

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.
- Terming off 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
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