

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
July 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)

- June 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Carolyn (3 min)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Athena Award
2. Proposed Cuts to Medicaid and other legislation
3. Accessible Swimming
4. Strouds Run Opening Review and Needs

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Commission Member Recommendations and Committee Reminders

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

- Review of goals, things to follow up on
- Next meeting: Aug 8th at noon – City Building

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

- Athena Award, Communication
- Next meeting: Aug 12th at 5:30 pm – City Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Athens City Commission on Disabilities

June 18, 2025

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5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Davey called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

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

Guest: Raneem Abed

Quorum was established.

Michelle read the Commission's Purpose.

Approval of Minutes

Deb motioned to approve the May 2025 minutes. Ally seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report – the report stays the same. Michelle motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Ally seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

- Athena Award – November 5, 2025. Sending requests for Athena award nominations soon so please consider someone to nominate.
- Committee agendas a week before and get a head count.
- Asking Lacey to pick one of those two committees – recommending accessibility.
- Update on uptown bids: failed for 4th year in a row.
 - o Can the city fix the potholes at least? We need to ask Andy. The city previously got 1.1 million dollars to fix curb cuts and they have spent 800,000 dollars of that but they can't fix the sidewalk with that money.
- Advocacy event idea: Lunch calls to legislators to meet at the court house - tent needed.
 - o Idea: Submit city source submission while walking
 - o For call in we could organize using all listservs
 - o Make 4-6 phone calls each and send emails

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

- Anna Millar, recent journalism graduate, she authored front page article on Medicaid and we should keep her in the loop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 1st at 10AM – Strouds Run. Idea for future: Beach wheelchair.

ADJOURN

Carolyn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Deb seconded. Unanimously supported. Adjourned at 6:31PM.

Prepared by,

Ally Hughes

Secretary

6/18/2025