

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – FINAL –
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, September 5, 2007, in the second floor Conference Room C at City Hall. Done called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Present: M. Grusnick, staff

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

ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2007

Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2007 with the correction that Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital prohibits persons with disabilities from taking electric carts to the parking lot. Supported by Buchanan; all voted in favor.

The August agenda was sent out with the wrong September meeting date. Since this may have resulted in member absences, Hammond made a motion to excuse all absent members at the August meeting. Supported by Buchanan; 7 yes votes, 2 no. Motion was approved.

ITEM IV – SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

A DVD regarding Fuel Call was viewed by the Committee. This product provides a service to alert the gas station employee when someone needs assistance pumping their fuel. Werpetinski has copies of the DVDs along with a letter to City Council asking for an ordinance requiring Troy gas stations to be so equipped. Werpetinski motioned that this letter and DVDs be sent to City Council for their consideration. Manetta seconded. All were in favor.

ITEM V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

October is National Disability Awareness Month and this Committee will be setting up a display at the Troy Library. Materials were given to Werpetinski who has taken the responsibility for this setup.

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ITEM VI – NEW BUSINESS

Buchanan will invite Micah Fialka-Feldman to the October meeting. Micah is a university student who will speak on the mainstreaming of persons with cognitive disabilities. All were in favor.

Done reported that the ACPD section is still not included in the index of Troy Today. Done will contact Cindy Stewart.

Werpetinski submitted a letter to be distributed to election precinct workers regarding parking in handicapped spaces. Werpetinski motioned to approve; Buchanan seconded. All in favor.

Werpetinski prepared a commendation letter to Jane Plante, a Troy Beaumont Hospice worker that lives and works in Troy. Buchanan motioned to approve; Werpetinski seconded. All in favor.

Loraine Campbell, Museum Manager, sent thanks to the ACPD for the sensitivity training presentation. She also recommended that this training be included in the Employee Academy.

Werpetinski delivered a donated wheelchair to be used at the Troy Museum.

The suggested changes for the membership requirements for this Committee were presented to Council as a green (informational) item at their June 4 meeting. The item was noted and filed. The item will need to be brought back as an action item to have Council approve and implement the suggested changes.

Buchanan nominated herself for co-chairperson of this Committee; Werpetinski seconded. All in favor.

Hammond, Done, Clark and Mayer will attend a Troy trail and pathway meeting on September 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Werpetinski will attend the 9/10 Council meeting, Buchanan the 9/17 meeting and Manetta the 10/1 meeting, and Mayer and Clark the 10/15 meeting.

ITEM VII – REPORTS

ITEM VIII – PUBLIC COMMENT

None reported.

ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT

Hammond composed a letter to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital requesting that a wheelchair cart be available for persons with disabilities to take to the parking lot with volunteers retrieving them.

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Hammond reported that Kmart on Maple Road responded to her request and said that they will keep a fully charged electric cart by the front door for use by persons with disabilities.

Hammond reported that Lynn Rachwitz, Community Center, indicated that if a person with disabilities or senior needs assistance accessing the building they should phone her and park on the senior side of the lot and she will bring out an electric scooter.

ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT

Buchanan made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Supported by Pietron. All voted in favor.

Angela Done
Chairperson

Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary