

**ATHENS CITY
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

Athens Community Center
January 20, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Attendees

Paige Stretton, Vice-chair
Scott ?, member
Joe Wessinger, member
Lantz Repp, HAPCAP
Jody Hart, Athens On Demand Transit
Larry ?
Carey ?, OU/PADCAP
Sarah ?, member
Lara Edge, member
Noah Trembly, member

Several members were absent because of weather, but a quorum was reached.

Chairman Carolyn ?? will be out for the foreseeable future because of illness. Vice Chair Paige Stretton will fill in.

Approval of Minutes

No approval. The previous secretary had left and did not send the minutes. Paige explained the mayor eliminated the position for budgetary reasons. No other commissions have paid secretarial positions. For this meeting, new member Lara Edge, volunteered to take the minutes.

Motion to add elected secretary made by Scott. Joe seconded.

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 against

Resolved: motion carried

Nomination and election of secretary tabled until next meeting when more members are present.

OLD BUSINESS

Challenged by Choice

Discussion of possible new locations to replace the closed Ponderosa: the Athens Public Library, OU Inn, and Community Center were suggested.

Larry reminded the commission that the event included lunch that attendees paid themselves when it was at Ponderosa. If the event isn't held at a restaurant and food needs to be brought in, the commission may have to pay for it. Suggestion made to ask mayor's office for some funds to do so.

Discussion of possible participants: OU and City facilities and maintenance

management and personnel, new mayor Steve Patterson, local business owners. Paige noted that Carolyn has some names of people interested. No motions made.

Parking Flyer

Tabled

ADA guidelines and Improvements to City Hall

Paige: 2 new van accessible parking spots will be available once the painting is finished.

NEW BUSINESS

Lantz Repp - Athens On Demand

Ridership report (from the document Lantz provided):

APT – 297,703

AODT- 8,971 (1,128 disabled riders)

GoBus – 73,165

LPT – 17,043

Total HAPCAP- 396,882

Funding level has been reduced again by ODOT, transferred from New Freedom to Specialized Transit grant. New Freedom has been discontinued as well as JARC in MAP-21 FTA program. No changes in routing for 2016.

JFS and Learn & Work contracts are helping bridge the changes in ODOT funding. \$25 trip, \$3 per mile one way.

Miles driven in 2015 - 143,000

Maintenance performed by ACBDD as per ODOT required intervals.

Accident free, proud of our drivers.

All safety and security trainings are current.

AMM position is to help all forms of transportation in the county . Included in that are areas that affect disabled travel options. I am here to help to help your group. Keep me informed.

AODT, Jody is trying to organize a group of local residents to act as an advisory sounding board. We would like a representative of your organization to volunteer. Meetings are to be held 2-3 times per year. Any volunteer? Any volunteer as an AODT active rider?

Noah Trembly volunteered.

Commission Name Change

Berry Dilley says via email: *"I have been noticing that housing and services often combine aging and disabilities and am wondering if the commission should consider changing its name to include the aging population as well. For instance, the Aging and Disability Resource Network is, I believe, a Federal Agency and we have a local office in Marietta. Mindy Cayton, of the ADRN came to speak to the Commission about a year ago. We could be the Athens City Commission on Aging and*

Disabilities.”

No motion made. Tabled until more members present.

Welcome New Commission Appointee – Lara Edge

Discussion of adding members to reflect the range of diversity in disabilities.

No motions made, but it was noted the commission needs to check bylaws to see how many members the commission can have.

Add Commission Secretary Elected Position

COMMISSION REPORTS

Toolkit

Tabled.

Accessology

Conference call?

Tabled.

Disability Awareness Festival

- March - date?
- Jill/Carey - Emergency Preparedness
- Safety Day
- Paige - first responder cheat sheet
- Everbridge registration tables - is there a way to track OU students through non-enrollment

No motions made.

Communication

Send photos to Rose for FB page

Announcements:

Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 5:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.