

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 12th at 5:30 pm – City Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:29PM.

Minutes prepared by:

Ally Hughes
Secretary
4/25/2025