every day lives.

ITEM H – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Martin Howrylak, Councilman, suggested at a Council meeting that it could be advantageous for Troy to accept donations of corporate gifts if used to improve City facilities. We as a Committee support this suggestion.

ITEM I – ADJOURN

Pietron made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 which was seconded by Burt.

Angie Done, Chairperson

Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary