

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Accessibility Committee
February 11, 2021
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Davey McNelly Rob Delach, Noah Trembly, Dianne Bouvier; Scott Thompson and Ryan Schwartzhoff (Government Channel technicians)

Call to Order

Davey called to order at 12:05.

Approval of Minutes

Noah made a motion to approve the December 10, 2020 and January 14, 2021 minutes; Dianne seconded. All in favor, minutes accepted.

Agenda Items

See Click Fix announcement (aka “Athens Ohio City Source”)

- Rob reported that the City of Athens has adopted for community members to alert the City of issues. Three ways to submit concerns: 1. create an account through the SeeClickFix website; 2. through the City website or 3. As a Concern on the Athens City website.
- Can see other people’s concerns, receive an email alert every time comment or update on status. Similar to former app and more refined. There is an ADA Accessibility category on App.
- Locally app is called “Athens Ohio City Source” app.
- Davey to ask Communications Committee to do a public service announcement/statement on FB page – Scott said the Messenger did an article last week).
- Planned for Walk and Roll for April 8 meeting – 12:00 – 1:00 p,m. – livestream on facebook
 - Rob could do Walk and Roll when weather permits to demonstrate app. Would need a second device to connect both to zoom and City Source. Rob could report a few issues in town, point out work we still need to do
 - Speakers - Dianne, Noah and Jessica could prepare intro and closing remarks (5-10 minutes each). Dianne will set up time three to discuss content delivery (about the ADA and accessibility, highlight process with City and Accessibility Committee and work that has been accomplished, upcoming projects)
 - Could collaborate with other agencies (Davey will check with Arian re: County Board).
 - Davey to ask Communications Committee to help publicize
 - Could push to may if weather not cooperative
 - Davey will set up logistics with City (Scott and Ryan)

Review Goals for 2021 and Create Action Steps

1. Recruitment 2-3 members
2. Request regular sidewalk maintenance
3. Restart walk and roll (City Source)
4. Fix curb cuts

5. Letter with City re: Readily Achievable Barrier Removal (Working with local businesses and other orgs)

Future idea - Discussed Accessible Technology – keyboard navigation, accessible websites and social media. We could add more people with knowledge about technology – maybe as subcommittee of the Accessibility Committee

Next steps

Follow up to meetings with City Code Office and Engineer's Office to find next steps

- a. Re 5. "Readily Achievable Barriers" Letter – Dianne will review letter started last year and send out for review at our March meeting. (Parking, entrances, pathways to services, restrooms). Invite David Riggs back in May to review letter
- b. Re 2 and 4. (Requesting Regular sidewalk maintenance and Curbcuts) – Invite Jessica to June meeting – follow up with Stimson Project and to discuss next City project - West Union, roundabout at Shafer, sidewalks, crosswalks. Extends to bridge – one mile of road.

Announcements

- Next meeting March 11th at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Rob updated us on Bailey's Trail – the trail path has had some improvements from erosion, but still rough. Discussed meeting with volunteers, Jesse Powers midsummer – to provide publicity and consultation.

Adjourn

Davey adjourned the meeting at 12:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Bouvier, PhD

Secretary and Mayor's Designee, Athens City Commission on Disabilities

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