

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Communications Committee Minutes
May 27, 2020

The Committee met via conference call at 5:35 p.m.

Present:

Rose Dikis
Claire Gysegem
Carolyn Lewis
Arian Smedley

Dr. Lewis gave an overview of the committee's work.

- Publicize Commission and all Committee meetings
- Publicize events such as the Athena Award; arrange for photos and The Government Channel coverage (when applicable)
- Publicize special projects such as "Calling All Artists" and "The Oral History Project"
- Assist other Committees with publicity and special events
- Organize Letters to the Editor and Monthly Columns
- Schedule media interviews
- Facebook page and other social media
- Processes (vetting, proofing, who does what)

Discussion:

- The importance of newspaper columns based on personal experience.
- June column – will ask Noah based on Arian's suggestion.
- July column – Dr. Lewis said she spoke with Berry and she will draft; her sister Clarissa's story (Commission) incorporating the 30th anniversary of the signing of the ADA.
- Rose will continue as the contact for Facebook, She will send administrator information.
- Claire will work on placing more articles, videos, and links related to disability issues, and concerns on social media and will draft June's Letter to the Editor (if okay with Executive Committee).
- Arian will develop monthly column ideas.

Meetings will be via conference call the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30. Next meeting June 18.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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