

Athens City Commission on Disabilities

Minutes for Oct. 18, 2017.

Introductions

Suzanne Perry guest of Berry Dilly as a possible new member

Patricia Ercolino, former Beacon School teacher

Present: Diana Bouvier, Caroline Lewis and Rose Dikis on phone, Doug Brooks (recent appointee), Berry Dilly, Scott Dennis, Pat McGee, Noah Trembly, David McNelly (Vice Chair), Robin Brigante

Meeting Chaired by David McNelly

New Business: Welcome new member Doug Brooks and congratulate Rose on reappointment.

Lara in Texas, family issues, will transmit City Council report for next time.

Approval of the minutes.

Nomination of New Officers--to be voted on in Nov:

Chair: Lara Edge

Vice Chair: David McNelly

Treasurer: Noah Trembly

Secretary: To be determined later.

Explanation of Proposed 3 Committees, with objectives

In next couple of meetings will determine if we agree on goals then appoint 3 members and chair to each committee. A commission member should be on each committee. Goal of 5 or 10 person committee working on 2 or 3 things at once.

Discussion notes:

Doug: "Are the Outreach and Promotion redundant with the Education and Events. Ex: Rose heads Communication Committee at this time. Try to fit people with skills.

Should advocacy be same as education? Subcommittees...

Do Policy-Advocacy scratch Infrastructure? Should advocacy have it's own box? (Working on Fed., State, and City issues which are political and legal). Leave out word advocacy and make it: Legal and Policy

Robin wants "Parking and Transportation and ADA accessibility, and (Advocacy...)

Discussion concerning need of term advocacy as a separate issue as opposed to legal and policy.

Need for a "go to advocacy person,"

Do we have a list serve? No, but Patricia at City Hall sends it out to members. A list serve would be appropriate.

Make sure Doug gets on list serve.

Berry wants to work on getting a CIL... (Center for Independent Living), we don't have a resource list-- (Larry used to do it.)

People fall between the cracks...

David: It falls under ombudsman, education)

211 Phone No, (United Appeal), does our local have disability information? (Columbus, operator) Still does listings on the internet.

Perhaps brainstorming should be on the committee.

Pat legal.

Patricia --wants publicity and accessibility for buildings.

Dianne--a resource for how things can be done. Doesn't want to be on one particular committee.

Noah--accessibility and editorial.

Doug--works in radio free Athens, educational and accessibility (worked in Casa as former business owner), good at a lot of things.

Scott- advocacy (do we have an advocacy)

Rose--inclined towards policy/education/advocacy/ will continue to do Facebook and promotion.

David- skill set in parking and transportation and accessibility

Caroline, wants time to think about it.

Election in Nov.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Give money to Rose for Larry's flowers.

Removal of two disabled spots (Thai Paradise and by Diner)

Meeting Adjourned