

**Athens City Commission on Disabilities**  
**May 21, 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)

- April 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Carolyn (3 min)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Strouds Run Accessible Beach project update
2. Proposed Cuts to Medicaid and other legislation

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Commission Member Recommendations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Executive Team (Ally, Carolyn, Davey, Dianne) (5 mins)
  - Meeting with Mayor / Safety Service Director Prep
- Accessibility and Advocacy (Lisa/Ally) (5 mins)
  - Mayor and City Safety Service Director meeting
  - Curb Ramp Meeting
  - Next meeting: June 13th at noon – City Building
- Outreach and Communications (Deb and Michelle) (5 mins)
  - Athena Award, Communication
  - Next meeting: June 9th at 5:30 pm – City Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.**

Davey called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

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

Quorum was met.

Lisa read the purpose.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Michelle motioned to approve the March 2025 minutes. Lisa seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Carolyn reported the Walk Talk and Roll expenditures of \$399.10. The remaining Commission balance was \$2,100.90. Lisa motioned to accept the report. Deb seconded and it was approved unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Walk Talk and Roll Review
  - a. Group discussion determined that tents worked well, success of the "court street challenge", received 113 signatures for petition to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Mayor.
2. Advocacy on State and Federal Items
  - a. Diane wrote a letter to the governor for the editor.
3. Meeting with Mayor and City Service Director next Accessibility Committee Meeting
  - a. Sunday Creek Horizons Updates, plan to send questions to Steve and Andy the week before.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. New Commission Member Recommendations – David Hartinger, Cheryl, seek others from the Opportunity for Ohio with Disabilities connections

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Executive Team: City Council Response, Ordinance writing, Scheduling next meeting

-- Accessibility and Advocacy

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

-- Outreach and Communications

- Communications Goals
- Goal to work with Drew Hoffmaster and Reece Morris
- Goal to publish more regularly in local newspapers
- Next meeting: May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm – City Building

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pint for a Purpose – Little Fish April 29<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm, with SOCIL athletes
- City hiring educational director
- Calliope – May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 6:29PM.

Minutes prepared by:

Ally Hughes  
Secretary  
4/25/2025