

Athens City Disabilities Commission Minutes

5/17/17

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm
Athens Community Center, Conference Room

- Commission Members present: Lara Edge, Joe Wessinger, Berry Dilley, Scott Dennis, David McNelly, Noah Trembly, Rose Dikis by phone, Pat McGee – City Council Rep
- Community Partners attending: Eileen Theodore-Shusta – OU Liaison , Larry Jagerman – member emeriti, Jessie Schmitzer – Athens Public Transportation, Brian Bucher – future member
- Commission members not present: Carolyn Lewis (excused absence) and Robin Brigante (excused)
- Commission members were given a binder with bylaws, ADA training materials, and other Commission information
- **Commission Membership**
 - o Maxine Rantane, Christi Hysell, Brian Bucher, Doug Brooks are all prospective members – asked Mayor Steve Patterson to approve
 - o Darrell Purdy – is resigning from the commission and sends his regrets.

Old Business

Athena Award

- David McNelly reports
 - o Nominations due by July 15
 - o Decision by August 1 (to give time for engraving and presentation at challenged by choice)
 - o Rose will post on social media and do a news release (newspapers and WOUB)
 - o Berry encourages people to spread word through email attachment as well
 - o Facebook posting has increased knowledge and awareness

Challenged by Choice

- Larry Jagerman reports
 - o Still meeting monthly
 - o September 13-14 are the scheduled dates
 - o Orientation and Simulation on the 13th (Wednesday)
 - o Disabilities Speak on the 14th in rooms A B C at the community center
 - o Larry and Berry have developed a roadmap so that future committees know what to do month by month

Accessibility Project

- David McNelly reports
 - o June 14th – going to present at Chamber of Commerce – Michelle Oestrike, president, is excited by the project
 - o General discussion around logo, business card for the Accessibility Audit and the Commission
 - o Larry comments that having a person to help brainstorm a logo would be good
 - David suggests PassionWorks would be an excellent resource for brainstorming and creating the logo

Motion to approve April minutes:

- David McNelly makes motion, Scott Dennis seconds, all approve

New Business

Transportation-

- Jessie Schmitzer presents
 - o Talks about making bus routes more disability friendly through making bus route paperwork more accessible
 - o Jessie makes offer to help people with disabilities learn how to use public transportation and would accept referrals
 - o Looking to interview people who use public transportation - Noah Trembly and Rose Dikis agreed

OU collaboration

Eileen Theodore-Shusta presents

- o OU is wanting to work collaboratively and will present their report next month
- o Looking forward to participating in the Accessibility Audit
- o Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be added to binders
- o PACDAP – President's advisory council on disability and access
- o Example of texting to be able to get information about transportation and to schedule transportation due to disability liaison and Deaf student advocacy

Announcements:

Putt-putt golf course

- o Scott Dennis advises commission there are apparent plans to make the putt putt golf course wheelchair accessible – there are talks with Mayor Steve Patterson

Next meeting:

June 17, 5:30 p.m.

Motion to end meeting:

- Motion made, all approve – 6:43 pm