

City of Athens Commission on Disabilities
Meeting Minutes April 17, 2019
Athens Community Center 5:30-6:30

INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance- Doug Brooks, Cheryl Prusinski, Scott Dennis, Caroline Lewis, Davey McNelly, Maxine Rantane, Rob Delach (community member), Paige the Interpreter, Patrick McGee, Semmora Dower (community member), Patricia Ercolino, Rose Dikis (via phone)

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Motion- Patrick Seconded- Maxine Passes

TREASURER'S REPORT- Noah is not present

NEW BUSINESS

OU Accessibility Forum Feedback (Davey) Cheryl says it went well and that our feedback was taken well. Davey talks about the company that is doing the work. Caroline talked about the input that was given. Overall not many people showed up but those attended are happy. Cheryl wonders about how much students know about what services they can get. OU is willing to make changes. Brainstorm ideas of what we would like OU to prioritize. I.E. pathways pamphlet on how to get around the campus.

Review of By-Laws (Caroline) She went through the by-laws with a fine tooth comb and is suggesting changes. They are necessary because dates are not correct, committees need to be updated etc. Handout is given to all for feedback. If you have any feedback email Caroline. We will vote on these at June meeting.

OU student interest in committees (Davey) He reached out to Dr. Carey Busch and Diane Bouvier at OU about having students and faculty joining committees. We need to get Cheryl a blue folder. Patricia wants to be officially appointed to the Commission. Davey will get that information to her and find out about getting Patricia appointed.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking training follow up (Robin) Robin is not here. We want to put out a bid for more proposals.

Committee report reminders and meetings (Davey) Committees are picking up steam and meetings are starting to be more frequent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive (Davey) We met last month and talked about membership, committees and how work gets done. Next meeting 26th at 11:30 at Casa Nueva.

Accessibility and Mobility (Davey) We met last month and talked about how new city engineer and the commission can work together.

Update on talking crosswalk- Corner of Court and Union, the city wants our feedback on what it should look like. Davey met with the new city engineer and some OU students to get feedback.

OU Audits- Theater Program- How can we make the buildings for that program more accessible.

Next meeting this Friday, 19th at the city hall conference room, noon.

Communication- (Brian) He is not here.

Education & Events (Berry) She is not here. Caroline fills in. They would like to send minutes to the secretary and have physical copies that get sent to the city so they can be published. They have recruited members for this committee that are not members of the commission. Berry has been meeting with community groups and educating them about what the Commission does. They would like to develop a talking point sheet that can be distributed to the community.

Athena Award and other issues that they would like to deal with were provided by Caroline at the meeting. Next meeting at the Laurels Tuesday June 11th at 5:30.

Advocacy (Maxine) She has nothing.

Some general discussion follows in the remaining time that we have.

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Motion- Patrick Seconded- Scott Approved