

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

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at the lower level Conference Room at City Hall. Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: M. Apte, alternate C. Buchanan, member  
A. Done, member C. Geier, 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  
A. Fuhrman, alternate, EA  
G. Hyun, student, UA  
C. Weideman, student, UA

**ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF September 6, 2006**

Werpetinski made a motion that the minutes of September 6, 2006 be approved. Supported by Pietron. All voted in favor.

**ITEM IV – SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS**

**ITEM V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. The finalized copy of the ACPD brochure has been forwarded to the printer to have 1,000 copies made.
- B. Emergency Preparedness – Buchanan has spoken with Fire Lieutenant, Donald Mouch and he indicates Troy's emergency preparedness plan is in order. Buchanan will speak with Community Affairs regarding video taping a meeting in which Lt. Mouch explains Troy's emergency preparedness plan.
- C. Werpetinski moved that all correspondence from this Committee be submitted through Kathy Jearls and Mitch Grusnick for approval and proof-reading. Pietron seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mitch requested this be done by e-mail if possible for ease of changes.
- D. Werpetinski moved to discontinue collections for gestures of goodwill such as gifts and flowers from taking place during meetings or in the meeting room. Hammond seconded. All were in favor.
- E. Werpetinski questioned what the wording is on the questionnaire card enclosed with the water bill regarding closed captioning on City broadcasts.

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**ITEM VI – NEW BUSINESS**

We welcome Carlene Geier, a citizen of Troy, as an alternate member to our Committee.

Manetta reported that the curb at 1301 W. Long Lake is in the middle of a row at handicap parking. Grusnick will verify.

Werpetinski, along with keeping the Committee informed on City Council agenda items of interest, has volunteered to network with the Seniors Advisory Committee on issues of interest to this Committee.

Done will contact Brian Murphy for more information on the proposed Troy-Birmingham Transit Center. The DDA is involved with this project.

Stewart has made arrangements for this Committee hosting an event on Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. for the Adaptive Recreation Program at the Community Center. All are welcome to attend. On December 8, 2006 the Friday Frolic Holiday Party will be held at the Community Center and all are welcome to attend.

**ITEM VII – REPORTS**

- A. No students present.
- B. Werpetinski reported that funds were approved for video equipment to be used in the lower level conference room.
- C. The parking variance at 35 W. Long Lake was approved with 3 accessible parking spaces.
- D. A decision on the 20 group day care homes resisting ADA compliance was tabled until 12/2007 in order to review input from the State.
- E. Pietron, Hammond, Geier, and Werpetinski attended the Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting 9/7/06 at the Community Center. They report that nothing has changed regarding Meals on Wheels. Emerald was the successful bidder.

**ITEM VIII – PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT**

Hammond reported that the extension cords on the ground at Troy Daze were not covered, making it difficult to navigate. The grassy areas were not accessible.

House reported that East Side Watchbands at 30835 John R, Madison Hts., offers curbside service to disabled customers with an advance call.

Werpetinski reported that the State of Michigan has a new website for services available for persons with disabilities - [www.michigan.gov/disabilityresources](http://www.michigan.gov/disabilityresources).

Werpetinski reported that 10/28/06 is Make A Difference Day. Perhaps one project to consider would be assistance for the gentleman that lives in Hammond's trailer park that is unable to maneuver in his home due to health problems.

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Werpetinski thought it very commendable that the City has installed accessible public sidewalk approaches with colored pavement.

Stewart suggested that this Committee compile a resource guide for persons with disabilities. It was suggested that this list be put on the City of Troy website as well as in Troy Today.

**ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT**

Pietron made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 which was seconded by Done.

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Jeff Stewart, Chairperson

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Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary