

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – DRAFT –  
NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at the lower level Conference Room at City Hall. Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: M. Apte, alternate C. Geier, alternate  
P. Hammond, member T. House, member  
G. Hyun, student P. Manetta, member  
D. Pietron, member J. Stewart, member  
C. Weidman, student S. Werpetinski, member

Present: M. Grusnick, staff

Absent: C. Buchanan, member EA  
S. Burt, member UA  
A. Done, member EA

**ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2006**

Werpetinski made a motion that the minutes of October 4, 2006 be approved. All voted in favor.

**ITEM IV – SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS**

Brian Murphy, Assistant City Manager, was in attendance to share information regarding the proposed Transit Center which consists of three acres of property located near Coolidge and Maple. As part of the consent judgment for Midtown Square, the City has until 2010 to develop a transit center on this property. MDOT has committed \$350,000 for the development of the full service Amtrak station facility. Hertz Rental as well as Smart Bus have shown considerable interest. Brian will keep this Committee informed as progress continues.

**ITEM V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. The finalized copy of the ACPD brochure is currently at the printer and should be completed by December.
- B. House wished to change her vote on the motion passed last month to discontinue collections for goodwill gestures to show she is not in favor. The vote cannot be changed but House's stand on this will be recorded in these minutes.
- C. Werpetinski presented a list of City services that are available for community members with disabilities. Werpetinski moved that this list be turned over to the Community Affairs Department to edit and include in a specified section of Troy Today that would be designated as a resource section for persons with disabilities. All were in favor.

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- D. Brian Murphy and Cindy Stewart are compiling a resource guide for seniors and low income residents with special needs. He suggested contacting Cindy Stewart to include services for persons with disabilities. Manetta has compiled a collection of outside resources that service people with disabilities. Those materials will be turned over to Cindy Stewart for inclusion in the pending resource guide.
- E. Grusnick verified that the handicap parking at 1301 W. Long Lake is within code.

**ITEM VI – NEW BUSINESS**

Werpetinski requested that a commendation letter be drafted to be sent to people that do extraordinary efforts for recognition by this Committee.

Stewart asked Hyun and Weideman to poll local grocery and drug stores inquiring as to whether they offer delivery for prescription drugs and/or groceries.

**ITEM VII – REPORTS**

- A. Weideman reported on a woman that organized a baseball team for special needs children. She was featured on Extreme Home Makeover.
- B. Hyun reported that festivals in Montrose, Alpena, Chesaning, etc. are all handicap accessible. She also informed us that there is an organization at her high school called Troy Colts Connect which is an inclusive club for all Troy students. It meets once a week and they plan social activities as well as eat lunch together biweekly.
- C. Hammond reported that Done gave the house bound trailer park resident a reference for a contractor that will do several repairs at a minimal cost.
- D. Werpetinski reported that Geier was appointed a member of this Committee at the Council Meeting and that Manetta's appointment was extended.

**ITEM VIII – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sean Murphy attended our meeting as a guest. Sean works for Disability Made Easy, a company that constructs barrier free, handicap accessible products in homes. Sean will be returning to a meeting to give a presentation at a later date.

**ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT**

- A. Apte is relocating outside Troy and will be leaving this Committee. She has submitted a resignation letter.
- B. Geier mentioned an acquaintance that refrained from using Medi-Go Plus because she claimed that the service did not drop her off at the door of her destination.
- C. House announced her resignation as a member to this Committee.
- D. Stewart commends Fuhrman for stepping down from this Committee due to obligations and allowing this opportunity to be given to another.
- E. Stewart reported that the special needs adults could use assistance at their crafting event on 11/30/06 at 12:30 at the Community Center. This is a prelude to their Holiday Frolic held 12/8/06 from 7:00 to 9:30.

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**ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT**

Geier made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. which was seconded by Manetta.

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Jeff Stewart, Chairperson

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Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary