

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
June 18, 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)

- May 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Carolyn (3 min)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Athena Award
2. Proposed Cuts to Medicaid and other legislation
3. Committee reminders
4. Uptown bids

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Commission Member Recommendations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Executive Team (Ally, Carolyn, Davey, Dianne) (5 mins)
 - Possible grant opportunity for SE Ohio Advocacy and Mentoring Network
- Accessibility and Advocacy (Lisa/Ally) (5 mins)
 - Last meeting cancelled (June due to vacation)
 - Next meeting: July 11th at noon – City Building
- Outreach and Communications (Deb and Michelle) (5 mins)
 - Athena Award, Communication
 - Next meeting: July 8th at 5:30 pm – City Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

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.

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, Micah McCarey, Annah Korpi

Quorum was met.

Dianne read the Commission's purpose.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Carolyn motioned to approve the April 2025 minutes. Annah seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Carolyn reported the Commission balance was \$2,100.90. Dianne motioned to accept the report. Ally seconded and it was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accessibility Audit of Union -report out from Davey, Ally and Michelle, discussion of Seaman's issues with crosswalks, Ally will add to the matrix, Saleh asked for a list of the truncated domes locations that have an issue, potential mismatch between truncated domes and curves in ADA regulations section 304.1 (2014 and 2023 updates) vs ODOT so Saleh may have old information. PROWAG – public right of way accessibility guidelines, miscellaneous – east state street curb ramps.
Action item: Annah following up with Little Fish and Athens Photo Project
2. Stroud's Run Accessible Beach project update- late June the accessible pathway will be completed.
3. Proposed Cuts to Medicaid and other legislation – keep making calls, Noriko Kantake and Davey meeting with Troy Balderson

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Commission Member Recommendations – David Hartinger

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Executive Team

- Meeting with Mayor/Safety Service Director Prep
- Questions prepared for meeting with Andy and the Mayor

-- Accessibility and Advocacy (**Action item:** send notes to Andy and Steve)

- Mayor and City Safety Service Director meeting updates: discussed contractors and ADA transition plan, starting on accessibility sometime in July. Andy stated they don't have any background on indoor accessibility. Annah and Dianne discussing ADA guidelines together for buildings, Dianne requesting scheduled shaving. Commission members suggested that we email the matrix once a month to Andy. Andy is requesting prioritized issues.

Action item: Ally will send correspondence information to Micah for matrix on website

- Curb Ramp Meeting – Michelle suggested adding photos to the Matrix.
 - note from Micah, hooper street affordable housing, June 2nd is public hearing, the company stated in a prior proposal that accessibility is a priority.
 - Next meeting: June 13th at noon – City Building
- Outreach and Communications
- Athena Award, Communication- cancelled last meeting
 - Next meeting: June 9th at 5:30 pm – City Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2nd SOCIL hosting accessible hike at Conkle's Hollow (in Hocking Hills) at 11AM.

Michelle sent letter to everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27PM.

Minutes prepared by:

Ally Hughes
Secretary
6/16/2025