

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
November 20, 2024
Athens Community Center Room A (or via Zoom with ADA request)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Davey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: Michelle Hahn, Davey McNelly (chairperson), Ally Hughes (secretary), Micah McCarey, Carolyn Lewis, Dianne Bouvier, Annah Korpi

Guests: Mary Anne from SOCIL, Steve Patterson

Quorum is met with 8 of 11 members present.

Mary Anne read the Committee's Purpose: The Athens City Commission on Disabilities is a committee of city government whose commitment is to provide a means for the concerns of people with disabilities to be heard; to advocate for public policy change; to provide expertise to the community on disabilities; and to tell the community about the strengths and limitations of people with disabilities, as well as how the community can help them improve their quality of life, thereby ensuring equality of opportunity and full participation in community life for everyone.

Approval of Minutes

- Lisa made a motion to accept the October Minutes. Michelle seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Carolyn Lewis reported the balance as of November 20, 2024 is \$826.94. We expect an additional \$300 in sponsors for a total of \$1,126.94. There will be an additional \$924 in expenses. The 2024 balance will be \$202.94.
- The Ohio University Inn was In-kind totaling \$262.88 for two rooms.
- Michelle made a motion to accept the report, Lisa seconded. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of City Administration Response to Letter about accessibility

- a. 1.09 million for curb cuts
- b. Uptown projects on Washington and State streets have been out three times and no one has bid on them (Steve stated this is due to "complexity")
- c. We want to be able to sit down with the city to talk through those issues
- d. Currently working with city to determine budget (less than 75k) for Court and Union, Steve stated that his highest priority is to get Court and Union done
- e. Steve and city admin have created an ADA project list and since 2015 they have included \$15 million for ADA projects, looking forward in time there are \$6 million in
- f. Steve stated that the commission will be alerted of outcome of bids that include ADA elements
- g. To find contractors, Mary Anne recommended contacting other CILs, Dianne mentioned lack of infrastructure, Annah discussed paradigm shift

Election of Exec Team

- a. Lisa motioned for no changes to executive team, Michelle seconded.

Mayor's designee for meetings

- a. Steve will start attending as frequently as possible which is likely quarterly
- b. The ideal is for the mayor's designee to attend every month.

- c. Micah – encourages tracking spreadsheet and who is communicating the information (overall better ways of communicating information)

ADJOURN

Dianne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lisa seconded. Unanimously supported. Adjourned at 6:31PM.

Prepared by,

Ally Hughes
Secretary
11/21/2024