ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – DRAFT – OCTOBER 3, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, October 3, 2007, in the second floor Conference Room C at City Hall. Done called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Present: M. Grusnick, staff

Absent: Clark, K, member EA
M. Freliga, member UA
Mayer, K, alternate EA
S. Murphy, alternate UA

ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
Werpetinski made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2007; supported by Buchanan; all voted in favor.

Werpetinski motioned to excuse the absences of Clark and Mayer; supported by Buchanan. All voted in favor.

ITEM IV – SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS
A video and audio presentation was given by Micah Fialka-Feldman, an Oakland University student and nation-wide speaker and advocate for inclusive schooling. Micah starred in a film called Through the Same Door. This film documents the inclusive education for students with cognitive disabilities on college campuses. This film can be purchased through www.danceofpartnership.com.

ITEM V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Done reported that Parks & Recreation is very sensitive to making the walkways and pathways project accessible and ADA compliant for persons with disabilities.

Pietron reported that the Community Center took a survey and it showed there was no need for additional handicap parking. Grusnick will contact Carla Vaughan requesting signs at entrances indicating senior parking only in the north parking lot from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m. Another scooter is now available at the east entrance.

Werpetinski reported that the disability display case has been set up at the Library for the month of October which is National Disability Awareness month.

Buchanan and Done used the three new assisted equipment devices purchased by the Troy Library for persons with disabilities. They will also visit the Community Center to use the voice activated system.

Kathy Russ, Director of the Troy Library, has asked for this committee's input on ideas for the Library expansion. She will keep our committee informed of progress on the expansion.

ITEM VI – NEW BUSINESS

This committee welcomed our new student, Daniel Chong. Daniel is a Junior at Troy High School.

Werpetinski delivered a wheelchair to the Outdoor Education Center.

Werpetinski reported that the Troy Library will be holding an open house to showcase items for persons with special needs that were purchased by the Friends of the Troy Library.

Werpetinski reported that the City of Dearborn will be hosting a free seminar in the Dome Room from 9:30 to 3:30 with guest speakers on the topic of 'Let's Make the World More Accessible For You'. For information go to www.dearborn/disabilities.org.

The Senior Center will be hosting a caregiver support group beginning 10/25/07 from 10a.m. to 11a.m. every 4th Thursday of the month. They will have speakers and opportunities for interaction between caregivers.

Werpetinski reported that the Anti-Bully Program is funded by the Intermediate School District and is available to any school upon request.

The City of Troy Fire Department will host Open Houses from 1-4 p.m. October 7.

Werpetinski prepared a commendation letter to Sandy Macknis for her work at Troy Daze, Mr. And Mrs. Sczomak for their service to Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Brian Murphy for his participation in the Triathalon for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Werpetinski motioned to approve; Geier seconded. All in favor.

Hammond composed a letter to Gina Hyun thanking her for her support and participation in this committee.

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

ITEM VII – REPORTS

The City of Troy has new features on their website at www.troymi.gov.

ITEM VIII – PUBLIC COMMENT

None reported.

ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT
Werpetinski, Pietron and Manetta will no longer be members of this committee.

ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT
Pietron made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Supported by Werpetinski. All voted in favor.

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Angela Done
Chairperson

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Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary