

Athens City Commission on Disabilities

Accessibility and Advocacy Committee Meeting

Friday, February 13, 2026

Agenda

Meeting called to order at 12:09PM.

Present: Dianne Bouver, Ally Hughes, Carolyn Lewis, Ben Ziff, Rob Delach, Stephanie Hunter

Guests: Adrianna Garcia, Caitlyn (HAVAR intern)

Quorum was established.

Welcome and Introductions.

Lisa motioned to approve the November 2025 and January 2026 Minutes. Rob seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2026 Committee Goals were discussed. Committee agreed to focus on 1) Walk Talk & Roll by reconsidering format and desired outcomes, 2) Work with city/Sunday Creek to establish deadlines and clear plan for completion of city's ADA transition plan, and 3) Improving accessibility in the City of Athens by solidifying process for working with EPW on construction projects.

1. **Walk Talk & Roll planning** – April 10th, pop up tents, Joel, Rob and Ally will lead coordination, Joel will showcase EPT bus, station volunteers, first come first serve, 8 in the morning to set up, Ben will hold the courthouse spot at 8am and bring his 3 pop ups. The start time is at 11:30. Joe will create flyer. Rob and Ally will ask Gillian to join. We will plan for education component of sidewalk maintenance. Stephanie will chalk, we will invite Michael Hicks to have a station.
2. **Sunday Creek update** – Dianne and Annah met with Sunday Creek on February 12th. Sunday Creek shared their timeline. They will be using existing resources. Dianne stated that we need to make sure that we have a plan for getting the sidewalks fixed as part of the ADA Transition Plan.
3. **Accessibility** – Group discussion about engaging with EPW, we need to better understand the workflow and know more about their upcoming projects. Stephanie has been discussing the walkability audit with Gillian. Upcoming work in July 2028 involving Kershaw Green and Columbus Road's crossings. Group discussed conducting a walkability audit of local neighborhoods with Gillian.

Current Accessibility Issues

-Accessible parking is not accessible with ice and snow issues, city heaping snow on sidewalks and curb cuts, and not giving fines for snow heaps. Ben is emailing Beth Clodfelter who is on the transportation committee.

Announcements

Ben and Joel have deadlines so they will plan to join after July 1st on efforts. Ben wants to improve protocols to better define accessibility.

Rob is presenting his task force 2025 report in 2 weeks to City Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.

Prepared by,

Ally Hughes

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