

**Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Accessibility and Advocacy Committee Meeting**

Minutes

Friday, August 12, 2022, 12-1 PM

Front Conference Room, 1st floor City Building or Zoom

Present (all on zoom): Davey McNelly, Rob Delach, Tiffany Beals, Dianne Bouvier, Rose Dikis, Sarah Doherty

1. Update on Pilot Accessibility Consultations
 - a. Davey updated the excel spreadsheet
 - b. Dianne contacted White's mill – tentative date for August 27. Dianne, Tiffany, Davey. Dianne will confirm.
 - c. Tiffany has been in contact with Sol's – owners in state of flux, Tiffany will check again.
 - d. Lisa emailed that she is in touch with CVS and will find tentative dates to meet.
 - e. Davey will follow up with Jackie O's in about a month – to see if accessible ramp and parking are in place.
 - f. Add Athens Uncorked – Sarah will approach about scheduling time to meet with a small group re: access, including items along route that obstruct pathway, outdoor seating arrangement.

2. Signage for Businesses
 - a. Davey adapted template for use for Fluff Bakery.
 - b. Sarah suggested we use something like Goggle Maps to include accessibility info with directions for getting in. Rob said he is a Google Guide and can update info. Discussed possible Tagathon event to update accessibility info on in Google maps.
 - c. Suggestion to hold event in October – walk through uptown - update google maps. Ask businesses uptown – focus on that. If works well, could have other sessions to do that.
 - d. Sarah suggested including fat-specific items on our consultations in the future, especially around chairs and toilets.

3. Pedestrian Accessibility Sidewalk Survey
 - a. Survey is open until Aug 31. Need 1-2 people to help at table at OU Volunteer Fair – to let people know about the survey, importance of accessibility, get student participation. Dianne will send email to Commission. Need coverage Wednesday, August 17, from 2:15 – 3:30.

4. Committee scheduled to meet with Saleh and Jessica from EPW in September.
Things to cover:
 - a. Follow up on Stimson parking/Palmer near Bowling Alley

- b. Ask about their Game Plan for incorporating businesses into planning
 - c. Reminder about the importance of designating an accessible route during construction and providing signage.
 - d. Items learned from Walk, Talk, and Roll – to make infrastructure more accessible.
 - e. Upcoming projects (Rob emailed these after meeting):
 - i. Possible updated design for W. Union St. project. (expected Spring/Summer)
 - ii. Shared use path or sidewalk along S.R. 682 from Armitage Rd. southeast to connect to the currently unpaved spur to the bikeway (funded through the new apartment development project). Also future road crossing at Luhrig/Armitage/SR 682.
 - f. Are there other upcoming projects we should know about?
- Dianne to send follow up email to Saleh and Jessica – blended virtual/in person

- 5. Mayor's Quarterly Meeting with Mayor's Designee (Dianne)
 - a. Hiring of DEI/ADA Coordinator – Lacey Rogers to begin in mid-September. Asking about Exec Team meeting with Mayor and Ron Lucas before then and with Ron and Lacey after she is in place.
 - i. Dianne will send email to Mayor and Ron to get possible dates.
 - b. Paved pathways for Armory update – Armory project still securing funding and will take at least a year to complete. Have 1.5 mil and need additional 1.5 mil. Paving is done at the end, so will not be done in time for next year's Walk, Talk, and Roll.

Dianne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sarah seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Bouvier
Accessibility and Advocacy Committee co-chair
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