

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Accessibility and Advocacy Committee Meeting
February 9, 2024, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
City Building, Berry Conference Room

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

Minutes

Welcome

Ally called the meeting to order at 12:04pm.

Present: Ally Hughes (co-chair), Davey McNelly, Lisa Simpson (co-chair), Stephanie Hunter, Margaret Hutzal, Rob Delach, Annah Korpi

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Davey made a motion to approve the January Minutes, Annah seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

- Reviewed goals draft for 2024
- Who should we invite to upcoming meetings? – Ben Ziff (will be invited to June meeting and walk talk and roll); also will invite new city planner (Meghan Jenkins) to lunch and future meetings
- Walk Talk and Roll Planning
 - Proposed route: start in front of Baker; north court, south court, donkey corner, down east union to end at Howard park
 - Requests: a ten year plan
 - Promotion: graffiti wall (day before); chalk paint with QR codes
 - Annah will follow up with Dean McCarthy and Dr. Newton
 - Davey will follow up with Nico
 - Potential speakers: Dale Ellis; Kinnear Flats person or whoever owns Bagel Street building or Brennan's; Jackie O's taproom (Stephanie following up); new city planner could be city speaker
 - Too many speakers last year – aim for 3 speakers this time
 - Davey will ask Joe to make flyer
 - Community engagement: OU's 504 coordinator Crystall Hill, OU's adaptive recreation, OU accessibility, Lexi's inclusion project; Health Department (county active transportation plan in the work); accessible recreation coming up
 - April 19th from 11:30 to 1
 - Canopies/tents, request seats
 - WOUB auditorium will be rain location

Announcements

- Bus stop inventory in the city (Rob) – Would assess seats, signs, shade, sidewalk, accessibility, rubric would need to be made and would need to coordinate with Ben Ziff
- Chauncey bus stop public installation; study to assess bus system recently (company being contracted to do it and stakeholder meetings – funded by state grant)
- Library installing some accessible disc golf
- Saleh (city engineer) will attend the March DCAA meeting.

Next Meeting: March 8th, 2024 at the City Building, Berry Conference Room, first floor.

Meeting Adjourned

Davey motioned to end the meeting. Stephanie seconded. Meeting ended at 12:44PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ally Hughes, co-chair
Accessibility and Advocacy committee
2/12/2024