

Athens Commission on Disabilities
Joint PACDAP Meeting
April 20, 2016

1. Tabled minutes approval due to not having them available/no quorum
2. Those attending: Paige Stratton, Acting Chair; Diane Bouvier, Director of Equality and Opportunity Center; Meredith Erdelwine, Athens Bike, Friends of Strouds Run; Joe Wessinger, Commission Member, Quidel; Carla Warring, ADA Transition Plan consultant, from Portland, Oregon; Darrel Purdy, Equal Opportunity Center, OU and Commission Member; David McNelly, ACBDD, Commission Member; Carey Busch, Director of Accessibility, OU; Larry Jageman, Retired OU; Scott Dennis, HAVAR, Commission Member
3. Icebreaker
4. Year in Review
 - a. Challenged by Choice
 - i. Lots of good press
 1. Shout out to press team
 - ii. Powerful experience, speakers, good keynote
 - iii. Not as well attended as last year, but a very successful event
 - b. Disability Awareness Festival
 - i. Put on by ACBDD
 - ii. 20-30 tables
 - iii. 300+ in attendance
 - c. ADA 25, ADA Improvements, Emergency Preparedness
 - i. Held in October – many events, well-attended
 - ii. Document improvements of campus accessibility
 - iii. Gathered disability resources in centralized location
 - iv. Working on how to share information with broader community
 - d. Access Zone Group
 - i. Access discussion tabled till September
 - ii. OU has a good system now to report issues, could this be used in the community?
 - iii. David McNelly will see if ATCO has their accessibility reports to assist with the process
5. New Business
 - a. Strouds Run ADA Accessible trail
 - i. Meredith Erdelwine presented information, got feedback from group to make OU connections and other connections
 - b. Bus Stop Signage
 - i. Bus stop by Chubb Hall isn't accessible – Michael Lachman from Athens City Transportation can help
 - c. Potential Commission members and contact information discussed
 - d. Discussion – MOU; Goals for Next Year; How do we want to work together
 - i. Diane explained that, given the overlap between PACDAP and the commission, maybe it would make sense to discuss ways the two groups might formally work together in coming year.

- ii. Darrell suggested that the commission first create an evaluation/feedback tool that would allow members of each group to provide feedback about how working together [has gone already? or how it goes once you work together moving forward and then use the tool?] He and Carey will draft a tool and provide to commission for input. Paige noted that the tool could also be used for other commission events and activities, for example with Challenged by Choice participants. Darrell said it will be important to ask questions that will help the commission and PADCAP get helpful information that results in working toward desired outcomes. For example, not “Did you like participating in Challenged by Choice?” Carey said she and Darrell will have the draft feedback tool ready in 4-6 week and will seek input then. At the next joint meeting, everyone can discuss response to the tool as well as ways the two groups might work together in coming year.
- iii. Paige felt it was a good idea to wait to discuss ways to work together, because there have been so many changes in commission members and loss of historical memory with Carolyn being unavailable. There are many housekeeping issues to take care of and many members have not yet reviewed the MOU. Paige suggested that PADCAP and the commission individually discuss goals for the coming year, then discuss together at next joint meeting.
- iv. Diane mentioned that she hopes the city commission will have a role in OU’s ADA Transition Plan. The OU consultant explained that this project will involve getting feedback from the community.

Meeting adjourned after that.

Next Joint Meeting July 20th, 2016.

Next Commission Meeting May 18, 2016 at 5:30 pm