

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
October 17, 2018
Community Center
5:30 p.m.

Introductions

In attendance: Berry Dilley, Pat McGee, Noah Trembly, Davey McNelly, Scott Dennis, Paul Logue, Robin Brigante, Rose Dikis (via phone), Carolyn Lewis (Via phone), Pat Ercolino, Maxine Rantane

Approval of Minutes

- September and August minutes approved – request for more detailed notes for next meeting. Maxine agreed to fill in on notes for Doug Brooks this meeting since he isn't able to make it.

Guest: Paul Logue, City Planner 30 minutes

- Went over various issues related to disability for the Athens City Plan.
- Paul mentioned Toledo requires new projects to use universal design, even if it is private residences, if City funding is used to support project (such as road construction).
- Visitability.org is a good website to use for tourism and disability.
- Discusses housing, parking, wheelchair accessibility, restrooms, Autism accessibility, Deaf and blind accessibility.
- Talked about need for tiers of housing for those with disabilities, not just for low income.
- Members talked through success using City Source as an app on their phones, and ways this has improved the city.

Athena Award 15 minutes

Vote on recipient recommended by committee

- Vote came down to Elise Sanford or Celeste Salzman as finalists.
 - o Elise Sanford was selected
 - o Commission voted to allow committee to proceed with awarding this posthumously, as Elise passed away 6 months ago, and will be presented to her family, in recognition of the Athens Photo Projectt.

Note that the Mayor had the broken awards repaired, so no need to purchase new ones this year.

- There are four left.

Re: charitable donation as part of the award: Commission, as a government entity, is not permitted to donate its funds to a charity.

Officer Nominations 15 minutes

- All current officers re-nominated for next year, no new nominations

Parking Training 5 minutes

Robin will give report

- Robin asked this be tabled to next meeting

Membership 5 minutes

Two openings. Focus on diversifying the representation of disabilities

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Treasurer's Report 5 minutes

Still \$3K in the budget, and unlikely to spend this year.

- Voted to approve use of funds for sign language interpreter.

New Business

- **Accessibility audit at Casa Nueva**
 - o Braille menus being ordered, doorbell being ordered, slope problems worked on – will follow up in one month
- Strouds Run Accessible Trail (Blackhaw) opened. Works for most people with mobility issues – check it out.
- Highland Park has been made more accessible – construction is complete.
- Arts West is nearing a redesign completion and will soon be more accessible.
 - o Still needs signage installed for accessible entrances, and braille.
- Ask for phone and phone jack in room as possibility. Ask to move meeting to a week earlier in November and cancel December meeting

Adjourn 6:43 pm