

Athens City Commission on Disabilities  
Accessibility Committee  
March 11, 2021, Zoom meeting

## Minutes

Present: Davey McNelly, Rob Delach, Noah Trembly, Dianne Bouvier, Tiffany Beals; Ryan Schwartzhoff (Government Channel technicians)

### Call to Order

Davey called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

### Approval of Minutes

Noah made a motion to approve the febraury 11, 2021 minutes. Dianne seconded. Minutes approved.

### Agenda

See Click Fix "City Source" Walk and Roll, April 8, 12:00 – 1:00 pm – Plan

- Noah –intro – what accessibility is (5 minutes)
- Jessica – City's commitment to accessibility and process for incorporating accessibility into renovations, work with the Commission. (5 minutes)
- Rob and Davey – to be uptown – (40 minutes)
- Demonstrate how to make a report with City Source – select three things to report
- Identify places to demonstrate (lack of) accessibility will begin the zoom what to talk about before and after (ex. protruding object, curb cuts, sidewalk, signage, parking, scooters/bikes)
- Court Street and Union or Jimmy Johns
- Include directions and links to download app before Walk and Roll - City website version and apple download provide links – directions for how to download apple
- Dianne – what businesses can do if their space is not fully accessible (5 minutes)
- Tiffany will monitor comments during event and responds to questions

### Coordination with City

- Davey will work with Scott and Ryan for zoom link and send them dates and times; will be on Zoom, government channel, facebook, reposted to YouTube after event.

### Communication

- Davey to send information to Communication Committee to get out in the next 7 days
- He will draft bullet points for flyers, Facebook, press releases; photo of presenters, Lunch and Learn to send to Communications
- Link to Athens City Source Quick Start Guide:  
<https://www.ci.athens.oh.us/DocumentCenter/View/5395/Athens-City-Source-App-Quick-Start-Guide>

- Announcements with WOUB (radio spot?), Athens News, Messenger, County Board, Providers, Chamber of Commerce - businesses in area
- Target – people who want to report issues, people who want to learn about accessibility, businesses with an interest to be more accessible
- Provide link to watch event from City of Athens website, Facebook

#### Review Goals for 2021 and Create Action Steps

- Recruitment and Leadership - is anyone else interested in co-chair role?
- Davey has found a new person recently graduated from high school
- Dianne discussed creating an Accessible Technology sub-committee with Tiffany to lead, where we create guidance around accessibility. Tiffany agreed to lead the group. Dianne and Noah will help. Group will work on parameters and purpose and bring back to Accessibility Committee.

#### Review Letter to business and property owners / Parks / Government

- “Readily Achievable Barriers” Letter – Dianne drafted two letters, one those who seek permits for renovations and those places where the Committee has reviewed for accessibility – these will be reviewed with David Riggs in May

#### Review information regarding accessible park and playground equipment (from Arian)

- West Side Park to add accessibility features. Discussion to meet there in July or August and conduct accessibility audit.
- Could invite people from the neighborhood.
- Important to have safe sidewalk connections to get to park, connect with West Union Project
- Look at parking, pathways, equipment, trash/compost receptacles

#### Announcements

- Next meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom (Walk and Roll)

#### Adjourn

- Davey adjourned meeting at 12:57 pm

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dianne Bouvier, PhD  
Secretary, Athens City Commission  
March 11, 2021*