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Attendees: Steve Patterson, Scott Dennis, Joe Wessinger, Noah Trembly, Carolyn Bailey Lewis, Robin Brigante, Paige Stretton, Larry Jageman, Rose Dikis, Lori Kinney, Laura Edge, and Maryalice Turner.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Steve Patterson at 5:36 p.m.

2. **Introductions**

Introductions were made to the group.

3. **Minutes**

*Rose Dikis moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2015. Paige Stretton seconded. All voted aye.*

4. **Business Items**

**Nomination Discussions**

The commission discussed the 30 day nomination process for officers. Carolyn Bailey Lewis nominated Paige Stretton to be the Vice Chair.

Noah Trembly nominated Carolyn Bailey Lewis to be the Chair. Robin Brigante seconded. All voted aye, motion passed.

Robin Brigante said she would be willing to continue to serve as Treasurer, if no one else is interested. Noah Trembly said he would be interested in serving as Treasurer.

The cost of the Athena Award trophies will be approximately \$1,920. The commission discussed a budget for 2016.

Lori Kinney said a nomination for the Challenged by Choice in April will be needed. Steve Patterson suggested Mike Pletcher as the recipient of the Athena Award in 2016.

Carolyn Lewis will send an updated list of potential participants for the Challenged by Choice event in April, 2016.

### **Toolkit Update**

Robin Brigante offered to assist with the Toolkit and Larry Jageman and Lori Kinney offered to send resource information.

The committee members will be Joe Wessinger, Paige Stretton, and Robin Brigante.

The Toolkit will include an online citizen input form for individuals to report issues. Noah Trembly will forward accessible planning documents to Paige.

### **AXS Map App**

The commission members were asked to review the app to see if they are interested in using it in the future.

### **Accessible Parking Audit**

How accessible is parking on campus and throughout the city? This would be a joint effort between the commission and PACDAP to conduct a parking audit.

Steve Patterson said the Athens Transportation Task Force would be a good venue for support. Paige Stretton, Maryalice Turner, and Robin Brigante will work on information for this project.

### **Parking Flyer Review and Funding**

Robin Brigante will gather information for funding and present it at a later date.

### **Misc. Items**

United Nations International Day for Individuals Living with Disabilities will be held on December 3, 2015. Rose Dikis will do a news release to raise awareness about the event. The radio show will be televised on December 3, 2015.

Steve Patterson attended the National League of Cities conference this year. One, of the many vendors present, was Accessology, an ADA transition consultant. They provide expertise for accessibility, training, disaster and emergency planning.

Steve Patterson asked everyone to check out the website to see if we would be interested in their services. The web page is [www.accessology.com](http://www.accessology.com). The company would provide an assessment period and a priority list of items. Rose Dikis mentioned the continued access issues with the bricks on Court Street.

The Friends of Strouds Run are searching for grant money for an accessible project at Strouds Run. The amount needed is approximately \$15,000.

Athens Foundation might be a good funding source for this project. The Friends of Strouds Run is a nonprofit organization formed in 2007.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **Communication Committee Updates**

The Disabilities Commission website has been updated. Paige Stretton thanked Rose Dikis for all of her work on the communication committee.

Paige Stretton suggested Rose Dikis as the chair of the Communications Committee and she accepted.

The commission discussed whether messages regarding snow removal could be included in the Athens City utilities bill. The commission discussed helping neighbors and getting information to individuals in an emergency situation. It was suggested to add tips to the utilities bill regarding these types of situation as a reminder to residents.

Carolyn Bailey Lewis has a satellite based service she uses called 5 Star, approximate cost is \$15.00 a month.

A PSA from the Government Channel to remind individuals and property owners about snow removal would be beneficial. The commission discussed some of the areas, student rentals, and other issues with snow removal.

## **7. Announcements**

The next meeting of the commission will be on December 16, 2015.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Sharlene Bails, City of Athens