

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
April 18, 2018
Community Center
5:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members attending: David McNelly, Doug Brooks, Carolyn Lewis, Berry Dilley, Pat McGee, Robin Brigante, Brian Bucher, Rose Dikis

Members not attending: Lara Edge, Maxine Rantane, Noah Trembly, Christi Hysell, Joe Wessinger

Guests: Rep. Jay Edwards

SECRETARY NOMINATION: Doug Brooks

1st: Patrick

2nd: Berry

- Approved

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

1st: Pat

2nd: Robin

- Approved

GUEST: Autumn Brown, County Board of Developmental Disabilities (10 minutes)

- Collaboration on Disability Awareness Month

Tabled. She could not be in attendance

State Rep. Jay Edwards was in attendance, so had discussion with him about what the commission does. Berry talks about CILs. Robin talks about her struggle with getting a chair that is acceptable for her.

Medicare does not fund things like this. He takes Robin's info to try and help her although it is a Federal Issue. Robin brings up van accessible parking issues. Rep. Edwards says he'll look at the number of parking tags that are issued.

OLD BUSINESS:

-- reminder that each committee should be working on their goals.

Discuss goal of having budget requests in by July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-- Executive (David)

Membership We met with Mayor Paterson on Friday. Discussed parking issues, membership and how the commission is structured. Priorities on the audit and what can be done in short term and longer term. Next meeting: April 27th at Casa.

-- Accessibility and Mobility (David and Robin)

Assessment project Met with Ron DeLach about pathway findings, looking at how to add things to the City Source app.

Parking: Robin is working on this. Ticketing of illegal parking. Where fines are supposed to go. The mayor is looking at who in the city knows about what the laws are etc. How can we educate the public about what the laws are. Letters to the editor, flyers, etc.

- Next meeting, 11 a.m., April 20, at Casa

-- Communications (Brian) Met last week. Lara, Rose and Brian

Nelsonville letter Press release is being created by Rose and Brian.

PR release on accessibility meetings dates and locations will be relayed to media. Brian is getting admin privileges for the Facebook page. We can have access to the city's website. Possibly get a URL that is more easy to find.

-- Education & Events: Berry has been meeting with members of the committee individually. She would like to have more people on the committee. 211 discussion about how the phone number takes you to resources in Columbus. They know little about Athens.

-- Advocacy (Maxine) Tabled. Maxine was not able to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

-- Sunshine Law training in August will dominate the meeting. 45 minutes. Please plan for it.