

ATHENS CITY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

March 21, 2018

Community Center Conference Room

5:30 p.m.

Attending: Lara Edge, David McNelly, Noah Trembly, Berry Dilley, Scott Dennis, Robin Brigante, Brian Bucher, Pat McGee, Maxine Rantane

Members not attending: Rose Dikis, Carolyn Lewis,

Guests: Patricia Ercoline, Angela Green, Rob DeLach

MEETING PROTOCOLS & PROCESS (LARA)

Commission Meeting Protocols

Reminder of basic parliamentary procedures the Commission needs to follow.
Lara gave a handout to summarize:

The real work will happen in committees. Our monthly meetings will be about transparency, connecting with community members, and voting on motions.

Committees should be accomplishing tasks, making progress between the full Commission meetings.

Committees are responsible for coming up with plans or a recommendations -- depending on what the goal is -- and any supporting budget (monies) they need to accomplish those goals. They present those plans, strategies and budgets to the full Commission for a vote.

We will follow a timed agenda.

We will follow basic parliamentary procedure. What that means:

- Only one person at a time may speak.
- Raise your hand to speak (unless on the phone, then you can speak up to say you want to speak, and the chair will let you know when it's your turn.)
- Wait until the chair recognizes you.
- Keep your comments on point, and if you have a lot to say, do not go over two minutes.
- Others who have not spoken on the topic will be given the chance to speak before you can be recognized to speak again on the same topic.

ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING WITH ROB DELACH

- Committee chair David McNelly made a motion to have the Communications committee write a letter to the editor to recognize the Nelsonville Music Festival for its work on erecting a stage for people with disabilities after an assessment was done by Noah Trembly Enterprises. Motion was approved unanimously.
- The Committee also thanked Maxine for stepping in to ensure that Cat's Corner patio renovation doesn't inhibit accessibility.

- Rob DeLach presented information on putting together an app to put together audit information more quickly and efficiently:
 - City and County has database and software already – GIS database – file geodatabase that gets stored on the cloud. Pictures and all info get stored in the cloud.
 - Rob can put together an example pilot. Ben Abfall is the County GIS person. We should talk to Diane Bouvier at OU about using OU GIS licenses. And whoever is at the city.
 - City has done sidewalk assessment – don't have much data on intersections. How is this data being used?
 - Possible way to do parking – might need to do outreach to community to provide information on not parking in blue lines.
- Motion made and approved to recommend to Mayor and the city that City Source App add a section for accessibility issues.

FEB. 26 CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION FEEDBACK

- Impressed with number of people who showed. Feedback was overall positive.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Balance of \$3000.

FEBRUARY MINUTES

- Approved

BREAK INTO COMMITTEES

- Accessibility and Mobility
They will test the City Source app before the next meeting
They will meet March 30 at 11:30 at Casa. They would like to invite the public. Have the public invited to all future meetings.
- Communications
Will meet April 12 at Rose Dikis' house if she agrees (Lara will check) at 2:30 p.m. They will Nelsonville letter ready for commission at April meeting.
- Events and Education
Will begin introducing themselves to other organizations
- Advocacy –
Maxine will be the clearinghouse. Everyone should send to Maxine anything they hear that's happening on the political front. Maxine will assemble and report, and make recommendations for action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Lara unable to attend April meeting. David will chair.

NEW BUSINESS

- Add agenda item of formal feedback to Paul Logue at next meeting.
- Angela Green suggested a photo project on accessibility would be cool – to place in a gallery at OU. (Tabled)