

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
October 19, 2022
Athens Community Center Room A (or via Zoom with ADA request)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Chairperson Davey McNelly called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Dianne established the quorum.

Present: Vice Chair Dianne Bouvier, Secretary Ally Hughes, Micah McCarey, Chairperson Davey McNelly, Treasurer Carolyn Lewis, Cheryl Prusinski, Lisa Simpson, jw Smith, Rose Dikis, and Sandy Shirey; Alli Kisker provided ASL interpreting, Joyce Lewis attended to set up and test the Owl.

jw read the Commission's Purpose and Mission Statement.

The motion to approve the September 2022, minutes was made by Dianne. Seconded by jw. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Carolyn presented the Treasurer's Report. There have been no new expenditures since July. The balance remains \$1,109.81.

The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Dianne and seconded by Lisa. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- DEI/Accessibility Training Coordinator Introduction of Lacey Rogers
 - o Flow of information:
 - Coordinator will come to Commission meeting, then work with City Departments to address concerns
 - Role of liaison to different city departments
 - Requested that when Lacey hears of openings in the city, please keep disability committee in mind as interviewers and part of search committee
 - Commission members are also available when Lacey does trainings with City Staff
 - Matrix of important items to address is being developed and will be shared with City staff
- Exec Team Vote
 - o Davey McNelly as chair
 - o Dianne Bouvier as vice chair
 - o Carolyn Lewis as treasurer
 - o Ally Hughes as secretary

The motion to approve the executive team nominees was made by jw and seconded by Cheryl. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commission/Committee Meetings will be in person unless someone asks for accommodations to meet virtually

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Executive Team

- Recruitment of two new Commission members in progress
- Historic Preservation Commission Exec team meeting – crosswalk changes
 - Stamped concrete letter – to replace brick crosswalks with stamped, colored concrete and to make sidewalks accessible and curb ramps compliant.
 - Mayor Patterson requested that commission partner with them. There is a 1990 ordinance that says we must use bricks in the historic district area in the City of Athens (Uptown)
 - Priority for most dangerous sidewalks
 - Prioritizing it for next year's budget with EPW
 - Motion to send to Mayor and Historic Preservation Commission and first Dianne, second Carolyn, passed unanimously

-- Accessibility and Advocacy

- Cancelled last meeting due to low attendance
- Next meeting: November 11 at noon – City Building

-- Outreach and Education Committee

- Athena Award Nominations and Event Planning Update
 - 60 RSVPs including choir and Calliope
 - Powerpoint is being developed for meeting
 - Commission members getting name tags
 - Livestreamed on government channel and uploaded to youtube the next day
- Next meeting Jan. 10th, 5:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn featured on tv program. Will be sharing the link when available.

Motion to close the meeting by Lisa, second by Cheryl.

ADJOURN at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Ally Hughes, Secretary
October 25, 2022