

City of Athens Commission on Disabilities Meeting
September 18, 2019
City Recreation Center 5:30 P.M.

In attendance: Doug Brooks, Noah Trembley, Carolyn Lewis, Berry Dilley, Patrick McGee, Diane Bouvier, Patricia Ercolino, Cheryl Prusinski, Somora Dower, Rose Dikis (via phone), Preston Silvey

Approval of August Minutes: Cheryl asks about how we pay for interpreter services and if it comes out of our budget. She feels like the city should be paying for it. The mayor makes sure that it is covered. We will follow up on it. Change second out to our. Patrick motions. Noah seconds and it passes.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing has changed since the last report. All the money we have is earmarked. Next year looks not very good. He is not sure how we are going to do what we want to do. Carolyn suggests that we need to have a meeting with the mayor about our budget. Further discussion ensues. Is there a line item in the budget for disabilities accommodation services. Noah seems to think there is not.

Introduction of Commission Candidates: Carolyn introduces the candida. Samorra Dower, Patricia Ercolino, Preston Silvey, Silvester Mata . Samorra and Patricia are present and talk about why they would like to join the commission. Preston spoke via phone. Silvester could not make it.

New Business:

Presentation to City Council- Noah City Council wants us to give a report on what the commission has been doing. October 28th, 7 PM.

Winning Bid of the Parking Study- Noah Noah has to recuse himself. Executive committee has had to make some decisions due to the time line of submitting the grant.

Parking Study Grant Submitted- Noah and Carolyn Carolyn and Diane have been a big help on getting letters of support. It has been submitted to the Athens Foundation.

Terms of Office- Carolyn We need to line up things for three year terms for January 1st until December 31st. Carolyn goes over when those terms will be starting and ending.

Old Business: 5th annual Athena Award Ceremony- Berry Wednesday November 6, 2019. Arts West 5:00 PM. October 16th meeting is when we will be deciding on the recipient so please be in attendance. It is a tight schedule. See the minutes from the committee.

Committee Reports:

Executive: We were supposed to meet on the 4th. Doug did not make it because he got the reminder late. Work on the grant was what was supposed to happen. Moving forward with the grant.

Accessibility: Nothing happened because of lack of attendance.

Communications: News releases were sent out. Rose needs help.

Education & Outreach: Speaking to different civic organizations about what the commission does.

Advocacy: No report.

Names to forward to the mayor for membership to the commission: We have openings for three people but we can add all four if we want. We voted on Samorra, Patricia, Preston, Silvester. Those names will be forwarded to the mayor. Discussion follows.

Announcements: Walk and roll audit Thursday September 26th, 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Meet at the city building.

Adjourn: Motioned: Patrick Seconded: Berry