

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Accessibility and Advocacy Committee Meeting
October 11, 2024
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

Ally called the meeting to order at 12:14.

Present: Lisa Simpson (co-chair), Dan Schoonover, Rob Delach, Stephanie Hunter, Dianne Bouvier, Annah Korpi, Sarah Doherty (via Teams), Ally Hughes (co-chair), Meredith Erlewine, Davey McNelly

Approval of Minutes (Lisa)- Tabling until next meeting.

Ally is inviting Gillian from EPW to the next meeting.

Athens City Council update (Davey & Stephanie)

- Davey, Stephanie, Michelle and Ally spoke at the most recent Athens City Council meeting.
- City has begun grinding curb cuts down which city contracted out, Pedestrian task force meeting discussed passing an ordinance.
- Annah filmed Isidoro hitting the curb cuts.
- Various city council members have reached out to get more information about the letter we submitted.
- City legislation – need 3 readings before end of year, committee prefers a matching grants ordinance, preferably for 30k fund, make it start next year, ordinance to create line item for sidewalks in city plan, we need to strategically decide when to do this. November 12th will be first council meeting in November – first reading then – we could delay a little but then we are relying on December to get it done. Drafted and reviewed – feedback, has to be ready by Wednesday the 6th of November.
- City budget information: City Administration begins its budget planning process in September. Formal approval of the city's budget by Athens City Council typically occurs in December. For the 2025 budget, the first formal reading occurred during City Council's November 4, 2024 meeting.
- Ally sent a calendar invite to remind everyone. Will create yearly budget and yearly timeline to stay on track.

Walk Talk and Roll 2025

Ally and Lisa are organizing minutes to pull ideas. Ally and Lisa are organizing the timelines.

- 10/20/24 Ohio University's inclusivity walk at 11am at Athens City Community Center bike path

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

Meeting Adjournment

Lisa motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ally seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:04PM.

Minutes prepared by:

Ally Hughes,

Co-chair

10/16/2024