

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Accessibility and Advocacy Committee Meeting
March 8, 2024, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Meeting Location: Berry Conference Room

Committee members may 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 12:00pm.

Present: Ally Hughes (co-chair), Davey McNelly, Lisa Simpson (co-chair), Stephanie Hunter, Dan Schoonover (co-chair), Margaret Hutzell, Rob Delach, Dianne Bouvier, Saleh Eldabaja

Approval of Minutes

Davey made a motion to approve the February Minutes, Stephanie seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Saleh's Projects Updates

- Uptown
 - Draft to be ready before end of year (Completed draft can be requested from Saleh)
 - Difficulty getting contractors due to location
 - Stamped concrete work does not have precise timeline
- The Ridges/Dairy Lane/Richland
- Columbus Road
 - Contract phase
 - Beginning concept and design phase immediately
 - Columbus Road sidewalk dependent on funding, City has funding for only one side of the sidewalk
 - Committee concerned about speed and suggested installation of traffic calming measures
- Krenshaw Green
 - No funding for construction but there is money for design
 - Once design is complete then funding will be sought
- Union Street
 - Northside closed for water line
 - Saleh is meeting monthly with the contractor
 - Will begin biweekly newsletter
 - Currently in phase 2
 - Tearing up bike path after Cherry Blossoms season
 - Dianne suggested additional signage around cross walks

Walk Talk and Roll (Ally)

- Flyer dissemination
 - Facebook advocacy group – Margaret
 - Community center – Margaret
 - Brennan's, Donkey – Davey
 - Uptown, Ohio Upcycle, Little Fish – Ally
 - Athens Facebook groups – Rob
- Davey created a google doc for tracking tasks
- Will need sidewalk chalk/paint, coolers, lemonade
- Will need tables, chairs, tents/canopies (we should remind them the day before)
- Dale was confirmed as a speaker

Next Meeting: April 12th, 2024 at the City Building, Berry Conference Room, first floor.

Meeting Adjourned

Davey motioned to end the meeting. Stephanie seconded. Meeting ended at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ally Hughes, co-chair
Accessibility and Advocacy committee
3/13/2024