

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – FINAL –
MARCH 7, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, March 7, 2007, in the second floor Conference Room C at City Hall. Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: C. Buchanan, member K. Clark, alternate
A. Done, member C. Geier, member
P. Hammond, member G. Hyun, student
D. Pietron, member J. Stewart, member
C. Weidman, student S. Werpetinski, member
Benta Ngalla, **Visitor**
Roger McCarville, **Visitor**

Present: M. Grusnick, staff

Absent: M. Freliga, member UA
S. Murphy, alternate A
P. Manetta, member EA

ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2007

Werpetinski made a motion that the minutes of February 7, 2007 be approved. Supported by Done; all voted in favor.

ITEM IV – SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

Mary Kerwin, Development and Special Events Director at the Boys and Girls Club was in attendance. She explained the four most important things all community leaders must work toward in their committees. These things are as follows:

1. Vision – future statement.
2. Structure for support – goals to be accomplished.
3. Accountability – how are these goals progressing?
4. Advocacy – getting the word out.

Mary will compile findings from the discussion group and will e-mail them to Cindy Stewart and Mitch for distribution to the Committee.

ITEM V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Done reported that the Troy Library is expecting one more bid but it is likely Michael Ellis Enterprises will get the contract for computer software for the visually impaired

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Pietron as well as other members of this Committee will be present at the 2007 Senior Expo on March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members will arrive at 9:30 for set-up. Interested members wishing to volunteer should contact Pietron.

Done reported that the Disability Resource List is still in development per Cindy Stewart.

Werpetinski reported that there is an exchange of assistive technology materials available at a very low rate. She will email Eve Parsons the information so the Friends of the Troy Public Library can make contact.

Buchanan will follow up on the Personal Disaster Plan as to status of the Police and Fire Department approval.

2007 Member Goals:

Buchanan – Will bring her goals to next meeting.

Hammond – Will work toward parking and restroom accessibility.

Done – Will help on following up where needed and offer help to other members. Also to follow the train station development as well as awareness of lighting and terrain at public properties.

Weideman – More interaction in sports for persons with disabilities

Hyun – More opportunities for social activities for special services students and mainstream students.

Clark – Direct efforts toward the Troy Public Library and the Adaptive Recreation Program.

Werpetinski – Continue to follow the City Council Group Child Care issues, HAVA, network with Special Services PTO and Mothers of Different Learners, assist at Troy Daze, assist with 4th grade sensitivity training as well as at the high school level, continue to implement the No Carts in Parking Lot campaign, continue to develop the resource material file, and assist with crafts for special needs children at the Community Center. She will also be showcasing a display for persons with disabilities at the Troy Library in October, 2007.

Pietron – Parking at Community Center and other areas and support other members.

Carlene – To support other members and discover stores such as Kroger, www.groceriestogo.com and Shwan's that deliver groceries to persons with disabilities.

Stewart – Begin and end meetings on time, create a welcome packet for new members, enhance adaptive rec program, continue to follow guiding principles of Committee and support other members.

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The City Charter states that after 5 consecutive unexcused absences or total unexcused absences equaling 25% of the regular meetings in the fiscal year, the City Council can declare a member position vacant. Stewart will contact Christine Broomfield for information regarding Sean Murphy and Mary Freliga's absences.

ITEM VI – NEW BUSINESS

Werpetinski and Clark will be forwarding information to send Committee appreciation letters to a Kroger employee as well as a Troy citizen.

ITEM VII – REPORTS

Werpetinski reported that the Stoneridge sidewalk repair or replacement project for ADA compliance is still being discussed at City Council meetings.

The Friends of Troy Public Library gave a presentation to City Council which the Library Board was not aware of – emphasizing the need for networking with Advisory Committees.

ITEM VIII – PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger McCarville, a broadcaster from WDTK, 1400 AM, Troy, attended the meeting. He also hosts a TV show atn 5:30, Tuesdays, Channel 56, PBS. Roger was very appreciative of this Committee's acknowledgement for his work on Disabilities Today.

ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT

Grusnick requested that items to be included on the agenda be submitted two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Hyun reported that bookshare.org offers access to books for persons with disabilities with Braille, large print and audio, in English and Spanish. There is a \$25 one time fee and \$50 annual charge to download these items.

Werpetinski reported that there is an informational series on autism on Channel 4, 6:00 News.

This Committee gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the effort of Community Affairs to include in the Troy Today a new designation for people with disabilities.

Werpetinski reported that the City Clerk is looking into buying accessible marking booths for every precinct.

ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT

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Hammond made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Supported by Pietron. All voted in favor.

Jeff Stewart, Chairperson

Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary