

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Outreach and Communications Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
City Building, Front Conference Room and Zoom (for those exempt)

Carolyn Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

A quorum was established.

Present: Deb Burleigh; Carolyn Lewis, Co-Chairperson; Chris Linscott; Cheryl Prusinski, Co-Chairperson; Sandy Shirey; jw Smith; Ally Hughes, Commission Secretary; Lacey Rogers, City of Athens Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Training Coordinator; Nico Fuentes, ASL Interpreter. Excused: Kayla Bennett and Rose Dikis.

The motion to approve the September 13, 2022, minutes was made by Cheryl and seconded by jw. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Athena Award Ceremony

We finalized the ceremony details: COVID protocols; parking; program participants; certificates for each nominee; printed programs; script; engraving the award plaque (the Mayor will do); seating (nominees and their guests will have designated seats with names on the back of the chair); students from the Heritage College will assist with checking proof of vaccination, temperatures, and hosting; Havar Friends will host; coverage by The Government Channel; video and PowerPoint Kayla; rehearsal on the 28th. Deb outlined the menu and service from Mitzi Lou's. Offerings will include gluten free and vegetarian options.

Rollerbowl Lanes

jw asked if there had been any results from the column on reopening the lanes. We offered options such as approaching City Council. A phone number has been placed at the building advertising available space. Deb expressed her dismay over the loss of the lanes and described what the lanes meant to her family and to others who depended on them for socialization and practice for the bowling Olympics at Ohio State. Chris reminded us that it is a private business and that the City is unable to place any mandates. We talked about other "visionary" options such as creating bowling space at the Community Center or at another City venue.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made at 6:20 p.m. by Chris and seconded by jw. The motion carried.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Building, Front Conference or Zoom for those who are exempt. (No Outreach and Communications Committee meetings in November or December.)

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Lewis
October 11, 2022

