

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – DRAFT –
APRIL 5, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at the lower level conference room at City Hall. Angela Done called the Meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Present: C. Buchanan, member A. Done, member
A. Fuhrman, alternate P. Hammond, 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
T. House, member EA

ITEM B – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF March 1, 2006

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

ITEM C – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Leonard Bertin, previous Committee Chairman, and Robin Beltramini, City Councilwoman, attended the meeting as guests.

ITEM D – NEW BUSINESS

We welcome two new members to our Committee; Chelsea Weidmann, Troy Athens, and Gina Hyun, Troy High School. We look forward to their input.

Members were provided a copy of the Oakland County Community and Home Improvement 2006 Annual Report. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding is explained in this report. It appears this Committee's long term goal for a boundless playground might meet CDBG guidelines for funding. Buchanan, Stewart and Grusnick will meet with Vicki Richardson to help determine the feasibility.

Done spoke with Chris, Assistant Manager at Wal-Mart, Troy, regarding the procedure for their matching funds grant program. A formal written request on letterhead must be personally delivered to the Troy store to initiate the program.

Pritzlaff will contact Lori Bluhm, City Attorney, to invite her to our May meeting regarding information on grants for funding a boundless playground and changes to the Open Meetings Act.

Professor Edward Orlowski, Chairman of the Department of Architecture at Lawrence Tech University, attended our meeting to present information on "universal design", designing accessible buildings for mobility and sensory disabilities. Students are taught freedom by design, a concept which was developed to give students a greater

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understanding of how to put these ideas into use in an abstract way from the beginning of the design through the final site finish. Students during their sophomore year must spend a day confined to a wheelchair. They are given assignments which involve traversing the entire campus in order to experience the difficulties of accessing and maneuvering buildings, parking and common areas. Architects today are incorporating accessibility into the main building design and not segregating accessibility into separate or different areas of the building.

ITEM E – REGULAR BUSINESS

Werpetinski will attend the City Council meeting on 4/17/06 and Fuhrman on 4/24/06.

ITEM F – OLD BUSINESS

It was reported that the Sr. Expo held March 21 at the Community Center was very worthwhile and suggested that our Committee should also offer support and participation at the fall event.

ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEM H – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Binson's Medical Supply was denied a request to locate a new facility on Rochester Road on property which is currently zoned single family.

ITEM I – ADJOURN

Pietron made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 which was seconded by Hammond.

Angie Done, Chairperson

Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary