

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
April 20, 2022
Athens Community Center
Zoom with approved accommodation
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Davey McNelly called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

ESTABLISHING QUORUM (Ally)

Present (online): Lisa Simpson, Ally Hughes, Secretary; Davey McNelly, Chairperson; Carolyn Lewis, Treasurer; jw Smith, Rose Dikis, Tiffany Beals
(In person): Dianne Bouvier, Vice Chairperson

READING OF MISSION

Davey McNelly read the mission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Motion to approve the February Minutes was made by Dianne and seconded by jw. Motion passed. Minutes accepted as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The City budgeted \$2,000 for FY 2022.
Balance – \$1503

The Chairperson asked for approval. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Walk, Talk, and Roll - WTR
 - o Davey presented plan and route. During event, Davey will highlight the need for other parking options
 - o 7 key locations to highlight accessible and inaccessible spots
 - o Inviting media individuals
 - o jw will be waiting at the armory to greet people as mc
 - o Guest speakers: Paul Logue and Mayor
 - o Two ASL interpreters needed: one on route and one at Armory Park
 - o Two smartphones needed for livestream of interpreters
 - o Dianne will be the greeter at Armory Park
- Sidewalk Committee Update
- Meeting regularly, first presentation with City Council next Monday
- Looking at other cities for best practices
- Aim to prioritize pedestrian movement instead of cars

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Executive Team

- Davey reported about planning for upcoming events
- Letter in support of Deaf activists
- Membership change –Michael Rodriguez

-- Accessibility and Advocacy

- Dianne reported about Live Walk, Talk and Roll planning for June
- Follow up on Pilot Project for Accessibility Audits
- Small group met with director of Arts Parks and Recreation about accessibility for summer concert events
- Will meet May 13th at noon

-- Communications, Education and Outreach

- Carolyn reported on new committee members
- Promotion Plans for Walk Talk and Roll
- Columns, Letters, Spotlight, Athens Ability, and Social Media
- Athena Award Nominations open now through August 31
- Speaking Opportunities
 - jw speaking at Unitarian church
- Senior Safety Day – May 18th at Fairgrounds
- Next meeting – June 14th at 5:30 pm
- Athena award – inviting past nominees and awards from last 2 years

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

jw made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Rose. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson Hughes
Athens City Commission on Disabilities, Secretary
Date March 25, 2022