

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – DRAFT –
SEPTEMBER 6, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at the lower level Conference Room at City Hall. Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: M. Apte, Alternate C. Buchanan, member
 S. Burt, member A. Done, member
 P. Hammond, member T. House, member
 G. Hyun, student P. Manetta, member
 D. Pietron, member J. Stewart, member
 C. Weidman, student S. Werpetski, member

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

Absent: A. Fuhrman, Alternate, EA

ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF August 2, 2006

Werpetski made a motion that the minutes of August 2, 2006 be approved. Supported by Done. All voted in favor.

ITEM IV – SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

ITEM V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Committee discussed revisions to our brochure such as larger font size, bold lettering, and the elimination of shading, italics and possibly quotes. Stewart will report our findings to Community Affairs who will then bring them to the graphic designer. A motion was made by Buchanan, seconded by Hammond, to allow Stewart and Grusnick to approve changes in the text and graphics.

ITEM VI – NEW BUSINESS

We welcome Margaret Apte, a citizen of Troy, as an alternate member to our Committee.

We will be following Robert's Rules of Order for the meetings.

It was agreed that most City Council meetings do not necessitate the need for an assigned Committee member's attendance. Werpetski volunteered to review the Council agendas and inform Grusnick and Stewart of any items of interest to this Committee.

Weideman and Hyun will research handicap accessible festivals held in Michigan. They will also be researching the existence of other Advisory Committees for Persons With Disabilities across the Country as well as websites and adaptive recreation programs.

ITEM VII – REPORTS

ITEM VIII – PUBLIC COMMENT

Carlene Geier, Troy resident, attended our meeting.

ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT

Buchanan has talked to Don Mouch, Troy Fire Dept., regarding a Disaster Preparedness Plan for persons with disabilities.

Hammond asked for additional assistance for a resident in her trailer park that is unable to maneuver in his home due to health problems.

Pietron asked for support at the Senior Advisory Meeting 9/7/06 re: the discontinuance of the Meals On Wheels program.

Werpetinski has requested that precinct workers not use handicapped parking so that it is left available for persons with disabilities coming to vote. She would like a directory of resources for assistance to be created for the use of Troy citizens. Werpetinski also suggested that all correspondence going out from this Committee be submitted through Grusnick before being submitted to City Council.

Weideman and Hyun reported that they both will be researching ways to streamline students with disabilities into activities and functions at their respective High Schools and help them to become more involved.

House suggested that there be no food served at our meetings.

Manetta questioned the size and location of the handicap parking spaces near the restaurant at the shopping center at Long Lake and John R. Grusnick will review the plans.

Stewart asked if this Committee would be interested in getting involved in activities for special needs children or adults.

Stewart suggested an after-meeting 'brainstorming study session'. Feedback would then be forwarded to members and included on future agendas.

Stewart suggested that any member of this Committee could write an article of news for the Observer Eccentric as a guest columnist.

ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT

Done made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 which was seconded by Burt.

Jeff Stewart, Chairperson

Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary