

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Accessibility and Advocacy Committee Meeting
November 8, 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.

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 12:02PM.

Quorum established.

Attendees: Lisa, Stephanie, Ben (HAPCAP), Joel (HAPCAP), Margaret, Michelle, Rob, Davey, Ally, Annah, Isidoro, Dianne, Mary Anne

Approval of Minutes (Lisa)- update margaret's attendance, Rob 1st, Davey, 2nd, unanimous

Walk Talk and Roll 2025 Planning (Ally)- We need to establish overall goals and the target audience. We should invite legislators, city leaders, students from tri county, media, self-advocates, city admin, city council, business owners, epw, socil, and building owners. We could have separate walking groups.

Overall message: two stations – how to get across the street, city station for people to ask the city about the accessibility needs, business owners – sign up to get the city to grind your curb, speed dating for accessibility. We will likely need tour leaders (5 groups), logistically lay out which group is going to which station and path, then tour leaders also facilitate the session, station posting stories of people's advocacy and then we edit and post it online, a mix of permanent and temporary accessibility changes, Sidebar temporary change became permanent. Board of Elections is not ADA up to date due to lip, emphasize that it is a collective solution.

Athens City Council Letter Update – Davey received letter from Andy Stone, Micah is drafting the line item for the matching grants.

Meeting was adjourned at 1PM.