

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – DRAFT –  
JUNE 6, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, June 6, 2007, in the second floor Conference Room C at City Hall. Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: C. Buchanan, member K. Clark, member  
A. Done, member M. Freliga, member  
C. Geier, member P. Hammond, member  
G. Hyun, student P. Manetta, member  
K. Mayer, alternate D. Pietron, member  
S. Werpetinski, member

Present: M. Grusnick, staff

Absent: S. Murphy, alternate EA  
C. Weidman, student UA

**ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 2, 2007**

Werpetinski made a motion that the minutes of May 2, 2007 be approved. Supported by Pietron; all voted in favor. Werpetinski moved to excuse Murphy, Done seconded. All supported.

**ITEM IV – SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS**

Mike Harris, Executive Director for the Paralyzed Veterans of America attended our meeting. He has organized a disabilities advisory board in Westland, patterned after Troy and Dearborn, but with little success. Mike allocates much of his time negotiating ADA compliance with building owners, attorneys and the courts. Mike will provide standard letters he uses for this purpose. He also shared a guide from the Department of Justice for business owners explaining in simple terms exactly what is necessary to become ADA compliant. Additionally, he brought a book on design changes to make homes accessible for the newly injured.

**ITEM V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Pietron made a motion to have nominations for the one year position of Chairperson. Pietron nominated Done, supported by Manetta. Done accepted the nomination. Done then nominated Buchanan. Clark motioned to vote in August, supported by Hammond.

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The new description for this Committee's member requirements will become an agenda item for Council Meeting; this will be followed by a resolution to change the current wording. Werpetinski reported that Council is considering the Committee's suggestion for a resolution to revise the definition of membership as explained in our May 18 letter.

Werpetinski reported that she was contacted by the Director of Sales and Customer Service for the Troy Post Office after writing a letter with accessibility concerns. She is currently waiting for a written response.

Done will contact Cindy Stewart regarding adding identification of services for persons with disabilities in the index of Troy Today.

**ITEM VI – NEW BUSINESS**

New members Mary Freliga and Kristin Mayer were welcomed into the Committee. Buchanan explained what this Committee has accomplished since its inception.

Werpetinski motioned to send a thank you letter to Mike Harris for attending our meeting; Done seconded. All supported.

Werpetinski motioned to send a commendation letter to Val Pfeifer, Troy High. Pietron seconded. All supported.

Werpetinski will contact preschool teachers participating in programs at the Community Center to remind parents not park on east side of the lot during high traffic times. This would free up space for persons with disabilities and seniors.

Werpetinski made a motion that when new members are appointed in to this Committee that Grusnick send a welcome letter along with a brochure, agenda, and member roster and possibly minutes from previous meetings. Werpetinski will draft a letter to be approved by this committee. Done motioned that the welcome packet subject be tabled until our August meeting, Manetta seconded. All supported.

Done reported that a new development located on the K-Mart headquarters property has been proposed and will begin as early as 2008. Done will contact Ron Figlan, Planning Dept., to offer the Committee's assistance on ADA compliance issues.

**ITEM VII – REPORTS**

Werpetinski that Kenneth Morrell is suing Troy and the BP gas station at Maple and Crooks. Mr. Morrell is a person with disabilities who requested to have his gas pumped and was denied.

Werpetinski reported that Leadership Troy will have a committee to work with wheelchair accessibility and lighting issues for passive walkways. Contact Carol Anderson for more details.

**ITEM VIII – PUBLIC COMMENT**

None reported.

**ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT**

Hammond reported that Hooters has made several accessibility improvements.

Werpetinski reported that there will be an Expo at the Troy Marriott with vendors and workshops on Planning for the Future on June 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is geared to persons with disabilities or their advocates.

Werpetinski reported that she is researching the usage of HUD money to repair private walkways in a senior community located in Troy.

Grusnick reported that Loraine Campbell, Museum Director, has asked for 2 to 3 volunteers to contact her to conduct sensitivity training for her staff. Manetta, Clark, Werpetinski and Mayer volunteered. It was decided to have Clark make the initial contact.

Buchanan mentioned that since October is Disabilities Awareness Month that perhaps a display of vintage equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, etc. be displayed at the Museum. Clark will check with Loraine Campbell and report her findings to this Committee.

**ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT**

Done made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Supported by Manetta. All voted in favor.

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Cynthia Buchanan  
Interim Chairperson

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Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary