



AGENDA
ATHENS DISABILITIES COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Establish Quorum**
- 3. 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.
- 4. Disposition of Minutes:**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. Committee Reports**
- 9. Announcements & Other Business:**
 - FILM SCREENING: March 19th – The Ride Ahead! Tonight!
 - See Flyer for other events in March
 - Tabling at Disability Fair
 - Crip Camp March 28th 11:30 am
- 10. Adjournment**

The City of Athens supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. Requests for reasonable accommodation may be made with the ADA Coordinator in the City Building or by calling 592-3367.

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
February 19, 2025
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 5:40 pm.

Present: Deb Burleigh, Davey McNelly (chairperson), Ally Hughes (secretary), Carolyn Lewis (treasurer), Lisa Simpson

Quorum was not met.

Approval of January 2025 minutes was tabled.

Carolyn reported a FY 2025 budget of \$2,500. Approval of treasurer's report tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Walk Talk and Roll
 - a. April 4th – Court St intersections and the Courthouse – 11:30 start time with focusing on two intersections, tables set up to coordinate conversations, pizza and snacks

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Commission Member Recommendations
 - a. Athena award nominees, Sharon Sass
2. Review of work on Union and Court – truncated domes are not correctly aligned and did not set correctly

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Executive Team

- City Council Response, Ordinance writing

-- Accessibility and Advocacy

- Sidewalks and Curb cuts, legislative letters work – organizing and researching how to address what has been happening
- Next meeting: March 14th at noon – City Building

-- Outreach and Communications

- Communications Goals
- Next meeting: March 11th at 5:30 pm – City Building

Meeting adjourned at 6:17PM.

Minutes prepared by:

Ally Hughes
Secretary
3/19/2025

JOIN US FOR A SCREENING OF



A film by
Samuel Habib & Dan Habib

Samuel Habib is a typical 21-year-old, itching to move out, start a career, and find love. But no one tells you how to be an adult, let alone an adult with a disability. Can a community of disability activists help him follow his dreams?

 @TheRideAheadFilm

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 The Ride Ahead

www.rideaheadfilm.com

Ohio University Baker Center Theater

1 Park Place, Athens, Ohio

March 19, 2025 • 7:00 pm

Open captioned

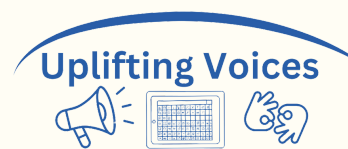
Request accommodations at 740-591-9387 or go to this link:
www.eventbrite.com/e/the-ride-ahead-film-screening-tickets-1224980281999

*Screening sponsored by Ohio University's School of Visual Communication and Alden Library
and the Athens City Commission on Disabilities*

Developmental Disability Awareness Month



MARCH 2025



Below is a line-up of several events in Athens, Ohio, in recognition of Developmental Disability (DD) Awareness Month, which is every year in March. Some events are organized by the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD). Some are organized by community partners. DD Awareness Month is a month-long observance that brings attention to the varied and unique experiences of individuals with developmental disabilities. It is a time to celebrate achievements, advocate for rights, and promote understanding and inclusivity. This year's theme is "Uplifting Voices!"

**TUES,
MARCH 4
ALL DAY**

ADVOCACY DAY at the Statehouse in Columbus

On this day, hundreds of advocates travel to the Ohio Statehouse to advocate on issues important to Ohioans with developmental disabilities. Several individuals affiliated with Athens County People First will be traveling to Columbus to participate.

**FRI,
MARCH 7
10 A.M.**

MARCH ON COURT STREET for Disability Awareness

The official kick-off to DD Awareness Month in Athens is the March on Court Street. The march this year will be on Friday, March 7. All are welcome! Bring your friends, bring your signs, and bring your enthusiasm!

**FRI,
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ACBDD SPECIAL EDITION Published this year by The Post

On this day, the annual ACBDD Special Edition will be published in The Post. The ACBDD Special Edition is published every year in March. It is a collection of stories about the lives and achievements of individuals with developmental disabilities in Athens County.

**TUES,
MARCH 11
10 A.M.**

PEOPLE FIRST ATHENS COUNTY Recruitment event

Join members of the Athens Chapter of People First of Ohio for a recruitment event at RHDD on Connett Road in The Plains. People First of Ohio is a statewide organization that advocates for the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

**WED,
MARCH 19
7 P.M.**

SCREENING OF "THE RIDE AHEAD" at Baker Theater

Join us for a screening of "The Ride Ahead," a film by Samuel and Dan Habid. Ohio University's School of Visual Communication and Alden Library are the generous sponsors of this event. There is no charge for admission.

**THURS,
MARCH 27
6-8 P.M.**

DD AWARENESS FEST at the Athens Community Center

The annual Developmental Disability Awareness Fest at the Athens Community Center will be on Thursday, March 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join us for an evening celebrating community partners and friends! If you would like to showcase your services, RSVP by visiting www.athenscbdd.org.

TBD

SCREENING OF "CRIP CAMP" location TBD

Join us for a screening of "Crip Camp," a documentary film directed, written, and co-produced by Nicole Newnham and James LeBrecht. Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living (SOCIL) is sponsoring this event. Additional details will be shared as they are announced.

For more information, visit www.athenscbdd.org

★ City of Athens Commission on Disabilities ★
Presents

WALK, TALK, & ROLL



Starting at Athens City Courthouse

April 4th 11:30AM

disabilitiescommission@ci.athens.oh.us





Sponsored by
SOCIL, ACBDD, Athens City
Commission on Disabilities

CRIP CAMP

March 28th 11:30 am

FREE MOVIE

701 E State St, Athens OH

Athens Community Center

Popcorn Pizza and Water
Provided

