

Athens City Commission on Disabilities

Accessibility and Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 14, 2025, 12:00 – 1:00

Athens City Building, First Floor Conference Room

Ally started the meeting at 12:05pm.

Attending: Ally Hughes, Davey McNelly, Rob Delach, Dianne Bouvier, Sarah Doherty

Guest: Joel Nadler from HAPCAP

Quorum was met.

January 2025 Minutes Approval: motion by Dianne, Davey 2nd, Motion carried.

Leadership Discussion: The committee discussed the potential to have 3 co-chairs where each co-chair would be assigned a quarter to lead. Rob would be interested.

SB1 Discussion: Committee writing letter to Gov Dewin about SB1 opposition. Once sent then that letter becomes a letter to the editor and press release. Dianne writing initial draft letter to Governor about Medicaid and would send around committee for edits and comments and ask for personal story(ies) to “make it real.”

WTR: Plans to highlight Court and Union to the Courthouse and highlight issues of crosswalk. Another option is Washington and down to state street on court street. Push someone across Court street in wheelchair.

Court and Union Construction: Divet is fixed, city hasn’t realigned the grids (reminder – this is not going to meet the needs of people with disabilities because this moves too much).

Action items:

Carolyn – Press release and media

Joel is reaching out to Ben about using HAPCAP bus for WTR

Davey reaching out to Mayor Patterson

Ally booking bus lane and courthouse corner

Ally double checking Joel’s membership on Monica’s emails (joel.nadler@hapcap.org)

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.