

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 AT 5:30 PM

Athens Community Center Conference Room A

Committee members were reminded to request accommodations due to a disability, including zoom access, by contacting Davey or Ally in advance.

Minutes

Welcome

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

Present: Micah McCarey, Davey McNelly (chair), Lisa Simpson, Deb Burleigh, Annah Korpi, Ally Hughes (secretary), Michelle Hahn

Guests: Angel Garcia (City Intern), Jeff Jenkins (HAPCAP)

Quorum was established.

Michelle read the purpose.

Approval of Minutes

- Michelle made a motion to approve the November Minutes, Ally seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Commission was given \$2500 for 2024. Lisa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Deb seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

- HAPCAP Fair Housing Presentation by Jeff Jenkins – spoke about the federal fair housing act, HAPCAP's efforts against discriminatory housing, supports Perry, Hocking, and Athens County. Residents can report unfair housing at HAPCAP's website and ask questions on disability accommodations. Contact: jeff.jenkins@hapcap.org or nathan.simons@hapcap.org
- Walk, Talk, and Roll Planning – the Commission discussed the pros and cons of holding the event on April 19th.
- Pros: potentially more people due to the semester still being in session, Commission will check the OU calendar to see what's already planned, community outreach would need to be setup, we could have a rain location (RTV auditorium), will reserve Howard Park again. Chalk graffiti, aim for 100-120 attendees. Endpoint could be Athena Cinema. Davey needs to get in touch with new OU ADA coordinator to enforce ADA seating.

Commission and Committee Goals

- Accessibility and Advocacy
 - Walk, Talk and Roll planning is underway

- Establishing 2024 goals
- Outreach and Communications
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 - Annah is planning communication for ABC grant. Outreach for ABC grant could include happy hour at Bagel Street, Chamber may be willing to partner with us
 - Michelle updating the website with Scott and Patty – making sure everything is formatted appropriately and with the correct dates; 2024 goal is to increase connections with local news outlets and to develop relationships with the developmentally disabled community; Michelle and Ally are scanning all Commission documents to create online backups.
- **Next Meeting:** February 21, 2024 at 5:30PM at the Athens Community Center, Conference Room A.

Meeting Adjourned

Michelle moved to adjourn the meeting and Lisa seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ally Hughes, Secretary

January 31, 2024