

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
May 17, 2023
Athens Community Center Room A (or via Zoom with ADA request)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Present (in person): Davey McNelly (chair), Dianne Bouvier (vice chair), jw Smith, Micah McCarry, Lacey Rogers, Lisa Simpson; Guest: Michelle Hahn

Present (on zoom): Joe Brumfield

Call to Order

Davey McNelly called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Quorum Established (6 of 12 present)

Purpose

Davey read the Purpose.

Minutes Approved

Dianne made a motion to approve the April Minutes, jw seconded, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Budget currently has \$2500.

Discussion followed about funds needed for the upcoming Walk, Talk, and Roll.

Known Costs:

- Food, Water, cups, napkins: \$330
- Chairs, Tables, Set up from Ohio University: \$278
- Poster printing: \$70

Additional Anticipated Costs:

- Amplification: Micah is requesting a quote from DJ A Rock (includes live streaming, producing virtual elements; Dianne requested mic and speaker from Parks & Rec; Davey will assess sound with his outdoor mic
- Canopy: Seed (Lacey), Athens County Board (Annah) Seed, Rotary (Annah), Havar (Lisa – small cover – they said yes); Bedrock rental are estimated at \$200.
- Video – Davey will contact students he knows to produce a video (approx. \$100)

Dianne made a motion that we approve \$800 plus costs of mic/speaker rental, video preparation, and canopy rental, if needed. Annah seconded. Voted and passed unanimously.

New Business

- Strouds Run and Athens County Accessible Recreation Update
 - o Davey sent a copy of the survey and reported that it is now live as a pilot. **Send Davey feedback to the survey by May 22.** Survey will help provide data for grant applications. They are looking at improving access at Strouds.
- New Commission Member vote
 - o Davey made a motion to go into Executive Session, Micah seconded, Motion passed.
 - o Davey presented Michelle Hahn's credentials to put Michelle's name forward to the City and City Council to be a Commission member. Lisa made a motion to

put Michelle Hahn's name forward as a Commission member, Lacey seconded. Vote carried unanimously.

- o Davey made a motion to end Executive Session, Annah seconded. Motion Passed.

Old Business

- City Grant for Accessibility for buildings and businesses
 - o Grant application open – please distribute flyers
 - o Annah reported – 2 applicants so far
 - o Committee to decide on grant funds: Davey, jw, Annah, and City rep. Annah will ask Andy Stone who will represent the City.

Committee Reports

-- Executive Team

- Discussed planning for Walk, Talk, and Roll

-- Accessibility and Advocacy

- Dianne provided updates from Jessica Adine with EPW
- Walk Talk and Roll planning discussed during Treasurer's Report (above)
 - o Micah will add to University Calendar, Lacey will add to City HR webpage
 - o Lacey will be a photographer for WTR.
 - o Posters passed out for distribution.
- Next meeting: July 14th at noon – City Building
- Consultation provided to Little Fish (Davey, Dianne, Ally) met with Becky Clark;
 - o Main topics discussed: attaching something to ends of tables, training for staff, placement of moveable objects so they do not obstruct
 - o Other ideas – look at website – add ability to call and reserve table in advance; website; menus with QR codes and word files – not a drawback for visually impaired

-- Outreach and Communications

- No meeting in May
- WTR promotion – Carolyn provided Communication Plan
- Next meeting June 6th 5:30 pm City Building

Announcements

- SOCIL Youth Leadership Forum in early June – Seniors and Juniors with disabilities – got moved to June 9, so they are invited to the Walk, Talk, and Roll. jw –reported that they bring youth together to discuss careers, college, etc. app process; group will be here
- **Walk Talk and Roll June 9th at 11:30 am – starting at Passion Works and ending at Howard Park near College Green**

Other announcements

- jw thanked Dianne for the work done on pedestrian accessibility.
- Juneteenth on the 17th – people are tabling on College Green – Saturday 3-6 – deadline to reserve a table is May 22. Athens Community Relations Commission has a table. Lacey will send email to committee about this event.
- Annah announced that the Inclusive Playgrounds event on Wed in Columbus, 12- 2, Dublin Rec Center; Annah will send a link to the group about Unlimited Play.
- The Photographer Annah knows is busy this summer and can help in the fall on the Accessibility corner.

Adjournment

- jw made a motion to adjourn, Annah seconded; meeting adjourned at 6:25pm