

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
April 16, 2025
Athens Community Center Room A (or via Zoom with ADA request)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER (Davey)

ESTABLISH QUORUM (Ally)

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 (Davey) (3 mins)

- March 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Carolyn (3 min)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Walk Talk and Roll Review
 - a. And follow up / action items
2. Advocacy on State and Federal Items
3. Meeting with Mayor and City Service Director next Accessibility Committee Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Commission Member Recommendations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Executive Team (Ally, Carolyn, Davey, Dianne) (5 mins)

- City Council Response, Ordinance writing

-- Accessibility and Advocacy (Lisa/Ally) (5 mins)

- Walk Talk and Roll, petitions
- Next meeting: May 9th at noon – City Building

-- Outreach and Communications (Deb and Michelle) (5 mins)

- Communications Goals
- Next meeting: May 12th at 5:30 pm – City Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pint for a Purpose – Little Fish April 29th 5-8pm, with SOCIL athletes

ADJOURN

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
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Davey called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Present: Deb Burleigh, Davey McNelly (chairperson), Ally Hughes (secretary), Carolyn Lewis (treasurer), Lisa Simpson, Michelle Hahn, Annah Korpi
Guest: Kat Goecke

Quorum was established.

Lisa read the Commission's Purpose.

Approval of Minutes

Dianne motioned to approve the January and February 2025 minutes. Michelle seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion by Carolyn for \$500 budget for the Walk, Talk and Roll. Dianne seconded and was unanimously approved.
- Carolyn reported the balance as of March 19th as \$2500. Michelle motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Deb seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Walk Talk and Roll Planning
 - a. April 4th – Meet at the Courthouse, bringing 4-6 tables, HAPCAP bringing electric bus, wheelchairs provided by SOCIL, signs, petitions.
2. Proposed Cuts to Medicaid and other legislation, Dianne drafting petition.

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Commission Member Recommendations
2. Review of work on Union and Court

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Accessibility and Advocacy

- Sidewalks and Curb cuts update, Davey emailing Andy to let him know about inaccessibility of Court and Union

-- Outreach and Communications

- Communications Goals – working on their plan for the year and going to try to get back into the A news and Athens Messenger with regular columns
- Next meeting: April 14th at 5:30 pm – City Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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

ADJOURN

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

Prepared by,

Ally Hughes
Secretary
4/16/2025