

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
November 19, 2025
Athens Community Center Room A (or via Zoom with ADA request)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER (Dianne)

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 (Dianne) (3 mins)

- October 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Carolyn (3 min)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Athena Award Review (10 mins)
2. Protect Accessible Parking Action (3 mins)
3. Goodbye and Thanks to Lisa and Commission Members (3 mins)

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Commission Member Recommendations and Appointments

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Updates on ADA transition Plan
- Presentation to City Council November 24th

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

- Meeting with Mayor review
- Next meeting: TBD

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

- Athena Award, Communication
- Next meeting: TBD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
October 15, 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 5:35 pm.

Present: Deb Burleigh, Davey McNelly (chairperson), Ally Hughes (secretary), Carolyn Lewis (treasurer), Lisa Simpson, Michelle Hahn, Annah Korpi, Dianne Bouvier (vice chair)
Guests: Gabe Scotto, Caitlyn Saupe

Quorum was established.

Dianne read the Commission's Purpose.

Davey tabled the approval of the September 2025 minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- Carolyn reported that there had been no change from the month's previous report. Dianne motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Lisa seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- City Council Yearly Report topics: Stop talk and roll, Athena award, Commission's progress.
- Micah recommended that we have 3 recommendations for Council.
- Termination of Commission Members
 - o Debbie stepping off as Co-chair as Outreach and Communications
 - o Need to follow up about mayor's designee
 - o Term ends 2025- Davey McNelly, Carolyn Lewis, Dianne Bouvier, Deb Burleigh, Michelle Hahn, Annah Korpi
 - o From discussion with Mayor about membership. Davey and Carolyn have agreed to stay a couple more months during transition. Dianne, Deb, Michelle, Annah have agreed to do another term. Mayor will reappoint
 - o Lisa Simpson is retiring from HAVAR and is stepping down

OLD BUSINESS

- Athena Award
 - o Wednesday November 5th at 5PM at the community center

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Executive Team

- Succession planning

-- Accessibility and Advocacy

- Sidewalks and Streets
- No quorum at last meeting
- Annah and Dianne had first meeting Sept 16 with Sam and Kianna from Sunday Creek Horizons about the City's ADA Transition Plan. Dianne asked about inclusion of 10-year plan for sidewalks and public rights-of-way.
- Next meeting: November 14th at noon – City Building

-- Outreach and Communications

- Athena Award details

- Next meeting: TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIL's announcement about regional disability council

ADJOURN

Lisa motioned to adjourn the meeting. Annah seconded. Unanimously supported. Adjourned at 6:34PM.

Prepared by,
Ally Hughes
Secretary
11/18/2025