

Athens City Commission on Disabilities Outreach and Communication Committee Minutes

February 13, 2024

**Berry Conference Room, City Building, Athens, Ohio (or via
Zoom with ADA request)**

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Carolyn Lewis (virtual), Michelle Hahn (co-chair), Debra White Burleigh (co-chair), Ethan Davis (virtual)

Members absent: Suzanne Knauerhause, Trelon Barrett, Silver Barker

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

A quorum was established.

Burleigh moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 meeting. Davis seconded. With a unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

Business

- Social Media reach ideas - Discussed potential for additional social media communication outlets. Davis asked about adding Instagram to the commission/committee's social media portfolio. Burleigh asked whether other disability groups have accounts on these platforms. Hahn will reach out to Scott Thompson with the city's IT to determine the allowability of other platforms. The committee will consider possible content, such as regular short posts highlighting accessible businesses and using YouTube for long-form interviews with business owners and community members.
- Potential change to meeting time -Discussed conflicts that keep potential members from joining the committee. Will consider moving to earlier in the day and on a different day of the week. Burleigh will contact Patty Morris-Whitmer to determine available times in the Berry Conference Room. Hahn will survey folks on the committee and potential members for availability.

- Other new business - There is a desire to get back into a groove of publishing more awareness articles. Hahn will get in touch with contacts for the news outlets to find out what needs to be done.

Announcements

- Davey McNelly, chair of the Commission, shared information about efforts for adaptive sports opportunities, and mentioned that the Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living (SOCIL) is running adaptive programs in Logan.

Next meeting

- The next meeting of the Outreach and Communication Committee will be March 12, 2024, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Berry Conference Room, City Building, Athens, Ohio (or via Zoom with ADA request).

Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. Davis seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.