ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – DRAFT – APRIL 2, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, April 2, 2008, in the second floor Conference Room C at City Hall. Done called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Present:	D. Chong, student	K. Clark, member
	A. Done, member	P. Hammond, member
	E. Kempen, member	P. Lin, member
	K. Mayer, alternate	J. Stewart, alternate

Present: M. Grusnick, staff

Absent: C. Buchanan, member
M. Chaffee, member
B. Harrell, member
L. Patton, member
S. Murphy, alternate UA

ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2008
Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2008; supported by Kempen; all voted in favor.

Clark motioned to excuse the absences of Buchanan, Chaffee, Harrell and Patton; supported by Kempen. All voted in favor.

ITEM IV – PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM V - SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS
Cindy Stewart, Director of Community Affairs, attended the meeting to discuss the ACPD page on the City website. Under Boards and Committees section, the ACPD brochure is available as well as an email contact for Mitch Grusnick. Cindy is currently working on the resource list which will include information regarding daily living, housing, employment, education, recreation, etc. for persons with disabilities. This will be put in booklet form as well as linked to the website. The deadline for other links and additions to this resource list will be May 7 at our next meeting.

ITEM VI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Hammond continues to work on the listing of gas stations that offer assistance to persons with disabilities in pumping their fuel.

Done and Hammond attended the Senior Expo. They reported a good turnout and felt it was a success.

ITEM VII – NEW BUSINESS

Buchanan will not be attending meetings due to the illness of her husband. An interim Co-Chairperson will be named in her absence.

Cindy Stewart offered to do the commendation letters from this Committee during Buchanan's absence.

Done will not be attending the May meeting due to her training for Leader Dog for the Blind ownership.

ITEM VIII – REPORTS

Lin reported on suggestions he submitted to City Council for the addition to the Troy Public Library as well as changes to the City Master Plan.

Chong reported that the elevator in his High School is not always available for a student that uses a wheelchair. He will look into having a reminder given to other students during announcements or student news that the elevator should be kept available for the use of persons with disabilities. Chong was also advised to contact Wright & Filippis and Binsons to inquire about assistance with a stairway lift chair.

ITEM IX – MEMBER COMMENT

Done reported that Leader Dogs for the Blind offers free tours of the facility. Contact Kit, Receptionist at 888-777-5332 or for TDY users – 248-651-3713.

Done reports that April is Autism Awareness Month. HBO is showing a film called "Autism – The Musical" and there is also a book currently out called "Normal People Scare Me".

Stewart reported that he continues his involvement with the Friendship Club and activities for special needs youth. Volunteers are always needed; anyone interested should see him.

Stewart reports that a grant from Kellogg for a boundless playground was not awarded to Troy Parks and Recreation. He will find out how soon it can be applied for again.

Stewart reported that there is minimal progress in the development of the walking/biking trails.

Kempen would like to see the plans for the Library and is happy with the progress made by this Committee so far.

Clark reported that her employer, J.A. Ditty and Associates will be having a workshop May 9th regarding auto insurance coverages and services. Representatives from Social Security will also be there to give information regarding interviews for disability claimants.

ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT

Clark made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Supported by Hammond . All voted in favor.

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Angela Done
Chairperson

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Kathy Jearls, Recording Secretary