ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – FINAL – JUNE 7, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at the lower level conference room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present:	A. Fuhrman, alternate	P. Hammond, member
	T. House, member	G. Hyun, student
	P. Manetta, member	D. Pietron, member
	C. Weidman, student	S. Werpetinski, member

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

Absent: C. Buchanan, member EA
S. Burt, member EA
A. Done, member EA
J. Stewart, member EA
M. Pritzlaff, alternate UA

ITEM C – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 3, 2006
Werpetinski made a motion that the minutes of May 3, 2006 be approved. Supported by Pietron. All voted in favor.

ITEM D – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS
Carlene Geier, Troy resident, Linda Hannon, Director of Special Education for the Troy School District, and Kitt Alexander, Co-Vice President of the Troy Special Services Parent Teacher Organization attended our meeting as guests.

ITEM E – NEW BUSINESS
Werpetinski brought the video "F.A.T. City Workshop" for our viewing. F.A.T. stands for Frustration, Anxiety, Tension. It demonstrates how people with learning disabilities deal with everyday challenges and offers measures educators can use to help reduce a student's anxiety in group settings. Kitt also brought the article "Wrong" Is Not Right by Kathie Snow. Kathie's website is disabilityisnatural.com.

Hammond made a motion to cancel the July, 2006 meeting; Pietron seconded. All agreed.

ITEM F – REGULAR BUSINESS
House will attend the 6/19, 7/19 and 7/24 Council Meetings.

ITEM G – COMMITTEE MEMBER COUNCIL MEETING REPORT
Werpetinski reported that Mayor ProTem Cristina Broomfield has indicated a new approach to assigning members to City Committee posts. Interviews will be conducted

and the best candidates will be recommended for assignment. Waiting lists or current members whose term is expiring and are wishing reassignment will be a consideration, but not the determining factor.

Werpetinski also reported that a resolution was passed to allow City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew to execute a grant application agreement with the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of State for the purchase of AutoMARK ballot marking devices and related Election Management System (EMS) programming software for use by individuals with disabilities pursuant to the Help America Vote Act.

ITEM H - OLD BUSINESS

House reported for Done that students from Lawrence Tech University will attend either the August or September meeting to present information on 'universal design'.

Werpetinski spoke with Brian Stoutenburg, Library Director, regarding future alterations for handicap access at the Library. They agreed that a drive-thru facility would best serve the community, and in particular, those persons with disabilities. Subsequently the committee approved a letter urging the City Council to consider a drive-thru option.

Hyun reported that Special Education students at Troy High School help with decorations at dances as a way of participating in activities. Sadd and Project Lead also include Special Education students in their projects. Hyun will follow up with her school next season as to what activities are available.

Weidman reported that she would like to see Athens make more efforts toward inclusion in the 2006-2007 school year. In the past they had a study buddy and a mentoring program in place.

ITEM I - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Members of this Committee donated money to send flowers to Buchanan after her surgery.

It was reported that the Troy School District Special Education Services Building has no automated door.

ITEM J – ADJOURN

Werpetinski made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 which was seconded by Hammond.

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Theodora House, Acting Chairperson

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Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary