ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – FINAL – MARCH 5, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, March 5, 2008, in the second floor Conference Room C at City Hall. Done called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: C. Buchanan, member
A. Done, member
B. Harrell, member
L. Patton, member
M. Chaffee, member
P. Hammond, member
E. Kempen, member

Present: M. Grusnick, staff

Absent: D. Chong, student EA
K. Clark, member EA
P. Lin, member EA
K. Mayer, member EA
J. Stewart, alternate EA
S. Murphy, alternate UA

ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2008
Buchanan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 2008; supported by Hammond; all voted in favor.

Chaffee motioned to excuse the absences of Chong, Clark, Lin, Mayer and Stewart; supported by Patton. All voted in favor.

ITEM IV – PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM V - SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS
James McMurray, Master Degree Candidate in Urban Planning at University of Michigan, was in attendance to discuss concerns and answer questions regarding the study for Troy's Transit Facility. He confirmed the need for a transit facility in this geographical area. This project would improve local taxi and bus service for all Troy residents. Some of the ACPD's concerns were accessible parking, lighting, signage and restroom accessibility. James thinks these are valid concerns and Wendel Duchscherer, project architect, will address. James' email is jbmcm@umich.edu for further questions.

ITEM VI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS
The Senior Expo will be held March 18 at Troy Community Center from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. Buchanan and Done will staff a table. Other members are encouraged to participate as their schedules allow.

Done contacted Steve Toth, Director of Boys and Girls Club, to inquire about opening on Saturday mornings for programs for children with disabilities. He is unable to do this due to liability and funding but did indicate that all their programs are inclusive to children with physical as well as cognitive disabilities. Bruce Baxter, Social Worker for the Boys and Girls Club has also volunteered to attend one of our meetings.

ITEM VII – NEW BUSINESS

Hammond has compiled a list of gas stations in Troy and will contact them to inquire if they are able to assist persons with disabilities with pumping gas, etc. for inclusion in the resource book. Grusnick will also contact the Fire Department for a complete listing of stations in the area.

ITEM VIII – REPORTS

ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT

Areas of interest:
Hammond – Shopping cart assistance, website development.
Kempen – Website with links to ADA resources, checklist for reviewing accessibility to businesses possibly being available on the website.
Done – Sensitivity training for City Council, services for persons with disabilities listed under a separate heading in the Troy Today Table of Contents (currently listed under Seniors), support Saturday A.M. activities for children with disabilities.
Stewart – Monitor development of walking/biking trails, progress of boundless playgrounds.
Buchanan – Assistance at gas stations, programs offered by the City being accessible for children with special needs.
Patton – Sensitivity training for City staff.
Chaffee – Process and action on barriers in the City being reported on a website.
Buchanan asked members to bring other areas of interest/ideas to the next meeting.

Grusnick will contact Information Technology to invite them to a meeting to discuss a website.

Harrell inquired as to whether a TTY or TDD machine is available at City Hall for public use. Grusnick advised there were none.

Kempen proposed a motion to make development of a website a top priority of this Committee; Harrell seconded. All in favor.

Buchanan will take responsibility for commendation letters.

Buchanan made a motion to advise City Council to dismiss Sean Murphy from this Committee based on excessive absenteeism; Harrell seconded. Chaffee abstained. All others voted in favor.

ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT
Hammond made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Supported by Patton . All voted in favor.

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Angela Done
Chairperson

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Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary