

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
April 17, 2024
Athens Community Center Room A (or via Zoom with ADA request)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

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

Present: Michelle Hahn, Davey McNelly (chairperson), Ally Hughes (secretary), Deb Burleigh, Lisa Simpson

Zoom: Carolyn Lewis, Annah Korpi

Quorum is met with 7 of 11 members present.

Michelle Hahn read the Committee's Purpose: The Athens City Commission on Disabilities is a committee of city government whose commitment is to provide a means for the concerns of people with disabilities to be heard; to advocate for public policy change; to provide expertise to the community on disabilities; and to tell the community about the strengths and limitations of people with disabilities, as well as how the community can help them improve their quality of life, thereby ensuring equality of opportunity and full participation in community life for everyone.

Approval of Minutes

- Carolyn Lewis made a motion to accept the March Minutes. Lisa Simpson seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Carolyn Lewis reported the balance is still \$2500. Carolyn requested that all receipts and invoices be sent to her first and then sent to Patty.
- Michelle made a motion to accept the report, Debbie seconded. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Walk, Talk, and Roll Planning
 - o April 19 – Ally is moving pizza delivery to 12, Annah is walking with Dale, Davey is picking up Dale
 - o Speakers, Flyer, Route established
 - o Margaret and Stephanie using chalk paint
 - o Michelle making a map layout for Micah
 - o Budget approval \$600 –
 - o Lisa made a motion to approve the budget. Michelle second. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Executive Team (Ally, Carolyn, Davey, Dianne)

- WTR work
- Determining which City employee could attend Commission meetings. Lacey could coordinate a rotating group.

-- Accessibility and Advocacy (Lisa/Ally)

- WTR, meeting with Saleh from EPW
- Next meeting: May 10th at noon – City Building

- Outreach and Communications (Deb and Michelle) (10 mins)
 - Committee Report
 - Table at Disability Fair
 - Next meeting, TBD
 - Athena award reservations already completed
 - Coordinating news outlets for WTR - WOUB will be there

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former commission member Noah Trembley has passed. Commission will determine how to honor him in next meeting.

ADJOURN

Debbie made a motion to adjourn, Michelle seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Submitted by:
Ally Hughes
Secretary
5/2/2024