

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – FINAL –
AUGUST 1, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, August 1, 2007, in the second floor Conference Room C at City Hall. Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: C. Buchanan, member A. Done, member
C. Geier, member P. Hammond, member
P. Manetta, member D. Pietron, member
S. Werpetinski, member

Present: M. Grusnick, staff

Absent: K Clark, member, UA
D. Chong, student EA
M. Freliga, member UA
G. Hyun, student UA
K. Mayer, alternate UA
S. Murphy, alternate UA

ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2007

Done made a motion that the minutes of June 6, 2007 be approved. Supported by Pietron; all voted in favor. Werpetinski moved to excuse Chong, Manetta seconded. All supported.

ITEM IV – SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Members of this Committee, Clark, Manetta, and Werpetinski presented Sensitivity Training to Museum and Nature Center employees at the Troy Museum. Grusnick was also in attendance. Manetta felt the Company that prepared and donated the presentation materials also included their Company literature. Manetta suggested that protocol should be established for future presentations in that the Chairperson of this committee should be informed beforehand as to who will be attending a presentation from this Committee and what will be presented.

Buchanan asked the floor for nominations for chairperson. Pietron made a motion to have members submit short resumes with reasons when making a nomination; Done seconded; all were in favor. Done nominated herself. No other nominations from the floor. Pietron motioned that the Chairperson term run until November, 2008; Hammond

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seconded; all in favor. The Committee voted to elect Done as Chairperson. The Committee vote: 5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstaining.

The suggested change for this Committee's member requirements was an agenda item for Council Meeting; Grusnick will follow up with the City Clerk's office on the results.

Done, Werpetinski and Manetta were in attendance at the Master Plan Workshop where issues such as pedestrian accessibility, barrier free parking spaces, etc. were discussed. James McMurray, University of Michigan, an urban planner was in attendance. Done will contact him about attending a future meeting. Werpetinski expressed concern that four other members of this Committee had registered for this workshop and did not show up.

Werpetinski presented a new member welcome packet which would be distributed at the first meeting attended which would consist of a travel mug, activities list, accomplishments, contact info, map of Troy, etc. Manetta motioned to have a welcome letter mailed from Grusnick to new members, which would also contain the next month's agenda and roster. Angie seconded, all were in favor.

Werpetinski shared her response from the United States Postal Service regarding accessibility at the Troy Post Office.

Buchanan contacted the Troy Museum and they currently have no room to display vintage equipment used for persons with disabilities. Werpetinski asked for suggestions for items to be showcased at the Library in October for Disabilities Awareness Month.

ITEM VI – NEW BUSINESS

Werpetinski motioned to send a commendation letter to Tim Burns, Oakland County Commissioner, for promoting the School Violence Program; Buchanan seconded. All supported.

Werpetinski motioned to send a commendation letter to Richard Hoste, Troy resident, for promoting the pursuance of goals without letting disabilities interfere. Buchanan seconded. All supported.

Buchanan motioned that Werpetinski draft a letter urging precinct workers not to use handicap parking spaces during elections so they are available for voters with disabilities. She will then meet with Tonni Bartholomew and Barb Pallotta, City Clerk's office, for final approval. Hammond seconded; all in favor.

Done and Buchanan will research having a showing of a movie regarding persons with disabilities at the Community Center for Disabilities Awareness Month. They will contact Carla Vaughan.

Werpetinski reported that Fuel Call is not yet available in Troy. This program consists of equipment used to notify a gas station attendant that a person needs assistance with

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fueling their vehicle. The gas station receives a tax break after purchasing this equipment. A more thorough explanation will include a DVD presentation at next month's meeting.

Werpetinski reported that www.caregiversmarketplace.com is a website where you can receive cash rebates on unlimited items used in the home for assistance to caregivers such as handrails, blood pressure monitors, diapers, etc.

ITEM VII – REPORTS

Werpetinski reported that Lambert will not be running for City Council.

Geier reported that Groceries To Go is still not in operation. She will continue to follow up.

Done reported that she will follow up on the progress of the resource directory with Cindy Stewart. She will also inquire if it is possible to list persons with disabilities information in the Table of Contents in the Troy Today.

ITEM VIII – PUBLIC COMMENT

None reported.

ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT

Hammond reported that Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak is not allowing persons with disabilities to take electric carts to their cars.

Hammond reported that Kmart on Maple Road has moved their service counter to the back of the store and has no greeters at the front for assistance.

ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT

Pietron made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Supported by Geier. All voted in favor.

Cynthia Buchanan
Interim Chairperson

Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary